

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



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New River

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Dirk Lowry

Well here it is the end of the year already. November is the month to elect new Officers for the Association. I will not be running this year and will be looking for a replacement. We may have found a few people interested in the position however this is a great opportunity to get to know all the City officials and others who make the position interesting. There are opportunities to grow and get acquainted with many personalities at the City and social levels. The Current Board has built the Association into a vibrant group that is recognized by the Mayor's Office and the Commissioners at City Hall. I have enjoyed my time representing the Association and have had an opportunity to meet most of our members. My first issue was the winter issue of the Newsletter back in 2009, introducing myself as the new President. Except for one year when Lenore was your President, I've been here since, so it's retirement time.

Addressing the airport noise issue, the Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD), is requesting your participation on the 16th of November at the Signature Grand located at 6900 West State Road 84. This is where your participation in the Public Workshops for the Part 150 Noise Compatibility Planning Study for the Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport is essential. They need to know our problem with westward departures.

Your participation is important because this is a chance to meet directly with the planning professionals from the study. They will discuss their collected data, any additional significant development proposals that are pending or in the pipeline and any relevant topics that may be of interest. This is your chance to sound off and be heard. This event is the start of the process of public outreach to consider what we endure with the airport noise and the disruption to our lives. The Public Workshop, as it is called, is giving us an open forum to express our issue with the noise and safety factors of the clear and present danger to our neighborhood. Check the LICIA website, www.ourlicia.com, and Nextdoor Lauderdale Isles for any additional information on this workshop. There is also more information in this newsletter. It will be a close and personal encounter where your comments will be heard and noted. This is your time, be there and voice your concerns.

If anyone would like to run for an office we have an Nominations Committee of one, Patrice Del Grosso, who will take your name and present it at the November meeting. She can be reached at 954.792.1865. There will be one vote per household and no absentee votes will be accepted.

We will also have all of the candidates for Mayor and District IV Commissioner at the General meeting except for Bruce Roberts, who will be out of town. Note the date has been changed to Wednesday, November 15.

See you at the meeting, be well and stay safe.

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FINALLY - THE PART 150 NOISE STUDY "PUBLIC WORKSHOPS" BEGIN



THEY'RE BACK - with a story of incredible bravery during the storm



At the Wednesday, November 15 General Meeting:



Mayoral Candidate Dean Trantalis

On October 16, the City Commissioner for District 2 announced his candidacy for the Mayor's Seat. He has served two terms on the City Commission and promises "a new voice and a new direction" for the city.

LATE BREAKING UPDATE

It will be Candidate's Night

Along with Commissioner Trantalis, we will feature:

- Charlotte Rodstrom - Mayoral Candidate
- Ben Sorensen - District IV Commissioner Candidate
- Walter Duke - District IV Commissioner Candidate

Concerned about aging infrastructure like bursting sewer pipes or the \$200 million WAVE Streetcar Project? Ask them about it.

This General Meeting is the Association's Annual Elections for Officers

Want to get involved and volunteer? See inside for details

And there will be a drawing for a Gift Certificate to everyone's favorite restaurant

**Note
Location**
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AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 15th, 7:00pm
Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club
2637 Whale Harbor Lane

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment
- 1. Opening Statement (President)
- 2. Opening Statement: (Vice President)
- 3. FLPD Report
- 4. Code Enforcement: Inspector Jorge Martinez
- 5. Mayoral Candidate Dean Trantalis
- 6. Mayoral Candidate Charlotte Rodstom
- 7. Commissioner Candidate Ben Sorensen
- 8. Commissioner Candidate Walter Duke
- 9. Old Business:
 - Airport Noise Committee
 - New River Preservation Committee
 - LIWMD Report
- 7. **LICIA ELECTIONS: Executive Committee & Board of Directors**
- 8. **Drawing - Members in Good Standing only**
- 9. Adjournment

Note: Previous meetings minutes and treasurer's reports are approved at the monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

General Meetings are held four times per year, on the third Thursday of the months of February, May, August, and November

Regarding LICIA Meetings: - Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes. All attendees at LICIA General Meetings must sign in at the front desk. All General Meetings are held at the Yacht Club. Board of Directors /Committee meetings are held at Abiding Savior Church.

From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter, including past editions, available on our website www.ourlicia.com
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Our participating Lane Reps for their great reports & pictures, and our Committee members
- Treasurer's Reports and previous meetings minutes should be available soon at www.ourlicia.com, as soon as a couple of technical issues are resolved.

A NOTE ABOUT THE NOVEMBER MEETING DATE:

The Association's General Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of the month. However, because of the scheduling of the FAA Part 150 Study Public Workshop on Thursday, November 16th, our **General meeting will be Wednesday, November 15th**. This way, you can attend our General Meeting on Wednesday, and then give them hell at the Part 150 Workshop on Thursday.

There is no Redfish Canal in Lauderdale Isles



I WANT YOUR DUES!

It's that time of the year

Association dues are due

Our fiscal year runs from November through October. With the new fiscal year comes the need for all members to contribute their annual dues of \$20. Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood. Why not take a minute right now to write a check and mail it to our PO Box. Plus, by paying your dues, you'll be a **Member in Good Standing**, meaning you may serve on LICIA Committees & you can vote in the November Election.

To mail your dues, use the handy coupon found later in this newsletter

You may also pay your dues at the General Meeting

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: g.ames.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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THE NOVEMBER 15 LICIA GENERAL MEETING

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT

As you know, our last two General Meetings featured Candidates running for City offices.

In May, we featured Commissioner Bruce Roberts, who is running for Mayor. The neighbors in attendance really became engaged that night, and the great questions from them were non-stop. Additionally, Mayoral Candidate Charlotte Rodstrom introduced herself, as did our two candidates for District IV City Commissioner, Walter Duke and Ben Sorensen.

In August, our headliners were Charlotte Rodstrom and Walter Duke. Both discussed City issues and their views for the future of the City, which were very different from those of the current City Commission.

On October 16th, Dean Trantalis announced he was running for Mayor, so the Executive Committee immediately contacted him to attend our November Meeting.

This is our last General meeting of the year and since the primary election for these City offices is January 16, we decided to invite all the candidates back for this meeting. All of them agreed to attend, except Bruce Roberts, who will be out of town that night. All our neighbors will have this opportunity to listen to the candidates and question them about the issues.

Candidate for Mayor of Fort Lauderdale **DEAN TRANTALIS**

Dean Trantalis first served as City Commissioner for District 2 from 2002-2006. After losing a bid for Mayor, he ran again for the Commissioner Seat and has served two terms. Interestingly, in 2013 he ran against Charlotte Rodstrom in a runoff election where 31000 votes were cast and he won by 18 votes. Trantalis operates a stand-alone, law office boutique on Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors, handling real es-

Candidate for Mayor of Fort Lauderdale **CHARLOTTE RODSTROM**

Charlotte Rodstrom was elected to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission in 2006 and served until 2012. Her public service also includes: Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Fort Lauderdale Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment Advisory Boards, and represented the City on the board of directors of the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Candidate for District IV City Commissioner **BEN SORENSEN**

Ben is a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, a pastor, and the co-founder of Optimum Associates, LLC, which provides leadership, sales and management training .

Candidate for District IV City Commissioner **WALTER DUKE**

Walter, a former Commissioner and mayor of Dania Beach, owns Walter Duke + Partners, a full service commercial real estate and business valuation company in Fort Lauderdale.

LICIA ELECTIONS

At the November General Meeting each year, we conduct our election of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors for the next year. This could be interesting.

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AT LAST - IT'S TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT IN THE PART 150 AIRPORT NOISE STUDY.

By the LICIA Airport Noise Committee

We've all been sending in those Airport Noise Complaints to the Broward County Aviation Department. We've sent so many that some of us have worn out our smartphones using the Noise Complaint App. And it's been effective. Every report done by BCAD shows more complaints being generated by Lauderdale Isles than all other areas in the County combined. They have heard us.

But now it's time to make your voice heard loud and clear, in person, to the consultant firm conducting the Part 150 Study.

The next page is the official announcement for the Public Information Workshops for the study. As you can see, they are being held at five locations and we've circled the one most convenient for our neighborhood, which is Thursday, November 16, at the Signature Grand in Davie.

There will not be a formal presentation at these workshops, rather there will be stations where you can informally learn about all the facets of the study.

As you can see in the yellow highlighted text in the announce-

ment, you can express your concerns and your feedback will be considered. To assist you, the LICIA Airport Noise Committee will prepare a form which plainly explains the issue and the solution from our neighborhood's point of view. You will be able to print this form, add your name and address to it, and provide it to the study coordinators at the workshop. This form will be available on the LICIA website, www.ourlicia.org soon. We will announce on Nextdoor when the form is available.

The LICIA Airport Noise Committee decided to provide this form so that everyone can provide simple, to-the-point feedback to the Part 150 Study. The choice to use it is yours.

We need to have a huge turnout at this first Public Outreach event. If you want to have a voice in the airport noise issue, this is your opportunity.

We recommend that you spend some time viewing the Part 150 Study website, www.flpart150.com, and learn all you can about airport noise and the Study.

You finally have the chance to be heard about airport noise issue; don't miss it.



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FREE MARKET REPORTS



Public Information Workshops for Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Planning Study Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport

The Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) invites you to attend a public workshop to provide information on the Part 150 Study for Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL). Five workshops will include displays that will present information. Topics include the Part 150 Study process, project schedule, an introduction to noise, and information about modeling aircraft noise exposure.

The workshops will be an “open house” format at different locations in communities around the airport. There will be no formal presentation. This will provide attendees with the maximum opportunity for one-on-one interaction and sharing of information and concerns. You may attend any workshop and at any time during the open house. **Now is the time to participate and express your concerns about noise generated by aircraft operating at FLL. Feedback received will be considered throughout the development of the Study.**

BCAD recently began the study to evaluate the compatibility of FLL with the surrounding communities. This study, a “Part 150 Study,” will follow the process outlined in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 150, *Airport Noise Compatibility Planning*.

DATE: Monday, November 13, 2017
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:30PM
LOCATION: Southwest Ranches Town Hall
 3400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

DATE: Tuesday, November 14, 2017
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:30PM
LOCATION: Anne Kolb Nature Center
 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019

DATE: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:30PM
LOCATION: Deicke Auditorium
 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2017
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:30PM
LOCATION: Signature Grand
 6900 FL-84, Davie, FL 33317

DATE: Friday, November 17, 2017
TIME: 6:00PM - 8:30PM
LOCATION: BCPS Boardroom
 600 SE 3rd Avenue, 1st Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**THIS IS THE MOST
CONVENIENT
LOCATION FOR
LAUDERDALE ISLES**



At key points during the project, newsletters will provide updates on study progress. BCAD will also host additional public workshops to provide future opportunities for input throughout the Study. BCAD encourages all interested parties to monitor the project website for the latest study information and announcements at www.fllpart150.com

Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or anyone with questions, should contact **1-800-974-2703**.

AFTER IRMA

After the storm, we asked our brave LICIA lane reps to provide a summary of damage and power loss on their respective lanes. Risking their lives right after the storm, here are their reports and pictures.

Andros Lane, Lane Rep Bill Gray:

On Andros Lane, about 15 houses at the south end of the lane lost power for several days. None of the properties suffered extensive damage. Helen and I distributed ice and water to several of the homes that lost power. Tree and shrubbery damage was not that bad. Branches, bushes, and a few small trees were all that were impacted. To the best of my knowledge, there was virtually no damage to any boats or docks.

Bimini Lane, Lane Rep Patrice DelGrosso:

Although I was not here till Friday post storm, here's what happened on Bimini Lane: Power problems: Cul de sac lost power. Partial power returned on Friday. Slight rain on Saturday blew out the transformer breaker and caused total outage in cul de sac again until Sunday afternoon. Power trucks out of NY restored power and ran new lines for downed pole that prevented total power to house facing New River. Tree next to downed pole went down crushing the car in neighboring driveway. Rained on Monday am and knocked our power again in cul de sac only. Monday afternoon, power trucks from Indiana came and fixed lighting arrester in transformer that was melted. Power up and still up! Yea!

Damage: Sure saw a lot of debris at the curb upon our return home. Several trees apparently downed. The one car was significantly damaged. The one pole in the cul de sac went down and pulled wires from the house facing the New River.

My neighbors heroically saved the food in my refrigerator! What a nice surprise to come home to! When power went out, I texted them to take any food from fridge and freezer, especially ice cream, and eat it. They didn't save the ice cream but took all the drawers out and put them in their extra fridge on generator and surprised us saving 90 percent of everything in there. Maybe they fed the ice cream to that cat that was saved.



Thankfully, this little guy survived the storm on Bimini Lane

We lost internet with AT&T, but our neighbor didn't. Go figure!' Tapped into their wifi from back patio. Just couldn't go without Nextdoor news for too long. We got internet back the following week.

Cat Cay Lane, Lane Rep Dick Cahoon:

The power was restored to our house and six others in the middle of Cat Cay Lane nine days after the storm. Most of Cat Cay on either side of us had power restored quickly. Apparently a downed line to one of my neighbors interrupted power to only a few of us. As for other damage on Cat Cay, I noticed one tall grape tree that lost its top half, and many other large branches were broken off other trees. One neighbor's tree was so stripped that they cut it down after the city picked up the storm debris. Another neighbor had many trees trimmed and put out on the curb after the debris pickup. I walked the street several times and did not see any house damage, and I have not heard of any damage to any house or dock. One neighbor lost a fence.

Duck Key Lane – No report provided

Flamingo Lane – Lane Rep position is open

Gulfstream Lane, Lane Rep Karen Rames:

Gulfstream Lane had several large trees blown over during the storm. One house had severe roof damage requiring complete replacement of the roof. Several older wood fences were blown over. Reportedly a tree from a yard on the Flamingo side fell across the Cobia canal, blocking river access for several boats at the north end of the canal.

Gulfstream did not lose power during the storm. However, the day AFTER the storm, the power to the entire street went out due to a failed insulator at the top of a pole at the beginning of the street. Thankfully, one of the neighbors on the lane is an electrical contractor who kindly used one of his trucks to make this repair, and we were without power for only one night. Gotta just love listening to those generators "purring" all night, especially Frank's monster generator.

We had no reports of boat or dock damage on our canals; however, an overly large Azimut yacht on the Dolphin canal wasn't tied up properly, and several neighbors heroically went over and secured it with additional lines to prevent it from breaking loose.

Key Largo Lane, Lane Rep Jackie Zumwalt:

We had tree and fence damage. My house had damage but I have not heard of any of the neighbors having boat, car, or house damage (no blue tarps). The power to about 12 houses towards the cul-de-sac was off from the 9th until the 17th.

A large bismark tree fell and landed on a dock and over the canal. Another neighbor had a large tree fall and it was over the river (see photo). I have 8 huge trees in my yard and 6 of them took a beating. My little fence along the seawall saved a snapped tree from falling into river.

During the storm the water was coming over the seawall and the grate in the center of the cul-de-sac was blocked by tree debris so rainwater was not draining, but rising. We need to thank a neighbor who went out and cleared the debris to let the water escape.

Irma tried to take my lanai roof just installed this year. Thank you to Miami-Dade Building Code! It held but we need to get a small repair to a footing. Something heavy must have jolted my house - maybe it was the wind trying to take my roof! A shelf came off the wall and landed on a glass table. Good bye to my vintage collectables.

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AFTER IRMA, continued

Marathon Lane, Lane Rep Gina Garcia

-Electrical Power: The only people that lost power had trees or branches that fell on the power lines going to their houses or a neighbor that had a tree or branches that fell on the power lines going to the transformers that normally feed four houses each on our lane.

Note: It is not a question "IF" your tree/branches (or your neighbor's that has the transformer that feeds your house) will come down during a storm...it is "WHEN" it will occur. If you want power and air conditioning during and after a storm, trim and cut all vegetation that is near your power lines.

Note 2: For our neighbors on the south side of Riverland Road, take a look at the big tall trees that almost reach the main power lines that feed all of our lanes. A 50 foot tree is not landscape; it is a problem waiting to happen! Lauderdale Isles was built over coral rock and the root systems for these big tall trees are not deep enough to sustain them from a direct hit of a hurricane. Remember it is not "if" it will fall, only "when"... then it is too late. Do not blame FPL for your irresponsibility and the effect it has on the whole neighborhood.

-Debris Pickup : The City of Ft. Lauderdale is doing a phenomenal job in getting the hurricane debris picked up. Remember and be patient, this storm affected every neighborhood!

Nassau Lane, Lane Rep Alistair De Verteuil

Nassau Lane made it through without too much damage, two neighbors lost sections of their fence largely in part to old age, another lost almost half of their roof material down to the tar paper hence allowing water seepage into the house. Still not sure what's happening inside but we did lend them our dehumidifier to help dry out things. We lost our 13 year old mango tree which will also be missed by many come next mango season. All in all things could have been a lot worse, we never lost power, internet was a bit sketchy but we managed using WhatsApp.

For the boating public please be aware that a tree from the south bank has fallen into the river between Marathon and Nassau Lanes, severely restricting passage mainly for larger boats. Please take note, as two boats have already been damaged. We are waiting for the town of Davie to respond to this problem.

Okeechobee Lane, Lane Rep Dan Hughes:

Okeechobee Lane had two power lines come down 2/3 way down the block from a larger branch which fell, but fortunately one line (the important one) remained and power to the end never went out. Shortly after the storm passed FPL fixed the lines. Midway down the block a transformer tripped and several houses went without power for over a week. Aside from that, most neighbors kept trees trimmed prior to the storm, and the damage was relatively minor. Some boats were tied up to docks only, rather than the seawalls as well, which caused some dock damage. This is already being corrected though, and overall the lane has rebounded well!

Sugarloaf Lane, Lane Rep Eva Santiago Reed

Power: Few did not lose power. The rest either lost half power or all power. One of the 3 wires was affected, causing anything running on 220v to go out. No significant damage. Lots of tree debris. One tree lost a big branch that needed to be cut into many pieces to be hauled away. Boats: No damage to any boats that I

am aware of. There were a few docks with missing planks; other than that nothing significant. There were no power poles blown over on our lane; it seems Riverland Road had the worst damage.

Tortugas Lane, Lane Rep Alternate Judy Seiler

Tortugas had a lot of debris down but it was picked up rather quickly. Did not lose power at my house, just landline & computer for a few days.

Whale Harbor, Lane Rep Bud Bracey

Whale Harbor Lane sustained damage to a utility pole, and the entire Lane was without power for about a week. Our piles of debris were removed on 9/25 which was pretty impressive. We replanted a neighbor's large gumbo limbo tree that was blown over by the storm.



Dolphin Canal - Ken Stauch risks life and limb to add more lines to a neighbor's large yacht. Note how the first piling is leaning, as it had been pulled over by the yacht during the storm.

ODE TO A FALLEN TREE

By Dick Cahoon

"Oh I really liked that old tree; it was old and scraggly and had character and I am sorry to see it go. If that is the worst damage any of us get, maybe it can be the sacrificial lamb to the hurricane gods."



Irma in the Isles

Our award-winning staff photo-journalists provided pictures from throughout the neighborhood.

Photos by: Patrice Del Grosso, Dick Cahoon, Angelina Pluzhynk, Jackie Zumwalt



Combined with high tides, all the rain caused extremely high water levels in the canals.



Some boaters ran lines across the canals to ride out the storm.



Key Largo Lane, Angelina Pluzhynk: "We lost this great old avocado tree. Luckily, we picked up all the avocados and made 6 gallons of guacamole."



Ingenious design: Plywood hurricane shutters for boats



We lost count of how many trees toppled



Gulfstream Lane



Anyone lose a tree or two?



Bimini Lane



Key Largo Lane



Cat Cay Lane - that branch will fall sooner or later

Or three?



Key Largo Lane



Nassau Lane



Wood fences took a beating. Note: The City has suspended the requirement for permits for fence repairs for 90 days after the storm

Irma in the Isles

Trees down in the canals & river

According to the City, removal of a fallen tree in the water is the responsibility of the homeowner .



Key Largo Lane on the River

Tree on south side of the river hinders navigation. (This is a Town of Davie issue.)

REBUILDING OUR LIVES - The Cleanup



Great neighbors on Key Largo waste no time getting the street cleared



A familiar sight everywhere - power company contractors



Hundreds of brush piles



City crews on the job. Luckily our neighborhood was one of the first to be cleared.

Information about the LICIA Elections at the Nov 15 General Meeting

What are the elections for?

The annual November election is for the Executive Committee: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Board of Directors, the "Lane Reps." They all take over on Jan 1.

Who can vote?

All Members in Good Standing, ie residents of Lauderdale Isles who have paid the annual association dues this year. To vote, you must be present at the meeting; there are no absentee ballots.

Who can run for these offices?

Members in Good Standing of the Association

What qualifications should candidates have?

They should be interested in protecting and enhancing the neighborhood, and hopefully have served on the Board in the past so they have an understanding of the Association's function.

Won't the current President and Vice President run again?

As stated at the elections last year, Dirk and Geoff, who have served for 8 years and 4 years respectively on the Executive Board, are not running this year. They feel it's time for some new volunteers to step up.

What are the duties of the Executive Committee & Board of Directors?

Simply stated, they run the Association (which is a non-profit Florida corporation). This takes place at meetings on the third Thursday of every month. We have found that forming committees is the best way to handle neighborhood issues that arise.

Also, by having committees, all Members in Good Standing can participate in matters of concern, and all the responsibility is not on the shoulders of the Board. This has proven to be very successful with our Airport Noise Committee, Homeless Issue Committee, New River Preservation Committee, & Welcome Committee.

What if no one wants to run for these offices?

If ultimately no one steps up to run, the Association by-laws provide that it must be dissolved. All treasury funds must be donated to a worthy 501(c)3 non-profit. There would no longer be an official organization to represent the neighborhood's interests with the City, no more newsletter, and the website would be shut down.

LATE BREAKING GOOD NEWS

Just before going to press, we learned that we have confirmed candidates for the Executive Committee positions. Some great neighbors have stepped up to run and continue the good work done by the Association. Want to find out who they are? Attend the General Meeting on Nov 15th to find out - and vote for them.

Most of our Board of Directors, the "Lane Reps," have stated they would like to continue in their positions. They will be reaffirmed at the meeting. We still need a rep for Flamingo Lane, and "Alternates" for several of the Lanes. Come to the meeting, volunteer, and get involved!

Dr. Ben SORENSEN

for

Fort Lauderdale City Commission
District IV



Vision for Fort Lauderdale

- Invest in Sewer and Stormwater Systems
- Build Partnerships with Neighborhoods & Police to Keep Ft. Lauderdale Safe
- Improve Traffic Light Synchronization to Ease Traffic
- Lead City and Regional Efforts on Sea Level Rise

SITE PLAN DATA TABLE

Current Land Use Designation:	Residential	
Current Zoning Designation:	RS-3.52	
Proposed Land Use Designation:	Park	
Proposed Zoning Designation:	P	
Gross Site Area:	232,009	Sq. Feet
Existing Building Area:	3,073	Sq. Feet
Parking Data:		
1% of the Park-Open Space	232,009 SF	12
1 per 400 SF of Existing Building	3,073 SF	7
Total Parking Required:		12
Total Parking Provided:		20

RIVERLAND PRESERVATION UPDATE
 The City plans to purchase the Black Property on Riverland Road for \$2.2 million and create a park. As of Oct 26th, City staff is working on details of the Purchase Agreement. This rendering of the proposed park was provided to the City Commission on Sept 6th.

- LEGEND**
- 1.) EXISTING BUILDINGS
 - 2.) EXISTING DOCK
 - 3.) PROPOSED OPEN SPACE / MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD
 - 4.) PROPOSED MULCH WALKING PATH
 - 5.) PROPOSED EXERCISE STATIONS
 - 6.) PROPOSED PERVIOUS PAVED PARKING
 - 7.) PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
 - 8.) PROPOSED GAZBO
 - 9.) PROPOSED SOLAR LIGHTING
 - 10.) PROPOSED PARK SIGNAGE
 - 11.) PROPOSED PICNIC TABLES



Black Property Concept
 FRONT PERSPECTIVE VIEW



Black Property Concept
 PLAN VIEW



BLACK PROPERTY DESIGN PLAN



BULK TRASH PICKUP STARTS AGAIN



The City announced that regular bulk trash pickup will begin again in November. Remember that our pickup day is the **SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**, which will be November 10th. Items for bulk pickup are not supposed to be placed at the curb any sooner than 24 hours before pickup. (Yes, we all know there are a few neighbors who think it's 24 days before pickup.)



The Sugarloaf and the Welcome signs have been repaired. Both of them had been hit by vehicles, in fact the Sugarloaf sign was hit by trucks twice. Contrary to recent posts on Nextdoor, the design of these signs is not "bad." The street signs like Sugarloaf are designed to prevent major damage to the sign and the vehicle when hit. That's exactly what happened. All our well-designed signs came thru Irma unscathed.

Gina's Pet Peeve



By Gina Garcia
Lane Rep, Marathon Lane

Grass Clippings in our canals - only gets there from the residents or lawn/landscape contractors. Please tell them it is illegal to blow grass clippings into the canals.

The fine to homeowners is \$250 !! Tell them to rake it & haul it away or rake it into your backyard. The sea life in our canals do not eat grass!!

You are polluting or allowing pollution in our back yards.

Thank you and remember to be a Good Neighbor !!

ACTION IN THE ISLES

It seems like there's always action at the Riverland Woods Park boat ramp.



September 20th - Four of these orange US Navy lifeboats were in the water at the boat ramp. The parts for them are manufactured in Poland, and then shipped to a company in Lauderdale for final assembly for the Navy. These are special fire-resistant lifeboats for US Navy munitions ships. Each one carries sixty-nine crewmembers, who better be close friends. They have special sprinkler heads that pop up to spray the outside of the boat to keep it cool when subjected to fire conditions. The manufacturer had them in the water that day to be checked out by a marine surveyor prior to delivery to the Navy. They will be installed on the US Navy ship "Big Horn."



October 22: Someone left this Boston Whaler Rage in the middle of the parking lot with a sign, "Free Boat." The FLPD Marine Unit was notified. It was gone the next day.

LIWMD UPDATE

Who Owns Our Canals?

During the presentations on the Dredging Assessments program (which the City Commission tabled), the City Public Works Department claimed that the canals of Lauderdale Isles were owned by the South Florida Water Management District. The implications of this were that when our canals need to be dredged again, the City would not pay for the dredging, since the canals are not City-owned. Getting the South Florida Water Management, who claimed they didn't own the canals, to pay for the dredging would be tough. At our last LIWMD meeting we asked Commissioner Romney Rogers, who is the third member of our board, to check with the City Attorney on this issue. We are glad to report that after conferring with the SFWMD, Broward County, and the Property Appraiser's Office, the City Attorney issued an opinion that our canals are indeed owned by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Other neighborhoods nearby still have the same problem of canal ownership, and probably don't even know it.

Hurricane Irma

After Hurricane Irma, we went out to survey all the canals and our section of the river for damage. We found a total of six large trees that had fallen into the water, and one sunken sailboat. Code Enforcement is handling the sunken boat. None of the trees appeared to be major menaces to navigation. The City advises us that it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the trees from the water. The City had applied to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, part of the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to pursue canal cleanup and mitigation from Irma. LIWMD's area was on the list of canals to be mitigated. Unfortunately, the City's application was

denied. So as it stands now, it's still the homeowners who have to remove the trees.

Blue Crab Testing

Due to the Hurricane, the Blue Crab testing we discussed in our last update has been postponed. We hope to get the project restarted before the end of the year.

Brown Water

If you read Nextdoor, you know about the brown water incident in the river October 23 -25. Because the source of the silted water was outside the City, the SFWMD and Broward County Environmental Enforcement were contacted. The County investigated and found the pump operated by the Tindall Hammock Soil & Conservation District was causing the problem. The inspectors had the pump shut down and took water samples. If you see a similar incident like this, and the source is OUTSIDE the City, call the 24 hour County Environmental Complaint number: 954-519-1499. For pollution incidents INSIDE the City, see the numbers on the back page of this newsletter.

Geoff Rames & Ken Stauch



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Oct. 23: Brown water flowing past the boat ramp

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Walter Duke is a dedicated public servant, successful business leader, and a candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission District 4. The son of a US Army Pilot, Walter was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington D.C. Since 1965, he has been a resident of Broward County, where he currently lives in the Rio Vista neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale. Walter and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of three grown children, Kaitlyn, Chloe and Connor and two rescue dogs, Kaze and Cooper.

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

By Dirk Lowry

Below is a description of a CERT proposal that was presented to the Board at our October Board meeting. Dr. Warren Sturman is the head of the CERT team and the President of their Association in Victoria Park and would like to see if our Association would be interested in starting our own CERT team. We already have some individual volunteers who have committed their names to be included in this project. Following is a short summary of what is involved:

Hurricane IRMA reminded us how important it is to prepare for a disaster. Fort Lauderdale's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has spent countless hours training and certifying individuals in disaster preparedness. Those neighborhoods with active CERT teams were well organized and handled the storm fairly well. Unfortunately, many areas in Fort Lauderdale do not have CERT teams. Any success in dealing with a disaster will depend on the planning and effort you put in before the storm season. We encourage everyone to become familiar with the disaster plan and organize the neighborhood as soon as possible upon a storm watch issuance.

If the thought of a disaster causes you to feel stressed and isolated, then let's leave you with a reassuring thought the teams share before each hurricane - being well prepared means that you will not be alone; we will get through the storm together.

The organization starts with: 1. The City, where the entire team is led by the City manager. 2. The CERT team is made up of volunteers who have gone through an eight week course in

disaster response. Upon graduation they are assigned back to their respective neighborhoods. CERT acts as an umbrella organization that provides updates to the neighborhoods and to the City on infrastructure and impact assessments. 3. The neighborhoods will have CERT teams made up of individuals trained in first aid, fire suppression, and light search and rescue. Each neighborhood should have a team leader, a communications officer and a person who would be responsible for rapid impact assessment.

Each neighborhood should have a disaster plan starting before the Hurricane Season: first upon warning of a Hurricane, second during, and third, after the storm. There are subsequent bullet points for each of these categories which would ensure a safe and successful post storm result for each the neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating in this program please contact me, Dirk Lowry, at 954-584-3783. Once a list is compiled, a CERT course information package will be available and a course date will be set.

Homeless Activity There may be some homeless individuals now living under the 441 bridge. If you see any suspicious activity or trespassing under the bridges, please call and report it. This area falls under the jurisdiction of Broward Sheriff's Office. The non emergency number for BSO 954-764-4357, goes to the Regional Communications Center. The new reporting address is: 4100 SW 25th Street, Fort Lauderdale, in UNINCORPORATED BROWARD

In addition, any photos or videos are appreciated in case law enforcement arrives after the fact. D.H.

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 FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR
- **Pollution/ Oil Spills within the City of Fort Lauderdale:**
 7:30 -5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000
 Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Pollution Complaints outside the City of Ft. Lauderdale:**
 County Environmental 24 hrs: 954-519-1499
- **Large Debris/Dead Animals in the water:**
 Ft. Laud. Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Injured Manatees**
 FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC
- **Sinking or Sunk Boats**
 FLPD 954-764-HELP or 911 for emergencies
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 Ft. Laud. Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207
- **Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:**
 FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging**
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INCREDIBLE BRAVERY DURING THE STORM



After being caught by the authorities at the Rio Grande for attempting to enter the U.S. (but mistakenly swimming the wrong way), we thought they were gone for good. But we received a tip from an Uber driver right before the hurricane that he picked up two guys at the Ft. Lauderdale Greyhound station who smelled of smoked iguana.

Then we received these pictures: At the height of the storm, these two heroes risked their lives to make a daring rescue on the Redfish Canal.

Nice job Iguana boys. It's great to have you back.



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