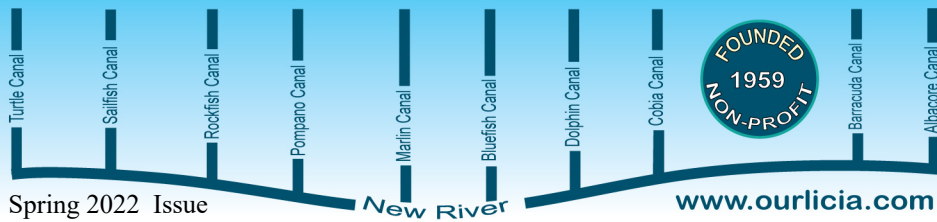


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What the heck is going on with Real Estate in Lauderdale Isles?

A Special Report to the LICIA Newsletter

By Julie Gordon

As you know, real estate prices across the country have been appreciating due to low inventory and high demand. Our neighborhood has seen sale prices nearly double over the past two years. The average sale price of a home as of late April 2022 is \$994,823.00*. Approximately 2 years ago prices were at an average of \$497,500. This was just as the pandemic was starting and lockdowns were abundant. From then to now is nearly double. What is going on? Who are the current Buyers? Why do they want our area? Is it a good time to sell? How long will this last?

Lauderdale Isles has always been a “hidden gem” that not too many people knew about. We were known to some as the “safe harbor” or “less expensive waterfront.” Well, the cat is out of the bag now and buyers are flocking to our area. Who are these buyers and why do they want our area?

LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Buyers love our area because we are deep water ocean access with the lowest fixed bridge approx. 55’ high. We are just 10 minutes to the beach by car, close to the highways, near the airport, & with plenty of hotspots and things to do nearby. It doesn’t get much better than that.

Who are these buyers? Over the past two years we have seen an increase in investor purchases. These investors have different intentions for their purchase. Some have been flips, vacation rentals, and long-term rentals, with a huge increase in flips and vacation rental purchases.

Here are a few examples of a flip: 2554 Whale Harbor Lane is a Tri-level that sold for \$550,000 in 2021, was remodeled and sold for \$1,100,000 in 2022. Here is another example: 2448 Okeechobee Lane sold for \$400,000 in 2020, was completely renovated inside and out and recently sold for \$1,549,000 in 2022. Currently 2531 Key Largo Lane is pending with a listing price of \$1,600,000. The investor purchased this property in Nov. 2021 for \$815,000. It is not only the Tri-levels getting all the attention. So are the ranches. 2648 Flamingo Lane sold in 2020 for \$529,000 and recently sold in 2022 for \$910,000.

Here are a few examples of registered vacation rentals in our area. The property at 2612 Sugarloaf Ln. was purchased in 2021 for \$760,000 & is now a vacation rental for \$625/night. A second vacation rental located at 2612 Key Largo Ln. sold in 2020 for \$1,190,000 & rents for \$1,251/night. A third and fairly new rental just sold in 2022 for \$1,399,999 and is asking rents for \$1,024/night.

We are still seeing the non-investor buyer, although these have decreased significantly, mostly due to the investor’s buying power and ability to come in with cash well over asking price. This pushes out many of the regular buyers looking for a waterfront home in a great neighborhood. Most of these regular buyers have mortgages and cannot buy for cash; at least not as much cash as the inves-

tor is offering. After lockdown restrictions started to lift, we saw an influx of out of state buyers coming from California, New York, and other Northern states. To them a \$800,000+ house was a bargain compared to where they were coming from.

So, is it a good time to sell? Heck yes! The buyers are still out there and historically inventory is still fairly low. Inflation is a big issue in the country, so the Federal reserve is trying to slow things down by raising interest rates. They plan to meet again in May to discuss yet another increase. That has not seemed to completely stop buyers from flocking to our area. As long as you price your home competitively you should sell. Placing an out-of-reality price on your home could increase your days on the market making investors think they can “low ball” or get a bargain. For the best marketing price and an idea of what your home could sell for in this crazy market, it is best to speak with a Real Estate professional. They can give you the best advice based on your home’s current condition and the most recent sales activity with homes similar to yours.

As to how long this appreciation will last, we do not know. I wish I had a crystal ball to tell you when and if there will be a bubble, leveling or correction of our prices. All I can assure you is that our neighborhood has never seen prices this high, and we do not know how long it will last. A war, a pandemic, inflation, a hurricane, these are all things that may affect our markets and can happen at any time. As of late April when I am writing this article, it is still a phenomenal time to sell your home.

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2554 Whale Harbor Sold for \$550,000 On 8/27/21



2554 Whale Harbor Sold for \$1,100,00 on 4/5/22

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**LICIA May General Meeting
Thursday, May 19th, 7:00pm
At Abiding Saviour Church
1900 SW 35th Avenue**

THE MAIN DISCUSSION FOR THIS MEETING IS

**SHORT TERM
VACATION RENTALS**

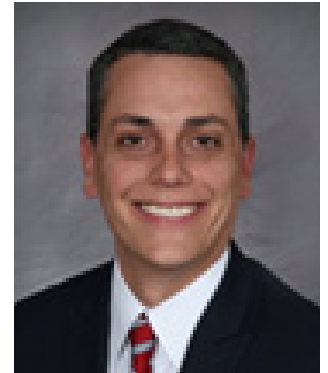
Short Term Vacation Rentals is one of the biggest problems facing our neighborhood and our City. LICIA has been working hard to address this issue. We will share the latest info at this meeting, including our new one-page “[Vacation Rental Compliance Guide](#).” This guide will only be available at this meeting; it will not be on-line or on Nextdoor. You need to attend the meeting to get a copy. Plus, we will have Code Enforcement officials at the meeting to discuss recent enforcement activities.

PLUS TWO GREAT HEADLINERS AT THE MEETING

County Commissioner
Beam Furr



City Commissioner
Ben Sorensen



Commissioner Furr became our County Commissioner after a recent change in County District boundaries. He is extremely engaged in transportation issues, including the rail tunnel vs bridge over the New River. He is excited to attend our meeting and meet his new constituents.

Commissioner Sorensen has been by and far, the best Commissioner to ever serve in District 4. Every single time we asked for his help, he came through 110%, especially with the airport noise issue. As he now throws his hat into the ring for a Congressional seat, attend the meeting to hear his future plans.

MEETING INFO: Our General Meetings are held four times a year and are open to all residents of Lauderdale Isles. Finally, after cancelling meetings for two years due to Covid, we are having an in-person meeting. 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 have reports by FLPD, Code Enforcement, and LICIA Committees. There’s a drawing for a Flanigan’s Gift Certificate. Don’t miss it: Thursday, May 19, 7pm, at Abiding Saviour Church, 1900 SW 35th Avenue.



I WANT YOUR DUES!

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 residents 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.

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Of course, you may pay your dues at the May 19th General Meeting

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: grames.licia@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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UPDATE: SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS

If there's one thing to be said about the short term vacation rental situation, it's that the issue is constantly evolving and we're always learning more. Here's the latest info:

LICIA's VACATION RENTAL COMPLIANCE GUIDE

LICIA's goal has always been to ensure that vacation rentals in our neighborhood are in **full compliance** with the City's ordinance: no violations for noise, parking, garbage, occupancy, etc. If they are not in full compliance, neighbors need to file complaints with the ultimate goal of shutting down troublesome vacation rentals by getting "three strikes," against them. At Special Magistrate hearings, we have observed that vacation rental owners are extremely worried about getting three violations or "strikes," as they learn they are in danger of having the City revoke their operating certificate for six months. Six months with no income from an expensive property is not something these folks want.

In our February newsletter, we provided basic information on how to report violations for vacation rentals. Since then, we have attended numerous meetings with Commissioner Sorensen, Ryan Thomas, Code Enforcement officials, FLPD, and other Civic Associations regarding this troubling issue. As a result, things have changed somewhat, and we have fine tuned the complaint process.

LICIA has developed a new one page info sheet, our "**Vacation Rental Compliance Guide**," to provide you the latest and best way to file complaints against a troublesome vacation rental on your lane. **THIS VALUABLE INFO SHEET WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDS THE LICIA GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 19TH**. You need this info sheet if you are concerned about vacation rentals. It will not be available online or on Nextdoor. You can only get a copy at this meeting. You will find that by following the guidance in this info sheet, you will be able to easily file complaints against a VR and help them on the way to the "three strikes."

MAY GENERAL MEETING

The main topic at the May 19th LICIA general meeting will be vacation rentals. Code Enforcement will be at the meeting to discuss the issue and answer questions, as will Commissioner Sorensen and Ryan Thomas. If you are concerned about the vacation rental problem – and who in Lauderdale Isles isn't – you need to attend this meeting. *And get your copy of the Vacation Rental Compliance Guide.*

STATISTICS

From the City's website, we have assembled these vacation rental statistics which are mind-boggling:

Registered Operating vacation rentals in Ft Lauderdale as of 4/1

- District 1: 261
- District 2: 529
- District 3: 33
- District 4: 276 (*our district*)
- Lauderdale Isles: 10 (*we all know there are more, unregistered*)

Enforcement

According to the City Website as of April 13, in FY2022 there were (334) VR enforcement cases in the entire City. And over 90% of those cases were for these two violations: "Operating without a valid certificate," and "Operating with an expired certificate."

In Lauderdale Isles there were (11) enforcement cases, with (9) of them for operating without a valid certificate. Yes, there are probably more operating without a certificate that the city is not yet aware of.



OPERATING WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE

When you attend the May 19th General Meeting, you will be astounded when we explain why VR's operate without a license and the consequences when the City cites them.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS AND CITIES

This is not just a Lauderdale Isles problem. At bi-weekly meetings of District 4 Civic Association Presidents, vacation rentals are discussed at length. Neighborhoods all over the City are having VR problems. The Special Magistrate just shut down an extremely troublesome vacation rental in River Oaks.

We have started sharing info with a neighborhood in East Hollywood, where one third of all the homes in that neighborhood are vacation rentals.

This is a county-wide problem: the cities of Hollywood and Coral Springs have recently updated their VR ordinances to make them more effective. These updates include a requirement for all vacation rentals to have a noise monitoring device installed. We think this is a good idea for Fort Lauderdale, too.

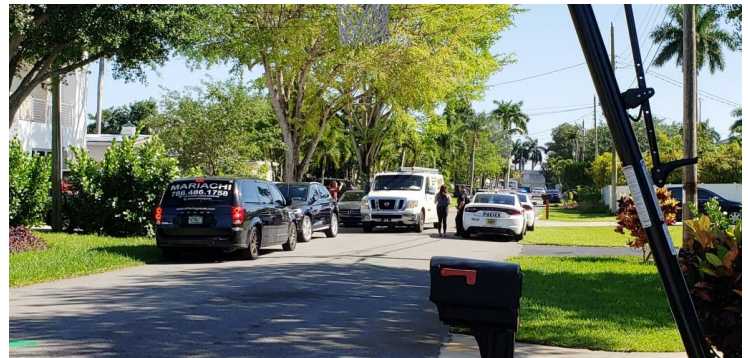
WORKING GROUP

Commissioner Sorensen has formed a working group to address the problem. Members include FLPD, the City Manager's office, Code Enforcement, and many Civic Associations including Lauderdale Isles. As our working group tackles the problem at the City level, we are looking to the city to fine-tune the Fort Lauderdale ordinances to be in line with those of Hollywood and Coral Springs.

THE PARTY HOUSE - TWO STRIKES

As we wrote in the April edition of the **Isles Insider**, the infamous Party House vacation rental at 2612 Key Largo Lane has long been a source of aggravation for neighbors on that lane. On March 26, there was a huge party there and FLPD and Code Enforcement were called by neighbors. The Code Inspector cited the property for three violations: noise, excessive occupancy, and parking. It appeared to be an air-tight set of three strikes, and it was hoped that the operating certificate would be suspended for 180 days by the Special Magistrate.

At the SM Hearing on April 28, it was necessary for Code to drop the parking violation to due a back office error, but the other two violations were sustained, despite numerous objections by the property owner. A member of the LICIA Board spoke during the hearing to reinforce the fact that this property has been troublesome for a long time. So the Party House now has two strikes against it. If things continue there like they usually do, the third strike should not be long in coming. Interestingly, the person who held the party there testified that there were 50 to 60 people in attendance. The Code provides that the maximum number of guests at a VR can be 20, so that testimony actually helped to substantiate the case for the over-occupancy violation. This case will be discussed at the May 19th LICIA General Meeting.



Key Largo Lane on March 26th. Note several FLPD cars.

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THE ISLES INSIDER



New River www.ourlicia.com

It's only for Members in Good Standing

We recently started publishing the new Isles Insider. It's an email that's sent out periodically to keep our members up to date on what's happening with the Association, the neighborhood, and the issues affecting us. It's only sent to Members in Good Standing.

Who's a Member in Good Standing you ask? They're the neighbors who pay the annual dues to support the Association. The newsletter you're reading now is only published four times a year. The "Insider" emails keep you abreast of what's happening between newsletters. Exclusive information, that's never posted on Nextdoor. Be in the know - pay your annual dues now to support the Association and start receiving your copies of the Isles Insider. Dues are only \$20 per year.

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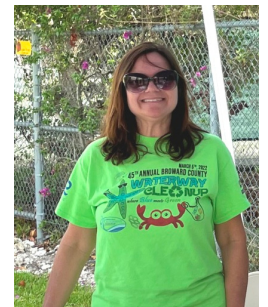
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ANOTHER GREAT WATERWAY CLEANUP IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

Lauderdale Isles is one of only a few neighborhoods that have participated in all the MIAF Waterway Cleanups for the past 45 years. And once again, our participants did a terrific job cleaning our waterways on March 5th. We had 59 participants and 15 boats at the boat ramp, and they really loaded that dumpster with waterway trash. Fifty dollar gift certificates were awarded for the most unique, the cutest, the ugliest, and the best sports item brought in. Everyone received a ticket to the Trash Bash at the Lauderdale Small Boat Club afterward, where they enjoyed a free barbecue, drinks and drawings for more prizes. Thanks to all our great neighbors who work hard every year to keep our waterways clean!



Jill Prizlee did a great job as our site coordinator this year



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RIVERLAND ROAD MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The Riverland Road is currently under construction as part of the Riverland Road Mobility Improvement project administered by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The entire project is 3.6 Miles along Riverland Road from SR 7/US 441 to SR 842/Broward Blvd. The Contractor for FDOT is Weekly Asphalt Paving, Inc. and the cost of the project is \$5.8M (Funded by a Grant). The project is currently on schedule with the final milling & resurfacing operations to occur this Summer 2022.

The Lauderdale Isles portion of the project will be widened to accommodate new bike lanes and the travel lanes will be narrowed to 10' from the current 11' width. The Contractor is currently continuing to widen the road and remove / replace sidewalk at various locations along the roadway.

If you have noticed, the edges of the widening are not the same width and are uneven. The entire Riverland Road along with the new widening will be milled and resurfaced when all the widening is complete to create a uniform roadway surface. I have been informed the Contractor will actually saw cut the bike lane width to ensure it will be at the proper dimension. The project is inspected by FDOT and monitored by the City's Transportation and Mobility Department.

Again, please be PATIENT with the traffic, this inconvenience will not last forever and the road will be much smoother than before! We have all been stuck behind the big excavator traveling at a snails pace!

For questions or concerns, please contact FDOT's Community Outreach Specialist, Justina Hicklyn at (954) 940-7585, or justina@valerin-group.com

The LICIA Board did not support the widening project and continues to monitor impacts to the neighborhood.



LIWMD UPDATE

FERTILIZER BAN

Remember that it is illegal in the City of Fort Lauderdale to apply fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus between June 1 and September 30th, in order to help prevent algal blooms in City waterways. Let's hope everyone complies with the fertilizer ban, as well as not blowing landscape debris into the water, and that we get through another summer without algae in our canals.

CHECK YOUR BILGE PUMPS

With the start of the rainy season, we typically see a few boats sink at the dock due to bilge pump failures or dead batteries. Take a few minutes now to check yours for proper operation. A sunken boat at your dock will have the FLPD Marine Patrol and Code Enforcement responding immediately to the scene, to check for possible fuel leaking into the canal. That's a situation you should avoid.



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What the heck is going on in Real Estate

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As for me, I plan to stay here. Unless you have a place to move to, where would you go? Most of my clients are recently retired and moving away from the area. I have a couple moving to a cabin in Georgia. I have another client who sold his house and will live in his RV until he is ready to retire. I have another couple that is recently retired and moving to central Florida. Another couple is moving to Colorado to be closer to family. I have another client that is selling now and planning to rent for a while, hoping things will cool off.

**Statistics taken from Beaches MLS, AirBNB.com and Vrbo.com.*



2648 Flamingo, sold for \$529,000 on 6/18/20



2648 Flamingo, sold for \$910,00 on 1/19/22

About the author: Julie Gordon, Broker Associate and Team Leader of **THE GORDON GROUP**, has been a resident of Lauderdale Isles over 20 years and currently serves on the LICIA Board as the Lane Representative/Director for Marathon Lane. Julie is a long-time Realtor in our area. She is affiliated with RE/MAX Consultants Realty I in Ft. Lauderdale. Her team has sold many homes in Lauderdale Isles over the years - juliegordonrealtor@gmail.com

WATER QUALITY

The County's Environmental Lab tests the water quality on a quarterly basis at Bradford Marine, just across the River from Andros Lane. Once again, the water quality is "good," in accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection standards.

WILEY

We continue to receive occasional reports of our winter visitor, "Wiley" the alligator, being spotted in our canals. Have you noticed that the duck population seems to be lower too? Play it safe, keep kids and pets away from the seawalls. If you do spot him, call the FWC Nuisance Alligator number on the back page of this newsletter. The trapper has been out numerous times pursuing him over the years, but Wiley is always pretty wiley.

MARCH WATERWAY CLEANUP

It was another great MIAF WWCU this year. Totals county-wide: 1300 volunteers, 35 site locations, 320 boats, 20+ tons of trash collected. Save the date for next year: March 4, 2023.

Geoff Rames, Chairman

Overwatering or under watering your lawn?

By Diana Steeger

Keeping the lawn fresh starts with an irrigation system. Having a system with the proper sprinkler heads is key to proper watering, without waste. Outdoor irrigation accounts for 50% of our water consumption in South Florida. Ensuring that your sprinklers are spraying the lawn, providing proper coverage, with minimal overspray is key to conservation. Watering between the hours of 4:00 am and 8:00 am ensures water absorption to the roots. Watering from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm can cause the lawn to burn and brown, during the evaporation process. Watering from 6:00 pm to 3:00 am can cause mold and fungus growth in the lawn. Per South Florida Water Management District, irrigation is limited to 2 days per week. Having an automatic timer for the irrigation system ensures consistent watering. Don't want to be concerned about monitoring the weather? Easy, have a rain sensor installed on the timer and it will ensure the system doesn't run during or just after rain.

How do you know how much to water and when? Well, it all starts with your address. Does your house number end in an even number? Your watering days are Thursday & Sunday. House numbers with an odd number should water Wednesday & Saturday.

The target for any healthy lawn is about developing a deep root system. Fewer watering days with longer watering time promotes better growth. Increased watering frequency per week keeps the root system of the lawn shallow. A shallow root system leaves the grass susceptible to weed and fungus growth, as the soil will never have time to dry out. So how long should you run each zone for? From November through March, pop up spray heads should run 10-20min and rotary and rotor heads run 25-40min. During the slow speed, minimum wake season, pop up spray heads should run 15-25min and rotary and rotor heads run 40-60min. An easier way to

measure is to put a baking dish in the middle of the spray area. When there is approx. 1½" of water in the dish, the lawn has enough water. Just be sure to keep track of the amount of time it took to fill. Extending the duration by 5-10 minutes per zone, and decreasing the watering days from 2 to 1 will help the lawn survive during dry season. A lawn with a deep root system will not give weeds the space to grow. Proper watering is key to a healthy lawn.

At the end of the day, listen to your lawn. Do you have certain areas with weeds or fungus? If you are watering during the right times, with the right amount of time per zone, you might have too much water accumulating, causing the grass to get saturated. Is the grass browning or dying? Try running each zone and check each sprinkler head. Ensure the sprinklers are providing proper coverage. Sprinklers need to be inspected and adjusted several times a year. Make sure all rotor/rotary heads have smooth operation and a clean spray out of the nozzle. If you have spray heads, make sure they pop up completely, and have a clean "fan" style spray. Check the driveway the morning after a watering day. Do you see a puddle in the neighbor's driveway, do you see water on your neighbors car? You might be over watering, or have spray heads that need adjusting.



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Pickleball's a hit in the Isles

By Dick Cahoon

Several Lauderdale Isles residents have been playing indoor pickleball for years at Riverland Park and Holiday Park as members of the city's Club 55. During the lockdown, up to eleven local pickleball players came to Lauderdale Isles to play on a makeshift driveway pickleball court at Dick and Lynn Cahoon's house on Cat Cay Lane.

Recently, the City built 6 beautiful new pickleball courts very near Lauderdale Isles at Beneson Park, adjacent to the Winn Dixie on Davie Blvd, at 1330 SW 33rd Terrace, which is open 8 am to 9 pm. On Thursday, March 31, several neighbors played pickleball to inaugurate the courts.



Lauderdale Isles experts at the new Pickleball courts on Davie Blvd.

On Saturday, April 16, all six courts were full of doubles players, with 7 players waiting to rotate in after other games finished, so wait time was very short compared to that at the original very popular 6 courts at Holiday Park. Many Lauderdale Isles residents came out to play, including 3 who had never played before. Dick Cahoon offered instruction, and soon they were enjoying the game with other beginners. The game is easy to learn and to enjoy right away.



Pickleball is easy to learn and beginners enjoy the game right away.

To promote outdoor Pickleball to everyone at Beneson Park, Flamingo Lane's Madde Otero started a Pickleball Group on Next Door Lauderdale. It quickly drew interest and over a dozen residents joined, with others commenting encouragement. Lessons were offered to newcomers to pickleball.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, with players aged from young children to a few in their 90s. Hugely popular in South Florida, the sport is dominated by younger players, like the National Champions in their 20s who live near Naples. It is much less demanding than tennis but provides friendly competition mostly as doubles and is very popular among seniors. Paddles are like oversized ping pong paddles to hit a plastic wiffle ball on a court smaller than a tennis court with a similar net. For more information on this amazing sport, go to <https://usapickleball.org>

For information on the Parks Department's Club 55, go to <https://www.parks.fortlauderdale.gov/programs/recreation/club-55>

The Whale Harbor Lane Show

By Dawn Hanna

Seasoned boaters know the term "the ramp show" refers to rookie and incompetent boaters launching their trailered boats at the boat ramp. In Lauderdale Isles, we have the "Whale Harbor Lane Show". It features lost residents and visitors with boats and trailers in tow searching up and down Whale Harbor Lane for the Riverland Woods Boat Ramp.

In December 2021, two of my neighbors sustained damage to their landscaping from a vehicle and trailer executing possibly the worst U-turn ever, backing the trailer dangerously close to their houses and over their landscaping. I contacted Commissioner Ben Sorensen and his assistant, Ryan Thomas and they connected me with the correct people in city management in early January 2022.

After a few email exchanges, new signage was installed on March 1, with no input from the residents. The signage was small. Of course, we continued to get lost boaters on Whale Harbor Lane looking for the ramp because nobody saw the tiny signs.



March 21: A wayward trailer boater stuck in the cul-de-sac after mistakenly driving down Whale Harbor Lane looking for the boat ramp.

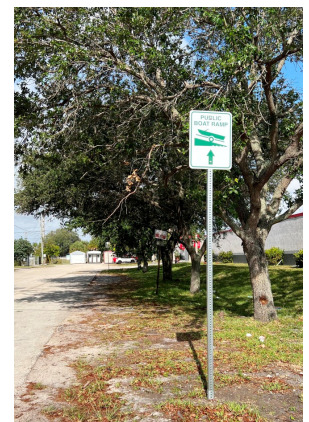
On March 21, I sent a video of a vehicle and trailer struggling to complete a U-turn at the cul-de-sac on Whale Harbor Lane to my friends at City management. On April 14, new signs were placed at the entrance to Whale Harbor Lane indicating the direction to the boat ramp and a "dead end" warning.

Another factor causing the confusion, was that the Apple Navigation app listed the address of the Riverland Woods boat ramp as 2637 Whale Harbor Lane which was the address of the former Yacht Club. Several weeks after I "reported an issue" with the address and asked others to also report the issue, the address has been corrected.

Sometimes it takes a village, and I'm grateful to Ben Sorensen, our city staff, and residents that helped to find a solution to this issue. I'm hoping these fixes will do the trick!



April 14th: the new Dead End sign on Whale Harbor Lane



The small boat ramp sign on Riverland Road

AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE



By Dick Cahoon, LICIA Airport Noise Comm. Chairman

Every once in a while, someone asks why we don't do something about airport noise. Well the LICIA Airport Noise Committee has been working on this ever since the new runway caused planes to start flying closer to us almost 8 years ago. Planes depart into the wind. 80% of the time, winds are from the east, so those eastward departures do not affect Lauderdale Isles. But when the winds are from the west, planes depart to the west and we hear them.

Our committee worked with Commissioner Ben Sorensen who convinced Fort Lauderdale to hire lawyers and consultants to "persuade" the FAA to make changes to the Airport Metroplex Plan instituted last August. These changes have greatly reduced airport noise. Now, big jets depart along runway headings using RNAV satellite navigation farther west to a waypoint named DREDS before turning slightly north. That means planes are well south of 595 until past Lauderdale Isles when following Metroplex, resulting in less noise for us. Before Metroplex, planes would turn too soon to the north and fly near or even directly over our homes in the Isles.

If the FAA Tower diverts planes north toward Lauderdale Isles, the noise increases. This happens occasionally to avoid weather conditions out west such as clear air turbulence or clouds out west that interfere with safe passage. The Tower will also divert planes closer to Lauderdale Isles to avoid traffic from slower prop or turbo-prop planes. According to the FAA, this should happen less than 25% of the time planes are on west departure.

Residents can follow the flight path of individual planes using the the FLL WebTrak system, webtrak.emsbk.com/fll1

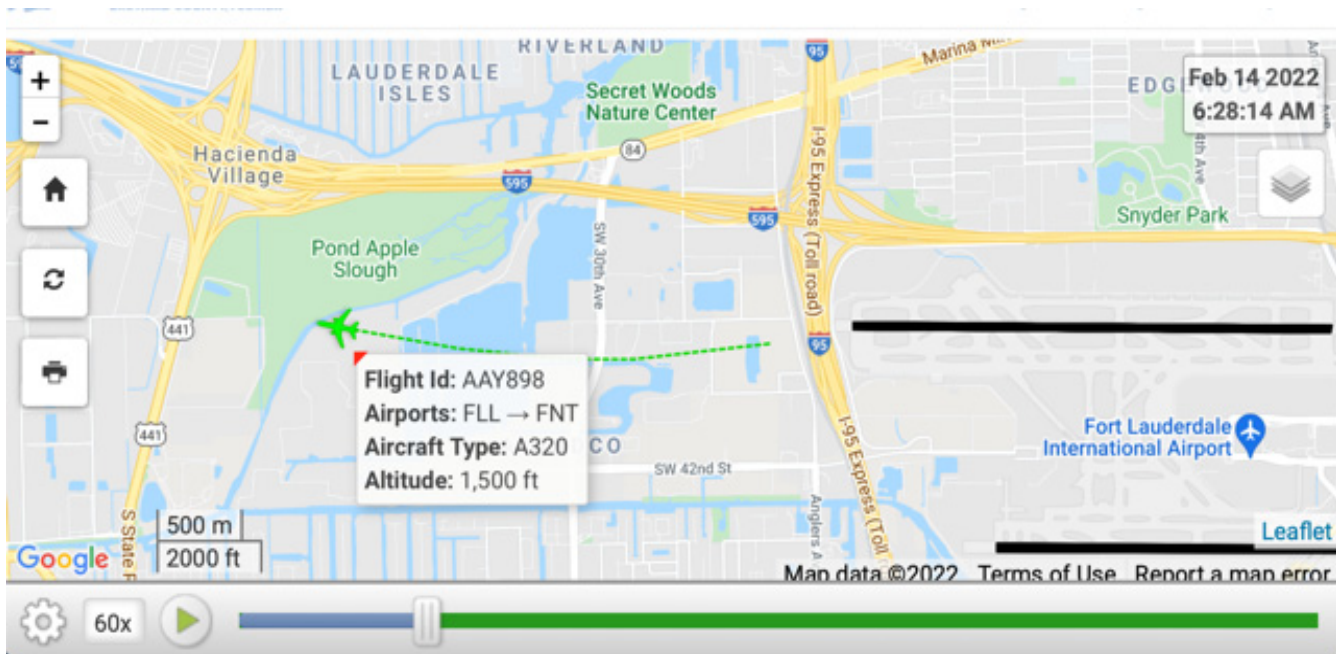
The screenshot from my laptop shows a sample flight track that was on RNAV directly west to DREDS, which keeps the plane further south of us. This screenshot shows the path of the plane as it moved on my screen. When I clicked my cursor on the plane icon, the display popped up that showed the airline flight #, type of aircraft, and altitude. If you have located your house on the system, it will also display the distance the plane is from your house as it moves.

You can go to the website and search the live mode for departures (delayed 15 minutes) or you can search for any departure in the past 90 days. To start a search, click on the settings button at the bottom, which looks like a wheel cog. It gives you a live look or a historical look at the action at the date and time you specify, with various display options available. Next to the cog is the choice of speed to replay the flight, and next to that a button to pause the action. Then there is the time bar, where you can move back and forth.

To understand the capabilities of the system, read the Start Here, Legend, and Help tabs by clicking the upper corner of the webtrak website.

Even though we can still hear the planes and sometimes they are annoying due to southwest winds, the airplane noise is actually much less when planes follow Metroplex. Sometimes the noise of an older jumbo jet is still annoying, perhaps due to FAA diversion to the north or due to a strong south wind blowing the noise over us. Another reason it might be annoying might be noise intolerance similar to the intolerance I experienced when smoking regulations led to less smoke. I assumed I would become more tolerant of smoke as I was around fewer smokers. The opposite was true. The less I was around smokers, the more I resented it when someone smoked around me. Maybe that helps explain why the noise seems loud when the planes are not near us.

Late update: The airport noise consultants hired by the City are now doing an assessment of how well the new Metroplex procedures are working. The goal is for them to provide suggestions to the FAA on how to fine tune procedures so the number of RNAV departures - the procedures which keep the planes south of Lauderdale Isles with less noise - will increase from the current 75%. But remember, the 75% we have now is a lot better than the 0% we had before Metroplex!



A flight track produced by WebTrak shows an RNAV departure, staying well south of Lauderdale Isles. This is the departure path we want all the time!

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LOST CAT \$2,000 REWARD

With a smile on my face, I always said "what would I do without you?" HAPPY, cheerful, lovable, genuine & loyal personality. Six months and we're still missing our sweet girl, Angel. If anyone has seen or heard about her, it would be very helpful for us to know. Please pray for Angel's safety and return home. We miss her so much we're hopeful for her to be reunited with us soon! We're incredibly grateful for the wonderful neighbors that provided their time looking for her and the abundance of support we've received!

Last Seen Date: December 1, 2021

Last Seen Location: Key Largo Lane

Description:

White & Black/Tan Tabby; Domestic Shorthair; White Nose, White Chest, White Paws, White dash on her Back; Raccoon look-a-like Tail, Yellow/Green Eyes; Last seen wearing a pink collar with bell. Spayed, no microchip. You really cannot miss her, she's a striking cat with white fur and beautiful eyes! She's very friendly, happy and timid. When scared her tail poofs up very large, just like a racoon tail.

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency	954-764-HELP
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs) <i>including Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning</i>	954-828-8000
Airport Noise Complaints *	954-359-2366
City Hall	954-828-5004
Building Department	954-828-5191
Code Enforcement	954-828-5207
Commissioner Ben Sorensen	954-828-5028
Animal Control (Broward County)	954-359-1313
Comcast <i>Good luck!</i>	800-266-2278
Nuisance Alligators: FWC	866-392-4286
Crimestoppers	954-493-TIPS
Mosquito Control (Broward County)	954-765-4062
FPL Power Outages	800-4OUTAGE

** File Airport Noise Complaints easily with the smart phone app found at:
<https://www.broward.org/Airport/Business/NoiseInformation/>*

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

For more info: www.fortlauderdale.gov/pickup

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
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 FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC
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Lauderdale Isles Real Estate Stats

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Active Listings as of 4/19/2022

	List price
2406 Nassau Ln	\$1,800,000
2649 Gulfstream	\$1,795,000
2436 Okeechobee	\$1,489,000
2537 Marathon	\$1,399,000
2431 Key Largo	\$1,395,000
2448 Whale Harbor	\$1,150,000
2442 Bimini	\$1,100,000
2684 Marathon	\$1,100,000
2465 Bimini	\$949,999
2503 Andros	\$879,000
2536 Flamingo	\$760,000
2413 Whale harbor	\$699,000
2418 Andros	\$495,000

Pending sales

2518 Key Largo	\$1,200,000
2530 Key Largo	\$1,100,000
2418 Cat cay	\$898,500

Closed Sales

2448 Okeechobee	\$1,549,000
2525 Okeechobee	\$1,399,999
2554 Whale Harbor	\$1,100,000
2424 Marathon	\$999,000
2442 Key Largo	\$979,000
2430 Marathon	\$1,025,000
2518 Bimini	\$900,000
2512 Cat cay	\$865,000
2643 Gulfstream	\$950,000
2413 Sugarloaf	\$849,000
2624 Nassau	\$740,000

Active under contract

2531 Key Largo	\$1,600,000
2655 Key Largo	\$1,050,000
2636 Nassau	\$1,025,000
2449 Tortugas	\$935,000
2406 Marathon	\$849,000
2543 Gulfstream	\$769,000
2513 Whale harbor	\$699,000



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