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Broward Waterway Cleanup Set For March 6

The Broward Waterway Cleanup is set for March 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Riverside Park, 205 Coral Ridge Drive. Participants do not need to pre-register to attend. Students will receive volunteer hours. For more information, contact 954-524-2733 or www.WaterwayCleanup.org.

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Teen Political Forum Connects Elected Officials And Local Teens



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Teen Town Youth Club Sparks After Local Teen Creates 'Coral Springs Is So Boring' Facebook Page

By Nicol Jenkins
Editor

Local teen Habib Hasbun Bun thinks Coral Springs is so boring.

He created the Facebook page, Coral Springs is soo boring!, and over 2,000 other local teens think so too and want a place to hang.

"Every Friday night, there is nothing to do but stay home. People are behind Magnolia doing drugs or are kicked out of hanging in front of the movie theatre because of loitering; and Starbucks kicks us out if we are not buying coffee," said 18-year-old Bun at a recent Coral Springs City Commission meeting.

But that will soon change.

Bun and local business owners Kenny Tang and

Anthony Bromley came up with Teen Town Youth Club, a safe place for teens to hang out, play sports, video games, hear motivational speakers, and meet recording artists.

"We have to get to kids hanging out that have nowhere to go. This is a great way to get a lot of teens off the streets and out of trouble. Kids get bored and do stuff," said Bromley, who is modeling the club after youth clubs in London.

Teen Town Youth Club will be approximately 3,600 square feet and located at the empty building at 600 N. University Drive, next to Arby's. The center will offer activities geared towards ages 13 to 19, such as football, table tennis, video games, a luxury TV room, and a wireless computer room.

But it is more than just a place to hang. There will also be drama workshops,

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Parkland City Commissioners Vote To Continue Contract With Coral Springs Fire

By Nicol Jenkins
Editor

Parkland residents will continue to get their fire services from Coral Springs.

Parkland City Commissioners recently voted 4-1 to continue their contract with the Coral Springs Fire Department.

For hours, 33 Coral Springs firefighters waited to hear their fate of whether they would have a job.

Parkland Commissioners debated over renewing with Coral Springs Fire or signing a new contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO). A majority of Commissioners said they favored Coral Springs Fire because of service and proximity to Parkland.

The Coral Springs fire contract will begin in October 2010 and have a one year termination clause. It will cost between \$4.8 million and \$5.2 million for the first year; the final number will depend on next year's budget.

BSO offered two contracts. The first BSO contract with one ambulance would cost approximately \$5.1 million for the first year. The second option would cost over \$6 million with two ambulances. But in the long term, fire contract consultant Steve Savia says BSO would cost less.

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Local Teens, State Rep. Weigh In On Bill Prohibiting Texting While Driving

By Nicol Jenkins
Editor

While some local legislators and teens want to ban texting while driving, others believe it will be difficult to enforce.

"Not so much," said local teen Kiara Velez, referring to the effectiveness of a texting while driving ban. "If one person starts to break the law, then more people will eventually. Although, I do think it is dangerous to be texting while driving."

Whether you are in favor or against a texting while driving ban, the reality is that it could happen soon.

The Parkland City Commission created an ordinance to ban texting while driving, but it could not be enforced because the state Attorney General rendered an opinion stating that state statute pre-empts local ordinances. The means that cities can have ordinances but cannot enforce them; only the state can enforce a texting

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Teen Political Forum Connects Elected Officials And Local Teens

By Sangitha Palaniappa
Special to the News

Coral Springs teenagers from various high schools recently lined up to ask local elected officials questions about what is important to them.

City Commissioner Roy Gold initiated the Teen Political Forum three years ago, and it continues to be a huge success.

“One of the greatest parts of this program is working with the student leaders from our area public and private high schools. I get to work with 11th and 12th graders who brainstorm, develop the program and come up with a series of quality questions. They

work closely with each other and come together as a cohesive unit. We spend four months working together, and their leadership skills grow stronger with every meeting leading up to the event,” said Commissioner Gold.

The student run program allows students to organize an event and connect to local officials.

“Seeing all the students and panelists come together to voice their opinions and find out what they wanted to know was a great reward after four months of hard work,” said Lee Braun, member of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is made up of

students from different high schools in Coral Springs and these students ran the program.

The forum began with serious questions to the panelists. Many questions were directed to School Board member Stephanie Kraft, as most students were interested in school budget cut discussions.

Periodically, entertaining quick fire questions were given. Police Chief Duncan Foster was asked if he ever received a ticket during a round of quick fire at the forum, he answered honestly, and replied “Yes, for speeding.” The honest answers given by the panelists allowed students to view

the elected officials as human beings that they could relate to. The forum then was opened to the audience to ask any questions.

“It was a fun interaction between students and local elected officials. I felt comfortable talking to the officials and asking questions,” said Milad Awadallah from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

“Over the three years of this event, the program has become a great opportunity for the elected and appointed officials, the students leading the program, and the students in the audience observing and asking questions,” stated Commissioner Gold.

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