

City offers trailer parking, slip rentals

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Welcome to the water wonderland of Cape Coral!

The abundance of canals, including several with direct access to the Caloosahatchee River and Gulf of Mexico, make this area a boater's paradise. It is a 30 minute ride down the river from the Cape Coral Yacht Club at Redfish Point to the Sanibel Bridge and the Gulf. Please note that manatee speed zones located along the way are well marked and regularly enforced.

Trailer parking

Do you have a boat trailer parking sticker? The City offers Cape Coral residents the option to purchase boat trailer parking decals, which allow boat trailer parking at the City's five public boat ramps, for just \$50 per year. Once a \$50 decal has been purchased, the City is now allowing the purchase of an additional decal to accommodate a second towing vehicle for the same trailer for \$25. Commercial decals are also available for \$100 each for Cape Coral businesses.

All decals are valid for one year from the date of purchase and may be purchased at Cape Coral City Hall (Parks & Recreation counter on the second floor), the Cape Coral Yacht Club and the Godman Yacht Basin on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that these decals are only valid at the five public boat ramp locations in Cape Coral and that Lee County decals are not valid in Cape Coral.

If you have not obtained an annual de-



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cal or if you are from a neighboring community, the boat trailer parking rate of \$10 per day is still applicable. A proof of purchase ticket to be displayed in the driver side windshield is obtainable from a dispenser located at each boat ramp. Checks are not acceptable for these transactions – only cash.

The City has also implemented a parking program called "Passport" with an online app to make paying to park much easier using a credit card. More information on this program can be found on the Parks & Recreation website at CapeParks.com. Simply click on "Outdoor Recreation" then "Boating" then "Boat Trailer Parking Program." In the boating section of the website, you can also get

more information about Cape Coral's four saltwater boat ramps located at the Cape Coral Yacht Club, Rosen Park, Horton Park and Burnt Store Boat Ramp, as well as the freshwater ramp located at BMX Park.

Other boat ramps

In addition to the developed locations, the Parks Department oversees several unimproved (dirt) ramps throughout the Cape which allow access to freshwater canals. These ramp locations do not have restrooms or other amenities onsite so there is no parking fee to use them; however, heavy boats such as "hurricane style deck boats" and other "heavy" boats should not use them due to the na-

ture of the ramps. Locations of these unimproved ramps can be found on the Department's website and are identified by light grey anchors on the Parks map located on page two of the Parks & Recreation program guide.

Wet boat slips

Affordable daily, monthly, and annual wet boat slip rentals are currently available at the Yacht Basin and Rosen Park for vessels from 20 to 50 feet in length. Tenants at the Yacht Basin have access to Wi-Fi and a variety of Yacht Club amenities including the Yacht Club Community Pool, beach, fishing pier, shuffleboard courts, racquetball courts, etc.

Yacht Basin Boat Slip Rental Rates: Monthly/annual rates: Resident \$9 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax. Non-resident: \$11 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax. Transient rates: daily \$ 1.75 per foot; \$3.50 electric, 6 percent tax. Monthly \$12 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax.

Rosen Park Boat Slip Rental Rates: Monthly/annual rates: resident \$8 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax. Non-resident \$9 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax. Transient rates: daily \$ 1.75 per foot, \$3.50 electric, 6 percent tax. Monthly \$9 per foot, \$35 electric, 6 percent tax.

For more information about Cape Coral's public boat ramps, the boat trailer parking program, and boat slip rentals available at the Yacht Basin and Rosen Park, call 239-574-0809 or visit the Parks & Recreation website at www.CapeParks.com. You may also stop by the Marine Services office at the Cape Coral "Godman" Yacht Basin in the Yacht Club Community Park at 5815 Driftwood Pkwy.

Briefs

Bimini Basin to have open house

Redevelopment Management Associates will be hosting an informal "Open House" today for interested parties to view information and ask questions about the Bimini Basin Redevelopment project. RMA is the City's Project Manager for the Bimini Basin. The open house will be from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chester Street Resource Center, 4816 Chester St.

Residents, property owners, business owners, community and neighborhood

leaders are invited to stop by at their convenience to discuss their thoughts and ideas regarding this potential project with RMA staff.

For more information, call (239) 574-0776 or email planningquestions@capecoral.net.

Northwest Neighborhood Association plans to meet

The Northwest Cape Coral Neighborhood Association, Inc. (NWNNA) will meet on Thursday, March 16. Scheduled speakers are: Mary Ann Parsons and Barbara Meyer on Florida Yards and

Neighborhoods — Butterfly Gardening; Paul Clinghan, Audrie Goodwin and Elizabeth Ellis of Cape Coral's Public Works Department on the North 2 utilities expansion project; and John Jacobs, on the Cape Coral North RO Water Treatment Plant water quality and testing.

Other announcements will include updates on active northwest Cape Coral projects, as well as the upcoming annual Trash Bash neighborhood cleanup to be held on Saturday, April 22, in conjunction with Keep Lee Beautiful and the next Mangrove Mania annual mangrove planting project.

Monthly meetings are open to the

public. The agenda is full and will begin promptly at 7 p.m. at the Christa McAuliffe Elementary Charter School located at 2817 SW 3rd Lane. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for sign-in, networking and membership renewals.

NWNA provides an open forum for discussion of issues of general importance to Northwest Cape Coral residents and landowners. To be eligible for membership, members must reside or own property within the City of Cape Coral that is located north of Pine Island Road and west of El Dorado Blvd. For more information visit www.nwcape.com or email nwna@nwcape.com.

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