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## Greetings Neighbors!

We've got an exciting General Meeting coming up (8/16/18)! Congressman Ted Deutsch will be our guest speaker, and also Commissioner/Vice Mayor Sorensen! Oh wait, you say that's not enough for our next meeting? You got it. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be sending the district commander to our meeting, to explain the new

City of Fort Lauderdale's "RING" app (the City has partnered with Ring). The City of Fort Lauderdale's Police Department will also be GIVING AWAY a Ring unit (worth \$100) that night to a member of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association. Oh wait, there's more good stuff to win? Yessiree, another lucky member will win \$50 gift card to the Downtowner Saloon and Maxwell room. If you are not a member yet, it is not too late. It is only \$20 per year, and you can either mail your check to our PO BOX before 08/09/18 or bring it with you to the meeting (as long as your dues are paid, you will be eligible to win the RING unit or the \$50 gift card)! If you mail your check and you want to verify we have received it please text me at 954-812-0799 (or send me an email before 08/14/18).

What a great time to be living in Lauderdale Isles. With the election of our new Commissioner Ben Sorensen and new Mayor Dean Trantalis, they are proving over and over that

they stand by their word. We should all be very pleased to have them as our leaders, I'm sure we will be seeing them bring good changes to our neighborhood and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

I took the time this year to attend the Neighborhood Leadership Academy, presented by the City of Fort Lauderdale (over a period of five weeks). I found it to be very informative and helpful. Each week a different member from our city would educate our group on what their department is responsible for, including the City Commission, Finance Division, Fire Department, Police Department, etc. I strongly encourage you to sign up for the class; it is free and only meets one night a week from 6:00-8:30pm.

I've also been attending the monthly League of Civic Associations meetings that are held at City Hall, those have also proven to be most informative. Every time I go to a meeting, I leave with new information, some of which is useful to our neighborhood. Did you know that the City now has a "Nighttime" Code Enforcement Division? Yep, not only will they be pro-active (meaning they won't be needing a phone call to report an issue, they will be looking for issues), they will also have full time police officers in their division. I'm sure this will help with all of the vacation rentals that are used solely for parties - with all the loud noise - and illegal parking in the street.

I'm surely looking forward to seeing great things happen to a great neighborhood. And one of the things that makes our neighborhood such a great place to live is YOU, my neighbor.



Congressman Ted Deutch  
22nd Congressional District of Florida

## PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AUGUST 16th AN EVENING WITH CONGRESSMAN TED DEUTCH

The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association has set up another great meeting for our neighborhood. Our featured speaker at our August 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will be Congressman Ted Deutch, live and in person. If you follow the current events taking place in Washington, you know that Congressman Deutch is a major player. He is now serving his fifth term in Congress. He is the Ranking Democrat of the House Ethics Committee and a senior member of several other committees in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Known for his accessible personality, sense of humor, and thoughtful approach to the issues, Ted Deutch has proven himself to be an energetic advocate for the priorities of his constituents.

Come meet him and hear him discuss the world, the country, the state, and our congressional district. You will be able to pose questions to the Congressman. Many of our local politicians will be attending as well. This is a night you don't want to miss, so put it on your calendar now:

**August 16, 7pm, at Abiding Savior Church.**  
Presented by the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association.

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**Note New  
Location**

# AGENDA

LICIA General Meeting  
Thursday, Aug 16th, 7:00pm  
Abiding Savior Church  
1900 SW 35th Avenue

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment-
- 1. Opening Statement President/Vice President
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Code Enforcement Report
- 4. Guests Introductions
- 5. Congressman Ted Deutch
- 6. Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen
- 7. Committee Updates
- 8. LIWMD Report
- 9. Old Business
- 10. Drawing – Members in Good Standing
- 9. Adjournment

Note: Previous meetings minutes and treasurer's reports are approved at the monthly Board of Directors Meetings.

*General Meetings are held four times per year,  
on the third Thursday of the months of  
February, May, August, and November*

**Regarding LICIA Meetings:** - Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes. All attendees at LICIA General Meetings must sign in at the front desk. Effective February, 2018, all General Meetings are now held at Abiding Savior Church. Board of Directors /Committee meetings are held at Abiding Savior Church.

## From the Editor's Desk

Editor: Bob Franks, Assistant: Geoff Rames

- 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)
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**PLEASE NOTE - AUGUST 16  
GENERAL MEETING  
LOCATION:  
ABIDING SAVIOR CHURCH  
1900 SW 35th AVENUE**



*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 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.

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## Beauty in the Isles

By Gina Garcia



Welcome neighbors to the second edition of Beauty in the 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, which benefits all of us.

This edition in the LICIA Newsletter will recognize one home each from Marathon Lane, Nassau Lane, and Sugarloaf 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 the Isles" committee please call me.) It is a lot of fun seeing all the homes and talking to our neighbors.



2536 Okeechobee: Notice the two twisting bushes - Wow! This home also added a bay window to the left side of house. They also have a large Canary Island Date Palm in the center island in front of the circular driveway. *Beautiful.*



2549 Nassau: Note very lush tropical landscape and the immense avocado tree to the right. They even have orchids hanging in the shade of the avocado tree and large decorative stones that accent the front part of the yard. *Beautiful.*



2455 Marathon: Notice the brick accent on the exterior of the house. The lawn is immaculate with the carefully trimmed hedges in the front. The three-light white post on the left side adds a beautiful accent that matches the white window frames in the front of the house. *Beautiful.*

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## Vice President's Corner



Bob Franks

This has been an interesting year. From an issues perspective, the LICIA has been active in addressing the airplane noise problem, the plague of bad vacation rentals, support for creation of the new park on Riverland Road, along with working with the police on crime concerns, and code enforcement to address code issues. We have seen a new Mayor and Vice Mayor become elected with the support of our neighborhood. This has led to a change in direction from the city commission from overbuilding to a more controlled growth in our community. We have now gone from one Waterway Cleanup a year to two with our own waterway cleanup this September. There is a lot to be happy about. People have become involved, and it has made a difference. Yes, your elected officials have listened to your concerns.

In our last LICIA board meeting, we had Jayne Chapman, Community Outreach Aid, to Congressman Ted Deutch, attend. She gave a great talk about how congressional offices work and how constituents can interact with the congressman's office and staff. It is interesting to note that the congressional office is separated into two parts, constituent services, and the political side of the office. No politics are allowed in the constituent services side. This is strictly based on the fact that our elected congressman, Ted Deutch, serves all of the constituents of his district, completely outside of any politic consideration. The

congressional office is set up to help people who are having problems with federal offices, and can help direct you to where to go to get your issues addressed. Over the past 20 years, I was helped by our congressman, one with an immigration issue, the other with the IRS.

Whether you agree or disagree with Rep. Ted Deutch's politics, he has shown himself to open to address the concerns of all of his constituents. His office will take your calls, emails, and letters addressing your topics of concern. Over the past year, immigration, and gun control, have been two of the hot button topics. Rep. Deutch's district includes Parkland, where the mass shooting at the Marjory Stoneman High School took place.

A couple of key points here. A smart leader will lead his constituents in the direction they want to go. Otherwise, why would they follow or vote for him? This means, to effect change or promote a particular position or view, you have to communicate effectively with your representatives. Communicating a well thought out position, done in a respectful way, will always be more effective than expressing a clichéd political rant. We are all people. Treat someone like you would like to be treated and your elected officials will listen to your concerns.

LICIA welcomes Congressman Ted Deutch, along with all of our elected officials, and the hard working city and county employees who provide services to us every day. A huge shout out to Pastor Knott, who tirelessly works for his parishioners, to make a better life. As individuals, and as a community, we can make a difference!

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# Is Brightline bad for South Florida boating business?



By Todd Tongen, Channel 10

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - There is a growing problem in Fort Lauderdale regarding Brightline, a bridge and boaters.

Every time a train travels the tracks near the New River, the bridge is dropped and navigation on the New River stops.

The 11 Brightline round trips mean 22 stoppages, which is bad for boating business.

"The frequency of the openings -- this is a major portal for all of the boatyards that are up the river," said Jim Naugle, of Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

Marine industry officials said not only are 136,000 jobs at risk, but recreational boating in South Florida is at risk too.

"The more time the bridge is down, the more there is going to be a traffic tie-up and delay and hindrance to navigation," recreational boater Darren Alline said.

Alline, who is also WPLG's chief engineer, has been boating in and out of the New River for years. He said the downed bridge causes dangerous backups.

"There are small boats. There are boaters that don't know a lot about what they are doing. There are giant yachts in the mix, and if they bump into one of these small boats, it is going to be a disaster," Alline said.

According to U.S. Coast Guard rules, the bridge can only be in a down position for up to 60 minutes every two hours.

"And they realize they are violating it and they are trying to get it where they are in compliance. We will have to ask the Coast Guard to suspend service if they can't solve the problem," Naugle said.

The rail service company has released a statement saying: "Brightline is working closely with Florida East Coast Railway, our train dispatch partner, Florida Dispatch Company and the U.S. Coast Guard, to minimize closures and to provide notice to the U.S. Coast Guard and the marine community of anticipated closures."

But in the next month, Brightline is expanding service to 16 trains per day. That will mean 32 openings.

"In addition, Broward County is expanding Port Everglades and there is more and more freight, which means there will be more freight trains and longer freight trains," Naugle said.



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## LIWMD UPDATE

### Derelict Boats

The process for the City to handle sunken boats is “one step forward, three steps back,” at least that’s how it seems. The job of citing the boat owner or the property owner for a sunken boat is handled by Code Enforcement, and the process is entirely too involved and takes way too long.



Luckily, there was no fuel spill associated with this old boat that sank on June 22.

Take a look at the boat in the picture which sank behind a house on Bimini Lane on June 22nd. After numerous notices, letters, & re-inspections, the case goes to the Special Magistrate on August 16th, two months after the boat sank. It's at the Special Magistrate hearing where the wheels finally turn, and orders

are ultimately issued for the boat's removal.

The peak of hurricane season is approaching. If a storm hits, this boat and other derelicts will probably end up in the middle of the canal, become a hazard to navigation, and then have to be removed on an emergency basis. Whether it's removed due to a Special Magistrate order, or on an emergency basis, the boat owner or the property owner ultimately will be charged for the removal. You may recall the “Renata” which sank a few years ago in the Dolphin Canal. The removal of that boat cost the property owner over \$17,000. LIWMD is meeting with several City departments to see how the entire process can be accomplished in ten days, in accordance with one provision buried in the City Code. Some state laws may be applicable, too. By the way, the derelict boat problem exists all over the City, not just in our neighborhood.

### Blue Crab Testing

Finally, we're almost ready to go with the blue crab testing project, after some delays with the lab. We bought the traps and as you can see, we tested one. It worked quite nicely.



A couple of nice jimmies from testing a trap in the Dolphin Canal.



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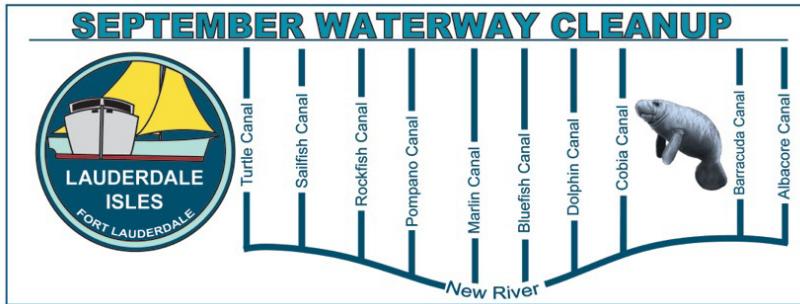
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# Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

It's time for you to pitch in again and  
help enhance our waterways

Join us Saturday, September 22th, for the Fourth Annual



Our last September Cleanup was in 2016. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled in 2017 due to dock space limitations. But the public outcry by neighbors was loud and clear, so we're pleased to announce we will be holding the Cleanup this year at the Riverland Woods boat ramp. As of press time, we are still working out details with the Parks & Rec department. If our plans are approved, this year's event will be even bigger and better. You don't want to miss it! Details will be provided at the Aug 16 LICIA General Meeting.

Site Location: Riverland Woods Boat Ramp You must pre-register for this event—see below.



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **You must pre-register for this event.** Do so by going to [www.liwmd.org](http://www.liwmd.org) and click on the Waterway Cleanup Registration page. You can pre-register through September 15th. Pre-registration is necessary so we can plan properly for the number of participants.
- Smaller boats are better - leave your yacht home and bring your dinghy. Max boat size is 23 ft.
- This cleanup is only for the ten canals and the New River within Lauderdale Isles, and is only open to Lauderdale Isles residents. Residency will be verified. **You must pre-register for this event.**

**ATTENTION Kayakers, Canoeists, and Paddle boarders:** Experience has shown that your crafts are perfectly suited for cleaning debris out of the rocks on the south side of the river. So grab your paddle and be there!

Please note: arrangements are still being made for this event. Specific details will be announced at the August 16 LICIA General Meeting and on Nextdoor.





## Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen

### Las Olas Corridor Mobility

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Steven Glassman (District 2) and I held a public workshop on Las Olas Corridor Mobility to review existing planning efforts on the corridor and gain public feedback on the future of East Las Olas Boulevard from South Andrews Avenue to Fort Lauderdale Beach. Meeting materials are available on the City's website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject).

The workshop began with a presentation from the Department of Transportation and Mobility staff that included an exhaustive overview of existing plans and construction efforts to date, including concepts proposed by the Las Olas property owners and Godart, an explanation of Complete Streets principles and the importance of context in transportation planning, and an overview of the different context areas along Las Olas.

After staff's presentation, more than 20 workshop participants provided comments. One speaker noted there are five distinct "planning contexts" along the 2.4-mile corridor that can send a confusing message to tourists, drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. It goes from A1A and the beach, to the residential Las Olas Isles, to the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue shops, to the historic shops, then to the financial district with a museum and educational institutions.

I think we need to shape Las Olas based on the primary function of what we want our street to be. It was evident that safety was a big concern, along with sea level rise and King Tides, so we hope to hire a traffic engineering firm to advise on design with the future in focus.

We also need to keep the community involved. Our next step is to form a working group, similar to the SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street Mobility Plan Working Group convened by our immediate-past District 4 Commissioner, Romney Rogers. I have been continuing this group and the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Las Olas Working Group will represent a diverse mix of people using Las Olas, including commercial, retail, and residential interests.

The City Commission has received the results of the 2018 Las Olas Boulevard Six-month Safety Improvements Demonstration Project. The goal is to improve safety for all users while connecting Las Olas to the beach. Vision Zero principles, which aim to eliminate all deadly traffic crashes and serious injuries in Fort Lauderdale, informed the design of the project and were implemented between SE 11<sup>th</sup> and SE 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues in the Colee Hammock neighborhood, using national and local engineering standards and best practices.

Evaluation criteria for the project included: statistics on crashes and injuries for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; the number of people driving and biking; user satisfaction; and input from business owners, neighbors, and the City's first responders. Feedback from a May 2018 survey resulted in 672 responses from neighbors representing more than 10 neighborhoods, and 37 responses from businesses.

The project achieved its safety goal by reducing the number of

crashes, the severity of injuries, and the extent of property damage. The Fire Department's emergency response time remained within nationally acceptable thresholds, and the Police Department reported a substantial decrease in traffic-related complaints. Safety for all users improved, as the number of people driving more slowly and within the posted speed limit of 25 mph increased. However, survey respondents were divided on whether the safety improvements should be made permanent, and I would encourage you to review the nine-page Evaluation Report available at [www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=31059](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/home/showdocument?id=31059).

I am confident that together we can build a better Las Olas using best practices from across the nation, while incorporating such local concepts as Complete Streets, FDOT's Context Sensitive Corridors, and Vision Zero. We will be gathering your input through your representatives on the Working Group, so please check the [www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/lasolasproject) web page periodically for further information.

To schedule a meeting or to receive my newsletter and other information about what is going on in the City, contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or [mjmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:mjmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov).

My email address is [bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:bsorensen@fortlauderdale.gov).

## VACATION RENTALS IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

This is a list of the "certified" vacation rental properties in Lauderdale Isles, provided by Code Enforcement on July 26th. If you see code violations at any of these addresses such as excessive noise, large crowds of people, cars parked on the lawn or in the street, call the new Night Economy Team at 954-828-8000 between 5pm and 2am Wed- Sat., FLPD outside those times at 954-764-HELP, or Code Enforcement during business hours, Mon-Fri at 954-828-5207.

- 2401 Andros Lane - *This property's certificate is suspended for one year by the Special Magistrate, effective Aug. 1, 2018, for four or more violations.*

- 2413 Nassau Lane
- 2430 Bimini Lane
- 2442 Bimini Lane
- 2455 Key Largo Lane
- 2630 Marathon Lane

- 2530 Andros Lane - *This property has applied for certification. It currently has several open cases for Code violations.*

Any other property that appears to be operating as a vacation rental is doing so illegally, and should be reported to the Code Enforcement.

The Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution that it is opposed to all vacation rentals, both legal ("certified") and illegal.

## AIRPORT NOISE UPDATE



By the LICIA Airport Noise Committee

As you may recall, Vice Mayor Ben Sorensen held an airport noise meeting at City Hall on April 18. The panel at this meeting included William Castillo of BCAD, Winston Cannicle of BCAD, Kristin Carter of County Commissioner Tim Ryan's office, Vice Mayor Sorensen, and Geoff Rames of the LICIA Airport Noise Committee.

If you attended, you heard our Committee's five requests to the City regarding what we call "The Phoenix Solution," which simply stated is that we are asking the City to engage the FAA in court the same way Phoenix did.\* Phoenix prevailed in their case last November, and the situation in Phoenix was different than ours. Their airport noise problem came about due to the FAA's NextGen program. That program has not been put into place at FLL. So when we refer to the "Phoenix Solution," what we are referring to is the fact that Phoenix took the FAA to court and won, and that's all. Their win was the first time that a city won a significant airport noise case against the FAA.

Many other cities around the country are pursuing airport noise cases now, including Washington DC, and Chicago

\* To see a synopsis of the April 18th presentation, go to [www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com) and see the Spring (May) 2018 newsletter

suburbs. From a July 5th article in the Wall Street Journal by Katy McLaughlin:

*"In the long-running battle over airplane noise, new tactics are emerging to fight FAA flight paths over neighborhoods, including some of the most affluent enclaves in the nation. Residents have formed protest groups, lobbied city and state representatives, gone to court, sold their homes and moved—and even created a high-tech tool for kvetching, enabling them to register thousands of complaints at the click of a button."*

Vice Mayor Sorensen advises that on June 13th, along with the City Manager and the City Attorney, he held the first conversation with the aviation law firm which represented Phoenix. The law firm has had subsequent discussions with City staff, is reviewing the situation, and will report back to the City in the next couple of weeks with their recommendations. Those recommendations could be anything from you have an excellent case to let the Part 150 study play out before pursuing legal remedies. Ben Sorenson will be attending the August 16th General Meeting and we have asked him to give us an update on the situation then.

**Part 150 Study:** We are hearing that the Noise Exposure Maps being developed by the Part 150 consultant may come out in September. Those maps will indicate whether or not the study shows that we are within the 65dB DNL contour - in other words, whether or not we have unacceptable aircraft noise. Yes, you read that right.

***In the meantime,  
keep filing those airport noise complaints!***



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# Thinking of joining the short term vacation rental pool for extra cash?



By Diana Steeger

Today's short term vacation rental options have many home-owners thinking of making some fast cash, by just renting their homes or rooms to vacationers seeking alternatives to staying at hotels. At the end of the day, this is South Florida, and everybody wants to come to this slice of paradise.

What could possibly go wrong? Following are just minor details that need to be followed, in order to run a legit vacation rental. There's city ordinances set in place by the City of Fort Lauderdale, that specifically refer to vacation rentals, operational license, parking guidelines need to be posted, firm parameters on what your guests can and cannot do, and more importantly pay the corresponding taxes as set forth by the State.

Should your guests decide to throw a party, become rowdy, noisy, drag race down the street, have guests park on our streets, decide to set mortar-style fireworks off after 10:00pm, chances are your street neighbors will call police, public safety officials and now the city code enforcement night team with complaints.



Guests at a vacation rental parking their cars in the street, a common violation. All cars must be parked on the property.

These incident reports become a code enforcement case against the property. Three code enforcement complaints and the vacation rental license gets suspended for 6 months; four cases and the suspension goes for 365 days.

Additionally, chances are you are thinking of remodeling your home, so as to make it more appealing to vacationers, thereby increasing demand and potentially obtain more money for your rental. No matter how much vacation rental websites try to hide property addresses, the city has software that can identify these, and furthermore by posting all these lovely pictures of remodeled bathrooms, kitchens, etc.....the city can verify whether these updates were done with the corresponding permits.

At this point, things start getting very complicated for the home owner, as now the building department gets involved, numerous inspections, costly fines are put in place, and if not paid a lien goes on the property.

Chances are by now you are not going to be happy, you'll have initiated a financial burden on yourself, your neighbors will be upset, and the city will have red-flagged you!

Whether these vacation renters understand or not, they are affecting the day to day lives of our neighborhood residents. We are also entitled to our own peace and quiet, especially after working as hard as we all do, we would like to enjoy our free time without having to deal with strangers disrupting our community.

To report emergencies, please dial 911. For the Fort Lauderdale Customer Service 24/7, please call 954.828.8000. From Wednesday – Saturday nights, when the nightlife is most active the Fort Lauderdale Nite Team will also be on duty.



Another violation: All cars parked on the property must be on paved surfaces. There are also limits on the number of guests who may be present.



Cars for vacation rental party-goers block the cul-de-sac on Andros.

## ACTION IN THE ISLES



### You just never know what you're going to see at the Riverland Woods Boat Ramp

This guy is at the boat ramp most mornings, and you can hear him from Riverland Road. He apparently thinks he's a Muscovy duck, as he hangs out with the flock of them over there. There are reports that he will attack iguanas.

## A Jewel in Our Midst – Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Park



By Judy Seiler

Have you noticed the new, very colorful playground equipment in Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Park? If not, please stroll by the park and check it out. The City of Ft. Lauderdale replaced the old equipment with new, fun, functional, and very safe items. The new rubberized playground surface (not sand) is colorful, comfortable and fun to walk on.



The new rubberized surface is easy on the feet.

The playground is very inviting and much safer for kids of all ages. The new playground has roofs and sun shades to make it cooler and more comfortable for small children and us parents. We are very fortunate to have this park in our neighborhood. Come check it out and bring your children.... or borrow some from your neighbors! You won't be disappointed.

We have a **Jewel in our Midst.**



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Fort Lauderdale Police Non-Emergency	954-764-HELP
Fort Lauderdale Customer Svc. (24 hrs)	954-828-8000
Incl. Streets/ Water/Sewer/Trash/Canal Cleaning	
<b>Airport Noise Complaints *</b>	<b>866-822-7910*</b>
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
Broward County Mass Transit	954-357-8400
Comcast Good luck!	800-266-2278
<b>Nuisance Alligators: FWC</b>	<b>866-392-4286</b>
Crimestoppers	954-493-TIPS
Mosquito Control (Broward County)	954-765-4062
FPL Power Outages	800-4OUTAGE

\* Airport Noise Complaints should be filed using the new app.



## 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

FLPD 954-764-HELP or 911 for emergencies

### - Unsightly or 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

## Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club Update

### By Commodore Victor Dumonceau

AHOY! For all who are unaware, the LIYC is no longer meeting at the facilities at Whale Harbor Lane. Due to the monthly overhead and limited membership, we could no longer afford the facility overhead costs. As a result we are currently considered a "paper club." Our focus has become more of a social boat club. We have had two raft ups at Lake Sylvia, and a July 4th get together with fireworks. We meet at the Tarpon River Café, 14 SW 11th St. Our Board meets the 1st Friday of the month.

Our member get-together is on the 3rd Friday, at which we serve appetizers. The cost is \$15pp, members and guests bring their own refreshments (RSVP required). Current membership dues are \$120 annually with a \$25 application fee (waived for prior members) which includes reciprocal membership in the Yachting Club of America. We invite you to join us on August 17, 7pm. For questions, please feel free to contact me via email: [lislesyc@gmail.com](mailto:lislesyc@gmail.com) or phone 954.649.8443. Thanks!

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