

A Cornucopia of Mangoes - and more

During a relaxing walk down your lane, you can smell their sweet aroma in the breeze—spring is mango time in the Isles. It's been estimated that over 1.6 million mangoes grow in Lauderdale Isles every spring. Don't have your own tree? Your neighbor will be glad to give you all you can eat from his. One of the best ways to forget about COVID for a little while is to relax in your backyard with a mango daiquiri made from your own all-natural ingredients. See our Lauderdale Isles Frozen Mango Daiquiri recipe in this newsletter. And don't forget about all the other tropical fruit that grows in our neighborhood too:

Plenty for all



Forget mangoes by the basket. How about a wheel barrow full of them.



Guacamole time: avocados start growing now and ripen later in the year



Bananas flourish, especially right along the canal's edge. Suitable as well for daiquiris if you run out of mangoes.



Pineapples grow easily here, and are 100 times sweeter than store-bought ones.

The Welcome Sign



The Welcome Sign has been taken out three times by the NASCAR drivers on Riverland

For the third time in four years, the west Welcome Sign on Riverland Road was demolished in September. Thanks to the perseverance and hard work of LICIA President Audrey Edwards, the car owner was tracked down and ultimately the Association received payment from the driver's insurance company. LICIA Vice President Earl Prizlee has taken on the project of replacing the sign, including a new design as you can see here. Like it? Got some suggestions? Use the "Contact Us" page at ourlicia.com.



One of the new sign designs being considered

Vice President's Message



By Earl Prizlee

Well, if you're reading this message, you survived the global pandemic. Our hearts and prayers are with the friends, family and loved ones we have lost. The good news is there is

hope on the horizon and we need to keep pushing through to a new beginning with understanding and patience with each other.

If you're new to Lauderdale Isles, I would like to welcome you to one of the most unique and diverse nautical neighborhoods in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc. (LICIA) is not a "Homeowners Association" in the traditional sense. The LICIA is dedicated specifically to the preservation and improvement of the neighborhood of Lauderdale Isles.

The Association is comprised of a Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, a Lane Representative from each of the Lauderdale Isles and <u>YOU</u>, as a Member.

Various committees exist to address issues that periodically arise in the Isles. For example, the Airport Noise Committee was formed in 2015. That committee engaged City Commissioner Ben Sorenson, who then convinced the City to hire the airport noise attorneys and consultants to present a better plan to the FAA for the upcoming Metroplex project. (I know the noise is still horrendous, but the implementation of Metroplex in August should change things for the better. For the latest on Metroplex, see the "Metroplex Update" in this newsletter).

But due to the pandemic, it's been a tough year for our Association. We had to cancel our General Meetings because we could not meet as a group. Our meetings, along with the newsletter, let you know what's going on with the issues affecting the neighborhood. We couldn't publish our newsletter in May and August last year, and February this year. The newsletter is the voice of Lauderdale Isles. We had to cancel our September Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup last year, sponsored by LIWMD and LICIA. This is a great neighborhood event that brings neighbors together for a worthwhile cause and a fun day.

But with this newsletter issue, we want you to know that LICIA is ALIVE AND WELL. We are busy at work on all the issues that affect Lauderdale Isles: airport noise, vacation rentals, Code Compliance, Riverland Road construction, the entrance sign replacement, elections, and working closely with the City. We conduct our monthly Board meetings via ZOOM, and we should start having General Meetings again later this year. By the time September rolls around, we hope to have our September Waterway Cleanup again. And we have several new members on our Board, working hard to bring the Association to the forefront again for the neighborhood.

But we need your support. Due to the pandemic, our dues have declined for this fiscal year. Dues allow us to publish this newsletter and enable the Association to carry on all its activities. Please take a minute right now, write your check for \$20 and mail it with the coupon on the last page of this newsletter. You'll be glad you did - and so will your neighbors.

Thank you! Earl

From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- Back in the Saddle Again: I am honored that the Board of Directors appointed me as Editor for the LICIA newsletter once
 again. As well as covering the issues that affect our neighborhood, we want the newsletter to also highlight what a great
 neighborhood we live in. The articles by our contributors in this issue do a great job of showing just that. Many thanks to:
 Diana Steeger, Earl Prizlee, Joan Sheridan, Judy Seiler, Jackie Zumwalt, Karen Rames and Vince Valldeperas
- Our website, www.ourlicia.com, is now in the very capable hands of our Webmaster, Dawn Hanna. She is doing a major revamp of the site. You can find copies of past newsletters, treasurer's reports, meeting minutes and a current list of neighbor who have paid their Association dues this year.... YOU'RE on that list, right?
- Congratulations to our new Board Members: Earl Prizlee of Key Largo Lane, Vice President; Deborah Dedek of Sugarloaf Lane, Secretary, and Julie Gordon, Lane Rep for Marathon Lane.
- I would be more than happy to stop by your home to test the Lauderdale Isles Frozen Mango Daiquiris you make using the recipe found in this issue!

To pay your 2020-2021 membership dues, use the coupon on the back page of this newsletter

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. Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc., PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312



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The Lauderdale Isles Frozen Mango Daiquiri



- 3 ounces rum
- 1 1/2 cups frozen mangoes, cubed
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 ounce triple sec
- 4 teaspoons sugar
- 2 cups ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

- -Blend all ingredients in a blender until smooth and serve.
- -Make a couple more

ACTION IN THE ISLES

Let's take the truck out for a cruise at the boat ramp!





Photo by Tom Ferland

New Kids on Andros

By Diana Steeger

Andros Lane is bustling with new life.....one of our dear neighbors is a volunteer for Good Karma Pet Rescue and is fostering a mama kitty, Sophie. The evening I went to visit, little Sophie was in labor. Three beautiful kittens were born during the time I was there, with another joining the litter during the night. All are doing great, including Sophie.



Within 8 weeks, the kittens will be ready for their new forever homes, as well as Sophie. In the meantime, the feline family will receive lots of attention, cuddles and care, with special attention on socializing the kittens. Sophie is an incredibly affectionate young adult cat, and it is believed she was abandoned at a cat colony, as she was clearly somebody's pet. Should you know anybody interested in adopting, please have them contact Good Karma Pet Rescue.





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THE CODE CORNER

Which "Codes" apply in Lauderdale Isles?

Ask this question on Nextdoor, and twenty people will reply, with twenty different answers.

Up until 2002, Lauderdale Isles was part of the unincorporated area of Broward County, and was under the Broward County zoning and building codes. After we were annexed into the City of Fort Lauderdale, the City held a series of public meetings for Lauderdale Isles and the other newly annexed areas of Riverland. At these meetings, the City Zoning Department provided handouts that showed the differences between the County Code and the City Code for a multitude of zoning rules. For instance, the County Code stated that your dock cannot extend closer than 10 feet to your neighbors' property lines, but the City Code states that docks can extend right up to the property lines. Through a series of straw votes at these meetings, the residents of Lauderdale Isles were able to decide which of the rules would apply for us going forward as part of the City. In almost every case, it was voted to retain the zoning as it was in the County. So in the case of this dock setbacks example, it was voted to retain the "10 feet from the property line" rule.

After the series of public meetings, the Zoning Department created a <u>new</u> section in the City Code (part of the "Unified Land Development Regulations"), which incorporated just these 'different' rules for our area:

SECTION 47-39.A. - MELROSE PARK AND RIVERLAND ROAD. Within this section, the "Zoning District" for Lauderdale Isles is RS-6.85A.

This is where you can find all the zoning rules for Lauderdale Isles that are different from those for the rest of the City. You can find this Code section in the "City Ordinances (Municode)," under "Government" on the City's website, **fortlauderdale.gov**.

If you are going to have work done on your home with a licensed contractor and building permits, you should be aware of this section of the code to save yourself and your contactor some headaches.

Here is a good example: When plans for a project are submitted to the City Building Department, they are reviewed by plans examiners for several disciplines such as Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Engineering, Flood Plain, Zoning, etc. Recently, a neighbor hired a contractor to install a new dock. Unaware of this section 47-39.A of the City Code, the contractor had the plans drawn up by his engineer for a 50 foot dock for the neighbor's 65 feet of canal frontage. The plans were submitted to the City and were then rejected, by the Zoning Plans Examiner, who indicated that the dock setback in this area is 10 feet. In this case, since the yard is 65 feet wide, the maximum allowed dock width is 45 feet (10 feet from each property line). It's the job of the Zoning Plans Examiners to know which zoning codes apply for projects in each area of the City. So now the contractor had to pick up the plans, have the engineer revise them, and resubmit them to the City. All of that costs more money – and delays the project.

There were a lot of other issues that came up during the annexation of Lauderdale Isles into the City, but today, understanding where to find the current codes that apply in Lauderdale Isles that are different from those for the rest of the City can save you and your contractor time, money and headaches.

If you have any questions about this issue, give the Building Department a call at 954-828-6520 and ask to speak to a Zoning Plans Examiner. They're quite helpful.

In this article, we will focus on the history and eventual development of the Riverland Woods Park, with the boat ramp, playground and beautiful natural surroundings on the New River. This will cap off the LICIA Newsletter series of "Jewels in our Midst." The beauty of the old growth trees adorned with Spanish Moss accents invites visitors to enter its lush canopy. Take advantage of Riverland Woods and the other "Jewels" that we have in our unique neighborhood and enjoy! Judy Seiler

The History of Riverland Woods Park

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By Joan Sheridan

The history of the creation of Riverland Woods Park is an amazing story of a grass roots effort that started in 1994. This 5 acre parcel of land was owned by Bennett David of Sarah David Reality in Hollywood,

Florida. In 1994 Bennett David had plans designed to develop this entire parcel of land into an "Industrial Development" adjacent to all the residential homes on Whale Harbor Lane all the way down to the New River.

At that time, the Broward County Planning Department told Bennett David that he needed to present these plans to the Lauderdale Isles neighborhood and should contact Joan Sheridan, who was on the board of the LICIA and very active in the community. Bennett met with Joan Sheridan and she explained to him that this was one of the last natural riverfront parcels of land left on the New River and needed to be preserved. Also, that the development of an Industrial Park adjacent to R1 residential homes on Whale Harbor lane was not compatible and unacceptable. This was just the start of a very long and persistent relationship for the both of them. It took 2 years, with Joan's persistence, to convince Bennett David to cooperate and agree to a land swap of the waterfront parcel of land and that was just the beginning.



The ground-breaking ceremony.

Our State Representative at the time was Tracy Stafford and he was very instrumental in supplying Joan with the computer list of all the county owned property that was available to swap. After days of going through the computer list Joan found the perfect industrial parcel of land in Coral Springs to create the land swap between Bennett David and Broward County.

With the support of the LICIA, the Southwest Coalition of Civic Associations, the community residents, local business, MI-ASF, BURT, schools, churches, county, state and federal agencies and their staff, a "Pretty Book" was put together by Garry Starkweather, the President of LICIA at the time, using his own personal business resources. The book took weeks to put together. The book included development plans for the park along with hundreds of letters of support that was collected for Riverland Woods Park. It was presented to the entire Broward County Commission at a public meeting for their support and it was approved unanimously.

The wheels of government turn very slowly. The next step

was to have Bennett David's property and the parcel for the land swap appraised. The fair market appraisal was done and Bennett David's property was worth \$300,000 more than the Coral Springs parcel. With Tracy Stafford's support and several neighborhood Civic Association Representatives we all met with our County Commissioner, who was Scott Cowen at the time. He was instrumental in finding the \$300,000 we needed from discretionary funds from our neighborhood. It came from the FPL Franchise Fees collected from our neighborhood each month that could only be used for "Public Use". Tracy Stafford and his staff was also successful in getting our community a \$50,000 state grant for this park. It took 5 years to successfully create the land swap between the owner of the property and Broward County.

Now that we preserved the parcel of land we needed to find funds to develop it. In 1999 Joan went before the Marine Advisory Board to request funding for this park. With all the documented support and help from the Broward County Planner, John Fiore approximately \$184,000 was awarded for the development of "Riverland Woods Park". This was a very important grant to receive as it was used as a match for State Funds from the (Florida Recreational Development Grant) for additional development money. Congressman Clay Shaw and his staff helped us acquire the boat ramp permit.

Joan worked very closely with Bob Harbin, Director for Broward County Parks and Recreation from the very beginning of this vision. As the development of the park was almost completed he told her that an additional \$49,000 was needed for landscaping for Riverland Woods Park in order to open the park.

It was then that Joan realized she had applied for funds from the Broward County Tree Trust Fund from the very beginning of the vision for Riverland Woods Park and the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) had approved and promised our neighborhood that if Riverland Woods Park was developed we would be approved for \$100,000 dollars for landscaping from the Broward County Tree Trust Fund. Joan had saved the original letter of approval from 1996 and presented it to the Director of DEP, Steve Somerville and the board in 2004. Because the project took 10 years the rules had changed in Broward County and they no longer had enough funding to honor the original commitment promised for Riverland Woods Park. Every approved project was now limited to \$50,000 in Tree Trust Funds. After much discussion at a board meeting with the director of DEP and the board it was agreed to accept the \$50,000 to finish the landscaping for Riverland Woods Park.

So, on September 22, 2005 there was a Grand Opening Ceremony for Riverland Woods Park attended by hundreds of people. None of this would have happened without the continued support and help of all the community residents, LICIA, the Southwest Coalition of Civic Associations, local businesses, schools, churches, county, city state and federal agencies and their staff.

TOGETHER WE ALL MADE A DIFFERENCE!



Joan was awarded the key to Riverland Woods Park at the Grand Opening ceremony.

Lauderdale Isles Elusive Roof Ties

By Diana Steeger

Every year we brace ourselves to see what "surprises" our homeowner's insurance renewal

brings....and 2020 brought a huge premium increase for us. Upon further discussion with our agent, the insurance company decided to withdraw our roof discount, because they were unable to see any roof ties. As many of our homes do not have attics, inspectors cannot see how the trusses are anchored to the actual wall structure. Additionally our soffit was covered by wood, which again gave no access to view any roof ties.

Since we were planning on restuccoing the entire house, we decided to remove the entire soffit all around the house. As soon as

the trusses were exposed, we called an insurance inspector, so that he could give his professional opinion, and let us know what



needed to be done to reinstate our discount. The two anchor nails that were holding the anchor, were actually no longer considered up to code. Therefore the only requirement was to add another nail. However, we decided to take a proactive approach and apply additional roof ties onto the other side of each truss (just in case code were to change in the future), and applied 3 anchor screws. We called the inspector for a final inspection, and he approved the discount, even commenting "this roof is going nowhere". He documented everything and took his pictures, and we followed suit, uploading the pictures to our cloud storage, and printing copies for our files.

Once we heard that our insurance company had confirmed and applied our decreased premium, we closed the soffit with stucco.

Middle Income Homes

From The Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Nov. 14, 1953

home showing in the Gill Con-struction Company Lauderdale Isles development, where all home owners will be members in an exclusive yacht club and have private water frontage.

In announcing the opening of the new development, George W. | Bob | Gill Jr. said, "We've always tried to pioneer the boat in your backyard' idea in building our waterfront homes.

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The first middle-income home Lauderdale Isles is the ultimate ship in the yacht club. This community of its kind in the of that idea. We've been able feature makes the project, the country opens today with model to combine convenient living with only one of its kind in the counluxurious living, and at the same try, time have kept the price of these homes within reach of the wageearning family."

Original Roof Tie

Plans call for 700 homes to be built all waterfront, on property bounded by State Rd. 7 on the River Canal on the west. New south and Riverland Road on the north. Minimum-size lot is 60 feet by 110 feet. Each lot. will We believe have its own precast sea wall.

> be of two sizes and prices: Twobedroom, one-bath home will sell for \$10,750. Three-bedroom, twobath home is priced at \$13,250. Purchase of a home will require approval by the Lauderdale Isles board of governors. With ap-self-sufficient as far as conventhe proval. presented with a family member- are concerned.

The property is on the site of Broward County's oldest citrus grove. The grove has been bearing fruit every year since 1898projects high and dry location. Gill has taken advantage of this feature and is furnishing many lots citrus trees for landscaping.

Lauderdale Isles homes will Homes in Lauderdale Isles will have 21-foot living rooms, large jalousied windows to accop in breezes, carportes, spacious storage area, wardrobes and timesaver electric kitchens.

The entire community will be improved to make it virtually purchaser will be iences and recreational facilities

of the yacht club. This private yacht club will include docks, club house, swimming pool, informal refreshment center and recreation pavilion.

The new project is unusually well located in respect to schools. for the The Ft. Lauderdale Municipal Golf Course is nearby. Bus service direct to the city is planned.

Gill's other developments include Northwood, Middle River Terrace and Lauderdale Harbors. Homes in these sections have proven to be exceptionally popul

George W. Gill Sr. said, are fortunate in that Ft. Lauderdale is one of the few areas in the country in which this type of community can be built. We expect this development to be great impetus to the natural boating appeal of Ft. Lauderdale.

Architect for the new project is M. Toni Sherman of Miami.





Airport Noise: METROPLEX UPDATE



By the LICIA Airport Noise Committee

The FAA's South-Central Metroplex plan is scheduled to be implemented at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood Intl. Airport on August 12th. As planned, it will help lessen the horrendous noise increase our neighborhood has experienced since the new South runway opened at FLL in October, 2014. To keep everything understandable, we are providing this update without all the technical jargon that's involved.

What will happen on August 12?

Aircraft departing the airport to the west will use the green flight paths depicted on this diagram, and we should no longer have overflights with planes directly overhead. The airport noise will decrease.

So we won't have any aircraft noise anymore?

No. We will have airport noise, but at the lower levels we used to experience before October 2014. before the new South runway opened. We should not experience constant over-flights and the accompanying high levels of noise associated with those over-flights.

What was the old departure procedure before October 2014?

The planes on the north runway used to depart on

a due west heading, keeping them south of Lauderdale Isles.

What was the procedure after the south runway opened?

In order to maintain safe distance between planes departing on both runways, the FAA established the 290 degree heading for the north runway, which theoretically follows a path just south of I595. But with winds from the southwest pushing the planes north and with pilots starting the 290 turn before they're at the end of the runway, the aircraft end up flying well north of I595 and over Lauderdale Isles.

GRAPHIC BY AVIATION COMPATIBILITY CONSULTING

What is the new proposed Metroplex Procedure?

As soon as they're off the ground, the planes will be guided by flight computers to waypoints, instead of being flown by the pilot. The computers will keep the planes on a due west path for approximately 1.5 miles, before they start the turn to the north to the first waypoint, called "DREDS." The closest distance to this path from Lauderdale Isles is .6 miles south of Key Largo Lane, just like it was before October 2014. The computers will steer the plane, and compensate for any winds pushing it off its flight path toward Lauderdale Isles.

Will the aircraft stay right on that line as they depart?

The flight systems keep the aircraft very close to the designated flight paths. According to our airport noise consultant, based on their experience at other airports, we can expect the aircraft will remain within .5 nautical miles of the green centerline 95% of the time. "Most of them stay right on the line."

When Metroplex is implemented, will all departing aircraft be guided by flight computers?

No, there are some older legacy jet aircraft that are not equipped for this type of navigation. The tower controllers will direct them for their departures. But the number of these legacy aircraft is declining.

What about the weather?

All bets are off when there are storm systems to the west. The tower and ultimately the pilots determine how they will depart, with safety as the overriding concern. So when there's bad weather, we may have over-flights – just as we did before October 2014.

What about the propeller aircraft?

The smaller propeller aircraft will fly over our neighborhood, just as they always did. This is necessary because the smaller planes cannot fly into the turbulence behind the larger jet aircraft.

What about the Part 150 Study that took 3 years and cost \$2.5 million, did that help us? No. No help at all.

How were we able to convince the FAA to modify their original Metroplex plan, which would have been a problem for us?

The LICIA Airport Noise Committee presented their "Phoenix Plan" to Commissioner Ben Sorensen in April of 2018. That plan included hiring the country's pre-eminent airport noise firm, Kaplan, Kirsch & Rockwell and their noise consultants to fight the problem. Commissioner Sorensen convinced the City to retain that firm, and when Metroplex was announced, they went to work providing the FAA with an alterna-

tive plan that helped us, and also complied with FAA standards.



What if things don't work out as planned or the FAA changes the departure procedures?

The airport noise attorneys are on retainer with the City, thanks to Commissioner Sorensen. This firm has sued the FAA successfully in the past for other cities. Notably, in our situation, this is the first time the FAA has ever modified a Metroplex plan without being sued.

Though we have airport noise, is there any benefit to living near the airport?

The airport is only ten minutes away for us, which sure is nice. Compare that with what your friends and relatives go through to get to LaGuardia, Newark, O'Hare, Hartsfield, etc.

What happens now to the LICIA Airport Noise Committee?

We hope to retire from the Committee and like our neighbors, enjoy our backyards, our pools and our boats. And of course, sip a few Lauderdale Isles Frozen Mango Daiquiris.

Beautiful Monarch Butterflies



By Diana Steeger

We were recently at a nursery, looking for shrubs to add some color to our front yard, when we came across Tropical Milkweed. Not knowing any better, we figured let's help the butterfly population. Upon further re-

search, we found out these are the exclusive plants that feed the Monarch caterpillars.

We soon discovered that Tropical Milkweed is not native to Florida, and not recommended to plant. By then we already started seeing caterpillars and didn't have the heart to yank the plants out. We continued looking for native milkweed, only to discover that the native version does not like to be transplanted, therefore making it hard for nurseries to sell.

While we were trying to figure out how to move forward, the caterpillars continued to develop and yes, they will absolutely ravage the plants, they are voracious eaters. Within two weeks we saw bright green chrysalis hanging on different plants. Fast forward another 10 days, we witnessed a Monarch hatch from its cocoon. Completely in awe by the small wonders of nature, we were determined to bring more butterflies to life.

We've now taken breeding Monarchs to a new level, buying a net to surround planters and protect the caterpillars from other insects, such as wasps and flies, looking to make them hosts for their own eggs. So far this has lead to 4 Monarchs successfully hatched and able to fly.

We were able to find Butterfly and Swamp Milkweed seeds, which are perfectly adapted plants for full sun exposure, drought resistant and all they need is well draining soil. The seeds have to go through a 6-8 week stratification process, and once

germinated, they are ready to be planted. These are beautiful plants, with quaint orange, white, purple flowers that will liven up any yard, not only help a rapidly decreasing Monarch population, but you'll continually see them feeding on these flowers.





Caterpillars feeding

Two weeks later: the chrysalis



In ten days, the Monarch hatches from its cocoon

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Riverland Road Project Update



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Riverland Road Mobility Improvement Project From State Road (SR) 7/US 441 to SR 842/Broward Boulevard Broward County, FL, Financial Project ID: 440746-5-52-01

The Riverland Road Mobility Improvement Project is a part of a U.S. Department of Transportation – Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant, awarded to the Broward MPO and its local city partners to enhance continuity and extend the Broward Regional Complete Street network.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS:

- Widening the outside northbound lane from US 441/SR 7 to Tortugas Lane to accommodate 5-foot buffered bicycle lanes.
- Widening the outside lanes from Tortugas Lane to SR 736/Davie Boulevard to accommodate 6-foot buffered bicycle lanes, 3-foot shoulders.
- Repurposing the outside lanes from SR 736/Davie Boulevard to SR 842/Broward Boulevard to accommodate 8.5-foot buffered bicycle lanes.
- Installing traffic signal mast arms and pedestrian signalization at NW 34th Terrace and at the midblock crossing just north of SW 11th Court
- Installing sidewalks, signage, curb and gutter.
- Milling, resurfacing and adding pavement markings.
- Adding internally illuminated (Solar) raised pavement markings to delineate the bike and travel lanes.

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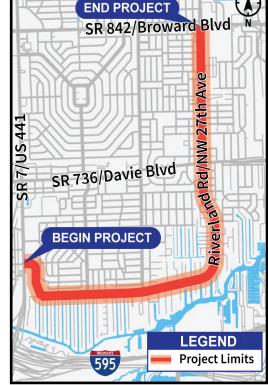
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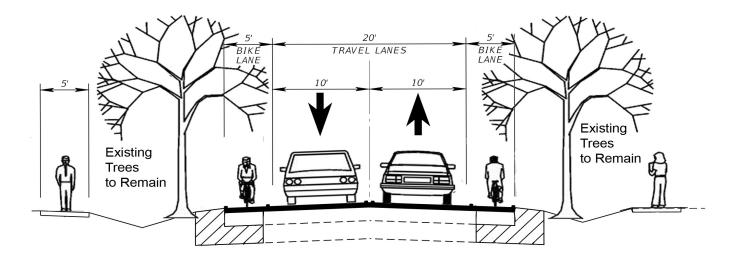
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New River Greenway Bridge Project

By Vincent Valldeperas

Back in 2016 I wrote an article here about a planned pedestrian bridge over the new river to connect the boat ramp at Riverland Woods Park to the New River Greenway along the New River. The New River Greenway trail should eventually run from Markham Park in the west to 195 in the east along I595 and the New River. This new bridge would connect the trail to the Riverland Woods Park and boat ramp, giving us access on foot or bike to the trail.

In the previous articles, I wrote that we had been told that the plan was approved but work has yet to start. In reaching out to the county, I learned that they are awaiting permits and should start construction mid-to-late this year, but there may be some further delays due to scheduling and Covid 19.

The rendering shows the bridge from the west along the ramp to I595w from US441 and a trail to connect to the park. Lets hope this project gets going soon and we will want to be aware of issues such as security and the homeless due to the bridge.



The view from the west of the planned pedestrian bridge over the river

LIWMD Update

Fertilizer Ban Reminder
In February 2020, the City
Commission passed Ordinance



C-20-02, which prohibits the application of fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus between June 1 and September 30th. Excess nutrients from fertilizer runoff into our canals can lead to algae blooms, decreased oxygen levels and fish kills. In 2019, Lauderdale Isles had huge algae blooms throughout our waters. In 2020, we didn't see a hint of algae. Let's hope everyone complies with the summer fertilizer ban, as well as not blowing landscape debris into the water, and that we get through the rainy season without any algae again.

MIASF March Waterway Cleanup

The 44th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup that was held in March was certainly different due to COVID this year. Instead of a one day Cleanup, the event took place every weekend in March to prevent crowding at Cleanup sites. Without site coordinators to record how much trash was brought in, the Cleanup went high-tech. Participants used the "Clean Swell" smart phone app to record debris items as they removed them from the water. The app then sent trash totals and the volunteer's location to MI-ASF, so they could determine the total amount of trash picked up. The grand totals for the County this year: 1200 volunteers, over 100 watercraft, and 7800 pounds of trash. Not bad!!!

Water Quality

Despite what you read on Nextdoor, the water quality of our waterways is GOOD. We are not affected by the sewer pipe breaks that occur miles down river. Broward County's Environmental Lab tests for bacteria levels quarterly at Broward Marine, just south of Andros Lane. The most recent sampling there was on Feb 22nd, and the results were "GOOD," in accordance with FDEP criteria.

Get out on the boat and enjoy our waterways!

Geoff Rames, Chairman



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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency	954-764-HELP
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs)	954-828-8000
including Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning	
Airport Noise Complaints *	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 Good luck!	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 <u>outside</u> 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

FLPD 954-764-HELP or 911 for emergencies

-Unsightly 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

Real Estate Update: Latest Stats

By Jackie Zumwalt, jackiezrealtor@gmail.com

ACTIVE SALES

2442 Key Largo Ln	\$979,900
2525 Okeechobee Ln	\$895,000
2618 Nassau Ln	\$710,000
2406 Sugarloaf Ln	\$595,000
2406 Cat Cay Ln	\$595,000
2607 Flamingo Ln	\$570,000

ACTIVE/UNDER CONTRACT

2542 Nassau Ln	\$999,000
3574 Riverland Rd	\$550,000
2406 Bimini Ln	\$509,000

PENDING SALES

2548 Whale Harbor Ln \$699,999 2430 Okeechobee Ln \$619,900

CLOSED SALES LIST PRICE /SALE PRICE

2643 Marathon Ln	\$815,000 / \$776,000
2512 Whale Harbor Ln	\$692,599 / \$610,000
2525 Marathon Ln	\$679,000 / \$665,000
3662 Riverland Rd	\$549,000 / \$549,000
2666 Gulfstream Ln	\$525,000 / \$510,000
2418 Cat Cay Ln	\$485,000 / \$495,000
2407 Cat Cay Ln	\$479,999 / \$450,000
2406 Nassau Ln	\$475,000 / \$475,000
2454 Nassau Ln	\$459,000 / \$440,500
2507 Bimini Ln	\$440,000 / \$370,000

MEMBER DUES for Nov. 2020 - Oct. 2021: 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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