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# LAKE RIDGE NEWS

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Michael Albetta

As we fall into the Fall season, The Summer months are behind us; we the residents of Lake Ridge have had our set backs as well as our triumphal moments.

Our Taste of Italy was once again a very successful evening. Over 100 residents came out on June 16th to Cafe Vico for great food, drink and wonderful company as well as auction prizes. Thank you to all and please support the businesses that support the association.

This year, Lake Ridge Civic Association teamed with the Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associations, Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce to present our Candidates Night on August 4th at ArtServe. This informative event continues to grow and become more successful. Candidates for most judicial and other county races, answered questions posed by our moderator, George Castarato — a resident of Lake Ridge and long-time sponsor of this event. Thank you, George. Over 85 movers and shakers from 17 civic associations citywide attended. Please be sure to exercise your right to VOTE.

We have dedicated this newsletter to memories of the past and hope you enjoy some old photos of our neighborhood. One from 1954 with an aerial shot of Lake Ridge with Lake Melva and the dirt roads of 13th Street as well as the side streets not even developed. We've come a long way since then.

Looking to the future, September 14th was the ground breaking of the 13th Street Complete Street project. All Aboard Florida's "Brightline" is laying track to bring passenger rail service back to the city. Galleria Mall is getting ready for new development; Middle River Terrace has beautiful redevelopment; new build-

President's message ..... continued on page 3



Lots of changes have occurred to Sunrise Boulevard since 1950 ... still, the clouds look the same and you can fill up the tank at NE 15th Avenue ... but it will cost more today. (Looking west from 15th Ave)

**UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**  
7pm at ArtServe (3rd Thursday of month)  
NE 14th Ave @ Sunrise Blvd

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1950



US 1 heading north from Gateway .... there's still a hotel on the west side of the curve.



1950



Gateway was a simpler intersection in 1950. Note: the Gateway pylon sign on the right that is now part of the Gateway Theater marquee. Looking east into the Gateway curve.



Clearing land for what would become the Galleria

THEN  
&  
NOW

Powell Ford was located on Sunrise Boulevard where the Avis Rental Center is today (just west of Satori Apartments). Looking north from the south side of Sunrise



1954

Note: the on-street parking along Sunrise.



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ings are being built and Sunrise Boulevard has a new face over. We have seen great new changes in the Lake Ridge area.

Tropic Magazine featured Lake ridge in its Summer 2016 edition. This well-written article highlights all of Lake Ridge's strengths. "In addition to its diversity and affordability, Lake Ridge has a lot to be proud of — urbanity, energy, walkability, transit accessibility" You can read the entire article at [www.TropicFL.com](http://www.TropicFL.com) (starting on page 91)

On closing, we bow our heads with deep sadness on the passing of our past president Charles "Chuck" Black. A person who was truly dedicated to Lake Ridge, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County as well as to The United States Navy. We salute a good friend and professional gentleman.

Please become a paid member of the Lake Ridge Civic Association. "Unity is strength. "Unity in the Community" Respectfully,

Michael A. Albetta



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The Big Blow in '26. Donna. Cleo. Andrew. Katrina. Wilma. Thankfully we don't have to add Hermine to the list of unwanted visitors to our neighborhood. We are at the peak of hurricane season so it's vital to keep a weather eye. If you haven't done so already, survey your yard for potentially dangerous debris and vegetation. Cut back all trees and weak branches that could contact buildings. Remove any hanging coconuts. Have your foliage thinned so wind can flow freely through branches, decreasing the chance that trees and/or plants will be uprooted. It's also a good time to trim back vegetation that obscures drivers' sight lines, hides traffic signs or obstructs pedestrian walkways or bike routes.

**Once a Storm has been Named**

*Do not* cut down trees or do major yard work.

*Do not* begin construction projects that produce debris.

**Once a Storm Watch or Warning has been issued**

*Do not* trim vegetation of any kind.

*Do not* take materials to the curb during a watch or warning period. Services may be suspended and facilities closed early to prepare for the storm.

Mass cutting places a tremendous burden on the city's collection and disposal process — there simply isn't enough equipment or manpower to handle the additional material before the storm makes landfall. Don't put yourself or your neighbors at risk.



**STAY SAFE**

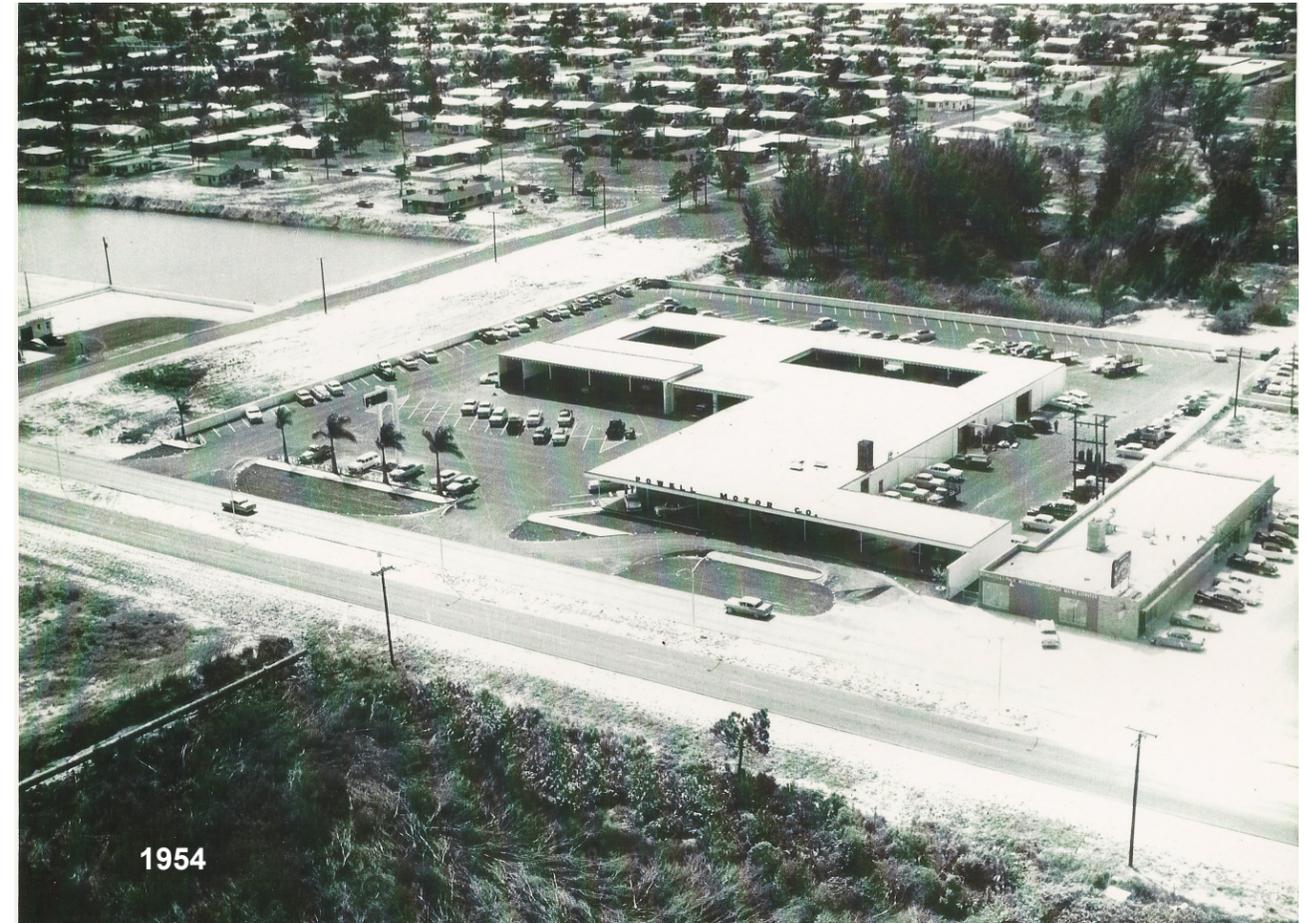
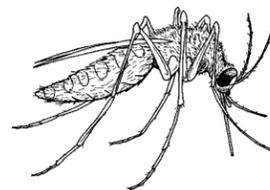
By Juliette Rocque

The city of Fort Lauderdale is working closely with the Florida Department of Health and Broward County to support mosquito control efforts related to Zika.

Broward County's mosquito control section has responded with aerial spraying of the county, eliminating mosquito habitats and sampling adult mosquitos to gauge effectiveness of the treatments. In addition to aerial spraying, Broward County Mosquito Control Section also treats areas of the County based on requests received from residents. **To request service, call 954-765-4062.**

While the county and state are the lead agencies, the city is taking steps to prevent the spread of the Zika virus. A special response team from Code Enforcement and Building Services is citing properties for improper pool maintenance or stagnant water. The team is working with the Unsafe Structures Board to address pools at abandoned properties. Public Works crews are canvassing the city with vacuum trucks to clean blocked storm drains and clear areas with standing water in the right-of-way. If you see a property with improper pool maintenance or stagnant water, report it to the city's 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000 or online with Lauderserv.

Residents are the first line of defense when it comes to combatting any mosquito. Please survey your property and remove any standing water, and any vessels that can hold standing water, such as flower pots, pet bowls, children's toys, bottle caps, etc.



The new car dealership being built on Federal Highway at NE 13th Street. Lake Melva is on the left and residential lots on unpaved streets in Lake Ridge (at top) are waiting to be developed. Looking west from Federal Highway

**FORT LAUDERDALE  
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**Saturday, October 29th  
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TerraCycle is a company that collects and recycles many typically non-household recyclables. Broward College is the primary collection point for these materials.

Your LRCA "Green Queen" has volunteered to collect the items at each Lake Ridge Civic Association general membership meeting — third Thursday of each month at ArtServe — and bring them to Broward College.

By partnering with TerraCycle, the Broward College has diverted millions of pounds of waste from the landfill /incinerator and has won several awards for their efforts. Broward College earns funds generated from the program for its student scholarships.

Examples of recyclables collected are; deodorant containers, chip bags, zip lock bags, water filters, Brita filters, scotch tape dispensers, coffee capsules and pens.

**GOING GREEN**

By Lynn Elsasser

**WHAT IS TERRACYCLING?**

**BROWARD COLLEGE TERRACYCLE PROGRAM**

Please help us collect the following items.

The college will receive an average of 2 cents for each item. All proceeds benefit the Michelle Lawless Scholarship fund.

**TERRACYCLE: Is a waste collection program for hard to recycle material**

**Electronic Items:** Old Laptops, Tablets, MP3 Players, Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, GPS devices, Electrical Wires

**Brita and PUR:** Used pitchers, dispensers, bottles, faucet systems, filters

**Cleaning Products:** Sprayers, Pumps, Refill pouches, Soft plastic wipe containers, Detergent caps

**Office:** Used pens, Mechanical pencils, Markers, Highlighters, Tape dispensers & empty rolls, Ink & Toner Cartridge

**GU products:** Energy chew and gel packets, drink pouches and sticks

**Food and Beverage Products:** Chip Bags, Energy/Granola Bar wrappers, Little Bites Pouches, Juice Pouches (Capri-Sun), Cereal Liners (plastic packaging inside cereal box), Malt-O-Meal cereal bags, Bottle corks.

**Plastic Cups:** Any size/ brand- including the ones from restaurants

**Food Storage such as Glad, Ziploc & Rubbermaid:** including containers, zip top bags, plastic wrap and the plastic wrap used at all stores to secure pallets.

**Health and Beauty:** Toothpaste tubes, Toothbrushes, Mouthwash bottles, Floss containers and plastic packaging Personal care products; lip balm tubes, soap containers & tubes, hair care packaging (collect from Salons!), cosmetics, deodorant.

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**THE BEST OF LAKE RIDGE**

By Bryan Sawchuk, Past LRCA President

Lake Ridge is very near and dear to me and will always have a place in my heart. When my mother and father relocated to South Florida from Canada, back in 1984, Lake Ridge was our first home. I remember how my brothers and I would play in the neighborhood, swim at the Sunrise Middle School pool, spend time with family members visiting from up North, and the fun times at Fort Lauderdale Beach.

We were first welcomed by Gene and Denis, our neighbors across the street and met many other friendly neighborhood residents, who we eventually formed memories and friendships with. My Sunrise Middle School Administrator, Ms. Wandzilak still resides in Lake Ridge. I guess real estate was in my blood, because even at the age of 10, I remember helping my mom pass out neighborhood real estate alert flyers on the weekends.

In turn, we got to chat with neighbors and had the opportunity to volunteer as part of the Lake Ridge Civic Association. We became involved with the association and served when and where we could. I remember the first spaghetti dinner (Rixon and Wayne cooking sauce all day), when the road closures were being installed between Northeast 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Sunrise Boulevard, sold many of the older properties that are now newer town homes, and the hours spent writing the grants to help Lake Ridge receive the funds for our beautiful decorative street sign posts.

The neighborhood has had a dramatic geographical and physical change since the mid 1980's, but what hasn't changed is the true essence of unity in the community and what volunteering and standing up for your neighborhood is all about. At the Fort Lauderdale Candidates Night on August 4th I was asked by another area Civic Association President, "What makes Lake Ridge Work? We want to be like you!"

You want to know what makes a thriving neighborhood and community? People. People make it work. Human connections make it work. Relationships make it work. People, con-

nections, and relationships grounded in love, passion, courage, energy, power, commitment, drive, enthusiasm, patience, and the willingness to be the best neighborhood and community in all of Fort Lauderdale. Not superficial, surface meetings and encounters. Genuine and authentic people with a common mission and vision. That's what unity in the community is. People being people are the foundation and systems of Lake Ridge.

Without the countless hours of all of your civic association volunteers, Lake Ridge would not be what it is today. My life has been forever elevated by the thousands of residents and city officials I have had the opportunity to meet and connect with. I want to take this opportunity to appreciate all of the essential board members and volunteers (past and present) who make Lake Ridge work.

Say hello to each other. Become friends. Show up at our monthly meeting or come on out to one of our events. I would encourage each and every resident to take the initiative to be a part of your beautiful neighborhood and connect by volunteering. There are many ways to direct creative passion and energy into volunteer opportunities. Make the decision to be a part of your Lake Ridge unity in the community.

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NOVEMBER 8th General Election**

Aside from the US Presidential contest, we'll be voting for US Congress, state legislative positions and some county offices on November 8th.

This year you will also see proposals on the ballot to increase the Florida sales tax collected within Broward County. The current sales tax is six cents on every dollar spent. If the proposals pass, tax collections will increase 17% — to seven cents on every dollar spent. The county is asking for an extra “half-penny” transportation tax, primarily for transit-related improvements. The cities are asking for a “half-penny” infrastructure tax to fund capital improvements. Fort Lauderdale has identified a new Police Station as its most pressing need. If the ballot measure passes, 43% of the proposed sales tax revenues would go towards a new police station. Other major projects would be to rebuild bridges to the Isles and repairs to city-owned seawalls.

Both proposals must pass for the tax increase to become effective. If one fails, they both fail.

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

If you haven't already registered to vote, there's still time. October 11th is the deadline to register for the general election on November 8th.

You can register online, by mail or in person at the County Governmental Building 115 S. Andrews Avenue Room 102 (one block south of Broward Boulevard).

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Join us for a Family Bike Ride through beautiful Victoria Park, followed by a viewing of Zootopia at Holiday Park.

Meet-up **Sunday, October 2 at 5:00 p.m.** near the Tennis Center. Bring your bikes, helmets, hydration, and blankets/picnic for after the ride. We will be heading out at 5:30 to do a family-friendly 4-5 mile ride through Victoria Park.

After the ride, hang out for *Zootopia* and a relaxing Sunday evening.

Helmets are required for children, bike lights are recommended, and training wheels are not permitted. Please feel free to contact us for additional information.

This event is hosted by Forget Me Not Advocacy Group, Downtown Bicycles, Victoria Park Civic Association, and Recyclable Bicycle Exchange.