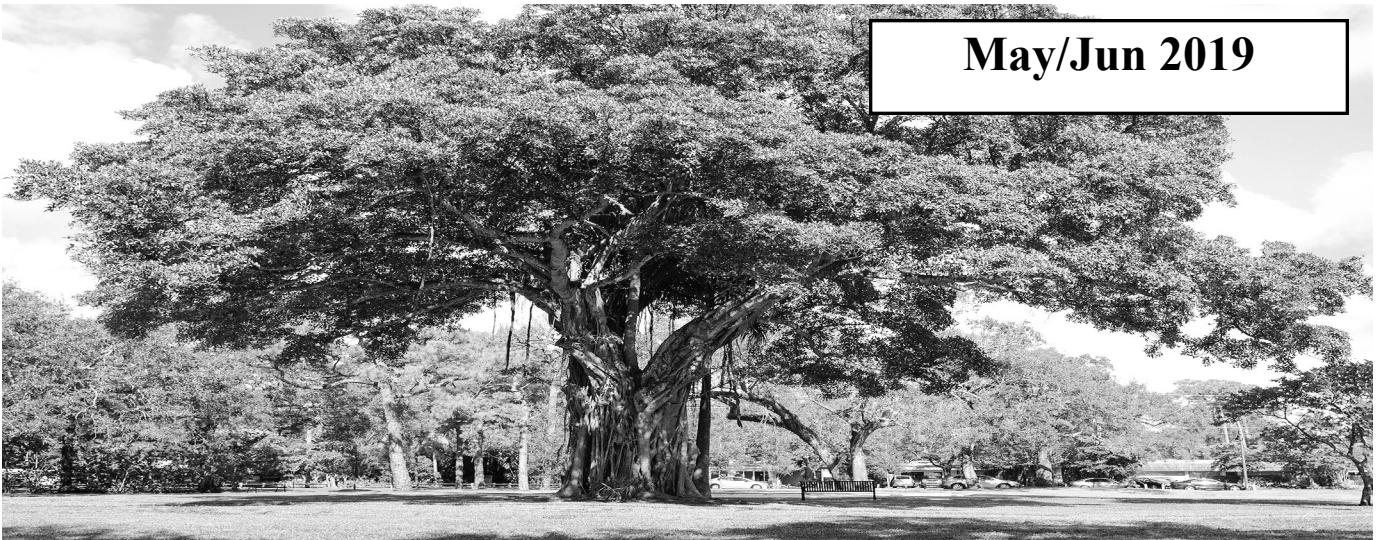


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Neighbors, we wanted to remind you of the importance of **Recycling Right** and share some important facts to be mindful of when making your purchasing decisions.

Not all plastics are created equal, and not all plastics can be recycled, (The United States has recycled just 9% of plastic since 2012 and less than 1% of plastic world-wide has been recycled more than once.) Contamination of our recycling bins is creating a large problem for recycling companies, and more and more waste is ending up in our landfills, oceans and waterways. According to the United Nations Conference held in June 2017 over 8 million tons of plastics enter our oceans every year.

We urge you to cutback on single-use plastics when and where you can—*if you use it for 30 minutes, and it will last for hundreds of years...is it really necessary?*

Plastic doesn't die, it kills.

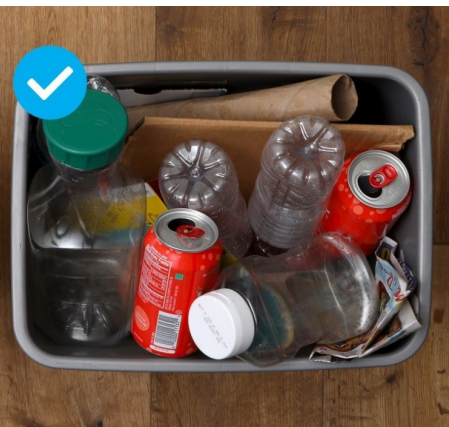
REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Kelly Charles, Chair
Shady Banks GYR Committee

THE BAD



THE GOOD!



Can We Talk About Recycling?

Why are we talking about recycling? Turns out Fort Lauderdale is not very good about recycling. Oh yeah, we put stuff in the blue bin but much of what is put in is contaminated. The City of Fort Lauderdale earns income for each load of clean recyclables delivered to our processing plant. This income offsets the cost of providing sanitation services in our City. We earn less for contaminated loads. Following are the top contaminants.

Food. Whole, part or just the stuff that sticks. Keep it all away from your recyclables please. This includes liquids, especially greasy liquids. **Plastic bags*** or anything that looks or feels like a plastic bag, such as dry cleaning covers and disposal gloves. **Polystyrene foam*** or similar products, such as packing peanuts and foam drink cups. **Unrecyclable glass**, such as mirrors, windows, china and other dishware, and knick-knacks. **Hazardous Waste.** For information on proper disposal of hazardous waste, (everything from batteries to medication) check Fort Lauderdale's Household Hazardous Waste website for drop-off dates. *Fortlauderdale.gov/gyr*

Reducing the stream of recyclables is critical for our physical well being and that of future generations. Plastic doesn't biodegrade, instead, with time, it breaks down into micro-plastics that still retain the toxic chemical make-up of plastics, poisoning marine life and working its way up the food chain. Seafood is the largest source of protein for the world's population.

For a glimpse into plastics in our oceans check out "Moby Duck The True Story of 28,800 Bath Toys Lost at Sea and of the Beachcombers, Oceanographers, and Environmentalists and Fools including the Author who went in search of them." This is very informative and entertaining.

* Plastic bags and polystyrene foam can be dropped off at most supermarkets.



August 24th

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Sat. May 4th

Movies in the Park 7:30 p.m.

Wed. May 1st and 15th

Game Day 1 — 3 p.m.

Wed. May 29th

Neighborhood Meeting 7 p.m.

Guest Speaker: **Mayor Dean Trantalis**

All events take place at
Hortt Community Ctr. and Park



The Poke Test

Most of the time, plastic is a great candidate for recycling. However, there are times when it needs to be thrown away. One of the easiest ways to determine whether plastic belongs in the recycling container or trash can is by using something we like to call the “Poke Test.” If you can push your finger through it, then the plastic is too soft to be recycled. Flimsy plastic gets tangled in the sorting machinery, causing expensive damage and extensive delays. So even if it says it’s recyclable, things like water bottle wraps, grocery bags and bubble wrap all require special handling. You can take these items to the grocery store to be recycled.

Essentially all plastic bottles, jugs and containers are eligible for curbside recycling, as long as you follow the rule of empty, clean, and dry. Be sure to rinse off any residual food and shake off the water before you place these items in your recycling container. If you want to recycle lids, make sure they’re attached, as they’re too small to get recycled alone. Finally, make sure your plastic isn’t mixed with another material, and if it is, separate them before you recycle them.

By taking these easy steps, you help ensure that the plastic you put in your recycling container sees new life!

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