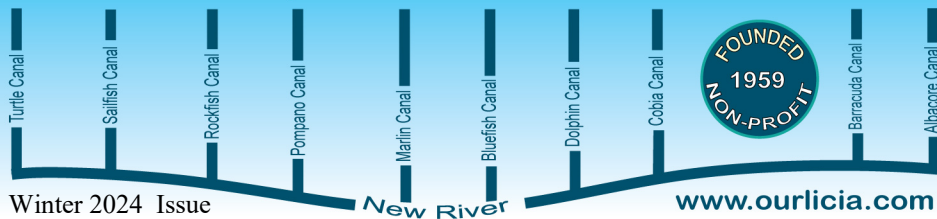
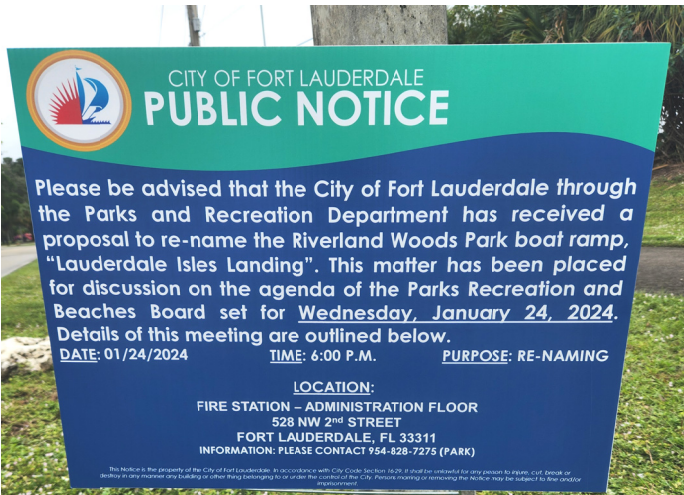


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CHANGES ARE COMING TO THE ISLES



Lauderdale Isles Landing

The Spring 2021 LICIA newsletter featured an article written by Joan Sheridan about how the Riverland Woods Park was created (you can view a copy on ourlicia.com). Thru the tireless efforts of Joan and other neighbors in Lauderdale Isles that started in 1994, the park was dedicated and opened in 2005 as “Riverland Woods.” The curious thing about this name is that it obviously has nothing to do with our neighborhood and the neighbors who worked so hard to create it. In fact, east of us down Riverland Road is the Riverland Woods neighborhood. Over the years, this has been somewhat confusing to many, including City officials, as they thought that the park was located in that neighborhood.

Last year, the LICIA Board had discussions about the name of the park, and decided to approach the City’s Parks and Recreation Department and to request that the name be changed to Lauderdale Isles Landing. Naming it a “landing” is much more descriptive of how the park is actually used as a boat ramp, and is similar to other boat ramps in the City like Cooley’s Landing and Cox’s Landing.

On Jan. 24th, Earl Prizlee and Geoff Rames appeared before the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Board, and were successful with the requests for Community Center funding and this name change. That Board will now recommend approval by the City Commission.

If you’ve ever tried to use the boat ramp on a busy weekend, you know that it gets packed and the wait for the single lane ramp can be long. So along with the name change, LICIA has requested that the City apply for grants from the county and state to widen the ramp and install a longer floating dock to the west. The City has obtained \$3 million in grants to improve Cooley’s Landing; let’s hope they’ll get grant money for “Lauderdale Isles Landing,” too. Our great boating community needs a great boat ramp.



The new Community Center will be similar to this one in Hortt Park in Shady Banks

The New Community Center

By now you have heard that our beloved yacht club was sold to a private owner, despite another attempt by the City to purchase the property. Included in the \$200M general obligation Parks Bond was funding earmarked as land acquisition to purchase the yacht club. After presenting at General Meetings and to the City Commission, we are now on the path to convert the land acquisition funds to instead be used as project funds to construct a new community center on City owned property. Below is a tentative schedule showing what LICIA has completed and the next steps in order to get to the finish line.

Note that once the City’s Architectural Consultant AECOM is under contract, there will be a public meeting held to provide input on the new facility. We will provide the neighborhood with updates and we may ask for your participation to support the project at a Commission Meeting. We are using the Hortt Park Center in Shady Banks as the model for how our center will operate. We hope you are as excited as we are to finally have our own meeting place for community activities.

Lauderdale Isles Community Center Project Schedule

- ✓ Meeting with AECOM Feasibility Discussion (September 15, 2023)
- ✓ Meeting with Parks & Recreation (December 15, 2023)
- ✓ City Commission Meeting - Request Bond Transfer (December 19, 2023)
- ✓ Parks Recreation and Beaches Board Meeting (January 24, 2024)
- City Commission Meeting : 1st Reading of Parks Bond Change
- City Commission Meeting : 2nd Reading of Parks Bond Change
- City Commission Meeting : Award Agreement with AECOM (Design Firm)
- Community Outreach Meetings

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CHECK THIS OUT! FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Our February General Meeting will be virtual. Yes, LICIA loves technology, so the February 22nd, 7:00pm meeting will be via ZOOM. Now you can sit back in the comfort of your own home and attend this meeting. No need to get dressed up and head over to the church. Be sure to MUTE, of course. We recommend you use a PC or tablet for the best experience.

Our headliner will be Commissioner Warren Sturman. The Commissioner will update us on everything that's been going on at the City. Plus we'll have reports from FLPD, Code Compliance, LICIA Committees and the latest on the new Community Center. Don't miss it: Feb 22nd, 7:00pm

The ZOOM info for this meeting will be posted on our website at ourlicia.com.

This meeting will be virtual only, with no meeting at the church.

HAVE YOU PAID DUES THIS YEAR?

Our fiscal year runs from November through October, so if you've paid dues after November 1st of 2023, you're good to go and we thank you.

If you haven't paid after November 1st, why not take a minute right now to take care of it. It's only \$20.

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Compost on your mind?



By Diana Steeger

In a previous issue we covered what materials can be used for composting. This issue we wanted to cover the different alternatives available. Before getting started, there are a few questions that need to be answered, so that you can compost according to your lifestyle. Are you looking for fast results? Do you have time to manage your compost, or will you turn it infrequently? Do you have a spot where no one will notice the compost, or will you have to locate it in an area that all your neighbors will see it?

Here are different types of composting methods:

Pile of heap - If you have the space, cold composting may be for you. Cold composting is an easy way to turn yard waste into a great soil. If you have lots of land or have an area which is hidden from the neighbors, this will probably work best. This is the best method for people who don't have time to tend a hot compost pile. Simply mix yard waste into a pile and let it sit for a year or so, for best results.

Continuous composter - These enclosed metal bins are meant to handle a variety of material, from kitchen scraps to yard waste. They're called "continuous" because you can add material all the time. Compost is generated slowly. Usually, the finished compost filters to the bottom of the bin and can be removed a few times a year.

Batch composter - Also called compost tumbler, the batch composter tumbling action turns these composters into efficient, compost-accelerating machines. Each batch starts with a balanced

mix of ingredients and cooks until it's done, which can be as little as four to eight weeks. A batch composter is the fastest way to create compost, but it needs to be turned daily and checked for sufficient moisture. While one batch is cooking, you stockpile the materials for the next batch.

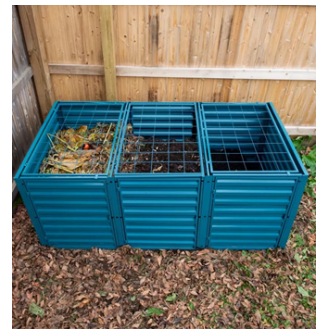
Indoor Composter - It's possible to make compost indoors, with specially designed composters and worm bins. You can turn kitchen scraps into compost for houseplants and the garden.

Multi-bin Composter - The use of a multi-bin composter is that finished, ready-to-spread compost on one end, while on the other end, you can continue to add new kitchen and yard scraps. When composting in a single bin, the continuous addition of fresh kitchen and garden scraps slows the decomposition process down. Using multiple bins allows you to optimize the breakdown journey of your scraps from whole organics to nutrient-rich finished compost.

No matter your living space, there are plenty of ways to compost, it's just a matter of finding what works best for you. It's easier than ever to reduce the amount of trash in our garbage cans. Compost is not an exact science. It takes time and experience to figure out the best way for you to compost in your environment.



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GENERAL MEETING FEB. 22nd 7pm This will be a ZOOM virtual meeting

Attend our February 22nd General Meeting from the comfort of your own home. We are going to try conducting a virtual meeting for the first time. The ZOOM info will be on our website at ourlicia.com.



Headliner for this meeting is Commissioner Warren Sturman.

Your Commissioner Sturman is fully supporting our new Community Center project. Attend this meeting via ZOOM to hear about all the projects and issues going on in the City. Don't miss this one!

FORT LAUDERDALE'S FAVORITE SPORT



By Dick Cahoon
Senior Staff Sports Writer

In his year end review, humorist Dave Barry said pickleball courts now occupy 40% of the land mass of the US. His gross exaggeration is a reflection of the growth in popularity in the sport. In Lauderdale Isles, at least two driveways hosted pickleball during the pandemic when parks were closed. Isles resident Madeline Otero posted online, "If you think Pickleball is growing fast, just listen to what it has done for Profanity."

Cleveland Clinic lists five benefits of playing pickleball:
1. Improves Heart Health; 2. Enhances muscle and bone strength; 3. Increases balance and coordination; 4. Boosts brain health; and another "little" thing: 5. **Lengthens lifespan.**

Lauderdale Isles is closest to Benenson Park's six new pickleball courts on Davie Blvd., next to the Winn Dixie at 1330 SW 33rd Avenue. Holiday Park has six outdoor courts and there are also courts in Plantation, Hollywood, and Davie nearby. The world's first Stadium Court and 42 other courts are planned to break ground very soon at Snyder Park to the chagrin of some neighbors and some opposed to the public private partnership on city land.

I play with advanced players M, W, F mornings indoors at Salvation Army Gym, 100 SW 9th Ave in Fort Lauderdale. Beginners can play there M, W, F 1 - 4pm. Lessons are available then on an affordable basis through Manager Gregg Bassett at (754) 423-8848.

South Florida is a hotbed for Pickleball, with reigning World Men's and Women's Champions living in the area. Davie resident and Men's Senior Champion Steve Kennedy teaches locally & all over the country (southfloridapickleballacademy.com). Steve helped me reach tournament play and also coached and helped Isles resident C. A. Messana, (954)547-8567, to reach certification to teach at Plantation's Central Park. Beginning classes are also taught free at Holiday Park Gym to members who join Fort Lauderdale Parks & Rec "Club 55," for \$55 per year. Members can then play free at the three Gym indoor courts; intermediate players can also play at the one indoor court at nearby Riverland Park Gym.



The plan for Snyder Park includes the world's first stadium court and 42 other courts.

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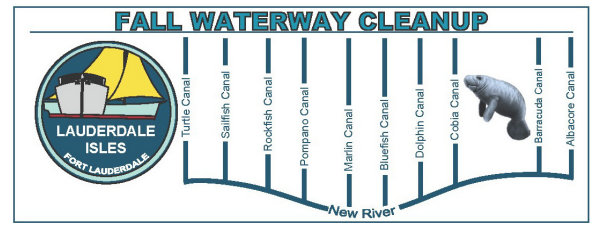


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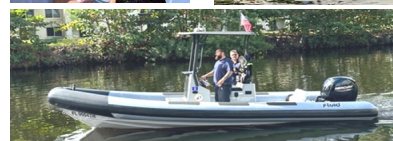
ACTION IN THE ISLES

Our sixth Lauderdale Isles Fall Waterway Cleanup took place on November 11. Our crowd of 65 attendees and 18 boats and kayaks was the most enthusiastic group we've ever had. Many of our participants headed for the woods on the south side of the River and worked hard to remove the loads of trash in those mangroves.

The crew at the sign-in table, coordinated by Jill and Karen, kept the event moving smoothly. The dock crew was super busy unloading the trash from boats and getting it to the City dump truck. In fact, the truck couldn't hold all the trash that was collected, and the City had to send a second truck to remove everything. Everyone received one of our great Waterway Cleanup shirts, and LICIA koozies. There were prizes for trash brought in - most unique, ugliest, cutest, sportiest, and for the most coconuts brought in. Once again, a great neighborhood event. Thanks to all our Lauderdale Isles staff and participants for their hard work and the great job they did. We'll see you all at the next Cleanup.



Dignitaries who stopped by:
 Left: Jeri Pryor of Commissioner Sturman's office
 Right: Former Commissioner Ben Sorensen



Code Compliance Boat with Marco & Dorian on board



One City truck was not enough for all the trash that was brought in

The Lauderdale Isles Fall Waterway Cleanup is sponsored by:



Many thanks to Fort Lauderdale Parks & Rec for all their support!

The Sewell Lock



By Dawn Hanna
Senior Staff Historiographer

Years before the Gill Construction Company developed Lauderdale Isles, Florida Governor Napoleon Broward began the Everglades drainage program in 1906. Just a few miles west of Lauderdale Isles, is Lock No. 1, which is also known as Broward Memorial Lock or Sewell Lock (named for Major S. Sewell, one of the engineers that designed the lock). A lock is a device used for raising and lowering boats, between stretches of water of different levels on river and canal waterways.

The North New River Canal was part of a series of waterways and locks that became a major transportation artery between Fort Lauderdale and Lake Okeechobee. "Lock No. 1 was the first one on the canals built by Gov. Broward," according to historian Helen Landers of the Broward Historical Commission. The lock, which controlled the height of the water, constructed by Furst-Clark Construction Co. of Baltimore, began operating in August 1912.

Using the canal and lock, boats brought lumber, farm equipment and people to remote farms and villages in the state's interior. The boats then ferried vegetables and fish from the farms back to the coast, where the goods were shipped north. The lock also made it possible for small steamboats to operate on a regular basis between Fort Lauderdale, the Lake and Fort Myers via the Caloosahatchee River. Regularly scheduled steamers included the Suwannee, Lily and Passing Thru. These boats carried passengers, cargo and tourists up and down the river.

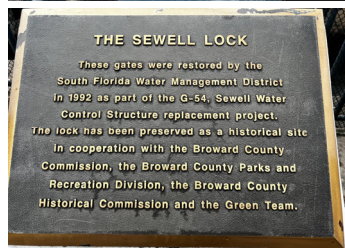
In 1926, the last boat passed through the lock, said Landers. By that time the canal had accumulated too much silt to be navigable

by the larger boats, she said. Also, by the 1930s, railroads and highways replaced waterways as major transportation routes.

Lock No. 1 was placed on the National Register in 1978. The west set of gates was partially restored, but the east set of gates as well as the working mechanics and controls for both sets were not brought back to the site. The gatekeeper's house was removed along with the ramps, docks and the out-buildings that serviced the barge and boat crews. Today it is a county park, popular for fishing, and a rest area for walkers and bikers. The old lock structure is still visible and stands east of the current flood control structure. It may not be the prettiest park, but it has a few picnic tables and is dog friendly.



Looking west at the lock as it stands today.



The park at the lock is dog friendly. River enjoys it.

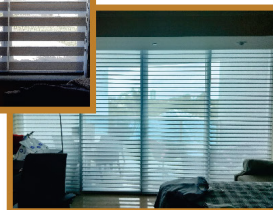
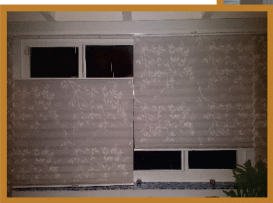
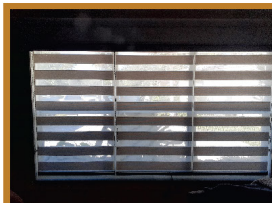
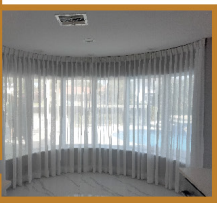
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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FORT LAUDERDALE?

We received lots of positive feedback from readers for our first crossword puzzle in the November issue. So here's another, and it's a little tougher than the last one. Good luck!



This crossword puzzle was created by:
Margaux Simpson
Senior Staff
Cruciverbalist

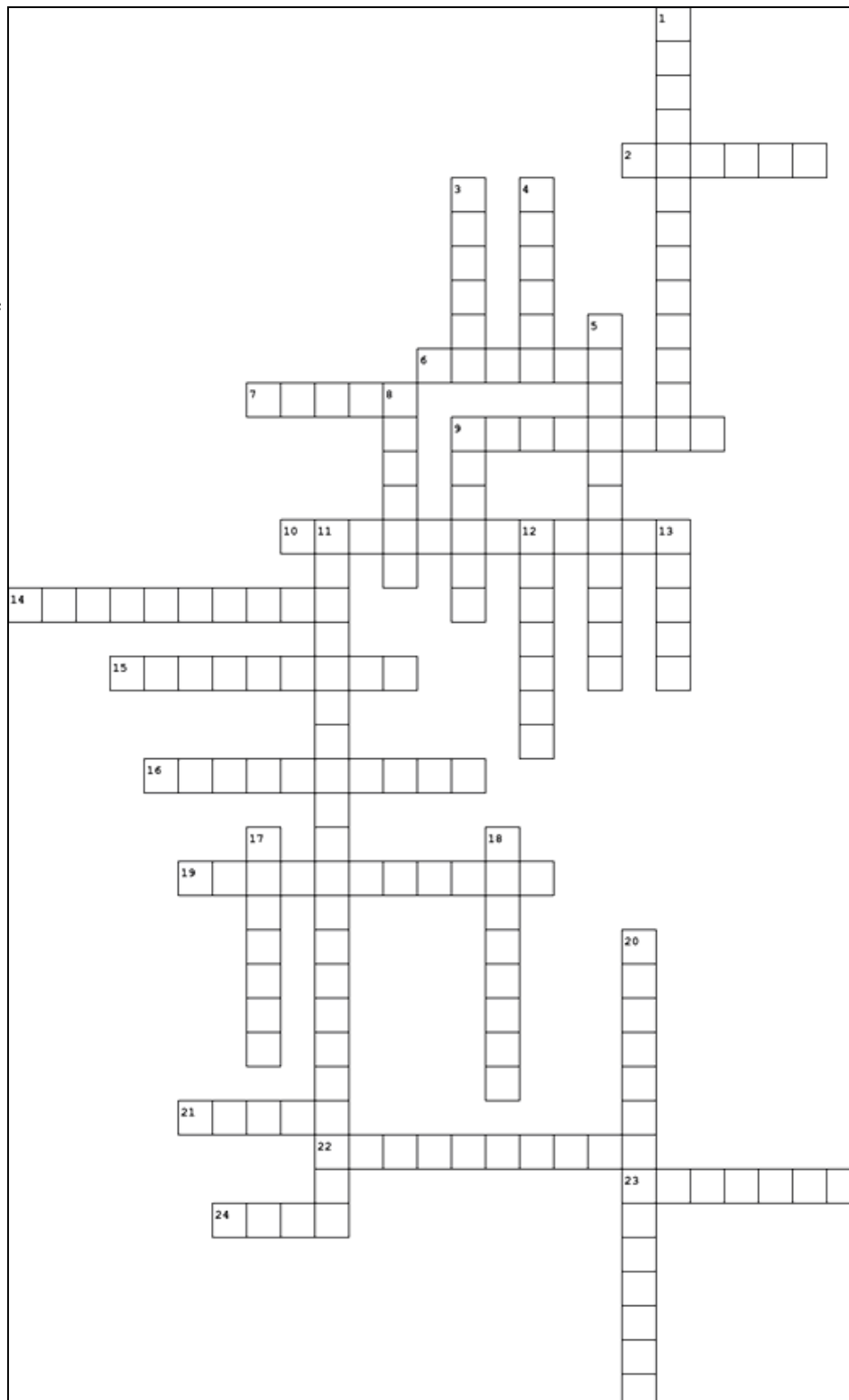
FUN FACTS ABOUT FORT LAUDERDALE

Across

2. Ft. Lauderdale's Nickname. The _____ of America
6. Third largest hospital consortium in the United States. Broward _____
7. Fish frequently caught in canals
9. 17th Street _____ bridge
10. Fort Lauderdale is home to the tallest _____ in the Western Hemisphere
14. The Fort Lauderdale area was known as the "New River _____" before the 20th century
15. Seasonal visitors
16. Inter city passenger rail
19. College kids come here for _____
21. This automotive component was used to create an artificial reef in the 1970's
22. Name the oldest section of the city. _____ Historic District
23. The interchange between I 95 and I 595 is also known as: The _____ Interchange
24. January 19, 1977, is the one and only day Ft. Lauderdale saw _____.

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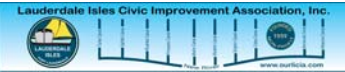
1. Local legend and founder of Waste Management, AutoNation, and Blockbusters
3. This reptile is known to nest on the Fort Lauderdale Beaches between the months of March and October
4. Name of lock West of Fort Lauderdale
5. Oldest Bar (3 words)
8. Florida's first public tunnel. H.E. _____
9. 19th century local justice of the peace or local boat ramp. William _____
11. Annual show, now celebrating more than 60+ years. Fort Lauderdale _____
12. Country & Rock Music Festival
13. Sports icon and new resident to the city
17. Bus service styled as street cars, The Sun _____
18. Shopping center accessible by car or water taxi
20. Third busiest cruise port in the world (2 words)



Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

Saturday, March 2nd

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FIRE SAFETY



By Joann Kratky
LICIA Staff Safety Officer

On Monday night, January 15th, there was a fire at a home mid-way down Nassau Lane. It is said to allegedly (not yet confirmed) started from a mini fridge. The fire spewed out of the north side of the house. Thanks to the fast response from the fire department it did not jump to the house next door.

There were over 20 fire trucks that responded to the 911 call. They stretched down Nassau Lane to just short of Riverland Road. This is a somber cue for all of us to be prepared in case it would happen to us or our neighbors. It brought to mind the importance of fire safety and preparedness.

If a Fire Starts:

- Know how to safely operate a fire extinguisher
- Remember to GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL 9-1-1
- Yell "Fire" several times and go outside right away.
- Leave all your things where they are and save yourself.
- If closed doors or handles are warm or smoke blocks your primary escape route, use your second way out.

- Never open doors that are warm to the touch.
- If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit. Close doors behind you.
- If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with doors closed. Place a wet towel under the door and call the fire department or 9-1-1.
- Open a window and wave a brightly colored cloth or flashlight to signal for help.

Once you are outside, go to your meeting place and then send one person to call the fire department. If you cannot get to your meeting place, follow your family emergency communication plan.



January 15th: House fire on Nassau Lane required multiple engines from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department

New Authors' Corner



By Isabel Rimanoczy

You may have come across several neighbors in our community that are writers: novels, poetry, children stories, theater plays, etc. My husband Ernie Turner and I being authors ourselves, we decided to create an Authors' Corner, to connect and meet with oth-

ers with a similar passion in the Isles. The purpose will be to meet, and set up future "Meet your neighbor author" evenings, where we hold book talks throughout the year.

So if you're an author, we invite you to join us in creating the Authors' Corner. As a first step, get in touch with me, Isabel, at IsabelRimanoczy@gmail.com to express your interest. After that, we will set a date for our first meeting to connect over a glass of wine - or juice :-).

It's a wonderful time of the year in the Isles

We hope you enjoyed the garland and red bows on the lane signs, as much as your Board did decorating for the holidays



The SAGA of the Gallant Lady (Graffiti Boat) Comes to an End

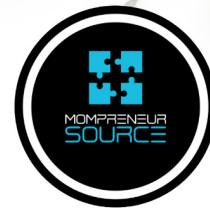
By Joann Kratky,
Waterways Correspondent

It began in mid-March: the 87' vessel, the Gallant Lady derelict and sunk in the New River. After months of calling, emailing and texting to the FWC -- fast forward to November 30th when the tug finally arrived for removal.

Away it goes on its long journey up the Intracoastal to South Georgia to be processed for scrap. The tug company is based in Jacksonville so they did not have far to go back to home base. It did end up to be a Christmas gift.



Gallant Lady being pushed by the tug under the Oakland Park Blvd Bridge



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- **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

Nov. 1, 2023 to Jan. 28, 2024*

Presented By: Julie Gordon of
THE GORDON GROUP Realtors

Address	B/B	Living Area Sq. Ft.	Sale Price
2406 Nassau	3/2.5	2,060	\$1,400,000
2531 Okeechobee	3/2	2,084	\$1,250,000
2648 Okeechobee	3/2	1,772	\$1,200,000
2525 Sugarloaf	4/3	2,306	\$1,100,000
2643 Gulfstream	3/2	1,573	\$ 987,000
2524 Okeechobee	4/3	1,620	\$ 915,000
2637 Okeechobee	2/2	1,485	\$ 875,000
2413 Key Largo	4/3	1,537	\$ 840,000
2424 Marathon	3/2	1,462	\$ 810,000
2425 Whale Harbor	2/2	2,166	\$ 605,000

*Data as per Beaches MLS, Inc

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