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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dirk Lowry



With the airport noise situation, All Aboard Florida, the present crime situation in the neighborhood and a potential Marina operation across the River getting a zone variance, your association Board has been busy.

On the noise issue there are a few points I would like to make clear. The reason for the noise is a change in the assigned headings allowed by the FAA for take offs. Two major reasons for these changes are given as Flight Separation and Magnetic Variation. Flight separation should be a non issue due to the fact that there are not enough flights that must takeoff simultaneously. The numbers are not there. Second, no one has been able to explain how "magnetic variation" has anything to do with placing flights overhead and endangering neighborhoods. That's not to mention the noise factor. One more thing and I'll let you read the reports from our Noise Committee. Which is, our committee is on the ball in gathering information on the flights/aircraft as they fly overhead. There is a system in place on the internet to provide the over flight tracks, also the airport can supply an over head view of the flight path with our area map under the flight overlay. It has been shown and is to be proven, that the overlay of the flight is not placed properly on the area map. Subsequently up until this had been proven the comment from the airport was, "it's our perception" the flights were overhead. Cool down..... We're working on this issue. Enough on that.

The crime situation in the neighborhood is becoming a big issue as we move into the New Year. LICIA sponsored a Special Meeting on Crime held at the Abiding Savior Church on 35th avenue on the 21st last month. The crowd at my count was 110 and I may have missed a few who had come and gone. There were a number of FLPD officers present. Our District Patrol Captain Dodson put together a great group to address our concerns. Captain Dodson, Lt. McCarthy, Sgt. Bunnin, Sgt. Jack

son, Detective Fagnoli, Officer Fernandez and Officer Rodriguez made up the officers present. Each spoke about their area of responsibility and answered questions. Among the things discussed were the limitations on what the police department can do with some of the information provided and how they handle each incident. In real police work a detective cannot solve a major incident in a one hour time slot like on TV. They realize each incident is a very personal thing to each victim. It's a definite feeling of a violation of your privacy/Castle. The loss of family items and personal property is devastating. It's a feeling of helplessness and with no immediate follow up by the investigating agency the victims feels like they're on their own. This is not the fact. The police can only do so much with what a victim considers a vital clue. A license plate, in some cases even a fingerprint is not sufficient to make an arrest. A license/tag seen in a neighborhood can be explained away. Even in close proximity to a problem area. No arrest can come from that although it is possible to be aware of and watch for it again, to connect the dots. Likewise a finger print is good if there's someone to make a comparison with. That takes time. These perpetrators will get caught eventually. At that time prints will allow a comparison and clear most of the incidents in the area. We catch them because they're stupid, is a phrase that truly applies. One last thing, there may be a follow up to the first meeting if things continue.

There will be representatives from the police department to address your safety concerns and provide information on how you can keep yourself and your property safe at the General Meeting on February 18th.

As we start this New Year with a new Secretary and Vice President it should not be overlooked to thank Chad Hodder for his service as the previous VP, maintaining our website and his valuable support through his newsletter advertisements.

Look forward to some events planned for this year. Please support our advertisers. See you at our meeting on Feb 18th. It will be at the Abiding Savior Church, 1900 SW 35th Avenue.

**IN THIS ISSUE:
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO
KNOW ABOUT AIRPORT NOISE
BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK**



**Presented
by the
LICIA
Airport Noise
Committee**

BUSINESS

Agenda

LICIA General Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 18th, 7:00 pm
Abiding Savior Church
1900 SW 35th Avenue

**New
Location** →

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment
- 1. Opening Statement (President)
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Presentation: FLPD - Crime Prevention
- 6. Regular Business
 - Minutes Approval
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Committee Reports: Homeless, Airport Noise, & New River Preservation
- 7. LIWMD Report
- 9. Adjournment

Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes.



Please note:

The Treasurer's Report & Minutes for previous meetings can be viewed at:

www.ourlicia.com

From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- The LICIA Airport Noise Committee undertook a huge endeavor to provide the tremendous amount of information on the airport noise problem in this issue. That committee, under the guidance of Chairperson Angelina Pluzhynk Evans, is working tirelessly to address one of the most critical problems this neighborhood has ever faced.
- Note the new location for the February 18th General Meeting: Abiding Savior Church, with plenty of parking available in the rear lot.
- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter available on our website www.ourlicia.com.
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Dirk Lowry, Ryan St. George, Dawn Hanna, Jackie Zumwalt, Keryn & Dan Hughes, & the entire LICIA Airport Noise Committee chaired by Angelina.
- We are always looking for new staff writers: the benefits are great. Give it a try & impress your neighbors with your literary talents.
- Keep your smart phone handy for good pictures for our "Action in the Isles" section. Email them to us.
- Our new Executive Board, unanimously elected in November: President: Dirk Lowry, Vice President: Geoff Rames, Secretary: Dawn Hanna, and Treasurer: Jeannie Lim.



It's that time of the year

Association dues are due

Our fiscal year runs from November through October. With the new fiscal year comes the need for all members to contribute their annual dues of \$20. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. ***Very soon, we will be sending out "Neighborhood Update" emails with late-breaking information about Lauderdale Isles. These emails will only be sent to neighbors who have paid their dues.*** 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. See the coupon on back page for mailing your dues.

You may always pay your dues at the door at General Meetings.

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

g.rames.licia@gmail.com

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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Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 5th, 2016
39th Annual Waterway Cleanup



Kayakers, Canoeists, & Paddleboarders: your crafts are perfect for cleaning debris from the rocks on the south side of the river!

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You do not need a boat to participate: lots of help is needed onshore

For more info: www.waterwaycleanup.org

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for the most "unique" trash brought in, compliments of LIWMD

Look at some of the neat things that prize winners found in past years:



Of course, you may keep anything you find!

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NEW LOCATION: RIVERLAND WOODS PARK BOAT RAMP

Vice President's Corner

Geoff Rames



Wow, we have a lot going on in Lauderdale Isles lately! Our two biggest issues, aircraft noise and the sudden increase in criminal activity are on everyone's mind.

Aircraft Noise:

As you know, when the winds blow out of the west, which is frequent in the winter, you can look up and almost see the passengers faces in the planes flying so low over our homes. And that noise is just unbearable. I am a member of our LICIA Airport Noise Committee which is working hard to address this issue. Unlike Dania Beach, our solution is a simple one: just change the westbound departure headings back to 275 degrees. But attempting to get our elected officials at the federal, county and city levels to actually speak up for us with the Broward County Airport Division and the FAA has been a daunting task. We are particularly dismayed by the lack of help we are receiving from the City, "It's not really a City problem, it's a County airport." Well guess what, Fort Lauderdale: it will be a City problem when the values of homes in our area decrease due to the aircraft noise, and the tax revenue to the City decreases substantially. We still have not received a straight answer from the FAA for why the westbound departure headings were moved closer to us. When Congresswoman Lois Frankel asked the FAA about it,

she was told it was due to "magnetic variation," which is nonsense. Our Aircraft Noise Committee has plans for dramatically escalating the issue with our elected officials, for which we will enlist the participation of every single neighbor living in the Isles. Stay tuned.

Crime

In response to the huge increase in burglaries, auto break-ins and auto thefts in the past few months, LICIA sponsored a special Crime Meeting on January 21st at the Abiding Savior Church. We had a great turnout with over 100 attendees, and we heard from FLPD Captain Dodson, burglary detectives, and patrol officers. It seems that juveniles who know they'll only get a slap on the wrist are the perpetrators of most of these crimes. On Thursday, January 28th, a house on Bimini Lane was burglarized in the evening. Jewelry, cameras, etc. were taken. After he heard about the burglary, Dirk checked his camera system which picked up the dark, dim outline of a kid wearing a hoodie on a bike which seemed to be leaving the scene at around 7:45pm. For the heck of it, the next day I reviewed the footage on my camera system for the two hours preceding that time: here's what my system had picked up at 6:02 that evening on Gulfstream Lane, zoomed in from 60 ft. He must have been riding around the Isles for an hour or so, looking for a house to burglarize. Of course, if you see someone like this, call it in to FLPD, 954-764-HELP, or maybe in this case, call it in to 911 as a suspicious person on a bike. Be vigilant!



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ACTION IN THE ISLES

SECOND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND ON KEY LARGO LANE

By Jackie Zumwalt

Our neighbors enjoyed getting together again this year for some hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas Carols at the lighting ceremony of the Key Largo Christmas Tree bought by donations from our neighbors.

When we got the Christmas tree delivered everyone was invited to help decorate it in the afternoon, before the lighting ceremony that evening, which made for an all-day event. This year every house on the lane was represented with an engraved blue bauble. Some people signed their bauble before hanging it on the tree.

This year it seemed like we had more folks come join the fun; one neighbor told me she had been trying to get to the tree for an hour as she kept stopping to chat with people



Robyn and Susan prepare the decorations

walking down the street. Some came early for the lighting ceremony and some came later after work. So we had a stream of neighbors, coming and going. It was great to see so many make the effort to come and enjoy the fun. We all certainly enjoyed it and are looking forward to this year and our 3rd Annual Key Largo Christmas Tree.

We're looking for volunteers to help organize and plan it this year or if you have suggestions. please feel free to email zumwaltjs@gmail.com or just catch me when I am walking the dog. After all it is OUR tree.



Riverland Woods Boat Ramp November 24th

"They that go down to the sea in SUV's"



The trailer is still attached to the Bayliner

Photo by Gina Garcia

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THE ENVIRONMENT



By Ryan St. George
Senior Environmental Correspondent

Waste: To most American people, waste is an ugly vocabulary word that cannot be spun in a positive manner, yet somehow, some way, despite an amazing educational system and generations of parental lessons, our beloved country continues to lead the world in waste. Whether it be food, water, energy, materials, or fuels; you name it, we piss it away like an inheritance or lottery payout. What is your definition of waste? Do you think about reducing your household waste daily... weekly... never? I read a statistic a number of years ago that said "if the average human being lived the way we Americans do, we would need EIGHT AND A HALF EARTHS to support our consumption. Oddly, we only contribute 1/10 of the people comprising the world's population. Hmmm...."

Food: Does it mean anything to you to know that the average American household throws away almost \$2000 in food each year. That's almost \$40/week in edible food that could be used elsewhere, and the restaurant industry is on another level entirely! <http://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/my-money/2013/04/02/how-much-food-does-the-average-american-waste>. Now, I understand many of us don't "like" leftovers, or are afraid of food that's more than a day or two old, but consider the science behind food preservation before you currently fall for or perpetuate any of the common myths:

Food covered, sealed, stored and refrigerated while hot doesn't have time to acquire or grow enough bacteria that will make it hazardous. If you forget to put away the stovetop mac 'n' cheese or crock pot pork, but it was covered while it cooled, just reheat then refrigerate it the next morning.

Food high in acid also cannot support bacteria growth (i.e. Mayonnaise and Tomato Sauce!!!!). The vinegar (acetic acid) in mayonnaise and citric and oxalic acid in tomatoes makes the food so acidic that it prevents bacterial buildup. You do NOT have to toss the potato salad, cole slaw, or pasta sauce that sat overnight or uncovered for a couple hours.

Spoiled is NOT the same as contaminated. Spoiled foods will not give you food poisoning, they just won't taste great. Contaminated foods have build up enough toxins from bacteria to make you sick.

Look these up if you remain unconvinced.

Water waste is a different issue. How many of us have sprinkler systems for our lawns? I'd imagine most of us. Second to that, how many of us draw their irrigation from wells vs City water? Then, how many have automatic timers or other systems which make them turn on rain or shine...and how many run the irrigation during the day? Our drinking water aquifer (the Floridan aquifer) currently is robbed of nearly 900 MILLION gallons per day, just to water lawns. I don't know about you, but it seem silly to me to use drinking water on plants that prefer dirty water. We live in a drought and flood prone, semi-tropical climate where water can drown us and abandon us in the same calendar year, and managing our use of this resource is a

massively complex problem. Next time South Florida Water Management District levies water use limitations, ask yourself if you're part of the reason why.

<http://www.wuft.org/news/2013/11/06/is-there-a-way-to-stop-floridan-aquifer-depletion/>

Recyclables - Aside from food and water waste, reusable and recyclable resources are sadly wasted on a MASSIVE scale. I recently hosted a charity celebration at the Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club that had over 100 professional adult attendees. During the event, we announced at least three separate times via microphone that "We are trying to leave the world in a better place than we found it. The blue bins on either side of the main hallway were for recyclables, so please dispose of plastics, aluminum, clean paper, and glass there instead of in the general trash bins". Guess how many pounds of recyclables made it to the City?... That's right, ZERO! Despite regular, vigilant monitoring, every single bin was used as a general trash bin and filled with a combination of food, styrofoam plates, and soiled napkins in addition to several pounds of otherwise recyclable materials. Every bag was so full of mixed garbage that it was impossible to sort afterwards.

Alright... So we live in a City that supports waste reduction and recycling by providing us our blue bins free of cost. Have you all noticed that the blue bins are bigger than the black bins we use for trash? Over 70% of daily waste is recyclable. Is your black trash bin fuller than your blue bin on trash day? Considering the black bins are picked up twice a week and the blue bins only once, that should never be the case. **If it is, you're being wasteful!** <https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-recycling> **You have the tools, so make the shift!!** Your shampoo bottle is recyclable. Your Chinese "to-go" container is probably recyclable. Your coffee cans, cardboard boxes, and paper mail is all recyclable. The City gives us the containers to manage our waste. It's not hard to choose which container to throw our trash in, so let's give it back to them!

Here are five easy guidelines to get you started with recycling.

- Check the material.
- Eliminate hazardous waste.
- Get rid of the grease.
- Look for the mixed up items.
- Pluck out the baggies and foam.

<http://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/greener-government/recycling-waste-reduction/recycling-in-fort-lauderdale/what-and-how-to-recycle/general-recycling-guidelines>

Maritime: In addition to our local household waste stream, **marine trash is an epidemic.** Our obsession with plastic has resulted in an overload of durable, perpetual flotsam, and the North Pacific Gyre has become the poster child for awareness of this issue. The stuff does not and WILL NOT go away. However, those of you who boat on our waterways have seen the trash that floats out after every spring/high tide. It's downright SCARY!!!



Trash in the North Pacific Gyre

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THE ENVIRONMENT *continued*

Make it a point to safely toss your trash when boating, and even to grab at least one piece of extra flotsam while you go! Last year I lost an entire afternoon to a large black leaf bag which my Evinrude's lower unit was unable to digest.

We are all linked together in ways we really do not want to admit, but for the sake of your loved ones and their future, take the time to manage your waste. Maybe not next year, maybe not next decade, but eventually it will be appreciated. Please PLEASE, PLEASE find a way to care...to make the extra effort, and convince your family and friends to do so as well. We are all together in this and owe it to each other to do what we can reasonably to reduce our footprint on everything except our sandy beaches.



Illegal Parking at Riverland Woods Park

In response to complaints of illegal parking in Riverland Woods Park, LICIA has contacted FLPD and the City Park Rangers to address the issue.

If you observe cars parked in the Park after 9:00pm, make **two** phone calls:
-FLPD Non-Emergency 954-764-HELP
-Park Rangers: 954-401-0800
Report "Park is closed, cars are illegally parked." The address of the park is 3950 Riverland Road.

Airport Noise Glossary

You will find these acronyms and terms used in the following article about Airport Noise:

BCAD - Broward County Aviation Department

ANAC - Airport Noise Abatement Committee (part of BCAD)

FAA - Federal Aviation Administration

FLL - Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport

ANC - Airport Noise Committee - a committee of the LICIA formed to address the FLL airport noise issue.

ATC - Air Traffic Control. A service provided by ground-based controllers who direct aircraft on the ground and through controlled airspace.

EIS - Environmental Impact Statement - a document required by the National Environmental Policy Act for certain actions "significantly affecting the quality of the human environment"

Part 150 Study (Airport Noise Compatibility Planning) - primary Federal regulation guiding and controlling planning for aviation noise compatibility on and around airports

Separation - keeping an aircraft outside a minimum distance from another aircraft to reduce the risk of collision.

270 and 275 degree headings: For the sake of simplicity throughout the following pages, these two headings can both be considered the same: "west."

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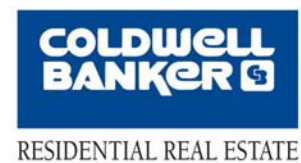
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AIRPORT NOISE

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW, BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Presented by the LICIA Airport Noise Committee

The airport noise issue in Lauderdale Isles has become one of the biggest problems this neighborhood has ever had to face. Besides the unbearable noise as planes fly over us during west winds, this issue can ultimately result in significant loss in the value of our homes. Just ask the residents of Dania Beach. The answer to our problem is a simple one: return the departure heading for flights to the west to the heading of 270 degrees, like it used to be.

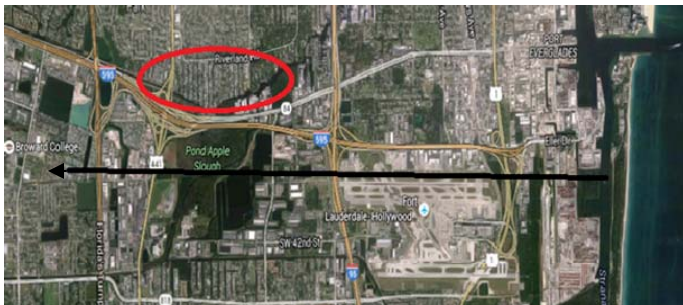
Our LICIA Airport Noise Committee has been working tirelessly on this issue. The Committee firmly believes that the solution is a political one, through our elected officials at the federal, county, and city levels. Although we've had lots of promises, we find it incredible how little our elected officials have responded so far. But we have an escalation plan for that.

We are dedicating this newsletter to the airport noise issue so that every neighbor in Lauderdale Isles knows the facts, the issues, the players, & the solution.

HISTORY

To give you an overview of what has taken place since September 2014 when the new south runway opened, we are presenting this timeline of events. It's in summary form, so you can get a feeling of what's been going on, and the responses we've received from our elected officials.

Prior to the opening of the new south runway, the airlines all used the north runway, the closest runway to Lauderdale Isles, for all their takeoffs and landings. The south runway was only used for smaller planes known as General Aviation. When the winds blew from the west, the departing flights on the north runway used a heading of 270 degrees, which put the flights due west over the Everglades. Although we could hear those takeoffs from our neighborhood, the noise was bearable and was a small price to pay to enjoy our waterfront lifestyle: you could enjoy a cold one in your backyard peacefully.



The good old days: The black line shows the departure heading before the south runway opened. Laud. Isles is in the red oval. The noise was tolerable back then. You could enjoy your yard.

Then in September 2014, the new south runway opened. Now the airlines had two runways suitable for commercial jets. In order to maintain "separation" between simultaneous takeoffs from both runways, the FAA dictated that there must be 15 de-

grees between the takeoff headings, and assigned the westbound heading for the south runway as 270 degrees and 285 degrees for the north runway. This 285 degree heading put departing jets on a path south of I595, and much closer to our neighborhood. So the really objectionable noise started, and was pretty bad.

On Feb 18th, Broward County Mayor Tim Ryan held a meeting at the Broward Convention Center regarding the public outcry over airport noise from residents of Dania Beach, Hollywood, and Ft. Lauderdale. Thousands of taxpayers attended. This meeting accomplished little, if anything. In that same month, LICIA formed the Airport Noise Committee with Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans as chairperson.

In March of 2015, after receiving numerous complaints from our neighborhood as well as neighborhoods on the east side of Ft. Lauderdale, the City Commission sent a resolution to the County Commission requesting assistance from BCAD with aircraft noise issues in the City.

In April, County Mayor Tim Ryan wrote to City Mayor Jack Seiler that BCAD has been in touch with the FAA, and he expects narrower takeoff corridors and planes will go 3 miles or to 3000 feet before turning north, keeping them away from Ft. Lauderdale neighborhoods, both east and west.

On May 6th, the Board of Directors of LICIA notifies BCAD that our representative to the BCAD Airport Noise Abatement Committee will now be Angelina Evans.

On May 21, County Mayor Tim Ryan attends the LICIA General Meeting, and announces he expects the FAA to institute narrower corridors and "we should get the 270 heading back." He expects this by June.

On July 17th, the FAA notifies BCAD of new headings. But it is unclear to many what these headings mean, due to "magnetic variation."

On August 3, the new departure headings are put in place. BCAD Director Kent George sends a letter to Mayor Seiler advising of the headings changes and the "3000 feet/3 miles" requirement before turns to the north. This letter would lead one to infer that things will be better.

On August 6th, Congresswoman Lois Frankel's office issues a press release stating she has met with the Regional Director of the FAA, and that the noise situation for us is now better.

But the noise situation for us has NOT improved: Starting August 3rd, the new heading of 290 degrees puts the westbound departures CLOSER to Lauderdale Isles, making the noise WORSE for us. So much for Lois Frankel's press release of things being "better."

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Airport Noise History cont'd.



The new headings as provided by BCAD effective August 3rd. This new heading of 290 is much closer to us and makes the noise worse than ever.

On August 24 in a phone call to Mayor Tim Ryan, he tells us the headings have been moved to the north for westbound departures, which we unfortunately already know very well. He says he has discussed it with Lois Frankel and he will work with her on it.

On Sept 10th, City Manager Lee Feldman states in a memo that "...the FAA has taken action that will effectively reduce the noise over the City by implementing new jet aircraft departure headings..." **But this is not accurate for neighborhoods northwest of the airport, including ours.**

On Sept. 20, based on the City Manager's memo, an article appears in the Sun Sentinel written by Ken Kaye stating that neighbors to the northwest of the airport have gotten relief from the noise. This article was not researched, is factually wrong, and quotes one person as saying the noise situation is much better. A public outcry to the writer ensues and he receives numerous emails from citizens criticizing his article. In subsequent conversations with City officials, we find that they are under the mistaken impression that the noise situation is better because of this article.

On Sept 25, a Letter to the Editor by Angelina Evans is published in the paper. She states that Mr. Kaye's article is inaccurate and calls upon elected officials to assist.

On Sept 29th, the Sun Sentinel publishes another article by the same writer, "Loud plane problems worsen for residents." This article accurately explains how the noise has increased for us.

On this same date, LICIA emails a multi-page letter to City Manager Feldman that he was misled when he was informed that "action was taken that will effectively reduce aircraft noise over the City." LICIA requests that the City Commission send another resolution to the County Commission to ask for relief from the worsened aircraft noise due to the new heading of 290 degrees. It was requested that this letter be put on the next City Commission Conference Meeting agenda, which did not occur.

Sept. 28th – Oct 6th: With west winds causing westward aircraft departures, Lauderdale Isles and other neighborhoods northwest of the airport were exposed to unbearable aircraft noise for eight days. Lots of postings on Nextdoor by our neighbors as well as residents of Sunset, Riverland Village, etc., call the airport noise "horrible."

On Oct. 6th, our City Commissioner Romney Rogers informally discusses the issue during his "Comments" at the City Commission Conference Meeting. It was very obvious by remarks made by other commissioners that none of them took the time to read our letter. City Manager Feldman stated he had given the letter to staff to review.

On Oct 12th, LICIA emails a letter to Congresswoman Lois Frankel requesting her assistance with the FAA and the noise situation in west Fort Lauderdale. Our letter points out to her that she was misled by the FAA regarding any improvement to aircraft noise in our neighborhood.

On Oct. 19, Congresswoman Frankel's District Director, Felicia Goldstein, advises that Frankel is in communication with the FAA regarding the problem, and gives the impression that she is taking the problem seriously.

On Oct 22, LICIA receives a letter from City Manager Feldman which is dismaying:

- The City encourages us to participate in a new Part 150 noise study that will start in Spring 2016. *These studies take close to 2 years to complete.*
- Neighbors can stay up to date on all BCAD's info by subscribing to "FLL eNEWS." *Maybe when we are awakened early in the morning by aircraft noise, & can't sleep, we can read this eNews.*
- They encourage us to continue report excessive noise to BCAD.
- They tell us to attend the next BCAD ANAC meeting. *Angelina is a member of ANAC, so we know very well about the meeting.*
- Lots of fluff, but no response to our request to send another resolution from the City of Fort Lauderdale to the County.

Oct 26: Dirk sends a lengthy email to Manager Feldman and Mayor Jack Seiler spelling out our issues and asking for the City's help. Manager Feldman responds that he will have staff look at this email. Ultimately, no one from the City responds.

Oct 29: A Dynamic Airways plane catches fire just before takeoff. Many neighbors think: what if that fire occurred just after takeoff, right over our neighborhood?

Nov 11: We receive an email from Frankel's office advising that the Congresswoman had been in touch with the FAA. The FAA told her that they had requests from our neighborhood and others regarding the noise issue, and that "The current patterns do comply with safety standards." *So did the old – less noisy – patterns.* Frankel's office says there is a letter on the way to the FAA about our issue.

We still want a reason from the FAA for why the headings were moved closer to our neighborhood.

Nov 24: After numerous emails and conversations with Frankel's District Director, we are finally provided a copy of the letter from the FAA, which states:

"... adjustments to the west were also necessary in order to comply with the EIS and ROD based on changes in the earth's magnetic variance."

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Airport Noise History cont'd.

Those of you who are boaters know what magnetic variation is, and easily recognize the fact that this is a nonsensical explanation for moving departure headings closer to our neighborhood.

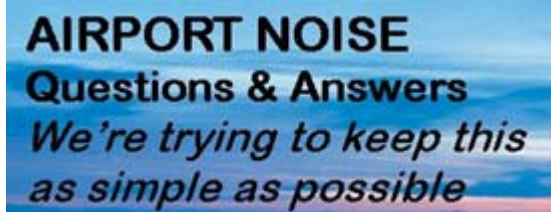
Frankel's office informs us that they will follow up for a better explanation. They also inform us that a new Part 150 noise study will begin in April 2016, which can take up to two to three years to complete: "Noise compatibility measures that may be evaluated...in a noise abatement study include, ...Use of flight procedures/modification of flight tracks"

It's too bad we can't get the pilots to use the flight procedure they're given now: 3000 feet or 3 miles before turning

Late December: We obtain a copy of a memo from the City's Neighborhood Support Team stating they are going to ask the FAA to come meet with our neighborhood to answer our questions and explain about the airport noise, hopefully in January. The FAA never even responds to the request. The City is going to attempt to get through to the FAA using the City's lobbyist firm in Virginia.

Jan 14, 2016: We provide a lot of information to the City's Neighborhood Support Team (part of the City Manager's office) to get them up to speed on the problem.

Late Jan 2016: The LICIA Airport Noise Committee starts to formulate a plan to escalate the issue.



What is the basic problem? When and why did airplanes start flying directly over Lauderdale Isles, thus creating our noise problem?

In September 2014, FLL opened the new south runway. At that time, departure routes from the north runway were changed. Prior to September 2014, all departures to the west flew on a heading of 270 degrees (directly west, not over Lauderdale Isles). AFTER September 2014, the west departure heading for planes going to northeast destinations was changed 285 degrees, which is just south of 595. The result was dramatically higher noise levels for us.

What happened on August 3, 2015?

Complaints by neighbors in both east and west Fort Lauderdale resulted in a resolution by the City of Fort Lauderdale to Broward County requesting relief from the noise. The FAA instituted new headings which made things better for east neighborhoods. But the new west bound headings were made closer to Lauderdale Isles, making the noise worse for us. The new heading is 290, five degrees closer to us. This heading is alongside the south side of 595.

Why did the headings change closer to Lauderdale Isles?

This is the 64 million dollar question. We have been told at

ANAC meetings by the tower chief and the BCAD consultant that they can think of no plausible reason why the headings were moved to the north for westbound departures. The FAA told Lois Frankel's office that the reason is "magnetic variation," This reason is almost laughable.

Why are the planes flying right over Lauderdale Isles?

The pilots are supposed to fly the 290 heading (along 595) until they reach 3 miles or 3000 feet before turning north. But they don't follow this rule, and they turn sooner to head north, right over Lauderdale Isles. In Phoenix, where this occurs as well, the airlines and the FAA admit this is done to save fuel!



Typical day with winds from the west (Jan 9). Note all the tracks of flights where pilots have turned early right over Lauderdale Isles

Are landings a problem for Lauderdale Isles:

No, only departures cause a noise problem for us, as that's when the planes are under full power to gain altitude.

Why were the departure routes changed?

We are told that it is necessary to have "separation" between planes departing on the south & south runways at the same time. The separation is supposed to be 15 degrees, so the heading for the south runway is 275 and the north runway is 290. But we have studied the airport statistics for departures, and there are only a few of these simultaneous takeoffs each day, so the argument for "separation" is meaningless.

Isn't there some other way that separation can be maintained between these simultaneous departures?

Yes, the controllers can stagger the departures for each runway for approximately 90 seconds. This is done at other airports such as in Orlando. Simple, easy solution for separation. If this was done, the takeoff heading would be 275 for both runways, and our noise diminishes dramatically.

Why can't the flights be staggered at FLL?

They could be, if the FAA would permit it like they do at other airports.

Some days, we have many flights taking off over us. On other days we have none. Why?

Because airplanes must take off into the wind, we have aircraft departure noise when winds are from the west (about 30% of the time). This is more frequent in the winter, when weather fronts come in from the west. Some assume our noise problem has been fixed when we hear no airplane noise for a while, but that is only because the winds have been coming from the east, so departures head to the east; hence, there is little noise. But once the winds come from the west again, the noise will be back!

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Airport Noise Q & A cont'd.

What is the solution that the LICIA Airport Noise Committee wants?

Very simply: the Airport Noise Committee wants the headings for westerly departures to go back to their original west heading—275—so planes are not flying over our neighborhood.

What is the Noise Committee doing now?

Currently it is working with our elected Congresswoman Lois Frankel, to ask her to intercede on our behalf with the FAA. Lois Frankel sits on the House Transportation Committee, which oversees the FAA. We also continue to press the City to issue another resolution for the County and the FAA to adjust the headings.

What about buying noise monitors?

There is little to be gained by individual purchases of noise monitors. There is a BCAD “Remote Monitoring Terminal, “RMT 8,” in our neighborhood. It continuously records sound levels of aircraft near us. The monthly tabulations of “sound events” for RMT 8 are posted on the airport website: <http://www.broward.org/Airport/NoiseInformation/Pages/ANACCCommittee.aspx>

What about “mitigation?”

Dania Beach’s problem is entirely different from ours. We do not want noise mitigation for our homes, because that “solution” is extremely complicated and lengthy, and has poor results. It entails the government installing insulation, noise-proof windows, air conditioning, etc. They are years behind doing this in Dania Beach. The solution we need is much simpler: departure operations and procedures need to be adjusted so the westbound flights use the old heading of 275.

Can we get the media involved?

The media often gets it wrong; for example, one writer’s main point was that our noise problem had been solved. He quoted one person who thought the situation was improved. They were not aware that the noise was only temporarily gone because winds at the time were from the east.

Can we wait for results from the EIS (Environmental Impact Study), beginning in late 2016?

We don’t need a study to tell us whether noise is impacting our neighborhood. We already know it is! And we just NEED THE DEPARTURE HEADINGS CHANGED BACK TO WHAT THEY WERE.

Why does the FAA appear to be so resistant to that obvious solution to our noise issue?

That is the sixty-four-thousand dollar question.

Do any other airports have this problem? What is their approach to it?

The airports in Boston and Phoenix have similar problems. The City of Phoenix is suing the FAA, without much progress so far. (See sidebar article about Phoenix).

Why should I, as a homeowner, be concerned, especially if the noise does not bother me personally?

The problem may affect the value of your home. Occasionally Dirk Lowry, President of the LICIA, has been asked by real es-

tate agents about airport noise and what we are doing about it now. (See the sidebar article about property values). Also, many have cited the danger of planes making sharp turns over populated neighborhoods such as ours.

If an airplane has a problem and has to land after takeoff where will they land?

This is something to think about, especially in light of the Dynamic Air fire at the airport that occurred just before takeoff. What if the plane is over our neighborhood and something like that occurs?

Why aren't the planes instructed to go out three miles or 3,000 feet before making a turn north like they're supposed to ?

The FAA has said they will continue to educate the pilots and the controllers about this rule. That doesn’t appear to be happening.

Can we make these issues an election issue?

You better or it will not improve. Some of our elected leaders are up for election in November. We need to make sure they hear us loud and clear.

What is a Part-150 study?

This is a study that will start around April 2016, to again study the entire airport noise issue (again). The study is paid for by Broward County and is provided to the FAA. These studies often take years to complete.

Why should we participate in the Part-150 study?

If we do not participate in the Part-150 study we will send a message to the airport that the airport can operate with no consideration for our quality of life, health, and property values. If we participate in the Part-150 study, we have an opportunity to address the concerns of our community with regards to the airport noise.

Why don't we hire a lawyer and sue?

Lawsuits for airport noise are have never been successful. See this link:

http://www.kaplankirsch.com/portalresource/Airport_Noise_Litigation_in_the_21st_Century_As_Published.pdf.

It remains to be seen how the lawsuit by Phoenix against the FAA will play out, but it will probably take years. As an aside, *seeing as how we are lucky enough to only get 100 neighbors to pay their \$20 LICIA dues each year, how many neighbors would be willing to contribute say \$1000 each to begin a lawsuit?*

What about the City of Fort Lauderdale?

Although promising to do "anything to help," City Manager Len Feldman has not given us all the support we want, i.e. another resolution. Our issue has been given to a member of his staff in the Neighborhood Support Dept, Ryan Henderson, who is trying to get up to speed on the issue. He has attempted to set up a meeting with the FAA and our neighborhood for the FAA to "explain" the situation. Of course, the FAA didn't even respond to him. (*Note: Some members of our committee feel that we don't want an explanation, we want a change*). Despite several requests to him, Romney Rogers has NOT sponsored a resolution from the City to the County on our behalf.

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Airport Noise Q & A cont'd.

County Commissioner Tim Ryan promised us relief at our General Meeting last year. What is he doing now?

After promising us improvement at our May General Meeting last year, and then the FAA actually making things worse, Tim Ryan hasn't done anything for us. Here's his email address, if you'd like to let him know how you feel: tryan@broward.org. By the way, he's running for reelection as our County Commissioner this November.

So what do we do next?

The LICIA ANC feels that we can prevail if we continue to pursue the issue with our elected leaders. And most importantly, we ask that all neighbors continue to file Noise Complaints. If we have to take the "next step," we will announce it - and it will be a BIG step.

Why must we file noise complaints?

We must continue to file hundreds of noise complaints to BCAD on days that we experience the problem. This is critical. If the number of complaints decrease, the airport executives will think that airport noise is acceptable.

What happens to the complaints after we file them?

Because of the volume of complaints, they go into an automated system which analyzes them, and then reports are generated monthly for the airport executives. These reports can also be found on the airport website.

I have filed complaints, but I never get an answer?

Although the complaint form asks if you would like to be contacted, this never occurs, due to the huge volume of complaints that are submitted. If you have a question about a specific flight, send an email to Winston Cannicle, Airport Noise Officer at wcannicle@broward.org. You might have to send your question several times, but he will eventually answer you if you persist.

What about BCAD ANAC? What do they do?

ANAC is the cooperative public forum where the aviation community and public can meet to discuss aircraft noise impacts in neighborhoods around FLL, and monitor noise-related trends. ANAC also formulates recommendations for the BCAD Aviation Director resulting in increased effectiveness of FLL noise compatibility programs.

What is "magnetic variation"?

It's the only reason given by the FAA so far for the departure headings being moved to the north, closer to Lauderdale Isles and it's a lame excuse. If you would like to learn about magnetic variation, see: <https://www.broward.org/Airport/Community/Documents/Presentationjune2013v2.pdf>

What about more technical info?

We have tried to present a very complex problem as simply as possible by leaving out a lot of technical facts & jargon. If you want to see what other cities such as Phoenix and Boston are going through, try a Google search for "NextGen." Or "R Nav." Have a bottle of aspirin ready if you do.

Are there any other resources available?

Here's a good one: <http://airportnoiselaw.org/organize.html>

What can I do to help solve the noise problem?

- **File those noise complaints.** Submit as many individual noise complaints as possible, in order continue to get the message through BCAD and the FAA:

-there IS a problem,

-it is a BIG problem that affects MANY people at all times of the day,

-it has NOT gone away

-WE are not going away

- You can participate in our Airport Noise Committee, contact Angelina at flairportnoise@gmail.com

- You can pay your LICIA dues to help support our efforts.

-You can drive instead of fly.

In summary, the LICIA Airport Noise Committee has provided this information for the neighbors of Lauderdale Isles to get everyone up to date on the airport noise issue. We will continue to pursue a political solution with our elected leaders, as we feel that is the best approach at this time. We will keep up the pressure on them to get the FAA to change the westbound departure headings. But it will take time and with your support, we will ultimately succeed.

The LICIA Airport Noise Committee

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LATE BREAKING NEWS

As this newsletter went to press, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission had just finished the draft of their "2016 Federal Legislative Priorities and Funding Requests. This document sets the priorities for the City's lobbyists in Washington, DC.

We are happy to report that the following items appear in this document:

The City of Fort Lauderdale will ENDORSE and SUPPORT legislation and policies that will:

8. **Provide Noise Mitigation from the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.** (*We don't think they mean the kind of "mitigation" that we talked about in our Q&A section*)

The City of Fort Lauderdale will SEEK FINANCIAL SUPPORT for the following initiatives:

18. **Noise Issue at Fort Lauderdale International Airport**

As mentioned in the Q&A, the City is also attempting to arrange a meeting for affected neighborhoods including Lauderdale Isles with the FAA to have them "explain" things to us.

AIRPORT NOISE SOME FINAL WORDS

PHOENIX: WE ARE NOT ALONE

The City of Phoenix is suing the FAA over changed flight patterns at Sky Harbor International Airport. This suit is a last resort. They had earlier attempted to present alternative flight paths to the FAA and asked airlines to take voluntary measures to relieve noise, to no avail. They hope the courts will give them relief, and perhaps have the additional benefit of causing the FAA to think twice before implementing other unilateral changes around the country.

The suit indicates the FAA changed its flight paths without due process, notification, or consideration. Both the FAA and the airlines claimed the changes would increase safety and decrease fuel costs. But the new flight paths have been affecting large numbers of residents who had not previously experienced regular aircraft noise.

Residents say the noise isn't just obnoxious, but could threaten home values and air quality. They said "all we want is just the old flight patterns to be put back. We feel that the FAA screwed up."

SOUND FAMILIAR ?

THE EFFECT ON PROPERTY VALUES

It is very hard to answer how much Lauderdale Isles property values will be affected by the recent expansion at the Fort Lauderdale – Hollywood International Airport (FLL). However, there are some factors that we need to consider.

To give you a general baseline I am relying on Dr. Randall Bell's Diminution in Value Study prepared specifically for FLL in 2013. The study addresses the FLL's expansion, and the net impact of incremental airport noise on surrounding property values. The sample includes the following cities: Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Dania Beach. The results of Dr. Bell's study are:

Outside 65 DNL Noise Contour vs inside 65 DNL -21.9%
Contributory Value of Central Air-Conditioning: 3.6%
Contributory Value of Impact Windows: 3.9%
Net Impact on Home Value: -14.4%

Please note that we are not looking for mitigation. This means that if airplanes continue to fly over our homes, and the new contours put us within the 65 DNL, then we should expect to lose 15-20% of our property value.

Until the new contours and possibly new departure procedures are in place, it is very hard to say what the impact will be on the Riverland Road area.

Please understand that, if we agree to any kind of noise mitigation, then we are saying that we have given up trying to return flight patterns to what they should be.



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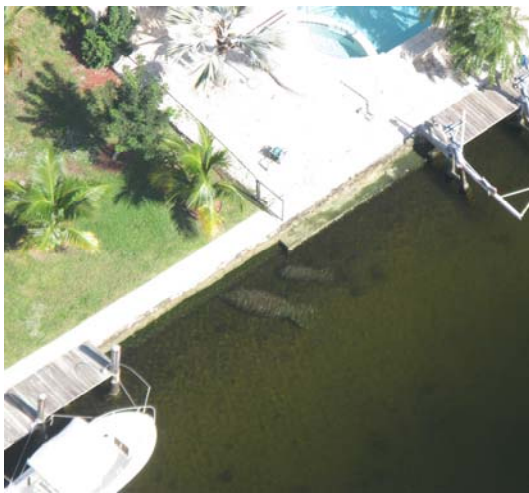



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The Mermaids Are Back



Not many manatees had been spotted in our area until recently because of the unseasonably warm weather. But they're back in full force now. Lots of them have been spotted in Lauderdale Isles. We received these helicopter shots of them from Ryan Goldman of the Broward County Manatee Program office. They were taken in late January.



Dick Cahoon was able to get this shot of one in the area of Cat Cay Lane.



Remember: It is illegal to feed, harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, annoy or molest manatees.

**Report injured manatees to the FWC:
1-888-404-FWCC**

Unity in Community—United by a Common Goal

German sociologist, Ferdinand Tönnies, presented a concise differentiation between the terms "community" (gemeinschaft) and "society" (gesellschaft). In his 1887 work, *Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft*, Tönnies argued that "community" is perceived to be a tighter and more cohesive social entity within the context of the larger society, due to the presence of a "unity of will." In Lauderdale Isles and our surrounding area we are part of a true "community." In our community we live in the midst of a lot of diversity, however, we are of a common "unity of will" that desires the best for ourselves and our neighbors.

The common desire for the best for ourselves and our community here in the Isles and surrounding area is the bond that binds us together as we live and work, play and strive together for the best that we can share as a real "community." Put succinctly, there is real unity in the community we share because we have the same goal.

Working together to achieve the goal of what is best for the individuals who live here and our community as a whole is part of the glue that holds Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association and our larger community together. As we partner together with church, civic, and service organizations we discover that there is strength in numbers but there is even more strength in those numbers when we work together because we share the common goal of what is best for all. We are lucky to be more than just a part of society. We are lucky to be a community.

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The Real Estate Corner

By Sara Nichols, Charles Rutenberg Realty, LLC

The Price Is Right! That's a game show, selling your home is not. If you seriously are ready to sell, the most important factor is pricing it correctly. Consult with a Realtor for up to date information on what the current activity is, ask what the average sale price per square foot is.

Take into consideration the size and condition of your home along with updates and improvements, age of roof and A/C, pool, garage etc. and price your home accordingly.

Realtors want to do everything they can to help you get your home sold and get the most for you. Remember, if your home doesn't sell, the Realtor doesn't make any money and the more it is sold for, the better for everyone!

- Presently there are 15 Active listings in the Isles ranging from \$325K up to \$570K.
 - The majority of houses were listed in the last 2 months, the others go back as far as May.
 - Of these 15, 6 have had price reductions. 9 homes are priced in the \$400K range.
 - There are 6 Pending sales, 4 in Dec, 1 in Jan. and a short sale from Sept.
 - There are 4 Closed sales since Oct., 1 in Nov. and 2 in Jan.
- I recommend to my clients that they get a home inspection done before they list. This gives you a "To-Do" list to work from, aside from de-cluttering, painting, cleaning & landscaping. You want to make the best 1st impression. The inspection can be shown to prospective buyers after you have an agreed upon contract, this shows you are upfront about the condition of your home. Buyers typically buy in Spring and Summer, so get your home ready if you are planning to sell. According to realtor.com sales will be a moderate 3% growth this year.

HOMELESS ACTIVITY REPORT

By Dawn Hanna

International Homeless Issue Correspondent



Is no news good news?

With the recent icky weather, I haven't seen much homeless activity. I haven't been to either of our local parks with any consistency. I haven't been paddle boarding under the bridges, which is where the local homeless take shelter during bad weather.

So what does this mean? I'm hoping that because our neighborhood is less desirable to camping out, drinking, and drugging, that our formerly substantial homeless population is getting the assistance they so desperately need to address their mental illnesses and substance abuse issues.

Please refer to the information below to report any trespassing or concerning behavior. Please call 911 if you see anything dangerous.

Attention Boaters

If you're launching your boat at Riverland Woods, or if you're just out for a Sunday afternoon cruise, take a quick look under the 441/Turnpike bridges. If you see suspicious activity or trespassing, take a minute to call the BSO non-emergency number, **954-764-4357** and report it. (You can remain anonymous.) Advise the operator it's in BSO's jurisdiction, and give the address as the **2500 block of South State Road 7**. The more calls that BSO receives and responds to, the less comfortable the bridge-dwellers will be.



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The Lauderdale Isles Archives
From The Broward Times, August 4, 1970

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Man, You Can't Sink Or Swim In Lauderdale Isles

One thing resident of Lauderdale Isles can tell you for sure:

It ain't easy to run a boat through water hyacinth.

And if the water hyacinth isn't enough to bring a speedboat to a slow crawl, there's all that aquatic growth that's beneath the surface of the water.

Most of the canals in this attractive residential section of the unincorporated area bounded by Riverland Rd. are in trouble.

Some more than others, but their troubles keep growing -- literally.

And members of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Assn. are facing up to a problem they've been advised is pretty much their's alone.

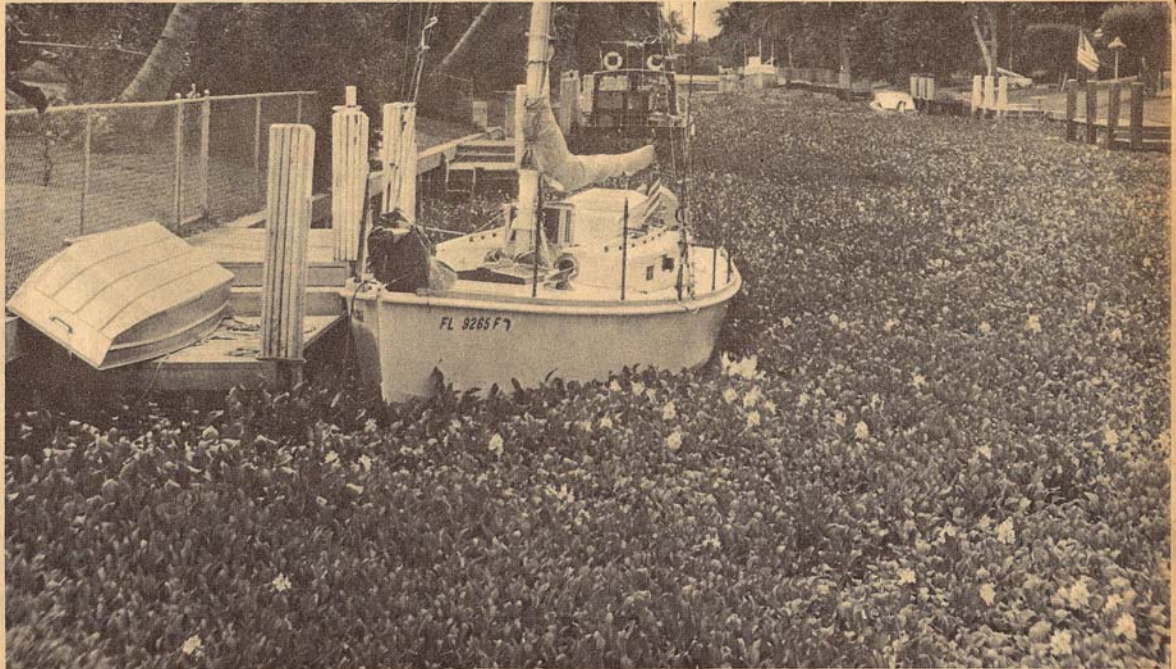
Their approach is two-pronged:

1. Raising sufficient money -- in excess of \$10,000 -- for a one-time cleaning out of the water weeds with chemical compounds guaranteed not to be harmful to fish, wildlife, pets or people.

The first phase is pretty well in hand, with the monetary target in sight.

The problem, however, is that the treatment of the waterways that split the homes in this southwest section area is guaranteed for three months.

After that, the surface hyacinth and the submerged



(TIMES Photo by G.E. Miller)

ROCKFISH CANAL, SHOWS HALF THE PROBLEM . . . THE OTHER HALF IS UNDERWATER WEED GROWTH

Florida Elodea will start cluttering up the canals again. That's where the second-phase of the campaign comes in.

Petitions are being circulated among residents asking them to lend their names to creation of the special taxing district to keep their weed problem under per-

petual control. There is an estimated 687 homes in the Isles section, with 502 on the water. Not everybody, including some on the waterways, is jumping at the chance either to contribute directly to the immediate treatment or to help create the special taxing district.

But the fund has grown to the needed proportions and the petitions are gathering signatures. The Isles section is already part of one special taxing district, with homeowners paying \$3 per year per home for fire protection. It is estimated the need for the continuing weed con-

trol program would be \$8 per year per home. The Lauderdale Isles Civic Assn. is spearheading the drive to create the special district and is hopeful they will easily reach 51 per cent of the total homeowners on their petitions. The next problem, of course, is the creation of the

district itself. There are two possible ways this can be done: An expression of a heavy majority of homeowners in the area involved would probably be sufficient to get passage of a special legislative act creating the district. However, this could not
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As a result of the aquatic growth problem described in this article, the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District was created in November 1970.



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THE TIMES

Lauderdale Isles Civic Group Seeking To Set Up Own Special Weed Control District

(Continued from Page 2A) be achieved until next April, when the legislature goes into session again. It is also possible, The TIMES was advised, to achieve the same goal locally, through the County Commission. The Commission has the right to create the district, but not without a referendum involving all of the affected

homeowners. This would be the obviously quickest way to get their district, providing they can get the support of the residents. And since the application of the chemicals in the contract being considered is guaranteed for only three months, waiting until next April for the legislative action could find the Isles

right back where they are now -- overgrown with surface and underwater weeds. In all of the offers they've had from firms in the business of controlling aquatic growth, guarantees have been given that only products with a wide margin of safety to fish and wildlife will be used. A spokesman for the Game and Fresh Water Fish

Commission conceded the chemicals -- diquat and copper sulfate -- proposed for introduction to the waterways are non-toxic "when applied at the recommended rate." The control, it was added, "is temporary, not a permanent solution" and has proven "more effective in some places than others." Among the offers under consideration is one that includes supervision by a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The canals in the Isles section are Turtle, Sailfish, Rockfish, Pompano, Marlin, Billfish, Dolphin, Cobia, Baracuda and Albacore. Total length of the 10 canals is 16,920 feet, more than three miles.



WELCOME KITS

Got a new neighbor on your lane? They need one of our great LICIA Welcome Kits. The kits are loaded with valuable information about Lauderdale Isles and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Rob Kuciewicz, who recently moved in on Gulfstream Lane said:

"Wow! I got a hearty 'Welcome!' from Glori Stauch, and then she gave me this fantastic Welcome Kit, chock full of great information that's perfect for someone like me who's just moved in. Thanks!" Welcome Kits are available through your lane representative listed on the back cover.

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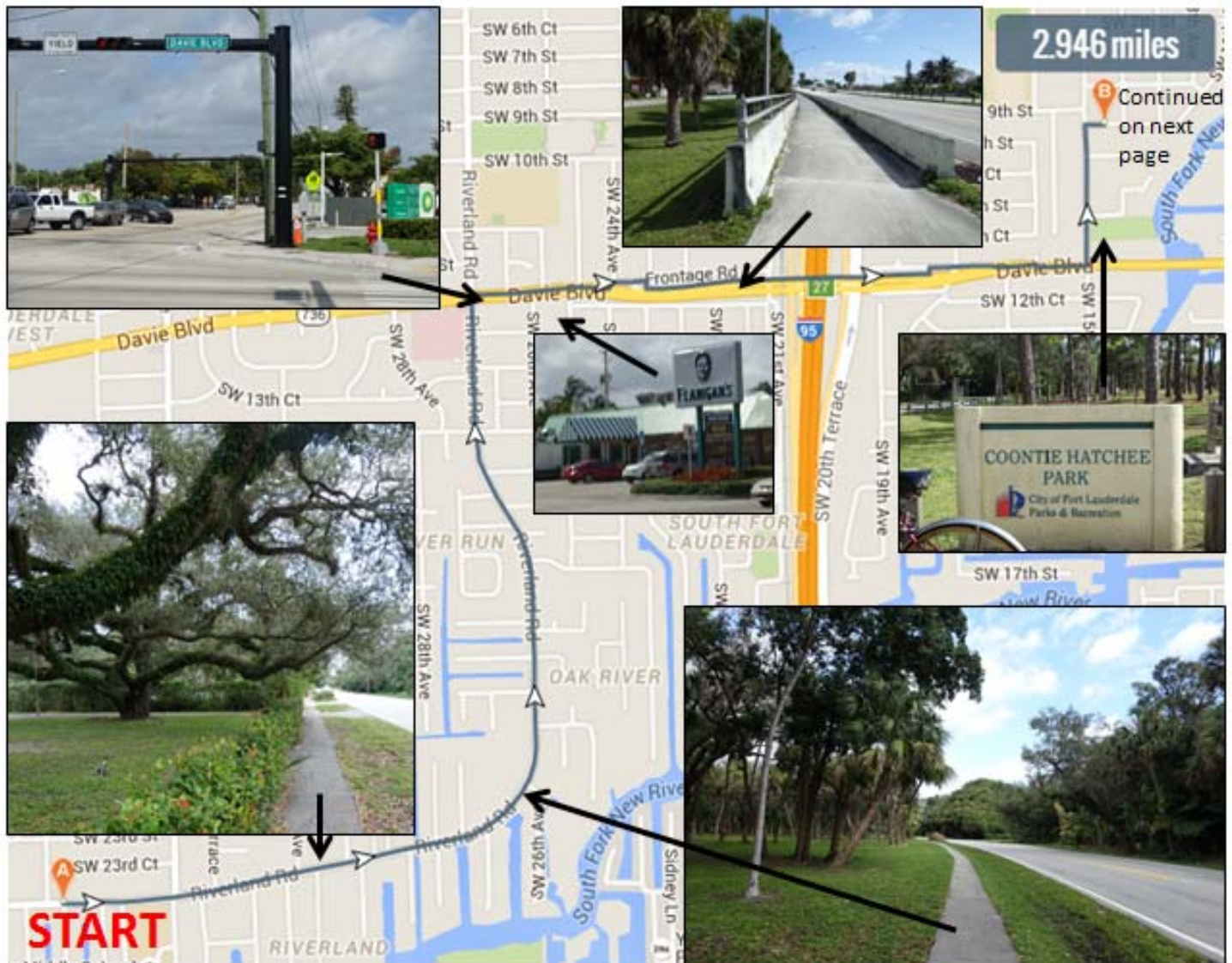
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Biking to Downtown Fort Lauderdale is Easier than You Think!

By Keryn and Dan Hughes

Ever want to get to downtown Fort Lauderdale to enjoy those Sunday Jazz festivals along Riverwalk (Every first Sunday of the month from 11am-2pm), or grab a bite to eat downtown, but don't want to drive either the boat or car to get there? Well it is actually much easier than you may think to bike there. At just about 4 miles – it is a pleasant and safe ride – here are the directions with some pictures to show you how to get there and what you will see along the way!

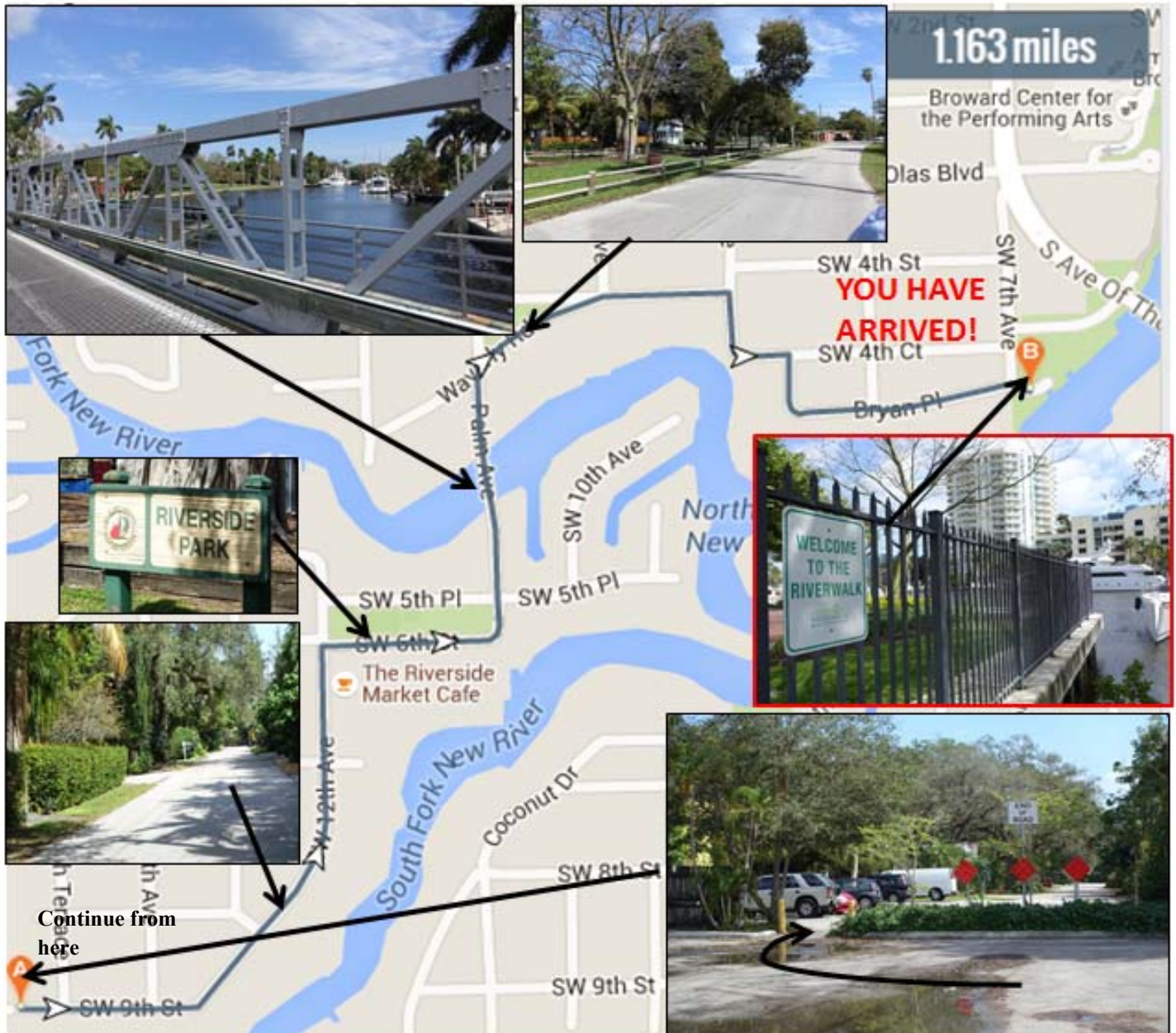
1. Take Riverland Road east. The sidewalk along the north side of Riverland Road turns into a nice pathway and you take it all the way to Davie Blvd. Here you cross Davie Blvd (please wait for the walk light and walk the bike) onto the north sidewalk.
2. Turn east (right) and follow the north sidewalk of Davie Blvd a few blocks until you reach the bike/walk path over the bridge. It is nicely segregated away from the cars with a safety divider and is on the north (left) side of the bridge.
3. After you finish the ride down the bridge over 95, you stay on the north (left) side of the sidewalk until you reach the first red-light, which is 15th Avenue. Wait for the crosswalk and continue across 15th Avenue, then turn north (left) onto 15th Avenue riding along the east (right) sidewalk. You will pass the Coontie Hatchee Park on your right. Feel free to stop in and explore.
4. A short few blocks later, you turn east (right) onto SW 9th Street, where you will bike through the passage of the blockade that prevents cars from entering the area but allows for bikers and pedestrians. (*Directions continued on next page...*)



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5. Once you are on SW 9th Street, there are significantly less cars, and you just continue along the road until you pass the Riverside Market and Café on your right. Enjoy the nice scenery.
6. Take a right on SW 6th Street – just after the Riverside Market – and go alongside the Riverside Park. You will pass tennis courts here that are open to the public, curve along to the left, and then go over a small, flat, swinging bridge which leads you over the north fork of the New River.
7. After you go over the bridge, it is VERY EASY, you just turn to the right anytime that you can. (So a right on Waverly Road, a right on SW 9th Ave, and a right onto Bryan Pl. Just hug the right as you are following the New River along here.)
8. And that's it. You have arrived. This will dead-end you right into Cooley's Landing Park (Boat Ramp and public restrooms here), which you can ride right through and then you will be at the very beginning of the River Walk.

From the Riverwalk entrance, you can continue biking along (for about another mile on the water) and you'll pass all the favorites – including the Performing Arts Center, Esplanade Park, Las Olas Riverfront, and a nice variety of restaurants and bars, situated both waterfront and just in-land. Returning home, you just follow these directions in reverse. Remember to put safety first, look both ways before crossing streets, wear any needed protective gear, and watch for both cars and pedestrians. Have Fun and we hope to see you along the way!!!



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