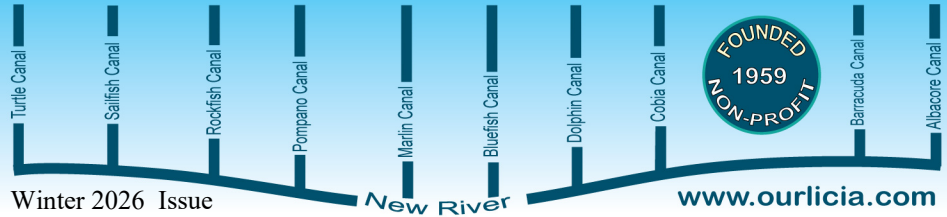


Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



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New River

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Lauderdale Isles Landing Community Center Update

By Earl Prizlee,
LICIA President

Plans for the new Community Center have been submitted to the City's Development Review Committee (DRC). The committee provided comments on several items, including an archaeological survey, dumpster placement, garbage truck access, and landscaping and lighting details.

The City's consultant, AECOM, is expected to respond to these comments by January 31, 2026. Residents who would like more information can visit the City's DRC website and look up Case No. **UDP-S25039**.

I've also requested an updated project schedule from AECOM. They are currently estimating that bidding and contract award will take place in the spring, with construction beginning in the fall of this year. We'll continue to share updates as the project moves forward and we get closer to bringing this exciting new space to our community.



Lauderdale Isles Community Center Project Schedule

- ✓ Meeting with AECOM Feasibility Discussion (September 15, 2023)
- ✓ Meeting with Parks & Recreation (December 15, 2023)
- ✓ City Commission Meeting - Request Bond Transfer (December 19, 2023)
- ✓ Parks Recreation and Beaches Board Meeting (January 24, 2024)
- ✓ City Commission Meeting - Reading of Parks Bond Change (April 16, 2024)
- ✓ City Commission Meeting - Architect AECOM Inc. Renewal (May 7, 2024)
- ✓ Scoping Meeting with Consultant to Develop Design Agreement
- ✓ Consultant Design Agreement Executed
- ✓ Community Outreach - General Membership Meeting (May 15, 2025)
- ✓ Construction Plans 100%
- ✓ Design Review Committee (DRC) Comments (October 28, 2025)
- ✓ Respond to DRC Comments (January 31, 2026)
- Bidding and Award (Tentative Spring 2026)
- Construction Activities Begin (Tentative Fall 2026)

Volunteer in Our Parks

LICIA is participating in Fort Lauderdale's **Green Your Routine Program**, giving our neighborhood opportunities to volunteer in local parks on a rotating schedule.



Join us at:

- Butterfly Grooming Garden – Snyder Park**
 - Food Forest – Snyder Park**
 - Shoreline Cleanup – Bill Keith Preserve**
- Events are typically on **Saturday mornings**.

To get details about upcoming volunteer dates, email laudisles@gmail.com

February General Meeting Wednesday, Feb 18, 7:00pm "TALLAHASSEE"

The City name that strikes fear into the hearts - and pocketbooks - of Florida residents

Our scheduled headliner guests will be the staff of State Senator Jason Pizzo, and our Commissioner Ben Sorensen, who went to Tallahassee in January. They will give us the latest updates on current legislation that will have a very direct effect on us all.

**This is a virtual meeting
via ZOOM**

See the next page for details



The best-decorated neighborhood in the entire City

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Over the years, our Team has sold, listed or leased
over **146** Lauderdale Isles homes.



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We KNOW the waterways.



Julie Gordon, Broker Associate 954-445-3345
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WINTER GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:00pm

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Commissioner Ben Sorensen &
The Staff of State Senator Jason Pizzo
TALLAHASSEE UPDATE

Proposed legislation in the State Senate and House of Representatives may have a resounding affect on our City and its residents for years to come:

- Elimination of property taxes: will it happen & how
- New homestead exemption of \$100,000?
- Live-Local: are changes coming / is it too late for our City
- Property Insurance: lower premiums?

Commissioner Sorensen is the only elected official from Fort Lauderdale who went to Tallahassee in January. He met with many elected state officials while there. He will provide insight on all the pending legislation that could affect us. Senator Pizzo's staff will provide details on all the bills the Senator supports.

Participate in this meeting right from the comfort of your home.

The ZOOM log-in information for this meeting will be posted on our website: ourlicia.com

Pay your 2026 dues now

Our fiscal year now runs from January through December. While you're thinking about it, why not pay your 2026 dues now? It's only \$20.

You can easily pay by check or Zelle.

Your contribution helps LICIA in our efforts to improve and protect our neighborhood.

By paying your dues, you'll be a Member in Good Standing, and you will be a proud supporter of LICIA.

Plus you'll receive our *Isles Insider* emails.

Your dues help pay for this quarterly newsletter and the beautiful holiday lane sign decorations.

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Need to contact LICIA?
Just send an email to laudisles@gmail.com

Do you have any pictures of activities in Lauderdale Isles?
Email to laudisles@gmail.com Deadline for submission: 20th of month prior to publication.
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Riverland Road (Speedway) Traffic Calming Project

The City Commission approved an agreement with Sagaris Corp. for \$1.22 million to construct traffic calming improvements along Riverland Road between State Road 7 and Davie Boulevard. The project will include raised intersections, raised crosswalks, new pavement markings, sidewalk and drainage adjustments, and other safety enhancements at eight locations.

These upgrades are designed to slow vehicle speeds, improve pedestrian crossings, and create a safer, more comfortable corridor for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. Construction is expected to begin in 2026. For more details, visit flcity.info/47KTyEZ.



An example of a raised intersection similar to Riverland Road at a sidestreet

November General Meeting with Marty Kiar

The last LICIA General Meeting in November proved to be an exceptional one. Attendees raved about Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar's presentation as he discussed how his department leads the state in the fight against title fraud.



You've followed Marty Kiar's advice to prevent becoming a victim of title fraud, haven't you?

He spoke of how rampant title fraud is, how the fraudsters operate, and how his investigators have brought so many of them to justice with lengthy jail sentences. He explained the simple method he and his staff have developed to help residents avoid becoming a victim of this crime.

If you missed this meeting, you missed a great one.

Meeting Night Change

You may have noticed that our February General Meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, Feb. 18th, instead of the third Thursday. The Board of Directors recently decided to make this change so that our Executive officers can attend many important meetings throughout the City that commonly occur on Thursday evenings. So our General Meetings this year will be the third Wednesday of February, May, August, and December.

Vacation Rentals Update

According to a report from Code given to the LICIA Board at our January meeting, here are the current stats for vacation rentals operating in Lauderdale Isles:

- Licensed operating VR's : (19)
- Properties under investigation for operating without a certificate: (4)
- VR's under suspension by the Special Magistrate: (3)

Spring break in March is expected to bring increased activity at vacation rentals. If you need the City to respond to a VR near you for noise, parking, over-occupancy, or trash violations, see the back page of this newsletter for how to file a complaint.

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Growing Pineapples in Lauderdale Isles

By Rick Cunningham
Staff Horticulturist

Do you enjoy the sweet taste of your local grocery store-purchased pineapple? Are you looking for a way to up your pina colada game? Would you like to grow your own supply of super fresh, delicious pineapples? Well, good news as our sandy, well-drained soil is perfectly suited for a low-maintenance grove in your yard.

HISTORY OF PINEAPPLE GROWING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Large-scale pineapple farming began in the 1860's in Key West and soon after on Merritt Island. By the 1880's and 1890's, up to one million crates were produced annually as "pineapple fever" spread across the Indian River area. In Martin County, Jensen Beach had large farms in what is now Savannahs Preserve State Park. Jensen Beach still bills itself as the "Pineapple Capital of the World."

While there seem to have been no large-scale pineapple farms in Broward County, the Broward County History: A Timeline (in 1896) and the Pompano Historical Society (in early 1900's) both include brief references to pineapple farming among early settlers.

The industry soon succumbed to many factors including competition (mainly from Cuba but also Hawaii), hard freezes (1895, the worst in 1909-10, and a "last straw" in 1917-18), the "red wilt" blight in 1909 due to mealybugs and nematodes, the real estate boom of 1912, and the lack of fertilizer due to the onset of World War I. Most Broward farmers switched to tomatoes and later to other winter vegetables.

TECHNICAL STUFF

Pineapples (*Ananas comosus*) are members of the bromeliad (*Bromeliaceae*) family. The most common varieties are Del Monte Gold (MD2) and Tropical Gold. All leaves grow from one central point in the crown. They may or may not have spines along the edge depending on variety.

A pineapple plant flowers only once (see "ratoon"). The plants are self-incompatible, meaning pollen from the same variety will not result in seed production. They will remain seedless unless fertilized by a hummingbird with pollen from a different variety (very rare). They will not tolerate temperatures below 28°F or flooded conditions.

They typically produce pups that are called "suckers" if they form low on the stalk, "ratoons" if they emerge below ground, or "slips" that are smaller and higher on the stalk. Suckers and ratoons very near soil level can keep the root system alive and produce further fruit but be sure to leave only one per plant. Slips should be removed, dried for a day or two and re-planted (see How to Start).

The fruit will begin in the red heart stage which is a seed cluster. It then takes 4-6 months to mature. Harvest when you see some yellow at the base of the fruit and allow it to ripen at room temperature. If you wait too long, you may lose it to local critters attracted by the strong scent. If the fruit is large it may begin to tip over, thus requiring staking to keep it off the ground.

Information for fertilizing is best described in the Ag Extension document "Pineapple Growing in the Florida Home Landscape" (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/MG055>). This is the best overall resource on this subject.

MY EXPERIENCE

I have been growing pineapples in my yard for approximately 10 years and currently have 75 plants.

How to Start: While the Ag Extension publication recom-



mends starting with a nursery-purchased plant, it seems more fun to me to start with a top from a pineapple that you ate. Most propagating directions say to plant a cut top ("crown") and keep it well-watered to establish rooting and that is how I started. However, since I am bad at that "keep it well-watered" thing, I have had more success twisting the crown off, plucking off the bottom 20-30 leaves (about 1") and suspending it in a cup of water until the roots are well-established – 2-3" long. The roots grow from a ring between the leaves and the fruit. This part should sit so it is just touching the water. Be sure to keep water in the cup and change it every couple of days.

Maintenance? What maintenance? I

have never fertilized my plants and for years my sprinkler system was inoperable. In 2025, I did fix my sprinkler system on the east side and those plants performed better than those on the west side that received only rainwater. They are drought tolerant but if the older leaves on the plant are wilting, it needs watering. Perhaps I'll try a balanced fertilizer and fix the west-side sprinklers this year.

How far apart? While recommendations say 12 – 36" apart, I have found that 12" apart is too close. Several of my neighbors on Duck Key Lane have spaced their plants 3-4' apart and their plants are much larger. Since a larger plant yields a larger fruit, you may want to follow this spacing. Obviously, you will yield fewer fruits from the same garden space and since I am happy with more, smaller fruits that I can eat in one or two servings, I keep my plants in the 2' or so spacing range.



I planted these too close together, with some blocked from sunlight. Fruits will be small.

2025 season (May – August), and planted the newly-rooted crowns in August - September or so, could produce fruit in 2027. I have not found this to be an exact science though as it seems half or more plants do not flower until the third spring. By the third year, almost all plants will have flowered.

There must be some maintenance, right? Each year near the end of harvest, say late July or early August, I pull out any plants that have flowered and have not produced a pup. They will be a noticeably lighter yellow almost white color, and you can almost just pick them up as the root system has died. I remove extra pups from the healthy plants so there is just one per root system – and start these in water for rooting. I also try to pull off the bottom brown leaves from the healthy plants but not sure if this is necessary – it just looks cleaner. Wear long sleeves and gloves as you WILL receive numerous scratches on your forearms. I then plant my new plants in the freed-up space.

Once you reach a critical mass of plants, by starting new plants from the ones you eat and removing the pups for rooting (a "ratoon" crop), you can have a rotation that produces ripe fruit every year. I typically have 25-30 pineapples each year and once had 36-enough to share with neighbors! Each one is super fresh and much more delicious than anything from a store.

Enjoy!



These roots are well-established and ready to plant



Neighbor Paul has spaced his plants out, which will produce larger fruits.

Preserving Marine History: River Oaks Stormwater Preserve



By Dawn Hanna
Chief Historiographer

From 1926 through 2016, the CSX railroad bridge was a fixture on the South Fork of the New River. For boaters traveling east from Lauderdale Isles toward downtown Fort Lauderdale, it was the first bridge you encountered.

This historic structure is a **Scherzer rolling lift bridge**, later donated to the City by FDOT. The first train to cross the bridge in Fort Lauderdale was the *Orange Blossom Special* on January 8, 1927 — a milestone moment in the city’s transportation history.

Prior to 2013, an inspection revealed that the bridge was no longer structurally sufficient to handle the increased rail traffic and the weight of modern rail cars. In addition, the bridge restricted the width of the navigation channel, which needed to be expanded.



The 1926 CSX Railroad Bridge

The CSX bridge replacement project over the South Fork of the New River began in 2013 and was completed in 2017. The new structure, finished in August 2017, is a rolling lift bascule bridge with a 94-foot, 6-inch span. It consists of fabricated structural steel provided by Veritas Steel.

The original bridge was determined to be eligible for listing on the **National**

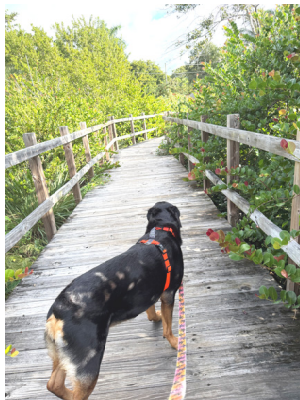
Register of Historic Places. According to the State Historic Preservation Office, preserving it is important because it represents a bridge type unique to railroad use.

Today, that history lives on at the **River Oaks Stormwater Preserve**, where the historic CSX bridge serves as a centerpiece of the elevated boardwalk winding through the wetlands. Visitors can experience both nature and a piece of Fort Lauderdale’s transportation heritage.



River Oaks Preserve Aerial View

The River Oaks Stormwater Preserve is located at **2117 SW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315**. The park features wetlands and an elevated boardwalk across 9.1 acres and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. As this is a protected wetland area, please exercise caution, dispose of trash properly, and never feed wildlife.



Lauderdale Isles Resident, River the Rottweiler, exploring the boardwalk

Action in the Isles

Going for a walk in this nice weather, you just never know what you may see in Lauderdale Isles.....



Driving down the river by the boat ramp



Your grandfather's Buick from the 50's

Key Largo: Old FPL wires

Gulfstream: Going, Going, Gone



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

The LICIA Holiday Decorating Team Does it Again

No doubt about it - the Lauderdale Isles Lane signs made our neighborhood the best decorated one in the entire City. Driving along Riverland Road with that garland shimmering in the sun was phenomenal. And this year, your Association added lighting for enjoyment of the holiday spirit in the evening. And a huge **Thank You** goes out to Julie Gordon & the Gordon Group Realtors for providing the lights.



The first gathering of the team was to determine which colors would be best. Karen, Rick, Jill, Austin, Earl



Penny tests the garland before it's installed and Dawn tests the lights



Wow!



The installation team: Geoff, Dick, Jill, Earl, Julie, Karen, Penny & Andrew



Then the lights were installed. Geoff, Dick, Earl, Dawn, Andrew, Rick

Our Street Signs: A Symbol of Community

By Earl Prizlee

One of the most distinctive features of our neighborhood is our decorative street name signs. They are more than simple way-finding markers; they reflect our sense of community, care, and pride in where we live. Recently, many of the signs were freshly painted and beautifully decorated with lights and garland for the Christmas season, adding warmth and charm to our streets.

To help preserve their appearance and longevity, we kindly remind residents and visitors not to place stickers or decals on the signs. While they may seem harmless, removing them requires association members to manually peel them off, and in the process, the paint is often damaged or completely removed. This creates additional work, increases maintenance costs, and shortens the life of the signs. Your cooperation in keeping them sticker-free helps protect the time and effort that goes into maintaining these special features of our neighborhood.

We would also like to share an update regarding the street sign on Duck Key Lane, which was recently damaged in a vehicle accident. The Association is currently working with a specialty vendor to prepare shop drawings and confirm the exact colors needed to properly fabricate a replacement sign. An insurance claim was promptly submitted, and we are pleased to report that the replacement sign will be fully paid for through insurance coverage. This ensures that the sign will be restored without impacting Association funds.

We recognize that visibility of the signs at night can be challenging. In response, the Association will be experimenting with options to improve nighttime readability. This includes testing reflective numeric graphics on the sign poles and exploring what types of solar lighting may be practical and effective. These efforts are intended to enhance both safety and convenience while maintaining the unique character of our signage.

Finally, we want to emphasize that all of this work is carried out by volunteers and funded entirely through Association dues. The decorative street signs are the property of the Association, not the City of Fort Lauderdale. Their installation, maintenance, repair, and improvements are supported solely by the contributions of our members. Your care and respect for these signs help ensure they remain a lasting symbol of our neighborhood's identity and community spirit. Thank you for helping us protect and enhance this special feature of our neighborhood.

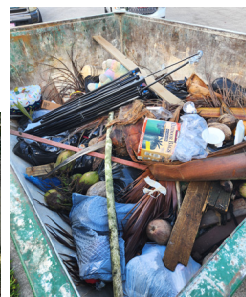


Please! Stickers like these placed on the Key Largo lane sign ruin its appearance & will be difficult to remove.

ANOTHER GREAT WATERWAY CLEANUP BY THE LAUDERDALE ISLES TEAM

On Saturday, November 8th, we had 65 participants, 10 boats and 8 kayaks at our ninth annual Lauderdale Isles Fall Waterway Cleanup at the boat ramp. This year, we were a Green Your Routine event so the recyclable plastics were separated from the other trash brought in. Lots of prizes were awarded and everyone loved their dri-fit shirts.

And after the prizes, everyone enjoyed a spectacular lunch followed by the ice cream social. The team went home tired, well-fed, and happy. Several new neighbors attended and remarked how great it was to make new friends at such a worthwhile event. Don't forget - we'll see you at the March 7th Broward County Waterway Cleanup.

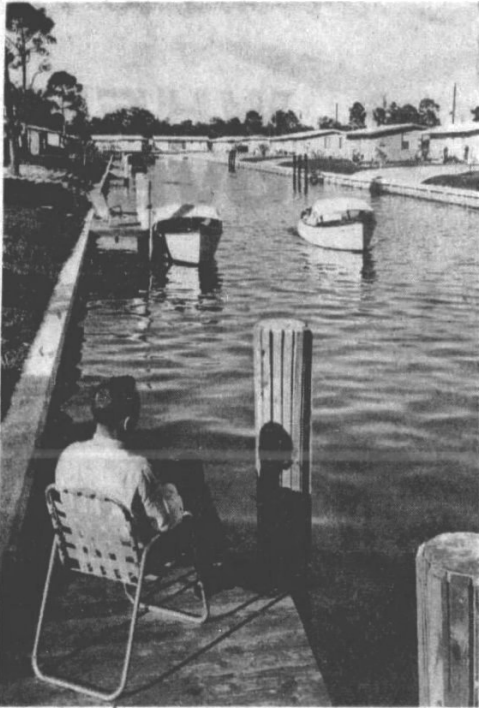


More History of Lauderdale Isles

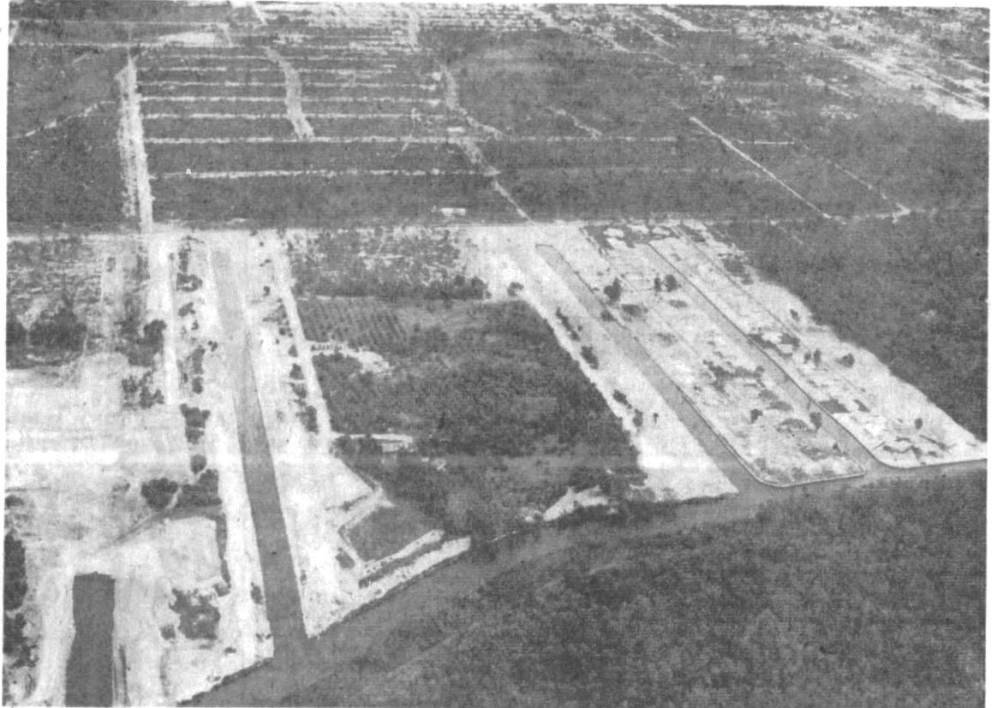
Researched by Dawn Hanna,
LICIA Chief Historiographer

From the Miami Herald, March 18, 1956

Lauderdale Isles: Waterfront Living



PEACEFUL LOCATION of Lauderdale Isles appeals to those with a yen for suburban living and a love for boats. Home owners represent young families with a liking for waterside living and retired folk and winter residents who cherish the carefree manner of the tropics.



BEING SHAPED from the wilderness, when this aerial was taken April 25, 1954, Lauderdale Isles was taking form. Home construction was concentrated in the eastern portion of the development, while canal dredging and island formation worked westward. At present well

over 500 homes of the proposed 700-home development have been sold. Prices start with two-bedroom homes at \$11,750 and reach \$16,500 for the popular tri-level model. Deep, 60-foot-wide canals connect with New River Canal and provide access to the ocean.

Isles Provide Handsome Living On Only a Modest Investment

FORT LAUDERDALE — Enthusiasm runs high in Lauderdale Isles, for residents feel they have something most Floridians dream about—handsome living on modest investments.

Here live approximately 1,350 people, most of whom traded chilly climes for a special brand of tropical, waterfront living. Statistics show that here a population of born boat-lovers or converted land-lubbers has collected. Seventy-five per cent of the homeowners have boats tied up in the backyards.

The neighborhood was created in the fall of 1953 when George W. Gill Jr. and his father, George W. Sr., who had already turned out more than 1,000 homes in Fort Lauderdale, spotted a secluded wooded spot on the banks of the north New River Canal, just beyond the city's southwest limits. Soon draglines were digging finger canals through the property and fashioning a pattern of islands.

Today seven islands in the section are complete and the eighth is half filled with homes. Gill Construction Co.

reports that building on the ninth island will start in less than 30 days.

More than 400 of the 700 homes proposed are complete and another 150 are under construction. Some 450 homes have been sold.

Prices of homes range from \$11,250 for two-bedroom models to \$16,500 for the popular tri-level.

The latter is an interestingly designed home built on a terraced lot that slopes toward a wide, deep-water canal. The lowest level includes a kitchen, dining room, and family den. Immediately above is the living room and adjoining master bedroom and bath. On the top level are two bedrooms and a bath. A car porte and utility room are also a part of the floor plan.

Purchase of a home requires approval by the Lauderdale Isles board of governors. With approval, the purchaser is presented with a family membership in the yacht club and use of an Olympic-size swimming pool.

The club, whose charter was

approved Nov. 31, 1953, has been recognized by Lloyd's Register of American Yachts and Yacht Clubs.

Lauderdale Isles residents use it as the hub of social activity. Among the events held there are barbecues, card parties, costume parties, covered dish suppers, dances, swim meets, and shuffleboard and table tennis tournaments.

Several new schools have arisen in the vicinity of the community and a shopping center complete with a supermarket is nearby. The subdivision is served by a privately owned sewage disposal plant.

Lauderdale Isles accounts for nearly 25 per cent of the \$27,000,000 mark the construction company recently reached in local home building.

The father and son began their vast building program here in 1948 and since then have put up over 2,000 homes locally. The former Chicagoans also built and own the Escape and Jolly Roger hotels. A third hotel, the Yankee Clipper, at 1140 Seabreeze Ave. is expected to be ready for an early summer opening.



A PRIVATE YACHT CLUB and swimming pool serve as social centers of the development. The club's calendar of events

includes dances for all age groups, potluck suppers, card parties, and "town hall" meetings.

LIWMD UPDATE

The POV: The order for the new Pump Out Vessel has been placed with the manufacturer, and delivery is expected in the Spring. Once it is placed in service, boaters can request a pumpout through FixIt FTL, and there will be no charge for this service. Most of the cost for the vessel is being paid for by a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Additionally, LIWMD contributed to the start-up costs for this boat and it will be a great asset for boaters in Lauderdale Isles. The POV came about through the efforts of Chief Waterways Officer Marco Aguilera.



The POV should be delivered to the City in the Spring

Life Ring at Lauderdale Isles Landing: The City has installed life rings at all the City boat ramps, including this one at Lauderdale Isles Landing.

Loaner Life Jackets: Have you ever had guests come into town, you planned to take them out for a cruise in your boat, and you realized you didn't have enough life jackets on board for everyone? The FWC has donated a supply of life jackets to the City to be used as loaners. If you need some, run over to the Marine Facilities office at Cooley's Landing. And yes, it was considered to have them on racks at all the boat ramps in the City, but it was felt they'd likely not all be returned after use.



Tide Station Coming: As all boaters in the Isles are aware, the closest tide station to our neighborhood is at the Andrews Avenue bridge. Then you need to remember: are the tides here an hour behind Andrews, or is it an hour and a half? Soon we will have our very own tide station, which will be installed in the area of Lauderdale Isles Landing. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is installing four of these at no cost to the City. You will be able to access it via an online dashboard that will be updated every 15 minutes. One has already been installed at George English Park, and ours will be next. We will publish all the details on how to access it when it's installed. Once again, CWO Marco came through for us and made this happen.

A tide station like this will be installed near Lauderdale Isles Landing



Fuel Spills Can Be Expensive: We have all seen it from time to time: a fuel slick on the surface of one of our canals, and we look up and down the canal to determine which boat caused it. Usually, it's impossible to pin down the source. But if a vessel sinks, causes a

fuel spill, and Code is notified, it can become a very expensive situation for the vessel owner.

Case in point: A wave runner sank in the Dolphin Canal last summer, leaking fuel into the canal. At the Special Magistrate hearing for this case, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10,000 against the property owner for the fuel spill, even though the vessel belonged to his tenant. Under the City's lien amnesty program, the owner can request a reduction of the fine. However this case was pursued under the "nuisance" section of the Code, which means the fine can only be reduced by 50%. Yes, fuel spills can be expensive

Commercial Boats at the Boat Ramp: You can see the crane of a commercial barge docking at the boat ramp on January 5th. Instead of using a commercial boat yard, these barges like to use the boat ramp to load and unload pilings for dock installations. Commercial activity at city parks & boat ramps is prohibited. In previous newsletters we have shown situations where these vessels will stay there and tie up the dock for a week. In this case, the City was called and a Code Inspector was dispatched to get the barge operator to move along. If you are at the boat ramp and a commercial vessel is preventing use of the ramp or docks, call Customer Service at 954-828-8000 and ask them to send a Code Inspector or a park ranger out to take care of it.



LAUDERDALE ISLES WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
www.liwmd.org



Mangrove Planters at NRMS: Some time ago, the FWC placed these mangrove planters by the seawall at New River Middle School. On Feb 28th, students will be planting 75 mangroves donated by the Coastal Conservation Commission. Scientists from Nova Southeastern University will be taking samples periodically to test for heavy metals and other pollutants. Ben Sorensen's Waterway Working Group supports this project.



Dolphin Canal Navigation: The owner of the commercial yacht facility across the river in Davie has now purchased a total of four residential properties on the river in Lauderdale Isles: two on the end of Gulfstream Lane and two on the end of Key Largo Lane. At times the large vessels docked at these properties have extended too far into the Dolphin Canal, hindering navigation in and out of that canal. The Code boat regularly patrols this area now and the inspectors issue citations if vessels extend more than 33% into the canal.

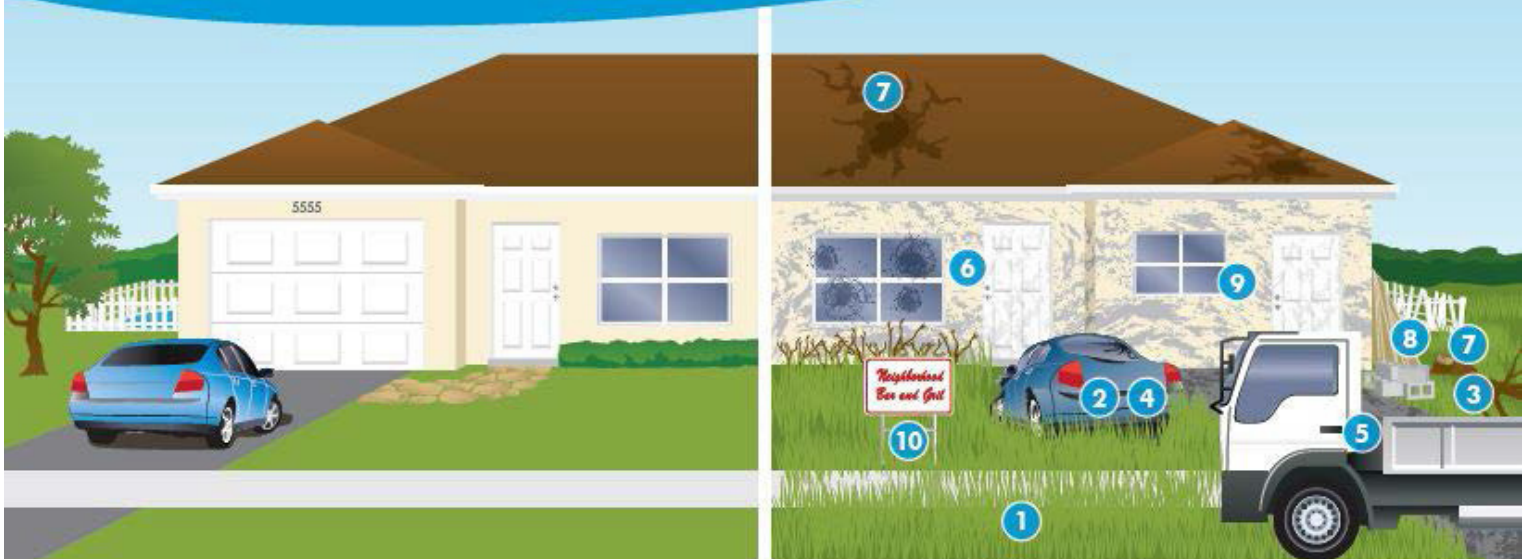


Geoff Rames, Chairman



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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION



COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

1. YARD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

Maintenance of yards and swales/rights-of-way abutting property are the responsibility of the property owner. The right-of-way must be free of obstructions caused by trees, vegetation, or other objects.

2. INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

Inoperative and/or derelict vehicles are not permitted. A vehicle is considered inoperative if a current tag isn't displayed and/ or it is not fully equipped to legally and safely operate on public streets.

3. JUNK, TRASH AND DEBRIS

Junk, auto parts, furniture, trash, tires, building materials, tree trimmings, and any other debris cannot be left in the yard and must be properly disposed of.

4. PARKING

Parking is permitted for passenger cars and motorcycles in residential properties only on a legal driveway or in a garage.

5. COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT

Commercial equipment and vehicles cannot be parked or stored in a residential area unless they are in a fully enclosed structure.

6. MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES

Exterior building structures and walls shall be maintained in a secure and attractive manner.

7. CONDITION OF STRUCTURES

Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows, screens, and other exterior parts of a structure must be maintained in weather tight, rodent proof, sound condition and in good repair. An owner may need to board up a vacant structure.

8. OUTDOOR STORAGE

Outdoor storage is prohibited. You may not keep indoor furniture, household appliances, auto parts, building materials, or any other similar items outside.

9. ILLEGAL DWELLING UNITS

Dwelling units added to interior/exterior of a structure without proper permits are illegal regardless of how long they have existed

10. PROHIBITED BUSINESSES

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas. Engaging in a business requires a Business Tax Receipt and zoning approval.

For more information on Code matters:

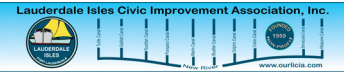
**Call the Community Enhancement and Compliance Division at
954-828-5207**

**Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.
700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33311**

Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

Saturday, March 7th

The 49th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup



The waterways of Lauderdale Isles are the heart of our boating community. Here's your chance to step up to help keep our waterways clean and healthy.

LOCATION- LAUDERDALE ISLES LANDING BOAT RAMP

Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Free refreshments: Coffee & breakfast treats available prior to start of Cleanup

Free bottled water — Free Waterway Cleanup T-shirts for all participants

Community Service Hour Certificates for students: pre-register at waterwaycleanup.org

Marine Gift Bags for all participating boat owners

Plus free admission to the Trash Bash, the official after party of the 49th Annual Waterway Cleanup featuring food, drink, door prizes, and live music

PRIZES

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

PRIZES

For more info and to register: www.waterwaycleanup.org

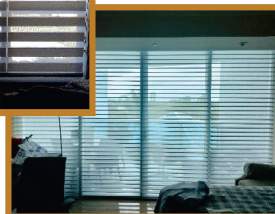
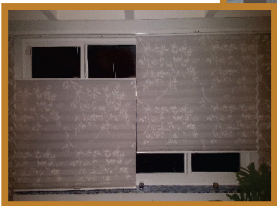
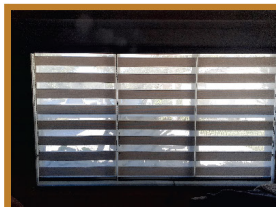
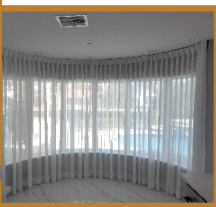
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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency	954-764-HELP
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs)	954-828-8000
<i>including Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning</i>	
Airport Noise Complaints	954-359-2366
City Hall	954-828-5004
Building Department	954-828-5191
Code Enforcement	954-828-5207
Commissioner Ben Sorensen	954-828-5028
Animal Control (Broward County)	954-359-1313
Comcast <i>Good luck!</i>	800-266-2278
Nuisance Alligators: FWC	866-392-4286
Chief Waterway Officer	954-828-5787
Mosquito Control (Broward County)	954-765-4062
FPL Power Outages	800-4OUTAGE

Vacation Rental Complaints

1-800-685-7453

(This is a new number, available 24/7)

NEW

PICKUP SCHEDULE for LAUDERDALE ISLES

Weekly Trash Pickup (black cart):	Tuesday & Friday
Weekly Recycling Pickup (blue cart):	Tuesday
Weekly Yard Waste Pickup (green cart):	Friday
Monthly Bulk Trash Pickup:	First Wednesday

WATERWAY ISSUES - Who to call:

- **Alligators (& Crocodiles) Problems**
FWC Nuisance Alligators: 1-866-FWC-GATOR
- **Pollution/ Oil Spills** within the City of Fort Lauderdale:
7:30 –5:00 Ft. Laud. Customer Service:954-828-8000
Evenings/Weekends: FLPD 954-764-HELP
- **Pollution Complaints** outside the City of Ft. Lauderdale:
County Environmental 24 hrs: 954-519-1499
- **Large Debris/Dead Animals in the water:**
Ft. Laud. Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Injured Manatees**
FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC
- **Sinking or Sunk Boats**
24 Hour Customer Service 954-828-8000
- **Unightly/Derelict Boats/ Boats too wide for canal:**
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
- **General Waterway Issues**
Chief Waterway Officer, Marco Aguilera 954-828-5787

THE REAL ESTATE CORNER

Lauderdale Isles Closed Sales

(October 2025 – Present)*

Presented By: Julie Gordon of

THE GORDON GROUP REALTORS

Address	B/B	Sq. Ft.	Sale Price
2612 Key Largo Ln.	6/5	3,511	\$1,850,000
2625 Nassau Ln.	5/4	2,382	\$1,325,000
2454 Tortugas Ln.	3/2	2,060	\$1,075,000
2531 Flamingo Ln.	3/2	1,720	\$925,000
2507 Flamingo Ln.	3/2	1,417	\$860,000
2436 Gulfstream Ln.	3/2	1,728	\$777,500
2624 Okeechobee Ln.	2/2	1,135	\$690,000
2472 Andros Ln.	3/2	2,033	\$615,000
3410 SW 25 th St.	2/2	1,121	\$375,000

***Data per Beaches MLS**

Vacation Rental Complaints - NEW

The best way to file a vacation rental complaint is using the online form on the City website. The information entered on the form goes directly to the Vacation Rental Night Team Inspectors. They are on duty Thursday - Sunday, 5:30pm to 3:00am.

The link to the online complaint form is:

FTLCITY.INFO/VRCOMPLAINT

On Mon, Tue, Wed nights, call the number to the left

MEMBER DUES for Jan. – Dec. 2026: BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

Dues are only \$20 per year. Mail to: LICIA, PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Please return this portion with your check

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____