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Gulf Breeze NEWS



ROSES: Heat may not be the reason they're wilting

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ing. Removing spindly growth also forces the plants to produce more substantial canes at the base, which renew the plants.

Spent flowers should be cut daily to prevent slowing of production. To fill your home with vases of fresh blooms, cut them before the buds open instead.

Roses are heavy feeders. They need a lot of energy to produce large, luscious blooms. Nutrition is also vital to their ability to naturally fight pests and diseases. When temperatures rise the plants grow faster, demanding supplemental fertilization.

This can be provided through traditional synthetic products and organic fertilizers. Consider synthetic rose food akin to rocket fuel, while organics are better for a slow burn.

Synthetics become instantly available to the plants so you'll see fast results. However, they move through the root zone just as quickly, forcing you to reapply in just a few weeks to keep nutrient levels consistent.

Waiting until plants slow

down before you reapply will cause significant interruption in bloom. Feeding on a strict calendar schedule will ensure non-stop blooms for garden or cutting.

Organic fertilizers are lower in nutrient content, but they hang around a lot longer. Use concentrated pellets that are easy to apply to meet roses' high demands. Cultivate the pellets into the soil to encourage more rapid disintegration and uptake.

You'll have to use a greater volume of organic product, but experts believe that the wider range of nutrients increases overall health of the plant.

To be sure your feeding is well utilized, it's important to water your roses deeply. Many people fail because they do not saturate the soil any deeper than the top few inches. This forces roses to root in the top layer where it's hot and soil dries out quickly.

To make roses really perform and to help them take up fertilizer, you must deep water the plants. If your soil is heavy, then drip water them with a trickle from the garden hose every week as needed depending

on the weather.

Where possible create generous watering basins around the base of each plant to hold a good volume while it slowly percolates downward into the earth. These techniques saturate soil many feet underground where it remains available to roots long after the surface dries out.

It's important to avoid spraying the foliage when you water because this can foster fungal diseases. However, to discourage spider mites that thrive on dusty leaves, wash the foliage, top and bottom early in the morning once a month.

While roses take a bit more attention, no plant rivals the rose for sheer grandeur. They are hard working and give us significant returns for our effort. And when a passer by stops and says "Nice roses," you'll feel the pride of every gardener who shares the love of this timeless queen of flowers.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF LAND USE AND INTENT TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE

The Santa Rosa County Local Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners will conduct public hearings to consider a change of land use and/or rezoning of land areas depicted on the maps within this advertisement. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

Local Planning Board (to consider and make a recommendation on the proposals):
Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners (to consider adoption of the ordinance):
Thursday, August 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center in the Board Meeting Room, 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida. At the public hearings, the Local Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners shall consider the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-24 AS AMENDED; AMENDING SECTIONS 2.04.03 and 2.08.00; PROVIDING A TEXT AMENDMENT ON NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE RURAL PROTECTION ZONE AS IDENTIFIED IN THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REZONINGS, LAND USE AMENDMENTS AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT CASES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ORDINANCE 91-24 AS AMENDED; CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICTS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; APPROVING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2003-25; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE SANTA ROSA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS AS DEPICTED IN THE ATTACHED MAPS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Zoning District Amended: from AG (Agriculture District) to M2 (General Industrial District) - total approximately 9.98 (+/-) acres.

Future Land Use Designation Amended: from Agriculture to Industrial



Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential District) to R2 (Medium Density Residential District) - total approximately 7.25 (+/-) acres.

Future Land Use Designation Amended: from Single Family Residential to Medium Density Residential



Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential District) to R2 (Medium Density Residential District) - total approximately 79.86 (+/-) acres.



Zoning District Amended: from AG (Agriculture District) to P2 (Active Park District) - total approximately 27.98 (+/-) acres.



Zoning District Amended: from AG (Agriculture District) to R1 (Single Family Residential District) - total approximately 54.17 (+/-) acres.



Zoning District Amended: from R1 (Single Family Residential District) to R2 (Medium Density Residential District) - total approximately .52 (+/-) acres.

The proposed ordinance and maps may be inspected by the public prior to the above scheduled meetings at the Santa Rosa County Planning Department, 6051 Old Bagdad Highway, Milton, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meetings and be heard with respect to this proposed ordinance. All interested parties should take notice that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter coming before said Board at said meeting, it is their individual responsibility to insure that a record of proceedings they are appealing exists and for such purpose they will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and the evidence upon which their appeal is to be based.

Santa Rosa County adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Please call Santa Rosa County Planning, Zoning and Development Division at (850) 981-7075 or (850) 939-1259 to make a request. For Hearing-Impaired, 1-800-955-8770 (Voice). Requests must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting in order to provide the requested service.

GBMS welcomes new teachers

Someone once said that, "if nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies," and this quote sets the tone for Gulf Breeze Middle School in 2007.

GBMS lost four outstanding educators this year. Wanda Padgett and Don Grantham retired, Debi Hedges moved to Tampa, and Kate Walker took a position in Cary, N.C.

New Gulf Breeze Middle teachers include the following: Patti Triplett - Gifted Enrichment

Sarah Mason - sixth and seventh grade math

Paige Bates - seventh grade math and science

Lauren Baugus - eighth grade language arts

Laura Boyles - seventh grade language arts and reading

Mindy Clayton - Girls' physical education

Debbie Hepworth - Guidance Counselor

Debbie Hepworth, a resident of Gulf Breeze, has been a guidance counselor at Pace

High School for the past five years, so we were very happy to shorten her drive. She will be a tremendous asset to the school, and she is looking forward to helping new sixth graders transition to middle school.

In addition, Patti Triplett chose to transfer to GBMS to teach a new gifted enrichment class for those students with a gifted educational plan. In her enthusiastic and passionate

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Kerry Anne Schultz representing Marie C Hershman, has petitioned to vacate, abandon, discontinue and renounce any interest and right of the public in and to the following described property to wit:

THAT PORTION OF THE MAGNOLIA DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE REMAINDER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 2 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 43 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY SOUNDSIDE DRIVE (STATE ROAD S-191, 60 FOOT WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY), BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 53.3' OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 4 OF SAID WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION, BOUNDED ON THE SOUTH BY LOTS 24 & 25 IN BLOCK 4 OF SAID WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION AND THE WESTERLY PROJECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 4 OF SAID WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION AND BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY THE STEPHEN P. PREISSER AND TRACY L. PREISSER PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE BOUNDARY AGREEMENT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2729 AT PAGE 1470 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 4 OF WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 43 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE GO SOUTH 76 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24, A DISTANCE OF 54.81 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 53.3 FEET OF SAID LOT 24, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 76 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24 AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 25 IN SAID BLOCK 4, A DISTANCE OF 68.59 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 25; THENCE GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG A NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 25, A DISTANCE OF 4.35 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUNDSIDE DRIVE (STATE ROAD S-191, 70 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY); THENCE GO EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID SOUNDSIDE DRIVE AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2899.93, DELTA ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 34 SECONDS AND CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 78 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST - 67.97 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 67.97 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH A NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 53.3 FEET OF SAID LOT 24; THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY PROJECTION, A DISTANCE OF 1.39 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CONTAINING 182 SQUARE FEET OF LAND; AND

BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 25 IN BLOCK 4 OF WOODLAWN BEACH SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PAGE 43 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE GO SOUTH 76 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY PROJECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 25, A DISTANCE OF 53.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE AGREED UPON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN HERSHMAN AND PREISSER; THENCE GO NORTH 00 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID BOUNDARY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 7.75 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUNDSIDE DRIVE (STATE ROAD S-191, 70 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY); THENCE GO EASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID SOUNDSIDE DRIVE AND ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 2899.93, DELTA ANGLE OF 01 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 34 SECONDS AND CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 80 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST - 52.78 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 52.78 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH A NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 25; THENCE GO SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY PROJECTION, A DISTANCE OF 4.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 27 WEST, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND CONTAINING 311 SQUARE FEET OF LAND.

AND WHEREAS, a time and date has been established for a public hearing for the Board of County Commissioners to consider the advisability of exercising its authority pursuant to Chapter 336 of the general statutes to vacate, abandon, discontinue, renounce and disclaim any right or interest of the public in and to the above described property.

NOW THEREFORE, all interested persons and the public generally are directed that a public hearing upon the above mentioned Petition, shall be held by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Santa Rosa County Administrative Center located at 6495 Caroline Street, Milton, Florida, on the 9th day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. cst/cdst, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered.

All interested parties should take notice that if they decide to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter coming before said Board at said meeting, it is their individual responsibility to insure that a record of proceedings they are appealing exists and for such purpose they will need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and the evidence upon which their appeal is to be based. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to this matter.