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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE By Dirk Lowry

By Dlik Lowly



Well, here it is election season for our Executive Board once again. We are proud of the significant accomplishments that our current board has made addressing some of the serious issues confront-

ing our neighborhood. I am happy to announce that the members of our current board have agreed to run for their respective offices for another year. (Then there's also the National Election, but this isn't the forum for that!) We have an election committee headed by our Bimini Lane Rep, Patrice Del Grosso. She can be reached at her phone as published in the Newsletter's back page. Anyone wishing to run for an office should contact her and be prepared to make a short presentation at the upcoming November General Meeting. We also need a new Board Members for Flamingo Lane. If you live on Flamingo and would like to make a difference by representing your neighbors, please send me an email to let me know. We are also seeking Alternate Directors for the following lanes: Cat Cay, Duck Key, Flamingo, Nassau, Sugarloaf, and Whale Harbor. Alternates attend our monthly Board Meetings and take over for the regular Board Members if they are unable to attend. It's a great opportunity to get out into the community and get to know your neighbors.

On another note, if you are a business owner and live in the Isles, please consider running an ad in the newsletter to let all your neighbors know about your business. Regardless of what your firm does, your neighbors would always prefer to use someone who lives in the neighborhood. The rates for our ads are very reasonable, and your message will be read. Our existing advertisers rave about the results they get from newsletter ads. Plus, the ads help pay for this great publication. By the way, the newsletter is printed by the Ft. Lauderdale City Print Shop. They do a great job for us at a very reasonable price.

Our next General Meeting on November 17th will be at the Yacht Club. By now you've heard about the recent sale of the Yacht Club and the new owners are receptive to holding our General Meetings there as they work to renew the former greatness of the once revered club. Look for their ad in this publication. In speaking to the new owner, it was emphasized that our association would assist in getting the club's message out to and beyond our community. With great management again, there are events we

as an association can have there so we can meet new neighbors and help the club succeed. It's a new morning and things are looking up for the many possibilities. The LICIA Board welcomes the new management and will do whatever it takes to participate and build new membership.

We dodged a bullet with Hurricane Matthew. With that being said, it would be a great idea to form a hurricane committee so our neighborhood would have a source to get questions answered from a committee that could provide assistance and direction before and after a storm. I fielded many questions and provided numbers for people who had never experienced a hurricane or didn't have the numbers of whom to call in an emergency for repairs or other assistance. We can help each other. As an example I have an extra generator. Everyone can participate and submit information and ideas with the idea of providing a publication that's specifically designed with the Isles in mind. Let me know if you'd like to participate.

The Board looks forward to the upcoming Christmas season and hopes you'll take the time to decorate your home for the holiday. We will feature pictures of the decorated homes in our Winter edition.

Lastly, with the beginning of our new fiscal year on November 1<sup>st</sup>, it's dues time again. We will be looking for that gigantic contribution of \$20.00 for the whole year. . . we will also take installments or 2.00 per month for the first ten months at 100% interest. Look for the addressed envelope enclosed in this newsletter. Be well, stay safe and thank you for your support.

We'll see you on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the General Meeting at the Yacht Club!

## READERS PLEASE NOTE

The November 2016 LICIA Newsletter was not published due to issues encountered by the new Newsletter editor.

This electronic "interim" edition has been assembled using articles that were originally provided for the November newsletter.

As a result, some of the dates & events mentioned in articles have already occurred.



It's that time of the year

#### Association dues are due

Our fiscal year runs from November through October. With the new fiscal year comes the need for all members to contribute their annual dues of \$20. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. Why not take a minute right now to write a check and mail it to our PO Box. Plus, by paying your dues, you'll be a **Member in Good Standing**, meaning you may serve on LICIA Committees & you can vote in the November Election.

To mail your dues, use the handy coupon found later in this newsletter

#### **EDITOR NEEDED**

We need a person with a modicum of experience in Desktop Publishing to volunteer as our Newsletter Editor. You will receive the never-ending gratitude of all your neighbors in Lauderdale Isles.

We have a guidebook assembled and many templates ready which make creating the quarterly newsletter a straight-forward project.

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#### **ACTION IN THE ISLES**

## WOW! OUR THIRD SUCCESSFUL WATERWAY CLEANUP



The Third Annual Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, September 17th, was a resounding success. With a turnout of 67 participants, 13 boats and 7 kayaks, we removed over **1800 pounds** of debris from the waterways of Lauderdale Isles. All our participants received a WWCU T-shirt, and boaters and kayakers received boat buckets loaded with boating supplies compliments of Sailorman.

Along with our diligent boaters working the 10 canals of the Isles, the emphasis this year was to clean the plastic out of the rocks on the south side of the river. Our kayakers responded to the challenge and pulled loads of trash out of those rocks. The Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department always supports our neighborhood cleanups, and this year was no exception. They sent their brand new \$300,000 Trash Skimmer boat captained by Jim Grace and it was a huge hit. Not only was it used to skim debris out of the main river, but it served as a support barge so all our boaters could offload their filled trash bags to it.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed the cookout at the Yacht Club patio, and the PRIZES, PRIZES, and more PRIZES, including restaurant gift certificates, Jungle Queen gift certificates, tons of fishing and boating stuff, scratch-off lottery tickets, a hand-held VHF radio, bike locks, Smartwater kits, and more. Prize categories included: most unique, cutest, ugliest, best wildlife, best sports item, and tastiest (tastiest?). Plus there were prize drawings for everyone there. Everyone had lots of fun at this great neighborhood event. And everyone agreed - we'll do it again next year.











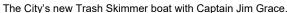














The high pressure nozzle flushes debris out from under docks.









Prize Winner: Most unique item found. A dove shaped Christmas display, probably from the early 1900's. Being sent to Smithsonian for analysis.



Prize winner: Best wildlife found. Taken home for soup.



Prize winners: Ugliest item and tastiest item found.



Prize winner: Best sports items found. The decoy was found to be hand-carved by the famous artist Notby Frankenvern in 1868, and is now being offered on Ebay.

#### LOTS & LOTS OF HAPPY PRIZE WINNERS











staff from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary provided free Vessel Safety Inspections for all the boaters.











Winner: John Rosenkranz won the special boaters drawing.





Our special thanks go to Chuck at Sailorman for all the great prizes he provided.

#### Winner: John Boyersmith won the special kayakers drawing.

#### THE SEPTEMBER WATERWAY CLEANUP IS SPONSORED & FUNDED BY:





Thanks for your support: Sailorman Ft. Lauderdale Parks & Recreation **Atlantic Coast Rebuild** 

## When It Comes to the Town of Davie, Facts Are Stranger that Fiction



By Audrey Edwards LICIA New River Preservation Committee Chairperson

On October 19, 2016 during the last *proposed* rezoning hearing at the Davie Town Hall,

Bryan Caletka (the commissioner for this district in Davie) blindsided everyone, including our much respected Commissioner Rogers (who rearranged his schedule to make this hearing) and Lorraine Tappan (a planner for the City of Fort Lauderdale who also came on her off hours to attend). Before this item could be heard, Brian Palatka announced that he had been in touch with the attorney (for the Roberts who own the property at 3541 W SR 84) and he (Calteka) thought it would be best if this issue was heard in another SIX MONTHS. Needless to say, the folks that came to the meeting from our neighborhood were a little more than just upset, and several (rightfully so) voiced their dissatisfaction over what just happened. So many of us had made arrangements to attend that evening, and as one resident said "that's just rude"! That means six more months of having to look at the crap, six more months of not being able to safely navigate the river, six more months of having workers come into the neighborhood who may have criminal records, all while the Roberts continue to use their house for a commercial business.

The Roberts bought their house in 2002, where they lived and claimed a homestead exemption. Living on the north side of their property, you cannot see what they have done to the

front of their property, including the commercial signage on the swale (that has recently been removed) and the commercial signage on the house. They no longer live there, or claim a homestead exemption. There is a plethora of issues I have with what has been discovered over the past year, including Roberts obtaining a submerged lease on the river for commercial use. When the State was called about this, their reply was that they did not check to see what the property was zoned for before the issued the lease.

On a side note, there are pending code enforcement issues on Roberts property (and the one next door). The attorney for Roberts got the Town of Dave to have the code enforcement hearing rescheduled until after the Town hears the issue about the rezoning. (No surprise here, right?!)

Roberts is one problem, next we have the property owner directly next store who has now created another problem for us. That property is owned by Marina Mile Recovery, LLC . He (owner of property) has (without the blessings of Davie) installed electricity on the property. On September 19, 2016 the property has a recorded "lease with an option to buy" to none other than Rick Paul Obey of Sunseeker Yachts.

As I was driving home on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 I took State Road 84 an noted that their was a large blue yacht docked at property of Marina Mile Recovery with a couple of guys working on the stern, it looked like they may have been sanding. I drove down Key Largo Lane to get a better look, it still looked like they were sanding the boat, thus I called State's Fish and Wildlife who quickly came out to investigate. It was determined at the time they were not doing any sanding, but were getting boat ready for the boat show. (continued on next page)

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#### Town of Davie cont'd

A man came up to officer Christopher Gamage (Fish and Wildlife) and stated he was the owner "and that is what the property is for, to bring boats up to it to work on"! I advised the officer that this is a residential neighborhood and it is not commercially zoned to work on boats and I would be contacting Davies's Code Enforcement. I did send an email to the director of their code enforcement division, his name is Danny Stallone, his email address is: danny\_stallone@davie-fl.gov. I also copied the mayor of Davie (Judy Paul - email is judy\_paul@davie-fl.gov), Davie's Town Administrator (David\_Abramson@davie-fl.gov) Romney RogersRRogers@fortlauderdale.gov, our city manager Lee Feldman (Ifeldman@fortlauderdale.gov), and several other interested parties.

Captain Bob (of Key Largo Lane) graciously took the time to call Danny Stallone on Friday, November 18, 2016. Danny told Captain Bob that there is type of "status" hearing on the code issues pertaining to Marina Mile Recovery property on **December 6, 2016**. If you have any photos of any type of code violations on either property, please email them to Danny (danny\_stallone@davie-fl.gov). Please remember to include the date you took it and on which property it was taken (Roberts property is the one right next to the wetlands 3541 W SR 84, and Marina Mile is the property on the west side of Roberts 3581 W SR 84).

As neighbors, we need to stay vigilant keeping our eyes an ears open. If you have not been involved before now, you need to be. Even if you do not live directly across from these properties if this poor behavior of these two property owners continues, your property values will be declining and some of you will not be able to safely navigate the bend in the river. If you see something, take photos, email them to me, I will be glad to

email them Danny Stallone if you do not feel comfortable, or better yet, text me at 954-812-0799 I will go take photos (I have great camera that loves to be used)!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**December 6, 2016** - Status of Code Enforcement Violations for 3581 W SR 84 (Marine Mile Recovery)

**December 15, 2016** - Arraignment of Obed Reyes - battery charge case number 16001555MM30A, (he was working at 3581 W. State Road 84 on 8/13/16)

**January 16, 2016** - Lauderdale Isles "Tune-Up" Meeting, get all the facts (and then some) on the Roberts property.

**January 24, 2016** - Status of Code Enforcement Violation for 3541 W SR 84 - Davie case number

**March 2017** - Davie Town Council Hearing for Roberts Flex Zoning Application FX-343

(The times will be announced just as soon as we find them out, we will post them on NextDoor, and the date for the March 2017 will be posted as soon as possible).

Hoping that St. Ambrose Church hall is available on 1/16/16, we will use that for our "Tune Up" meeting. If we can use that hall, bring yourself something cold to drink, and maybe a desert. A lasagna dinner will be provided (some of us are off that day, thus we will have time to cook)! If you'd like to bring a covered dish, please email Audrey at TTBNATB@aol.com.



Workers spotted on October 29th.



#### **LIWMD Update November 2016**

#### **Alligator Update**

We had one unconfirmed report of our snowbird alligator, "Wiley," being spotted in early October, but haven't heard a word about him since. If you do spot him, call the FWC Nuisance Alligator number listed in the sidebar to this article. Despite what the operator tells you, the alligator trappers for our area will not kill the gator. It will be relocated to the Gator Hotel at Holiday Park. Our waterways are not an appropriate environment for alligators.

#### September Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup

Thanks to all our participants who did a great job in our September 17th cleanup. We are considering holding a couple of small informal "Kayak Roundup" events to work on cleaning the rocks on the south side of the River. Those rocks fill up quickly with floating debris and our kayakers are experts at removing all that plastic trash. Watch for more information.

#### **Landscaping Companies**

The best approach if you see individuals blowing or throwing debris into our waterways is to call FLPD. Instead of starting a diatribe on Nextdoor about it, just call 954-764-HELP right away. You can do so anonymously, and if there is an available FLPD unit in the area, they will respond. More than likely, the landscaping crew will receive a stern warning, which is very effective in preventing a repeat offense in the future.



KAYAKERS ROCK in the rocks on the south side of the river.

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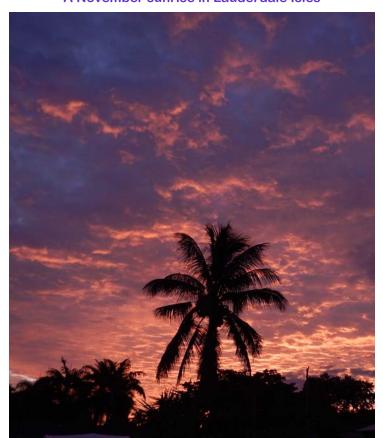
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