



Lauderdale Isles

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President's Message

By Dirk Lowry

November, the summer is over and the heat is gone. In Chicago, where I'm originally from, they had The Summer That Never Was. Daylight savings time is upon us and it's election time (for Board members) in the Isles. For the upcoming General meeting, besides the regular business, there will be an election for new officers. That would consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Lane Board Representatives will remain the same unless we're notified they wish to not continue. Any paid up member may run for office. All positions are open for anyone who would be interested in running for office. If you are interested in running, please arrive at the meeting early (6:00 PM) on 20 November. As always the meeting will be at the Yacht Club. At that time you will be given a position on the Agenda to express your desire to run for the position you're interested in. At this writing we are in dire need of someone who would be willing to run for Treasurer. Our present Treasurer has been a loyal contributor of his time and expertise for the 15 plus years. It's not a difficult job which can be determined by looking at the Treasurer's Report in the last edition of the Newsletter. At this time I would like to state the Executive Board, as it stands, has decided to run as a slate. I was asked to remain as President and have agreed for the last time to be part of the slate running for the position of President. I have been doing this for a while now and we need a new energetic & imaginative person for this position. We have had some battles in the past and have prevailed. A list of paid members will be available to clear those who wish to vote at this election. Any dues that are paid on the date of the election will still qualify to vote and will be applied to the upcoming years dues.

We will be trying to get a Lane Board Member for Tortugas Lane. We are also looking for someone who may have the ability or anyone who would like to learn how to produce our Newsletter. Yelka has been a great asset to us since taking on the job many years ago. It's her efforts at editing the Newsletter that made it the great publication you are looking at today. For those interested there is a program to assist in the production of the Newsletter. If you are interested and have the time we would like to hear from you. You can call my number on the back of the Newsletter.

For Association Business it can be said that we have been attending the meetings for the All Aboard Florida Passenger System that will cause some major time delays on the River for our boating community. There was an open conference at the Convention Center on the 28th of October. At this

gathering there were easels filled with diagrams, videos available and representatives of each area of concern present to answer questions. It was organized by the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration; this was one of eight meetings to be held. I was there along with a representative from our Lauderdale Isles Water Way Management District and I spoke to some of our residents that were present. All the usual questions were asked and the same answers were provided, nothing new was learned. One interesting item, through our LIWMD Representative Ken Stauch, I was introduced to Mr. Jason Karas who is a consultant with Planning and Facilitation Services. This firm is doing a massive research paper for the marine industries in Broward and Palm Beach. We asked if we could be part of this effort. He has agreed and we will be added to the response presented to the Commissions that convene for the ultimate approval of the project. The Forum as presented, although it was in Broward County at the Convention Center, was primarily focused on the rail portion north of Palm Beach to Orlando. A good contact was made, which will be utilized in voicing our objections to the project as presented.

The Board is also making an attempt to remove the occupants who are currently living under the 441 Bridge. A committee chaired by Dawn Hanna assisted by myself, Geoff our Secretary and concerned residents long Whale harbor Lane are making inroads into this problem. It's slow but when you are dealing with the government it is always slow. Dawn has been down the throat of the FDOT top management, called the Governor's office, our county Commissioner's office and seems to be getting results in acknowledgements. She has been able to get them out to the area to see what the problem entails and made suggestions on how it can be corrected. I have been in touch with the Davie Police Department and the Captain who has the responsibility to have his guys make sweeps of the area.

The meeting will have the usual soft drinks, coffee, and snacks for your enjoyment. I hope to see everyone at the meeting. Stay safe and see you on the 20th!

Our feature presentation at the Nov. 20th General Meeting:



BUSINESS

Agenda
LICIA General Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2014
7:00 pm
Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

Sign In & Dues Payment
Opening Statement (President)
Police Report
Minutes Approval
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports

- Homeless @ 441 Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Airport Committee

Old Business

- Alligator Sightings
- Dredging Update
- Website Update

New Business

- Presentation: Crimestoppers of Broward
- Elections: For Executive Board for 2014-15
- Appointment of New Lane Trustees, Gulf-stream & Tortugas

Open forum for questions & concerns
Adjournment

Please note:
Our Treasurer's Report
for this month
can be viewed on
our website:
www.ourlicia.com

From the Secretary's Desk

By Geoff Rames

1. Dues paid at August General Meeting: Quite a few neighbors attending our August General Meeting paid their dues at the front desk when signing in. At the September Board of Trustees Meeting, a motion passed to apply those dues to the new fiscal year that starts in November. So if you paid your dues at the August meeting, you're all paid up thru October 2015. And thanks for your dues payment!
2. Newsletter going digital: At the October Board Meeting, it was discussed to move to an all-digital newsletter this year. Printing the newsletter in color has been a dramatic improvement, but the printing cost has almost quadrupled. We are working out the details for the switchover to digital.
3. Sign-in at General Meetings: We use a new "Sign-in Card" at the General Meetings, so we can harvest email addresses. The email addresses will be used to distribute the digital version of the newsletter.
4. Newsletter Articles & Pictures: We always need articles & pictures for the newsletter and our website, www.ourlicia.com. If you've got some good ones, please email them to newsletter@ourlicia.com.

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 with the envelope enclosed in this newsletter. You'll be glad you did!

If you prefer, you may pay your dues at the November 20th General Meeting.

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter

Letters & articles may be submitted by email to:

newsletter@ourlicia.com

All submitted materials will become the property of the association and may be printed in this newsletter or reprinted by any other interested publication

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Aug. 15, 2014

President Dirk Lowry called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

1. Police Report: FLPD Ofcr. Jason Wilson, Neighborhood Action Team: There were no residential burglaries. There was one burglary of an unlocked vehicle, between 11pm – 4am, probably by juveniles walking down the street. Properties are being watched on Duck Key & Cat Cay Lanes. A discussion ensued regarding issues with homeless people in Riverland Woods Park. FLPD officers have been citing people for using the boat ramp faucet for personal hygiene. A neighbor reported that these people start heading to the convenience store to buy beer around 7am daily. All FLPD shifts are working on the situation. In response to a question regarding break-ins, FLPD's policy is that the subjects will be arrested as long as a victim is willing to prosecute.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the May General Meeting: George Counts stated that his statement as listed in the May Minutes: *"George Counts stated that alligators have been in these waters for thousands of years, and these waters are their home,"* was taken out of context & should be removed from the minutes. M: G. Counts, 2nd Chad Hodder, Approved: Unan.
3. Approval of the Treasurer's Report, as shown in the Newsletter: M: Bill Gray, 2nd: Chad Hodder, Approved: Unan.
4. Alligator Update: No gator activity reported in Lauderdale Isles since June. The state-authorized trapper is extremely busy throughout Broward.
5. Dredging Project Update: Seagrass Surveys are complete, permits requests have been submitted, and it is hoped that the permits will be approved by September 9. Dredging is still expected to start before the end of the year.
6. September 20th Waterway Cleanup: Neighborhood event, just for Lauderdale Isles, sponsored by LIWMD, LICIA, & LIYC. Joan Sheridan has graciously agreed to be the event coordinator. Pre-registration is required.
7. Website Update: Website continues to be updated. Any neighborhood pictures are welcome for the website.
8. Welcoming Committee: Welcome kits are complete. Several new neighbors at the meeting were introduced.
9. President Lowry advised that money has been set aside to repave the lanes that did not have new sewers installed.
10. All Aboard Florida: Ali Soule, Public Affairs Manager for AAF, presented an overview and the latest status of the project. Salient points for L.I. boaters: AAF has committed to having a bridge tender at the New River Bridge downtown. AAF north and southbound trains will cross the bridge at the same time. The bridge cycle for each closing will be 12-13 minutes for passenger trains. A smartphone app will be developed so captains on the river know the real-time status of the bridge. Bridge closings for AAF will be on a scheduled basis, not random. Improvements to the bridge will be made. Use of the tracks by Tri-Rail for a 'Coastline' commuter train operation is being studied by FL DOT. The FRA's EIS is due in September. Questions were raised by neighbors about hurricane evacuations, the corporate status of AAF, and the EIS process.
11. Airport Runway change: John Anderson reported on the new airport take-off heading of 285 degrees, causing aircraft to come closer to Lauderdale Isles, with resultant increased noise levels, especially with winds from the south. It was recommended that neighbors go to the county's website and complete a noise complaint form when this occurs. This is the best way to get the issue to the forefront with the county. George Counts asked neighbors to come the airport noise meeting, Sept. 11th. It was recommended that this information be forwarded to Chad for inclusion on the LICIA website. Chad would put a link on the website homepage to this information.

There being no further business before the group, the motion was made by Chad Hodder to adjourn. 2nd: Bill Gray, Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Geoff Rames, Secretary LICIA

Vice Presidents Corner

By Chad E. Hodder

Hello everyone. It's that time of the year for cooler weather, vacations, and holidays.

Let's start off with the cooler weather and vacations. I have been noticing quite a few homes with windows partially open and/or wide open due to the cooler weather. Opening your windows while at home is fine, but it's not a good idea to leave them open when you leave your house for work or just running to the store. You leave your house extremely vulnerable to thieves. It only takes them seconds to gain entry into your home.

During this time of year, thieves are more active due to the holiday season and they are looking for any opportunity to steal. Thieves know that people have additional money and/or gifts in their homes due to the holiday season. If you're going on vacation, do not tell people that you are leaving except a very close and responsible neighbor. People talk, others listen and news travels fast. Before you know it, the thieves know you're not at home and your home becomes "easy pick-ins."

Now on to the great holiday season. Christmas and Hanukkah are next month and that means decorations. I'm asking everyone within our community/neighborhood to decorate their homes. I have been living in Lauderdale Isles for almost fifteen years and every year less and less homes are decorated. This season only comes around once a year and seeing neighborhoods decorated in lights is simply awesome. It doesn't take much to put a few lights outside and you can install a simple timer or photoelectric eye for the lights to come on and off automatically. These devices are very inexpensive and can be purchased at Home Depot or Lowes. So let's light up Lauderdale Isles this season and show South Florida how we shine.

Thanks for having me as your Vice President this past year. I hope the new changes we have implemented, as well as the work we have done to keep you informed with issues that impact our community, has been a great help to you.

Here's to a great 2015!

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LIWMD Update Nov 2014

Alligator Update

The resident alligator “Wiley,” was spotted frequently in the canal between Okeechobee and Sugarloaf in September and October. He has been seen climbing on lower docks, and in one instance, he was observed devouring a duck in the canal. During the last week of October, Paul of the GatorBoys responded, spotted him, and pursued him down the canal. But again, there are many boats & docks where the gator can hide, and he eluded capture. If you spot him, call 1-866-FWC-GATOR immediately.

September Waterway Cleanup Event

The first Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup on Sept. 20th was a huge success, and resulted in 1900 pounds of trash removed from our waterways. See the pictures of the event elsewhere in this newsletter. LIWMD is planning on making this an annual event for the neighborhood.

Special Award to LIWMD’s Founding Board Member

During the party after our September Waterway Cleanup, a special Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to long-time Isles neighbor Pete Sheridan. Back in 1970, Pete had the foresight to bring about the formation of the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District within Broward County. He spent many years as a board member of LIWMD, and dedicated countless hours of time taking care of waterway issues. He was instrumental in arranging for the County to dredge our canals in 2002 prior to our annexation into Fort Lauderdale. He also arranged the transition of LIWMD to a dependent special district within the City during the annexation process.



Geoff Rames, Pete Sheridan, Ken Stauch

Canal Dredging Update: GOOD NEWS!!

The City Commission has approved two additional task orders for the new company selected to dredge our canals, Gator Dredging. Gator Dredging replaces the previous company, Cavache, who was unable to comply with the permitting issues and contract requirements.

To date, three of the six canals to be dredged in Task Order #1 have been completed, and one of the two canals in Task Order #2 has been completed as well. The good news is our Lauderdale Isles canals are Task Order #3 and will follow immediately upon completion of tasks 1 and 2. Task Order #3 was submitted for City Manager approval on October 20, 2014 and all permits have been obtained.

One of Gator Dredging’s responsibilities is to notify all homeowners of the dredging schedule so we should get plenty of notice before dredging begins in our canals.

I was informed by Larry Teich, Environmental Services, that he believes that the dredging will be done via a barge and crane that should be able to navigate down our canals and remove sediment without disturbing many boats. Those canals that have oversized vessels at their docks may present a problem and will need to be addressed by the dredging company. The dredging company will give plenty of notice so you can move your boat, if necessary, due to its large beam.

Ken Stauch, LIWMD Commissioner

WATERWAY ISSUES

- Alligators (& Crocodiles) Problems

FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR

-Pollution/ Oil Spills:

7:30 –5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000

Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-828-5700

-Large Debris/Dead Animals in the water:

Ft. Laud. Customer Service 954-828-8000

-Injured Manatees

FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC

-Sinking or Sunk Boats

FLPD 954-828-5700 or 911 for emergencies

-Unsightly or Derelict Boats:

Ft. Laud. Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207

-Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:

FLPD 954-828-5700

-Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging

Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207

-Large snook swimming off your dock: Don’t call anyone, get your fishing rod fast

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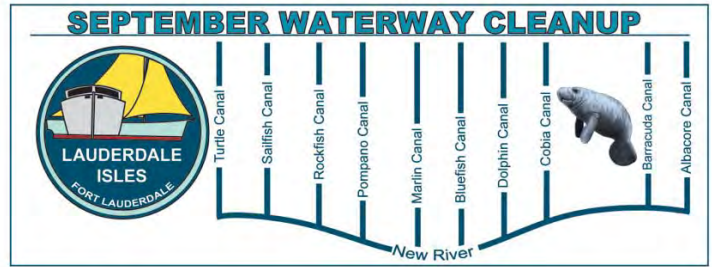
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- Wind mitigation inspections (for reduced insurance premiums)
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- 4-point inspections

ACTION IN THE ISLES

WOW WHAT A WATERWAY CLEANUP!



The weather was perfect for our first Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup on Saturday, September 20th, at the Yacht Club. And the turnout was perfect, too. We had 14 boats and 75 volunteers, and we picked up 1900 pounds of trash from the waterways of Lauderdale Isles that morning. Everyone received a beautiful Waterway Cleanup T-Shirt, and they enjoyed a great cookout at the Yacht Club patio afterward. We had excellent participation by students from New River Middle & South Plantation High, who received community service certificates for their work. Super prizes were awarded for some very unique items brought in. It was a great neighborhood event for Lauderdale Isles. Everyone agreed: let's do it again next September.



The registration desk was busy signing in Volunteers & handing out T-shirts



Publix graciously donated all the breakfast goodies



Headed out to start cleaning up





Dock Boss Dirk was busy making sure all the docking and unloading went smoothly.



Unique find: this huge piece of Styrofoam from the Dolphin Canal was brought in by Ken's "Pirates" crew. Chad supervises the unloading



Very unique find: Rare New River Green Diamondback Turtles, found within palm fronds pulled from the river. These were carefully returned to the environment, before someone started thinking about turtle soup.



Jim, our super-helpful City of Fort Lauderdale truck driver, helps to unload Pete Sheridan's pontoon boat.



Unique item found: Old wooden airplane propeller. The experts present said this was from a plane that crash-landed in the New River in 1918. Being sent to the Smithsonian for analysis



The truck donated by the City Parks & Recreation Dept. starts to fill up at 10:00am.



The T-shirts with the Waterway Cleanup Logo were a big hit.



The Pearce family won this great fishing rod, graciously donated Sailorman.



Geoff & Ken thank Joan for her great job as event coordinator.



Prize winners: Ken's "Pirates" crew won a Publix gift card.



Prize winners: The crew on Pete's boat won a Publix Gift Card.



The ticket from the weigh station when the city truck unloaded Monday morning: 1900 pounds of trash!

Thanks for supporting our Waterway Cleanup:

- Publix**
- Edco Awards & Specialties**
- Ft. Lauderdale Parks & Recreation**
- Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club**
- Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association**
- Ft. Lauderdale Environmental Services**
- Atlantic Coast Rebuild**
- Sailorman**



To view more pics, go to ourlicia.com

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Homeless Activity Report

By Dawn Hanna

If you have had an unsettling experience with the local homeless and vagrants in Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park, Riverland Woods Park, or in the vicinity of the convenience stores, you are not alone. I have witnessed activities from unsettling to downright scary. The root of the problem is from a homeless encampment located on the New River underneath the SR7 bridges, and the Turnpike on ramp. If you are unfamiliar with homeless issues, the vast majority are what is called, “dual diagnosis”. That means they have mental instability and psychological issues in addition to substance addiction. There are also a number of sexual predators and offenders that call the SR7 bridge their official address. Since April, I have been trying to resolve the problem to make our parks and neighborhood safer.

Common homeless and vagrant activities include the following.

- Groups of vagrant men drinking, swearing and associated belligerent behavior at the pavilion at Hayes Park. All of this activity was way too close to families and small children on the play equipment.
- Smoking, drinking and loitering at the convenience store and associated volatile behavior.
- Homeless men bathing at the fresh water outlets at Riverland Woods Park.
- Homeless having their 7am beers and associated belligerent behavior at Riverland Woods Park



[Sleeping under 441 bridge](#)

To address this dangerous situation, I have involved several government agencies:

Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD): Although it took a few months, FLPD has really stepped up their patrols and have been very responsive to resident calls about homeless activity. Please note that homelessness is not a crime. FLPD can ask vagrants to leave the park, and sometimes they move on. However, if vagrants are breaking the rules (alcohol is prohibited in both parks mentioned above), FLPD can force them to leave or arrest them. FLPD is also very responsive to volatile behavior. FLPD is unable to assist with any activities under the bridge because it is not their jurisdiction.



[Bathing at boat ramp faucet](#)

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT): Getting FDOT to implement any effective remedies under the bridges has been a struggle. I have been up and down the chain of command, from our local office, to the Secretary in Tallahassee, and even to the Governor’s office. The shelter that is provided by the bridge structure is what attracts the homeless. The bridges are under the jurisdiction of FDOT, but it has been difficult to get them to acknowledge and take ownership of the problem. Currently, they have a contract with the town of Davie to enforce the “No Trespassing” signage. The Davie Police Department has been less than enthusiastic about their role in patrolling the area and removing the trespassers. On October 31, I toured the homeless camp with an official from FDOT. He documented all of the activity and access points. Preventing access to the shelter provided by the bridge is complicated. There are federal restrictions that are associated with creating barriers around the bridges.

The official has agreed to obtain “buy in” from the residents before any solutions are implemented. I will be continuing to follow up with FDOT to resolve the issue. Stay tuned for more updates.

Vice Mayor and District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



Financial Transparency – The City has launched a Financial Transparency Portal to further increase financial transparency and enhance customer service. Through this portal, neighbors can view the City's financial data in a variety of formats, including by department, division, or index code. Data is included for FY 2013, FY 2014 Budget and year-to-date, and for our newly adopted FY 2015 Budget. Users can drill down to see finite details or scale up to see the big picture. You can view multiple years of budget data, chart year-over-year trends, filter the data, and seamlessly download and share financial data and graphs. Charts and graphs can be used in a PowerPoint or other multi-media presentation. The Portal is accessible from any computer or tablet and through all major browsers and operating systems. It

may be accessed via <http://fortlauderdale.gov/opengov/index.htm>. Once on the site, simply click on "Explore Budget Data" and all of the information will be at your fingertips.

All Aboard Florida Project

Public Meeting – The Federal Railroad Administration has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Miami to Orlando Passenger Rail Service, which is planned to include intermediate stops in Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. There will be a Public Meeting on the Draft EIS on **Tuesday, October 28** from **3:30 – 7 PM** at the Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd. The Draft EIS can be found at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/PO672>, and the **comment period ends December 3, 2014**. The full list of upcoming Public Meetings is provided on the same web page. For additional information, log on to the "Speak Up Broward" Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/321969684657297>. The Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), of which I am a Board Member, presents additional information in its newsletter available at <http://www.browardmpo.org/userfiles/files/BMPO%20-%20pagesEnglish.pdf>.

Quiet Zones – A Quiet Zone is an area with adequate safety features, e.g., gates, raised medians, or lights, to enable trains to pass without sounding their horns, which can reach 110 decibels. In Broward County, there are 65 train crossings, 19 of which need maximum upgrades to create a Quiet Zone. The City, All Aboard Florida, Broward County, and the MPO are working in partnership to create Quiet Zones at crossings citywide.

Lauderdale Isles Water Cleanup – The first-ever September Lauderdale Isles Water Cleanup was held on Sept. 20. There were 75 volunteers and 14 boats participating, resulting in about 1,900 pounds of trash and debris (nearly a ton!) being removed from the waterways of Lauderdale Isles. Thanks to all who participated in this job well done!

Armchair Athletes Project – In keeping with our commitment to encourage healthy lifestyles, Fort Lauderdale is kicking off a new initiative to tackle childhood obesity. The Armchair Athletes Project provides opportunities for children to participate in fun, friendly, fitness activities. On **Saturday, Oct. 25**, as part of **Fort Lauderdale Make A Difference Day**,* nearly 100 Armchair Athletes will compete for prizes in a variety of athletic events. Hosted at Snyder Park (3299 SW 4th Avenue), the free event will also include educational displays, exhibits, and presentations themed around health, wellness, physical fitness, and proper diet. For more information, contact Jorg Hruschka in the City's Neighbor Volunteer Office at 954-828-5568 or jhruschka@fortlauderdale.gov.

* **Make A Difference Day** events are at <http://fortlauderdale.gov/news/2014/pdf/102514makeadifferenceday.pdf>.

Household Hazardous Waste – Upcoming dates and locations for disposal of household hazardous waste and electronics (proof of residency required with driver's license or utility bill) are as follows:

- November 8: City of Pompano Beach (9 AM - 2 PM) 1660 NE 10th Street (Community Park)
- December 6: City of Tamarac (9 AM - 2 PM) 6011 Nob Hill Road

For Your Calendar

- **The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show** runs from Thursday, Oct. 30 thru Monday, Nov. 3 this year. For details, see: http://www.showmanagement.com/fort_lauderdale/event.
- **Light Up Lauderdale** is set for Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 PM in Esplanade Park.
- **Light Up the Beach** will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 5:30 PM, A1A and E Las Olas.
- **Winterfest Family Fun Day** is on Sunday, Nov. 23 on the Riverside Hotel Lawn, 620 E Las Olas, from Noon to 4 PM. The **Boat Parade** is set for Saturday, Dec. 13. See <http://www.winterfestparade.com>.
- **Christmas on Las Olas** is from 5 - 10 PM on Tuesday, Dec. 2 between SE 6th and 11th avenues.
- **Christmas Pageant** at First Baptist Church - Shows run Nov. 28 - Dec. 14. See <http://ChristmasTickets.com>.
- **Las Olas Sunday Market**, 9 AM - 2 PM at 333 E Las Olas. The market is on Facebook, for more information.

➤ My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 2 – 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM – Noon (in non-Commission weeks). For appointments, please contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.

HELP WANTED

After many years doing a great job as our LICIA Newsletter Editor, Yelka Mikolji is stepping down as she prepares to move from Lauderdale Isles. So we're searching for a new editor to take over for her.

Requirements:

- Must have a Windows PC
- Familiarity with Page Plus software is a plus, but not mandatory, as it's fairly easy to learn. Able to work with pdf's
- Be willing to travel to interesting places throughout the Isles
- Be willing to meet new and interesting people
- Be willing to accept our never-ending gratitude
- Great compensation package, including company car for your use for 30 feet or 30 seconds, whichever comes first.

If you are fairly good with a Windows PC, this is a great opportunity to help out your Civic Improvement Association.

The job is straight forward, and will not require lots of time.

If you are interested in becoming our new Newsletter Editor, please send an email to Dirk at dlowry137@comcast.net

REAL ESTATE TIDBITS

By Jackie Zumwalt

Good news! Interest rates are still low, around 4%. However, it is still hard to get approved for a loan. Look how hard it can be for some people: Ben S. Bernanke, the former Federal Reserve Chairman who makes \$250,000 giving speeches, and has a million dollar book contract, tried to refinance his loan and the computer took his info and said no.

Selling your house? Don't worry, there are still approved buyers and cash buyers out there.

Washington (AP): Fannie and Freddie, the mortgage giants, have already paid back their recession-era debt. Now their excess profits help taxpayers by flowing funds back into the U.S. Treasury.

Forbes: Florida is ranked the # 5 state for job growth, based on non-agricultural jobs. Orlando ranked #1, and Miami # 4. Things are looking up for Florida!

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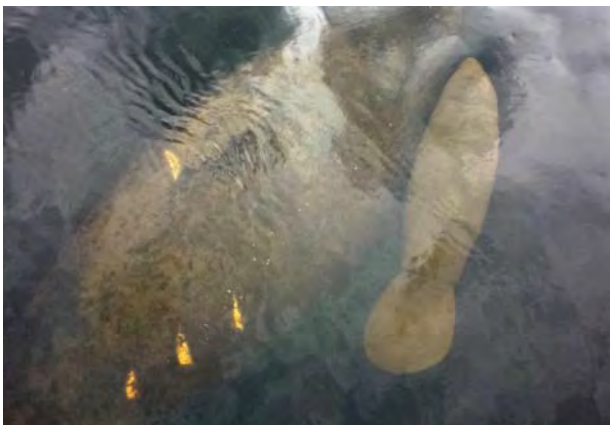
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These early snowbirds decided to beat the winter rush to South Florida. They were spotted in the Albacore Canal between Andros and Bimini Lanes in October. Please remember that it is illegal to feed them.



Mom with junior. The white marks appear to be propeller scars



Close-up of Junior. Looks nice & healthy



Mom surfacing. They'll enjoy the winter in paradise with us.



The Boater's Log

Info for Lauderdale Isles Boaters

The Circle Route:

Now that we're headed into winter, quite often the seas on the outside are fairly rough, especially on the weekends. A popular alternative cruise for a Saturday afternoon is the "Circle Route" through the "woods" (technically the South New River Canal), to the Dania Cut Off Canal, to the ICW, north to the New River, and up the River back to the Isles. It's a nice leisurely cruise, and there are plenty of restaurants where you can stop for lunch. The one tough spot to navigate has always been right after you pass under the I-595 bridge as you start to enter the woods. Lousy PVC pipes for markers, and lots of rocks where you can see that plenty of boaters have damaged their props. But not any more. Recently, concrete pilings have been installed in this dangerous stretch to make traveling through much easier.



The first new marker as you head into the dangerous stretch.



There are about a dozen of these new concrete pilings to guide you safely past the shallow rocky shoals.

Manatee Season

Many of the waterways in our area require you to run at idle speed starting November 15th. Keep a sharp watch for our winter friends.

Pumpout Station

The closest pumpout station for Lauderdale Isles is the one run by the City Marine Facilities Department: Sailboat Bend: just east of the 7th Avenue Bridge. This facility is easy to use. Hours: 9-5. Call "City Dockmaster" on VHF9 if you need assistance. There is no charge to use this facility.



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