## Waterford Homeowners Association

Mission Statement The goal of the Waterford Home Owners Association is to promote friendly interaction between neighbors and protect the interests of all Waterford home owners. We aim to provide a unified voice in state and local matters that affect the quality of life in our neighborhood. We do so with the input and support of our home owners.

The **Waterford Homeowners Association** was created in 1979, registered with the state, and is one of the few voluntary homeowner communities within Broward County.

My name is Bill Mei, I'm on the WHOA Board of Directors, and have been in Waterford since 1997 (the Courtyards from 1997-2002, the Homes since 2002). This newsletter is to help keep you informed of what's happening in our city, and I hope to inspire you to invest in your community.

The officers of WHOA, as the association is known, have been instrumental in assisting the city with a number of issues. Here are just a few items that the association has helped with:

- Installation of traffic light at 28<sup>th</sup> Ave and 10<sup>th</sup> St. and turn lane from 10<sup>th</sup> Street (heading east) to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue (thanks Mayor Al)!
- Installation of new playground equipment and rubberized matting (in progress) at the 24<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue parks, 10<sup>th</sup> Drive park improvements coming soon! This project was secured by WHOA's involvement with the city in regards to the upcoming well project.

For more information on what the board has helped with, check out the website at www.WaterfordHomes.org

Have you recently had a business perform a great service to you? Go to our website and post their information on our "community ads," this will help strengthen our community by letting others know when a business **earns** your business (only positive posts, please).

Want to find out about the city of Deerfield Beach's upcoming events? Go online to www.deerfield-beach.com/events, the website is a wealth of information.

## Waterford Homeowner Spotlight

Rick and Ann Marie Longworth, 1353 SW 28th Ave., Gorham model home Rick and Ann Marie are original Waterford Homeowners, who closed on their house June 1, 1979, for \$72,800. I recently met with Rick and Ann to find out how things have changed in our lovely neighborhood. Rick and Ann were just starting out when they were looking at this area back in late 1977. The Abdo Brothers, who developed this area under their company, Wellington Construction, started selling these homes in 1977 starting in the \$40,000's...Rick and Ann signed a contract in January 1978 for \$62,000. By the time upgrades were added, etc., it went up to \$72,800 when they closed. Shortly thereafter, the homes were selling for over \$100,000, Rick tells me...the doubling of real estate values in just a matter of a couple of years, sound familiar? I asked them why they purchased their home on a busy street (28th Avenue), Rick explained that when they purchased (they were the first to purchase on the west side of the man-made lake), 28th Avenue did not go to 10th Street, because there was no 10th Street! Rick also stated that there were no Waterford Courtyard Townhomes on 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue either (those weren't developed until the mid 1980's); there were cows in that area with a few big silos (small farm building holding feed, hay, etc). Rick and Ann commented that they had some great times in their new community back then, as it continues today, Waterford has always had solid reputation for families to call home.

City commission dates 8/5, 8/19 city hall: Next commission meeting 8/5, at the City Hall chambers, step up and get involved in your community!

Out and about......the new Super Target has opened! It's amazing how fast they leveled the former K Mart Plaza and built this new Target....have you checked out the new restaurant in our area, Hurricane Grill and Wings (3438 W Hillsboro Blvd)? Located directly across the street from the new Super Target, in the new small plaza behind the defunct Burger King, opened May 23, and "things are going great," according to owner Mark Tomei. Hurricane has 35 sauces for their wings... The long-awaited Hillsboro Streetscape Project is to get underway this summer, with completion scheduled in fall 2009. The project encompasses East Hillsboro Boulevard, from Federal Highway to A1A, and will offer significant improvements to the city's main gateway to the beach, including: new street landscaping, overhead line burial, new lampposts, bike lines, brick sidewalks.

Neighborhood Bar-B-Q The Waterford Homeowners Association is looking to plan one in October...our last one in January 2005 was a huge success. We ask for your assistance in planning, contact Nicole Goldstein (contact info below for details)....lastly, though our association is a voluntary commitment, we do ask for an annual donation of \$10, with these funds we can plan more community activities (like the Bar-B-Q)...please contact Barbara Conrey (coupon below) to contribute your donation....listed below is your board of directors info.

## WHOA WATERFORD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

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WHOA annual donation coupon, \$10, make out to Waterford Homeowners Association, mail to Barbara Conrey @ 2440 SW 12<sup>th</sup> St. Deerfield Beach, FL 33442

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