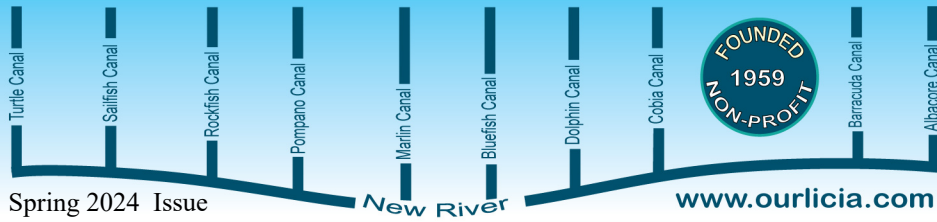


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## A 35 FOOT TALL HOUSE NEXT DOOR?

Things were a lot different here back in the 50's when the Lauderdale Isles neighborhood was designed and built. Homes were small by today's standards and there were essentially two different types of homes: ranch style single story with two or three bedrooms and the tri-level, 3 bedroom, which was actually just over 20 feet high. But because of the way these homes were located on the lanes, the tri-levels didn't overtly overshadow the single story houses and both were very compatible with one another.

Due to the close 7-1/2 foot side setbacks, over the years the majority of homeowners installed fences or dense hedges to maintain a level of privacy in their back yards. And many owners built in-ground pools, as well as other backyard amenities like gazebos, tiki huts, outdoor barbecues – and, of course, bars. So fences and hedges to maintain that backyard privacy were essential. PRIVACY is the operative word here.

The building Code for the "Annexed Area" which includes Lauderdale Isles, Riverland Village, Riverland Manors, Chula Vista, and Melrose Park, stipulates that the maximum height of a home can be 20 feet /2 stories. As time went on, properties were sold and sometimes the new owner decided to knock down the original house and renovate or build a new one much bigger than the original.

The City Code states that new construction should be "compatible" with the neighborhood. So we have seen quite a few single story larger homes built, and although of newer design, were still "compatible" with the neighborhood. However, there are several "new" homes that have been built, and they are well in excess of

the twenty-foot height limit. How the plans for these homes were approved by the City is a mystery, as they are certainly not "compatible" with the neighborhood.

In 2022, a neighbor from Whale Harbor Lane requested approval of plans for a 25 foot high, two story home, and included the fact that other homes had been built in excess of the 20 foot eight limit. His request was denied, so he then went to the Planning & Zoning Board asking for a new interpretation of the term "story." His interpretation was not approved. However, that Board recommended that the City Commission authorize an analysis of building height regulations in the annexed area.

The result was a recommendation by Urban Design & Planning Division that the maximum height be changed to 35 feet. A couple of the reasons they provided were:

- The 35 foot height would be consistent throughout the entire City, making it simpler and easier for City staff
- Existing homeowners would see the value of their homes increase. Why? Because when they go to sell their home someday, the buyer would pay more knowing they could build a 35 foot home in place of the existing home.

Urban Planning came to the LICIA Board with this matter several months ago, asking for approval for the 35 foot height change. Several other neighborhoods approved it. HOWEVER, Melrose Park did not approve the change and the height will stay at 20 feet in their neighborhood.

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**Lauderdale Isles Zoned RS-6.85A**  
**Current Max Height – 20'**  
**Proposed Max Height – 35'**

Typical Tri-Level Roof @ 20'

Typical Ranch House Roof @ 12'

35' Proposed Annexed Zoning Height

20' Current Annexed Zoning Height

This graphic compares the current heights to a 35 ft high home under the proposed height change. Note the balconies on the second floor and the roof, which are a feature that already exists on some newer homes here.

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**CHECK THIS OUT!**

**MAY 16th GENERAL MEETING**

Our May General Meeting will be in-person (no Zoom), at Grace Alone Ministries at 1900 SW 35 Ave. We will feature presentations by City staff from the Urban Planning & Design Dept. about the proposed 35 foot building height amendment to the City Code. Neighbors attending this meeting will be asked to vote on this matter by ballot at the end of the meeting. If you are concerned about the possibility of a 35 foot high house next door- or if you are in favor of this change - you need to attend this meeting. Plus we will have reports from FLPD, Code Compliance, LICIA Committees, and the latest updates on the Community Center and Lauderdale Isles Landing. Don't miss it!

**Thursday, May 16, 7:00pm**

**Grace Alone Ministries, 1900 SW 35 Ave**

*This meeting will be in-person only.*

**HAVE YOU PAID DUES THIS YEAR?**

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

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

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**VOTE FOR BEN ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

## LAUDERDALE ISLES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As Commissioner, Ben worked side by side with the neighborhood from 2018 - 2022.

### AIRPORT NOISE & FLIGHT PATTERN CHANGES

Alongside LICIA's Airport Noise Committee, Retained Counsel, FAA, and Broward County we were able to collaborate to achieve flight pattern changes at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport which have reduced noise in the neighborhood.

### PROTECTING WATERWAYS

Advocating for the preservation of the neighborhood waterways, together we secured the purchase of a boat for Code Compliance, which has been extremely effective for managing oversized boats, derelict boats and dilapidated docks. In 2020, we worked together to enhance the City's fertilizer ordinance to further protect and preserve our waterways.

### PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

We secured funding for park & accessibility improvements at Riverland Woods Park.

### VACATION RENTALS

Since 2018, and as recent as February of 2024, we have been working together in Fort Lauderdale to preserve resident quality of life by ensuring Vacation Rental Enforcement is effective and timely. More, we continue to have a presence in Tallahassee to ensure maximum neighborhood protection during the legislative process.

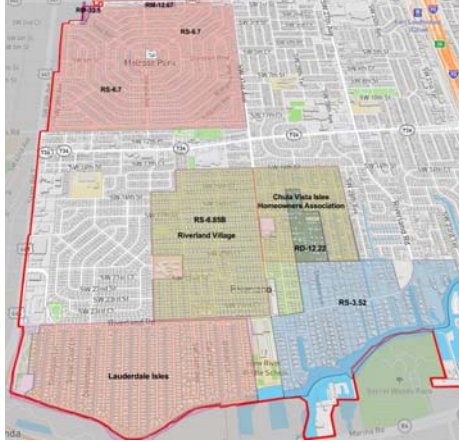
### TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

We improved pedestrian, vehicular, & overall safety via the Riverland Road Mobility Improvement Project, plans included:

- widening of multiple lanes;
- enhanced bike lanes;
- install of sidewalk, curbing, shoulders;
- traffic calming features, improved crosswalks, & other traffic safety signage.



The Board had mixed opinions: some said they liked the idea of 35 feet; some said people living in a 35 foot high home next door would totally eliminate all privacy in their backyard. It was mentioned that one of the existing tall homes has balconies, where partiers gather, and they look down into the neighboring back yards. Some felt 25 feet is suitable, and some said leave it at 20 feet.



The affected Annexed Area neighborhoods. Melrose Park elected to stay with 20 ft maximum height

The Board determined that this is such an important matter, that it has to be decided by the neighborhood at large, and the issue will be discussed at the May 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. A vote by ballot will be taken at this meeting. The ballot will give the choices of 35 feet, 25 feet and 20 feet, and also if balconies should be permitted. This is a very important issue and one you should be aware of. To help provide more insight, we have posted several files on our website, [ourlicia.com](http://ourlicia.com), including communications from the City departments involved. We recommend you take a few minutes to look through that information so you are well-informed. **AND we urge you to attend the May 16 General Meeting to discuss and help decide this matter. Staff from Urban Planning & Development will be there.**

NEW SIGN

IT'S OFFICIAL! On March 19th, the City Commission officially approved the renaming of Riverland Woods Park to **Lauderdale Isles Landing** and on April 5th the new sign was installed.



OLD SIGN

A PIECE OF HISTORY: You may remember these signs from years ago. This last one was recently obtained from the old yacht club property & will be mounted on the wall inside the new Community Center.



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## Mid-Century Modern Interiors



By Dawn Hanna  
Senior Staff Historiographer

Do you love historic pictures of the original architecture in Lauderdale Isles? I found a great ad from the Gill Construction Company showcasing Mid-century Modern (MCM) furnishings at History Fort Lauderdale. Enjoy this 1953 "typical interior".

MCM is a movement in interior design, product design, graphic design, architecture and urban development that was popular in the United States and Europe from roughly 1945 to 1970 during the United States's post-World War II period. MCM-style decor and architecture have seen a major resurgence that began in the late 1990s and continues today.

The MCM design aesthetic is modern in style and construction, aligned with the Modernist movement of the period. It is typically characterized by clean, simple lines and honest use of materials, and generally does not include decorative embellishments.

If aligning the exterior architecture style with the interior design style is appealing, popular retailers like West Elm carry a lovely MCM collection. Several online retailers also specialize in MCM. PreviewMod, a boutique in Ft. Lauderdale, not only sells MCM pieces, but they also have a restoration service.



**TYPICAL INTERIOR**, with scenic view, of three-bedroom home in Lauderdale Isles, which sells for only \$12,400.

FLORIDA HOME, OCTOBER, 1953

*Put it on your calendar:*

### LICIA GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday May 16th, 7:00pm at Grace Alone Ministries, 1900 SW 35th Avenue  
Main Discussion: 35 Foot Building Height Amendment**

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# ANOTHER GREAT ANNUAL WATERWAY CLEANUP ON MARCH 2nd

Once again our great group of volunteers did an incredible job cleaning debris from our waterways at the 47th annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup sponsored by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. With 75 eager volunteers and 20 boats and kayaks participating at the Riverland Woods boat ramp, the trash cans soon overflowed with all the trash that was brought in. As you can see in the pictures below, some of our kayakers climbed way into the mangroves to remove the loads of plastic trash that accumulates in there. Gift certificates to Flanigan's were awarded for the most unique, the ugliest, the cutest, the best sports item, and the most coconuts brought in. Of particular interest was the old guitar that was found. It was believed that it belonged to the great grandfather of Jimmy Buffet, who worked on the canal boats that plied the river in the late 1800's, and has been sent to the Smithsonian for analysis. Afterward, there was the terrific Trash Bash held at Bradford Marine and everyone enjoyed the great food and drink, as well as the drawings for prizes there. Once again, thanks to our great site coordinators, Jill Prizlee and Karen Rames, whose hard work ensured the success of this annual neighborhood event. Site sponsorship, prizes and food were provided by LIWMD and LICIA.

*Lauderdale Isles is one of a very few neighborhoods that have participated in all 47 of these annual Broward County Cleanups*



Our fantastic March 2nd Waterway Cleanup Crew





More fun at the WWCU



## FIRE SAFETY

By Joann Kratky  
LICIA Staff Safety Officer



Are you prepared in case of a fire in your home? Most of us, including myself have a fire extinguisher or two. The question is are they expired? Do you know how to activate them? And which extin-



Have you checked your fire extinguishers lately?

guishers are specialized for certain types of fires? There is now an alternative to fire extinguishers that expire and require know-how to arm, activate and aim properly for proper extinguishing of a fire hazard: the FIRE BLANKET.

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# Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: Let's Trash It Responsibly!



By Julie Gordon  
Staff Environmental Specialist

Hey there, eco-warriors and waste warriors! It's time to talk trash—hazardous trash, that is! Now, before you go chucking those old batteries or half-

empty paint cans into your trash can, let's have a little chat about how to dispose of these items properly. After all, we don't want to turn our neighborhood into a toxic waste zone, do we?

### 1. Know Your Enemy: Identifying Hazardous Waste

First things first, let's play detective and identify what qualifies as hazardous waste. Think of it as a game of "What's in Your Trash?" Anything that's corrosive, flammable, reactive, or toxic earns a VIP pass to the hazardous waste club. This includes things like old batteries (yes, even the rechargeable ones), fluorescent light bulbs, paint, pesticides, and electronics. If it's giving off serious "I'm dangerous!" vibes, it's probably hazardous.

### 2. The Great Separation: Keep It Clean, Folks!

Now that you've spotted your hazardous waste frenemies, it's time for a little separation anxiety. Keep those hazardous items far, far away from your regular trash. We're talking about a breakup even Taylor Swift would approve of! Set up a designated area in your home for hazardous waste collection, preferably somewhere cool, dry, and out of reach of curious kiddos and pets. Let's keep those furry friends safe from toxic encounters! And remember, never pour hazardous liquids down the drain or toss them in the regular trash. We want clean pipes, not a mutant ninja turtle situation.

### 3. Bye-Bye, Hazardous Waste: Disposal Done Right

So, you've rounded up all your hazardous waste like a pro. Now what? Well, it's time to bid them farewell in the most responsible way possible. Below are two events for Household Hazardous Waste drop off at Mills Pond Park. You will need to present your proof of residency at drop off. You may also attend the other county-wide drop-off events. Check out this website for more information:

[gyr.fortlauderdale.gov](http://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov)

or call (954)828-8000

### 4. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: The Golden Rule of Waste Management

Let's face it, we live in a world where "reduce, reuse, recycle" isn't just a catchy slogan—it's a survival strategy. Before you reach for that can of toxic paint or those batteries, ask yourself if there's an eco-friendlier alternative. Can you use rechargeable batteries instead? Can you donate that half-used can of paint to a neighbor or community center? Every little bit helps in the fight against waste! Let's keep our community clean, green, and toxin-free, one proper disposal at a time. Happy trashing! ♻️♻️

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Fort Lauderdale residents are required to register in advance for the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event at:

[fortlauderdale.gov/hhw](http://fortlauderdale.gov/hhw)

May 25<sup>th</sup> (9am-2pm) and  
November 23<sup>rd</sup> (9am-2pm)

Mills Pond Park  
2201 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ft. Lauderdale

Not all items are acceptable at the drop off. Scan this QR code for more information on disposal of all other items not listed.



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### Hazardous Items Accepted

- Paint, oil or latex
- Paint thinner and stripper
- Motor oil and filters, automotive fluids, gasoline
- Other automotive fluids including gasoline
- Pesticides/Insecticides
- Fertilizers
- Pool chemicals
- Fluorescent tubes
- Spot removers
- Oven and drain cleaners
- Furniture and metal polish
- Items containing mercury
- Batteries, rechargeable and automotive
- Propane tanks

### Electronics Accepted

- Computers
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mice
- Terminals
- Printers
- Fax machines
- Modems
- Cell phones
- Rechargeable batteries
- Televisions

### Items Not Accepted

- Biohazard/medical waste (unless specified in event calendar details)
- Explosives
- Waste generated from a business
- Office furniture
- Flares
- Stereos or speakers
- Musical instruments
- DVD players or VCR's
- Appliances
- Microwave oven
- Electric hand tools



SCAN ME

### CURBSIDE HOME ELECTRONICS PICKUP

There is no need to wait for the next drop-off event to safely dispose of unwanted electronics. City of Fort Lauderdale residents can conveniently and safely dispose of home electronics curbside on the same day that their recycling is collected. Use this QR code to fill out the form for curbside pickup at least a day in advance.

## ACTION IN THE ISLES

On April 3rd, the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department responded to a yacht fire at a Marathon Lane home on the river.



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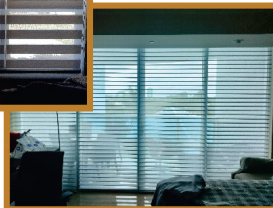
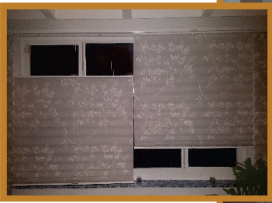
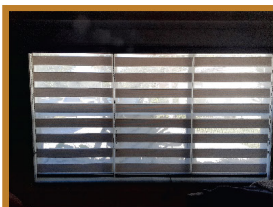
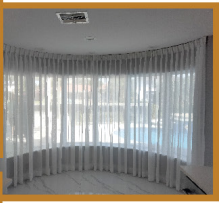
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## Check your marine knowledge with our Nautical Crossword Puzzle



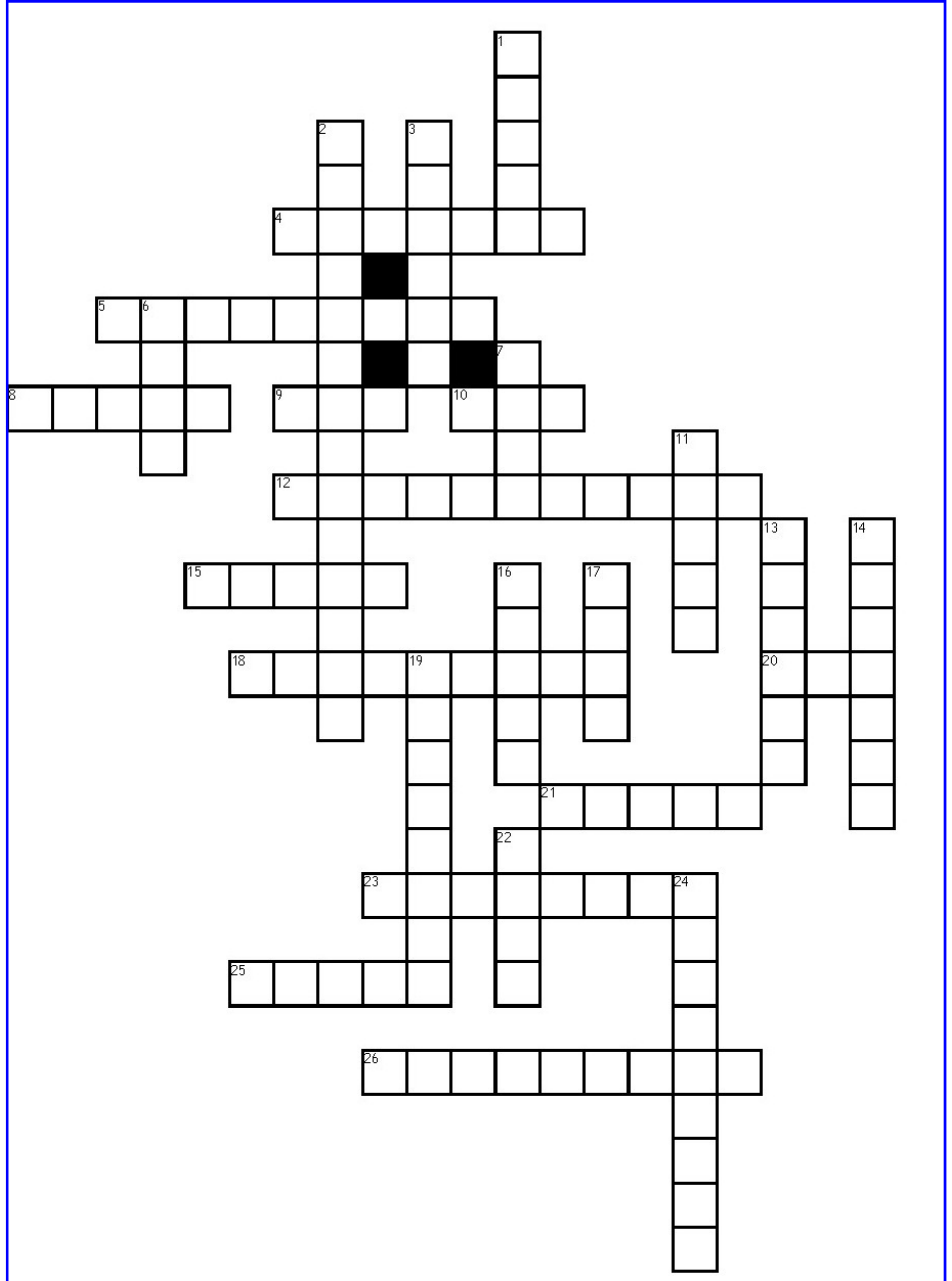
This crossword puzzle was created by:  
**Margaux Simpson**  
Senior Staff  
Cruciverbalist

### Across

- 4. The "King of Knots"
- 5. A big, colorful forward sail usually used downwind
- 8. Map used by navigators
- 9. Personal Floatation Device
- 10. Front of the boat
- 12. Knot to stop a rope from running through a block (2W)
- 15. Mechanism used in pulling in a sail
- 18. Over the side
- 20. Color of Port Side Light
- 21. What you fasten a dockline to
- 23. Running with wind directly behind you
- 25. Back of the boat
- 26. Right side of the boat

### Down

- 1. Color of Starboard Side Light
- 2. Best way to attach a fender to a rail (3W)
- 3. Kitchen area
- 6. Left side of the boat
- 7. Line used for anchoring
- 11. Color of Stern Light
- 13. A Type of Visual Distress Signals
- 14. Air filled bumpers used when docking or rafting up boats
- 16. Time between tide changes
- 17. Rise and fall of water levels
- 19. What you always do to make sure your anchor is set
- 22. A measure of speed
- 24. Red flag with a white diagonal stripe indicates what?



The answers to this crossword puzzle will be posted on the LICIA website [ourlicia.com](http://ourlicia.com) after the General Meeting

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## The Fort at Snyder Park

By Dick Cahoon  
Senior Staff Sports Writer

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for The Fort pickleball complex took place recently. The Fort will have 43 pickleball courts, the very first stadium court for pickleball, water activities on the lake, and a restaurant in nearby Snyder Park. The worldwide organization, The Association of Pickleball Players, will move its headquarters here.



Founder Rich Campillo, Parks & Rec Director Carl Williams, Commissioner Steve Glassman, City Atty Tom Ansboro, founder Brad Tichtman, & #1 ranked player in the world, Andrei Daescu.



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City Hall	954-828-5004
Building Department	954-828-5191
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### Vacation Rental Complaints

**1-800-685-7453**

*(This is a new number, available 24/7)*

### PICKUP SCHEDULE for LAUDERDALE ISLES

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

### WATERWAY ISSUES - Who to call:

- **Alligators (& Crocodiles) Problems**  
FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR
- **Pollution/ Oil Spills** within the City of Fort Lauderdale:  
7:30 –5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000  
Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Pollution Complaints** outside the City of Ft. Lauderdale:  
County Environmental 24 hrs: 954-519-1499
- **Large Debris/Dead Animals in the water:**  
Ft. Laud. Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Injured Manatees**  
FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC
- **Sinking or Sunk Boats**  
24 Hour Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Unightly or Derelict Boats/ Boats too wide for canal:**  
Ft. Laud. Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207
- **Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:**  
FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging**  
Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207

### Lauderdale Isles Closed Sales

Jan. 1, 2024 to April 4 2024\*

Presented By: Julie Gordon of  
THE GORDON GROUP Realtors

<u>Address</u>	<u>B/B</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>
2525 Marathon	6/4	2,781	\$1,340,000
2613 Tortugas	3/25	1,892	\$1,270,000
2624 Gulfstream	5/3	1,624	\$1,265,000
2613 Gulfstream	3/3	2,081	\$1,200,000
2649 Flamingo	3/2	1,484	\$1,000,000
2530 Key Largo	3/2	1,572	\$ 989,900
2431 Key Largo	3/2	1,346	\$ 850,000
2424 Marathon	3/2	1,462	\$ 810,000
2543 Flamingo	3/2	1,568	\$ 795,000
2448 Bimini	4/2	1,802	\$ 794,000
2612 Tortugas	4/2	1,520	\$ 780,000
2619 Nassau	2/2	1,124	\$ 775,000
2412 Okeechobee	3/2	1,572	\$ 695,000

\*Data as per Beaches MLS, Inc.

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### MEMBER DUES for Nov. 2023 – Oct. 2024: 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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**The next LICIA General Meeting is May 16 at Grace Alone Ministries. Put it on your calendar**