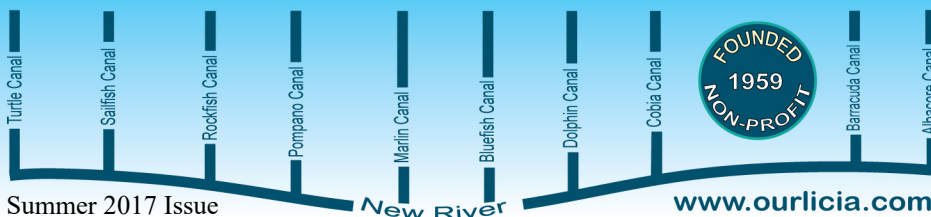


Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



Summer 2017 Issue

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Dirk Lowry

I hope everyone is having a good summer! As you may know, the Association is presently dealing with a wide variety of issues.

We've included updates in this newsletter on many areas of concern. I'd like to thank Geoff Rames, our Vice President, who had temporarily taken the reins of the Association while I was preoccupied with a situation that kept me from officiating a few of the General Meetings and many of the monthly Board Meetings.

Your Board has organized a great line up of interesting people to speak at our next General Meeting on Thursday, August 17. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us at your community meeting – we start promptly at 7:00 pm. See the agenda in this issue for info on the program and our guest speakers.

There will be an election in November for a new Board. It is time for new people to step up and volunteer for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (the Executive Board). We know everyone is busy but there have been a lot of vocal residents of Lauderdale Isles on Next Door that have opinions and want action taken on a variety of issues, and there is no better way to get things done than to volunteer, work together and make it happen.

All of our residents that are interested in running for office, please contact me. The Board includes the four volunteer posi-

tions mentioned and a Trustee from each lane. We currently have an opening for Board Trustee for Flamingo Lane. We also have several open slots for alternate trustees as well. The Board members meet every month on the third Thursday and also attend the four General meetings. It's a very rewarding experience to be able to do things for your neighborhood and work together to solve the issues that affect all of us. Everyone who is interested in volunteering for a position and having your name included on the ballot at the November election, please let me know at our upcoming meeting or email me if you can't make the meeting.

Did you know there will be a City election in February 2018 for Mayor and District IV City Commissioner? These are important positions that affect all of us. We all know how important Commissioner Romney Rogers has been in protecting our neighborhood's lifestyle. He is term-limited out and we have two excellent candidates for his seat. Come out to the General Meeting and meet some of the candidates, understand the issues, and learn why it is important for you to vote.

Many of you are affected by vacation rentals and have brought it to our attention. Meet Porshia Goldwire, Fort Lauderdale Manager of Code Compliance and learn what's being done to address this issue in our neighborhood and throughout the City.

And get an update on the plans for the new bike/pedestrian Greenway bridge just west of our neighborhood. It will be another informative meeting for all of us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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ARE THEY HEADED BACK?



At the August 17 General Meeting:



Candidate for Mayor of Fort Lauderdale Charlotte Rodstrom

Charlotte Rodstrom was elected to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission in 2006 and served until 2012. During her 6 years on the Commission she brought a unique perspective to the City as a community leader with a keen understanding of issues most affecting us.

- **Vacation Rentals** - Porshia Goldwire, Ft. Lauderdale Manager of Code Compliance will discuss this critical topic
- **New River Greenway Bridge** - Project Director Mark Horowitz will present the details on plans for the bike/pedestrian bridge just west of Lauderdale Isles
- **City Commission Candidate:** Walter Duke will present his positions on neighborhood & City issues

This General Meeting is going to be another great one. And there will be a drawing for a Gift Certificate to everyone's favorite restaurant See details about the meeting inside this issue.

AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 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. Vacation Rentals: Porshia Goldwire, City of FTL
- 6. New River Greenway Bridge: Mark Horowitz
- 7. Charlotte Rodstrom, Candidate for Mayor
- 8. Walter Duke, Candidate For Commissioner
- 9. Old Business:
 - Committee Reports
 - Airport Noise Committee
 - New River Preservation Committee
 - LIWMD Report
- 7. **Drawing for Gift Certificate: LICIA Members**
- 8. 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: Dirk Lowry, The LICIA Airport Noise Committee, Dick Cahoon, Glori Stauch, & Sara Nichols
- 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.

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

grames.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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FREE MARKET REPORTS



THE CODE CORNER

Which “Codes” apply in Lauderdale Isles?

Last month, there were lots of comments on Nextdoor about zoning and building codes: “ We are under the County Code,” or “ You have to find an old timer at the Building Department who knows the codes for our area,” etc. Let’s see how these issues arose, and try to clarify them.

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

After the series of public meetings, the Zoning Department created a new section in the City Code (part of the “Unified Land Development Code”), which incorporated just these ‘different’ rules for our area:

SECTION 47-39. -DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR ANNEXED AREAS

The subsection that applies specifically to Lauderdale Isles is:

SECTION 47-39.A. - MELROSE PARK AND RIVERLAND ROAD

Within this section, the “Zoning District” for Lauderdale Isles is RS-6.85A.

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

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

Here is a good example:

When plans for a project are submitted to the City Building Department, they are reviewed by plans examiners for several disciplines such as Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Engineering, Flood Plain, Zoning, etc.

Recently, a neighbor hired a contractor to install a new dock. Unaware of this section 47-39.A of the City Code, the contractor had the plans drawn up by his engineer for a 50 foot dock for the neighbor’s 65 feet of canal frontage. The plans were submitted to the City and were then rejected, by the Zoning Plans Examiner, who indicated that the dock setback in this area is 10 feet. In this case, since the yard is 65 feet wide, the maximum allowed dock width is 45 feet (10 feet from each property line). It’s the job of the Zoning Plans Examiners to know which zoning codes apply for projects in each area of the City. So now the contractor had to pick up the plans, have the engineer revise them, and resubmit them to the City. All of that costs more money – and delays the project.

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


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

BULK TRASH PICKUP



One of the great services provided by Fort Lauderdale is the once-a-month bulk trash pickup on the **second Friday** of the month. Trash is not supposed to go out to the swale any sooner than 24 hours before pickup. Please keep this requirement in mind. Your neighbors will love you for it. And you don’t want to find one of these taped to your door when you come home from work.

BULK TRASH VIOLATION NOTICE


City of Fort Lauderdale
Department of Sustainable Development
Code Compliance Division
700 NW 19 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Case _____

During an inspection of your property at:

Address _____ Date ____/____/____ Time ____:____ am / pm

We have found you to be in violation of City Ordinance 24-7(b)
Unlawful accumulation of solid waste (rubbish, debris, building materials, litter, bulk trash, etc.) on the property and/or swale constituting a public nuisance.

REMOVE all solid waste within 48 hours to avoid further action by the City.

Failure to comply within 48 hours from the date of this notice will result in the City causing the removal of said solid waste at a **minimum charge of \$240**. This charge will be the responsibility of the property owner and the City water bill account holder pursuant to 24-7(c). Charges may become a lien against the property.

BULK TRASH PICK UP is the _____
| M | T | W | T | F of each month
Place trash at swale no sooner than 24 hours in advance

PRIVATE SANITATION SERVICE.
Not eligible for bulk trash pick up service

INSPECTOR: _____ PHONE (954) 828- _____

AIRPORT NOISE



By
The LICIA
Airport Noise
Committee

May General Meeting & the Noise App

At the General Meeting on May 18th, members of the LICIA Airport Noise Committee helped approximately 20 attendees to install the Broward Aviation Department's Noise App on their smart phones. Additionally, existing Noise App users who attended the meeting showed the App installed on their phones. All of the new and existing App users were then entered into several drawings at the end of the meeting, and four of them went home happily with \$50 gift certificates to Flanigan's.

With the Part 150 Noise Study now under way, it is more important than ever that neighbors file those noise complaints every time we have west winds. The complaints are analyzed and included as part of the Part 150. (See sidebar below) Every complaint counts.

Part 150 Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee, "TAC," held its first meeting on May 26th. Representing the area of southwest Fort Lauderdale, including Lauderdale Isles, as a member of this committee was Angelina Pluzhynk. This meeting was an organizational one, with the consultant "Environmental Science Associates" explaining the entire process of the Part 150 study and how the future meetings of the TAC will be conducted.



The first TAC meeting gets underway at Secret Woods Park

The TAC is comprised of representatives of the following organizations:

- Broward County Aviation Department,
- Broward Aviation Noise Abatement Committee
- The airlines: Jetblue, Spirit, Southwest, Delta, Fedex & UPS
- Airline Business Organizations
- Chamber of Commerce from Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood, Dania & Greater Ft. Lauderdale Economic Development Agency
- Local Jurisdictions: Dania Beach, Fort Lauderdale*, Hollywood, Davie, Plantation, Cooper City, Southwest Ranches, Weston, & Broward County Planning Department
- Broward County School Board

- And of course, the FAA: Orlando District Office, Miami TRACON, FLL Airport Traffic Control Tower, & South Florida Flight Standards Division

* Fort Lauderdale has two representatives: Angelina for our area, and Edward Reholz for the east side of the City

Other neighbors from Lauderdale Isles who attended this meeting were: Bob Leonard, John Anderson, Kahlil Nasser, & Geoff Rames.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for August 23rd at Secret Woods Park, which is 5 minutes away. If you are really concerned about the Airport Noise issue, you should attend to become well-versed in all the aspects of it. Public input is not part of the TAC meetings, but there will be workshops & meetings in the future for public participation. We will let everyone know when those meetings are scheduled. They will be your opportunity to let the FAA know exactly how you feel.

This entire Part 150 study is a two to three year process, but it is our best chance to resolve the airport noise that we endure during west winds. Interestingly enough, the Part 150 Noise Study focuses on aircraft noise only. It does not address any other issues, such as pollution from aircraft exhaust.

If you want to learn all about the Part 150 study - meetings, workshops, technical information, how the process works, etc., a website has been established: flpart150.com. The website is now up and running and covers every aspect of aircraft noise.

The goal of the Part 150 study :

"To improve the compatibility between the Airport and surrounding communities. "

Filing Noise Complaints is Critical now!

With the introduction of the Smartphone App, the number of noise complaints filed from Lauderdale Isles has skyrocketed. For instance, in January, just over 13,000 complaints were filed. **THIS IS GOOD.** However, these complaints originated from only 120 households and **THIS IS BAD.** The number of households filing complaints is an important part of the statistics used for the Part 150 study. We need to increase this number (there are 700 households in Lauderdale Isles.)

The next time we experience Airport Noise, take five minutes and go to some of your next door neighbors and ask if you can file a couple of complaints for them. That's all we need to get that "Number of Households," figure where it should be. If you want to ultimately resolve our noise issue, this is critical.

From the Part 150 Study :

- "Task 3.9: Review of Noise Complaint Data
Description: This task will review noise complaint information maintained by the BCAD during the past five years *with particular focus on complaints filed since the upgraded parallel runway opened.*"

AIRPORT NOISE cont'd

Excessive Noise Overnight July 20th

A member of our Aircraft Noise Committee asked Winston Cannicle, BCAD Noise officer, why departing planes were incorrectly using the 290 heading instead of 275 after midnight on July 20th, which caused outrageously higher noise levels that night for us:

Morning TJ,

I received inquiries from the community NW of the airport regarding FLL ops between 12am -1am (local) on July 20, 2017 where departures from 28R were issued 290 headings instead of 275.

Please see attached diagram, can you advise what may have transpired during this time why 290 headings were issued for these departures

Thanks, Winston

Hi Winston,

I reviewed the radar, voice and corresponding logs for the shift. No excuses here, those headings were issued incorrectly by the FLL local controller; I spoke with him and he did not offer excuses either. It was a long night of delays, miles in trail, non-standard headings and weather. It's a human factors situation and it has been addressed; the controller is aware and we will strive to do better in the future.

Offer our sincere apologies to our neighbors to the northwest and please don't hesitate to contact us with any further questions.

TJ DelNegri

Air Traffic Manager ,FLL ATCT

Neighbors should file similar complaints when aircraft fly overhead Lauderdale Isles, especially at night from 10:30pm - 6:00am, which is when departures are supposed to be on the 275 "west" heading. Email Winston Cannicle, Airport Noise Officer and ask him why: wcannicle@broward.org.

BCAD Airport Noise Abatement Committee Meeting June 12, 2017 Re-cap

At the June 12 ANAC meeting, Thierry Richter sat in as alternate for Angelina Pluzhnyk, who was traveling out of the country. The majority of the audience attending were Lauderdale Isles residents.

There was a discussion at the ANAC meeting regarding noise complaints filed by residents. It was mentioned that Lauderdale Isles remains the epicenter of noise complaints. However, the complaints are dependent on the prevailing winds. Complaints increase dramatically when winds are constantly or mostly from the west, as was the case in January and February. In those months complaints numbered many thousands per month.

Committee staff said these would be considered by the Part 150 study, and it was important to complain about each departure to document the magnitude of the problem. Staff also noted that the thousands of complaints were from a small number of households. More people are filing complaints now but it is important that even more households file complaints so that study staff knows how widespread the frustration is in our neighborhood.

For more info on ANAC: <http://www.broward.org/Airport/Community/>



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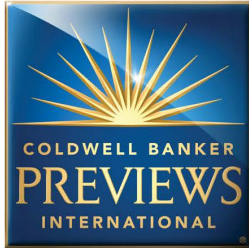
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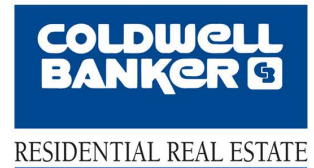


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CRIME PREVENTION

Some tips from the Fort Lauderdale Police
Department's brochure entitled:

“Help Stop A Thief - Don't Be A Victim”

EXTERIOR:

- Landscaping can improve our security
- Bushes Trimmed
- Tree Branches higher than ten feet
- Garage and entryways should be well lit
- Motion Sensor lights can be installed
- Talk to neighbors and look out for each other

DOORS:

- Should be steel, hard core or impact resistant
- Double doors should be secured at 3 points
- Have a secondary dead bolt on all doors
- Sliders should have pin locks or dowel rod
- Install viewfinders

GARAGE:

- Secure side doors and windows just like those of the house
- Lock garage when not in use
- Use proper lighting
- Keep door closed when not at home or not in use

ALARM SYSTEMS:

- If you have one use it
- Consult with alarm companies and get one

WINDOWS:

- Replace with impact resistant windows or film
- Use secondary locking systems
- Use curtains or blinds to keep snoopers away

INTERIOR:

- Secure valuable items in uncommon places
- Get a safe and secure it to something solid
- Record all the serial numbers and photograph everything

A QUICK SAFETY REVIEW:

- Lock doors and windows even if you're at home
- Acknowledge a caller at the door, & don't admit strangers
- Do not leave "I'm away" messages on your door or your phone
- Always use your alarm if you have one... Post alarm signs
- Never give out personal information
- Talk to the kids about safety

COMMON SENSE: Prevents problems before they occur

STAY ALERT -Don't become complacent.

-If you see something say something

THE FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Offers free security surveys for residences or businesses.

A FEW TIPS TO REMEMBER:

- Don't leave valuables in your car, including purses, computers, wallets, jewelry, cell phones, briefcases & backpacks
- Don't leave packages or containers in plain view
- Park in a well lit area
- Place all valuables in trunk prior to destination
- Keep your doors locked and windows up when getting gas
- Do not leave a running vehicle unattended

IF YOU SEE A CRIME BEING COMMITTED: or you find someone or something to be suspicious, call the police. Do not shrug it off thinking someone else may call.

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO CALL THE POLICE: Some victims have stated that they felt calling the police would be wasting their time. If you feel unsafe please call the police.

THE AUGUST 17TH LICIA GENERAL MEETING

You don't want to miss this one

Porshia Goldwire, Manager of Code Compliance: **SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS**

The City has a very stringent procedure for establishing a home as a certified Vacation Rental, and only a few have been certified in Lauderdale Isles. But even certified vacation rentals have proven to be troublesome for neighbors. One of these on Andros Lane has been the subject of numerous complaints in May and again on July 30th. Plus, find out how several illegal vacation rentals in Lauderdale Isles are being addressed. Don't think this is a problem? Wait until a neighbor across the canal from you lists their house on AIRBNB, and ends up with 20 college kids staying there for a week.

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, The Broward Water Resources Task Force, and represented the City on the board of directors of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. She was also appointed by the League of Cities to the Broward County Cultural Council.

Charlotte currently serves as her Homeowners Association President and previously has served as PTA President and Vice-President and as a substitute teacher. Her dedication to the community and the city she grew up in are why she is running for Mayor of Fort Lauderdale.

Mark Horowitz, Broward County Engineering **THE NEW RIVER GREENWAY BRIDGE**

The bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the New River, connecting to Riverland Woods Park is finally becoming a reality.



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

For the past six years, our City Commissioner Romney Rogers has always gone above and beyond for our neighborhood, whether the issue was canal dredging, the Davie Marina issue, support of our efforts on Airport Noise, or the many other issues he has assisted us with. As Romney is now term-limited out of office, we now have two candidates for that very important seat: Ben Sorensen & Walter Duke. Ben will be attending our November meeting. Walter, a former Commissioner and mayor of Dania Beach, will present his views on the future of the City and our District IV at this meeting. You can find more of Walter's bio in this issue.

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IS THIS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD OR WHAT?

Sometimes with all the things we have going on, we forget some of the things that make Lauderdale Isles such a great neighborhood. Here are a few of them:



There are four city-owned boat ramps in Fort Lauderdale, and thanks to the hard work by our neighbor Joan Sheridan years ago, we have one right in our own neighborhood - Riverland Woods. And unlike the big City boat ramps downtown, parking is FREE. But even if the parking lot is full, you can launch the boat and just have a crewmember drive the truck & trailer back home in two minutes.



On weekends, the ramp is busy, but there's never a long wait to launch.



The parking lot fills up sometimes, but it's easy and convenient to just have a crewmember drive the truck and trailer home.

IS THIS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD OR WHAT?

The Lauderdale Isles Library

Whoops - Did your Comcast or Direct TV service go out- for who knows how long- and you can't watch TV? Or even worse, you can't get on Nextdoor? Now you need a good book to curl up with. The library on Key Largo Lane is always open.



LittleFreeLibrary.org
2661 Key Largo Lane



Sometimes on Sunday afternoons, there's free entertainment. (2014)



There are huge snook at the boat ramp in winter (FWC photo)

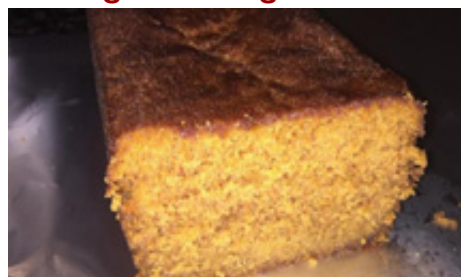
IS THIS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD OR WHAT?

A Cornucopia of Mangoes - and more

According to the Lauderdale Isles Agricultural Control Department, there are over 1.6 million mangoes grown in this neighborhood every year. But if you don't have your own tree, your neighbor next door does and is more than happy to give you a dozen or so. And lots of other fruits are easily grown in the Isles.

PUT THEM TO GOOD USE

Magical Mango Bread



- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups peeled, seeded and chopped mango
- 1/2 cup Golden raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two 9x5 inch loaf pans.

DIRECTIONS

- In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. In a large bowl, beat together the butter, oil and sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in the eggs one at a time, beating well with each addition, then stir in the vanilla. Blend this mixture into the flour mixture; just to combine. Fold in the mango, raisins, walnuts and coconut; mixing just enough to evenly combine.

- Let stand for 20 minutes then bake in preheated oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean. Goes great with mango daiquiris.



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

Frozen Mango Daiquiri



Mango Daiquiris have lots of health benefits

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

DIRECTIONS

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

Plenty for all



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



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

IS THIS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD OR WHAT?

Great neighbors keeping things beautiful like Sal's Island on Cat Cay Lane



Guacamole time: avocados start to ripen in the fall. (You can start Weight-watchers after the New Year).

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ACTION IN THE ISLES

ARE THEY HEADED BACK ?

**Coming This Fall
A New Reality Show**



As we reported previously, these guys were deported after they were found to be selling Iguana skin shoes illegally near the Avocado man on Riverland Road.

Our hopes were heightened when one of our sources south of the border reported that they made it back to the Rio Grande River. Unfortunately, they were taken into custody by the authorities after they were caught swimming across the river, headed south instead of north.

**VACATION RENTAL
on Andros Lane does it again**



This City “certified” vacation rental had its second large illegal party on July 30th, when there were 22 cars parked on the lawn and down the street. Neighbors could not drive onto Riverland Road.
To be discussed with City officials at the August 17th LICIA General Meeting

IT'S BACK ON RIVERLAND



In response to neighbors’s concerns, FLPD has located the Peacekeeper again on Riverland Road. Its operational capabilities are confidential, but it does say “surveillance,” — and those are gun ports under the windows.



On Key Largo Lane. Would you knock on the door?

THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

By Sara Nichols, Charles Rutenberg Realty, LLC Bubble or No Bubble?

A decade later, are we experiencing a bubble? Probability - unlikely. Reasons being, we have not seen a surge in home building or rapid sales increase along with the stricter lending regulations.

Nationwide home prices have been on the rise, around 3% higher than 2006. Rising prices and limited supply make it difficult for would be home buyers. Days on market is down from a year ago and buyers are moving faster. For now, it's a sellers market. Lenders are busy qualifying and approving loans even with the new regulations. With such low interest rates this is a good time to buy. The Federal Reserve's probability for a rate hike is less than 50% between now and December.

Some sellers are enjoying record profits with an average of 26% over purchase price in some markets and depending on when the home was purchased.

At the time of writing Lauderdale Isles has seen 14 sales since January with an average sale price of \$415,000. and average days on market at 43. There are presently 16 homes for sale, starting at \$419,900. and going as high as \$1,350,000.! 8 homes are listed above \$500K and 8 under \$500K.

Since January the lowest sale was \$285,000, 2 days on market and needed a total renovation. The highest sale was \$525,000, sold at list price in 71 days and was completely re-modeled. Most houses closed very close to list price and 5 closed at list price.

Lauderdale Isles continues to be a sought after waterfront neighborhood with pride of ownership and a great sense of community.

ACTION IN THE ISLES

The Welcome Sign Gets Hit - Again

You may recall that last year our Welcome Sign was destroyed by a young lady practicing for NASCAR when she lost control in the curve and took out a pickup truck along with the sign. It was a long fight with the Gecko, but he finally paid up.

On June 13th, another driver hit the sign again and left the scene, so the association will be responsible for the repair bill.

Our sign contractor will be removing the sign to do some welding and to repair the concrete footing. They'll also be straightening the Sugarloaf Lane sign.

Lately, life is tough for signs in Lauderdale Isles.



A bent metal base & cracked concrete footing by a hit & run on June 13.

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Summer Recess and Budget Hearings – The City Commission will be taking Summer Recess from July 12 through Aug. 20, and I will resume my regular Pre-Agenda Meetings on Monday, Aug. 21.

The first hearing on the proposed FY 2018 City Budget will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, during our regular Commission Meeting, beginning at 6 PM. (Note this meeting was moved to Wednesday due to the Labor Day Holiday falling on Monday of that week.) The second and final City Budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13, beginning at 6 PM. Both hearings will be held in the First Floor Commission Chambers at City Hall. You can access City Budget information via the Financial Transparency Portal under the Quick Links menu on the City's homepage at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov>.

Fort Lauderdale Ready Day/Adopt-A-Street – On June 24, teams of volunteers canvassed the City to help educate neighbors and deliver Hurricane Readiness kits, so our family, friends, and neighbors can be ready for hurricane season. At Poinciana Park that day, I helped dedicate a "Little Book House on a Post," or "Little Free Library" (pictured at right), to Terrell Becker, a longtime neighborhood volunteer, who recently lost his battle with cancer.



Officially recognized neighborhoods can earn 500 points toward future NCIP (Neighborhood Community Investment Program) grants by participating in these types of events. If you are interested in the City's volunteer opportunities, please call our Neighbor Volunteer Office at 954-828-5568.

South Side School – Renovations are nearing completion, but we don't have a date set yet for the Grand Opening. In the meantime, Friends of South Side, Inc., and our Parks and Recreation Department are looking for qualified instructors and program proposals for a variety of anticipated programs to be offered at the refurbished school/cultural center. To apply, please go to <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=22827>.

Neighborhood Mobility Master Plans – The City's Transportation and Mobility Department is pleased to announce that six plans have recently been completed, during a two-year-long process. Shady Banks and Tarpon River are the two District IV neighborhoods that have completed plans. Coral Ridge Country Club Estates, Palm Aire Village West, and Twin Lakes North in District I and Lake Ridge in District II have also completed their plans. All plans are available for review at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/mobilitymasterplans>, and the City Commission is expected to endorse them during our regular Commission Meeting on Aug. 22. Traffic calming and increased mobility for biking and walking were the main issues discussed in the series of five public meetings leading up to completion of each plan.

Fire Station #8 Update – The City Commission met with the Fire-Rescue Facilities Bond Issue Blue Ribbon Committee on Nov. 29, 2016, and June 7, 2017, to discuss a number of issues, including the proposed location of Fire Station #8. The site at 1717 SW First Avenue was approved by the City on Aug. 15 of last year and would be adjacent to the future Wave Streetcar maintenance yard. Alternate sites have been reviewed, but no other suitable site can be found, and the station will be built where proposed and approved. In addition, we are still researching the feasibility of building a substation to serve our Rio Vista and Las Olas Isles neighbors more efficiently and effectively. The June 7 video is at http://fortlauderdale.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=725.

Canal Dredging Assessment Program – For those who haven't yet heard, on Tuesday, June 20, during our afternoon Commission Meeting, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission decided not to go forward with the previously proposed Canal Dredging Assessment Program. The City will continue its current practice of dredging canals on an as-needed basis. Thanks to everyone who provided comments on the proposal.

Friday Night Sound Waves – Through Nov. 10, you can enjoy live music every Friday night from 6 – 9 PM at the Fort Lauderdale Beach Hub, East Las Olas and A1A. This free concert series, funded in major part by the Fort Lauderdale Beach Business Improvement District, attracts more than 15,000 locals and visitors each year. For details: <http://fridaynightsoundwaves.com>.

My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 4 - 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM - Noon (in non-Commission weeks). To schedule a meeting or sign up to receive this newsletter and other information about what's going on in the City, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mjmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.

LIWMD UPDATE

Dredging Assessments

As you probably know, the City's Dredging Assessment plan is now history. We attended every meeting about this issue and were amazed how the plan changed and the numbers increased over the three months of public presentations. The final nail in the coffin for this ill-conceived plan was the June 12 Public Information Meeting where the standing-room-only crowd made their voices heard loud and clear: waterfront homeowners already pay substantially higher taxes and any dredging should be paid out of the City's General Fund, NOT by an assessment. The City Commission agreed on June 20 when they tabled the plan.



Geoff addresses the City Marine Advisory Board on June 1 on how the consultant had increased the proposed dredging assessment by 54% in six weeks.

Canal Cleaning

You may have noticed that you don't see the City canal cleaning crews in your canals as frequently as in the past. We checked with the official at Parks & Rec. who oversees the canal cleaning and were told the canals are cleaned 6 times a year. It used to be more frequent, but since the City bought that huge, \$330,000 trash skimmer boat last year, it seems that the City's canal cleaning process has actually become less efficient, at least in our area. If you came to the September Waterway Cleanup last year, you saw the new Trash skimmer vessel there. It's a pretty impressive



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machine, except that it's too big to navigate our canals—and many other canals in the City. So the pontoon boat with two crewmembers is still used for our canals.

HOWEVER, while we were out on the water during the last week of July, we spotted a boat from the volunteer organization "4Oceans," netting plastic debris out of the Dolphin Canal. In chatting with them, we found they are a relatively new volunteer organization, originally formed for beach and ocean cleanups. They are now expanding into inland waters. When we meet with them and find out more about their program, we'll let you know.



Noah and Captain "D" on the 4Oceans boat spotted on the Dolphin Canal, July 26.

Blue Crabs in our Canals

A question we hear from neighbors very frequently is: "Are the blue crabs in our canals safe to eat?" Along with our City Liaison, Larry Teich, who is Supervisor in the City's Environmental Services Department, we are meeting with the Director of the Broward County Environmental Testing Lab at Nova University. We will be developing a program with them to have the lab analyze the crabs and answer the question once and for all.

Geoff Rames & Ken Stauch

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