

From Lonell to me for 9.14.12 Board meeting.

"Confirm price for Garden Walk 2013. Need for ad copy that's due in Oct. Also, are we calling it a donation or ticket price? Using donation means we should have a Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Registration number

(we discussed at our april meeting at Marlies') See also <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/onestop/forms/10100.pdf> and below email I sent to Evelyn when I ran across this requirement.

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From: Lonell Rice <lonellrice@yahoo.com>
To: Evelyn McGlone <eemcglone@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 12:14 PM
Subject: Re: Registration # OMG!

I talked to Edna and she is not aware of any such number. I looked it up on line (See <http://www.800helpfla.com/socbus.html#laws>) and also checked the corresponding Florida Statute. It appears we'd fall into the Charitable organization category.

The law referred to used this definition: "Charitable organization" means any person who is or holds herself or himself out to be established for any benevolent, educational, philanthropic, humane, scientific, artistic, patriotic, social welfare or advocacy, public health, environmental conservation, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis for any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. It includes a chapter, branch, area office, or similar affiliate soliciting contributions within the state for a charitable organization which has its principal place of business outside the state."

So I anonymously called the dept. When I said we don't do soliciting, he said if we charge for the garden walk and call it a donation, we fall under this category. It sounds like we should have had this registration all along. (I think that is why there was that lengthy wording that I showed you on that Marathon GC poster.)

The appl. form is at

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/onestop/forms/10100.pdf> . Once registered, annual filings are required. I'm not familiar with what filings and tax returns we do now but the appl. asks for our 990 and financial statement. A registration number is mandatory on the TDC grant application and it sounds like is necessary for us to be legally soliciting donations.

The FFGC as well as the Marathon GC and the Key West GC are listed as having registration numbers. Do you know someone in those clubs that you could call to ask about this process? I don't want to raise awareness of us in Tallahassee if we don't need to.

From: Evelyn McGlone <eemcglone@yahoo.com>

To: Lonell Rice lonellrice@yahoo.com; Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 10:40 AM Subject: Re: Registration #

Not to my knowledge. We have a Federation number and that is all I have ever had to use in the past ten years..Edna may know but I doubt that very much and I doubt that we have one. Is it mandatory?

From: Lonell Rice lonellrice@yahoo.com; To: Evelyn McGlone <eemcglone@yahoo.com>; Sent: Monday, April 9, 2012 5:49 PM Subject: Registration #

The TDC grant application asks for our FL Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Svcs Registration #. This is the number assigned to organizations that obtain donations and contributions. Do we have one?

Scam + Email

#15 Our purpose is to educate and to engage our members and community in the protection and conservation of our environment while enjoying civic beautification by gardening and respecting natural resources.

#16 To stimulate the community and visitors with education for an interest in gardening while providing environmental awareness.

#17 THIS ONE IS TRICKY...because of the things that we support like: Take Stock In Children, Food Pantry, FI Keys Wild Bird Center doesn't have to do with what is said in #15 and #16. However, we do support children at Wekiva Youth Camp who are learning about nature and Habitat for Humanity by (in the coming year) by planting a tree??? Community Projects??? none on the list yet! Beautifying the entrance of KL with plants under the Sign.

Island Dolphin's Care Gardens (not teaching here-just upkeep)

WELL, we could say: Our garden center is used as a teaching tool to provide workshops and speakers to educate its members and community on e.g. gardening techniques, conservation, pruning, and how to ID Garden Pests and treatment options.