

# NORTHEAST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

One Interactive Community ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

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## September NEPNA Monthly Meeting Summary

September 14th, 2009

7:00pm to 8:00PM

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### NEPNA Gets Green!

The September NEPNA meeting was hosted by the Green Thumb Club and focused on water conservation and Florida friendly landscaping. Information was presented by the City of St. Petersburg's Water Conservation Coordinator, Chris Claus. Ms. Claus has over 27 years experience in the horticultural and water conservation fields and was overflowing (pun intended!) with information for our neighbors.

Highlights included information about:

**Toilet Rebate Program** – Rebate up to \$100 for replacement of a high-volume toilet with a low volume model that uses 1.6 gallons per flush or less.

**Rain Sensor Giveaway Program** – Receive a rain sensor to shut off sprinklers, automatically compensating for the amount of rainfall that has occurred.

**Indoor Water Conservation Kits** – Kits including low flow showerheads, a toilet leak detection dye tab, and faucet aerators for the kitchen and bathroom.

**Florida Friendly and Drought Tolerant Landscaping** – Information about choosing, planting, and nurturing drought tolerant plants to minimize water usage.

The above programs are for City of St. Petersburg residents and most require you to bring a utility bill to the Water Resources Department (1635 Third Avenue North). For more information about the programs as well as requirements for participation please check out the City of St. Petersburg's Water Resources Department website ([http://www.stpete.org/water/conservation\\_programs.asp](http://www.stpete.org/water/conservation_programs.asp)).

For additional information and class schedules about rain barrels, micro-irrigation techniques, and Florida friendly landscaping check out the Pinellas County Extension Service's Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program website (<http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/fyn/index.shtml>).

A 'green' neighborhood is a vibrant and beautiful neighborhood.

**Let's work to continue to make Northeast Park a great place to live.**

- Heather Bishop