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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Dirk Lowry

OK. Here we are coming into Summer and the good old Hurricane Season. At this point the Season doesn't look like it'll be too threatening. However, we

all know Mother Nature and she's very unpredictable. At this point I hope all of your summer plans work out and the weather is forgiving as the Hurricane Season goes. Be well and prosper as Spock used to say.

As for the Association, we're in full swing on the Airport Noise issue. We have an Airport Noise Committee and its Chairperson is Angelina Pluzhnyk. Angelina is doing a great job in coordinating the effort to combat the noise and get all the parties together to address the problem, specifically the FAA, The City and the County. There have been meetings and there will be more meetings on this subject. Our Committee representatives will be attending as many as are made known through

the East side and West side "noise Network".

Find an article by Angelina in the newsletter explaining where we are at this point; therefore I will not get into too much detail here. There hasn't been too much on the All Aboard Florida at this point. We're still waiting for the report from the Coast Guard reference the Meeting held last December at the Anne Kolb Nature Center. If any of our readers has additional information or know of a meeting that should be attended notify one of the Executive Board Members.

We have invited our City Commissioner Romney Rogers and our County Commissioner, Mayor Tim Ryan to the May General Meeting. We have also invited several FAA representatives, so this should be a very lively meeting. We will have the usual coffee, soda and water with munchies at the meeting. As usual, the meeting will be at The Lauderdale Isles Yacht & Tennis Club on Whale Harbor Drive, 7:00pm, Thursday May 21st. You don't want to miss this one.

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AT OUR MAY 21st GENERAL MEETING



**Our District IV
City Commissioner
ROMNEY ROGERS**



**Our District 7
County Commissioner
TIM RYAN**

Our two elected officials will be there to address your concerns and provide the latest information regarding airport noise and other important county & city issues.

Plus - we have invited representatives from the FAA to this meeting:

Bob Hildebidle
Support Manager, FAA Air Traffic Org.
Eastern Terminal Service Area

TJ DelNegri
Air Traffic Manager
FLL ATCT

This will be a great meeting - don't miss it: Thursday, May 21, 7:00pm

IN THIS ISSUE:

AIRPORT NOISE

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
AND THERE'S GOOD NEWS - SEE CENTERFOLD



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BUSINESS

Agenda

LICIA General Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2015, 7:00 pm
Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment
- 1. Opening Statement (President)
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Recognition Award
- 4. Special Guests:
 - Fort Lauderdale Commissioner Romney Rogers
 - Broward County Commissioner Tim Ryan
- 4. FAA Representatives
- 5. Regular Business (as time permits)
 - Minutes Approval
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Committee Reports: Homeless, Airport Noise, & Welcome Committees
 - LIWMD Report: Dredging Project
- 6. Adjournment

Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes.



Please note:

The May Treasurer's Report & the Minutes for the February 2015 General Meeting can be viewed at:

www.ourlicia.com

From the Secretary's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter available on our website www.ourlicia.com. So no matter where you are in the world, the newsletter is right at your fingertips on your laptop, Ipad, or smartphone.
- Sign-in at General Meetings: We use a new "Sign-in Card" at the General Meetings, so we can harvest email addresses. Unfortunately, we can't read most of the email addresses due to terrible penmanship. Please print your email address clearly.
- The Neighborhood Yard Sale has been postponed until the fall.
- 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.
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Dirk Lowry, Chad Hodder, Dawn Hanna, Angelina Pluzhynk, Bobbi Bunton, Ryan St. George, Glori Stauch, & Kristine Berg.
- We are pleased to announce that Bobbi Bunton & Glori Stauch have been promoted to "Senior Staff Writer." Their raises will be in their next checks.



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

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Another Great Event: The 38th Annual MIA SF Waterway Cleanup



On March 7th, The Lauderdale Isles Yacht & Tennis Club was the site for another hugely successful Waterway Cleanup. Even with the possibility of rain, there was a great turnout of 68 volunteers and 10 boats. Joan Sheridan, who has coordinated almost all of the MIA SF Waterway Cleanups over the years, had everything set up perfectly. The great breakfast snacks donated by Publix, the free T-shirts for all the participants, and goody-bags for the boaters, compliments of LIWMD, made it a special day. Thanks to all the volunteers who participated. We'll see you at the Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup in September.



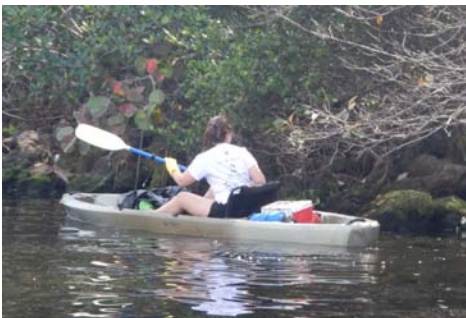
Publix donated loads of breakfast foods



Pete and crew come in with another load



The unloaders on the dock worked non-stop



As always, the kayakers did a great job



Lots of plastic was pulled from the rocks



At the end of the day, the dumpster shows the results of everyone's hard work



Joan, Glori & Ken, and crew

MOST UNIQUE FIND: A fossilized Feetarsorius in perfect condition. According to the experts present, these creatures roamed our area during the Paleozoic Era and this specimen is approximately 250 million years old. These creatures subsisted on blue crabs in the New River. It is being sent to the Smithsonian for analysis.



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Vice President's Corner

Chad E. Hodder



Hello everyone, 2015 is moving along very fast. We are already heading into summer and before we know it, it will be the holidays again.

I want to thank everyone who showed up and participated at the last general meeting. As everyone knows, Lauderdale Isles is in the middle of two big issues that is affecting our lives.

One issue is the airport expansion with the new runway and headings and the other issue is All Aboard Florida. Our board has put in a lot of time and energy in seeing that we can preserve our same quality of life. The board and committee members have also worked very hard in improving our neighborhood.

Geoff has been instrumental with his connections with the water management to get our canals dredged. Dirk has busted his hump overseeing all loose ends and making sure everything is getting done. Dawn, Dirk, and Geoff got the homeless problem under the bridge under control by getting D.O.T. to install a barbed wire fence. I'm speaking about all of this for a reason.

The reason is, we live in a very unique area with a lot to offer and it can't stay that way forever unless we have people looking out for us and we stay a staple within the community. Saying that, I feel that the residents of Lauderdale Isles need to do a little to help out. One of the ways that we can all help out is showing up to the general meetings and be a part of what is

going on. Another way is to help make our neighborhood one of the best in Ft. Lauderdale. It has been stated during a few of the airport meetings that the wealthier neighbors get taken of better than we do. I feel they are correct in some ways but I also feel we can change that.

The biggest way that we can change that is by having our neighborhood shine. What do I mean by shine? By having our homes and property look good. I drive around the neighborhood both on land and water and see homes in poor condition. I know some people are on a fixed income or are busy, but keeping a yard clean and picked-up doesn't cost anything as long as you keep up on it. It's the same thing when someone goes into a job interview. If you dress for success, you most likely will get the job. If you dress sloppy, your chances are slim. I know the big corporations and politicians are looking at it the same way.

In addition to gaining some clout with some of these corporations and/or politicians, your sense of pride will go up as well as your property values. It's a win/win.

This is not an article to bash or make someone feel bad, but an article to show how doing a little can make a huge difference in our quality of life. So do me favor. After you read this, make a conscious effort every time you go outside, and pick something up, organize your belongings, and just keep things orderly. I also ask one last and most import thing. A lot of money and work went into getting our canals dredged and I ask that if you see a palm frond hanging on the edge of your seawall or floating in the canal, grab it and put it in the trash. We don't need our canals being littered with plant debris.

Thank you for your time and work in advance.

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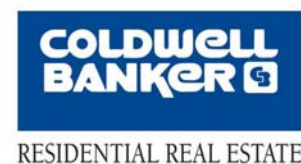


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URBAN WILDLIFE IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

by Ryan St. George



So, a few weeks after buying my home on Duck Key in 2010, I came home from work and let my two dogs out back to do their business like every other day. Not 30 seconds later, the nonstop barking had me barreling out the back door with every intention of yelling at my fearsome furry beasts and telling them to get inside or behave. However, my tune changed pretty quickly when I realized they were staring at adult red-shouldered hawk in the face. The hawk was stuck on the other side of our fence and the dogs were undoubtedly trying to determine the best course of action before turning the complicated chore over to me. I imagine the poor hawk had probably swooped in trying to make an easy meal of one of my neighborhood squirrels, rats, or lizards making its way



along on my fence, misjudged its landing, and somehow managed to wedge itself in the 8 inch gap between my chain link fence and my neighbor's wood fence which sit back to back. Needless to say, a bird that size can't get any leverage or use its wings at all in such tight spaces, and it very possibly might have died if left alone. Knowing the bird was frightened, and more importantly that it would do everything any other trapped wild animal might do to free itself (including bite or claw potential rescuers with its beak and razor sharp talons), I pondered how to extricate the unlucky predator from its predicament. Ten minutes and one kids' Nerf toy from the neighbor's backyard later, the ungrateful bird was grumpily flying back to its nest with more than a couple feathers out of place.

In the nearly 5 years my wife and I have lived here since, we've watched the cable guy nearly call 911 to rescue him from the harmless rat snakes that "chased him" in our backyard, we've witnessed an unfathomable termite swarm emerge from our old dead pine tree, we've rescued legless lizards (which look very much like snakes) from the neighbor's cats, we've lost all of our lovely corky stem passion vines to hungry zebra longwing butterflies (the Florida

state butterfly), we've buried an opossum that accidentally fell into a big bucket and died, and we've watched the neighborhood bats twirl through the air at twilight while eating their fill of moths and mosquitoes. We've also become enamored with the pair of screech owls that live in the fishtail palm in my neighbor's yard, we've been woken up by families of quaker parrots that just won't stop squawking at each other, and we have stopped letting our dogs swim in the river because of the 'gators that periodically visit our Lauderdale Isles canals. We are living in the CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, the seat of Broward County, with almost 200,000 other folks, and yet our community with bigger/older trees, larger lawns, and waterfront lots is still lucky enough to support a myriad of Mother Nature's creatures not often found in most of the bigger, zero lot-line properties built today.

Now, I know some of you cringe at the mere sight of a spider (like my wife), or snake (like my aforementioned cable guy), but the simple fact is, almost all the animals we have in our neighborhood are good creatures. Those that aren't are merely exotic animals from faraway lands competing for food and habitat (knight anoles, curly tail lizards, iguanas, and muscovy come to mind immediately). What I am offering with this article is free "counsel" for anyone in our community who sees something he or she doesn't recognize, wants information about a particular animal, or has questions about the regulations that protect our wildlife. I am a professional environmental scientist with credentials or certifications in wildlife management, marine biology, wetland science, and landscape standards, and would love to hear your stories, see your pictures, or answer your questions. Do you have a resident animal that visits you daily (and by all means, please don't feed it if you do)? Are you so afraid of an insect that you won't even Google it? Does one of your kids need a science project idea? Are your plants being devoured by invisible pests? I'm all ears and would love to hear it, so E-mail me at ryguy1101@att.net. If I get enough emails, I'm going to try and prepare a quarterly column to address the issues that interest or distress you the most, so please don't be shy.

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AIRPORT NOISE IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

By Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans



You probably have noticed that airplanes fly directly over our community, and it was not always this way. Since the new South Runway was opened in September 2014, the FAA changed the takeoff heading for planes departing from the North Runway to the west and to the east.

Residents to the east of the Fort Lauderdale / Hollywood International Airport (FLL) in Harbor Inlet, Lauderdale Harbor, and Harbordale, along with residents to the south and west in Dania Beach, Plantation, Davie, and many other communities are experiencing the changes in the aircraft departures due to the opening of South Runway.

In response to the increased noise levels from airplanes flying overhead, Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association (LICIA) formed an Airport Noise Committee in February 2015. The purpose of the Committee is to address the airport noise issues with Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) and the City of Fort Lauderdale, and to keep our community informed and educated on airport related issues and activities.

LICIA's Committee meets once a month. Since February 2015 we have held three meetings. During these three months the Committee has reached out to other communities that are affected by the airport noise and attended their association meetings. We also contacted the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County representatives. In March Committee members designed and distributed a flyer that informs our community about the events that took place at the airport and about the

importance of filing Noise Inquiry Forms with BCAD. In April, we also appointed new representatives for BCAD's Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC). Committee representatives will keep our neighborhood aware of ANAC's activities, in particular activities causing noise in our community.

We are pleased to announce that BCAD initiated discussions with the FAA, requesting changes to departures and arrival procedures that should take place this summer, and help alleviate the flyovers of our neighborhood.



Directly over Lauderdale Isles, March 28

We encourage everyone to attend LICIA's general meeting on May 21st. Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Romney Rogers and Broward County Mayor Tim Ryan have confirmed that they will attend.

At this point we encourage everyone to check "Nextdoor Lauderdale Isles" for news regarding airport noise and to continue filing Noise Inquiry Forms when airplanes fly overhead. Please be aware that positive changes do not happen overnight, and that we all have to be a patient, persistent, and educated community in order to achieve positive results.

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Airport Noise in Lauderdale Isles: The City of Fort Lauderdale's Resolution to Broward County and the FAA, adopted March 17th, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 15-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING BROWARD COUNTY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO WORK TOGETHER IN A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO REDUCE AIRCRAFT NOISE AT FORT LAUDERDALE-HOLLYWOOD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY EXPLORING FLIGHT PATTERN OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE REASONABLE AND PROVIDE OPERATIONAL SAFETY, WHILE REDUCING AIRCRAFT NOISE IMPACTS TO SURROUNDING RESIDENTS.

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) is owned by Broward County and operated by the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD); and

WHEREAS, with the recent opening of the south runway at FLL, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented a new procedure to route aircrafts using the north runway in a manner that brings aircrafts closer to some of the neighborhoods of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, all airspace issues are managed by federal regulations and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City has received reports from neighbors living in the southeast and southwest sections of the City, that aircrafts are flying over their homes, which depart FLL Runway 10L and 28R; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2015, Broward County Mayor Tim Ryan hosted a public meeting along with BCAD Airport Director, Mr. Kent George, who provided a presentation on the Noise Mitigation Program underway at FLL; and

WHEREAS, during the meeting, the Airport Director explained that BCAD will be conducting a Noise Study for FLL in 18 months (August 2016); and

WHEREAS, Fort Lauderdale neighbors affected by FLL aircraft noise are encouraged to participate in the County's noise study through the various public meetings and workshops; and

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WHEREAS, the City supports BCAD's current efforts to address noise with BCAD's Quieter Sky Reports, Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC), and Aircraft Noise Complaint line; and

WHEREAS, The City shall continue to encourage FLL stakeholders to take a proactive approach to discuss and explore opportunities with the FAA that may reduce aircraft noise impacts to our neighbors, especially during the most noise-sensitive hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission hereby encourages Broward County and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to work together in a proactive approach to reduce aircraft noise at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport by exploring flight pattern opportunities that are reasonable and provide operational safety, while reducing aircraft noise impacts to surrounding residents.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Broward County and the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, the Director of Aviation for Broward County's Aviation Department and the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Traffic Manager of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of March, 2015



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

Airport Noise in Lauderdale Isles:

Broward County Mayor Tim Ryan's Response to the City, April 13, 2015

GOOD NEWS!



TIM RYAN, Mayor
Board of County Commissioners District 7
1116 N. Andrews Avenue • Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
(954) 357-7037

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Jack Seiler
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Seiler:

I received a copy of Resolution No. 15-68, recently adopted by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission, relating to noise impacts on some Fort Lauderdale neighborhoods resulting from changes in arrival and departure procedures at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL).

As the resolution correctly states, airport arrival and departure procedures are entirely within the purview of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). With the opening of the new south runway, the FAA implemented new arrival and departure procedures to ensure that a safe distance is maintained between planes simultaneously using the north and south runways. These procedures were adopted as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the South Runway Expansion project issued in June 2008, and have been available to the public since then.

All the same, we at Broward County are aware that now that the new south runway is operational, residents in neighborhoods that have not been affected by aircraft noise in the past are now experiencing noise impacts. In order to alleviate these noise impacts, Broward County Aviation Division (BCAD) staff initiated discussions with FAA personnel at the regional level requesting changes to arrival and departure procedures.

I am pleased to report that these discussions appear to have been productive, and that the FAA is initiating changes to arrival and departure procedures that will keep the majority of arriving and departing aircraft on a more narrow path until they reach a greater distance from the airport. In essence, aircraft departing to both the east and west would not turn to the north or south until getting a greater distance from the airport than they currently have been.



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The Honorable Jack Seiler
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale

April 13, 2015
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It will take several months for these procedures to be implemented as air traffic control staff, pilots and other personnel must be notified of the changes and trained to execute the modified procedures. Once in place, we are optimistic that aircraft noise will be reduced in neighborhoods around the airport to the degree it can be while still ensuring the safe arrival and departure of air traffic at FLL. Please keep in mind that pilots ultimately have the authority to depart from arrival and departure procedures when, in their best judgment, it is necessary to do so for the safe operation of their aircraft.

In addition to these interim efforts to work with the FAA to resolve noise impacts related to the new flight procedures at FLL, I encourage representatives of the City of Fort Lauderdale, as well as residents, to participate in the new noise study ("Part 150 Study") that is scheduled to begin after April 2016. This study is the FAA's formal process for evaluating airport noise impacts, and there will be an opportunity for input from the public as well as local government officials.

In the meantime, we remain ready and willing to work with you and with FAA officials to address concerns related to our airport as they may arise. If you have any further questions or concerns about this matter, please feel free to contact me.

As always, it is a pleasure to work with you on behalf of the people of Fort Lauderdale and of Broward County.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Mayor, Broward County

c: The Broward County Board of County Commissioners
The City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission
Bertha Henry, County Administrator, Broward County
Lee Feldman, City Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale
Kent George, Aviation Director, Broward County



Action in the Isles
Gulfstream Lane
Goes Green

By Glori Stauch *Senior Staff Writer*

It was a “wearin’ o’ the green” on Gulfstream Lane on Sunday, March 15th, as our annual block party was held. Once again, a little leprechaun painted shamrocks on the street leading everyone to the end of the lane. Oh, the corned beef and cabbage was such a delight! Thanks to Joanne and Hermoine for slaving over the stove to give us all a taste of St. Patty’s Day. And Valerie’s beef and Guinness pies were to die for! Not to mention the homemade Bailey’s Irish Cream! So many tasty treats – thanks to everyone for their contribution to the feast!

The party lasted well into the wee hours of the evening, illuminated by a roaring fire with a little Irish music and lots of laughs. Such a fun time getting to know new neighbors and reacquainting with those we don’t see often enough.

Thanks to Audrey, Ginny and Cindy for the invitation and superb party planning!



The lane was paved with Shamrocks



Audrey looking very Irish



Hermoine’s food was superb



A great St. Patty’s Day on Gulfstream

The Boater’s Log

Info for Lauderdale Isles Boaters

Changes to FEC Bridge Operations

By Dirk Lowry

Issued by:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Drawbridge Operation Regulations; New River,
 Fort Lauderdale, FL

SUMMARY : The Coast Guard is issuing a temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) Railroad Bridge across the New River , mile 2.5, at Fort Lauderdale , FL. This deviation will test a change to the drawbridge operation schedule to address the inability of the bridge owner, FEC, to operate the bridge under current regulations . The change requires the bridge owner to institute a full-time bridge tender to supplement the automated system in place. The bridge tender will be required to utilize a VHF radio and communicate on Channels 9 and 16 in accordance with existing regulations. This deviation also requires the bridge tender to utilize a telephone with phone number published for the marine community and maintain a detailed log recording all bridge opening and closure times. Signs advising mariners of radio and telephone contact information must be posted in a visible location so that transiting vessels can easily see them. A countdown clock for bridge closure shall also be posted near the bridge site and visible for maritime traffic. The bridge shall not be closed more than 60 minutes in any given 120 minute time period beginning at 12:01 am. This deviation will improve communications with the mariner and FEC, increase the amount of time the bridge is open, and will promote equal usage of waterways and railroad for all parties involved.

DATES: This deviation is effective through 6 am on October 16, 2015.

Now if this stirs your interest, you may go to our website at ourlicia.com for the rest of the story and the categories under this memorandum from the Coast Guard. You can review: contact information, public comment requests, how to submit comments, search boxes, viewing comments and documents and last, but not least ,the format to request a public meeting. There is a lot here and the Coast Guard is the last resort.



The new sign on the FEC bridge. (A “305” phone number for the Bridge Tender?)

IS THIS A **GREAT** NEIGHBORHOOD OR WHAT?

By **Bobbi Bunton** *Senior Staff Writer*

GREAT HISTORY: Lauderdale Isles is a quiet, family-oriented community tucked away in the southwest corner of Fort Lauderdale. It consists of just under 700 homes, 551 of which are located on ten canals and the New River. The Isles were originally a citrus grove and were developed in the 1950's by Gil Construction. Although it seems unlikely that any of the original citrus trees are still present, there is an abundance of fruit trees in the neighborhood. Many of the homes still show an old Florida look with original terrazzo flooring, jalousie windows and a colorful exterior palette. The Isles are divided into 13 dead end lanes, running south from Riverland Road to the New River. The lanes are named after fishing locales, from Andros Lane to Whale Harbor.

GREAT LOCATION: The Isles are located only a mere 8-10 minute drive to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport with easy access to major highways and the Florida Turnpike. Lauderdale Isles are within 10 minutes to the bustling downtown area, ranked No. 7 among the Top 10 Best Downtowns in the nation! You will find yourself in close proximity to numerous restaurants, theatres, the world renowned Hard Rock Casino, cultural centers, churches, and schools. There are shopping malls and plazas within 5-6 miles of this quiet neighborhood community and supermarkets and pharmacies are only two miles away. A free boat ramp is conveniently located in Riverland Woods Park right down the end of the Isles, and the nearby Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Civic People's Park offers a jogging trail, covered pavilion, grills, and open playground area for hosting birthday parties, picnics and other gatherings.

GREAT WATERFRONT & BOATING COMMUNITY: The Isles are a wonderful waterfront community for those who enjoy boating and the South Florida outdoors. The ten canals, all named after local fish such as Cobia, Barracuda and Bluefish, and the New River, offer a great boating environment. It's only about an hour boat ride to the Port Everglades Inlet, with no fixed bridges. The canals also provide a safe harbor in the event of a hurricane. Additionally, low flood insurance rates are offered with the new flood plain maps. The brackish water means a lesser amount of marine growth on boat hulls for several months out of the year and since we are located far enough away from the ocean, there is minimal damage to boats from the salt air. Families can fish or crab in their back yards, with plenty of jacks, mullet, catfish, snook and an occasional tarpon. There is also an abundance of wildlife in and around the waterways, including manatees, iguanas, parrots, egrets, and even an occasional alligator!

GREAT CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION: Formed in 1959, The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, (LICIA), meets monthly to actively address neighborhood issues such as recent homeless activity, airport noise, All Aboard Florida train proposal, etc., and keep the

community informed and engaged in resolution of any issues. We have a great relationship with the City and our City Commissioner, Romney Rogers, and offer interesting speakers at our quarterly General Meetings. The Welcome Committee provides welcome kits to new residents and encourages them to attend monthly civic association meetings and become involved in the community.

GREAT WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT: The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District, a dependent special district, exists for the purpose of protecting and improving the water quality of the waterways in Lauderdale Isles. It worked tirelessly with the City to implement the recent dredging project in the neighborhood. Other issues addressed include dock construction, derelict boats, canal debris, nuisance alligator control, and safe navigation. LIWMD is a sponsor every year for the MIAF Waterway Cleanup, as well as our own neighborhood September Waterway Cleanup in conjunction with LICIA. The last September Cleanup resulted in removal of 1900 pounds of debris from our waterways. Website: www.liwmd.org.



GREAT YACHT CLUB: We even have our very own Lauderdale Isles Yacht & Tennis Club (membership required) with dockage, tennis courts, Olympic size swimming pool, playground, gazebo and tiki hut, waterfront deck, and private bar, offering a great venue for weddings, parties and other activities.

GREAT SUPER-LOW CRIME RATE: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department provides monthly updates at the LICIA meetings and provides a solid presence in the Isles, resulting in a virtually non-existent crime rate. The neighborhood is safe for walking, biking, jogging and simply enjoying the outdoors. Children often play ball on the dead end streets of the lanes in the Isles and parents feel safe letting them ride their bikes on the lightly traveled streets. Neighbors are on the alert to look out for any suspicious activity on their respective streets. Having dead end streets also makes our area much less attractive to people "up to no good" and our FLPD Neighborhood Action Team is super responsive.

GREAT NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE: The full color LICIA newsletter is published quarterly and filled with tons of articles of neighborhood interest, including messages from officers of the civic association, real estate updates, a boater's log, and status reports on numerous projects, such as the recent canal dredging and waterway clean up. There is also a handy refrigerator list with helpful phone numbers. Our great website is: www.ourlicia.com and it contains a wealth of neighborhood information!

GREAT PROPERTY VALUES: Many of the houses in the Isles are still affordable and retain their market value due to being located on the waterfront canals and the great location. Turnover of properties is minimal and families that buy in the Isles tend to remain in the Isles for many years without relocating due to the great lifestyle it affords them and the convenient location. The neighborhood is quite diversified with a mix of young families with children, working professionals, and retirees.

STREET REPAVING IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

This information is excerpted from the City of Fort Lauderdale Website, as announced in the City's April Newsletter (on-line):

Roadway Maintenance

As roads deteriorate from "Good" to "Fair" or "Poor" condition repairs become more expensive. Fort Lauderdale is currently focused on extending the lifespan of roads identified as "Fair." If these roads are not maintained, their condition will worsen and they will fall into the "Poor" category, which can cost up to five times as much to repair as a road in the "Fair" category.

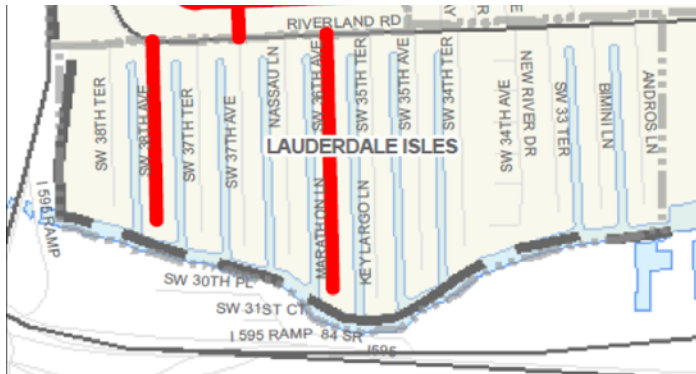
MicroSurfacing

The City is using MicroSurfacing to address "Fair" roads. Microsurfacing is a sustainable product, consisting of recycled material, that uses a 5/8-inch asphalt polymer-modified cold mix aggregate sealant to extend the life of a roadway by seven to ten years. Microsurfacing can also be done at a much lower cost than conventional asphalt overlays. This process allows the City to maximize available funding to resurface the greatest number of linear miles of roadway.

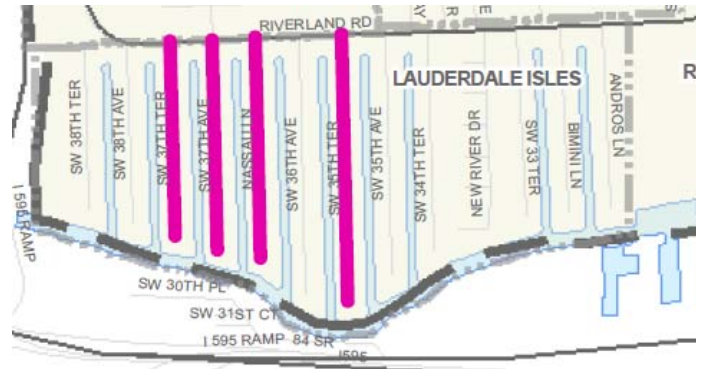
Maintenance Schedule:

In May 2015 the City will work with Asphalt Paving Systems to begin applying crack seal to the roadways scheduled to be resurfaced this year. Approximately 30-45 days after the crack seal is applied, Asphalt Systems will begin micro-surfacing streets in our community. Fort Lauderdale successfully resurfaced numerous roads in 2014. Moving forward, the City will continue to improve road conditions, reduce long-term costs and make our roads better for our neighbors. For more information see www.fortlauderdale.gov, & go to the Public Works Department section of that website.

Roads in Lauderdale Isles scheduled for repaving
2015



Roads in Lauderdale Isles scheduled for repaving
2016



So what about Flamingo, Gulfstream, and Whale Harbor Lanes? Stay tuned.



AIRPORT NOISE MONITOR

Here's how the Aviation Department determines aircraft noise levels in Lauderdale Isles. This is "Remote Monitoring Terminal #8," located at 3411 SW 27 St., which is just west of Duck Key Lane.



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HOMELESS ACTIVITY REPORT

By Dawn Hanna



Last year, our neighborhood was a hot spot for homeless and vagrant activity, especially near our parks and the convenience stores at the end of old Riverland Road and 441. The homeless encampment area that was located on the New River underneath the SR7 bridges, and the Turnpike on ramp has been fenced to deter access to the shelter provided by the bridges. The fencing is not perfect. I have witnessed some vagrants get past the seawall deterrent. In addition, there is a gate access for maintenance that has been left unlocked on occasion.



Access Gate left open April 3rd

I have contacted the Asset Maintenance Contractor, and I was assured that the gate locking issue has been handled. They are checking the area daily Monday through Friday. They will also be checking the area during rainy weather when vagrants are

more likely to seek shelter. The homeless activity has decreased dramatically. According to some of my neighbors on Whale Harbor Lane, there are still people drinking in Riverland Woods Park at night.

As I have reported earlier, keeping the homeless and vagrants out of Riverland will be an ongoing project. We will need to be vigilant to ensure that our neighborhood is not attractive to sexual predators, and self medicating dual diagnoses homeless individuals. Although we are making significant progress, follow through and monitoring will be required to keep our community safe.



If you see any suspicious or unsettling activity in Riverland Woods Park, Riverland Road, Elizabeth Hayes Park or anywhere within our Fort Lauderdale boundaries, please call and report it. The non-emergency number is [954-764-4357](tel:954-764-4357). Call 911 in case of any emergency. If you see any trespassing under the bridges, please contact Broward Sheriff's Office at [\(954\)321-4803](tel:954-321-4803). Photographic evidence is always helpful in case law enforcement arrives after the fact, so we can make a case for more patrols.



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Alligator Update

After no gator sightings since mid-December, we thought maybe he was gone for good. Then we were notified he was spotted May 1st, in the Rockfish Canal between Okeechobee & Sugarloaf Lanes. Please call the FWC if you spot him.

Dredging Project

By the publication date of this newsletter (2nd week of May), the dredging project should be complete. The original schedule was that the work would be finished by the end of April, so the contractor missed that deadline by only a couple of days. Considering that there were delays due to high winds on several days, and delays due to boats blocking a canal, that's not bad at all. The primary complaint we had from a handful of neighbors was that the pvc stakes were left in their canal when the dredging was completed, hindering access to their docks. When the contractor was notified, they removed the stakes immediately. The City could have done a better job when it came to notifying neighbors that their boats would have to be moved or notifying neighbors that dredging in their canal would start in seven days. We discussed this with the City several times, to no avail. The City's Survey boat checked each canal after dredging was completed, and we have been advised that there were no canals where the dredging did not meet the City's specifications. Remember that this project was "Maintenance Dredging," to maintain the center 20 feet of the canals at a depth of 4-5 feet for navigation. If you have any further questions or concerns about the project, please call the City's Project Engineer, Herb Stanley, at 954-828-6801. The cost of this project in our neighborhood was estimated to be over \$4300,000. Thanks to Commissioner Romney Rogers for finding the funds for this project.

March MIA SF Waterway Cleanup

The 38th Annual MIA SF Waterway Cleanup was March 7th, at the Yacht Club. We had a great turnout. (See the article on page 3 of this newsletter)

September Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup

LIWMD will be sponsoring another cleanup just for Lauderdale Isles in September. Last year's September Cleanup was a great neighborhood event and lots of fun for the participants. Watch for info in the August newsletter.

Dilapidated Docks

The City Code Enforcement and Building Departments sent inspectors out in an FLPD Marine Unit boat in late September and cited (20) docks throughout the Isles. As of mid-April, Code Enforcement advises that four cases remain open.

Dock Specifications

We are asked frequently about the City's Building Code specifications for docks in Lauderdale Isles. When we were annexed into the City in 2002, a special Zoning District was established for our neighborhood so that we could keep many of the same codes as we had when we were in unincorporated Broward County. Our Zoning District is RS-6.85A. According to City Code Sec. 47-39.A.1.b.(12)(a): "No dock shall project more than five(5) feet into any waterway beyond the property line along the waterway or the established bulkhead line. No dock shall extend closer than (10) feet to the plot line of any other residentially -zoned property." So your dock cannot extend more than 5 feet into the canal, and has to be 10 feet from the property lines on either side of your property.

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 954-764-HELP

-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 954-764-HELP or 911 for emergencies

-Unsightly or Derelict Boats:

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

-Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:

FLPD 954-764-HELP

-Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging

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



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The Real Estate Corner

By Kristine Berg, Broker-Associate and Personal Transition Specialist

The word for May is *declutter*!!

You can start by throwing out your old excuses for hanging on to those stacks of stuff. Have you looked in your garage lately? How much of it has not been used or touched for years? Are there broken items that you just haven't gotten around to fixing? How many empty plastic containers do you need "just in case"?

How about your clothes closet? Are you really going to ever get into those jeans that you wore when you were 19? Look objectively at each piece of clothing. Old torn & stained t-shirts? Throw them out - yes guys, even the one with the big fish on it. Donate those clothes to your favorite charity. And save the receipt for your 2015 taxes.

Paperwork- You really don't need your bank statements for the last 10 years. Is your mail piled up on the dining room table? Set aside 1 hour a day to get thru the pile - sort by "trash, shred, do something with or file." Those stacks of magazines? Throw out all but the current month and cancel subscriptions for the ones you don't read - even if the subscription was only \$1.

Have you looked through your kitchen cabinets and pantry? Check expiration dates on items in the pantry and toss the old. One by one look thru each cabinet. 20 coffee mugs? Donate 10. Old pots with scratches on the Teflon? Throw them out.

In the event that you decide to downsize and sell your house, you will have to do this anyway. So you might as well start now. If something were to happen to you (God forbid!) do you really want to saddle your family with the responsibility of clearing out your clutter?

If you decide to sell your home, you may paint, upgrade kitchens or bathrooms, or change flooring. But why wait? Do it now and enjoy it while you're living there.
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