## Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



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### **Greetings Neighbors!**



By Audrey Edwards

Greetings Neighbors! It's already February and the City has had is hands pretty full, between the sewer and water main breaks, and the issue of Vacation Rentals (again). Chris Lagerbloom (our

city manager) will be visiting Tallahassee regarding Senate Bill 1128, the City is also sending lobbyists to Tallahassee. This proposed bill (if it passes) will cause all local municipalities to loose any regulations they have on vacation rentals (prior to 2014). Sadly, many vacation rentals have been and are disrupting the quiet enjoyment of own homes, it is too bad that stricter rules cannot be placed on them (so many per neighborhood, etc.).

I've made a new pact with myself this year (and several of my friends), maybe you and your neighbors might want to have your own club too?! It's called the JTPPD Club (Just Two Pieces Per Day Club). Every day, I pick up at least two pieces of plastic and deposit into a proper trash receptacle. Every piece of plastic you see on the ground will eventually wind up in the waterways and out to the ocean. 60% of all fish and 100% of all turtles with mistake plastic for food. We all need to do our part to put an end to the plastics in our waters.

Speaking of cleaner water, how about joining your neighbors and friends down at the boat ramp (Riverland Woods Park) for Broward County's 42<sup>nd</sup> Waterway Cleanup on March 7<sup>th</sup>?! (If you don't get along with your neighbors, there are 29 other sites around Broward County that you can sign up for.) Here is the site to register: waterwaycleanup.org, or for questions by phone: 954-524-2733. After the cleanup, there will be the usual "Trash Bash", sponsored by 4Ocean.

I guess you are all just as worried as myself with the expansion of the right-turn lane (for northbound traffic) on 441, as you should be. My only thought is that traffic on Riverland Road will show a dramatic increase in the mornings. Technology has already helped to increase the traffic on Riverland, and if traffic calming measures are not put into place on Riverland Road, it will be difficult for anyone to get off of their street onto Riverland Road in the mornings. The "Complete Streets" project is to encourage more bicycling, but right now, with the traffic we currently have on Riveralnd Road, it is not a safe place for bikes.

Hope to see everyone at our next general meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm at Grace Alone Church, 1900 SW 35 Avenue. (Come out and meet our new code enforcement inspector, Manny Garcia!)

#### FEBRUARY SPEAKERS!!!

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At the time this newsletter has gone to press we have confirmed that Sarah Leonardi, Candidate for School Board Member, District 3, will be joining us at our next general meeting.

Heather Brinkworth, the current School Board Member for District 3, has also been invited to speak.



Sarah Leonardi is a Broward County Public Schools teacher, community activist, and Broward resident who is running for Broward School Board District 3. She is running to put resources back into the hands of teachers, improve school safety, and increase transparency throughout the district. She has lived and worked

as a teacher in Broward County since 2014, and attended the University of Miami where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. She has been working as a public school teacher for seven years, primarily teaching high school English.

In 2016 she was voted Teacher of the Year at Coconut Creek High School, has sponsored a variety of school clubs throughout her tenure in Broward County Public Schools, and currently serves as the Literary Fair Coordinator at Nova High School. Sarah is an active volunteer at her church in Pompano Beach, and developed her passion for politics through her involvement in groups such as League of Women Voters. As a seasoned public school teacher and respected community activist, Sarah is uniquely equipped to represent the interests of both the teachers and students of Broward County, District 3, as their next School Board member.



**Commissioner Ben Sorensen** will be in attendance during the latter part of our general meeting and will be available to address any concerns or issues with our residents. Ben has been a good supporter of our neighborhood and led the city commission in implementing programs to help the homeless, traffic issues, and is very ac-

tive in supporting the communities who were hit with sewage spills. Ben's leadership and guidance has been exceptional!

We have a new code enforcement inspector, Manny Garcia!!! Yes, yes, yes. Manny brings to our neighborhood a great attitude, professionalism, and a keen way to resolve issues. His goal is a win/win attitude to meet all of our neighbors needs. You will have an opportunity to meet Manny and ask questions.

## AGENDA

#### **LICIA General Meeting** Note New Note Thursday, February 20th, 7:00pm Location Abiding Savior/Grace Alone Church 1900 SW 35th Avenue

- 1. Opening Statement President/Vice President
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Code Enforcement
- 4. School Board
- 5. Ben Sorensen
- 6. LIWMD/November Waterway Cleanup
- 7. Airport Noise
- 8. Vacation Rentals
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
- 11. Drawing Members in Good Standing
- 12. Adjournment

Note: Previous meetings minutes and treasurer's reports are are approved at the monthly Board of Directors Meetings. General Meetings are held four times per year, on the third Thursday of the months of February, May, August, and November

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. Effective February, 2018, all General Meetings are now held at Grace Alone Church. Board of Directors /Committee meetings are held at Grace Alone Church.

#### **From the Editors Desk**

By Bob Franks

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- Thanks to all the contributors to this issue: Audrey Edwards, Robert Franks, Jackie Zumwalt, Dick Cahoon, Gina Garcia, Geoff Rames, Judy Seiler
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**PLEASE NOTE - FEB 20th** GENERAL MEETING LOCATION: **GRACE ALONE CHURCH** 1900 SW 35th AVENUE

It's that time of the year

# Association dues are due

Our fiscal year runs from November through October. With the new fiscal year comes the need for all members to contribute their annual dues of \$20. 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 to our PO Box. 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 found later in this newsletter

You may also pay your dues at the Feb. General Meeting

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: bfranks@gate.net

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

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# Vice President's Corner



Bob Franks Vice President's Message:

Hello everyone,

#### SUSTAINABLITY AND RESILIENCE

Sustainability and Resilience are the two buzz words you hear these days as our city and county plans for the future. The concept of Sustainability is to maintain what we have for the coming generations. Resilience is the ability to overcome unexpected hardships such as hurricanes and flooding. All current and future planning is predicated on these principles. Coming from the age of using slide rules and making calculations, we are in an age of metrics and computer modeling. We definitely live in more sophisticated times. Looking for a cup of coffee? Your phone will show you the nearest coffee shop. Rather than having conversations with people, we send texts. While we are moving into the future, how do we keep grounded and have the ability to make positive change? Let's take a look at the city's plans.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has developed and updated its Comprehensive Plan, which can be found at: <u>https://</u> <u>www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/</u> <u>urban-design-and-planning/comprehensive-plan</u>.

Per the City of Fort Lauderdale's Website: "The City's Comprehensive Plan provides the blueprint for orderly and sustainable

land development over the next decade and beyond. It provides the City with long-term direction through goals, objectives, and policies for future land use and serves as the basis for the City's zoning and land development regulations. An important component of the Comprehensive Plan is identifying the infrastructure and growth demands needed to support existing needs and future growth. The Comprehensive Plan contains elements that address future land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, water supply, coastal management, conservation, parks and recreation, historic preservation, public school facilities, intergovernmental coordination, and capital improvements, and includes objectives and policies formulated to preserve and enhance community character."

"The City is amending the Comprehensive Plan in a two-phase approach. In Phase I, the Department of Sustainable Development, with assistance from the consultant team, The Corradino Group, Inc., prepared the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) of the City's existing 2008 Comprehensive Plan. The EAR addressed changes in Florida State requirements since the last update of the Comprehensive Plan and made a recommendation to update the plan based on the City's vision. The update to the Comprehensive Plan was thereby reviewed and guided by the Evaluation and Appraisal Report process and considered the community's vision and goals contained in the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035 and the Press Play Fort Landerdate 2018 Strategic Plan\_as well as broad input from stakeholders throughout the participatory process. The EAR was approved by the Planning and Zoning Board in November 2015 and adopted by the City Commission in February 2016."

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#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILENCE

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""Phase II includes the preparation of Volume I of the Comprehensive Plan, which includes Goals, Objectives and Policies and is based upon the EAR and the updated Data Inventory and Analysis. The updated Comprehensive Plan "Advance Fort Lauderdale" has been prepared in a concise, user-friendly format that matches the graphic template of the City's Vision Plan "Fast Forward" and Strategic Plan "Press Play" documents. The existing text of the comprehensive plan will be struck and replaced with the updated goals, objectives, and policies."

"The amendments to the existing plan were presented to the Planning and Zoning Board on November 20, 2019. After broad stakeholder input, including three Planning and Zoning Board special meetings, a public open house, and presentations to city advisory boards, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended the City Commission adopt the amendments with revisions. View the presentation and the backup material."

Contact information for the Comprehensive Plan Update project: Lorraine Tappen, Principal Planner Urban Design and Planning Division Department of Sustainable Development 700 NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Phone: (954) 828-5018 Email: <u>ltappen@fortlauderdale.gov</u>

Gina Garcia and I attended the Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> and came away with some observations. The first take away is what the advisory board recommends to the eity commission is based on the opinions and expertise of the members of this committee, along with attendee comments and discussion. It is imperative, if you want to be heard about an issue that is important to you, you must attend these meetings, or better yet, become a member of one of these advisory boards. One of the big issues at this meeting with the attendees was water quality throughout the city. The city employee explained she only samples water quality in limited areas and would need direction and funding from the commission to perform additional water quality sampling.

On one hand, all of the planning/sustainability documents sound good, but don't necessarily meet our community expectations due to lack of attention or funding. There are high levels of fecal bacteria in our local waters, but no practical initiative to fix it. In other words, there is a disconnect between good intentions and actual application.

The other take away is the government can only do so much. Each of us has to take personal responsibility of not putting yard waste in the water, and making your own individual effort to make a better environment.

The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association encourages all of our neighbors to get involved with your community. Do make personal choices that improve our area. Take pride in our neighborhood and take advantage of the opportunities to meet some nice people in the process. You will be happy you did.





#### Dear Esteemed Member of the Florida Senate or Florida House of Representatives:

The Lauderdale Isles neighborhood is a vibrant waterfront community of 700 homes within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Since the advent of short term vacation rentals several years ago, our community has been beset by the numerous problems caused by vacation rentals, including noise, all-night loud parties, fights, trespassing, dozens of cars blocking access to our streets, drag racing down our cul-de-sac streets, residents being taunted and threatened by renters, etc., WHICH HAS RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF QUIET ENJOYMENT OF OUR HOMES.

Although vacation rentals were originally conceived to help people by providing a means of additional income for mortgage payments, college tuition and the like, we now find that homes in our area are being purchased by investment firms strictly for the purpose of generating corporate profits through these rentals. In essence, vacation rentals have become a significant business in residential neighborhoods. These businesses have absolutely no concern for the well-being of the neighborhood homeowners.

Over the past few years, the City of Fort Lauderdale has responded and developed very effective methods of controlling short term vacation rentals in our City. Our City's Code Compliance team along with our Police Department is able to respond quickly and effectively to control short term vacation rentals issues, using well-developed City ordinances. Vacation rental owners are quickly cited and monitored to ensure they abide by the rules, and peace and quiet for our neighbors is maintained.

# Therefore, our Association is totally opposed to House Bill 1011 and its companion Senate Bill 1128 which preempt all local regulation of short term vacation rentals.

This is a LOCAL issue and is best handled by LOCAL authorities who are close by, and can respond immediately.
The state division that will regulate them is not best suited to monitor vacation rentals, as it currently struggles to meet its own performance standards for lodging inspections.

- Existing local requirements for inspections of vacation rentals ensure the safety of the renters for fire alarms, unsafe conditions, quick response of emergency responders, etc. This will all be lost with state preemption.

- Local control has a proven, successful track record for maintaining residents' property rights and their rights to quiet enjoyment of their homes.

We request that you resist the lobbying efforts of the big businesses backing these bills and instead listen to our local City officials and LISTEN TO US, the residents impacted by vacation rentals, and vote against these bills in your respective committee.

State preemption of regulating short term vacation rentals will result in chaos in residential neighborhoods. We are counting on you to do the right thing and support residential communities.

Sincerely.

The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.

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#### ACTION IN THE ISLES The Fifth Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup Coconuts...

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#### 512 Coconuts, to be exact.

Our fifth neighborhood Fall Waterway Cleanup on November 16<sup>th</sup> was a resounding success. With 71 participants, 11 boats and 5 kayaks, 1300 pounds of debris were removed from our waterways. The boaters were issued crab nets and pickup tools.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a great barbecue cookout by Mr. G's Catering under the big top. Every participant received one of our newly designed long-sleeve shirts, which were perfect for the cool weather that day.

Every boater and kayaker received a Starbrite boat bucket loaded with great boating gear, including the world famous FS-1102 boater's flashlights, and a quart of Starbrite boat soap to clean up their vessels afterward.

During the cookout, loads of prizes were awarded for stuff brought in: the cutest, the ugliest, the best sports item, best clothing item, and best mystery item. The crowd voted to choose the winner for each category, and the winners were awarded gift cards to the Downtowner, the Rendezvous, and Flanigan's. The captain of the dirtiest boat won a boat cleaning kit from Starbrite. The captain of the boat who brought in the most coconuts won a blender and all the ingredients to make Pina Coladas.

There were lots of drawings during the cookout for all kinds of prizes, including boaters bags and crab traps. Every kid went home with a prize bag that included a portable Bluetooth speaker, compliments of Brandsmart. And yes - as advertised, there was a raffle for a brand new 28 Powerboat. The crowd went

wild when that vessel was awarded. Lastly, there was a grand prize drawing for the boat captains, with the winner taking home a Standard Horizon handheld VHF radio.

This year, we were honored to have a terrific corporate sponsor for the event - RD Plumbing and Sewer Inc., owned by Rich and Diana Katz of Andros Lane. They provided our new Lauderdale Isles bottle coozies, which were awarded during the educational portion of the cookout. Everyone who answered a question correctly - and incorrectly- won one. Once again, most of the crowd was stumped by the question about how many canals there are in Lauderdale Isles (correct answer: eleven).

The City Parks and Recreation Department always supports our Cleanup and provided a truck to haul off the debris. The driver, Eddie Robinson, was right there with us and worked nonstop loading the truck.

Of course, our District/Commissioner Ben Sorensen attended and he shared lots of insight on local issues with the crowd.

At the end of the event, the participants were asked: Should we do it again next year?" Their answer, loud and clear: YES!"

The Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup is sponsored by The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District, The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, & The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department.







Signed in, geared up, and ready to go

AND THE FUN BEGINS . . .

The Registration Team sets up













Angelina hauls another load to the truck



Nice find: a bottle of Wild Irish Rose



Kayaker Ted found this strange flute & won for it.



Commissioner Ben Sorensen found the microphone and shared some insights.

Thanks for the Prizes! Many thanks to Rich & Diana of RD Plumbing, Bill Lindsey at Starbrite, the LICIA Board, Chuck at Sailorman, and Manny Orozco at Brandsmart for their support with all the prizes for our participants.





Dick and Rodney in the back of the boat; Lynn sits up front and does all the work. Very nice, guys..



Did we mention coconuts?





Jay & crew bring in a dock ladder



The crowd loves their Lauderdale Isles coozies from RD Plumbing.



Dawn is proud of hers. In the background, Diana hands them out.



The kayakers with their goodie-filled buckets



The table fills up with treasures that were brought in.



Larry & his crew won for bringing in 151 coconuts.



Geoff Rames, LIWMD Chairman, Eddie Robinson, Parks & Rec, Ken Stauch, LIWMD Secy/Treasurer, Ben Sorensen, City Commissioner, & Larry Teich, City Liaison for LIMWD



#### FALL WATERWAY CLEANUP CONTINUED



Some of the captains with their boaters' goodie buckets





Lexi & Sami won for the best sports item found - an original ball signed by the 1953 Brooklyn Dodgers. Worth some \$\$\$.

Jay won the Starbrite Boat Care kit for the dirtiest boat



Randy won the drawing for the 28 Powerboat



Rich was one of the winners of a crab trap and the book "Blue Crabs - How to Catch, Clean, and Cook Them."



Everyone won

one of these

Winners: the best footware found

Kyle and his pal winner of the Boater's Grand Prize, a Standard Horizon Handheld VHF Radio

#### LIWMD UPDATE



#### Two Waterway Cleanups per Year

As you can see in this newsletter, the fifth Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup in November was a great neighborhood event. In the past, the Cleanups were held in September but we postponed this one until November to be sure the algae blooms had dissipated.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Broward County Waterway Cleanup is the other annual event and will be March 7<sup>th</sup>, under the supervision of site coordinators Pam Stolarz and Lisa Samuels. LIWMD is a site sponsor and provides prizes. LICIA provides coffee & breakfast snacks.

Although it looks like we have lots of Waterway Cleanups, it's just two per year. And the nice thing is that at every cleanup, a little less trash is found – our waterways are becoming cleaner.

#### Canal Cleaning

The City has hired a commercial firm to replace the City canal eleaning crews. It was felt that doing so would be less expensive and that all the waterways in the City would have a crew coming through 12 times per year instead of the 9 or 10 times when the City crew handled it. We will have to wait and see how this works out. Jim, Eddie and the rest of the hardworking City crew have been transferred to other positions with Parks & Rec. If something floating in your canal like a large tree or a dead animal requires immediate attention, call the 24 hour Customer Service number 954-828-8000 and they will dispatch the new firm to take care of it.

#### IN MEMORIAM Dirk Lowry 1944 - 2019



Dirk Lowry passed away on November 2nd after a prolonged illness. Dirk served as President of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association for 6 years and spent countless hours working on issues affecting our neighborhood. He loved every minute of it. For those of you who were lucky enough to know him, take a minute and remember one of his great stories or funny jokes. He always told us, "Be safe." Dirk is sorely missed by all of us.

# "Neighbors for Neighbors"

#### By: Judy Seiler & Gina Garcia



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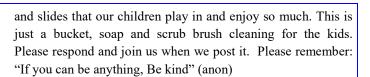
Community for 30 years.

We are happy to introduce a new section to our Newsletter. This column will be uplifting and informative. This month we

have the pleasure of introducing our new Code Compliance Officer covering the Isles, Manny Garcia. He comes to us with a lot of experience and as a boater, will have a better understanding of our neighborhood issues. Manny is very active in patrolling the Isles, so please say hello and welcome him if you see him.

We would also like to ask our neighbors to give us suggestions for moving our Civic Association forward in 2020, like what kind of presentations you would benefit from during our quarterly Neighborhood meetings. Please contact any of the Lane Representatives for a chat, call or to give us your note.

Please be looking for a posting on Nextdoor, now in February, about our planned project to help clean the playground equipment at our Neighborhood park, Alizabeth Hays on Riverland road. Judy and I would like to schedule a Volunteer Saturday Morning in February to go and clean up the Playground seats



LATE BREAKING NEWS: The LICIA along with the Riverland Preservation Society and our other surrounding neighbors are working with the city and County to address traffic calming (slowing) measures on Riverland Road. There are lots of governmental entities involved, many of which don't use or Riverland Road or care about our concerns. We are working to make our voices be heard. Thanks for all or your support!!!



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#### AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE





By Dick Cahoon Airport Noise Committee Chairman

For 4 years, Broward County Government, owner of the Fort Lauderdale Airport operated by the FAA under authority of the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD), has abdicated any responsibility for the airport noise over Lauderdale Isles, which became a serious problem only after opening of the North Runway. BCAD has acknowledged all along that we have a noise problem, but deferred to the FAA, which refused to consider our problem until after a multi-year Part 150 study, still ongoing.

We learned much later that it should have been obvious that Part150 was not a serious study of noise that affects us. It turns outthat the study was designed to calculate an ANNUAL average sound measure, including departures to east and west. We have no measurable noise with east departures, which is 80% of the time. Therefore, averaging zero for 80% with anything for the west still means we have zero noise of concern to the FAA.

Remember, we are west of the airport and planes must fly into prevailing winds, only departures to the west can fly over us. The Part 150study was proposed in a bad-faith move to put us off all this time, because they would never tell us how the study was designed, which was to fail to show noise for us.

Past the delay of Part 150, we have made many appeals to BCAD and the FAA to reduce our noise:

- We have had meetings with federal representatives and their staffs so they understand our situation and will continue to seek their intervention.

- We met the Deputy FAA Administrator for the Southern Region and his staff to explain our situation and how Part 150 would not help us.

- We met last month with the FAA Administrator for the Southern Region, and he was aware in detail of our situation and said he hoped to be able to make some changes to provide at least some relief.

- We met last month with the Airport Director, who was able to explain to us exactly our problem and said he also was working to reduce our noise problem

-We have met with and continue meeting with our city Commissioner, who has been very supportive to hire an airport noise consultant and a noise specialty legal firm to advise. He will also be including us in upcoming meetings that he plans to have with our with our Broward County Commissioner and Congressman Ted Deutch, who has pledged to help and whose staff is engaged & knowledgeable.

#### Why should I continue to file airport noise complaints? Good question - here's why they're so important

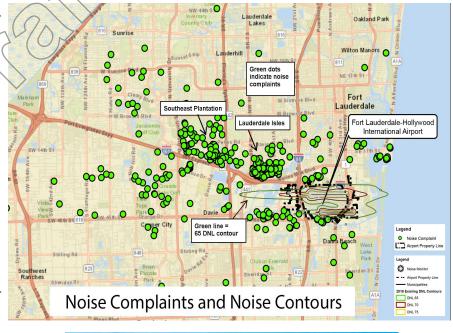
The Part 150 Study accomplished nothing for us after 3 years and \$2.5 million. The "65 DNL" contours on this graphic show where the Study says objectionable noise exists. Yet look where all the noise complaints come from: Lauderdale Isles and Southeast Plantation, nowhere near those contours.

Elected officials are not technically oriented people, and they don't need to be. As we now meet with those officials at the local and federal levels, this graphic powerfully displays the problem . The Study we were told to wait for did absolutely nothing for us; it's time for elected officials to go tell the same thing to the FAA - the problem is where those noise complaints originate, <u>not</u> within those contours.

24,779 noise complaints were filed from our neighborhood in 2018. That's a powerful statistic that cannot be ignored. Noise complaints cannot be refuted. Without noise complaints, we wouldn't have this ammunition for the battle.

That's why you need to keep filing them.





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## **Beauty in the Isles**



By Gina Garcia

Welcome neighbors to the First Edition for 2020, of "Beauty in Our Isles". With more than 690 homes in Lauderdale Isles, we continue to recognize our neighbors who have taken great pride, expense, and personal effort to improve their homes and our neighborhood.

This Edition in our Newsletter will recognize three homes in Lauderdale Isles, one each on Nassau Lane, Okeechobee Lane, and Sugarloaf Lane. Please note that in all three Lanes, there were many homes that could have made the Newsletter. Congratulations to the three homes selected and being recognized. (Any residents that would like to join the "Beauty in Our Isles" committee please call me. It is fun to view all the homes and talk to our Neighbors. Listed by Lane:



**2407 Nassau:** This home is the traditional rancher with a beautiful driveway in multi-light colored pavers and continued the light color on the wood accent added to the exterior front wall of the carport. The very tropical light blue house paint is accented perfectly by the white framing of all the storm windows and the double French doors of the entryway. Lush green landscape, a triple palm, and a planter under the front windows is all simple, but Beautiful. The dark stones on the ground-cover also accent the front of this beautiful home.



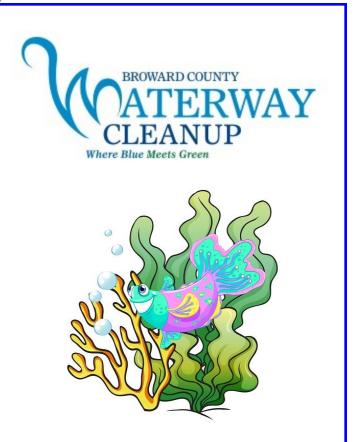
**2537 Okeechobee:** (the Tri-level Lane where 31 of the 51 homes are Tri-levels): This Beautiful home has pavers for the huge

driveway and stone walled terraces to separate the landscaping with the same stone accents on the lower front of the house. The tropical landscaping with a variety of palms and the twisted-curly -hedges are unique and original. The reddish-brown color of the house perfectly accents the light brick walls below. The matching windows compliment this beautiful home.



**2431 Sugarloaf:** This tri-level with pavers driveway has the long stepped walk up to the front door with tiered bushes on the house side of the walkway. The landscape includes three very tall queen palms (?), triple-palms and one additional palm in the front with Spiderman wrapped around it. The Bahama shutters and front door give it a tropical feel and the dark color accents the lighter house-tint. Also love the exterior "drapes" on the carport entrance, very original.

Thank you and look for your home in our next Newsletter.





**EDITORS NOTE:** Clean water is all our responsibility. Keep your yard wastes from going in the canal. Support your neighbors and neighborhood in the Waterway Cleanup. Dispose or your boat garbage and wastes properly. Get involved with your local government to make sure waterways are being inspected for water quality and are being kept clean. Support our sponsors who are working hard for us. Let your voice and concerns be known to your local representatives. Set a good example for your neighbors.



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