

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



Winter 2023 Issue

New River

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday March 21, 2023 7:00pm
Grace Alone Ministries, 1900 SW 35th Ave.

Featured Guest
Fort Lauderdale
Mayor Dean Trantalis



The Mayor is currently visiting all the neighborhood associations in an effort to provide feedback to the administration. If you want to talk about traffic, development, the new water treatment plant, vacation rentals, whatever is on your mind, this will be the meeting to attend. Don't miss this one!

Also Attending This Meeting



Vice Mayor
Warren Sturman

Meeting Info:

General Meetings are open to all residents who live in Lauderdale Isles. Have you just moved to Lauderdale Isles? Come on out, meet your neighbors, and find out what's going on in the neighborhood. Get involved. We will also have reports by FLPD, Code Enforcement, and LICIA Committees including Vacation Rentals. And of course, a drawing for a Flanigan's gift card.

This meeting is being held in lieu of the one normally scheduled in February.

YOUR LICIA BOARD HAS THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Right after Thanksgiving, your LICIA Board was out decorating the lane signs for the holidays, with beautiful big red bows donated by one of our favorite newsletter advertisers.

The crew started on Whale Harbor and worked east, diligently mounting the bows on each sign. Working hard, they were lucky that there was plenty of egg nog on hand so they could maintain their strength.

The week prior to decorating, four Board members worked on straightening several sign posts that were leaning. And earlier in November, the sign posts were professionally repainted.

The signs look great now, and are worthy of being in our million-dollar neighborhood.



How many Board members does it take to mount Christmas bows on the lane signs?

One to do the work and seven to supervise.

Left to right: Aynsley, Deb, Penny, Earl, Geoff, Karen, Diana and Dawn

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Our fiscal year runs from November through October. If you haven't paid your annual dues for this fiscal year yet, it's time to send your \$20. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. Why not take a minute right now to take care of it. By paying your dues, you'll be a Member in Good Standing, and you'll receive our emails of the *Isles Insider*.

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to:
laudisles@gmail.com All submitted articles are subject to approval by the Executive Board.

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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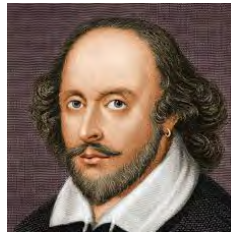
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CODE ENFORCEMENT: DOCKS

To rent or not to rent,
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You've just got to love Nextdoor:

- "It's OK to rent out your dock in Lauderdale Isles."
- "You can't rent your dock in Lauderdale Isles"
- "Dock for rent in Lauderdale Isles"

If you attended the LICIA General Meeting in Feb. 2017, you enjoyed an informative presentation by staff from the City's Code Compliance Department. And quoting Dick Eaton, Code Compliance Manager from that meeting: **"It is illegal to rent your dock in Lauderdale Isles."**

That's it - the end to this question once and for all. There are only two neighborhoods in the City where the renting of residential docks is permitted. Both of these neighborhoods are in the far east part of Fort Lauderdale.



"My neighbor, who rents his dock, said it's OK to rent your dock because we were annexed into the City." Wrong. When we were in unincorporated Broward County, prior to annexation in 2002, it was illegal to rent your dock then, too.

"My real estate agent friend told me it's legal to rent your dock in Lauderdale Isles." Wrong. Ask Code Enforcement, not your Real Estate Agent friend.

"It's legal to rent your dock in Lauderdale Isles as long

as you get a business license from the City." Wrong. The City will not issue a business license for dock rentals.

Besides being illegal, there are some other considerations about renting your dock. Attorney Marc Ecolin, in his articles in the Waterfront Times, has addressed this subject several times:

- If the person renting your dock stops paying you: "Once the truth comes out in court, the transaction is found to be unenforceable since it was never permitted in the first place..." "Hold on, I've heard stories of dock owners using some Florida statute that didn't require them to go to court and they were able to sell the boat.'... A careful reading of these statutes will show that they are designed for use by licensed boat yards and dock facilities with all permits in place - and not for enforcing an otherwise unenforceable contract" (Marc Ecolin, Waterfront Times, June 2016)
- "Insurance is another issue to consider. As you might guess, a standard homeowners policy might not actually cover many of the pitfalls and liabilities incurred from running a backyard marina. The situation becomes even more difficult if your area isn't zoned to allow dock rentals. Even in the best of circumstances where the policy in the past might have covered a situation, it might not do so in the future should your carrier find out about your "under the radar" dock rental business. (Marc Ecolin, Waterfront Times, Dec. 2014.)
- "...if the craft is abandoned at the dock, the homeowner has no enforceable contract allowing for removal without possibility facing many legal and civil liabilities. This can prove in the end very unprofitable." (Marc Ecolin, Dec. 2014).

We are not giving legal advice in this article. We are merely quoting what Code Enforcement and a well known attorney/author have stated.

LIWMD UPDATE

46th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup

We have two Waterway Cleanups every year in Lauderdale Isles:

The Broward County Waterway Cleanup in March, and our very own Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup in the fall. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our fall cleanup back in November due to low participation. LIWMD is working with the LICIA Board to develop some new ideas to reschedule and increase participation in our cleanup.

The 46th Annual Broward County Cleanup is coming up on March 4th. This is a huge event, with sites all over the County. Our site will once again be at the Riverland Woods Park boat ramp. Lauderdale Isles is one of a very few sites that have participated in this cleanup every year for the entire 46 years. LIWMD supports this event as a site sponsor, and provides prizes for unique items brought in. LICIA provides breakfast snacks and drinks, as well as volunteers to man the sign-in tables and hand out t-shirts.

Even if you don't have a boat, you can participate at the dock to help unload the trash from the boats as they come in. New to the neighborhood? Come on out, meet your neighbors. Old timer in the neighborhood? Come on out and see old friends you haven't seen since before COVID. And don't forget the big TRASH BASH, the official after-party which is held after the cleanup: free for all participants. See Page 10 for details & how to register. It's all free!

Website Update: Our website liwmd.org is currently being revamped to comply with new government requirements and we hope to have it back up soon.

Water Quality: The latest testing by the Broward County Lab shows that the water quality in our area is "good," according to Department of Environmental Protection standards.



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THE BLUE LINES MYSTERY- SOLVED



By Jill Prizlee

The City hired consultants that are working on the Consent Order Water System Mapping project. The markings are from the utility locators who are working in conjunction with the surveyors as they work to map the entire City's water distribution system.



In December, these blue lines mysteriously appeared throughout the Isles

Technologies like Mobile & Aerial Lidar, Aerial Photogrammetry, and ArcGIS Geodatabase are being used to document the locations of the water infrastructure. During the year, you may notice markings like these showing up throughout the city, as well as the presence of numerous surveying vehicles and personnel. The markings are water-based paint and is a standard utility marking paint which will fade and disappear over time.

The water system mapping started in December 2022 and is expected to take less than 2 years to complete. The project cost is approximately \$8.2M.



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Coming Soon to a Canal Near You

You may have spotted the new Code Compliance boat in your canal recently. This boat has 110 miles of navigable waterways to patrol throughout the City.

In our neighborhood, the boat gives Code the ability to proactively search for oversize vessels in our canals, which is a problem in the Isles with our 60 feet wide canals. The Code specifies that boats may not extend more than 33% into the canal from the property line, which is effectively 20 feet. We commonly have large boats appear at docks in the Isles that violate this rule, usually at a dock that is being rented. (Dock rentals are illegal in Laud Isles.) Code can investigate these cases and cite, if necessary, without the need to go door to door to find someone who will allow the inspector in their backyard to view the suspect vessel.

If you see the boat pass by, say Hi to Manny and Marco. And note - it's called Code Compliance, not Code Enforcement. The goal of the inspectors is to gain compliance, not have someone end up in front of the Special Magistrate looking at fines.



Senior Inspector Manny Garcia at the helm of the new Code boat.

The BAN THEM NOW Signs

These signs are available for free from LICIA. Send an email to laudisles@gmail.com and we'll drop one off for you. Let the owners of vacation rentals know this is your neighborhood, not theirs.



There's been an interesting development with the signs: when a home is listed for sale in Lauderdale Isles, the selling Real Estate Agent cannot deny the sale of the house to a buyer because it's going to be used as a vacation rental. But smart neighbors next to and across the street from a home for sale put these signs on their front lawns. What do you think a prospective buyer looking to buy a vacation rental is going to do when he sees these signs surrounding the home? Yup, he'll look elsewhere.

We spotted something interesting in a review written by guests who recently stayed in an AIRBNB in the Isles: "neighborhood with hostile signs about vacation rentals needing to be BANNED." Yup, they read those signs correctly.

Looking Back at Lauderdale Isles



By Julie Gordon & Jeannie DeRolf

Our team of Realtors has been selling property in Lauderdale Isles for over 20 years. Along the way, we accumulated these original floor plans of our neighborhood homes. I also went a step further and went to the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society to research more information on our subdivision and the builder, Gill Construction Co.

As a longtime resident of Lauderdale Isles, I find this information extremely interesting and wanted to share it with you. Unfortunately, we do not have every floor plan to share, but what we do have will certainly be entertaining.

Gill Construction Co. was the first Fort Lauderdale builder to enter the large-scale, post-war construction race and set the pattern for the "Boat-in-your-own-backyard" theme with Lauderdale Isles.

In 1947 George Gill, Jr., and his father George Gill, Sr., came to Ft. Lauderdale to take advantage of the post war demand for housing. Over the next few years their company built over 3000 homes in 14 subdivisions.

Lauderdale Isles was started in 1953. Bob Gill accredited the success of Lauderdale Isles to three characteristics; the suburban, waterfront location; the highest quality construction and a price that could not be matched for that time.

Plans called for 700 homes in the Isles with minimum size lots of 60 by 100 feet. Each has its own precast seawall. The 2 bdrm/1ba home sold for \$11,250. The most expensive model was the tri-level offered for \$16,500.

If you currently live at 3475 Riverland Rd., you are the actual Lauderdale Isles model home that was on display for potential buyers.

The Gills also constructed many other subdivisions in our city and some iconic hotels including The Escape Hotel, The Jolly Roger and The Yankee Clipper.

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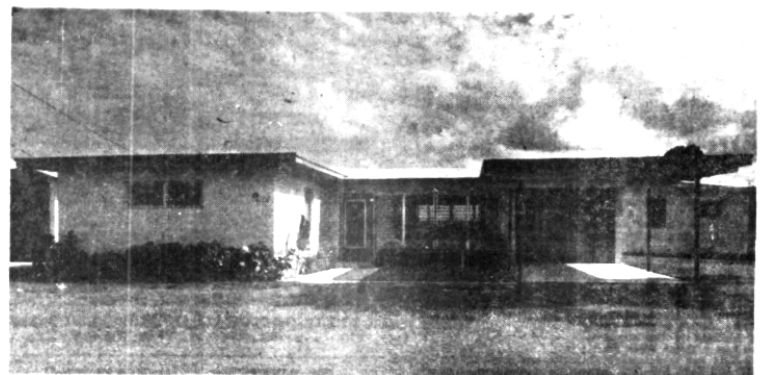
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Gill Construction Co.

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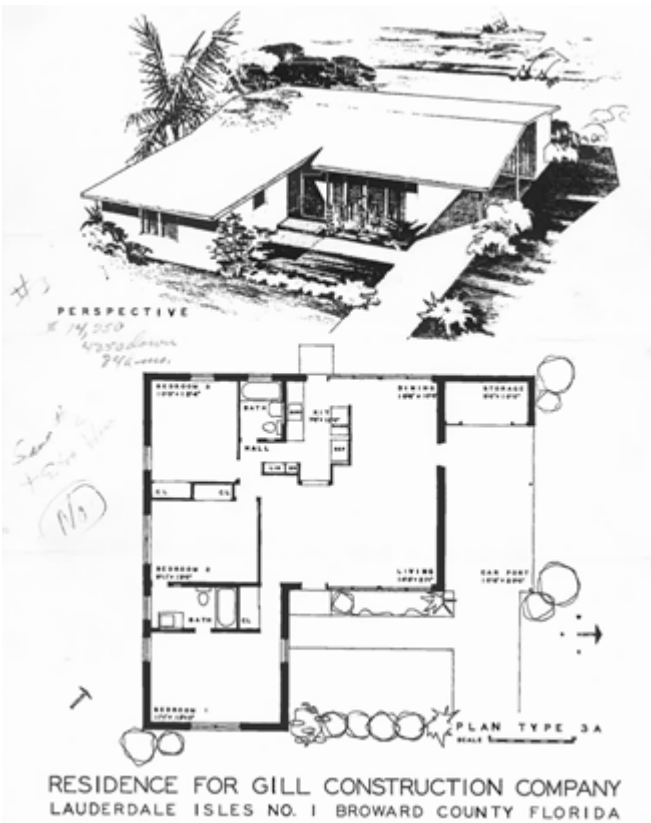


LAUDERDALE ISLES MODEL AT 3475 RIVERLAND RD.
... Gill Construction Co. home on display

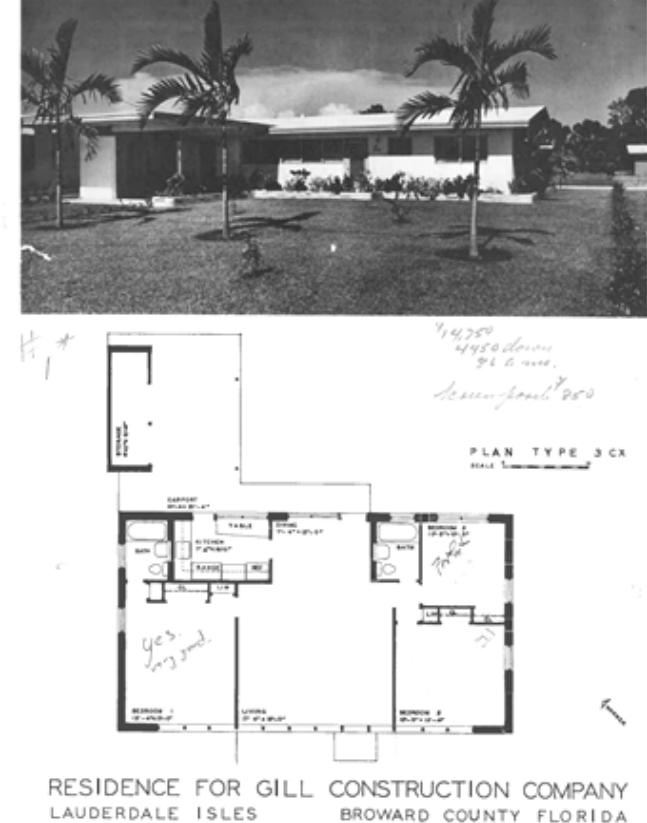
LAUDERDALE ISLES—A community of waterfront homes' best describes growing Lauderdale Isles, shown in this aerial photo by Daily News photographer Dick Dillon. The subdivision is being developed by Gill

Construction Co. State Rd. 84 is shown in the lower right corner. A club and recreation center for residents of the subdivision is in the lower left. Riverland Rd. passes through the center of the photo.

The 3 bdrm/2ba stacked floor plan with the Jack and Jill bathroom offered for \$14,250 with \$4,350 down and \$84 / mo.



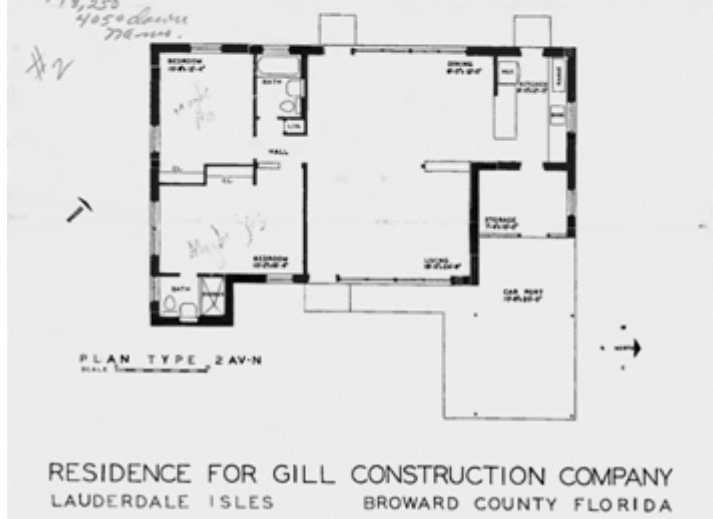
This model is the 3bdrm/2ba split plan offered for \$14,750.



Here is another 3 bdrm/2ba stacked plan asking \$14,950. Note the financing was 5.4% for 20 years. Dock was \$250, Thermador stove \$300

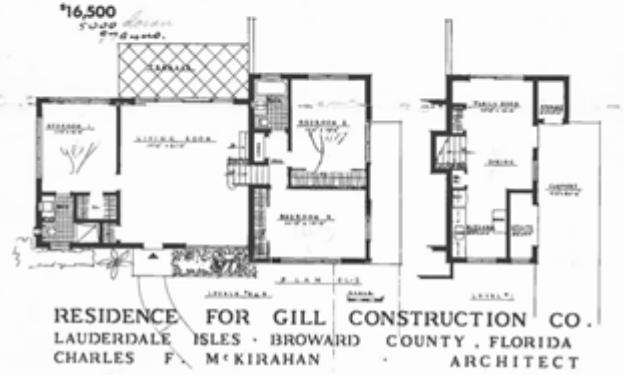


This 2bdrm/2ba model was only \$13,250.



“Dock was \$250.
Thermador Stove, \$300”

The tri-level was the most expensive floorplan at \$16,500 or \$5,000 down and \$97 a month



The rare bi-level is shown here with a price of \$15,750. You could add a Florida Room for an additional \$1,250.



The information in this article was compiled from: Ft. Lauderdale Daily Newspaper Sept. 10, 1955 / Ft. Lauderdale Sunday Newspaper Nov. 20, 1955 / Ft. Lauderdale Daily Newspaper March 3, 1956 / Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society Archives / Floor plans, unknown

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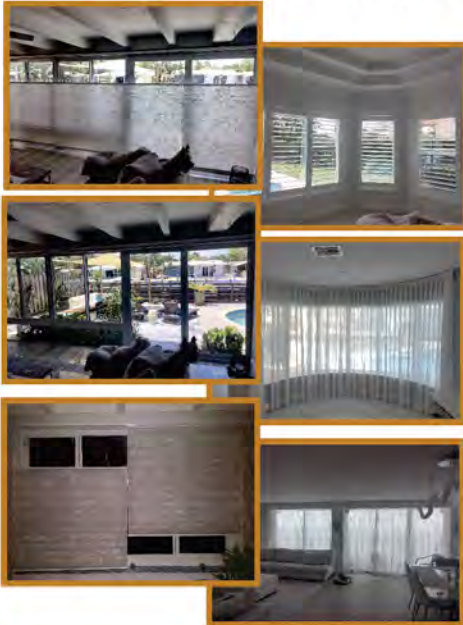
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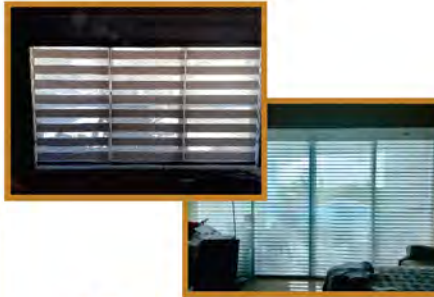
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FEELING THRIFTY?



By Diana Steeger

We've all driven by the Thrift store banner at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church on SW 31st Ave, but I had never stopped to browse around. Every Saturday morning, from 9:00am – 12:00pm I would see people shopping, and admittedly have also seen posts on Nextdoor promoting their Holiday décor and other items for sale.

After doing a little Spring cleaning around the house, we had a few items in used and good condition. Stopped by to see if they would take these items and what a surprise, learned so much more about this little organization.

The store started in 2016, as a one room and slowly expanded to 2 rooms. The pre-school that had most rooms occupied, closed due to COVID, and the Thrift store was able to stretch out further. As you walk from room to room, there are books, CDs, vinyl records, small kitchen items, china- and glassware, clothing (some still with tags



Several rooms - all loaded with treasures

on), toys, pet items, small furniture room, and a section dedicated to Holiday décor.

If you support sustainability, and the idea of recycling and buying items for a second life, stop by the Thrift Store, you never know what little treasures you might find. All proceeds go to support the church, maintaining their fenced in dog park and upkeep for surrounding areas.



Plenty of stuff for St. Patty's Day



Need a new set for your afternoon tea?

Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 4th, 2023
46th Annual Waterway Cleanup**



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Saturday, March 4, 2023

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For more info and to register: www.waterwaycleanup.org

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LOCATION: RIVERLAND WOODS PARK BOAT RAMP

Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant



By Dawn Hanna
Lauderdale Isles Historiographer

Part 2 of my interview with Clive Taylor, President of the Hollywood Historical Society, and former Fort Lauderdale resident, is about his memories of the Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant. Clive grew up in the 1970's near Lauderdale Isles and Clive's Dad grew up in Melrose Park.



The original plant

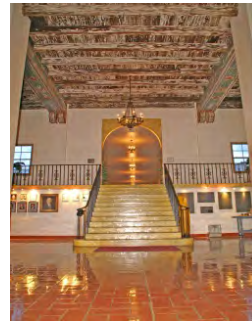
Formerly known as “The City of Fort Lauderdale Water Treatment Plant”, the water treatment process included cascading aerators that were lit at night. Clive said that on weekends, this sight drew many visitors. I guess without Netflix or cable television, the lights were a big treat for Fort Lauderdale families to see “out in the country”. The plant was also well known for its Mediterranean architecture, spacious grounds, pecky cypress ceilings, and Cuban tile floors.



The beautiful illuminated Cascading Aerators

The plant was renamed in 1975 to honor Walter E Peele, a retired utilities department employee. The plant now uses a Nano filtration membrane treatment process. Sadly, since 9/11, the treatment plant is closed to visitors.

For more history and geeky facts about our neighborhood water treatment plant, please visit their website at <https://rb.gy/gtshwa>



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There is even a book about the plant: **A Young Boy's Stories About Dixie, History of the Walter E. Peele Dixie Water Treatment Plant**, by Gary A. Hage



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

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- **Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging**
Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207

THE CODE CORNER- BULK TRASH

One of the great services offered by the City is the monthly bulk trash pickup. A familiar problem is neighbors who think it's OK to put bulk trash out on the swale days or weeks before the pickup day. And once one person puts something out early, other neighbors see it & do the same, again days or weeks before pickup. Our local Code inspector told the LICIA Board at our last meeting that his department is getting lots of calls about this problem. A citation for this can lead to a hefty fine, plus the piles are an eyesore for other neighbors on the lane.

Here are the requirements:

Monthly Bulk Trash Pickup Day Lauderdale Isles:

First Wednesday of Month

- Bulk trash shall not be placed upon any swale area more than (24) hours before a scheduled pickup date.
- Up to 10 cubic yards can be put out
- Place items at least 4 feet from mailboxes, trees, etc
- No tires (call 954-828-8000 for info on tires)
- Separate pile for yard waste (branches, etc.)



This pile was out on Feb 8, three weeks before pickup date

MEMBER DUES for Nov. 2022 – Oct. 2023: BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

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