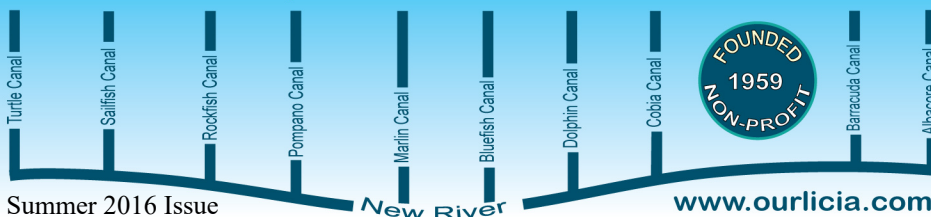


Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dirk Lowry



August is almost on the back burner. The year has been busy with all the action on the Airport Noise Issue and The New River Preservation Committee reference the rezoning for a commercial marina district in the Town of Davie. Formerly known as the old Hacienda Village, this property is directly across the river from Gulfstream, Key Largo, Marathon & Nassau Lanes. All of this and a few other areas of concern have provided plenty of activity for your Board and the Committee Chairpersons. Those mentioned will have articles in this edition of your Newsletter in greater detail. Any participation is welcome.

I'm not going to mention the fact that there have been no comments from the "Weather Terrorists" on pending storms coming our way. OOPS!! Well anyway, I found it interesting that a projected storm that went up the west coast of the State back in 1999 that turned abruptly onto land half way up the State after being projected to continue north to the panhandle causing considerable damage. After making that "hard Right Turn", NOAA was criticized for not having that area in the Projection cone. The cone of projection was very narrow with the feeling it was going to hit the Panhandle. With that turn and the criticism that the NOAA prediction was not all inclusive, it now turns out the Projection cone in some cases covers the whole state. Just an observation.

August 18th General Meeting: SMARTWATER

There will be a presentation on Smartwater and its applications at this meeting. Information will be available and a special code number will be available for our members to enable them to buy the Smartwater kit at the "Police Discount Rate". And we will have a special opportunity for all Members in Good Standing attending this meeting who have paid LICIA dues on or before July 31st: **there will be a drawing for free Smartwater kits!** Details are in this newsletter.

There are many questions and concerns about safety in today's confusing times. Personal safety is of prime importance when out in a crowd and or a public place. It's important to maintain a situational awareness and be observant of who is

around you. Look for possible exits and if a situation should occur find a place of cover. I know this sounds a bit off the wall but I, as some of you, have grown up with the threat of nuclear attack during the Cold War (Duck and Cover). Although the threat is different it will be a different world now, at least for the next generation, and some unpleasant things have to be taken into consideration. These things I mentioned were necessary in the 50's and are necessary to be aware of now. There are lessons learned from some of the recent incidents that would help you and yours survive such incident. There is a video called Run Hide Fight available. Though it gives some idea of how to survive it places you in a victim frame of mind. There are other alternatives. One important issue is what do you do when the police arrive, how do you act and where do you go. These are questions that can be answered. If there is an interest, your Executive Committee can put together a special session on personal safety and things you can do to insure your ability to survive an active shooter or how to survive an explosive detonation. Contact your lane's Board Member whose number is on the back of this newsletter and we can see if there is enough interest to have a sit session on this subject.

On a lighter side, if you see a bomb technician running.....Try to keep up. Looking forward to seeing you at our next Meeting on the 18th at the Yacht Club.

Coming Up in November: Annual Election

At the November General Meeting we will have our annual election for Board Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee Chair is Patrice Del Grosso; and she can be reached at, 954-792-1865, please call after 6pm. If you want to nominate someone, contact Patrice. Nominees, if they wish, may submit a short (1/4 page) bio for consideration to be printed in the November Newsletter (all submissions are subject to approval by the Board). Deadline for nominations is Oct 24, must be Member in Good Standing. We need dedicated people to run for our offices. Next year will be a crucial time with the Airport Noise and other issues. As immediate Past President, I will be part of the Executive Committee and will be able to assist the new President. Only Members in Good Standing may vote, one vote per household. No absentee ballots will be allowed. Specifics will be in the November issue.

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SIX MONTHS LATER



AUG. 18 GENERAL MEETING



GATOR BOYS' COMPETITION?



AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 18th, 7:00pm

Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

Whale Harbor Lane

Note
Location

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Tickets for Drawing*
- Pre-meeting: LIYC Presentation
- 1. Opening Statement (President)
- 2. Opening Statement: (Vice President)
- 3. FLPD Report
- 4. Presentations: Judicial Candidates
- 5. Regular Business
 - Minutes Approval
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Committee Reports
 - LIWMD Report
- 6. Smartwater Presentation
- 7. Drawing for Smartwater Kits (*see below)
- 7. Adjournment
- Post meeting: Smartwater available for purchase

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 and Committee meetings are held at Abiding Savior Church.

Please note:

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

www.ourlicia.com

From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- **PASSING OF THE TORCH:** As I announced at the June Board of Directors Meeting, I am stepping down as Newsletter Editor effective this month. It's been an honor and a privilege putting the Newsletter together for the past two years. I would like to thank all the neighbors who have expressed their kind words for the updates and improvements we've done to our publication. Effective with the November newsletter, Dan Hughes of Okeechobee Lane has volunteered to take over. His email: dan-hughesiii@gmail.com. Now he'll be the guy bugging writers to get their articles done on time.
- 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: Dirk Lowry, Dawn Hanna, Angelina Pluzhynk Evans, Libby O'Shea, & Audrey Edwards. And the Iguana Boys.
- Our cover page carries our new Masthead featuring our canal names. It was created by graphics artist Crystal Caicedo. It's adapted from the September Waterway Cleanup T-Shirt Logo she created for us. Many of our advertisers know Crystal, as she created their ads for them. She was kind enough to do the masthead design for us gratis, although I had to promise to wash her car every week for a year. If you need some graphics work, she's great. You can reach her at: crystalcaicedo@yahoo.com

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUGUST 18th GENERAL MEETING**

LICIA LOVES its Members in Good Standing

After all, our dues-paying members are LICIA. They pay the annual dues to support LICIA's activities. And many of them serve as Lane Reps, alternates, and Committee Members helping address the issues faced by our neighborhood.

We have been promising to do some special things for these special people and we're delivering on that promise at the August 18th General Meeting. All Members in Good Standing attending the meeting will receive a ticket at the sign-in desk entering them into a drawing for FREE Smartwater Kits. We will do TEN drawings. The kits normally cost \$45. As you can see later in

this newsletter, Smartwater is an incredible burglary deterrent, endorsed by FLPD. For those who don't win a free kit from the drawings, information/instructions will be available at the end of the meeting that will allow you to purchase a kit at the Law Enforcement Discount price. **Members participating in the drawing must have paid LICIA dues on or before July 31, 2016. One ticket per household.**

As we are starting the last quarter of our fiscal year, we will not be accepting dues payments at this meeting. Save your payment for November, the start of our new fiscal year.

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: danhughesiii@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 Effect of Airport Noise on Property Values



By Angelina Pluzhynk Evans
LICIA Airport Noise Committee Chairperson

It is very difficult 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.

The Part-150 Study must address any existing and new noise sensitive areas and develop the noise exposure map.

“The noise exposure map must identify each noncompatible land in each area on the map as of the date of submission to the FAA. 14 C.F.R. 150.21(a). The airport operator also should submit another map indicating noise exposures based on forecast aircraft operations for the fifth calendar year after the date of submission. 14 C.F.R. 150.21(a)(1). When developing these maps, the airport operator must consult with state and local agencies with jurisdiction over the areas within the DNL 65 dB contour, FAA officials, and aeronautical users of the airport. 14 C.F.R. 150.21(b). Once the FAA approves the submitted noise exposure maps, the airport operator may submit a noise compatibility program. 14 C.F.R. 150.23(a). [FN 6] **A noise compatibility program must include a description and analysis of the alternative measures that the airport operator considered, an explanation regarding the reasons that the airport operator rejected any measures, and a description of the measures that the airport operator proposes to adopt to reduce or eliminate present and future noncompatible land uses.** 14 C.F.R. 150.23(e)(2) and (3). When preparing the program, the airport operator must consult with local, state and Federal agencies, as well as airport users. 14 C.F.R. 150.23(b). The FAA's evaluation of a noise compatibility program must include a determination of whether the proposed measures are reasonably consistent with the goal of reducing existing noncompatible land uses and preventing the introduction of additional noncompatible land uses. 14 C.F.R. 150.33(a). [FN 7]” (14 C.F.R. Part 150 "Airport Noise Compatibility Planning")

Rep. Lois Frankel's office told us that the Part-150 Study should start in 2017. There is no schedule available at this time that I am aware of. It is very important for our community and neighboring Riverland communities that are affected by the airport noise to work together and attend EVERY public meeting. We were told by our political officials that we should be able to address the noise impact issue during the Part-150 Study.

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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Lauderdale Isles Resident Dawn Hanna, Owner

Short Term Vacation Rentals in Lauderdale Isles



By Libby O'Shea
Senior Staff Writer

There are over 100 vacation rental websites in the US. The vacation rental business generated by the websites such as Airbnb and VRBO/Home Away has grown at a rate of 45% every year for the last 5 years. Across the US, local governments have the authority to regulate land use within their jurisdiction except in Florida. As of January 2015, Florida appears to be the only state to have enacted legislation limiting the authority of local governments to regulate or prohibit short-term rentals. The Florida law could become a model for other states.

Prohibiting short-term occupancy in single-family areas has previously been held to be within the lawful scope of the zoning power. However, in 2011 the Florida State Legislature enacted legislation that specifically limits the authority of local governments to regulate or prohibit short-term rentals aka vacation rentals. Chapter No. 2011-111-119 changed in June, 2011 (An Act relating to public lodging establishments...). It now states:

A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not restrict the use of vacation rentals, prohibit vacation rentals, or regulate vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy.

This paragraph does not apply to any local law, ordinance, or regulation adopted on or before June 1, 2011. Section 509.242(1)(c) Florida Statutes (FS).

The Legislature was heavily lobbied by vacation rental companies, real estate companies and owners of vacation rentals in an attempt to prevent any limitations on vacation rentals. Due to homeowners concerns, Florida cities and counties attempted to pass regulations banning some short term rentals or passing regulations on the length of stays or number of stays per year. The Legislature in 2014 subsequently passed Senate Bill 356 to establish the state's authority over the regulation of vacation rentals. "A local law, ordinance, or regulation may not prohibit vacation rentals or regulate the duration of vacation rentals." The legislation was intended as a compromise to homeowners allowing cities and counties limited control over rentals but not regulatory power which remains with the State.

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2014/0356/Category>

On June 28th, I attended a workshop at city hall for vacation rental owners to discuss the city ordinance C-15-29 to which includes the local guidelines and registration process for vacation rental owners. Evidently the city needs to make some changes in order to coincide with the 2016 revision of Senate Bill 356. As I understand it, the 2014 version of the bill would have allowed local governments to adopt ordinances to curtail vacation rentals. The 2016 took away that right. The city employees seemed a bit overwhelmed and one of the city attorneys even asked the vacation rental owners to suggest

verbiage to the city. Of the approximately 150 people in attendance, 90% of were attorneys, large real estate companies or individual vacation rental owners; 10% were homeowners. Here is a link to the city ordinance establishing the regulations for vacation rentals and the application process and requirements.

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/code-compliance/vacation-rental-registration-program>

The ordinance defines vacation rental:

- any unit or group of units in a condominium or cooperative or any individually or collectively owned single-family, two-family, three-family or four-family house or dwelling unit.
- rented to Transient Occupants more than three (3) times in a calendar year for periods of less than 30 days or 1 calendar month, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place regularly rented to Transient Occupants.

In other words if you rent out a property, the 4th rental requires you to have a Certificate of Compliance for a vacation rental. The application process requires an annual fee, an inspection, and the deadline to register was November, 2015. The Certificate of Compliance must be posted at the rental house and a copy of regulations must be provided to renters. Some of the requirements are:

- the owner's number or the representative's number must be available at the property
- A list of all renters must be kept available at the property
- 2 people per sleeping room and/or 1 person every 250 sq. ft.
- the owner or the owner's representative must live within 25 miles or be able to arrive at the property within 1 hour of being called
- adequate parking must be provided on the property
- telephone land line, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, etc. are required
- noise: a statement advising occupants that any sound whether music or voice shall not be audible for 1 minute or longer at a distance of 25' between 10 PM and 7 AM

The city officials in attendance at the workshop were: Sharon Ragoonan, Code Enforcement Compliance Mgr.; Ingrid Gottlieb, Sr. Code Enforcement Mgr.; Lillian Haughton, Sr. Code Officer; Dick Eaton, Code Supervisor; Porshia Goldwire, Admin. Services Administrator; D'Wayne Spence & Rhonda Hasan, both Asst. City Attorneys. During the meeting, Home Away employee dealing with government relations, stated that the cities of Austin, Savannah, and Nashville have very high compliance rates, low fees, and that they focus on compliance. She recommended to the City officials that they look into how these cities regulate and

manage compliance. I was surprised to hear one of the City attorneys ask the renter/owners to write their suggested verbiage for a revision to the ordinance being discussed.

Attendees were allowed 2 minutes to speak. Most speakers were owner/renters complaining about fees and regulations. One speaker pointed out that there are over 1000 rentals listed in Fort Lauderdale on websites and apps like Airbnb yet the city has issued only 89 Certificates of Compliance. A city official pointed out that there have been 186 neighbor complaints citywide and 37 of the complaints have been closed. 186 seems like a low number to me because we have a house in our neighborhood for which there are 14 police reports complaining about the nuisance the house is causing, noise, parking, etc.

Ms. Ragoonan stated that neighbor volunteers are being used to monitor and find vacation rentals not displaying a Certificate of Compliance or in violation of the ordinance. Does anyone know of any neighbor volunteers in the Isles?

Marilyn Mammano of the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations spoke passionately about nuisance issues at vacation rentals in many neighborhoods and pointed out how limited and useless the penalties are for non-compliance. Law enforcement has the authority to issue a citation but after 4 citations, the penalty is only a 30 day suspension of your Certificate.

Regarding revocation of homestead exemption for a house used often as a vacation rental house, there seems to be much confusion and inaction. I left a message with Dick Wolf of the Broward Co. Property Tax Appraiser's office to find out what triggers a revocation of homestead exemption. That answer might be another newsletter article. It would be beneficial for the neighborhood associations to form a committee specifically for the purpose of dealing with vacation rentals and the city officials.

After hearing a number of homeowners complain about noise, loss of quality of life, disturbances at nearby vacation rentals, a vacation rental owner at the meeting pointed out that complaints on a rental site such as Airbnb or Home Away are bad for business. A property that receives complaints of nuisance on the rental website can cause a property to be removed permanently from the rental app or website. In some cities like Tampa, there is a nuisance ordinance which can be invoked when the police are called to a particular address too often. A property can be penalized or charged for excessive policing costs. I do not know if Fort Lauderdale has such a nuisance ordinance but I will find out.

Code non-compliance complaints can be filed on this webpage:

<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/sustainable-development/code-compliance/report-code-concerns>



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City of Fort Lauderdale Code Non-Compliance homes in the Isles as of 5-9-16

2430 Bimini Lane	case status is open
2530 Key Largo Lane	case status is open
<i>(this home sold in June & the new owners have stated they will not be renting out their home)</i>	
2612 Key Largo Lane	case status is open
2630 Marathon Lane	case status is open
2667 Key Largo Lane	case status is closed

Code Compliance – Certificate of Compliance application status

Date	Address	Cert. Issued	Application Status
4-20-16	1317 Andros Lane	No	Hold
4-20-16	2401 Andros Lane	No	Hold
1-5-16	2412 Gulfstream Lane	Yes	

This business is fast growing. I believe Fort Lauderdale homeowner associations should start working now on how to manage vacation rentals in each neighborhood. Perhaps a committee could be formed with a member from each association to monitor these rentals. The city officials at the meeting I attended were obviously overwhelmed and unable to keep up with the rentals or any problems from the vacation rentals. That is obvious when just 1 house in the Isles has generated 14 police reports. I understand Floridians wanting to be able to rent property as vacation rentals, but as a resident of Florida for 34 years, single-family residential zoning has always meant single-family occupied to me. It seems the State government has overridden county zoning laws with the vacation rental law and that Fort Lauderdale is not prepared to deal with the demand.



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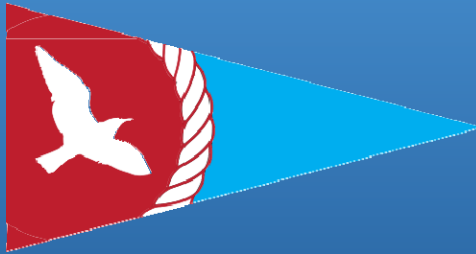
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AT OUR AUGUST 18th GENERAL MEETING

Burglars Beware - Smartwater is in Fort Lauderdale. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department endorses it and the FLPD officers have the equipment to detect Smartwater on stolen items. At our August 18th General Meeting, we will have a full presentation on how the Smartwater system works. You will be able to order Smartwater to protect your home and your belongings at the meeting. The cost for a Smartwater kit is only \$45. As part of the kit, you will receive signs for your home to alert potential

burglars of Smartwater. A February 11, 2016, article in the Palm Beach Post stated: **“Since December 2013 Boynton police have distributed Smartwater CSI kits to communities in the city and the department has a staggering statistic to offer: Not one home that has the crime-fighting tool - and it’s already in 45 communities - has been burglarized.”** There will be a special opportunity for LICIA Members in Good Standing at the meeting. Don’t miss it.

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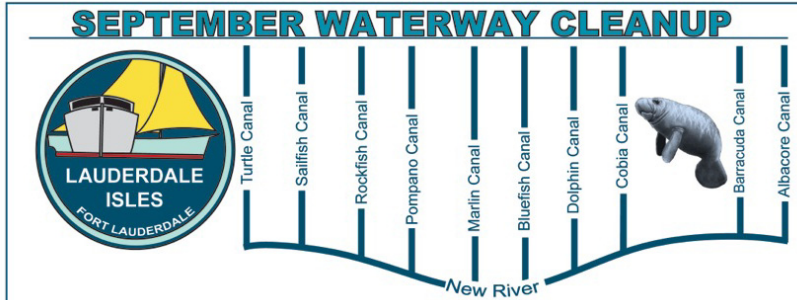
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Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

It's time for you to pitch in again and help enhance our waterways

Join us Saturday, September 17th, for the Third Annual



We held our second Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup last year. With over 2800 pounds of debris removed from our waterways, it was even more successful than our first event in Sept. 2014. And the free barbecue afterward was a great neighborhood event, fully enjoyed by all the attendees. Now LICIA and LIMWD are going to make this year's event even bigger and better. You don't want to miss it! Site Location: Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club. You must pre-register for this event—see below.



OUR T-SHIRTS ARE COLLECTOR'S ITEMS

9:00am to Noon - Waterway Cleanup
 Waterway Cleanup T-shirts for all participants
 Free breakfast snacks, coffee, bottled water & soda
 Prizes for the most unique, cutest, and ugliest items brought in
 You can keep what you find
 You don't need a boat to participate—we need lots of help on the dock



Noon till 3pm - Party Time
 Free Cookout for all attendees at the Yacht Club Patio
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **You must pre-register for this event.** Do so by going to www.liwmd.org and click on the Waterway Cleanup Registration page. You can pre-register through September 12th. Pre-registration is necessary so we can plan properly for the number of participants.
- Due to very limited dock space at the Yacht Club in September, we cannot accommodate boats over 23 feet long, so bring your dinghy instead.
- This cleanup is only for the ten canals and the New River within Lauderdale Isles, and is only open to Lauderdale Isles residents. Residency will be verified. **You must pre-register for this event.**

ATTENTION Kayakers, Canoeists, and Paddle boarders:
 Experience has shown that your crafts are perfectly suited for cleaning debris out of the rocks on the south side of the river. So please grab your paddle and be there!

**On the patio from noon till 3:
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Vice President's Corner



Geoff Rames

Like always, there's lots going on in the Isles.
Seawalls

The City Commission saw the light -- or maybe just got a lot of complaints from homeowners throughout the City -- regarding the proposed seawall ordinance that originally said that all seawalls in the City would have to be increased in height by 2030. That part of the ordinance was dropped. Other requirements about seawalls were approved, including one that says damaged seawalls have to be repaired within one year to new specs. Luckily, despite the fact that our seawalls were constructed in the 1950's, they appear in good shape, and the ordinance shouldn't apply to Lauderdale Isles.

Crime Update

We are pleased to advise that the FLPD officers who attended our LICIA Board meeting in July reported that our crime stats are again "normal": two minor auto burglaries, burglary of a house under construction, and one auto theft in the last thirty days. The auto theft was for a 2 month old Infiniti and sounded like a professional job. If you've seen the series on National Geographic Channel about professional thefts of brand new cars and how they end up in containers destined for Africa, it seems that some pros have the technology to defeat keyless ignitions. To help prevent and deter home burglaries in our neighborhood, our August General meeting will feature Smartwater, and there will be drawings for free Smartwater kits. See the details on Page 2.

Airport Noise

The winds for the last month or so have been consistently out of the east, so we've had absolutely no aircraft noise in the Isles. Our LICIA Airport Noise Committee, under the guidance of Angelina, would like to take full credit for this. OK, maybe not full credit, but several of the committee members reported they went to church and prayed for east winds. Eventually, we will get west winds again, and it is more critical than ever to keep filing those online noise complaints. We are now talking with the FAA ombudsman's office and may soon recommend that neighbors send a copy of their noise complaints there, too.

Davie Marina Zoning

Congrats and thanks to Audrey, our LICIA New River Preservation Committee Chairperson, for arranging the huge turnout at the Davie Planning & Zoning Board Meeting on July 26th, which resulted in that Board recommending the rejection of the property owner's request for B-2M Marina Zoning.

Congressman Peter Deutsch

As you know, in November we will be electing a new representative to Congress, as Lois Frankel will no longer be our congresswoman. Rep. Deutsch will be running in our district now. The LICIA board extended an invitation for him to attend our August General Meeting. No luck.

Missing Welcome Sign

Finally, our Welcome Sign, which was demolished in February, is currently being fabricated by Feldman Signs and should be installed soon. The gecko finally paid up.



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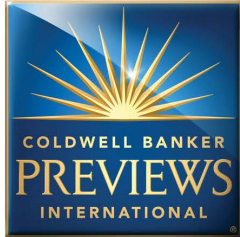
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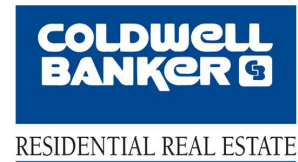
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Snipe Signs

That's what these eyesores are called in the City Code. We seem to have them pop up from time to time on corners in Lauderdale Isles. They are illegal, and if you're out for your morning walk, help keep our neighborhood beautiful by removing them.

Temporary Real Estate Signs, such as "Home for Sale," are legal, of course. So are temporary political signs, "Vote for Dirk," although they require the property owner's permission for posting.



Dear Friends,

Please come and visit the Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club any Friday of any Month! The Commodore John Rafalko invites you to come for a drink "On the Club" with this INVITATION or a copy of this Invitation, introduce yourself and enjoy old friends or new friends. We look forward to seeing you and showing you our Club. Our Banquet Hall is available for any parties from 3 to 250! Our dockage has open slips which are available upon membership. We are having a "Lobsterfest in August" shipped directly from the boat, yummy! Any questions or inquiries on membership or Banquet Rental or Boat Slips are welcome. Call Brooke at 954-205-0724.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON A FUNDAY FRIDAY!

NEIGHBORHOOD REZONING



By Audrey Edwards
LICIA New River Preservation
Committee Chairperson

A line on a map, a canal, or a river does not define who your neighbors are. Our neighbors also include a few folks that reside within the Town of Davie. Sandra Roberts (and a business Anchor Yacht Sales International, LLC) are petitioning the town of Davie to rezone their property to Commercial Marine use. The actual wording on Davies's newly created B-2M district has changed, but the fact remains the same, it is COMMERCIAL.

The Roberts bought their home in 2002, they had resided in the home and claimed a homestead exemption while living there (they have since moved out, no longer claiming a homestead exemption). Little by little, they have been turning their house into a commercial venture. Check out the photo from 2000, then the photo one year after Roberts bought their property (2003). The Roberts would like folks to believe that before they bought their property was being used for yacht sales, and prior to that it was Hacienda Villages Town Hall, neither of which have any weight to them (as you can see from 2000 photo, there's not even one boat at the property site and the government business for Hacienda Village was conducted in a trailer, where the New River Cove Apartments have been built). The size alone of the boats Roberts is selling is causing a navigational nightmare. The average beam on Hampton yachts is 17-19 feet, add that to a dock, and you've now created unsafe boating conditions on the New River.

On 11/1/15 a resident of Gulfstream Lane discovered a "blue informational sign" on State Road 84 (the kind you would see for on a freeway for a hospital or rest area). On a closer inspection of the sign, it was determined that it was not made with the reflective paint, used on FDOT issued signs (and stranger yet, it was only giving the distance to Anchor Yacht Sales and New River Cove Apartments). FDOT was contacted about the sign, it was not placed there by FDOT, and has since been removed.



Anyone who's been out on the River within the past few months has probably noticed the red-bodied crane that was sitting on Roberts' property. Fortunately, a couple of alert neighbors from Marathon Lane noticed work being done. After a closer inspection, it was found that Roberts had moved the three sheds on the property, had poured concrete slabs on the ground, and dug out soil to extend the boat well/slip. During the 5/16/16 "citizen participation meeting" in Davie, Sandra Roberts stated they had a permit to do maintenance/dredging on their portion of waterfront. The fact of the matter is that Roberts has plans to not only extend the boat well/slip and extra 10 feet, but to install king piles at the south end of the boat well (king piles have a load bearing weight of 10,000 pounds each). Fortunately, neighbor Sue of Sugarloaf alerted the mayor of Davie, Judy Paul. Thankfully, the mayor issued a stop work order (5/17/16).

Davie's 7/26/16 Planning and Zoning Council hearing went very well. For those of you that did not get to attend, you'd be quite impressed with your neighbors (and so was the Planning Council – see this clip on You Tube <https://youtu.be/HEWnD99O8pA>). Some of your neighbors actually participated in the quasi-judicial process as "intervenor". Two of them (Jackie Zumwalt of Key Largo Lane and Penny Shea of Flamingo Lane) acted as Intervenor and got to question Roberts during the hearing. It was also brought to light the fact that Anchor Yachts International LLC is not owned by the Roberts', it is owned by Jennifer and Jeffrey Chen, of the Chen Family that owns Hampton Yachts. The Planning and Zoning board unanimously voted to recommend a denial of Roberts' request for rezoning. This is **only** a recommendation to the Town Council. The Town Council will hear this on their August 17, 2016 agenda. You are all strongly encouraged to attend. You do not have to speak, but your presence weighs in greatly, as we were told by Davie's councilman on 7/26/16. We learned an awful lot about "the process", better preparing us for the 8/16/16 hearing. We will hold several meetings before the 8/17/16 hearing, hearing dates and locations will be posted on the Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/RiparianResidentsOfRiverland/> and Next Door. If you have not signed the Petition, please contact Audrey ttbnatb@aol.com. The writing is on the wall (and on the site plan Roberts brought to the 5/16/16 hearing) Hampton Yachts name is on the site plan, not Roberts, and not Anchor Yachts. Roberts is only the current property owner, not the one who owns Anchor Yachts International, LLC.

If you cannot make the meeting please email your concerns to:

- Davie Mayor:

Judy Paul 954-797-1030 judy_paul@davie-fl.gov

- Davie Council Member District 1:

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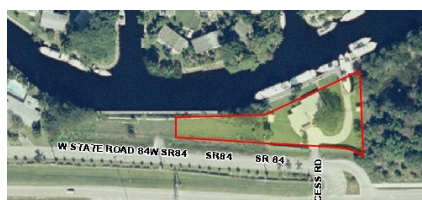
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LIWMD Update August 2016

Alligator Update

No news is good news.

September Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup

LIWMD and LICIA are sponsoring our third September Waterway Cleanup on September 17th, which includes a great cookout afterward at the Yacht Club. Along with the MIAASF Cleanup in March, these two events scheduled six months apart are proving to be quite effective in maintaining our waterways. We cannot stress enough that kayaks and paddleboards are superb for working the rocks on the south side of the River. **Pre-registration is necessary** for this event, on-line at www.liwmd.org. It only takes a minute. We need to know how many participants will attend in order to properly plan for everything. And like last year, there will be LOTS of prizes. See the announcement in this newsletter for details. And **don't forget to pre-register.**

Landscaping Companies

Now that our canals have been dredged, we have to keep them in good shape. We have spoken with several landscapers recently in the Isles; they said they didn't know it's illegal to blow or throw all that stuff in the canal. So have a chat with your landscaper and tell him if his crew blows all those leaves or throws all those palm fronds in the canal, you're going to find another company to replace him. And keep an eye on them while they're working in your yard.



Have a word with your landscaper about keeping the canal clean and preventing a mess like this one.

A handout to provide to your landscaper reminding him to not throw debris in the canals will be on our website soon.

WATERWAY ISSUES - Who to call:

- **Alligators (& Crocodiles) Problems**
FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR
- **Pollution/ Oil Spills:**
7:30 -5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000
Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **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
- **Unightly or Derelict Boats:**
Ft. Laud. Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207
- **Lawn Service Firms disposing debris in canal:**
FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Illegal Dock Construction/Pilings/Dredging**
Code Enforcement: 954-828-5207
- **Large snook swimming off your dock:** Don't call anyone, get your fishing rod fast

HAVE MANGOES? CATCH IGUANAS!

Two enterprising neighbors in Lauderdale Isles have come up with a great solution for the iguanas now overrunning our neighborhood. They won't give us all the details of their method, but we've seen them do it and it works. Look at this cute four-footer they nailed.



Apparently the trap is from Harbor Freight for about 20 bucks (don't forget your 20% discount coupon). It has to be specially modified for trapping iguanas. There is one special variety of mango that works best as bait and drives the iguanas crazy - they actually fight each other to get into the trap. You can probably get the mango from that guy up on Riverland Road who sells them.

The two neighbors have become so adept at trapping iguanas that a producer from one of the big cable networks has been down to see them. They created a pilot episode and are negotiating a three season deal for their own reality TV show. See the ad to the right. (How do you think the Gator Boys got started?) We are prohibited from divulging their names until contract negotiations are concluded.

Now the big question is: What do they do with those iguanas after they catch them? The word is they've been down at two of the top gourmet restaurants on Las Olas, developing specialty iguana recipes with some of the biggest chefs in the business. We sampled the Iguana Foie Gras served with Fresh Mango Chutney - it's to die for! We also had the Iguana Quiche with Shiitake Mushrooms, followed by a Tropical Mango Sorbet - exquisite! And how about Iguana Sliders for the kids?

As soon as they've finalized their TV contract, we'll do a feature story on them and their special technique for trapping those pesky iguanas. Stay tuned.

Coming This Fall
A New Reality Show



Heart-pounding adventure as two neighbors risk their lives pursuing these ferocious animals. With nothing more than their own wits to outsmart them, they trap and capture these dangerous reptiles in hair-raising adventures. You won't believe your eyes as they battle these fast and powerful creatures!

All Iguanas are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

-Viewer discretion is advised -

Check your local listings for date and time

Late breaking news: As we went to press, they're also developing a new spin-off show called: **"IGUANA BOYS, NAKED & AFRAID"**
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ACTION IN THE ISLES

We all recall the horrendous fire that took place last November 7th at the house on the corner of Gulfstream Lane. Six months later, on May 25th, the demolition crew tore into it and it was gone in a matter of hours.



November 7, 2015



The demolition starts, right thru the roof



Palm tree in the way? Just yank it out



The view from the canal side



A couple of hours, a few truckloads, and it's gone.

HOMELESS ACTIVITY REPORT



By Dawn Hanna
International Homeless Issue Correspondent

Our homeless situation is much improved since the homeless encampment under the 441 bridge was fenced off by the Department of Transportation. Of course, since homelessness has been a huge challenge in Broward County, there will always be an ongoing flow of homeless individuals into our neighborhood. It is important to be vigilant in reporting any illegal activity.

Recently, a panhandler has staked a claim to Riverland Road at the intersection of 441. This is a designated "No Panhandling Zone". That means that even if the individual is not "aggressive", he can be taken to jail after a warning. This particular individual has had at least 3 warnings. The ordinance is C-14-38 and you can use the following shortcut to read the full ordinance online goo.gl/BJchxq (type into your browser)

I believe there are still some homeless individuals that frequent Dr. Elizabeth Hays Park, but unless they are breaking the park rules or the law, they have every right to enjoy the park.

It is very difficult to get the Fort Lauderdale Police to deal with homeless and vagrant situations. They are low in priority and the police are happy to issue warning after warning and do nothing meaningful. I always ask the Regional Call Center to have the responding officer call me back. They rarely call back. I usually have to call the Regional Call Center again and ask for a Sergeant and try to get some accountability.

July 25th Update: Came across this individual at 11am. I called it in to FLPD and they responded and called me back! Apparently this homeless man had a flat tire and was "resting". The officer gave him some resources for homeless and moved him along.



HOMELESS BIKE RIDER, July 25th

HOW TO REPORT HOMELESS ACTIVITY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

East of 441:

If you see any suspicious or unsettling activity Road, Elizabeth Hayes Park or anywhere within our Fort Lauderdale boundaries, please call and report it. You will need the addresses of the parks to enlist the assistance of Fort Lauderdale Police. The non-emergency number for Fort Lauderdale Police 954-764-4357, goes to the Regional Communications Center.

- Riverland Woods Park*
3950 Riverland Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
- Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park*
3781 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Under the 441 NB and SB Bridges and Under the 441-TPK Ramp:

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.

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The Real Estate Corner

By Jackie Zumwalt, The Keys Company

THE INSPECTION

The inspection lets you see if there are any major problems with the property. You may be able to walk away from the contract if there is something found in the inspection that makes you uncomfortable moving forward with the sale.

For the seller, if something is not working properly don't try to hide it. Inspectors will find it. Just leave a note indicating you know the item is broken. Test all smoke detectors and have clear access to electrical panel, water heater, & attic. Although not present, sellers should be available by phone in case the inspector has any questions & needs clarification.

Market Comparison: June 2016 vs June 2015

	June 2016	June 2015	Change
Total Sales	1805	1722	4.8%
Traditional sales	1548	1302	18.9%
Foreclosures/REO	170	295	-42.4%
Short sales	87	125	-30.4%
Median time to contract, days	38	44	-13.6%
Median time to sale, days	91	95	-4.2%
Cash sales (included in Total Sales)	444	478	-7.2%

Sales are up with fewer cash sales, foreclosures & short sales.

In Lauderdale Isles, there are currently 12 properties for sale, price range \$375,000 to \$620,000 with one property a short sale.

12 homes have sold in the last 90 days with prices of \$400,000 to \$555,000. There are 4 pending sales price range \$260,000-\$465,000 with one property being a REO. Inventory is low at this time which indicates a sellers market.