



**Event: 8th Annual Rooney's 5K Run / Walk - Saturday, April 11, 2015 - 7:30AM
Palm Beach Kennel Club - Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community - WPB**

What: The Rooney's 5K Run / Walk is a family fun event for the serious and not so serious runner. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Westgate / Belvedere Homes CRA, Autism Project of PB County, Gold Coast Down Syndrome and Potentia Academy. Last year, more than 1,000 participated and \$21,000 was raised for the charities. The event will begin at PB Kennel Club and take you through the historic Westgate/Belvedere Homes area and the Dennis P. Koehler Preserve. After the run, everyone can enjoy fun activities and the "famous" Rooney's signature Irish breakfast at PB Kennel Club.

Where: Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 N. Congress Ave., WPB, FL 33409

Other Activities:

*Kids 1 Mile Run/Walk

*Let's Eat! PBKC & Rooney's Beer invites all runners and volunteers to their signature Irish Breakfast

*Beat the Bunny - Finish ahead of our Bunny runner and get an "I Beat the Bunny" T-shirt

*Plus Awards Ceremony, Ace the Poker Bear, Clown/Face Painting, Greyhound Pets, Prizes & more

*Plus the Westgate Community Center Festival after the RGF 5K!

Entry Fees: \$25 Early Registration through 3/11/15; \$30 -3/12 to 4/4/15; \$35 on 4/5 to 4/10/14 and \$40 day of event; \$20 Westgate residents/Military; \$15 Students and Kids Mile \$10 and \$15 Day of Event -All participants receive a Rooney's 5K T-shirt, goodie bag, Irish breakfast and awards.
(t-shirts to first 1,000 adults & 100 kids)

Registration: Kaitlyn Decker 561-683-2222, ext. 142 or Alexis Barbish 561-683-2222, ext. 146 or online at www.RooneysGolfFoundation.org Sponsorship Opportunities are also available.

Rooney's Golf Foundation has donated \$553,962 to local Palm Beach County charities since 2001. These funds are raised through the golf tournament, 5K, poker and luncheon events. The 14th Annual RGF tournament is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Old Marsh Golf Club and the 2nd Annual "Overcomer" Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the National Croquet Center.

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Westgate/Belvedere Homes Community Interesting Facts:

1. The Westgate /Belvedere Homes community was initially developed to serve the service men and women of Morrison Field Air Base, an air transport and training base during World War II. The first structures outside of the Air Base were the residences of the Belvedere Homes Subdivision, north of Belvedere road. These homes were built in the 1950's with only two modest floor plans: a two bedroom/one bathroom and a three bedroom/one bathroom. However, all of these buildings have a fireplace which is an important architectural feature which symbolically represents the "heart" of the homes.
2. Public right-of-ways within the Westgate/Belvedere Homes were platted in the 1920's and developed in a grid pattern reminiscent of great traditional towns instead of the more contemporary cul-de-sacs of the Florida gated communities. This is not your "new urbanism" but the highly sought after "old urbanism" than many new developments try to emulate. Interestingly enough, these right-of-ways also have Native American names rather than regional tropical fruits or flora.
3. The Westgate/Belvedere Homes community is centrally located and is within a five mile radius of the County's major arts/culture/entertainment and shopping destinations, including but not limited to, Cruzan Amphitheatre, Kravis Center, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Wellington Mall, Palm Beach Outlet Stores and Clematis Street.
4. The area's Dennis P. Koehler Preserve, an eight acre flood mitigation project, was the first in Palm Beach County to be designated as an "Urban Oasis" by Audubon of Florida. Additionally, the Preserve is a significant environmental project since it was designed to provide additional protection of the Lake Worth Lagoon, one of Florida's most valuable ecological resources. The Lagoon historically contains more than 4,000 acres of sea grasses and habitat for numerous species, including over 195 different fish species.
5. The Westgate/Belvedere Homes community also has Palm Beach County's first mobile greenmarket, the Westgate Greenmarket Express. The Westgate Greenmarket Express provides fresh fruit and vegetables to the community on a weekly basis in a "green" retrofitted "Global Electric Motorcar," named "Curbie."

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