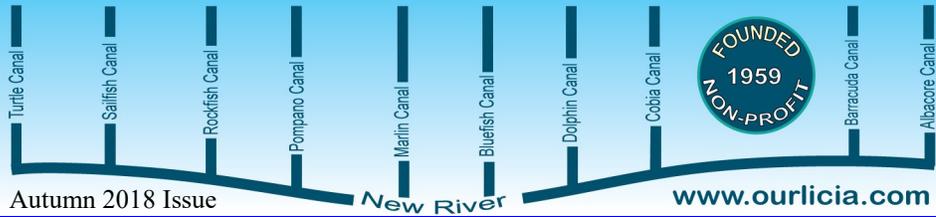


# Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc.



## Greetings Neighbors!



'Tis the Season!

Wow, so much to do and so little time. The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association has been working just as hard as Santa's little helpers lately, starting with getting great speakers at our General Meetings, the Airport Committee attending many meetings, the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District annual waterway cleanup, attending

Board of Adjustment hearings, workshops on the Homeless situation, to name just a few things. During our next General Meeting, if you have suggestions to make our neighborhood shine, please bring it up!

This month is important to a lot of folks near and far not only because we will have an election and many amendments to vote on, but on November 13<sup>th</sup>, we have two very important meetings in two different locations that will have a 100% impact on our neighborhood and our quality of life. In the City Hall Commission Chambers (first floor of City Hall), the City will approve the rezoning of the Black property (that is the large parcel on the big curve of Riverland Road) from Residential to Park. The other meeting will affect our neighborhood will be held at the **New River Middle School**, and this one should be important to everyone, especially those who would like to enjoy Riverland Road for other purposes that just driving to work (such as walking, running, riding your bicycle). As part of the Complete Street Program, the City has invited ALL of the residents of the Riverland Area to discuss improvements for Riverland Road. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and give their thoughts.

Dawn Hanna has written an article in this newsletter about what the City of Fort Lauderdale is (aggressively) doing to help Homelessness in the City, please take a moment to read it. Did you know that there are approximately 4900 homeless children enrolled in Broward Schools, that's just downright sad folks. Broward Schools has a program called "HEART" (Homeless

Education Assistance Resource Team) <http://browardstudentservices.com/homeless-education/>. HEART sponsors several events throughout the year., the next one is going to happen on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 100 homeless family will receive a chef prepared hot meal, a box of food to take home, and each child receives a full bag of age appropriate toys. Volunteers are needed, if you'd like to volunteer at the event or give donations, please give Melissa Banner a call at 754-321-1567.

October 27<sup>th</sup> was the City's Make a Difference Day. One of the projects chosen by the City was to help out a homeowner who needed help. (The City has a program that targets homes that are riddled with code enforcement complaints and have a homeowner that is financially and physically unable to bring their home into compliance.) How lucky were we on October 27<sup>th</sup>?! The house that was chosen by the City was right here in our neighborhood, check out how nice Mr. Whetsel's house now looks. 3605 Riverland Road. We all had a great time painting and cleaning up Mr. Whetsel's yard.

Don't forget to go checkout the great Christmas lights at Lisa and Carol Sablich's home (2418 Whale Harbor Lane). The wonderful display will be illuminated the weekend after Thanksgiving (it's a great reason to go for an after dinner walk). And for all of us animal lovers, there will be a collection box that will be handy to drop off flat sheets, towels, and canned Nutro (for adult dogs and puppies). All donations will go directly to 100 Plus Abandoned Dogs of The Everglades. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the 100 Plus Abandoned Dogs of the Everglades is doing a huge fundraiser (lots of great prizes, including cruises)! More info at: <http://www.raisingfortherescues.eventbrite.com>.

No matter if it is Christmas, Hannakauh, or Festivus (for the rest of us), whatever you may or may not celebrate, I wish you and yours a happy holiday season. And try to keep the spirit of the season in your heart all year, not just the months of November and December. Don't text or send an email, pick up the phone, call your loved ones, help a neighbor throughout the year, not just during "The Season", make your "season" last all year.

Cheers, Audrey

## Put the date on your calendar now

**NOVEMBER 15th**

**AN EVENING WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE EVAN JENNE.**



Hollywood, Florida native and Florida State University alumnus, Evan Jenne is a passionate and dedicated public servant. He honorably represents the people of House District 99 in the Florida Legislature, serving as a Florida State Representative for a decade. With a Master's Degree in Public Administration and demonstrable leadership skills, Evan Jenne currently serves as House Minority Policy Chair for a second, consecutive term.

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# AGENDA

**Note New Location**  
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**LICIA General Meeting**  
Thursday, November 15th, 7:00pm  
Abiding Savior Church  
1900 SW 35th Avenue

**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. **Effective February, 2018, all General Meetings are now held at Abiding Savior Church.** Board of Directors /Committee meetings are held at Abiding Savior Church.

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment-
- 1. Opening Statement President/Vice President
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Code Enforcement:
- 4. Guests Introductions
- 5. State Representative Evan Jenne
- 6. Jayne Chapman - Outreach coordinator for Congressman Ted Deutch
- 7. Airport Update
- 8. Vacation Rentals Update
- 9. Election of officers and board members
- 10. Old Business
- 11. New Business
- 12. Drawing – Members in Good Standing
- 13. 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**

## From the Editors Desk

By Bob Franks

- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter, including past editions, available on our website [www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)
- Thanks to all the contributors to this issue: Audrey Edwards, Gina Garcia, Dick Cahoon, Dawn Hanna, Penny Shea, & Geoff Rames
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**PLEASE NOTE - NOVEMBER 15  
GENERAL MEETING  
LOCATION:  
ABIDING SAVIOR CHURCH  
1900 SW 35th AVENUE**



**I WANT YOUR DUES!**

*It's that time of the year*

## **Association dues are due**

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

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

**You may also pay your dues at the Nov. General Meeting**

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: [bfranks@gate.net](mailto:bfranks@gate.net)

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.

**Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, Inc., PO Box 121255, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312**



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## Put the date on your calendar now - Evan Jenne

His hands-on approach to community service is evident as he serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors of the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward and sits on the board of the South Florida Holocaust Education and Documentation Center. His commitment to public service is exemplified by his work as a Board Member of the Florida Ocean Science Institute and as Board President of the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center for Women.

Evan Jenne has been honored with numerous awards for his tireless dedication to dozens of organizations including the Florida Coalition Against Sexual Violence, the Florida Library Association, Broward Young Democrats, Broward County Parent Teacher Association, the American Cancer Society, and the Fraternal Order of Police.



# GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

PRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF

## Congressman Ted Deutch

**Community Outreach Coordinator Jayne Chapman** will address issues affecting the senior community as well as provide education on Congressional and local services available to the constituents of Florida's 22<sup>nd</sup> District.

**11/15/18 7:00 pm Quarterly General Meeting**

**Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association**

**Where: Abiding Savior Church, 1900 SW 35th Ave. , FTL**

**For additional information or to schedule a speaking engagement please contact:**

**Jayne Chapman**

**[Jayne.Chapman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jayne.Chapman@mail.house.gov)**

**954-255-8336**

Everyone in attendance will receive a folder with useful information including: **Yellow Dot, File of Life, SHINE, Preventing Healthcare Fraud and Identity Theft, Seniors vs Crime and many more.**

## Vice President's Corner



Bob Franks  
Vice President's Message:

Hello everyone,

It has been an interesting year. Being someone who has not been involved in neighborhood associations or dealing with local issues until recently, it has been a real learning curve.

It really comes down to the question of wellbeing. Are you happy with your situation? What are you going to do about it. It is personal responsibility and taking the initiative that makes positive changes.

Fortunately, we live with some really good neighbors who have taken the time and initiative to work to make our neighborhood better. In this newsletter you will read about the actions and initiatives your neighbors have taken to address the airplane noise issue.

It is highly recommended you get involved and go to the Technical Committee for the Part 150 Airport Noise Study on Thursday, November 7th, 10:00 am, at Secret Woods Park, 2701 W. St. Rd. 84.

Many of you turned out for the waterway cleanup in September. A great outing and fun meeting all of our neighbors, while cleaning the canals and waterways in the process. Our neighbors are working with the city to help address the homeless situation downtown. Other neighbors are working with code enforcement to address long standing code issues. We are also addressing the increasing establishment of commercial mini marinas in this and other residential neighborhoods.

The LICIA has been very successful in establishing a rapport with our local representatives, and congressmen. We even have a group of neighbors who are painting a repairing a house on Riverland Road that has fallen into disrepair by a disabled person in need. I can't think of anything much more rewarding than working with your neighbors to make this a better place to live.

We have elections of LICIA officers coming up at our meeting November, 15, 2018. Anyone wishing to run for office, please contact Audrey with your nominations. Board positions are available, as well. We are also looking for lane representatives for Bimini, Duck Key, and Sugarloaf Lanes. Also, positions for alternates are available. Get involved and make this a great place to live!

Fair winds and following seas,

Capt. Bob

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## Old Dock Pilings - Repair or Replace?

By Capt. Bob

My dock pilings are at least 40 years old or older. While they still are somewhat structurally good, there is some wood eaten away in the middle section. If I replace the wooden pilings, contractors will either pound them down past the hard rock layer (best and most expensive solution) or set the piling on top of the rock layer (cheapest and less structurally sound solution). On the cheap end, figure about \$800/piling, which may or may not include removing the old piling. Costs of \$1200 to \$1500/piling is typical. The other part of the equation is how long will the piling last? Due to EPA regulations new pressure treated lumber does not have the longevity of the old creosote pilings. The new pilings should last at least 10 years. You will probably be replace them between year 10 and 20. Wrapping new pilings with a piling wrap will make the piling last longer, as it keeps the worms from attacking the wood around the waterline.

Another solution is to wrap the piling in PVC and fill with concrete. The "Snap Jacket" is perfect for this. One 8' long, 12" diameter Snap Jacket sleeve is around \$140. Since my piling

has a 10" diameter, I am using a 12" diameter sleeve. The concrete is poured in this gap, and will fill the area that is eaten away to give you a solid piling. You can order a larger diameter sleeve is you want a thicker layer of concrete.

The technique is to pressure clean the piling, then install the Snap Jacket. With your pressure cleaner you jet the sleeve about a foot below the bottom. Then you pour in 2-80 pound bags of Quikrete. The Quikrete will harden from mixing with the water in the sleeve. You wait around four hours, then mix some Type M mortar with fresh water and fill the rest of the sleeve. This mortar will flow around and fill the eaten away part of the piling. As the mortar goes down, the water in the sleeve will rise up out of the sleeve. Later you can finish the piling with an angled cement trim. This is a good cost effective way to maintain your piling without having to replace it. My total, do it yourself, cost for "sleeving" three pilings, along with the concrete was around \$500. Yes, there is a fair amount of labor involved. A nice elegant solution. There are companies that you can find that rebuild docks and can install new or "Snap Jacket" pilings. Look in the Waterway Times and ask the folks at Decks & Docks Lumber for recommendations.



# AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE



By Dick Cahoon

At our General Meeting on Aug. 16, our Congressman Ted Deutch gave us an update on his efforts to represent us in Washington. He talked extensively about the less publicized bipartisan cooperation that occurs in the Capitol. He gave several examples of his involvement in legislative efforts to propose solutions to problems that can get support from both parties. He then took questions from the audience and spent considerable time explaining his views on several key issues and then asked about our experience with airport noise. Many people told him exactly how they were negatively affected by the noise, and he said he would try to bring the influence of his Office to work with the FAA to find solutions.

The next week, Dick and Lynn Cahoon went to Capitol Hill in Washington and met with the Congressman's Legislative Director to brief him more fully on our noise problem. He was very interested and said there may be ways his office can help. The next week we met with the Congressman's staff in his District Office in Boca Raton.

His office will be closely monitoring our efforts and we will be meeting again after the initial results of the Part 150 noise study is revealed to the two technical committees on November 7, 2018. Our Airport Noise Committee is working with the City of Fort Lauderdale to have city staff appointed to the Part 150 committee handling information dissemination. Vice Mayor Ben Sorenson is planning to represent the City on the Part 150 Technical Committee.

The Airport Noise Committee has also met with a subgroup of the airport's Airport Noise Abatement Committee to propose solutions to noise that affects all nearby neighborhoods. The proposal will be presented to the Airport Director for implementation of any suggestions that can be accomplished prior to the completion of the Part 150 Study. The proposal will be submitted as well to the Part 150 Study.

Airport Noise is an extremely complex issue, and the FAA is awaiting a multi-year evaluation that is ongoing called a Part 150 Study. It is possible that some relief will result from the study costing several million dollars. However it can be explained with a few basic facts and what could be a simple solution for Lauderdale Isles, if the FAA would listen.

Noise Impact on Lauderdale Isles from Airplanes from FLL

1. **Lauderdale Isles** is a neighborhood of 700 single family homes built on 13 Lanes, each lane separated by a canal that stretches south from Riverland Road to the river. The New River, with adjacent US Highway 84 and adjacent Interstate 595, and Riverland Road, all run east-west.
2. The Fort Lauderdale Airport **runways are laid out almost due east and west.** The airport is located 1 mile to the south-east of Lauderdale Isles.
3. **Planes land and depart into the wind,** so that when the wind blows from the ocean on the east side of the airport, planes take off toward the ocean and land from over the Everglades on the west side of the airport. When wind blows from the west, planes take off toward the Everglades into the west wind, and they land from over the ocean.
4. The **prevailing winds** are from the ocean almost 80% of the time, and from the west the rest of the time, about 20% of the time.
5. **Arrivals** do not cause a noise problem for Lauderdale Isles (The Isles). Arrivals from the east come from the ocean and land before coming near the Isles. Arrivals from the west line up many miles to the west of the airport and fly directly to land on the east-west runway without turning and do not fly over the neighborhood.
6. Departures flying to the ocean do not impact the neighborhood. **Departures to the west used to continue directly to the west without turning north** until the plane was about 3 miles away and at least 3000 feet high, high enough not to cause a serious noise problem. The noise from these flight departures was loud but tolerable. The FAA changed the operation of the airport in 2014 after a parallel east-west runway was added 4500 feet to the south.
7. Now, **Departures into westerly winds** often turn immediately to the north over Lauderdale Isles, even before they reach the end of the runway. At the time they come near the Isles, These departing planes are so low and usually at full power that it sounds like they are taking off from the roof of the houses.
8. Lauderdale Isles formed an **Airport Noise Committee** years ago to address the noise issue. The committee was told a series of misleading and non-sensical reasons for the departure changes, and no reasonable explanation has been given. The committee speculates that airlines want to cut corners and turn north early to save 30 seconds and a gallon of fuel. But at what cost to residents on the ground?
9. This last explanation does seem to apply to departures to the east. **East departures seem to go east without turning north until well out over the ocean.** There does not seem to be any corner cutting and turning north over residences.

## AIRPORT NOISE *continued*

10. The committee believes that the **solution to the noise problem is very simple** -- have departures to the west go due west until they are far enough away and high enough that noise will no longer disrupt life on the ground. In other words, **operate just like they did before the change**. Those previous departures to the west flew mostly over the industrial corridor that parallels the very wide I-595 highway to the north. Much of the corridor is also lakes and swamps that is not suited to development.

11. A point of contention is that the FAA shows **flight tracks** sometimes south of I-595, when residents see the belly of planes directly over their houses to the north of I-595.

12. Broward County owns the airport, but opposes any attempts to put any limits on the FAA's operation of the airport. The Broward County Airport Noise Abatement Committee (ANAC) was put into place to give residents a forum for complaints, but nothing has been done to abate noise over Lauderdale Isles.

13. The ANAC has provided an Airplane Noise App that residents can use to register complaints. Lauderdale Isles has filed thousands of complaints per month when departures fly over The Isles. ANAC is dismissive of these as being from only a hundred or so people. Yet they insist that they will not pay attention to someone complaining once about the hundreds of flights daily when winds are from the west, and that a separate complaint needs to be filed for each flight. **Departures start every day at 5:53 am and continuing until after midnight.** Sleep is hard to come by.

14. The FAA initiated the changes in operation to turn north prematurely without any notice to residents, and without any studies. The FAA now claims it cannot make any changes in operation until after the completion of a **Part 150 five-year noise impact study**. Interestingly, the study:

- will not measure the noise on the ground, even though there are noise monitors in place;
- will calculate noise based on computer modeling;

and, the consultant conducting the study may make recommendations to reduce noise impacts on residents, but the FAA may take as long as it wants to decide if changes will be made, if at all. 15. To make matters worse, the impacts on a neighborhood are said to be **noise averages**. The definition of average has yet to be explained by the consultants to the Part 150 study. The average impact on an annual basis would not be fair to The Isles because it is zero for most of the year, so the average will obviously be much less than the horrendous noise during the 20% or more of the year that the winds come out of the west. The same could be said for any other time average if the average includes times that planes are not flying, such as 3 am.

16. **It is not necessary to make the noise issue more complicated**, which is very easy to do. There are a great many details that can be introduced and can cloud the simple point that the FAA "railroaded" the changes without due process, and now tries to hide behind regulations that delay and prevent due process to aggrieved residents.

17. The **Phoenix solution** may be the best way to get on the FAA's radar. The FAA addresses only air safety to the exclusion of safety or quality of life issues on the ground. Phoenix sued the FAA to return to the flight patterns before a major change caused noise issues like at Lauderdale Isles. This issue



## Part 150 Study Technical Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting for the Technical Committee for the Part 150 Airport Noise Study on Thursday, November 7th, 10:00 am, at Secret Woods Park, 2701 W. St. Rd. 84.

At this meeting, the consultant will present the "Noise Exposure Maps," which have been developed by computer modeling. These maps will indicate whether or not the Study has determined that we have unacceptable aircraft noise levels in our neighborhood.

We all know that we DO have unacceptable – horrendous - aircraft noise levels during west winds, such as we had recently. However, with "averaging" and "computer modeling," we have no idea what the Part 150 Study will tell us regarding those noise levels.

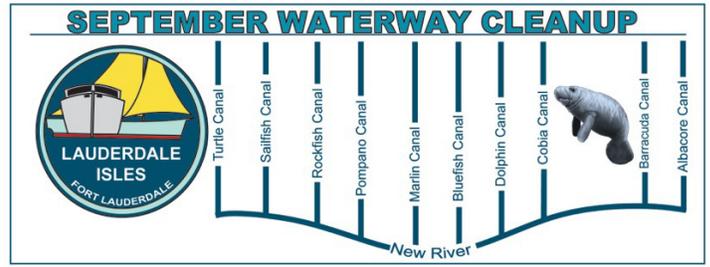
The public may attend and observe, but is not permitted to speak at this meeting. There will be future public workshops like the one held last November where you can provide input regarding the information we hear at this meeting.

This will be a very important and informative meeting. You should try to attend. For more info on the Part 150 Study, go to [www.fllpart150.com](http://www.fllpart150.com).

The LICIA Airport Noise Committee

**ACTION IN THE ISLES**

**OUR FOURTH  
WATERWAY CLEANUP-  
TREMENDOUS!**



The Fourth Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Riverland Woods was a huge success. With 79 participants, 14 boats, and 5 kayaks, we removed **1520 pounds** of debris from our waterways. All the participants received an official t-shirt, which are becoming collectors' items. The boaters and kayakers received goodie bags stuffed with great boating gear, compliments of Starbrite and Sailorman.

The Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department always supports our cleanup and provided a truck and a pontoon boat to haul away the debris. Jim Grace and Eddie from Parks and Rec worked hand-in-hand with all our volunteers unloading the trash that was brought in.

Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen was there. He brought along his two young daughters, Alex and Louise, and they pitched in by going out on Terry Rhoades' boat.

Afterwards, there was a great cookout under the big-top tent provided by Mr. G's catering. Entertainment was provided by Bev Griffin on the steel drums.

And then there were plenty of prizes for the cutest, ugliest, sportiest, & most unusual items brought in. Prizes included gift

certificates to Publix, The Downtowner, Flanigan's and The Rendezvous. Every kid went home with a new fishing pole. Then there were drawings for the boater's and kayaker's grand prizes.

This year's event was also very educational. Questions were posed to all the participants and lots of attendees were very appreciative to learn such things as: the names of our lanes are in alphabetical order from east to west; there are actually eleven canals in Lauderdale Isles – the eleventh one is the "North New River Canal;" the best department in the City is Parks and Rec; the longest lane in the Isles is Key Largo; and two names of the canals start with "B." However, the neighbors from Okeechobee Lane were stumped: none of them knew the average depth of the lake their lane is named after ( 9 feet).

Everyone had lots of fun while helping to improve the quality of our waterways and they all agreed – let's do it again next year.

*The Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup is sponsored by The Lauderdale Isles Water Management District, The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, & The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department*



The registration booth offered breakfast snacks



The fleet heads out



Who needs an outboard motor? Not Rey.



The Prizlees head to their assigned canal



Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen with Alex & Louise



*The fleet starts to return with all the trash found in the river and canals.*





The City's pontoon boat served as a mother ship, to pick up debris collected by the boats & kayaks. Then the City's truck hoisted the load by crane. This system made things easy and worked great.



Eddie & Jim of Parks & Rec look over the table full of strange things brought in. In the background, participants enjoy the cookout under the big top.



All the boat captains line up with their goodie bags. Inside the bags they found lots of Starbrite boat cleaning products. Boats in Lauderdale Isles will be the cleanest watercraft in South Florida.



Bev Griffin on the Steel Drums

### LOTS & LOTS OF HAPPY PRIZE WINNERS



OK, OK, so it's only Monopoly money...but it's still a hundred bucks.



Unique find: The skull and upper jaw of the very rare New River "ANAUGI," a reptile that roamed this area millions of years ago. Sent to the Smithsonian for analysis.



Our great crew at the sign-in table.

Pictures by the LICIA Staff Photo Journalists: Gina Garcia, Carolyn Edelstein, Dick Cahoon & Glori Stauch

### AND SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Enrique Sanchez & the City's Parks & Recreation Dept. Holding the Waterway Cleanup in Riverland Woods Park provided a lot of logistical challenges for us. Every time we asked Parks and Rec for help, they were there for us. And once again, Jim and Eddie worked their tails off at the event. We couldn't have done it without them. Without a doubt, the best department in the City. We sincerely appreciate it!



As always, Chuck at Sailorman came through with great prizes for our event.

### THE SEPTEMBER WATERWAY CLEANUP IS SPONSORED & FUNDED BY:



Bill Lindsey, Starbrite VP of Marketing, provided loads of their products for prizes.

## LIWMD UPDATE

### DERELICT BOATS

That sunken sailboat on Bimini Lane is still there. At our September 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, we invited supervisor Dick Eaton from Code Compliance to attend to see how we could make the wheels turn faster on getting this boat refloated and removed. He told us that his department would make it a priority. With the help of Ronda Hassan of the City Attorney's office, the case was moved up on the Special Magistrate schedule and an order for the City to remove the boat was issued by the magistrate on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The City is currently obtaining quotes from marine salvage firms for the removal of the boat and it should be gone soon. All the costs incurred by the City for the vessel removal will be charged to the homeowner (it recently cost \$8,000 to remove a similar sunken boat near SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the City). As of October 22, fines totaling \$10,400 have accrued at the Bimini Lane property. The moral of the story is: if a boat sinks behind your house, take care of it yourself quickly – or it could cost you a lot more if the City has to handle it.

One of the things we learned at our Board meeting is that unlike how the City issues annual contracts to tow cars, there is no annual contract with a salvage company to handle sunken boats. So each boat has to be put out to bid. Vice Mayor Sorensen, who sits on our Board, has asked City staff to issue an RFP to establish a salvage firm on an annual contract for handling these sunken vessels. Once that is done, these boats should be removed much more quickly. . . . .

**DUCKWEED**

Contrary to posts on Nextdoor stating it is dangerous, duckweed is just an aquatic weed, approximately 1/8 inch in size, does not smell, and is not toxic. You may notice ducks eating it occasionally. There was a large bloom of it in the Bluefish Canal between Key Largo and Marathon Lanes in September. These blooms occur from time to time; there was a large bloom of duckweed in 2014 in the Barracuda Canal.

We boated up and down the canals six times in September when the duckweed was present, and all other nine canals had none or just minimal amounts of it. The advice from the scientists in the City's Environmental Services Department is to NOT spray for duckweed. If sprayed, it will die, sink to the bottom of the canal and deplete the oxygen in the water while it decays. As the thin layer of duckweed on the surface does not impede navigation, we follow that department's advice.

What causes duckweed to bloom? Very warm water temperatures, sunlight, and nutrients, primarily from residential fertilizer and animal waste. It might not be aesthetically pleasing, but it's pretty harmless. We understand it is harvested and eaten in certain Asian countries. When we had some rather strong storms out of the northeast during the first week of October, all the duckweed was blown out of the canals and we haven't had reports of any since then.

**ALGAE**

All of a sudden on the morning of September 24<sup>th</sup>, we had blue-

green algae in our canals. These algae blooms are caused by the same things that cause duckweed: high water temperature, sunlight, and the same nutrients. Plus, lawn debris blown into the canals by lawn service workers contributes to it as well. This is not the first time we've had algae blooms; we had significant blooms in 2013. The blue-green algae lives in fresh to brackish water, and is NOT the same algae causing the red tides on the beaches.



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**Duckweed and blue-green algae, Cobia Canal, Sept. 29th**

We attended a meeting at City Hall held by City Commissioner Steve Glassman on September 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the algae issue in Los Olas Isles. Neighbors in that section of the City have had algae in their canals for most of the summer, and it looks like thick pea soup. As Todd Hiteshew and Larry Teich of Environmental Services explained, there is nothing that can be done about the blue-green algae. The level of algae in our canals is monitored by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and The Florida Department of Health issues health advisories about the algae if necessary. Inspectors from City's Environmental Services Department monitor the City's waterways and report all algae sightings to DEP.

Contrary to posts on Nextdoor, spraying to neutralize the blue-green algae in our waterways is NOT done, and has never been done, because it doesn't work. Unfortunately, there is really no solution for algae, although the state is investigating many alternatives. The best thing we can do is to limit the use of fertilizers, not fertilize within 10 feet of the canals, not blow lawn debris into the canals, and pick up after our four legged friends so their waste doesn't wash into the canals when it rains. When the temperatures cool down in October/November, the algae should disappear.

We have posted lots of info about the algae situation on our website [www.liwmd.org](http://www.liwmd.org). There you can find FAQ's from the state and links to see results of the algae testing done by DEP in the New River. We have also posted a "best practices" page which describes how to minimize pollution into our canals. Additionally, there are links to report local algae blooms to the DEP (we have filed reports and have heard back zilch from them – maybe they're overwhelmed?) In the meantime, avoid contact with the algae in our canals just to play it safe.

### WATERWAY CLEANUP

We want to thank all the great neighbors who participated in the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Waterway Cleanup and worked hard to remove 1520 pounds of trash from our waterways. Great job by all!

Geoff Rames & Ken Stauch

## Beauty in the Isles



By Gina Garcia

Welcome neighbors to the Third Edition of Beauty in Our Isles. With over 600 homes in Lauderdale Isles, we will continue to recognize our neighbors that have taken great pride and personal effort to spruce up their homes, to the benefit of all. This Third installment in the LICIA Newsletter will recognize one home from Flamingo Lane, Gulfstream Lane, and Key Largo Lane. Please note that in all three lanes at least 2-3 homes could have made the Newsletter. Congratulations to the three homes selected and being recognized. (Any residents that would like to join the "Beauty in Our Isles" committee please call me.) It is a lot of fun seeing all the homes and talking to our Neighbors.



**2654 Key Largo:** This home is the traditional rancher with all the tropical colors and accents. The Bahama Shutters, beautiful green yard with lots of palms and a large about 4 ft. Salamander, on the right side of the front door under the shutters! The real surprise is when you see the wooden pelican on the left of the garage door... that is perched on a dock piling which is "painted" on the wall! Very Original and Beautiful!



**2607 Gulfstream:** Note the very lush tropical landscape with very tall Palms (Robellinis?), and many more varieties, in the circular driveway island. The entrance patio is separated by a wall, complete with trellis and vines leading to an archway entrance with a wooden Pirate door. This is "Island" living with the

comfort of being in Lauderdale Isles, by the water. Beautiful!



**2619 Flamingo:** Notice the very tropical, "Glass block" window on the left side of the house. This home also has the very lush tropical landscape with very tall palms in the circular driveway island! The house colors are accented by the "burgundy" colored garage door that leads from the street. This home has seasonally decorated (Halloween). Throughout the entire front of the house you can see Orange Skeletons waving from all the green bushes. Beautiful!

**Thank you and look for your home in our next Newsletter!!**

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# Vacation Rental Pros & Cons, Legal versus Illegal, Good Owner/ Bad Owner



By Penny Shea

We could go on and on about all of this but at the end of the day they are here to stay. It is ones constitutional right to do what they wish with a property they own within the law.

The last part of this statement is what we need to focus on.

A considerate property owner will first let his neighbors around his or her home know the intentions they plan to do with the property. They will let the neighbors know they will not allow large or loud parties, loud noise to disturb the neighbors, give there phone number out for any and all problems or questions your neighbors may have. I believe it is imperative to make sure the integrity of the neighborhood be at the very top of the list.

## How to go about the process of having a legal Vacation Rental

- 1). Do not start advertising or renting before being licensed. Talk to the city and county & ask what responsibilities you have as a vacation rental owner what your property has to have physically to be legal. Get permits - do it right - do it legal - they will check for this.
- 2) Contact the State & acquire your tax number. You must have this in hand before applying for the rest.
- 3) Apply to the State for a Hotel License for a short term rental. ( be honest). You must have this in hand before next step.
- 4) Contact your County Tax office & apply for a Tourist Tax License. You must have this before applying with the city.
- 5) Contact the City and apply, give all pertinent documents and information asked of you. Pay your fees. And be patient.
- 6) Get scheduled for a Code Enforcement inspection: be prepared and pass.
- 7) Be approved! Don't do business until you have all your documents.
- 8) Advertise & follow the letter of the City Ordinances. Remember your neighbors - do not put them in a position to have to call Code and report you. Remember that your neighbors live here and will be here long after your vacation rental is gone.

## How to go about running an illegal Vacation Rental

- 1) Advertise your home
- 2) don't get any licenses
- 3) rent to anyone and everyone
- 4) forget your house has neighbors
- 5) rent rent rent
- 6) be greedy and careless
- 7) have your neighbors report you
- 8) get code violations
- 9) get fines
- 10) go to Special Magistrate hearing where neighbors come forth and give first hand knowledge of your illegal business
- 11) Get fined.

Your neighbors will forever be upset with you and rightfully so.

Let's sum this up: there lots of neighborhoods, including ours, who want no part of vacation rentals for the simple reason that the bad have long out-weighed the good. Most neighbors had no idea vacation rentals were in or near their neighborhood until one or two bad actors showed up, leading them to believe that all vacation rentals are bad.

Let's be perfectly clear - LICIA knows the problem properties and we watch them closely. We want each and every neighbor to be aware there is no harm in reporting to Code any activities that are not in compliance with City Ordinances and if you are either fearful or worried let a director know. We have tough skin and we engage Code on a regular basis. Our goal is to work diligently for our neighborhood along with Code and City officials on each and every neighbors behalf.



Only in Fort Lauderdale. As seen on our local waterways!

# Housing First Initiative Aims to Address Tent City at Stranahan Park



By Dawn Hanna

Our very own commissioner, Vice Mayor Ben Sorenson is working with a very talented team of individuals to address the homeless issues facing Fort Lauderdale. The Vice Mayor presented a comprehensive plan in a meeting at the Fort Lauderdale Woman's Club on September 26, 2018. The plan will first address the tent city in Stranahan Park. After Stranahan Park, the plan is to use this model to address homelessness throughout Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

The plan is called Housing First. Unlike other homeless programs that address only feeding, or have limited shelter space, this plan addresses housing, job skills, case workers, transportation, food, and medical care. Housing first brings together resources to address housing readiness of each homeless individual.

The plan for housing involves community support from area landlords. The program will incentivize participating landlords by guaranteeing a fair market price for the unit and creating a risk mitigation pool to make the landlord whole again if any damage occurs. In addition, the plan is

to assign case managers and other "wrap around services" to each "renter". If the landlord has a concern about the "renter", a case manager can intervene with resources before an issue gets serious.

Housing is the most immediate need. Vice Mayor Sorenson is looking for help in identifying landlords and property owners to participate in this program. Vice Mayor Sorenson can be reached via email at [BSorenson@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:BSorenson@fortlauderdale.gov) or at his office at (954) 828-5003.





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# THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU



By Dirk Lowry

Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.

Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..

If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)

Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at [www.faketv.com](http://www.faketv.com))

Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again... If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky ;security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com> . Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, interviewed 105 burglars for his book "Burglars on the Job."

## Riverland Community Meeting

Several years ago, the City of Ft. Lauderdale applied for and received T.I.G.E.R. grant money to redesign Riverland Rd. ( via Complete Streets Program ) seeking to make pedestrian activities and presence more attractive and safer. Traffic Calming measures were discussed at New River Middle School approximately two years ago by the Transportation and Mobility Dept. Our community was promised input for these design changes and measures. On November 13, at 7 pm, Ft. Lauderdale's Transportation and Mobility Dept. will meet with the Riverland Community at the New River Middle School to discuss these issues. This is your opportunity to listen and learn about the future plans for our neighborhood and how it may look. Your opinions and voices will be heard, however, the questions and concerns must be limited to Transportation , Mobility and Safety. Thank you.

**Mark Cantor, Riverland Preservation Society**

## OCTOBER 27th: MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY!

October 27<sup>th</sup> was the City's Make a Difference Day. One of the projects chosen by the City was to help out a homeowner who needed help. (The City has a program that targets homes that are riddled with code enforcement complaints and have a homeowner that is financially and physically unable to bring their home into compliance.) How lucky were we on October 27<sup>th</sup>?! The house that was chosen by the City was right here in our neighborhood, check out how nice Mr. Whetsel's house now looks. 3605 Riverland Road. We all had a great time painting and cleaning up Mr. Whetsel's yard.



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### Homeless Activity - How to Report

There may be some homeless individuals now living under the 441 bridge. If you see any suspicious activity or trespassing under the bridges, please call and report it. This area falls under the jurisdiction of Broward Sheriff's Office. The non emergency number for BSO 954-764-4357, goes to the Regional Communications Center.

The new reporting address is: 4100 SW 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Lauderdale, in UNINCORPORATED BROWARD

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

### Within Riverland Woods Park

**If you are harassed by homeless individuals while launching your boat at the Riverland Woods boat ramp or in the parking lot, call 911. The park is City property and FLPD will respond. The address for Riverland Woods Park is 3950 Riverland Road.**



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