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- June 21st
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- October 18th
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We are so pleased to report that the Candidates Forum hosted by the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations for all the Mayoral and Commission District Candidates and

moderated by Brittany Wallman from the Sun Sentinel on January 9th, was a total success. This was so thanks to over 150 residents from District 2 Civic Associations that took part in the event. COMING IN **AUGUST- FORT LAUDERDALE JUDICIAL CANDIDATE** FORUM. Once the August Judicial Candidate Forum date is determined, we will share it with the community.



Commissioner Dean Trantalis (right) and Vice Mayor Bruce Roberts debate the issues at the CFLCA's Candidates Forum



Your LRCA President, Michael Albetta (third from the left), at the **Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations'** Candidates Forum.



March 15th- Mayor Trantalis (Far Left) swearing in your LRCA Board (from the far right) Ted Spiliotes, Chris Toomey, Michael Albetta, Juliette Rocque, Joan Booz & Erin Keenan

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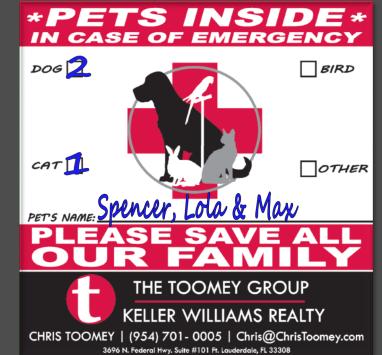
For many of us, this last hurricane season drove home the reality of how a

natural disaster can impact our lives in a blink of an eye.

This is more so for pets, as they often are the most vulnerable victims. As a pet parent myself, I wanted to find a way to help protect as many of our community's pets as possible.

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We look forward to partnering with you again in the future. Sincerely,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

As we approach the month of April and Spring is here, there have been many great changes in Lake Ridge. For those who are first-time readers of this quarterly newsletter, Lake Ridge Civic Association welcomes YOU to our community.

As I mention changes, we have a new Fort Lauderdale Police Chief; Lake Ridge welcomes Chief Rick Maglione (please see his article). In March, the voters have spoken and we have a new Mayor; Welcome our former Commissioner and new Mayor Dean Trantalis (please see his article). We now also have a new City Commissioner; We welcome Steve Glassman (please see his article).

In March, Lake Ridge Civic Association has a new Board, consisting of Michael Albetta, President; Erin Keenan, Vice President; Chris Toomey, Secretary; Juliette Rocque, Treasurer; and Board Members at Large, Ted Spiliotes, Joan Booz and Steve Jacobson.

We have new major street crosswalks along Sunrise Blvd from Flagler Drive going east to the Gateway intersection with Federal Highway -- over a two million dollar project.

On April 19th, the 6th Annual Taste of Italy will be

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ANTICIPATION

By Juliette Rocque

On December 31st we anticipated the start of a new year, new beginnings, new memories, new adventures. The anticipation of "something good." Like the new year, "Taste of Italy is an event that comes with hopeful anticipation. Taste of Italy for me means a lot of work. Still It is an anticipatory event because it also means that I get to reap joyous result. On April 19th, 2018, several neighbors for East Point Towers will arrive at approximately 6:20 pm. Smiling from ear to ear like children on Christmas Eve, full of cheer and ready to enjoy the nights festivities. Soon after a trickle of anticipator's will arrive ready to buy as many raffle tickets as they can handle. At approximately 6:35, the scrumptious Cafe Vico tapas begin to arrive, yum!

Last year, we had a glorious gathering of over 100 neighbors, City and County officials and staff. We were honored by local business' who gave us the most wonderful items to raffle. Neighbors brought neighbors and friends. We even had a Cafe Vico patron join in our "taste." One of the most wonderful donations we revived was from Long Time Lake Ridge residents, Rose Napolitano. She supplied the musician who serenaded us the entire evening, and he was awesome!

This year we hope for nothing less. In fact, we hope for more. We anticipate more of our neighbors, friends, businesses, City and County elects will join us. Taste of Italy is our only fundraiser, and this is what gets the newsletters out and pays for clean

ups and refreshments. We would do more, but we need more. More funds, more involved residents, more volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing YOU at Cafe Vico, on April 19th from 6-pm. Buon appetito!





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mailboxes, trees, overhead wires, storm drains, utility poles, or other large objects so that collection vehicles may safely access them.

• Never place carts in a bike lane.

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To help the City provide safe, efficient service, please follow these rules.

- Place your carts roadside by 7 a.m. on your pickup day, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening
- prior to your scheduled collection.
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 a.m. on your pickup day, but no earlier than
 24 hours prior to your scheduled collection.
- The lids on all carts must be able to close completely.
- When placing carts roadside, make sure the handles face your property and the lid openings face the street.
- On the same day, after service, all cart; must be removed from the roadside and secured behind the front face of the property or screened from view.
- Place carts and trash piles at least 2 feet apart and away from parked cars, fences,





Join the City of Fort Lauderdale, your neighbors and friends for a day of volunteering in the city!

FORT LAUDERDALE CARES DAY

LAKE RIDGE
CARE & CLEAN UP DAY
FRIDAY APRIL 27th
10:00 am

Volunteers will meet at NE 10th Ave. & NE 11th St. Join Us!

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March 2018

We are at the dawn of a new day in Fort Lauderdale, and I feel so honored that the voters have chosen me to lead the city forward. We have such a diverse population, unique neighborhoods and a thriving business community. This city is poised for greatness and has the power to solve the challenges that face us. But that only happens if we work together – the people, the business community and City Hall united.

The people of Fort Lauderdale spoke loud and clear in the March 13 election. More people voted in this election than in the city's history. This was a mandate telling us to get things done.

I promised that I would be the people's mayor, the people's champion at City Hall. Accessibility and responsiveness have long been my hallmark. As your mayor now, I will make sure that we collaborate more and listen more. We will demand the best from our professional staff and lead a progressive agenda.

Clearly, our aging infrastructure must be the top priority. We will upgrade our water, sewer and stormwater systems in a fiscally responsible manner. Never again should residents deal with sewage spilling from manholes into their streets and yards. At the same time, we must meet the challenges we face as a coastal community because of climate change.

We must be smart about growth. Development must be sensible, maintain the character of our neighborhoods and not overburden our roads and infrastructure. We will look for ways to solve our congested streets. There are solutions, and they start with coordinating with the county so Fort Lauderdale becomes the leader in next-generation signal synchronization.

Public safety will receive our full focus. We must do everything we can to keep our city safe. That means a stronger emphasis on community policing. We also need to do more than offer thoughts and prayers in the wake of the tragic deaths at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland. We must press Tallahassee and Washington for gun reform. Let's also stop the gun shows at War Memorial Auditorium. It's not safe when there are children playing so close by in a park.

Let me make this clear: I want to tap into the talent of the people of our community. To that end, I want to explore the opportunity to deploy targeted private sector reviews of city operations. We have experts in our neighborhoods and our businesses here. We should involve these people in finding ways to improve how City Hall works with best practices and private sector innovation. They can help make the city more responsive to residents and those who want to invest and do business here. What an opportunity.

Now on a personal note... I am humbled that Fort Lauderdale has become the largest city in Florida ever to elect an openly LGBT candidate as its mayor. This has been a long time coming. Our community has blossomed in recent years with a new sense of joy in the diversity we share. Looking at the new City Commission, the city's vast diversity is well represented now.

Let me finish with this: it is truly a new day in Fort Lauderdale. As your mayor, I will respect our history, respect our diversity, and respect the people of this wonderful community. We're going to make City Hall more accountable to the people and ensure City Hall listen to your voices. From homelessness to economic development, I look forward to new progress. I look forward to working with all of you. We will make Fort Lauderdale a stronger and more vibrant community. I am excited to begin this next chapter in the story of Fort Lauderdale.



A Message From Chief Maglione, Our New Chief of Police



Greetings Lake Ridge Neighbors, I'm honored to have this opportunity to reintroduce myself to you as your permanent chief of police. Although I am fairly new to this position, I am no stranger to the great City of Fort Lauderdale or the Lake Ridge neighborhood. I have been a police officer here for over 25 years and have served in many assignments and held many ranks throughout the department. In addition to my years as a supervisor and commander in all three bureaus and the Office of the Chief, spent many years as a patrol officer and a street level narcotics detective. Lake Ridge was my area of responsibility back in the 90's when you could purchase drugs on just about every street from the railroad tracks to NE 18 Avenue and we worked tirelessly to eliminate that problem. The results of which are still visible today with our continued attention to your neighborhood and the surrounding areas. I give you my word that we will continue to strive for improvement in Lake Ridge throughout my tenure as your chief. We will accomplish that through increased traditional policing

methods as well as increased community engagement. Making and maintaining great, safe neighborhoods is a partnership with the neighbors who live there, and we will work together to ensure Lake Ridge achieves its full potential. I hope you have already noticed the difference over the past year and the results speak volumes. City-wide in 2017, we achieved a decrease in property crimes of approximately 5%, including a decrease in residential burglaries of approximately 14%. Violent crime was down approximately 7%, including a 25% reduction in homicides. We did experience a slight increase in only two categories, vehicle burglary and auto theft, and we are implementing new technology and have a dedicated group of detectives with the primary mission of decreasing those incidents moving forward. Two examples of this technology are the increased deployment of automatic license plate readers and our new partnership with Ring (the company that got its start through the video doorbell market).

I want to assure everyone that we are on the leading edge of improving safety in our schools and have been long before the tragedy that occurred in Parkland. We continuously train and have the appropriate equipment. We have conducted, offered or are in the process of offering/scheduling Active Killer training to all the public and private schools in the City, and we have enhanced our Threat Response Unit, who's primary focus is prevention. Our commitment to improved safety also extends to the traveling public. We have implemented, for the first time in Fort Lauderdale, our own DUI Unit. They, along with the Motor Unit which now consists of 16 officers and 2 sergeants, are out there to make our drivers, cyclists and pedestrians safer on the streets of Fort Lauderdale. The City is committed to the Vision Zero initiative and your police department is doing their part.

The last exciting initiative I will mention is the upcoming launch of our pilot program for a Community Court. We are the first city in the state to do this and when successful, we hope to expand it through the county. In short, it is a special system we are implementing in partnership with the Broward County Court system and numerous internal and external service providers to provide real solutions to the homeless condition that exists in Fort Lauderdale. This is a compassionate approach to the homeless situation that will address the real reasons these individuals are on the streets and implement personalized, and hopefully permanent, solutions.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with the new mayor and commissioners and are excited about the future of Fort Lauderdale!

Yours in service,

Chief Rick Maglione

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THE DALE HOTEL

By Steve Dolgin Secretary & Director East Point Towers Condominium, Inc.

The hotel at 1055 North Federal, across the street from East Point Towers Condominium, was a topic of interest at LRCA's March 1st board meeting. An impressive renovation and expansion of the property is being proposed, and a presentation describing the plans was presented to the board by the attorney for the developer, Stambul USA of Wynwood (Miami), the company responsible for the beautiful renovation and transformation of a 1920s-era Miami building into The Langford Hotel, among many other respected projects. A board member and a former board member of East Point Towers were also present for the presentation.

The hotel has gone through several iterations of late; it was AiFL student housing, then became a Clarion Inn. is now The Link. and is slated to become The Dale Hotel. The existing structure will be extensively and attractively renovated, the pool area enhanced, and two small buildings (a one-story and a twostory) will be added east of the existing structure. These two new buildings will house an expanded restaurant, a gym, and a barber shop. Extensive new landscaping will be added between the two new buildings and Federal Highway. The intent is to produce a true "resort property" for our neighborhood rather than just another "me too" motel.

The room count (140) will be unchanged but, to accommodate the two new buildings, the developer would need to reduce the total number of parking

spaces from 160 currently to 106. This is not expected to be a problem, however, because most of the hotel guests Uber or taxi to the hotel, and the new amenities (gym, barber shop, and expanded restaurant) are intended to be patronized by only hotel guests and neighborhood residents (like us) who would walk to the property.

Reaction at the meeting was quite favorable, with attendees welcoming what is expected to be a beautiful addition to Lake Ridge!

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because "Unity is Strength".

Together, we are Committed to enhancing the well-being of our neighborhood.

For more information contact:

- Michael Albetta: albettam@icloud.com or 954-560-8649
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held at Cafe Vico. Please bring yourself, and invite neighbors and friends, too, for a great time, live music, delicious food, beautiful atmosphere, as well as awesome raffle prizes. See the enclosed announcement.

It is our intention to inform the Community of current neighborhood happenings, events and issues, in the Lake Ridge area. Renters, homeowners and businesses are welcomed to our meetings (see the enclosed meeting time and location).

Please join Lake Ridge Civic Association and become active in Lake Ridge. Simply fill out the membership form. Come to our meeting and have delicious Jet's Pizza and soft drinks and get informed.

See you at the Taste of Italy, Ciao! Arrivederci! Michael

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A Message From Steve Glassman, Our New Commissioner



As your newly elected Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner, I am honored and privileged to serve Lake Ridge and the other wonderful neighborhoods of District II. My spouse Rande and I have called Fort Lauderdale home for over 20 years and I am humbled to have the opportunity to represent our community as we chart a new path forward. With my long history of public service as a high school English teacher, Broward County Cultural Division Administrator, Planning and Zoning Board

Member, Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board Member, Central Beach Alliance President, Condominium President, Broward County Historical Commission Chair and Broward Trust for Historic Preservation President, I am fully committed to improving the lives of neighbors and visitors of our district and across our diverse and cosmopolitan City.

I look forward to working hard to strengthen Fort Lauderdale by tackling difficult issues like our neglected infrastructure and traffic congestion, while promoting controlled growth and opportunities for young individuals and families. This is an exciting and hopeful time for Fort Lauderdale and I will continue to advocate for the best outcomes for our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, concerns, or thoughtful suggestions at sglassman@fortlauderdale.gov or 954-828-5923. The greatness of our community starts with compassionate citizens like you.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with you and your Board of Directors.



Steve Glassman

Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner

District 2

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TRAFFIC NOTES

By Bob Oelke

One of the most vexing traffic situations in Lake Ridge is **NE 15th Avenue**. It poses many problems, it is a major route for cut-through traffic, the large traffic volume splits our neighborhood in half, biking and walking along the avenue are uncomfortable. In addition, the opposing driveways between Public and Walgreens create a confusing, dangerous approach to Sunrise Blvd. Addressing these challenges is LRCA's top traffic priority.

As was reported in the last Lake Ridge News, the city applied for a CSLIP grant from the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization to fund Complete Street improvements along NE 15th Avenue. The MPO received 24 applications from 14 municipalities across Broward County in November. Our 15th Avenue project -- costing approximately \$1,055,000 -- ranked the fourth highest of those 24, and the MPO Board approved funding in January. While final design of the project has not been completed, the Complete Street project envisions extending the landscaped median and bike lanes -- which currently exists north of 13th Street -- south to 11th Street, as well as ADA compliant sidewalk ramps and pedestrian-scale lighting. The median will provide a safe pedestrian refuge, allowing walkers and bikers to safely cross 15th Avenue -- and help knit the two halves of the Lake Ridge into one cohesive neighborhood. We are also hoping to incorporate additional street trees into the plan to provide a more walkable, residential streetscape. The median will also provide us a visible location for our neighborhood entryway monuments.

We'll keep working with the city to explore solutions to make the Publix/Walgreen entry points safer and less confusing. We are making progress, one step at a time.

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