



# Lauderdale Isles

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dirk Lowry



Well the airport noise is still here. The Noise Committee is still working diligently on the issue. We are, (I say "we" because I'm also on the Committee), at a point where we know what's going on. To those

of you who have read my memo to Kristin Carter, Commissioner Ryan's Chief of Staff, you have a fairly good idea of what answers we're looking for. We are in a position to tell those who are in authority the issues usually offered are non issues that only serve to distract. As an example the Part 150 study, that's the one that will take two years to complete. Ha! You don't need a two million dollar, two year study to understand the planes are flying low and loud over our neighborhood. Come to a barbeque.

The FAA has certain conditions as they relate to take off patterns, which translate to Standard Instrument Departures (SID), which allows the Controllers to provide a more westerly route, however the tower authorizes a 290 heading ignoring the more westerly route. As I understand, this improves the efficiency of the tower and the ability to get more planes off the ground and the tower personnel then get a gold star for the day all because the FAA has authorized the 290 heading. When they do that from the point they leave the ground or even at the end of the runway it places them over our neighborhood. We have copies of the KFLI/FLL SID's, ARNAV Departure SID's and an understanding of NOVAE SID. It should be noted that during the evening and night time traffic, the westerly routes are used (to minimize the NOISE). Now if anyone has anything that contradicts what I have stated above please feel free to contact me. There will be a report from Angelina on where we are now in the Newsletter.

At our upcoming General Meeting we will have our County Commissioner Tim Ryan present to answer questions on our issues with the airport. Additionally, Felicia Goldstein, District Director for Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office is scheduled

to attend. Ms. Goldstein has been our main contact in Frankel's office regarding the airport noise issue. As a Board we are asking that all neighbors at the meeting maintain decorum so that will get the issues dealt with in an orderly fashion. At the last meeting where we had people who could help answer questions, we had a few who consistently added repetition of the comments already asked and answered. We also ask that we do not hear any questions and tails of woe about the noise issue. We all have those. You should have made your issue made apparent in an e-mail to Commissioner Ryan's Office, as you had been requested. We want to keep it on topic and get the answers we are looking for.

Due to the emotional nature of the airport noise issue, questions for Tim Ryan & Felicia Goldstein will NOT be taken from the audience at the meeting. Rather, all questions for Tim Ryan must be submitted by Members in Good Standing prior to the meeting by email to [dlowry137@comcast.net](mailto:dlowry137@comcast.net). We are doing this to keep the meeting relevant and moving along, and to prevent repeated questions and personal horror stories, etc.

We have a solution and we will present it at the meeting to find out if those who are present can address our solution. The issues will be presented and will be addressed accordingly. .

This meeting will primarily address the airport noise issue, although there will be short reports from our other committees. Try to arrive early; the Board is looking forward to seeing every one at the meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't yet paid them, bring along your dues.



**General Meeting  
May 19th  
Airport Noise  
County Commissioner  
Tim Ryan  
Returns one year later  
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CRIME PREVENTION



5:30 AM AIRPLANE NOISE



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THE ENFORCER



## AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting  
Thursday, May 19th, 7:00pm  
Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club  
Whale Harbor Lane

**Note**  
**Location**

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment
- Pre-meeting: LIYC Presentation
- 1. Opening Statement ( President)
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Presentation: -County Commissioner Tim Ryan  
-Felicia Goldstein for Rep. Frankel  
-Reps from the FAA
- 4. Regular Business, as time permits
  - Minutes Approval
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports:
- 5. Adjournment

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

### Late Breaking News: The Davie Marina Zoning Resolution

As we went to press, events were still unfolding regarding the request by a property owner right across the river from Lauderdale Isles to have that area rezoned as a Special Marina District in the Town of Davie. To see the latest information about this situation, please go to our association website:

[www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)

### Please note:

The Treasurer's Reports & Minutes for previous meetings can be viewed at:

[www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)

### From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- All our future General Meetings, including May 19th, will be held at the Yacht Club. Board of Directors and Committee meetings will be held at Abiding Savior Church.
- All attendees at our General Meetings must sign in at the front desk. If you don't sign in, you won't be able to attend the meeting.
- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter available on our website [www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com).
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Dirk Lowry, Dawn Hanna, Angelina Pluzhynk Evans, Vincent Valldeperas, Dick Cahoon, Eva Santiago Reed, Lee Bacall, & Kathy Arcangeli
- Got a suggestion for an article topic? OK, that's great. Write the article too, and impress your neighbors with your literary talents.
- Keep your smart phone handy for good pictures for our "Action in the Isles" section. Email them to us.
- Members in Good Standing are very special people, as they support the Association by paying the annual dues. And we are preparing to treat them specially, with monthly email updates created just for them. They will start as soon as we finish compiling our email list.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAY 19TH GENERAL MEETING

Our Guest Speaker for the May 19th General Meeting is County Commissioner Tim Ryan. A year ago at the May 2015 General Meeting, then "Mayor" Tim Ryan assured us that we would receive relief from the airport noise due to the new headings assigned to the north runway. Instead of relief, the headings were moved closer to our neighborhood resulting in MORE noise.

What has he done since then regarding the most critical issue this neighborhood has ever faced? Attend the meeting to find out.

Ryan's Chief of Staff has also invited Felicia Goldstein of Congresswoman Lois Frankel's Boca Raton office, and FAA representatives to the meeting. Our LICIA Airport Noise Committee

has communicated extensively with Ms. Goldstein. She has confirmed she will be attending; as of press time, the FAA representatives have not.

### HOW THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED:

The LICIA Board decided that all questions for our speakers at the May meeting must be submitted in writing, in advance, to Dirk Lowry, President, at [dlowry137@comcast.net](mailto:dlowry137@comcast.net). **NO QUESTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED FROM THE FLOOR AT THE MEETING.** We want the meeting to move along smoothly, and want to avoid repetitious questions as well as listening to neighbors' emotional tales of woe regarding airport noise. We all know how bad it is. The LICIA Airport Noise Committee will study all the submitted questions and decide which ones will be asked of our guests. Please be cognizant of this when you attend the meeting. With your help, this format should make it a good, informative meeting.

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: [g.ames.licia@gmail.com](mailto:g.ames.licia@gmail.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. Deadline for submission: 25th of month prior to publication.  
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# **ACTION IN THE ISLES**

## **THE 39TH ANNUAL WATERWAY CLEANUP**



The Broward County Waterway Cleanup on March 5th was a huge success. This year the event was held at Riverland Woods Park, and that location was perfect. Ken Stauch and Ann Stolarz, the Site Coordinators for the Cleanup, did a great job running the show. We had 55 participants, 10 boats, and 2 kayaks. Besides all the great work done cleaning the river and our ten canals, a lot of effort went into removing the huge amount of plastic junk from the rocks on the south side of the river. As usual, some very interesting items were found. Thanks to everyone there who did a great job!



Attendees sign in & enjoy some breakfast snacks. Then they pick up their supplies and official t-shirts.



The fleet heads out



And soon the fleet returns, loaded with debris



The kayakers did a great job working the rocks



Crew members climbed into the mangroves to reach the mounds of plastic junk in there

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The cutest item found. OK, it's not *that* cute.



More interesting stuff brought in



And into the dumpster it goes

**MOST UNIQUE ITEM FOUND**

A partial bottle of

**Mundo Esoterico  
 SPIRITUAL BATH  
 By Don Juan Del Dinero**

All the experts present were not familiar with this product and agreed it should be sent to the Smithsonian for analysis. However, it was never sent, as no one wanted to touch it again.



## Vice President's Corner



Geoff Rames

There's a lot going on in the Isles lately!  
**Seawalls**

As if we don't have enough things going on in the Isles, the City is considering a new Seawall ordinance to change the height requirements for seawalls in Fort Lauderdale. What this ordinance means exactly for us remains to be seen. You can see the ordinance and the presentation being made to the City Commission on [fortlauderdale.gov](http://fortlauderdale.gov), in the agenda for the May 3rd City Commission Conference meeting.

### Crime Update

We are pleased to advise that the FLPD officers who attended our LICIA Board meetings in March & April reported a big drop in the crime statistics for Lauderdale Isles for those months. Our numbers are back to "normal." For the 30 days ending April 21, only three minor burglaries were reported for that period. Of course, three is still three too many, but it's a big improvement over what had been going on.

They also reported that the juvenile who was featured in numerous posts on Nextdoor as a one-kid crime wave was sentenced to two years in the graybar hotel for juveniles. So he's gone, and now our crime stats are way down. Hmmm. . .

### Airport Noise

Our LICIA Airport Noise Committee has been hard at work pursuing the issue. The Committee has invited County Commissioner Tim Ryan to our May 19th General Meeting. As you may

recall, he was very optimistic about our problem being solved at our May meeting last year. You obviously know how that turned out. Ryan's Chief of Staff, Kristin Carter, has also invited Felicia Goldstein of Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office, and FAA reps to the meeting. We are told Goldstein will attend, but no word on the FAA yet. Please be sure to see the article about the May 19th meeting on page two of this newsletter, and be aware of how the LICIA Board decided to conduct this very important meeting - especially regarding questions for the presenters!

It is more critical than ever to keep filing those online noise complaints with the Aviation Department every time we have west winds. If the number of complaints drops, they'll think the issue is not as important any more.

### Parking at Riverland Woods

The City recently posted "Tow Away" signs in Riverland Woods Park, which means cars illegally parked there after 9:00pm are subject to being towed. Hopefully, FLPD officers will start using that enforcement tool.

### Missing Welcome Sign

You may have noticed that this sign is missing from the curve on Riverland Road. A young lady who was apparently practicing for NASCAR failed to negotiate the curve and took out the sign and a pickup truck sitting there in late February. Luckily, Audrey saw the accident scene and notified us so we could respond. The driver's insurance company is working with us to replace the sign.



This sign was demolished in Feb.

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# The New River Greenway Project



By Vincent Valdeperas

Since moving to our fine community last summer, I started looking for all the best eateries, parks, trails and attractions that Lauderdale Isles has to offer. As my office is on Marina Mile, I knew about Secret Woods Park on State Road 84 but found I could not reach it unless by car from my home.

While exploring I noticed there is a nice paved trail leading from Secret Woods westbound (actually this trail starts at I95). I explored it a bit and found that this trail leads along the river west under US 441 and ramps and currently ends at the locks on SR84/595.

For those like me who love to ride mountain bikes and explore the area, you may be familiar with the New river Greenway trail that starts at Markham Park in Weston and leads east ending at University drive. This trail is a bit boring and is as of yet unfinished but in the end is part of this project. Eventually the New River Greenway should connect from Markham park in the west to I95 in the east. That would be awesome for folks all along the route as a great place to ride, jog, or just walk.



The final selected location for the New River Greenway bridge is "Site Location Alternative 3," along the ramp to I595 west.

Unfortunately, the only way to access this trail right now at either segment is to go get in a car and park at one of the parks to start your ride. Because of gates and fences that I assume are there to control the homeless, you cannot access this by bike from our neighborhood unless you go riding along 441 south, cross lanes of traffic and then ride east or west along traffic to get to an opening; not quite a safe thing to do the way people drive these days.

Recently, I saw a posting on the Nextdoor neighborhood site where one of our neighbors was asking if anyone heard of the status of an expansion project for the New River Greenway. I decided to make contact with folks in the city of Ft Lauderdale and the county to see what I could learn as there is not much online. Several calls and emails later I got a reply from Mark Horowitz, Manager for the "Complete Streets program" by Broward County. This program aims at making the streets in the county safer for pedestrians, vehicles and specifically making our area a more bicycle friendly community. You can see info about this program at <http://wlrn.org/post/broward-aims-more-bicycle-friendly-community>. Mark told me that there is indeed a project to expand access to the New River Greenway, finish the trail and add bridges to allow access from communities along the route. I

asked about the status and plans specifically for access from our neighborhood.

Mark was kind enough to share current status information and plans for our portion of the project. A location analysis was completed and the map shows the three possible locations. The first one at the boat ramp, a second one along the US 441 southbound bridge and then the final and selected location is along the ramp to I595 west and Turnpike. There is a planned walkway to go under US441 as well as the ramp from I595 ending at the boat ramp. Currently a Geo-technical firm is analyzing soil samples; this is the start of the design phase where the consultants have some 11 months to complete the design. With this complete, a bid process will be used to select the contractor. Estimated completion then is in about 2 years barring any delays. My concerns include the homeless issue and security. Having an open trail passing under 441 will no doubt bring back the home-

less issues of the past. I am also concerned about security along parts of this path as they are behind walls and not visible from SR84 and with limited access I am concerned we will have little or no patrols by the police so we will have to be careful and report any issues.

There are plans for neighborhood meetings to announce the project and take suggestions from the public. I do plan on attending and will share dates for the meetings and any other info I learn with the Association, as well as post them on the Nextdoor site to keep everyone informed.



This artist's rendering of how a bridge might look at Riverland Woods was created in 2012.

## HOMELESS ACTIVITY REPORT



By Dawn Hanna  
International Homeless Issue Correspondent

It's been a year since the fencing and razor wire deterrents for the shelter under the 441 and Turnpike bridges were completed. The traffic of sexual offenders, addicts, the mentally unstable, homeless, and vagrant traffic has been reduced significantly.

I have not seen any activity under the 441 bridges except some kids fishing. The razor wire deterrent on the seawall has been cut and needs replacing.

On Sunday, February 21, I reported evidence of trespassers (debris, blankets, and water bottles) to the Regional Call Center. As usual, there was much confusion on the location of the turnpike ramp bridge over the new river. I contacted someone at the DOT's Asset Maintenance Contractor and they promised to clean it up. BSO has refused to make a regular patrol under the bridges and will only respond if a complaint is received. A new address for the bridge has been suggested. Please see below for reporting suggestions.



Razor wire has been removed.

On Sunday, April 10, I found more evidence of trespassers under the turnpike ramp bridge. I sent a text to the Asset Maintenance Contractor and I am waiting for a response.

Since BSO and the Asset Maintenance Contractors are not doing their jobs, we will continue to have trespassers unless we stay on top of reporting evidence of trespassing.

### Reporting Information

#### East of 441:

If you see any suspicious or unsettling activity Road, Elizabeth Hayes Park or anywhere within our Fort Lauderdale boundaries, please call and report it. You will need the addresses of the parks to enlist the assistance of Fort Lauderdale Police. The non-emergency number for Fort Lauderdale Police 954-764-4357, goes to the Regional Communications Center.

#### Riverland Woods Park

3950 Riverland Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

#### Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park

3781 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

#### Under the 441 NB and SB Bridges and Under the 441-TPK Ramp:

If you see any suspicious activity or trespassing under the bridges, please call and report it. This area falls under the jurisdiction of Broward Sheriff's Office. The non emergency number for BSO 954-764-4357, goes to the Regional Communications Center. The new reporting address is: 4100 SW 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, in UNINCORPORATED BROWARD

In addition, any photos or videos are appreciated in case law enforcement arrives after the fact.

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# Delta Flight #2127 Departing at 5:35 AM from Fort Lauderdale International For real??? BCAD, Investigate!



By Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans  
LICIA Airport Noise Committee Chairperson

As you know, our Noise Committee continues to press our political leaders at the city, county, and federal levels for changes to departure and arrival procedures, in order to reduce the airport noise pollution in our community. Although

this process is very slow, we are continuing to work on the issue. Currently, we are working with the City of Fort Lauderdale to pass a resolution to press Broward County officials to work on the issue and to reduce noise over our community.

Fortunately, City officials are responsive and understand our situation. The County, on the other hand...

I appreciate your help sending emails and letters to Tim Ryan and Lois Frankel, as they have learned that we are not going away. Now, we have to not go away.

While we continue working on the noise issue, and we still continue to experience noise over our community, it is very important to investigate unusual overflights. What to consider unusual: departure overflights between 10:30 PM and 6:00AM not on Runway Heading 275, departure overflights close to Riverland road, and basically any overflight louder than a normal conversation.

**NOTE that ALL aircraft should stay on a 275 heading between 10:30 PM and 6:00AM. They should not be on the 290 heading, close to Lauderdale Isles, during those hours.**

**NOTE that propeller aircraft are permitted to fly over our community, whereas commercial jets, which are assigned the 290 heading, should not be over Lauderdale Isles.**

**NOTE that there is an exception for bad weather: all aircraft are permitted to use headings that avoid storms out west and as a result they may fly over Lauderdale Isles during those times.**

## Here is a perfect example of an unusual overflight:

Sunday morning, April 24th, I woke up at 5:35 AM due to an overflight above my home. I opened the blinds and saw a Delta jet flying right over our community.

1) I checked [www.flightaware.com](http://www.flightaware.com) I learned that DAL 2127 departed at 05:35AM was on 290 heading, and not 275 heading as is required before 6:00 AM.

2) I emailed Winston Cannicle, Airport Noise Officer, at [wcannicle@broward.org](mailto:wcannicle@broward.org) and asked him to investigate this specific overflight. I also asked the TOWER (the FAA) to give me an explanation.

This is what you should do, too... every time that it happens.

There have been many instances when we tracked airplanes that were not on Runway Heading between 10:30 PM and 6:00AM. These are the flights that awaken you in the wee hours of the morning.

We need to collect these types of violations, so that we can address this with our political leaders. I personally collect emails from BCAD and the FAA explaining these overflights. This is serious EVIDENCE!

Please forward your findings and your communications to me at: [flairportnoise@gmail.com](mailto:flairportnoise@gmail.com).

Our political leaders have learned that we are well educated on the noise issue, and that we are not going away. We have their attention, and we are now communicating constructively.

Thank you for your support, and always feel free to email any questions to me.

***And keep filing those noise complaints!***

DT	Latitude	Longitude	Course	Direction	KTS	MPH	feet	Rate	Location/Type
Left Gate (KFL) @ Sunday 05:25:00 AM EDT									
Taxi Time: 10 minutes									
Departure (KFL) @ Sunday 05:35:00 AM EDT									
un 05:35:00 AM									⊕ Miami Center
un 05:35:23 AM	26.0756	-80.1706	285°	West	163	188	700		⊕ Miami Center
un 05:36:23 AM	26.0906	-80.2342	285°	West	238	274	2,800	2,171 ↑	⊕ Miami Center
un 05:37:08 AM	26.1206	-80.2783	307°	West	262	302	4,500	2,032 ↑	⊕ Miami Center
un 05:37:25 AM	26.1419	-80.2822	351°	North	279	321	4,900	1,065 ↑	⊕ Miami Center

Flightaware.com has a wealth of information about commercial flights. Here we see that Delta flight #2127 did not depart on a heading of 275 at 5:35am. Heading information, although not exact, is accurate.

Editor's Note: The communications between the tower and the pilots are archived at [liveatc.net](http://liveatc.net): For this flight, at 5:33am, right before takeoff :

Tower:  
"Delta 2127, Two Niner Zero"

Pilot:  
"Two Nine Zero Heading, Delta 2127"

# Cat Cay Lane Residents Improving Their Homes

By Dick Cahoon, Senior Staff Photo-Journalist



Several houses on Cat Cay have looked beautiful for years. Recently, a number of residents have repainted, refurbished, remodeled, and landscaped their houses on Cat Cay Lane. In addition, several houses have been bought by newcomers and investors who have greatly improved the appearance of their houses. Two more houses are currently undergoing very major renovations. While there are a small number of houses that could use improvement, the overall result is visually impressive to anyone walking, biking or driving Cat Cay Lane.



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# CRIME PREVENTION

## Lights - Locks - Landscaping

Those are the three “L’s” of home burglary prevention, as described for us at the February LICIA General Meeting. Our featured presentation by Detective Carmelo Colon Jr. of the FLPD Crime Prevention Unit, offered numerous insights on how to secure your home to make it less inviting for burglars. His presentation was very timely, in light of the wave of residential burglaries occurring in Lauderdale Isles at the time. *Most of the burglaries in our area are committed by juveniles.*

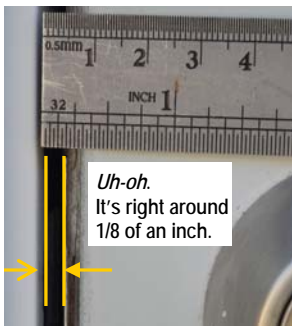
We also learned that one of the most common methods burglars use to enter homes like ours is through the side door on the garage. This door is usually only protected by an inexpensive lock that can often be opened with a knife blade. Plus, the side door is usually out of view from the street, making it more inviting to a young fellow who decided to skip school and go out and make a few bucks from a quick burglary.

So on a Saturday morning, the editorial team from the newsletter went out to look at a typical garage side door.



As described by Detective Colon, here is a typical garage side door lock setup. A cheapie “Defiant” deadbolt and lockset combination from Home Depot, for around \$20.

The space between the door and the door frame should be less than 1/8”, to prevent prying the deadbolt open with a knife.



**Uh-oh.**  
It's right around 1/8 of an inch.



**Double Uh-oh:**  
If the deadbolt is not fully locked (clicked), a knife opens it!

So it's off to Home Depot. After not being able to locate anyone to help us in the hardware department, we look through all the door & window security items and come up with this product for \$6. It's designed to block access to the door bolt and prevent forced entry.

The package says “Instructions enclosed,” yet there are no instructions in the package. (No instructions on the manufacturer's website, either.) But installation looks pretty self-explanatory.



## INSTALLATION - simple and quick:



Here's how it will fit on the side of the door, surrounding the deadbolt .



The top and bottom edges are marked on the door.



Some quick work with a sharp chisel removes the wood to the marks.



Pilot holes are drilled for the four supplied screws.



The screws are driven and the installation is finished.

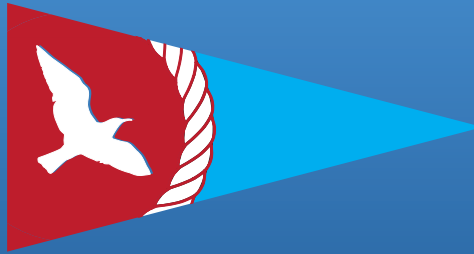


Our burglar's knife isn't going to open this deadbolt now. He'll probably go look for an easier target - or maybe head back to school in time for lunch.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has an excellent brochure:

“Crime Prevention For Your Home”

The link is: [www.flpd.org/home/showdocument?id=3299](http://www.flpd.org/home/showdocument?id=3299)



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# Riverland Library News

By Maribel D-Pelayo, Manager, and  
Kathy Arcangeli, President, Friends of Riverland  
Library

**“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.” - Jorge Luis Borges**

**FUN FACT:** Broward County citizens are readers! In FY 2015, Broward County Library (<http://www.broward.org/library>) was the 9<sup>th</sup> largest library system in the country among libraries serving populations over 1 million, over 9 million materials were checked out, over 35,000 people attended computer instructional classes, and over 500,000 people attended library programs.

**EVEN MORE FUN FACT:** You have a branch of this library system, the Riverland Branch Library at 2710 W Davie Blvd., right in your own backyard.

**MOST FUN FACT:** Once you get a library card, you can get most of your reading, listening and viewing materials online, without ever leaving the comfort of your home (see BCL WOW), or (and we do prefer this!) you can come to the library and borrow your materials there because we love to see you. There is a say that nothing is free anymore, but that is completely untrue for libraries where ALL our services are completely and absolutely FREE.

Some of our Lauderdale Isles residents may remember that the Riverland Library started out as a bookmobile stop back in the 70's. It was so successful that the City of Fort Lauderdale opened a library on site and then in 1974 it became a branch of the Broward County Library System, with the other Fort Lauderdale Libraries. This opened up an impressive collection of services to our community.

Over the years, improvements have been made to the building, most recently new restrooms and a new conference room. The building has been painted and we are working on getting a mural on that big blank canvas alongside Riverland Road. That would be a major landmark for the area. Computer stations have been added and are used extensively by patrons.

Our library community is multi ethnic, so programs are offered to make everyone feel at home. In the last year, the programs have included Salsa con Salsa - a musical potluck, Classical Latin, a listen and learn program about the influence of Latin Music on classical music, the play *La Cucaracha Martina*, performed by children with 60 attendees. English for speakers of other languages is offered, and we are looking to provide a Spanish for English speakers program and Citizenship Preparation classes.

We have an event where all children are encouraged to make floral bouquets for Mother's Day following the Victorian Language of Flowers Tradition.

The Book Club meets monthly (with a few exceptions) and everyone gets a chance to recommend books, so the selections are diverse. Teens gather at the library for Game Club and a College SAT/ACT Program is offered. Young learners rush in after school for helpful extra attention

through several programs, including Wags and Tales, Janet Ray's Learning Center and After School @ Your Library.

The collection at Riverland Library is extensive, and if you don't find it there, materials can be ordered there on the spot or online (<http://www.broward.org/library/catalogsdatabases/>) and picked up conveniently right at the library. The library has 16 public computers for adults and 4 for children. There is one AWE station (<https://awelearning.com/early-literacy-station/>) for educational games.

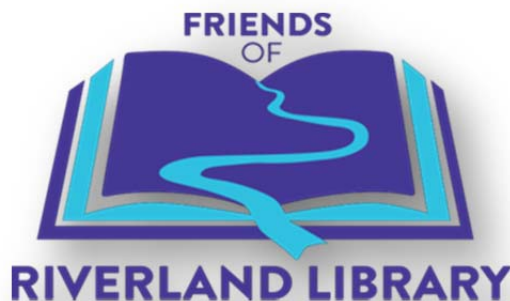
The library has an active Friends Group, the Friends of Riverland Library. The Friends of Riverland Library support the use of the Library and its facilities and create opportunities for better community understanding of library services and needs. This is done by raising funds for library needs not included in the budget and by sponsoring special programs that promote the love of reading. The Friends sponsor book fairs, which provide very inexpensive books, magazines, paperbacks for personal use while supporting the library with the funds collected. Book fairs also provide a kind

of book recycling service for the community and make wonderful gifts for others. The Friends plan events and special programs, sponsor library staff attendance at state and national library conferences and publish a newsletter. Riverland Friends support reading programs for children, literacy activities for families, and stand ready to help with special events, purchases and projects.

The Friends of Riverland Library view the library as a symbol of opportunity, citizenship, equality and freedom of speech and thought. It is a public space for ideas. As library advocates, the Friends disseminate and reinforce these principles and values, using resources and programs convenient and accessible to the community.

So, if you haven't been to the library recently, you should stop by and visit. The Library Manager and Staff will be happy to provide information for you. If you belong to an organization and are looking for a meeting place, contact the library (954-357-7455) and see if they can accommodate your group. And, please consider joining the Friends Group. Email [riverlandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:riverlandfriends@gmail.com) for more information or call Kathy at 508-237-4686.

As President Barack Obama eloquently noted **“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better”**. That is just so true. Books are magic. **READ.IMAGINE.CREATE.**





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## LIWMD Update May 2016

### Alligator Update

In every newsletter issue when we mention that the resident alligator, "Wiley," hasn't been seen in a while, he pops up somewhere right after the newsletter is published. So we're not saying anything about him this time.

### March MIASF Waterway Cleanup

LIWMD was once again a site sponsor for the MIASF Waterway Cleanup this year. The event was held at Riverland Woods Park, and that venue proved to be perfect. The Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup will be in September. We are finding that having two cleanups per year makes a big difference for our waterways.

### Assessments for Dredging

The Fort Lauderdale Public Works Department has created an "holistic" dredging plan for the entire City. The plan was presented to the City Commission recently. Each canal in the City will be dredged on an 8 to 10 year schedule. The cost to implement the dredging plan is around one million dollars per year. And how will this dredging be paid for? By assessments to all the waterfront homeowners in the City, at \$1.85 per foot of waterfront per year. This means the typical home in Lauderdale Isles with 65 feet of seawall will pay a \$120 per year assessment every year to have their canal dredged every 8 to 10 years. And remember the homeowner across the canal pays the same amount. So with the

assessments paid by you and the guy across from you, that comes out to around \$2000 to dredge 65 feet of canal. A little excessive, to say the least. And what if dredging isn't needed in your canal? You'll still pay the yearly assessment

We asked one of our local realtors, Jackie Zumwalt, to do a quick analysis of home sales in Lauderdale Isles for the past year, comparing sales for waterfront vs non-waterfront homes. On average, waterfront homes sell for around \$100,000 more than non-waterfront. So waterfront homeowners already pay a premium in the form of higher taxes because their homes have a higher valuation. When the formal assessment plan is announced, we will let you know so you can notify your elected City officials how you feel about it.

### Landscaping Companies

Now that our canals have been dredged, we have to keep them in good shape. We have spoken with several landscapers recently in the Isles; they said they didn't know it's illegal to blow or throw all that stuff in the canal. *SURE. . . .*

So have a chat with your landscaper and tell him if his crew blows all those leaves or throws all those palm fronds in the canal, you're going to find another company to replace him. And keep an eye on them while they're working in your yard.



Have a word with your landscaper about keeping the canal clean and preventing a mess like this one.

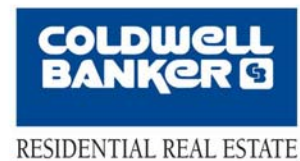
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***ACTION IN THE ISLES***



You couldn't miss seeing this vehicle parked on Riverland Road in April. This truck is called "The Enforcer," by FLPD. At the April LICIA Board meeting, they told us it is usually parked for a few days in an area as a deterrent to criminals like burglars. Captain Dodson requested that it be placed in our neighborhood for a while. Its automatic equipment records everything that happens around it for approximately four days. Those are gun ports under the windows, so who knows what other tasks may be assigned to it.



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**The Real Estate Corner**

By Eva Santiago Reed, Coral Shores Realty

**Thinking About Selling?**

Spring is here and soon to follow is summer. If you have been seriously considering selling your home, make a checklist of to do's in order to allow for a smooth and quick sale. Get a good perspective cosmetically on what your house needs for sprucing up. Take a good long look at your house from the street view and from the back view. Does it say "welcome" to perspective buyers or is it screaming "help!" ? If you have the funds, it's a great idea to invest in a home inspection of your own so that you have the opportunity and choice to fix issues that could be a deal breaker or push a buyer away. Once you know what those items are and you address them, decide on a fresh coat of paint, new flower beds, and/or pressure washing your walkway and driveway. Before you go to list with a Realtor, box up personal items for storage and consider bulk trash days for big items not being kept as well as donations of items rarely used. De-cluttering your home and taking down personal pictures and items will allow a prospective buyer to imagine their own family and belongings in the home. It's a great time to attract buyers looking at the end of the school year and summer in the very near future.

***Here's what's happening in Lauderdale Isles-***

There are currently 15 active listings ranging in asking prices from \$279,000 to \$649,900. There have been 9 Closed Sales between January 2016 and now, ranging in sale price from \$280,000 to \$568,900. There are 4 Pending Sales with listing prices ranging from \$260 to \$469,900. We are definitely on a real estate rise all over the country.

# Riverland Preservation Society

## Straw poll, Safety concerns, TIGER grant, Election of officers. The progress continues

By Lee Bacall

### Straw Poll – the big bend

The Riverland Preservation Society had a meeting on Thursday, March 31 to get community input on some of the possible uses of the Black property on Riverland Road. Nearly everyone spoke their minds, then an informal poll was taken.

No one present at the meeting wanted the current property owner to develop the land or to sell to a developer who will develop the land in a manner similar to DR Horton's plan. 0 Votes in favor of this idea.

Lots of support for a preserve/passive park, but many residents on fixed incomes concerned about the special assessment needed to complete the acquisition. Also, discussion on how the special assessment would be a potential deterrent to home buyers in the future, and the lack of fairness regarding the fact that a limited number of people pay for something that all in the city will enjoy. 11 Votes for this idea, with the caveat that land must be purchased by the city, the county, grant funds, or other means rather than a special assessment.

Interesting discussion about the possibility of turning the property into a city owned cemetery. Most walked in favoring the idea. When one adjacent neighbor, who is an appraiser, spoke at length about how a cemetery will negatively impact property values, people got very concerned. If the city decides to go this route, this issue will need to be addressed with true facts in order to overcome this objection. The community would definitely want some say in the cemetery plan, as they also had concerns over tree removal, large building construction, safety of ingress/egress, etc. Overall, many residents believe that this is the most viable option, even if it's not their first choice for the use of the property. 5 Votes for this idea.

The last idea is for a single individual or small group of investors from the neighborhood get together and come up with the down payment to purchase the property. They get the remaining cash to purchase from a bank loan. They develop and execute a small (perhaps 5-7) exclusive, gated enclave of homes built around the trees on large lots and pay the loan back as the lots or homes sell. This option got 10 votes.

There is an acquisitions committee purposed with exploring these options in further detail.

### Safety concerns – Traffic and Mobility

At a city sponsored meeting at the New River Middle School back in December, the community voiced its concerns, thoughts and opinions to members of the Department of Traffic and Engineering. Plans are in the works to improve pedestrian safety and to implement traffic calming measures along Riverland Road. Anticipate a community meeting at the New River Middle School, sometime early in May. You are invited to take part in a review of those plans.

### Tiger Grant – Complete Streets

The City of Fort Lauderdale is partnering with the Broward MPO to submit a TIGER Grant Application to Washington to fund Complete Streets Infrastructure Projects. Riverland Road/NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue between SR7/SR441 and Sunrise Blvd has been selected to be one project of 2 within Fort Lauderdale for a total of 8 projects in the County. These projects would not be designed until 2020 and constructed until 2021. The project will extend the limits of the City of Fort Lauderdale project to create a connected multi-modal street for several miles.

### What's wrong with this picture?



### Election of Officers

Election of new officers of the Riverland Preservation Society will take place at our next general membership meeting on April 28th at 7:00 PM.

Nominations are open for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Please contact Secretary/Treasurer Lee Bacall - [lee@binarystar.com](mailto:lee@binarystar.com) with nominations.

### Where, When

The Riverland Preservation Society will meet at the Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church on the corner of 31<sup>st</sup> avenue and Riverland Road. Please visit our NEW website for additional details. <http://www.riverlandpreservation.org>





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