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WELCOME TO 2012

January 2012



District 2



District 3



District 5



District 7

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COUNCIL

The turnout for the General Election was only at 16.51% which was slightly higher than the election two years ago. The results of the election was John Carioscia, District 2 received 57%, 9,215; Leonard (Lenny) Nesta, District 3 received 55% ,8,985; Rana Erbrick, District 5 received 53% ,8,493 and Dr. Derrick Donnell, District 7 received 51% ,8,206.

The Three Amendments that were on the ballot: 2 failed and only Amendment 3 was approved. Early termination pay for department directors/assistant city manager.



Ralph LePera—Passed away on Dec. 10, 2011.

Ralph was a past President (several times) of the Civic Association and was serving on the board as the Membership Chair. Ralph did the Chatline for the membership

as well as seeing that the website was up to day He was very active in the club and was looking forward to the Cape Coral Civics' 50th anniversary dinner that is planned for March 31, 2012. Civic will be honoring Ralph at the event for his many years of service to the organization.

Ralph loved his wife, his family, Cape Coral, the NY Giants, the Yankees, the Civic Association and a good political "discussion". He even loved his mother-in-law. His passion for life and speaking out for what he believed, was known to all

Each of us has learned so much from Ralph that I don't think that we will see another warrior who has done so much for us individually and for our community as a whole any time soon. We take with us our memories of a man who gave his all for us and the City of Cape Coral . Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Alex, a former council member who also served the citizens of Cape Coral for nine years.

The Cape Coral Civic Board of Trustees and membership bid a fond farewell to our friend and colleague.

"BUSINESS CLIMATE OF CAPE CORAL"



MIKE QUAINANCE GUEST SPEAKER
Mike Quaintance is originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and relocated to Cape Coral in 1993. Became the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Cape Coral. He

is a graduate of Keiser University with a MBA and currently an adjunct profession in business and technology.



DANA BRUNETT GUEST SPEAKER-
Dana Brunett became Cape Coral Director of Economic Development. He has over 23 years experience in economic development. He has developed and managed small business lending, training

and technical assistance programs. He is a graduate of State University of New York at Fredonia with a BS in Economics.



JEFF MILOFF GUEST SPEAKER
Jeff Miloff is originally from south Florida. He joined Gary Aubuchon in 1999 to initiate a real estate division under the Aubuchon Team of Companies. Their partnership became Miloff/Aubuchon

Realty Group. He is the past President of the Cape Coral Association of Realtors and has been a licensed Real Estate Agent since 1989

RICK CLARK GUEST SPEAKER

Rick Clark is the current President of the CCCIA.



MARTY MCCLAIN GUEST SPEAKER
Marty McClain was elected to District 1 in 2009, He is active with the Lee County BIA (Building Industry Association); the CCCIA (Cape Coral Construction Industry Association). He is also an active volunteer with Builders Care. He is the Council liaison with

the CRA.



Patricia Farina —Passed away on Nov. 29, 2011

Civic Board of Trustees and members are saddened by the death of the wife of Past President Tony Farina. We extend our deepest sympathy to Tony and his family.

Helen DiBauda a long time member of Civic passed away in Dec. She and her husband Lou had moved to NY several years ago.



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Jan. 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Last month Civic lost a very dear friend and board member. Ralph LePera passed away on Dec. 10, 2011. Ralph served several times as President of Civic, he also was our membership chair and the publisher of the Civic Chatline. Ralph never waived from his love for his wife Alex, the city of Cape Coral and the Civic Association.

We will miss our friend and mentor, but he would want us to keep Civic strong and involved with the city.

I welcome our guests this month who are going to give us some insight to the business climate in Cape Coral and what businesses and citizens can do to make our city grow and move forward into the future. Our speakers are : Dana Brunett, City of Cape Coral Economic Development Director; Jeff Miloff, Partner Miloff/Aubuchon Realty Group; Rick Clark, President of the CCCIA and Council Member Marty McClain.

The board is now working on our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Mar. 31th at the Italian American Club and we are seeking sponsors to help defray our cost, those sponsors will have their ads run for the year of 2012. If you have a business that you would like us to contact, please let me know.

We are working on the Feb. meeting to tie it into our 50th Anniversary. The topic will be From Pioneer Days of Cape Coal to the Year 2012.

In closing the Civic Association extends our congratulation to our new Council Members: John Carioscia, Dist. 2; Lenny Nesta, Dist. 3; Rana Erbrick, Dist. 5; and Derrick Donnell, Dist. 7

Lyndia Bradley, President

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Sect. A. To Develop a high standard of civic duty and awareness among its members and the general public as a public service to the community.

Sect. B. To provide an organization for the study and discussion of issues and solutions affecting Cape Coral to be discussed at its general meetings.

Sect. C. The association shall be a non-profit, non-partisan and non-philanthropic origination..

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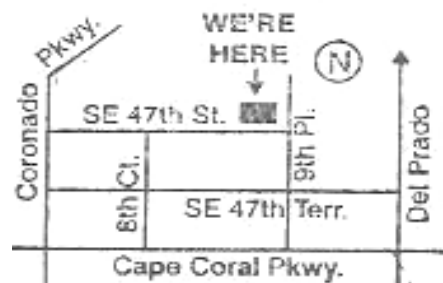
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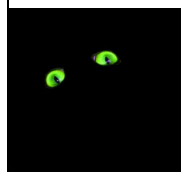
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Daybreak Baptist Fellowship Church owes the City of Cape Coral \$372,000 on their UEP bill. They have a deadline of Feb. 9th to work out a solution with the City Attorney's Office.

The Church sold the 13 acre parcel to the Lee County School District for \$1.76 million. The assessment came due when they sold the property. They stated that they paid off the remaining mortgage on the additional 13 acres they hope to build on sometime in the future. After they paid off the loan they had \$1. million left that was put aside for future development of a church.

If they don't pay the UEP amount that they owe the City will have only two choices to recovery those funds and that will be to take the funds out of the General Account or the rate payers will have to pay by increasing the rates.

Lets hope the City and the Church will find a solution by the deadline.



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SANTA BARBARA FLYOVER

The possible flyover for Veterans at Santa Barbara Pkwy was the preferred choice of half the people who attended the Jan. 10th workshop of the Cape Coral Traffic Advisory Commission. Lee County had received 108 comments and 53 favored the flyover. This data was submitted to the Cape Coral Advisory Committee. Lee county project Director Sarah Clarke stated she would ask the Lee County Commission if they would want to take another look at how Veterans Parkway serves the City and the County.

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CAPE CORAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP

On Jan. 18th Council held a workshop on moving the UEP forward. A presentation on the different aspects of starting up the UEP was given to council. Even if council decides to proceed at an aggressive stance, the residents will still be looking at 2 years down the road as Council member Donnell stated. It would take the council 18 months to get everything together for the council to approve. Council could begin to vote on the aspects of the program they select as early as Feb. 15th. But first council must select a plan; how to spread the cost to all property owners and whether to have the work done in house or to contract the work outside. Council will have to decide how to finance the plan. There will be several meetings for the public to attend before work will begin.

Redistricting maps: Congress/state Senate

According to redistricting maps approved by the Florida Senate on Tuesday, Lee County will have two representatives in Congress and two senators in the state Legislature. The next step is a vote in the Florida House, expected late this month.

Florida Senate districts



Congressional districts



SOURCE: Florida Senate District Explorer

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Coffee house chat Politics in Paradise

A look at bureaucrats and elected officials

On December 2, 2011 Cape Coral City Manager Gary King was fired without cause, in a special meeting called by District 7, Council member Derrick Donnell. The vote was 6-2 with the Mayor and Leetz voting nay. The council appointed Parks & Recreation Director Steve Pohlman as the interim City Manager. Gary King's tenure was the shortest of any other City Manager in Cape Coral's history. King's severance package included \$66,250—6 mos. salary; \$10,619 unused leave time; \$5,700—6 mos. Health insurance; and \$410 for dental and vision insurance.

Dan Creighton dropped his bid for Veterans and Santa Barbara. Creighton had until Dec. 30th to close the deal with the city but he decided not to pursue the purchase. According to his attorney, Basinait stated he intends to try to broker a new deal in 2012.

SOCIAL EVENT FOR CITIZENS TO MEET WITH CITY MANGER CANDIDATES

Council has decided that citizens should have the time to meet with the finalist for the City Manager's position. The event is set for Thursday, March 22nd. The council will be interviewing the candidates on Friday, March 23rd and they will vote the following Monday, March 26th. While this is not the first time that citizens have had the opportunity to meet with candidates for the position of city manager, we were allowed to meet them when Terry Stewart was a contender, but we were not invited to do so when prior council appointed Gary King. This is a good way for citizens to get an idea of who will be working for the betterment of the citizens as well as the City.

The City Council will have the final say on who will be hired for that important office. We as citizens cannot make that decision, but we can offer our opinion. Lets hope that those who contacting Council will be doing so for the right reason and with positive comments.

We are already heading in the right direction with our newly elected council members and we need an experienced person as City Manager.



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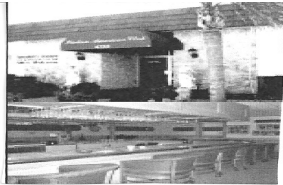


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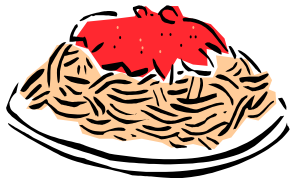
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The City has reversed the former City Manager decision to removed the building inspectors cell phones. This move will restore some normalcy to the building process, said Heather Mazurkiewicz the Director of the CCCIA. The removal of the cell phones had created a problem with builders and inspectors when they were using the two way radios. It hasn't been determine if the removal has saved the City any money. Those cell phones were paid for by the building fees, so we will have to wait and see if there was any savings or if paying the stipend was more costly.

Returning the cell phones was a step in the right direction in making our City business friendly.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUES. JAN. 24 7:00 p.m. CC YACHT CLUB

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