

**FIELD OF SCREAMS!**

# HURRICANE CINDI TRASHES FLOYD HULL STADIUM!

*She secretly OKs using it as a dump, fails to consult neighborhood leaders!*



**VACANT COUNTY LAND WAS AVAILABLE ONE BLOCK AWAY**



**Stadium survives  
Wilma ... but not Cindi!**

*After Edgewood's leaders angrily oppose using the Floyd Hull Stadium as a dump, crews work frantically (on a Sunday!) to remove tons of hurricane debris from the playing fields.*

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## **AN OPEN LETTER TO MIKE MAYO, COLUMNIST FOR THE SUN-SENTINEL**

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### **‘Our revered park is destroyed’**

City Manager George Gretsas — two days after Wilma — decided to waste Floyd Hull baseball stadium with hurricane trash debris. Sounds like the right decision ... wrong. This is not a case of NIMBY either. It's poor planning and it will cost the City plenty.

At a huge rally we had a knock-down confrontation yesterday with Gretsas, Cindi Hutchinson, and two other department heads. They both admitted making huge mistakes ... a real rarity.

The big Mistake: The policy of using our parks as dump sites after hurricanes. Why would you make the conscious decision to destroy a park only to rebuild it? FEMA doesn't pay for that crap.

Our case is a perfect example. Across the street from our park THERE IS AN ENTIRE VACANT CITY BLOCK OWNED BY COUNTY THAT COULD HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY THE CITY HAD THEY ONLY ASKED THE COUNTY. The county has confirmed this.

Now our revered park is destroyed. The kids have completely been cut out of the picture. Furthermore, the city has to pay at least \$500,000 to get everything restored ... all of this could have been avoided.

We call this catastrophe “HURRICANE CINDI,” for she admitted not doing a damn thing to throw up any red flags, or notifying anyone the decision that had been made. She offers only excuses.

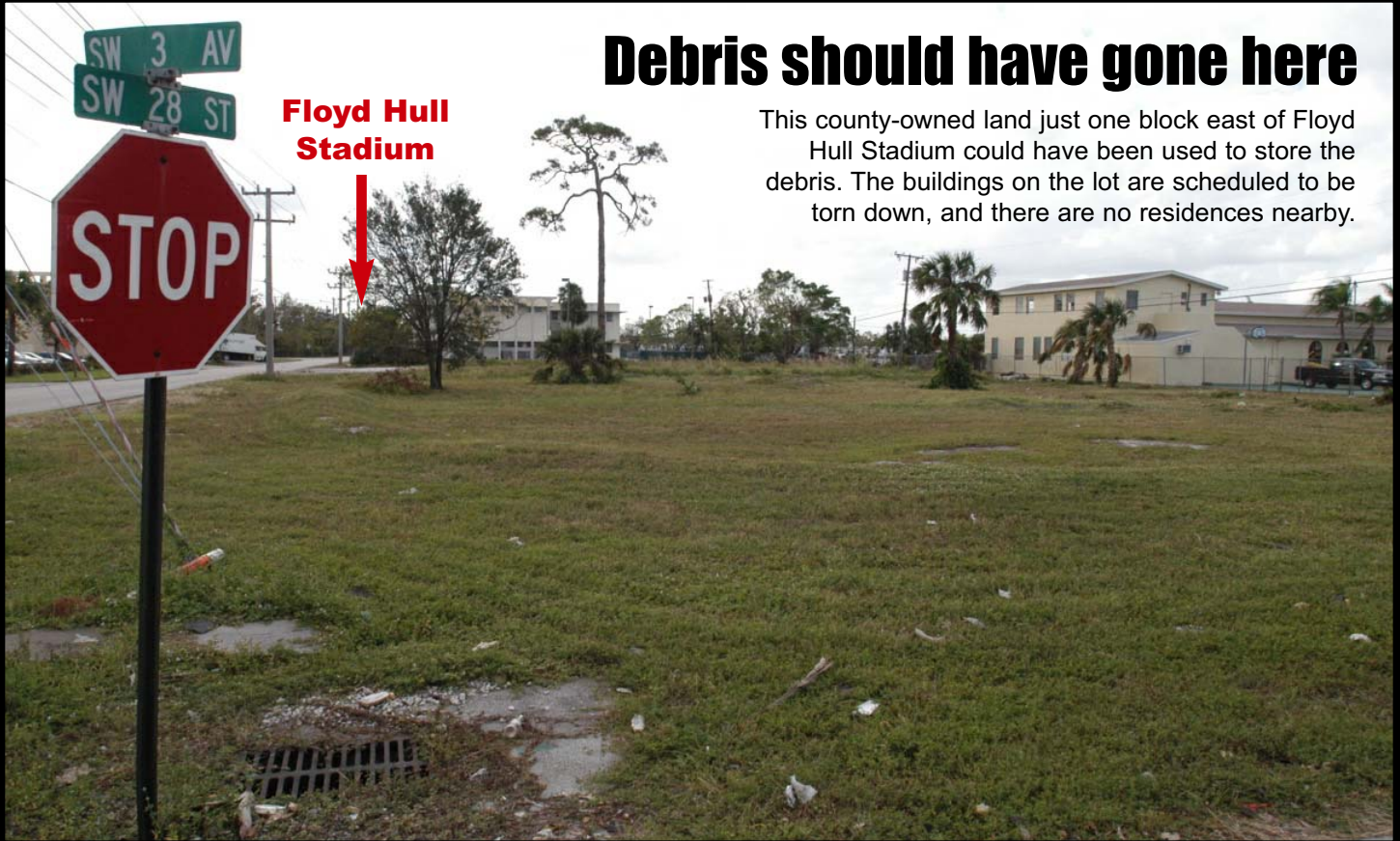
This was wrong, wrong, wrong. By comparison the City of Plantation, which builds itself as Tree City USA did not use any of it's parks for debris.

We have demanded that this practice stop. We need your help to expose the costly wrong — both to the kids and the taxpayers — that was done here.

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## **Debris should have gone here**

This county-owned land just one block east of Floyd Hull Stadium could have been used to store the debris. The buildings on the lot are scheduled to be torn down, and there are no residences nearby.



**This Costly Mess  
brought to you by the  
Gretsas Administration (with Cindi's OK)**

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## **Once again, Cindi harms a neighborhood ... but this time it's her own**

Imagine the outrage you would feel to discover that your own city is destroying one of your neighborhood's greatest assets.

They felt that sense of horror and helplessness recently in Edgewood — Cindi Hutchinson's home neighborhood — when trucks started dumping hurricane debris in Floyd Hull Stadium. No-one knew what was happening until it was too late. That's because Cindi didn't bother to tell them.

This isn't the first time she's acted in secret. Last year Cindi hurt my Poinciana Park neighborhood by secretly facilitating the destruction of a publicly owned median on SE 13th Street. That historic, 80-year-old green space is now a parking lot serving private interests. The city got nothing in return. The taxpayers now look at car butts where their green space used to be ... thanks to Cindi.

She was aided and abetted by our city manager, George Gretsas. Based on that experience, I regard Gretsas as unworthy of our trust.

As he did in the median case, Gretsas is trying to protect Cindi from political damage. He is attempting to take the blame for the Hull Stadium Horror. But that dog won't hunt. Cindi is the person responsible to the people. Cindi knows the importance of Floyd Hull Stadium. Cindi knows what heavy equipment and tons of debris can do to ball fields. Cindi knows what an adverse impact this will have on her neighborhood.

But Cindi didn't care enough to pick up the phone and consult with the people of Edgewood. Instead she secretly signed off on the project. Now her neighborhood is suffering for it, and the taxpayers of this city will have to pay to repair the damage. How dumb is that?

Cindi Hutchinson has lost my confidence and trust. She should not be reelected.

It's time for change in our city. Management horrors. Budget horrors. Development horrors. Crime horrors. And now the Hull Horror. Enough is enough.

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# **History of Floyd Hull Stadium**



**In 1970 Floyd Hull stadium was built to host the Big League World Series and provide fields for the local Federal League program. Floyd Hull Sr. ran the Big League World Series and the field itself. The stadium was know in those days as "Little Yankee Stadium". But soon there after the Fort Lauderdale City Commision renamed the stadium Floyd Hull to honor the volunteer that was instrumental in the building of the stadium. At first the stadium had a concession stand that was two floors (it is now three) there weren't covered bleachers or a grandstand behind home plate and the press box was not located on the first base line. Since 1970 the stadium has undergone many changes and is one of the best stadiums in Broward County.**

**From 1970-1997 Floyd Hull stadium hosted the multi-national Big League World Series. Some of the players went on to excel in both the college and pro ranks. The series provided a lot of exposure for teams that were from outside of the United States. The American teams that participated were: North, South, East, West and the host Broward County team. International teams included: Far East, Europe, Central America, Canada, Puerto Rico, Venezuela.**

**Under the management of the Fort Lauderdale Superstars Floyd Hull stadium will flourish again. They are currently renovating the entire stadium and are going to play all of their home games at Floyd Hull. They are also looking to bring tournaments and teams from all over the world here to play once again.**

*From the Fort Lauderdale Superstars web site: [www.superstarsbaseball.com](http://www.superstarsbaseball.com)*

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*Debris covers field just three months after Ft. Lauderdale Superstars' team photo*



*Detail from an August 2005 team photo. The Superstars are a part of the Federal League, a highly competitive league providing a place for collegiate players to showcase their talents in a positive environment both on and off the field.*

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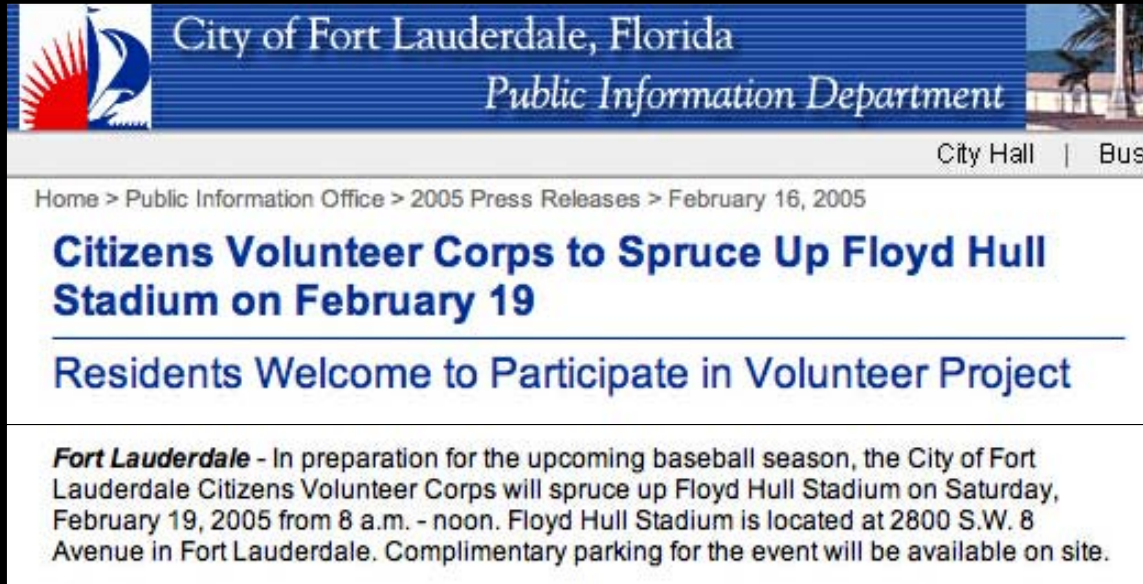
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## **FEBRUARY: City asks for volunteers to “spruce up” Floyd Hull Stadium**



The image is a screenshot of a public information webpage from the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The header features the city's logo on the left and the text "City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida" and "Public Information Department" on a blue background. Below the header, there are navigation links for "City Hall" and "Bus". The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Public Information Office > 2005 Press Releases > February 16, 2005". The title of the press release is "Citizens Volunteer Corps to Spruce Up Floyd Hull Stadium on February 19". Below the title is a sub-headline: "Residents Welcome to Participate in Volunteer Project". The body text reads: "Fort Lauderdale - In preparation for the upcoming baseball season, the City of Fort Lauderdale Citizens Volunteer Corps will spruce up Floyd Hull Stadium on Saturday, February 19, 2005 from 8 a.m. - noon. Floyd Hull Stadium is located at 2800 S.W. 8 Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. Complimentary parking for the event will be available on site."

## **AUGUST: City unnecessarily trashes Floyd Hull Stadium**



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