

City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet

April 2010

This civic packet contains news and information about events and programs available to residents, businesses and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Regular City Commission meetings are scheduled for 6p
Tuesday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 20, 2010

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- Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month in April at the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, April 4
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Where The Boys Are / Connie Francis' Great American Beach Party set for May 28-29

Connie Francis knows how to make an entrance! Riding in a vintage red Cadillac convertible, the star of the 1960 hit movie *Where The Boys Are* returned to Fort Lauderdale Beach in classic style. Connie strolled down the red carpet and joined Fort Lauderdale Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler and other dignitaries at the corner of A1A and Las Olas Boulevard.

With the World Famous Elbo Room as their backdrop, the group hosted a press event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of *Where The Boys Are* and announced plans for a major special event scheduled for May 28 - 29, 2010.

Dubbed "Where The Boys Are / Connie Francis' Great American Beach Party," the free event is slated to take place on Fort Lauderdale Beach May 28 - 29, 2010 and looks to be one of the most highly anticipated festivities of the season.

Preliminary plans call for the weekend to kick off with the "Connie Francis Great America Record Hop" on Friday, May 28, an oldies dance party featuring the classic hits and soulful sounds of the 50s and 60s. It's music that will take guests back to the days of poodle skirts, saddle shoes, bobby sox and milkshakes.

The "Where The Boys Are / Connie Francis' Great American Beach Party," continues on Saturday May 29 with fun in the sun for the entire family. Children and adults will

enjoy games and activities throughout the day, including hula hoop contests, limbo dancing and beach blanket bingo.

Classic cars will rule the day when A1A is transformed into an outdoor museum for hot rods, rag tops and muscle cars that made the era famous. A special reunion area will be set up for local high schools, sororities and fraternities, where alumni can reconnect with old friends and acquaintances.

When the sun goes down the beach party will heat up with a variety of live music and entertainment. The evening will be topped off with a special 50th anniversary screening of *Where The Boys Are* on a larger-than-life screen set in the sand off the corner of A1A and Las Olas Boulevard.

"With the support of residents, visitors and the local business community, we're anticipating a tremendous turnout for what promises to be a fun and exciting event that celebrates a special time in Fort Lauderdale's history," added Mayor Seiler.

[How to Volunteer](#)

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking volunteers to serve on a variety of event planning committees. To volunteer, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-828-PARK (7275).

[Where The Boys Are 50th Anniversary Cast Photo](#)

As part of the weekend festivities, the City of Fort Lauderdale will be coordinating a *Where the Boys Are* 50th anniversary cast photo. Individuals who were part of the original movie cast are encouraged to call the City's Public Information Office at 954-828-4PIO (4746) to reserve their spot in the picture.

[Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month at the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, April 4](#)

Jazz Brunch, Sunday, April 4, 11a to 2p
Along the Riverwalk from Esplanade Park to Riverfront

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month, an ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. Listen to the soulful sounds of outstanding local jazz artists on four stages from 11a to 2p on the first Sunday of each month.

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is produced by the City of Fort Lauderdale and is sponsored by SunTrust, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Las Olas Riverfront, News 610 WIOD and 93.9 WMIA. For more information, please call our 24-hour hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

The scheduled performers for Sunday, April 4:
Esplanade Stage – Davis and Dow Hot House Swing
Connie Hoffmann Gazebo – Gold Coast Jazz Society
Peck Courtyard – Talluwah Mento Band
Las Olas Riverfront Stage – Tommy Nehls Trio

2010 Census: It's in Our Hands! Don't Go Uncounted!

The 2010 Census is coming! U.S. Census forms were mailed to every household in March. The form takes only 10 minutes to complete and it's completely confidential. Future community funding is based on census results. The City of Fort Lauderdale is counting on you to be counted on Census Day, April 1, 2010!

Filling out the 2010 Census is safe and private

Data obtained in Census 2010 cannot be shared with anyone outside the Census Bureau for any reason. You should not worry that your privacy may be invaded by answering the Census.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual records with the IRS, FBI, immigration, welfare or any other government agency. No court of law – not even the President of the United States – can access individual responses for 72 years.

Privacy guides everything the Census Bureau does, including hiring, training, planning, procedures and reporting. Census workers are subjected to strict FBI background checks and are fingerprinted. If they disclose any information that could identify a respondent or household, they can face a \$250,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

The Census Bureau also uses sophisticated technology to protect information, including electronic barriers, scrambling devices and dedicated lines.

No one can connect your answers with your name or address. It does not ask about citizenship or immigration status, bank account information, salary or income, and will never require your Social Security number.

Answering the Census is important for you, your family and your community. The questions that are asked help planning and funding decisions for the next 10 years.

Census information is used to allocate billions of dollars in funding for housing, public safety, education, human services and community services. Census results are also used to determine representation in the federal and state governments. Under-counting leads to under-representation.

Important Census facts to avoid scams:

Official Census representatives do **NOT** ask for:

- Social Security numbers
- Bank account information
- Credit card account information
- Driver's License, Visa or Passport

New City of Fort Lauderdale Utility Billing System

In the next few months, the City of Fort Lauderdale will launch a new utility billing system for water, wastewater, solid waste and stormwater services to provide enhanced service for our customers.

The new system will feature cost-saving, green initiatives such as paperless billing and bill payment via a touch-tone phone. Utility bills will also feature a new reader-friendly format that provides a more detailed breakdown of charges and water usage.

For more information, please contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954.828.8000 or request information online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Kids Ecology Corps to Host '2010 People and Planet Fair' at Snyder Park

The Kids Ecology Corps is hosting the 2010 People and Planet Fair, presented by Lexus of Pembroke Pines, on April 17, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Snyder Park in Ft. Lauderdale.

This day of fun in the sun has something for everyone! From the Earth Day 5K run/walk, to Eco-Action Projects, Face Painting, Sponsor Booths, 2010 Go Green Art Contest, the Preview of Turkle's the Movie, as well as local food and art vendors and a DJ. The Kids Ecology Corps vision is that through educating today's youth about living a sustainable lifestyle, environmental harmony is possible. The 2010 People and Planet Fair is a FUN way to become a part of that vision.

HOW TO ATTEND OR SPONSOR THE 2010 ANNUAL "GREEN" EVENT

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are still available. Pre-registration for individual or team runners/walkers is also available. The \$20 registration fee includes a T-shirt, goodie bag and refreshments. Earth Day 5K participants may register on the day of the fair for \$25. Teams may also register to run/walk for the participating non-profit of their choice and raise funds for that non-profit (excludes registration fee). To obtain more information for any or all of these opportunities, please visit www.peopleandplanetfair.org today.

HOST: Kids Ecology Corps - more info contact Emily Nell Lagerquist at 954-524-0366 or emilynell@kidsecologycorps.org

COST: FREE Event; \$1 per person Park Entry Fee
Earth Day 5K Run/Walk: \$20 pre-registration/\$15 pre-registration fee for participants 19 years or younger; \$25 registration fee for ALL participants on event day

WHEN: Saturday, April 17, 2010
8a - 9a Earth Day 5K Run/Walk
9a - 3p Fair

WHERE: Snyder Park, 3299 Southwest 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

WHY: Attendees will join in bettering and beautifying the environment as well as benefiting the Kids Ecology Corps

Proper Pet Waste Disposal Protects Our Waterways

How we maintain our properties and manage our daily activities can affect the quality of our drinking water and local swimming and fishing areas. Many of our daily activities have the potential to cause stormwater pollution, and small sources of pollution can create large water quality problems. Pet waste is one of those small sources.

The risk of stormwater pollution increases when pet waste that accumulates in animal pen areas or that is left on sidewalks, streets, swales or driveways is transported to water bodies. Rainwater collects and carries pet waste, and other potential pollutants, from every street, parking lot, sidewalk, driveway, yard and garden into a storm drain or catch basin that drains to the nearest body of water.

Droppings from dogs, cats and other commonly kept animals, such as exotic birds, rabbits, goats and chickens that reach water bodies can impact their natural balance in a variety of ways:

- Pet waste contains nutrients that can promote the growth of algae if they enter streams, lakes and estuaries. Algae absorb oxygen in the water that fish and other aquatic animals require to live.
- Animal droppings contain intestinal bacteria and disease-causing parasites that can make nearby lakes and bays unsafe for fishing, wading and swimming after storms.
- In areas with very porous soils or geology, such as South Florida, pollutants such as pet waste can also reach groundwater. As a result, pet waste should not be used as a fertilizer or hosed into the ground.

Pet waste should be collected in newspaper, paper bags or bio-degradable plastic bags and disposed of with your regular garbage. You may also dispose of it in designated containers reserved for pet waste.

Proper disposal of pet waste helps prevent stormwater pollution, keeps our waterways healthy, makes neighborhoods more inviting for those who enjoy outdoor walks and is respectful of other people's property.

In much the same way that small sources of pollution add up to become a larger problem, small efforts on your part can add up to become a component of the overall solution to improve the quality of our water sources. The problem can only be solved with everyone's help.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Environmental Services Division encourages you to please pick up after your pet and dispose of pet waste properly. For more information, please contact the 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000, or request information online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Ordinance: The City of Fort Lauderdale has regulations regarding proper pet waste disposal. Section 6-4(c) of the City's Code of Ordinances states that, "it shall be unlawful for a person to allow or permit a dog or other pet or domesticated animal within that person's control to deposit animal waste (except for law enforcement animals while on duty) upon any public or private property and to promptly remove the animal's waste from the property."

Celebrate Water Conservation Month!

Sign-up for the free "Know the Flow" Water Conservation Workshop

In celebration of Water Conservation Month, the City of Fort Lauderdale is partnering with Broward County's Natural Resources Planning & Management Division and the South Florida Water Management District to offer a Know the Flow water conservation workshop. This free workshop, which is open to Fort Lauderdale residents, business owners, property managers, landscape service providers, community groups, homeowners associations, City employees and students, will take place beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at Fort Lauderdale City Hall.

The Know the Flow workshop includes a short presentation followed by a question and answer session and is geared toward helping you save and protect our valuable water resources. Topics for the workshop include the history of South Florida's water management systems, your role in water conservation, Florida-friendly landscaping practices, and the preservation of our waterways. There will also be a variety of educational materials available to assist attendees with doing their part to protect our environment.

Registration for the Know the Flow workshop is required. To reserve a seat, please call 954-828-4755.

Complimentary parking for the workshop is available after 6 p.m. on the first floor of the City Hall Parking Garage, which is located between N.E. 1st and N.E. 2nd Street, just east of Andrews Avenue.

If you need reasonable accommodation or would like to inquire about wheelchair seating at this event, please call 954-828-4755.

Spring Break Camps and Activities

Celebrate the arrival of spring in the City of Fort Lauderdale! The City's Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of spring break camps as well as several other fun, family activities to celebrate the season.

Spring Break Camps

Camp activities include sports and fitness, arts and crafts, games, cooking projects, field trips and much more. For more information, please contact the camp of your choice or download the camp's flyer at <http://fortlauderdale.gov/life/camp.htm>.

Schedule for all camps: March 29 – April 5, 8a to 5p

Bass Park

2750 N.W. 19th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

(954) 828-8498
Ages: 5-12
Fees: Residents \$44, Non-Residents \$66, Y.E.S. \$11

Croissant Park

245 W. Park Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
(954) 523-1063
Ages: 5-11
Fees: Residents \$99, Non-Residents \$148.50, Y.E.S. \$25

Riverland Park

950 S.W. 27th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
(954) 321-1234
Ages: 5-12
Fees: Residents \$44, Non-Residents \$66, Y.E.S. \$11

Warfield Park

1000 N. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
(954) 759-6896
Ages: 6-12
Fees: Residents \$44, Non-Residents \$66, Y.E.S. \$11

George English Tennis Center

1101 Bayview Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
(954) 396-3620
Dates: March 29 – April 2
Ages: 6-16
Fees (per session): Residents \$150, Non-Residents \$225
Fees (per day): Residents \$45, Non-Residents \$68

Spring Festivities

Eggstravaganza – April 3

12 noon - 3p
Riverland Park
950 S.W. 27th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
Join us for a free egg hunt, fun games and activities as well as prizes! Children ages 1 to 10 years old are welcome to participate. For more information, call (954) 321-1234.

Spring Egg Hunt – April 3

12 noon - 2p
Croissant Park
245 W. Park Drive
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

This free event offers the opportunity for all children to enjoy the adventure of finding treasures in special eggs. The Spring Bunny will also be stopping by for a special visit. For more information, call (954) 523-1063.

2-3 years	12 noon - 12:30p	Field 1
4-5 years	12 noon - 12:30p	Field 2
6-7 years	1p - 1:30p	Field 1
8-9 years	1p - 1:30p	Field 2
10-11 years	1:45p -2 p	Field 1

2nd Annual Thurston Baseball Tournament Set for April 9-11

The City of Fort Lauderdale will host the 2nd Annual Perry E. Thurston, Jr., AAA Baseball Tournament on April 9-11 at Joseph C. Carter Park, 1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard.

The event will begin with a kick-off celebration on Friday, April 9, 6p to 8p. The tournament games will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11 from 9:30a to 6p. A closing ceremony will be held on Sunday after the tournament.

For more information, please call (954) 828-5411 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Recreational Programs and Classes

Cart Park Aquatic Training Classes

Parks and Recreation is offering several aquatic training classes, including lifeguard training and water safety instructor training. The classes are offered at Joseph C. Carter Park, 1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard. For a class schedule and more information, please call (954) 828-5293 or visit <http://fortlauderdale.gov/life/guides.htm>.

Beach Community Center Activities

3351 N.E. 33rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
Phone: (954) 828-4610

Computer Classes

The Beach Community Center offers a variety of computer classes. Participants must register at the front desk by the Wednesday prior to the scheduled computer class. Classes must meet minimum registration requirements.

Computer Basics I

Learn the basics: computer terminology, use of the mouse, use of Windows XP

Dates	Days	Times	Fees
4/5 & 4/7	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR
5/3 & 5/5	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR

Computer Basics II

Cut, copy, & paste to make editing easy. Create folders & save files. Install programs & customize the look of your desktop on Windows XP.

Dates	Days	Times	Fees
4/12 & 4/14	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR
5/10 & 5/12	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR

Internet Basics I

Learn to connect to the Internet, search your favorite topics, assign a home page

Dates	Days	Times	Fees
4/19 & 4/21	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR
5/17 & 5/19	M, W	9a -12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR

Email Basics

Learn the basics: Composing, sending pictures, creating an address book

Dates	Days	Times	Fees
4/27 & 4/29	T, TH	9a - 12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR
5/24 & 5/26	M, W	9a - 12p	\$38.50 R / \$57.75 NR

Evening Programs – Computers, Dance & Fitness

Spend your evening getting fit or dancing the night away at the Beach Community Center! The Beach Community Center offers a variety of evening programs to match everyone's interest.

Mat Pilates

Mondays, 5:30p - 7p

A complete physical fitness discipline centered on total body conditioning. Pilates allows one to build a lean, strong, balanced body; strengthen abdominals; lengthen the spine; enhance mental focus; develop flexibility; improve posture; and create better balance. Towel and mat are required.

Per Class: Residents \$9 / Non-Residents \$10

10-Class Pass: Residents \$80 / Non-Residents \$90

Ballroom Dance

Tuesdays, 6:30p – 8p

Have you ever wanted to learn to dance? Ballroom Dance is the perfect icebreaker and a way to have fun that transcends every language. Imagine yourself gliding across the floor with your partner and having the time of your life. Ballroom dance is a great body conditioner. You will experience a sense of balance, increased strength in your legs, greater flexibility in axis of movement, and more fluid movement in walking. Refreshments are included.

Per Class: Residents \$7.50 / Non-Residents \$11.25

10-Class Pass: Residents \$60 / Non-Residents \$90

Yoga

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30p – 8p

Yoga systematically works through the entire body to strengthen & increase flexibility, while bringing harmony & balance to mind, body and spirit. This class consists of seated, lying down & standing postures and includes techniques in "control of breath," meditation and visualizations. Towel and mat are required.

Per Class: Residents \$9 / Non-Residents \$10

10-Class Pass: Residents \$80 / Non-Residents \$90

Zumba

Wednesdays, 5:30p – 6:30p

Move to the groove with the flair of International dance rhythms. Latin, Hip-Hop, and Rock 'n Roll are bundled into a fun all-over toning dance fitness workout emphasizing the basics for beginners.

Per Class: Residents \$9 / Non-Residents \$10
10-Class Pass: Residents \$80 / Non-Residents \$90

Line Dance

Wednesdays, 6:30p – 8p

Enjoy ballroom dancing? This line dance program teaches step patterns, which will enable you to follow or lead a partner in ballroom dance. The basics of Waltz, Latin and Swing are incorporated into the classes along with line dance rhythms.

Per Class: Residents \$5 / Non-Residents \$7.50

5-Class Pass: Residents \$25 / Non-Residents \$37.50

BCT 'Transit Watch' promotes safety and security

In June 2009, Broward County Transit introduced "Transit Watch," a public awareness campaign practiced nationwide by public transportation agencies to encourage the active education and participation of passengers and employees in maintaining a safe and secure transit environment.

The "Transit Watch" campaign slogan is: Be Alert. Call 954-357-LOOK (5665). Tell Us. The designated telephone number is a direct line to BCT's security manager. Passengers are encouraged to use this number to report any suspicious or unusual behavior or package on or near the bus while waiting at a bus stop or at a transfer terminal. The telephone number is not intended for passengers to request route and schedule information, or to replace dialing 911 in the event of an immediate emergency situation.

Information materials are in English, Spanish and Creole are available on the buses, at bus shelters and on interior and exterior bus signs. A "Transit Watch" video is available on the BCT web site.

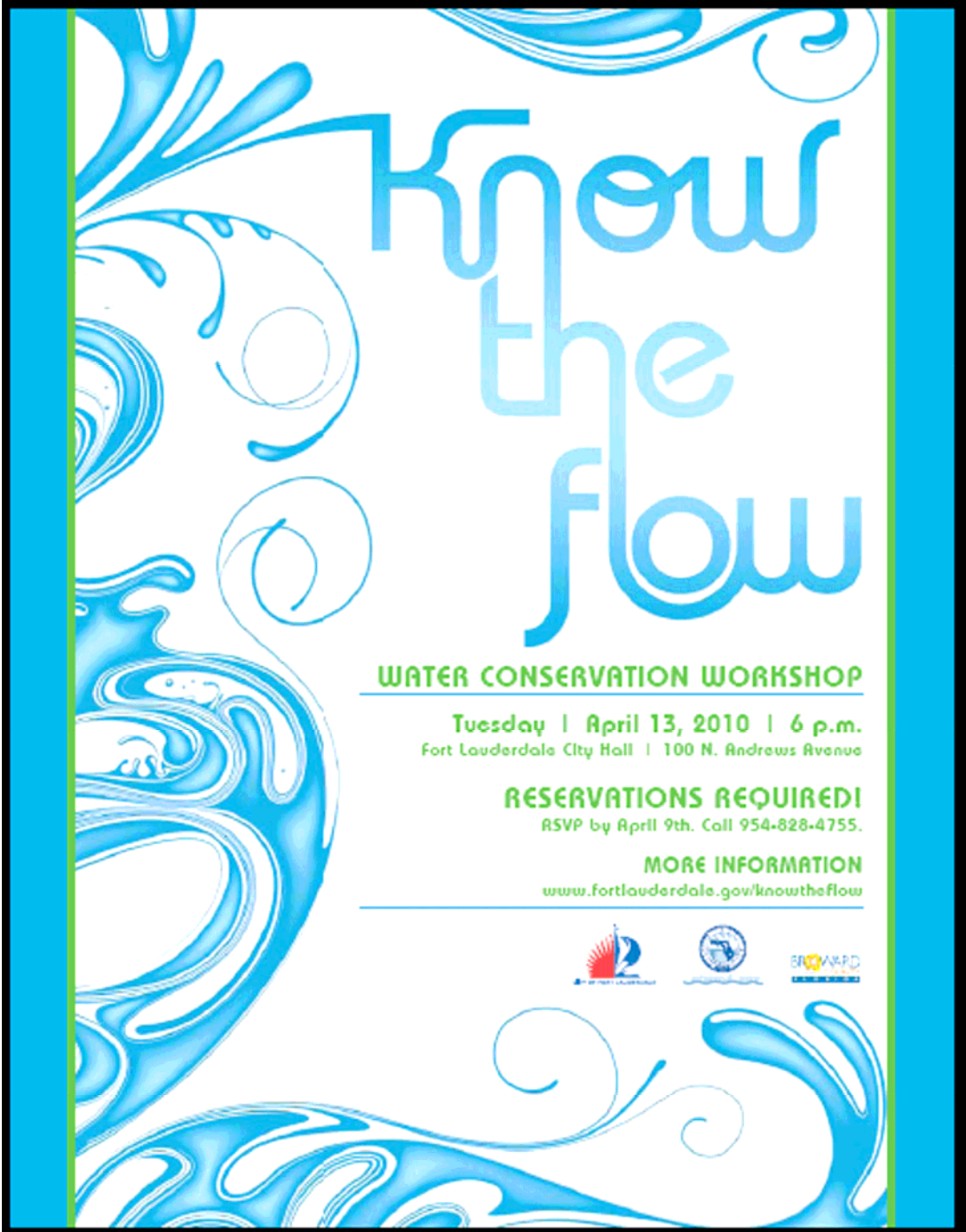
For more information visit: www.broward.org/bct/about_transitwatch.htm

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
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mlittle@fortlauderdale.gov

Thank you!




Know the flow

WATER CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday | April 13, 2010 | 6 p.m.
Fort Lauderdale City Hall | 100 N. Andrews Avenue

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!
RSVP by April 9th. Call 954-828-4755.

MORE INFORMATION
www.fortlauderdale.gov/knowtheflow



City of Fort Lauderdale Presents

Where the Boys ARE



Connie Francis'
Great American Beach Party

Join us

FRIDAY, MAY 28th and
SATURDAY, MAY 29th
2010

For more information please visit

WWW.FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV OR CALL 954-828-5363