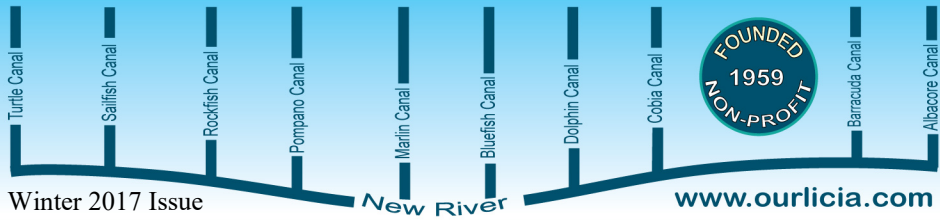


# Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dirk Lowry



Happy belated New Year, here we are into 2017. No November Newsletter whereby we attempt to get our dues sent in for the coming year. In this issue, we are going to provide a pre addressed dues envelope as we usually do in the November issue.

Production of this great colorful Newsletter and other obligations are dependent on our dues paying members. All dues paying members are going to get special notifications of city events and activities, County notifications and other information that may be of benefit. We need your dues and are grateful for those who support the association. All of the Lane Representatives/Board Members (the dedicated person on your lane that drops off the Newsletter and meets monthly at Board meetings), the Executive Committee and the other committees we establish are all volunteers. There are no perks other than personal satisfaction from participating in the improvement of the association, the neighborhood and our quality of life.

As long as I'm on the subject of volunteers it should be mentioned; the Airport Noise Committee and the New River Preservation Committee are all volunteer. Angelina has given up a large portion of her time and life to gain the support of the principles and decision makers at the airport level. We have met with the New Airport Director at his office. He's at this time giving us his support and understands our frustrations. Regardless of the terrorist incident at FLL recently, he's still responding and communicating with us. Please note, there have be many articles published in the Newsletter reference our progress with the noise issue. However, by some of the comments and criticism we receive from time to time, it's obvious that many don't read this information. With reference to some of those comments it seems they come from many who don't bother to contribute a mere \$20 yearly LICIA dues. Comments have been made on the possibility of suing the County and the airport, which would cost tens of thousands. But many of the complainers can't seem to squeeze out that \$20. *End of my dues rant.*

Similarly, Audrey and the New River Preservation Committee are all volunteers, and spend countless hours pursuing this

issue to help protect our great waterfront lifestyle. They deserve our respect and thanks.

On a another note we will be cooperating with the new owners of the Yacht Club whenever and wherever we can. We are planning some activities later this spring that all residents of the Isles can participate in. All residents are welcome at our published events.

The newsletter editors are always looking for contributions to our publication Any and all subjects are welcome. This Newsletter is the first for 2017. Putting this newsletter together is a lot of time consuming work and once again it's a volunteer position. Please feel free to contribute. We are also looking for those business people in the Isles who would like to place an advertisement. There are many people outside our neighborhood that get e-copies. The advertising rates can be found in this edition.

We are looking forward to a great 2017 and the participation of our residents in our activities and events. We'll see you at the February 16th General Meeting at the Yacht Club featuring the City's Code Enforcement Department. AND, we'll see you at the MIAASF Waterway Cleanup on March 4th. Details are inside this newsletter.

Every one stay safe and have a prosperous and healthy 2017.



The truly amazing Christmas display this year by the Sablich family on Whale Harbor Lane

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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### AIRPORT NOISE-PART 150 STUDY



### GONE - AND REPLACED



## AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting  
Thursday, Feb 16th, 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. Opening Statement: (Vice President)
- 3. FLPD Report
- 4. Regular Business
  - Minutes Approval
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports
    - Airport Noise Committee
    - New River Preservation Committee
    - Welcome Committee
  - LIWMD Report
- 5. Presentation: Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement
- 6. Good and welfare
- 7. Adjournment

### Regarding LICIA Meetings:

- Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes.
- All attendees at LICIA General Meetings must sign in at the front desk.
- All General Meetings are held at the Yacht Club. Board of Directors and Committee meetings are held at Abiding Savior Church.

Please note:

The Treasurer's Reports & Minutes for previous meetings should be available soon at:  
[www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)

### From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames, Co-editor

- No November newsletter: Due to issues encountered by the new newsletter editor, no newsletter was published in November. This is the first time in 50 years this has happened. Subsequently, we issued an interim electronic version on our website. If you haven't looked at it, take a minute to do so. There are lots of pics of our September Waterway Cleanup and a great article by Audrey about the Davie situation
- For the meantime, I am back working on the newsletter with my new co-editor Eva Santiago.
- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter, including past editions, available on our website [www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Dirk Lowry, Angelina Pluzhynk Evans, Audrey Edwards, Glori Stauch,, and Jackie Zumwalt.



Filing noise complaints is quick & easy using the new mobile web app!

For the link, just go to:  
[broward.org/airport/noiseInformation](http://broward.org/airport/noiseInformation)



*It's that time again, but a little late*

## Association dues are due

Our fiscal year runs from November through October. Unfortunately, without a newsletter published this past November, we are behind in our annual dues drive, so we need all members to contribute their annual dues of \$20 this month. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. Why not take a minute right now to write a check and mail it using the enclosed envelope. Plus, by paying your dues, you'll be a **Member in Good Standing**, meaning you may serve on LICIA Committees & you can vote in the November Election.

**To mail your dues, use the handy coupon on the back cover of this newsletter and the enclosed envelope.**

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to:  
[grames.licia@gmail.com](mailto:grames.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.  
Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc., PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

# Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 4th, 2017**  
**40th Annual Waterway Cleanup**



**The waterways of Lauderdale Isles are the heart of our boating community. Here's your chance to step up to help keep our waterways clean and healthy.**

## **LOCATION- LAUDERDALE ISLES YACHT CLUB**

Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Free refreshments: Coffee, breakfast treats available prior to start of Cleanup

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Community Service Hour Certificates for students: pre-register at [waterwaycleanup.org](http://waterwaycleanup.org)

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For more info: [www.waterwaycleanup.org](http://www.waterwaycleanup.org)

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**LOCATION: LAUDERDALE ISLES YACHT CLUB**

# AT OUR FEBRUARY 16 GENERAL MEETING: Everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask about: **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Our feature presentation at the February 16th General Meeting will be by officials from  
the City of Fort Lauderdale Code Compliance Division.

It's been quite a few years since we've had officials from Code Compliance attend one of our general meetings. If you were there the last time they attended, you remember a very informative and lively meeting. Some of the topics we have asked them to cover are: Short-term vacation rentals, renting dock slips, building permits, waterway issues, noise complaints, "Party Houses," and more. They will discuss how to file a complaint, and what happens if a complaint is filed against your property.

NOTE: If you have a question about particular property or specific code issue, please send that info to Dirk at [dlowry137@comcast.net](mailto:dlowry137@comcast.net) prior to Feb 10th. We will forward it to Code Compliance so they can provide an update on that issue at the meeting. This will be a great informational meeting; don't miss it!

From the City of Fort Lauderdale website, [fortlauderdale.gov](http://fortlauderdale.gov):

As our beautiful City grows and moves forward into a sustainable future we are here to help ensure that our neighborhoods and properties continue to shine. Our purpose is to assure compliance, through education, with zoning ordinances and other code sections that are related to private property usage and which address promoting health, safety, property preservation, and community enhancement.

Our division works seven days a week to help property owners meet their obligations and responsibilities, and to prevent property values from falling. The standards set by our Code of Ordinances protect us all from substandard conditions.

Keeping our City safe and in great condition is essential because when properties become deteriorated beyond a usable point this translates into additional costs for taxpayers, crime occurs more frequently, and our neighborhoods becoming dirty and unattractive.

Our mission is to work side by side with our neighbors to combat blight throughout the City and to influence and enhance the quality of life in Fort Lauderdale.

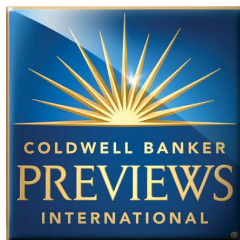


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			If you had Plan HDF, the <b>\$20</b> you pay would be applied to your deductible.

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## Vice President's Corner



Geoff Rames

### Short Term Vacation Rentals

These have become a frequent nuisance due to large groups renting the homes, loud all-night parties and cars racing up and down the lanes.

Many of these homes are being rented out illegally without proper certification from the City. At the January board meeting, the LICIA Board of Directors approved a motion declaring that the Association is opposed to short term rentals, whether legal or illegal. To shed more light on how the City is addressing this issue, our main presentation at the February 16 General Meeting will feature officials from Fort Lauderdale Code Enforcement. See the announcement about this meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Airport Noise

No doubt about it, the noise from planes departing to the West in January was the worst ever. Now the Part-150 Noise study starts, which will take a couple of years. In the meantime, several members of the LICIA Airport Noise Committee met with the Airport Director in December. The director was sympathetic to our plight and was very familiar with our situation. We were encouraged by this meeting. Unfortunately, as you know, there was the tragic shooting incident at the airport, so our issue went on the back burner for a while. We "hope" for some positive news soon. In the meantime, we need to keep blasting out those airport noise complaints. Thanks to Angelina's participation on the BCAD Airport Noise Abatement Committee, she learned of the new smart

phone web app for filing complaints and she made us all aware of that app via Nextdoor. The app makes it a hundred times easier to file a noise complaint. We have heard that some folks using the app can file a complaint one-handed in under 10 seconds, leaving the other hand available to handle a cold beverage to numb the senses to the aircraft noise.

Angelina and Kahlil Nasser will be participating on the two committees central to the Part-150 study. Due to the amount of time to be spent on the Part-150 and her participation on ANAC, Angelina will not be chairing our LICIA Airport Noise Committee in the future. Several of the committee members have expressed interest in taking over as chairperson, so the committee will continue in its efforts to address the noise issue.

Many neighbors have said they would like to participate on this committee. We will announce the next meeting on Nextdoor. If you want to attend, that's great. Please review the extensive newsletter article we published last February to become familiar with all the facets of the noise issue so you're up to speed.

### FEC Bridge Closing

Just before press time, Dirk, Ken, & I attended the hearing at the Federal Courthouse regarding the closure of the FEC bridge for 12 days in February, Feb 11—Feb 23. The plaintiffs are the affected boat yards on the river who requested an injunction to delay the closing for 70 days. It was impossible for us to judge how the magistrate will rule on this request. But sooner or later, it looks like this 12 day closure will probably happen.

### Davie Marina Issue

The Davie Town Council now has the hearing scheduled for this matter for March 1st, 6:30pm, at Davie Town Hall.

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# Proposed Rezoning of the South Side of the New River



## Davie Marina Update

By Audrey Edwards  
LICIA New River Preservation  
Committee Chairperson

As all of you should know by now, Sandra Roberts (owner of the property located at 3541 W SR 84) has petitioned the Town of Dave to rezone that property to Commercial Marine. The rezoning hearing was postponed yet again. The next hearing will be in March. The date is not posted on the City of Davie's website. They will post the date on the Friday before the hearing which would typically be on the Wednesday following. However, we will be in touch with David Quigley (their Planning and Zoning Director) in the next couple of weeks to confirm the date and it will be immediately announced on NextDoor.



The subject properties in Davie

Fortunately, Lauderdale Isles has the support of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City has not only attended hearings in the Town of Davie with us, they have made a request from Broward County for a compatibility review.

As most of you have noticed, there is currently a plethora of code enforcement issues on the south side of the river. Citations have been issued on 3541 and 3581 W. SR 84. Several of your neighbors have been in attendance at these hearings for the violations. During the last hearing for 3581 W. SR 84, the owner of that property (Marina Mile Yacht Sales - John Wickman), said that he is selling his lot to Rick Obey (of Sunseeker Yachts) and that Obey also intends on buying the house next to it (on the west side). It was sold to Marine Consulting, Inc. on January 3<sup>rd</sup> ([http://www.bcpa.net/RecInfo.asp?URL\\_Folio=504219010170-Next](http://www.bcpa.net/RecInfo.asp?URL_Folio=504219010170-Next)) to a corporation registered in Delaware but also have local address listed as the same address



The huge yachts lined up on the docks of the Roberts property

as Rick Obey and Associates(2525 Marina Bay Dr E., Ste 202, Fort Lauderdale).

Several months ago (October) Florida Fish and Wildlife were called to 3581 W SR 84 due to work being done on a boat in the water. When one of the law enforcement officers spoke to a man on the property, who identified himself as the owner, he stated to the officer- "that's what we do, we bring boats up here to work on them."

We, as a neighborhood, must get off our laurels and keep ourselves focused on the big picture here. IF this incompatible usage of residential property from our south side neighbors continues, it will have an irreversible negative affect on all of our property values. Whether you can see the property from your living room or live down the street, it's called the domino effect. For some of you, it already has affected your quality of life. Have you tried to navigate a 40' or larger boat around the bend? There is not a soul in our neighborhood who bought a home here to live near or next to a boat yard.

The next hearing in Davie for the Roberts' property is VERY important. Your attendance is vital! This is YOUR neighborhood. Unless you'd like to live next to a boatyard (as this is a possible consequence if Davie approves Roberts application) you need to attend this hearing. Even if you are not a public speaker (not everyone was blessed with the ability to get up and speak in front of total strangers), please attend anyway. Your mere presence speaks volumes. It sure is great to see some of your good neighbors speak up for all of us. We have some really great folks living here in the Isles. All the more reason to protect our quality of life.



The large yacht on the right is moored at Certified Diesel & makes for tight passage on the river at this point.

## IMPORTANT UPDATE

Just as the newsletter was going to press, the Town of Davie announced the date for the Town Council meeting to address this rezoning request:

**Wednesday, March 1st, 6:30pm**

**Davie Town Hall, 6591 Orange Drive**

The Town frequently changes meeting agendas, etc., so watch for updates about this meeting on Nextdoor.



# AIRPORT NOISE



## What you need to know about the Part – 150 Noise Study



By Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans  
LICIA Airport Noise Committee Chairperson

### What is the Part–150 Noise Study?

Part-150 is a voluntary program that U.S. airports may undertake to seek a balance between their operational needs and the impact of noise their operations have on surrounding neighborhoods. Broward County commissioned the Part-150 Noise Study for Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL).

### What can I do to participate in helping our community?

We need people in our community to understand that this is a very long process that will take about three years. We need ALL of your attention on the study. The outcome of this study is very critical to our future property values, our health, and our enjoyment of our homes. We need all possible help from you. Please learn about the noise, understand the issues created and give us a helpful hand if you have technical background. More importantly– attend ALL of the public workshops.

### Where can I learn about the updated for the Part–150 Study?

[www.flpart150.com](http://www.flpart150.com) (the website is not available yet)

### What is the study based on?

The study is based on the 12 months of operational data for 2017. The existing noise conditions from 2017 will be projected 5 years into the future, which is 2022.

### When was the last Part–150 done for FLL?

The initial Part-150 study was done in 1987. Part-150 update was done in 1994. Another Part-150 study was initiated, but later suspended in 2007.

### How long will the current Part–150 Study Last?

The study started in the Summer of 2016, and should end in the Fall of 2019.

### What are the main elements of the study?

Creation of a Noise Exposure Map Report (NEM) that will include a comprehensive database of current conditions, new contours development and impact analysis, and preparation of NEM. Noise modeling should start in Spring 2017. Timeline for NEM / FAA Acceptance Summer 2017 – Spring 2018.

Creation of Noise Compatibility Program (NCP). NCP will identify and evaluate noise abatement alternatives, compatible land use alternatives prepare and submit the NCP Report.

NCP (Noise Compatibility Program), which includes

-Alternative Analysis Winter 2017 – Summer 2018

-NCP Report Summer – Fall 2018

-Public Hearing Winter 2018 -2019

-FAA 180 Day Review /ROA (Record of Acceptance) Summer – Fall 2019.

### What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to analyze current and future noise issues in the vicinity of the airport; identify measures to improve compatibility of land by evaluating flight procedures; identify incompatible land use; submit *locally-endorsed* recommendations to the FAA regarding noise reduction measures.

### What is compatible land use and what is incompatible land use?

Land that is located in an area where noise levels are < 65 DNL (Day-Night Sound Level) is considered to be compatible for land use as: residential, or public (schools, hospitals and nursing homes, churches, governmental services).

Land that is located in an area where noise levels are > 65 DNL is considered to be incompatible for residential land use.

See <http://tinyurl.com/gpurkgh>

### What level of public outreach should we expect?

There will be approximately 8 Technical Advisory Committee meetings (TAC). Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans was appointed by the City of Fort Lauderdale to represent southwest Fort Lauderdale at TAC.

There will be approximately 8 Study Coordination Committee (SCC) meetings.

Khalil Nasser was appointed by the City of Fort Lauderdale to represent southwest Fort Lauderdale at SCC.

Both TAC and SCC committees will focus on technical aspects of the noise and information distribution to the City of Fort Lauderdale Commission about the progress of the study, which will impact the future of our community.

There will be 5 informal workshops on consecutive nights.

There will be Noise Exposure Map (NEM) single large venue information workshop.

There will be Noise Compatibility Plan (NCP) single large venue information workshop flowed by public hearing.

Also, we should receive 6 newsletters related to the study.



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## WHAT'S ORANGEBURG?

By Geoff Rames

It's a city in New York and also the common name for a type of sewer pipe that was manufactured in that city from the 40's until the early 70's. The technically correct name for this pipe is "Coal tar Impregnated Wood Fiber Pipe." It looks like densely rolled tar paper. During the post-war building boom in the 50's, Orangeburg was used extensively throughout the US for new home sewer lines, as it was readily available, easy to use, and inexpensive.

Lauderdale Isles was built in the 50's and Orangeburg was used here as the pipe that runs from the house ("the lateral") out to the City's sewer connection. Installed properly, Orangeburg pipe has lasted a long time for many of the homes in the Isles. However, its weak point is where sections of the pipe are joined together. This joint is simply a sleeve that covers the ends of the two adjoining pipes, with no sealant. If the pipe is near a tree or bushes, eventually roots will penetrate the joint, grow inside the pipes, and you end up with gurgling toilets and a sewer clog. This usually happens on a Sunday, so the plumber can charge double to come out and run his snake down the pipe to clear it.

I had occasional clogs over the years due to the fact that my sewer pipe runs right next to a palm tree on my lawn. I knew that eventually the pipe would have to be replaced with plastic PVC pipe which is impervious to root penetration. After a clog during Hurricane Mathew, it was finally time to take care of it.

To get started, quotes from plumbers were needed. Angie's List shows lots of plumbers on their website, many of whom have great reviews. I also asked a couple of neighbors for referrals. I ended up calling eight plumbers, and within a day, three of them came out to give quotes for the job: \$2600 plus permit, \$1900 with permit, and \$2100 plus permit. The other five just never called back, or were too busy to do the job within the next week. I had also seen on-line that a neighbor paid \$3300 for this same job recently. All those prices seemed high, as another neighbor had paid \$1000 for the same job a few years ago.

The issue of permits always gets very involved. Some of the plumbers recommended not pulling a permit: it saves you money because you don't pay him for his time to sit around at the Building Department waiting for the permit to be processed. When I mentioned that the City of Fort Lauderdale will charge up to four times the regular permit fee amount as a penalty for an "after the fact" permit, none of them volunteered to pay that fee if we got caught doing the job without a permit. So we're going to get a plumbing permit.

Still not happy with the quotes I received nor the answers about permits, I remembered that there had been a couple of recommendations for plumbers on Nextdoor recently. With a little research there, I found the number for Rich Katz who also happens to live in Lauderdale Isles on Andros Lane. Rich, of RD Plumbing, is a state-licensed plumber. He came over that night, and gave me an excellent price - much closer to what I expected. He also explained that the heaviest part of this job is the shovel work of digging the trench for the new pipe, and quoted two prices: one including digging, and one without. Since it would save me \$600, I decided to arrange for the digging myself - heck, it can't be that hard to dig a 27 foot trench - *sure*. To

expedite things, I decided to take care of the permit as well. During a quick phone conversation with the City's very helpful Chief Plumbing Inspector, I learned the very simple process for obtaining the permit. The next morning, I went down to the Building Department at 8:00 and walked out with a permit 20 minutes later at a cost of \$114.

Rich used white spray paint to mark the lawn where the new pipe should run, farther away from the palm tree that caused the problems in the first place. The next day, I arranged for the digging with a professional "shovel-man" and three hours later the trench was finished.

Rich came by that afternoon and installed all the new PVC pipes and fittings. It's very involved: special fittings to connect the cast iron pipe exiting the house to the new PVC pipe, a new 4 inch cleanout installed at the house, the slope of the pipes from the house out to the city cleanout has to be precise, and there are stringent requirements regarding the number of bends & turns that can be in the pipe. Precisely cutting, fitting,



Piece of the old Orangeburg pipe, 4 inches inside diameter



The trench is finished from the house to the 6 inch city cleanout



Close-up view of the existing 6 inch clean out, approx 25 ft out from the house. If the City Public Works Dept ever responds for a sewer blockage (on their side) at your home, they will install one of these if one doesn't already exist.



PVC pipe installation. Correct slope is critical & is being checked with a level



Required by code: New 4 inch cleanout installed near the house.



Fittings being installed at the connection to the city system.

and gluing that 4 inch PVC pipe in a trench that's 2-1/2 feet deep isn't easy. Definitely not a DIY project.

After Rich finished up, a call was made to have the plumbing inspector come out and do the rough inspection. He showed up the next morning and approved the work. Then we arranged for the shovel-man to come back out to fill in the trench, and lastly placed sixteen pieces of sod to restore the lawn. A final inspection was called for, passed by the inspector, and the job was complete. Four days, start to finish.

Good-bye to Orangeburg, and gurgling toilets on Sunday.

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## BLUE RECYCLING CARTS

By Glori Stauch, Senior Staff Writer

It's time for a reminder about those big blue recycling bins we all have. If you've had one for a long time, it's likely that the sticker on top has worn off, and you can't remember what you can and cannot put inside. So here's your reminder, along with some interesting recycling information directly from the City of Ft. Lauderdale website:

**Check the material.** Recyclable materials are generally categorized by the main material from which they are made: [paper](#), [plastic](#), [glass](#) or [metal](#). So a first rule of thumb is that if the item is not made from one of those materials, then it is not recyclable. This eliminates things like [clothing](#), for example, which can be donated. It also rules out plants, which should go in a [green yard waste](#) cart.

**Eliminate hazardous waste.** The next question to consider is whether your paper, plastic, glass or metal item is hazardous. [Electronics](#), [medical sharps](#), and [batteries](#) may have paper, plastic, glass and metal parts, but they are not recyclable. There are special [disposal guidelines for hazardous waste](#). It should never be recycled.

**Get rid of the grease.** Eliminate anything that has a food or [greasy](#) residue still on it. So empty and lightly rinse recyclables, and do not include things like pizza boxes and paper plates with food soaked into them. Containers from personal, household or

vehicle care that can be rinsed completely are fine, but again, nothing with an oily residue.

**Look for mixed up items.** Next, learn to eliminate the odd items with mixed components. Plastic toys, dishware, aerosol cans, tires and hoses are examples of items that cannot be recycled because they contain mixed components. [Donate](#) these instead.

**Pluck out the baggies and foam.** Finally, eliminate [plastic bags](#) (or anything that looks like one) and [polystyrene foam](#) (or similar). This includes everything from dry-cleaning wraps to foam [egg cartons](#). They are not recyclable.

## RECYCLING PLASTICS

**In Fort Lauderdale we recycle a great variety of plastics.**

Any item imprinted with symbols numbered one through seven can be recycled, with very few exceptions.

**Plastic Household Goods Should be Checked for a Recycling Symbol**





## LIWMD Update February 2017

### Alligator Update

We've had no reports of sightings this quarter. No news is good news.

### MIASF March Waterway Cleanup: March 4

This is the big annual waterway cleanup for the entire county, sponsored by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. As in past years, LIWMD is a site sponsor for this event. The great news this year is that with the terrific cooperation of the new owners of LIYC, our site for the event will be back at the Yacht Club. In addition to the goodies provided by MIA SF, LIWMD will provide boaters gift bags to all the participating boaters. This is the 40th annual MIA SF cleanup and is a lot of fun. See you there at 9:00am, Saturday, March 4.

Speaking of Waterway Cleanups, our own Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup was a huge success. You can see the article with a lot of great pics on [ourlicia.com](http://ourlicia.com) in the "November 2016 Interim Newsletter."

### Oil Spills

Nextdoor is a great communication medium for our neighborhood. Unfortunately, not all the information posted there is 100% accurate. Case in point: an oil spill that occurred last month in one of the neighborhood canals. Some of the posts on Nextdoor included: "Call the Coast Guard for oil spills in our canals." "Call

the FLPD Marine Unit." "Call the EPA." "Call the Florida Department of Environmental Protection." "Call Code Enforcement." Unfortunately, all of these are wrong. As we have written in past articles and have discussed at past LICIA General Meetings, the correct authority to report a spill during the day is the City of Fort Lauderdale Customer Service number 954-828-8000. Customer Service will refer the call to the City's Environmental Services Department. That department has inspectors trained to handle the investigation of oil spills and other environmental issues in our canals. They usually respond very quickly and will call in FLPD or the Fire Department if required. They can also issue violation notices which may result in heavy fines. At night, call the FLPD non-emergency number. Keep in mind that although we may "know" which boat caused the spill, "proving" it is a different story. But these cases are never taken lightly by the City. Believe us when we say that the last thing a negligent boat owner wants is for the City's Environmental Crimes Detective to come knocking at the door.

FYI, the Coast Guard does not respond to oil spills west of US 1. If you call them, they refer the matter to the City. The EPA does not respond to our "small" local oil spills. The Florida DEP will respond if necessary, if they are called by a City agency.

Although the number of oil spills in our canals has decreased dramatically in the past few years, even one spill is one too many. So if you see one, call it in and provide as much detail as possible. Lastly, if you do report a spill, please take a minute to go to our LIWMD website, [liwmd.org](http://liwmd.org), and let us know about it through the "Contact Page," so we can follow up.

As in every newsletter, all the contact numbers for waterway related issues are included below.

Geoff & Ken

## The Real Estate Corner

By: Susan Sheridan Garlitts, MBA  
RE/MAX Consultants Realty I

### Lauderdale Isles MLS Sales Activity for 2016:

- 44 - Closed Sales
- 7 - Pending Sales
- 14 - Current Active Listings  
(Included in the above):
- 2 - Short Sales
- 3 - Foreclosures

This information indicates a vast improvement over the past several years in clearing out the high level of distressed property inventory in our area.

**Waterfront** Sold Property ranged \$280K-\$649K

**Dry Lot** Sold Property ranged \$240K-\$289.9K

**Rental Homes** ranged from \$2,100-\$3,200 per mo.

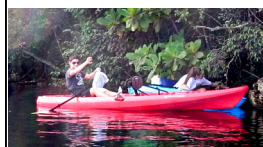
Interest Rates have risen twice since the election & have also fallen once in the past few weeks. The projected outlook for 2017, according to Lawrence Yen, NAR (National Association of Realtors) Chief Economist, is "Expected to Expand Modestly".

*Remember the key to selling your house for the best possible price is to stage it to look crisp & spacious by minimizing your personal belongings.*

**Happy New Year! I wish you all the Best in 2017!**

### WATERWAY ISSUES - Who to call:

- **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
- **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
- **Large snook swimming off your dock:** Don't call anyone, get your fishing rod fast. *We really have spotted some huge snook recently in our waterways. No, we won't tell you exactly where..... we're fishermen too.*



**MIASF WATERWAY CLEANUP**  
**Saturday, March 4, 9:00-1:00**  
**at the Yacht Club**  
**Be there!**



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## Solar Co-ops: Neighbors Going Solar Together

### About Solar Co-ops

FL SUN, a nonprofit, is helping communities around the state form solar co-ops and go solar as a group. By going solar with their neighbors, participants save up to 20% off the cost of a system and have the support of their neighbors!

## GOING SOLAR WITH A CO-OP



### Want to join an existing solar co-op?

Check out our website for a list of existing solar co-ops in Florida.

[www.flsun.org](http://www.flsun.org)

### Don't see a co-op in your community? Start one!

Email Angela DeMonbreun, FL SUN Program Director, at [solarteam@flsun.org](mailto:solarteam@flsun.org) to learn how to start a co-op!

The Iguana Boys are gone . . . .and look who's replacing them



We regret to advise that the Iguana Boys were picked up by the authorities and deported after they were found selling Iguana skin shoes on Riverland Road without a license next to the Avocado Man.



Meet "Rambo." Man's best friend, & iguana's worst enemy. Just the sight of him strikes fear into the hearts of unlucky iguanas. No more iguanas around the yard of his owner, Jackie Zumwalt.



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## LIYTC FACILITIES

**BANQUET HALL:** The Banquet Hall is available for rental to club and non-club members for all types of functions and events. Please contact the reservations manager at (954) 583-7422 regarding availability and complete cost breakdown.

**The New Rivers Edge Grill:** Provides lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch for club and non-club members. Nuzzled between the pool and the new river it provides a great place to come and unwind.

(Grill and patio is also available for rent)

**Seagulls Sports Pub:** Has flat screen TV's everywhere you look, so you don't miss out on the action of your favorite sports team. Happy hour 4-7 buy 1 get 1 1/2 off.

## LIYTC Events

- New Years Party
- Spring Luau Party
- Summer party
- Fall Party
- Monthly:
  - Cars & Coffee
  - Movie on the lawn night
  - Poker night
  - Farmer's market

- Weekly:
  - Weekend brunch
  - Tennis lessons
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yoga Classes
  - Salsa Classes

And so much more!  
Come in and ask us what we have going on this week

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Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency 954-764-HELP  
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs) 954-828-8000  
*including Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning*  
**Airport Noise Complaints \*** **866-822-7910\***  
City Hall 954-828-5004  
Building Department 954-828-5191  
Code Enforcement 954-828-5207  
Commissioner Romney Rogers 954-828-5028  
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Broward County Mass Transit 954-357-8400  
Comcast *Good luck!* 800-266-2278  
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Crimestoppers 954-493-TIPS  
Mosquito Control (Broward County) 954-765-4062  
FPL Power Outages 800-4OUTAGE

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**\* Airport Noise Complaints should be filed using the new app.**



**IF YOU SEE ME, REPORT ME:**  
**1-866-392-4286**

## **ACTION IN THE ISLES**

### **THIRD ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND ON KEY LARGO LANE**

By Jackie Zumwalt, Senior Staff Writer

This year went by pretty fast and all of a sudden it was that time of year again. I had been out of town and did not return until late November, just in time to order the tree. Notices went out to all the Key Largo residents that on December 9th decorating the tree would be held in the afternoon and our official lighting ceremony in the evening.

Volunteers arrived and the baubles and lights got hung. The tent went up in the driveway, & tables set for the evening celebration.



Hot cocoa, cookies, home baking, beverages and food of all kinds were brought and the festivities began.



A great big thank you goes out to all the neighbors who helped with the tree and who gave a donation towards the cost of the tree. Even some neighbors who could not attend the celebration gave a donation so we can keep the tradition. At this busy time of year it's great to see so many make the effort to come by and enjoy the fun!

We are looking for volunteers to help organize and plan for this December or if you have any ideas or suggestions feel free to email [zumwaltjs@gmail.com](mailto:zumwaltjs@gmail.com) or just catch me when I am walking Rambo.

### **MEMBER DUES for Nov. 2016 – Oct. 2017: BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING**

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

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