

# AROUND FOREST RIDGE

## FOREST RIDGE RESIDENTS HELP RAISE MONEY FOR MONICA PONG

On October 20, 2010, a terrible accident occurred at Archbishop McCarthy High School. A 12th grade student ambassador, 17 yrs. old, Monica Pong was hit by a car and her right leg had to be amputated above the knee.

When Forest Ridge residents Nicole Field, Allie Stevens and Andrew LaFontaine (all 12 yrs. old.) heard of this terrible accident, they did not hesitate for one minute to go out and raise \$350. for her, even though they did not know her.

These children show us that we all need to be thoughtful and compassionate. Archbishop McCarthy High School has set up a fund for Monica. Donations can be made to Florida Community Bank (account #200010880). Checks should be made payable to **Archbishop Edward McCarthy High School c/o Monica Fund**. We are told that the donations are tax deductible.

## Solution to Stormwater Pollution

**November 20, 2010; Davie, FL** - Volunteers with Youth Environmental Alliance and staff members from Allstate Resource Management teamed up to install 300 "No Dumping – Drains to Waterways" placards on the storm drains around Forest Ridge.



Stormwater is rainwater that runs off of roofs, lawns and paved surfaces into the storm drain system. This runoff may contain pollutants such as motor oil, yard clippings, pet waste, litter, lawn chemicals, anti-freeze, or other

toxins, which can pollute our water supply, as well as clog pipes and culverts which can lead to flooding. Known as "Non-Point Source Pollution," it is the largest threat to our waterways today. Sometimes pollutants are dumped directly into storm drains by neighbors who don't know any better. Contrary to popular belief, most storm drains are not connected to treatment systems. Whatever enters the drain is discharged directly, untreated into local waterways which can harm the aquatic environment and create public health issues.

"It was exciting to see so many residents take an active interest in improving the overall quality of their community," said Cindy Davidson, Executive Director of Youth Environmental Alliance and Wendy Shaw, Stormwater Division Manager at Allstate Resource Management, Inc.

### How can you help?

You can help by using the following tips to prevent pollution:

- ✓ Properly dispose hazardous waste and recycle used motor oil
- ✓ Use fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides sparingly and follow the manufacturer's instructions
- ✓ Keep yard waste, trash and dirt off the street and out of the gutters
- ✓ Clean up after your pets
- ✓ Wash your car at a carwash facility or park your car in the grass before you wash it
- ✓ Spread the word about protecting our waterways from polluted runoff

Allstate Resource Management, Inc. Davie, Florida, has been a leader in aquatic resource management for more than 10 years. Allstate Resource Management specializes in cultivating a healthy ecosystem for South Florida's aquatic plants and wildlife. The company provides lake management, wetland management, stormwater service, erosion control, fish stocking and native wetland planting to communities throughout South Florida.

For more information about YEA or to volunteer please contact:

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## I'M A LOST CAT .. DO YOU KNOW ME?



### FOUND IN NORTH ORCHARD... PLEASE COME BRING ME HOME!

this cat has been staying in our backyard since 11/24/10 and I've been caring for him/her.

PLEASE CONTACT:

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