

Town of Thunderbolt

Town Newsletter

May 2009

**Come Outside and have fun
with your Neighbors!**

**Arts and Crafts
Water Conservation Booth
Rain Barrels
Local Businesses
Seafood**

*** Show off your skills!
Sign-up for the Cooking
Contest for \$15
First 5 Applicants Free!**

*** Reserve a Vendor Booth
Call (912) 354-5534
for Applications**



**TASTE OF
THUNDERBOLT**
seafood • art • festival

Saturday, May 30 • 10 am - 6 pm
on Mechanics Av. between Victory and Rowland
arts & crafts • food court
Coach's Corner • Desposito's • Kao • Tortugas • Tubby's
seafood cooking contest: 1 pm
call 629-4653 to enter

FRIDAY 5/29 @ TUBBY'S - DOUBLE J BAND 6 - 10 PM
SATURDAY 5/30 @ COACH'S CORNER - HAZZARD COUNTY BAND

Sponsored by Town of Thunderbolt
Proceeds benefit Thunderbolt Recycling Project
For booth info, call Mary Ingalls @ 786-4060 or
www.art-encounter.org

THUNDERBOLT MAY EVENTS

- ☞ May 16, 2009 Covered Dish Picnic at Honey Park – Sponsored by Thunderbolt Neighborhood Watch
* Bring a Lawn Chair
- ☞ May 30, 2009 A Taste of Thunderbolt Seafood & Arts Festival 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
* For further details please call (912) 629-4653

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Kitchen & Laundry

1. Eliminate leaks by turning faucets off completely and, as needed, replace old gaskets. A single dripping faucet can waste as much as 3600 gallons a year.
2. Use the “water-saver” setting or make sure your machine is set for the most efficient use.
3. Only wash full loads of dishes or clothes

Bathroom

1. If you hear running water in your toilet tank fix the leak by replacing the faulty hardware.
2. Flush only when necessary. Install a water-filled plastic jug in your toilet tank to reduce the water used per flush.
3. Don't use your toilet as a trash can.
4. Take fewer and shorter showers.
5. Don't leave the water running while rinsing, shaving, or brushing teeth.

Lawn & Garden

1. Hold your garden hose close to the roots of plants so that there's little waste and evaporative loss (soaker hoses are even more efficient).
2. Water slowly so that the soil soaks up all the water you use. To avoid the possibility of disease (due to promotion of fungi growth), and minimize evaporation, the best time to water is very early morning hours (dawn to approximately 9 am). Avoid watering on windy days (which increases evaporation).
3. Never let water run unnecessarily. Installing a spray handle helps. Allow your grass to grow to approximately 3 inches before cutting.
4. Install a timer and a rain sensor on outdoor irrigation systems.
5. Position sprinklers so that they do not water the pavement. Do not over water and allow water to run down the street. Note that turf grasses can survive on as little as a half inch of water per week.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.THUNDERBOLTGA.ORG

ON CALL AFTER HOURS NUMBERS
FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN CASE OF
WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION OR
SEWER LINE BACK UP:

(912) 644-7999, IF UNAVAILABLE CALL
(912) 247-4449

**NEW WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES:
POLICY ON RAIN SENSOR REQUIREMENT FOR
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

- A. As used in this section, the term "rain sensor shut-off switch" means an electric device that detects and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle of an irrigation system so as to turn off such a system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen.
- B. No person shall install any landscape irrigation system equipped with an electronic controller that does not have a rain sensor shut-off switch.

EVEN-ODD WATER RESTRICTION POLICY

- Outdoor watering may only occur between midnight and 10:00am
- Even-numbered and un-numbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesday, and Saturdays.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In reporting the Uniform Crime Report Statistics to the FBI, the definition of burglary is classified as unlawful entry to commit a larceny or theft, breaking and entering with the intent to commit a larceny, house breaking, safecracking, and all attempts at these offenses. With these specifications, incidents such as cutting a fence to gain entry to commit a theft, breaking into an outbuilding to commit a theft, etc. are classified as burglary. During the month of April, three incidents of this type occurred: 1 on Victory Drive and 2 on Rowland Avenue. Two (2) burglaries of residences occurred: George Street and Hayes Street.

2008/2009 Monthly Comparison																										
Classification of Offenses	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Yearly	
	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	4	4
Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Simple Assault	2	3	4	2	6	7	2	1	3	1	1	5	4	1	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	34	15	15	
Burglary	1	2	5	4	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	2	6	4	10	10	5	3	3	3	3	3	42	12	12	
Larceny-Theft	9	10	5	2	5	2	5	3	7	5	5	9	6	7	8	8	9	9	9	3	3	3	78	17	17	
Motor Veh Theft	3	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	8	7	7	

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR WATER BILL

1. Look at your usage which gallonage tier does it fall under? Ex: 4,005 gallons = 2nd tier

TIERS	RATE	PRICE PER GAL
0 – 4,000 Gallons	\$.50 per Thousand Gallons	.00050
4,001 – 6,000 Gallons	\$.75 per Thousand Gallons	.00075
6,001 – 8,000 Gallons	\$1.00 per Thousand Gallons	.00100
8,001 – 12,000 Gallons	\$1.25 per Thousand Gallons	.00125
12,001 – 20,000 Gallons	\$1.35 per Thousand Gallons	.00135
20,001 + Gallons	\$1.75 per Thousand Gallons	.00175

2. Multiply your usage by the price per gallon of your tier. Ex: 4,005 x .00075 = \$3.00

3. Add the Water Base Charge of \$8.00 Ex: \$3.00 + \$8.00 = **\$11.00 for Water Only**

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR SEWER BILL

1. Look at your usage which gallonage tier does it fall under?

TIERS	RATE	PRICE PER GAL
Less than 20,000 gallons	\$4.25 per Thousand Gallons	.00425
Greater than 20,000 gallons	\$4.75 per Thousand Gallons	.00475

2. Multiply your usage by the price per gallon of your tier. Ex: 4005 x .00425 = \$17.02

3. Add the Sewer Base Charge of \$10.00 Ex: \$17.02 + \$10.00 = **\$27.02 for Sewer Only**

4. Add Water and Sewer Ex: \$11.00 + \$27.02 = **\$38.02 for Water Bill**

*excluding garbage

SPECIAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Administrative offices will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2009.
- Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Meetings are held every third Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.
- Thunderbolt Neighborhood Association Meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month in the Senior Citizens Building at 7:00p.m.
- Request Information on Ordinances and Community Events at Town Hall.