

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup

Saturday

November 11, 2023

9:00am to 11:30am – Waterway Cleanup



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You must pre-register for this event. It only takes a minute. Do so by going to www.liwmd.org and click on the Waterway Cleanup Registration page. You can pre-register through October 28th. Pre-registration is necessary so we can plan properly for the number of participants. Sorry, no walk-ins. - Smaller boats are better - leave your yacht home and bring your dinghy. Max boat size is 23 ft. - This cleanup is only for the ten canals and the New River within Lauderdale Isles, and is **only open to Lauderdale Isles residents**. Residency will be verified.



Come on out, meet your neighbors and have a great time.
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Our fiscal year runs from November through October. With the new fiscal year comes the need for your dues to support the Association. They're only \$20. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. Why not take a minute right now to take care of it. By paying your dues, you'll be a Member in Good Standing, and you'll receive our emails of the *Isles Insider*.

Are you a budding literary genius and just need somewhere to start your new writing career? Try crafting an article for the LICIA newsletter. Something of interest to the neighborhood, something about a party on your lane, anything to do with Lauderdale Isles. Send it to laudisles@gmail.com

Deadline for submission: 25th of month prior to publication.

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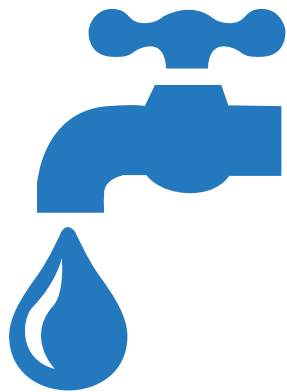


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UPDATE: The Gallant Lady aka Graffiti Boat



By Joann Kratky
LICIA Waterways Correspondent

The SAGA continues... It began in mid-March: the 87' plus vessel, the Gallant lady, FWC case # FWC23ON0042411. A violation notice was served on June 11th. Seven months (Oct. 16th) later she sits on the bottom listing at about 45 degrees with only the lines and pilings holding it from rolling over.

During the past several months I have made numerous attempts to receive a response or an update of the status (via text, voice mail and email) from the officers of the FWC managing this case, Officers Favrot and Peppel. In mid-August I left a message for the Regional Director, Dr. Thomas Reinert. He was kind enough to call me back the same day and follow up the next. At last communication with Dr. Reinert on Oct. 18th, the status was the same; the removal is out for bids. He vowed to contact me with any change. Maybe a Christmas present.



Oct 16th. Every day she's a little lower in the water, stretching the two lines holding her.

Want to contact someone about it?

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President's Message



By Earl Prizlee
LICIA President

I would like to thank all the members of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association for your continued support through membership dues and participation in our General Meetings.

Again, this is an All-VOLUNTEER organization and there are no paid staff. The newsletters that are prepared, printed and hand delivered along with the street sign maintenance and this year's holiday decorations are solely funded from your dues. Our annual elections will be held at the next General Membership meeting on November 16th at 7:00 PM. I will be offering to run again for President for another year with an agenda to push forward with a new Community Center, hold Vacation Rentals in full compliance with the City's ordinance's and work hard to maintain and improve our unique waterfront community. If re-elected, I will be recommending for the first time to hold our General Meeting in February 2024 virtually via ZOOM as a test to reach out to as many of our neighbors as possible. If you are interested in running for any of the positions on our Board including Lane Representative, please refer to the nomination instructions for elections within this newsletter. We currently need new Lane Reps for Duck Key, Okeechobee, and Tortugas lanes and would love to have you join us. You'll find it fun, interesting, and rewarding. And you'll learn a lot about the workings -- and occasional non-workings--of City government too. You'll also get a company car, if we ever have company cars.....

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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW LAUDERDALE ISLES?

Here is our very first Lauderdale Isles neighborhood crossword puzzle. See how much you really know about the Isles. And there's no answer page in this newsletter. Instead, see below on how to submit your completed puzzle for some terrific prizes. This will be a regular feature in the LICIA newsletter. Good luck!



This crossword puzzle was created by:
Margaux Simpson
Staff Cruciverbalist

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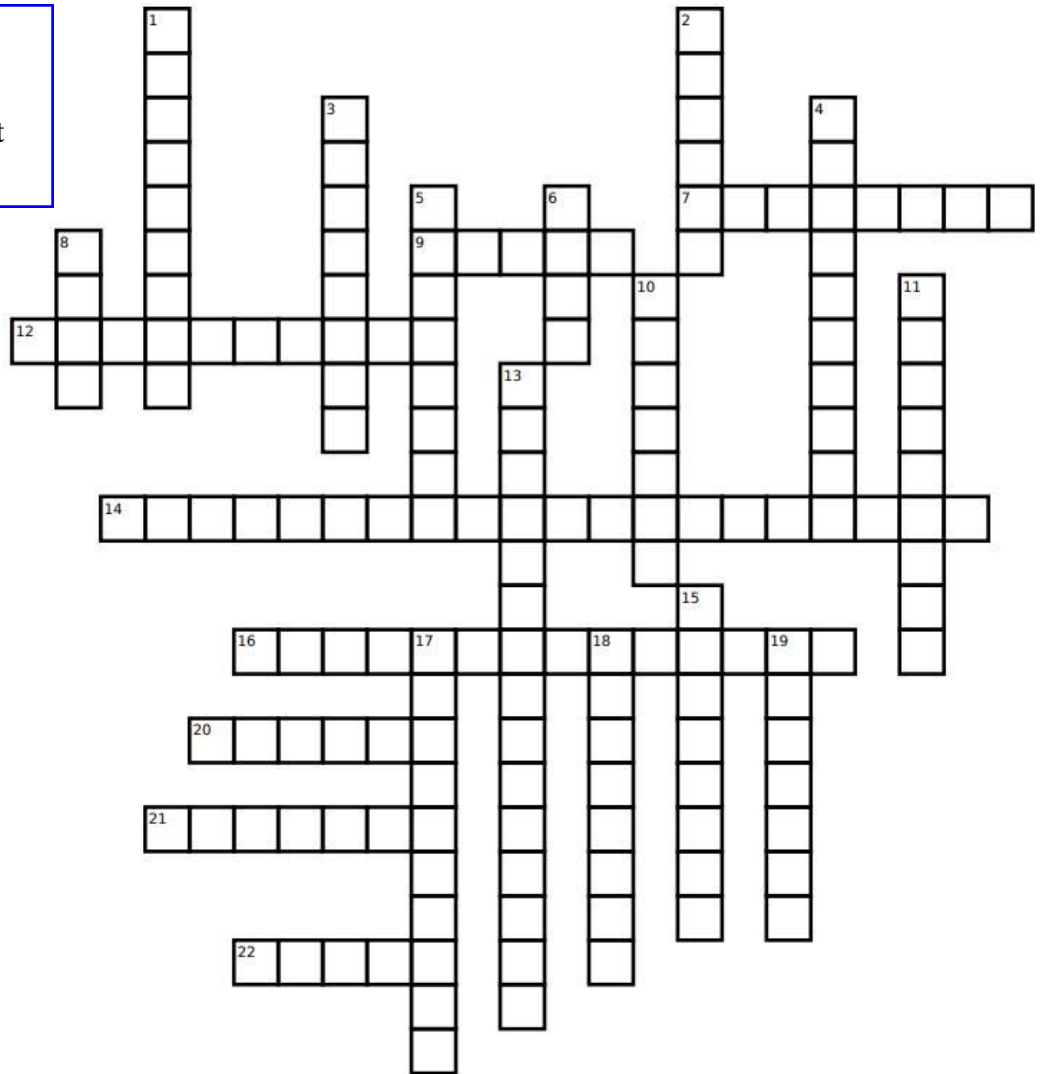
1. Snap a picture of your completed puzzle with your smart phone
2. Email it to:
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3. Be sure to include your name and address

There will be a drawing for five prize winners out of all the submitted *correct* puzzles.

You may also mail your submission to:

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Submission Deadline: 11/13/23



Down:

1. Monthly bulk trash pick-up day
2. Invasive reptile
3. Social platform that connects neighbors
4. Lawn treatment banned from 06/01 to 09/30
5. Lane with canal on one side only
6. Name of construction company that built the Isles
8. Speed limit through canals
10. Lauderdale Isles is a _____ community
11. Frequency of general meetings
13. Semi-annual aquatic community effort
15. Month of LICIA elections
17. Nearby waterfront restaurant or French word
18. Marine mammals or Hottest team in the NFL
19. Canal-less lane (2 wds)

Across:

7. Name of 11th canal (2 wds)
9. Acronym for neighborhood association
12. Unwelcome side effect from stormwater runoff
14. Location of General Meetings (3 wds)
16. _____ boat ramp
20. Canal between Marathon & Nassau
21. Seasonal mammal
22. Neighborhood fruit





Riverland Road Speedway Update



By Earl Prizlee, LICIA President

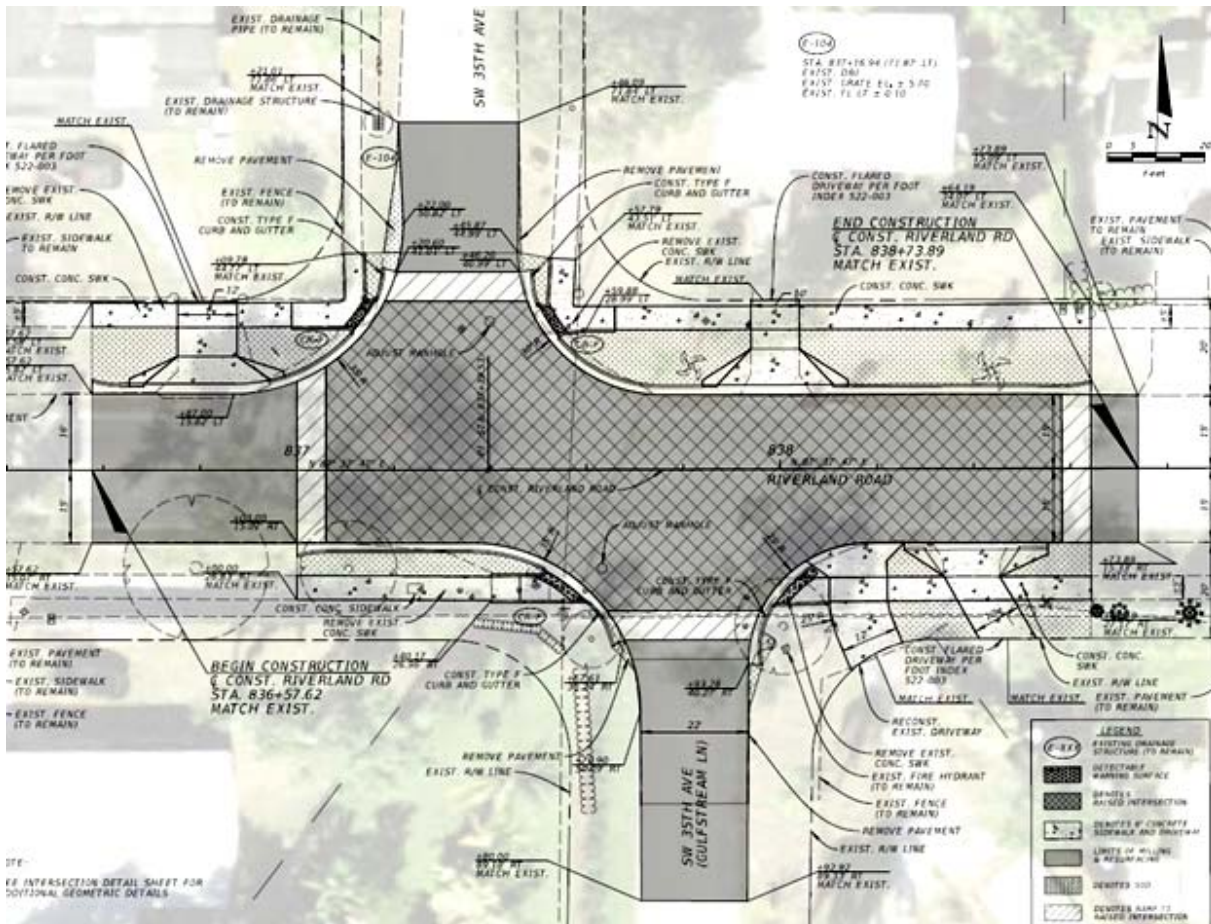
On October 25, 2021, the City’s consultant Kimley-Horn held a public meeting to show residents what traffic calming measures were feasible along Riverland Road (and sadly no, traffic circles were not feasible due to Right-of-Way constraints). Fast forward to today, the final design plans were submitted by the City to Broward County for review as a large portion of Riverland Road is still under their jurisdiction. The City is still awaiting review comments back.

What traffic calming final plans are you talking about? The plans that were not shared with the residents prior to being finalized, is what I am talking about. If you are interested to see if a raised intersection is at the end of your street or has impacts to your driveway, please attend the next LICIA General Meeting in

November or contact the City’s Transportation and Mobility Dept.

As far as the actual construction funding, the budget that the City Commission just adopted included \$1 million in FY27 for construction. The City also submitted the project for State Transportation Appropriations on a sooner timeline with our representatives. So far, they have not been successful in lobbying for funding, but have again submitted for consideration in the next legislative session. In addition, the City previously submitted the project to the County Transportation Surtax Program, however it did not rank high enough for any funding (remember it was only a “Penny,” but in reality, it was a 1% sales tax increase disguised in sheep’s clothing). Bottom line, the funding has now been kicked down the road until 2027, if at all.

Remember this and the failed purchase of the yacht club when elections come around.



Plans for the “Raised Intersection” at Gulfstream Lane along Riverland Road. This reduced image of a huge drawing gives you an idea of how involved projects like this are.

Vacation Rentals– Recent Activity

- 2442 Bimini: 10/17 Three violations. To Special Magistrate for 180 day suspension
- 2610 Key Largo: 10/1: Two Citations: noise & responsible party failed to respond
- 2525 Marathon: 10/15: Two Citations: parking & over-occupancy
- 2642 Flamingo: 9/12: Certificate suspended for 365 days by Special Magistrate for four violations: noise, over-occupancy, parking, & responsible party failed to respond
- 2525 Gulfstream: 10/8: Vacation Rental application submitted

The above information is from the City of Fort Lauderdale website

LIWMD Update

Algae Bloom

It looks like we were lucky again this year. Despite the incredibly high water temperatures, we only had moderate algae blooms for a couple of days and they dissipated primarily due to all the rainfall. Several other neighborhoods in the City experienced the same thing. As in the past, the blooms curiously disappear right before the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show.

Water Quality

Despite what you may have read on Nextdoor, the water sampling conducted by the Broward Environmental Lab at Bradford Marine for the past two quarters show our water quality as GOOD.

We'll see you at the Waterway Cleanup on Nov 11th!



LAUDERDALE ISLES WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
www.liwmd.org

**November 16 LICIA General Meeting
Annual Election and More
Thursday, November 16 at 7:00pm
Grace Alone Church, 1900 SW 35 Ave.**

Election

Our November General Meeting is a very important one. Our annual election for our Executive Board and Board of Directors is held at that meeting. We are happy to report that all our current members want to continue in their positions in order to continue pursuing all the projects that LICIA is working on. Their names are on the back page of this newsletter.

But we can also use more help! We currently have three Lane Rep positions that are open. The Lane Reps aka "Directors" work on the business and activities of the Association at monthly Board meetings. If you would like to participate and become a Lane Rep, just send an email to laudisles@gmail.com. You can also serve as an "alternate" for your lane. If interested, use the same email address to let us know.

The Board changed the election process slightly for this year's election. Any nominations for anyone seeking to run for any LICIA position must be submitted by email to laudisles@gmail.com by November 10. There will not be nominations from the floor at this meeting.

Meeting Agenda

We have asked several headliners to attend our November meeting and we are still awaiting word from them. If the ones we have reached out to agree, this will be a VERY interesting meeting

you don't want to miss. When confirmed, we will send out an Isles Insider to let you know.

We will also be presenting information about the new Community Center to be built in Riverland Woods. As part of this presentation, we are going to ask attendees to provide their ideas for the Community Center: Large or small?, outside patio?, amenities?, parking?, etc. Give your input on this terrific building that will be the focal center for our neighborhood for years to come.

We are also going to hand out survey forms during the meeting asking you, our Members in Good Standing, what you think LICIA should be doing for the neighborhood and what direction we should be headed in. This is **YOUR ASSOCIATION**. Come offer your ideas and suggestions for the upcoming year. This should be a lively meeting with great discussions.

We will also have the FLPD report, Code Enhancement report, and the drawing for a Flanigan's Gift Certificate. And of course, you can pay your Association dues for the new fiscal year and be a Member in Good Standing. Don't miss this one!



Commissioner Warren Sturman addresses a packed house at the August General Meeting



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Getting to know



By Diana Steeger
Senior Staff Correspondent

In our last edition of the LICIA newsletter, we mentioned the close relationship between the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enhancement Department and our association. For this edition, we wanted to get to know Marco Aguilera on a more personal basis.

Born in Aventura and raised in Hollywood, Marco is one of those rare native South Floridians we happen to come across from time to time. Growing up he was an active and enthusiastic Boy Scout and thoroughly enjoyed doing anything outdoors, which he continues to do with his children. One of his favorite things to do in his private time is camping and he has pretty much stayed at all the campgrounds in Florida. Like many of us, boating and fishing are also up there on his favorite things to do.

After finishing high-school, Marco started working for the City of Sunny Isles, in a program that offered outings & excursions to senior citizens of Sunny Isles. It sounds very simple, but when taking all the details into consideration, this meant organizing everything from pick-up, transportation, activities, food, drinks, scheduling medications, rest stops, and then transfer back to Sunny Isles. He was also instrumental in planning big budget events in Sunny Isles, and really enjoyed being part of all the fun times with the residents.

With time though, his focus and wish were to be part of law enforcement. He took a position at the City of Pembroke Pines as a Police Service Aide, with the intention to starting training to be a law enforcement officer. However, the City of Pembroke Pines saw his personality and introduced him to the Code Enforcement Department.

ment. This was something completely new to him. He had never heard of the department, however the City offered to pay for his certification. He agreed and began his career in code enforcement. As he mentioned, this still falls along the lines of enforcement, but without having to carry a gun or chase after criminals. "I actually get to see the positive results of my actions." Whether commercial or residential properties, I can see the result of my work, thereby helping to improve neighborhoods."

This new position took him back to the City of Sunny Isles, where he looked forward to further career development. Unfortunately, that was short lived, as Sunny Isles consists of only one major road and small side streets. The territory was small, and there were challenges with city politics, lawyers on speed-dial, etc. As luck would have it within a year, the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Enhancement Department had openings. Marco applied, was hired, and Lauderdale Isles became one of his assigned neighborhoods. With a larger territory, a lot of diversity and a city that lets the inspectors do their job, he feels he has found his niche.



Marco patrols in the City's Code Compliance boat

Lauderdale Isles has benefited greatly due to his dedication and close work with our community and LICIA. He is extremely approachable, responsive, and very dedicated to his job, and overall, one of the nicest people you will meet. You can usually meet him at our quarterly LICIA general meetings, or by calling 954-560-7190.

Thank you, Marco!

AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE



By Dick Cahoon & Geoff Rames
LICIA Airport Noise Committee

Noise complaints are down...way down. Prior to the implementation of Metroplex, Lauderdale Isles filed more airport noise complaints than the rest of the county combined.

Eighty percent of the time, plane departures at FLL are to the east, over the ocean, and we hear no noise on take offs. However, when winds are from the west and with planes departing into the wind, Lauderdale Isles experiences airport noise. But the noise levels now are significantly less, thanks to the Metroplex RNAV procedures that keep most departures south of the neighborhood. In fact, BCAD's consultant tracks departures and approximately 70% of west take-offs are on RNAV. This number should continue to improve with time. "RNAV to DREDS" was our rallying cry during the Metroplex study. (For you new neighbors, DREDS is the waypoint the planes use that keeps them south of us.)

With Metroplex as originally proposed, planes would have flown so close to our neighborhood that noise would have continued to be a major issue. The LICIA Airport Noise Committee worked with then-Commissioner Ben Sorensen and the country's pre-eminent airport noise law firm during Metroplex design. For the first

time ever, our team was able to convince the FAA to alter their procedures without the need to go to court. In August, 2021, RNAV to DREDS became a reality, and noise decreased significantly for us.

To see how noise complaint numbers have decreased dramatically since Metroplex: in 2019 there were a total of 52,413 noise complaints filed by the entire county, and 44,541 of those came from Lauderdale Isles. But for January thru August of this year, only 204 complaints were filed from the Isles.

Five top zip codes for noise complaints, Jan - Aug 2023

33304	East Fort Lauderdale(central beach)	1038
33019	East Hollywood	806
33317	Plantation	445
33312	Dania Beach	298
33312	Lauderdale Isles	204

Noise complaint totals confirm that airport noise is significantly less for us now, compared to the days before Metroplex.

Note how East Fort Lauderdale and East Hollywood have higher numbers. This is because on eastward departures out over the ocean, the planes turn back toward the coast immediately and fly directly over those areas before attaining significant altitude. Interestingly, East Fort Lauderdale, East Hollywood, and Plantation do not have members on the BCAD Airport Noise Abatement Committee. Lauderdale Isles has two very active members on that committee who have served on it since 2014.

Your Airport Noise Committee remains committed to ensuring that the FAA and the Airport continue to fine-tune the Metroplex procedures to lessen airport noise as much as possible.

Maybe someday no airport noise complaints?

Community Center Update

By Earl Prizlee, LICIA President

As you may already be aware, by reading the last newsletter and attending the last General Meeting, the former beloved Yacht Club was sold to a private owner despite the City submitting an imperfect offer. We welcome our new neighbors on Whale Harbor Lane and wish them success. Gratefully, the story doesn't end there and the Lauderdale Isles Neighborhood will be pursuing a new Community Center at the Riverland Woods Park.

The City's Parks Bond included funding for land acquisition including the former yacht club in anticipation that the current owner would sell to the City. The LICIA Board has requested to our District Commissioner Warren Sturman that that money be reallocated towards the construction of a new Lauderdale Isles Community Center. Myself and Geoff Rames, LICIA V.P., have attended numerous meetings with the City's Architectural Consultant AECOM and the

City's Parks & Recreation Director to verify that the project funding and concept were feasible.

On October 17, 2023, our Commissioner brought up the issue at the City Conference Meeting to inform his colleagues of the recent events. The resulting discussion was that the City Manager would be bring the new Community Center back to the Commission for further information.

What does all this mean? I have managed many community centers in the past few years and I can tell you we are at the beginning of a long process that needs constant monitoring to ensure timely progress. The process will start with the City hiring a consultant to develop concepts, final designs and subsequently obtain bids for construction. We would like to get a head start by confirming with the neighborhood what your thoughts are and how you would like to use the facility. If you have any interest for further information or would like to provide feedback, please attend the next LICIA General Meeting on November 16th at 7:00 PM.



The Horrt Park Community Center in Shady Banks. LICIA has requested that the City build a similar center in Riverland Woods, and improve the boat ramp.



Layout of proposed Community Center in Riverland Woods Park

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Another Invader: The Saddleback Caterpillar

By Joann Kratky, Senior Staff Lepidopterist

This tiny varmint has been spotted in the Isles. Being informed about this cute creature may save you from a painful sting. It is about a ¼” but its sting is agonizing and the pain may last more than 24 hours.

The picture to the right is of one found (one of several) on a resident’s green yard waste bin. It is the larva of a species of moth native to North America and favors the warmer climates.



Spotted in yard waste bin

The saddleback caterpillar has one of the strongest stings and is usually found in so many of decorative plants landscapers and gardeners (novice and professional) are most at risk. The spines that cover the caterpillar, when broken, discharge a toxin that will irritate the victim and will likely cause an acute rash. The vivid coloring represents their degree of toxicity.



Brighter colors = worse bite

There is a long list (50+) of host plants that are plentiful in South Florida and include various palms, codiaeum (commonly known as Croton), Flamingo Flower, Bird of Paradise, seagrape, orange trees and more. For more information and a comprehensive list of host plants and shrubs, go to:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/saddleback_caterpillar

Hobgoblins in the Isles



By Dawn Hanna
Staff Hobgoblin



Welcome to October in Lauderdale Isles. From the spooky and scary to fall harvest, some of our neighbors went all out with seasonal decorations. Although we couldn’t share all of them in the newsletter, here are some of my favorites. It’s worth a walk down a few of the Lanes day or night to see some clever collections and enjoy the slightly cooler air. Happy Halloween to all!



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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency	954-764-HELP
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs) <i>including Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning</i>	954-828-8000
Airport Noise Complaints *	954-359-2366
City Hall	954-828-5004
Building Department	954-828-5191
Code Enforcement	954-828-5207
Commissioner Warren Sturman	954-828-5930
Animal Control (Broward County)	954-359-1313
Comcast <i>Good luck!</i>	800-266-2278
Nuisance Alligators: FWC	866-392-4286
Crimestoppers	954-493-TIPS
Mosquito Control (Broward County)	954-765-4062
FPL Power Outages	800-4OUTAGE

*** File Airport Noise Complaints easily with the smart phone app found at:**
<https://www.broward.org/Airport/Business/NoiseInformation/>

PICKUP SCHEDULE for LAUDERDALE ISLES

Weekly Trash Pickup (black cart):	Tuesday & Friday
Weekly Recycling Pickup (blue cart):	Tuesday
Weekly Yard Waste Pickup (green cart):	Friday
Monthly Bulk Trash Pickup:	First Wednesday

For more info: www.fortlauderdale.gov/pickup

WATERWAY ISSUES - Who to call:

- **Alligators (& Crocodiles) Problems**
FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR
- **Pollution/ Oil Spills** within the City of Fort Lauderdale:
7:30 –5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000
Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Pollution Complaints** outside the City of Ft. Lauderdale:
County Environmental 24 hrs: 954-519-1499
- **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**
24 Hour Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Unightly or Derelict Boats/ Boats too wide for canal:**
Ft. Laud. Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207
- **Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:**
FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging**
Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207

Lauderdale Isles Closed Sales Past 4 Months*

**Presented By: Julie Gordon of
THE GORDON GROUP Realtors**

2636 Sugarloaf Ln.	3/3	\$1,800,000
2518 Tortugas Ln.	4/3	\$1,490,000
2525 Okeechobee Ln.	4/3.5	\$1,215,000
2643 Marathon Ln.	3/2	\$1,230,000
2525 Gulfstream Ln.	3/2	\$950,000
2419 Marathon Ln.	3/3	\$975,000
2536 Bimini Ln.	2/1	\$850,000
2511 Bimini Ln.	3/2	\$865,000
2613 Key Largo Ln.	3/2	\$880,000
2513 Key Largo Ln.	3/2	\$850,000
2465 Bimini Ln.	3/2	\$864,000
3712 Riverland Rd.	2/2	\$610,000

*Statistics as per Beaches MLS, Inc. 10/18/23

Put them on your calendar now:
WATERWAY CLEANUP
Saturday, Nov. 11, 9:00am
LICIA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, Nov. 16, 7:00pm

Deb Dedek stepped down as LICIA Secretary to pursue new endeavors outside the area. We thank her for her service & wish her all the best. Karen Rames was appointed Secretary.

MEMBER DUES for Nov. 2023 – Oct. 2024: BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Dues are only \$20 per year. Mail to: LICIA, PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Please return this portion with your check

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

The next LICIA General Meeting is Nov. 16th. Put it on your calendar