



Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday
April 21, 2004
7:00 PM

Central Christian
Church
222 Menores
(same as 15 St.)

Please enter through the rear parking lot on Mendoza (SW 16 St.) between Ponce de Leon and Salzedo.

Favor de entrar por el área del estacionamiento que queda al fondo de la calle Mendoza (SW 16 St.) entre Ponce de Leon y Salzedo.

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Little Gables News

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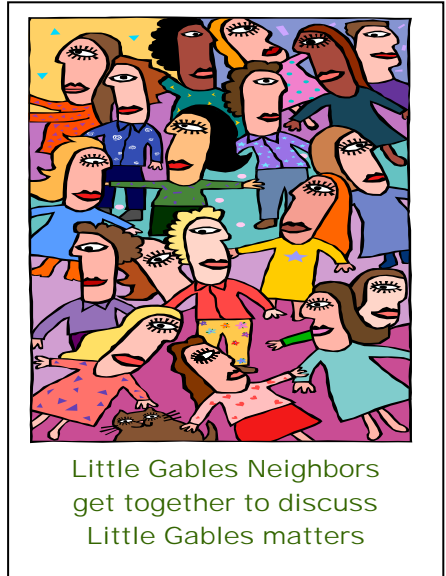
The newsletter of the Little Gables Neighborhood Association

Commissioner Rebeca Sosa Invites You to a Town Hall Meeting!!!

Little Gables is having a Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Sosa and County Officials to discuss:

- Annexation to Coral Gables
- Traffic Calming Devices
- Code Violations
- Improvements to San Jacinto Park
- Police Protection

There will be representatives from:
County Manager's Office
Public Works Dept.
Team Metro
Miami-Dade Police Dept.
Parks & Recreation
Annexation Specialists



Little Gables Neighbors get together to discuss Little Gables matters

Seven Times

Residential YES!

Business NO!
After appearing on the agenda 7 times, Community Council #10 finally voted NO to rezoning the four-unit apartment building at 4200 SW 13 St. from residential property to business property. Dentist Pedro Fonseca thought he could buy Little Gables residential property and set up a dentist office, or two, on the property. That was before he knew about the Little Gables Neighborhood Association. We want to keep our neighborhood safe for families who live here, and we let him know that.

Somehow, Dr. Fonseca still hasn't got the message: **No**

business on residential property. He's appealed to the Board of County Commissioners to allow him to convert that four-unit apartment building into his place of business.

The hearing is Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 9:30 AM.

Does Dr. Fonseca care about increased traffic on 13th St? **NO!** More traffic



means more business for him.

Does Dr. Fonseca care that there's not enough off-street parking for the good doctor (or 2), his staff *and* patients? **NO!** If the overflow parking ends up in front of homes from 42 Ave. to 43 Ave., that means business is good.

Please join the group of Little Gables neighbors who will attend the hearing on April 29th at 9:30 am in the Commission Chambers, 111 NW. 1 St. Together we will tell Dr. Fonseca and the BCC: **NO BUSINESS on Residential Little Gables Property.**

For transportation call or email LGNA.

Tree Trimming For Hurricane Season or For Any Season

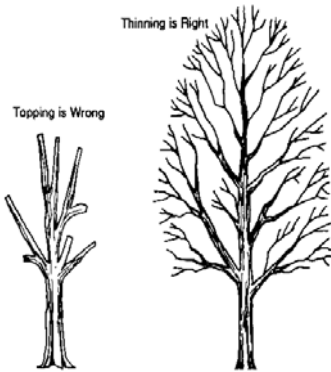


Trees that have been topped may become hazardous and are unsightly.

It is important to keep our trees properly pruned while also maintaining the integrity and beauty of the tree. You will end up spending less money in the long-run and needing your trees pruned less often when using a licensed professional arborist rather than someone who is not properly trained but may seem like a bargain. The bargain pruning practices such as hat-racking cause unnatural

sprouting of new branches which will require the tree to be pruned more often. A licensed professional arborist can determine what type of pruning is necessary to improve the health, appearance, and safety of your trees, while providing the services of a trained crew, with all of the required safety equipment and liability insurance. For information on tree pruning and hiring an arborist, visit <http://www.treesaregood.com>.

Hat-racking is Wrong



Topping or **hat-racking** a tree is the worst thing that you can do to a tree. It makes the tree more susceptible to damage from insects, disease and makes the tree more dangerous than it was before it was pruned. Topping does not help prevent damage during a storm. It actually has the opposite effect because

the profuse development of new branches after topping cause the tree to become thicker and more bushier and therefore more susceptible to being toppled over in strong winds. Also, the new growth is not strong and the new branches can be hazardous in a storm. Trees need to be thinned out professionally so that

strong winds move through them. Leaves are the food factories of a tree. If too many are removed, the tree will be seriously weakened and may die. Nobody ever died from a bad haircut...but trees do! Please do not hat-rack your trees!

Annexation

The Little Gables Neighborhood Association continues to work on the annexation of our area to the City of Coral Gables. We expect the City of Coral Gables Commission to hear the Little Gables annexation petition along with the High Pines annexation petition this summer. Your presence at this commission meeting will be *very important* in determining the future of our neighborhood. We will inform the neighborhood of the meeting date as soon as the annexation hearing is scheduled by the City of Coral Gables Commission.

Crime

Five doors in Little Gables were kicked in break-ins or attempted break-ins during February and March. The police arrested the perpetrators. It was a family team.

Our bike patrol officer moved to the Doral district will be probably be replaced in the next three months. We still have coverage with a police officer in a marked car during the day shifts.



Lower Property Taxes Possible

Would you like to pay less property tax? Currently, your homestead tax exemption is \$25,000. This means approximately \$600 in savings per homeowner.

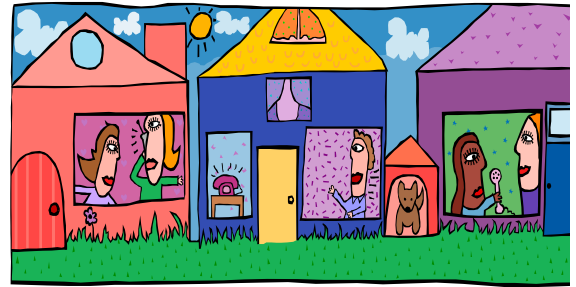
If Jeffrey Saull's proposed constitutional amendment to cut property taxes is passed, the homestead tax exemption will be increased to \$50,000, saving you about \$600 more. An increase in the homestead tax exemption is overdue.

If you are interested in supporting this tax reform and would like more information please visit the website at <http://www.mypropertytax.cut.com> or call 516-778-4447.

La Comisionada Sosa Te Invita A Una Reunión Comunitaria

Little Gables está celebrando una Reunión Comunitaria, auspiciada por la Comisionada Sosa, para escuchar y discutir nuestras preocupaciones. Estarán presentes:

Nuestra Comisionada, Rebeca Sosa
Representantes de: la Oficina del Gerente del Condado; Obras Públicas, Team Metro, La Policía, Parques y especialistas en anexión.



Comunica las Noticias: Reunión Comunitaria con La Comisionada Rebeca Sosa

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¿Quieren pagar menos impuestos?

El valor de su propiedad sube y los impuestos también. En estos momentos, la exención para los dueños que viven en sus propiedades es \$25,000, un ahorro de más o menos \$600.

Si la enmienda constitucional de Jeffrey Saull para reducir impuestos se aprueba, la exención aumentará a \$50,000, un ahorro de \$600 más o sea \$1200. Si a usted le interesa apoyar esta reforma de impuestos, visite: www.mypropertytaxcut.com.

Crime in Little Gables



a los ladrones ----

Intentaron o rompieron cinco puertas a puntapiés durante los meses de Febrero y Marzo. La policía arrestó un equipo familiar.

Nuestro policía de bicicleta se fue para la Ciudad de Doral. Esperamos lograr otro dentro de tres meses. Mientras estamos cubiertos durante el día por los policías en vehículos oficiales.

Anexión

La Asociación de Vecinos de Little Gables y su Comité de anexión continúan trabajando para la anexión de nuestro vecindario a la ciudad de Coral Gables. Esperamos que la Comisión de Coral Gables considere nuestra petición, junto con la de High Pines, en los próximos meses. Su presencia en esta audiencia tiene *mucha importancia* en determinar el futuro de Little Gables. Les avisaremos en cuanto Coral Gables fije la fecha.

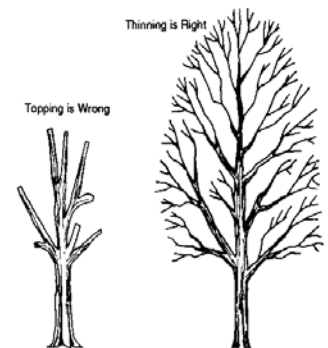
Podar para el Tiempo de Huracanes

Es importante mantener nuestros árboles podados para conservar su integridad y belleza. Usted pagará menos a través de los años, si emplea a un arbolista profesional, porque el machete barato debilita al árbol. Un profesional licenciado puede determinar la manera de podar que mejorará la salud, apariencia y seguridad de sus árboles.

Descopar un árbol es un acto de abuso.

Cortar un árbol como si fuera un palo para colocar sombreros, deja al árbol susceptible al daño de insectos y enfermedades. Las hojitas son fábricas de comida para el árbol. Además el desarrollo profuso de nuevos gajos y hojas causan una densidad que hace que el árbol sea vulnerable a

vientos fuertes. Los árboles necesitan ser podados para que el viento pueda pasar por ellos sin tumbarlos. Nadie se muere de un corte de pelo mal hecho...pero los árboles sí. Por favor, no maltraten a sus árboles descopándolos. Para más información sobre como podar visite: www.treesaregood.com.



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Important Numbers

Police 305-4-POLICE
305-476-5423

Team Metro
305-222-2133

Commissioner Rebeca
Sosa - District Office
305-267-6377

Annual Trash Pick-up
305-594-1500

High Water Bill
305-665-7477

Animal Services
305-884-1101

JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Send your email address to:
LittleGables@aol.com
We will keep you posted on important neighborhood issues and send you our newsletter by email. (We will not share your email address with anyone!)

Júntese a nuestra lista de Email

Mande su dirección electrónica a:
LittleGables@aol.com
Le tendremos al corriente sobre asuntos importantes a nuestro vecindario. No se compartirá su dirección de email con nadie.

Siete Veces

Aparreció siete veces en la agenda de "Community Council # 10. Al fin se negó la solicitud de convertir el edificio de cuatro apartamentos, situado en el 4200 SW 13 St., en oficinas de negocio. El Dr. Pedro Fonseca pensó que podía comprar propiedad residencial en Little Gables para uno, o dos, oficinas dentales, pero se encontró con nuestra Asociación de Vecinos. Queremos mantener nuestro vecindario un lugar seguro para las familias que viven aquí.



Residencial ¡SÍ
Negocio ¡NO!

Sin embargo, el Dr. Fonseca no comprende el mensaje:

Apeló a la Junta de Comisionados del Condado para que le permitan convertir aquel edificio de cuarto apartamentitos en su lugar de negocio. La audiencia está fijada para Jueves, 29 de abril, a las 9:30 AM.

¿Al Doctor le interesa el aumento de tráfico que causará en la calle 13? **¡NO!** Más tráfico significa más negocio para él.

¿Al Doctor le importa que no haya suficiente parqueo para un negocio dentro de la propiedad? **¡NO!** Si sus pacientes dejan sus carros frente a los hogares desde la 42 a la 43 Avenidas, es bueno para él. Más pacientes = más dinero.

Por favor, júntese con el grupo de vecinos que asistirán a la audiencia **Abril 29 a las 9:30 AM, en la Cámara de la Comisión, 111 NW 1 St.** Juntos diremos al Doctor y a la Junta: **Propiedad residencial en Little Gables no es para negocios.** Para transporte llámenos o envíenos un Email.

Join LGNA Hágase Miembro

Mail this coupon with your \$15.00 annual fee to:

Envíe este cupón con su cuota anual de \$15 a:

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