



# Lauderdale Isles

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Dirk Lowry

Well, Hurricane Season has started...and I won't go into it any more for fear we may get something. It appears the South Florida Water Management District hasn't lowered the water level so perhaps with our dry Monsoon Season, we may not have to go into a water conservation mode later.

Has anyone seen the alligator lately? There has been some subsurface action lately which speculation has varied from Tarpon, Manatee and Mullet.

We had a great meeting at the May General Meeting with some great participants; Romney Rogers our City Commissioner for District IV, Tim Ryan the Broward county Mayor and our Commissioner for our County District, TJ DeNegri, Manager of the FLL Tower at the airport and Bob Hildebiddle, with the FAA out of Miami. We were able to get some answers and had a chance to get our feelings out on the table. Look for an article on the airport flyover noise in this Newsletter from our Chair for the Noise Committee, Chairman Angelina Pluzhnyk-Evans, she has done a great job staying up on the landing statistics and reporting on progress.

We are looking at an election in November. All positions will be open: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Absentee ballots are not permitted and only two votes per household will be allowed (both members would have to be present). Most important you must be a paid "Member in Good Standing" to vote. Dues will be accepted at the meeting to allow a member vote. The Executive Board will put together an elections committee at our next Executive Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. On the next date of the Executive Board on October 15<sup>th</sup>, it would be necessary for anyone considering running for an office to appear and get recorded for that position. Nominations from the floor will be accepted on the evening of the election. This is a great opportunity to give back to your community through serving on the Executive Board.

Our Lane representatives do change from time to time and in the "old dayz" they were an elected position, however we now have left our reps in place. Having said that, the Board has re-instituted the practice of having an alternate representative for

each Lane. The Alternate may attend all the regular Executive Board meetings and if necessary, assume the responsibilities of regular Representative, including voting on agenda items, if the regular Rep is absent from a meeting.

Our Editor-in -chief is always looking for articles to place in the Newsletter. If you would like to be published & become famous, then write an article, and include pictures with it.

Look for an article in this edition on the Annual September Waterway Cleanup sponsored by the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District. LICIA is actively participating in the event this year, which includes a neighborhood cookout and steel drum music. More info on this event is in this issue.

Also inside is an important article about the new street drug "flakka," which has become a huge problem in Broward County recently. Many thanks to our Patrice DeGrosso for writing it.

The printing of our full-color newsletter is paid for by the revenue we receive from our advertisers. Please support them. If you know someone who may like to run an ad, please just let one of our Board members know. Remember - you may run a free two line classified ad if you have something you want to sell. You must be a paid up "Member in Good Standing" to run the freebie ad.

At our August 20th Meeting, we will have a Genealogist who will give a presentation on how to get results from your computer doing research on your family history. Debbie Duay, is a researcher who specializes in family history to the Revolutionary war era looking for Patriot relatives. You will enjoy this presentation; she will show you how to use the websites and how to get the most information from them. Included at the meeting will be a form to fill out and submit to Debbie for your own personal search for a Patriot in your family history. She may, if she decides to receive the forms by-e-mail, complete and report on any Patriot Heritage found at our November meeting. We will have copies of her form at the meeting. Be prepared to complete as much as information that you know on BOTH sides of the family. Specifically, information on the father's parents and father's grandparents AND the mother's parents and mother's grandparents. You can knock this out at the meeting and if Ms. Duay decides to collect them she can report on her findings possibly at our next meeting in November. We will also have presentations by the Riverland Preservation Society and by Patrice about the flakka problem. This will be a great informative meeting at the Yacht Club on Thursday, August 20th, at 7:00pm. I hope to see you there!



**This guy might be your great, great, great uncle, and you never knew it. Come to the General Meeting on August 20 to find out ( see page 11)**

*In this issue:*

**AIRPORT  
NOISE -  
LATE-BREAKING  
DEVELOPMENTS**

# BUSINESS

## Agenda

LICIA General Meeting  
Thursday, Aug. 20th, 7:00 pm  
Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

- Pre-meeting: Sign In & Dues Payment
- 1. Opening Statement ( President)
- 2. FLPD Report
- 3. Riverland Preservation Society
- 4. Flakka in Broward County– Patrice Del Grosso
- 5. Genealogy Presentation - Debbie Duay
- 6. Regular Business (as time permits)
  - Minutes Approval
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee Reports: Homeless, Airport Noise, & Welcome Committees
- 7. LIWMD Report: September Waterway Cleanup
- 6. Adjournment

*Audio recordings of all meetings are made for the purpose of creating minutes.*



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Please note:

The August Treasurer's Report & the Minutes for the May 2015 General Meeting can be

viewed at:

[www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com)

### From the Editor's Desk

By Geoff Rames

- Late-breaking news: This issue went to press late so we could include very important news we received August 4th on the airport noise issue on page 15. In order to fit all the info, we had to condense it. Get out your reading glasses. Due to space limitations this caused, the LIWMD Update is very abbreviated.
- Boaters - be sure to see the article about CSX Bridge closures. You don't want to get stuck on the east side of that bridge for four days.
- Electronic Version: There is always an e-copy of the newsletter available on our website [www.ourlicia.com](http://www.ourlicia.com). So no matter where you are in the world, the newsletter is right at your fingertips on your laptop, Ipad, or smartphone.
- Many thanks to the contributors in this issue: Dirk Lowry, Chad Hodder, Dawn Hanna, Bobbi Bunton, Angelina Pluzhynk Evans, Glori Stauch, Patrice Del Grosso & Janet Forbes. Ryan St. George promises we'll have another of his popular Urban Wildlife articles in our next issue.
- Dirk has apparently promoted me to Editor-in-Chief. Looks like we've got too many Chiefs and not enough Indians around here.
- Anyone know what happened to the lane sign at Sugarloaf Lane recently?

LICIA encourages you to submit articles for the newsletter. Letters & articles may be submitted by email to: [g.ames.licia@gmail.com](mailto:g.ames.licia@gmail.com)

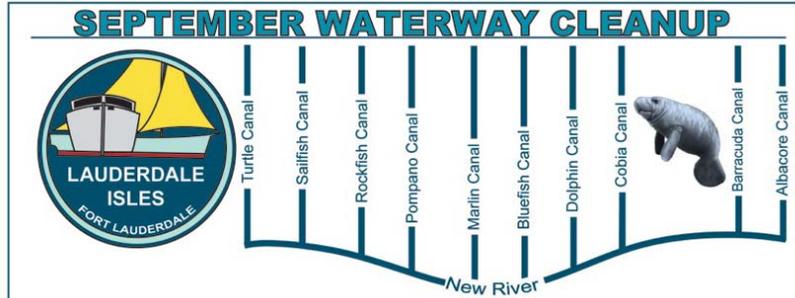
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# Calling All Lauderdale Isles Neighbors

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

Join us Saturday, September 26th, for the Second Annual



We held our first Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup last year. With over 1900 pounds of debris removed from our waterways, it was a super successful cleanup. And the free barbecue afterward was a great neighborhood event, fully enjoyed by all the attendees. Now LICIA has joined with LIMWD to make this year's event even bigger and better. You don't want to miss it!

Site Location: Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club. You must pre-register for this event—see below.

## 9:00am to Noon - Waterway Cleanup

Waterway Cleanup T-shirts for all participants

Free breakfast snacks, coffee, bottled water & soda

Prizes for the most "unique" trash brought in—You can keep what you find

You don't need a boat to participate—we need lots of help on the dock

## Noon till 3pm - Party Time

Free Cookout for all attendees at the Yacht Club Patio

If you're thirsty, the bar will be open

And if you feel like dancing, we'll have live entertainment by Beverly Griffith

We guarantee you'll go home exhausted - and happy.

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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 19th. Pre-registration is necessary so we can plan properly for the number of participants.
- Due to very limited dock space at the Yacht Club in September, we cannot accommodate large boats, over 23 feet long, so bring your dinghy instead.
- 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 please grab your paddle and be there!

**On the patio from noon till 3:  
Live entertainment by  
Beverly Griffith**

Beverly Griffith is a steel drum player, arranger, & singer and has graced the stages of hotels, stadiums, party rooms throughout Florida. He enchants the public with his exciting style and passionate delivery.



## Vice President's Corner

Chad E. Hodder



Happy Summer to everyone. It has been a very hot and dry season so far and we still have the hottest months ahead of us.

The heat and dryness have major effects on our homes. The heat and sun make our A/C systems run longer and harder increasing the utility bills. There are a few things that can be done to help keep your utility bills down without sacrificing comfort.

First, make sure your unit is operating at its peak performance. This is achieved by making sure your coils are clean. Second, make sure your A/C system is operating at the proper refrigerant pressures. FYI, unless there is a leak in the system, refrigerant can't be lost. Third, keep your roof clean and/or painted. A clean roof helps repel the sun's heat back up into the atmosphere. Fourth, keep your window coverings drawn. This also helps keeping the sun's rays from penetrating into the home and heating it up. Follow these simple steps and enjoy a comfortable cool home without adding increased cost.

As for the dryness, it has affected our yards and water levels at Lake Okeechobee. The lake level as of July 28, 2015 was at 12.13 ft.. This is a low level and Broward County has put us on water restrictions for our landscaping/yards. The restrictions are as follows: Established landscaping (older than 90 days) - can water before 10:00am or after 4:00pm on Wednesdays and Satur

days if you have an odd address or Thursdays and Sundays if you have an even address. New landscaping less than thirty days old - can water on every day except Fridays before 10:00am or after 4:00pm. New landscaping between thirty days and ninety days - can water on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only before 10:00am or after 4:00pm. Let's all do our part so we can get the lake levels back up and return to normal life. We have to be extremely careful so we don't end up like California.

Let's talk a little about hurricane preparation. As everyone knows, we are in the middle of hurricane season and it has been very quite. Typically, we are now heading into the more active part of the season. I'm not here to bore you about how lucky we've been or how you should be prepared with non-perishable foods. I'm here to talk about protecting what brought all of us to live in this neighborhood - Boats. So little is ever discussed about protecting our boats. It is very important to protect our boats for numerous reasons. First and foremost, if you don't properly secure your boat, it can break away and damage one of your neighbor's boats. Also, if your boat isn't properly secured, it can get slammed into a piling, dock, and/or seawall, causing the boat to sink, releasing fuel and oil into the water polluting it.

I hope my article informed everyone and you enjoyed it. Conserve water, keep you're A/C system in good operating order, and let's hope for no hurricanes. Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to the upcoming fall season.

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# Flakka: A Broward County Epidemic

By Patrice Del Grosso

Doesn't this sound fun, you are running as fast as you can away from imaginary pursuers while you have a fever of 106 and are sweating like a pig? This is how people react to the designer drug [flakka](#).

If you have kept up on the news over the past four months, you have seen some real life examples of the effects flakka has had on people. Fort Lauderdale made the national news with a naked man running for his life through traffic on Broward Boulevard on the drug. Another naked man climbed to the top of the New River railroad bridge until police arrived to coax him down, and yet another man who believed he had superhuman strength and that he could fly, impaled himself on the Fort Lauderdale Police Department fence.

Flakka, a cousin of bath salts, has infiltrated Broward County in epidemic proportions. Broward County has one more thing we can be proud of besides "hanging chads", we are ground zero" for flakka! Personal conversations with healthcare and police personnel in other parts of the country have told me that they haven't experienced the drug use in their areas yet.

Flakka, also known as Gravel or Alpha PVP can be eaten, snorted, injected vaporized or smoked. It is easy to obtain and is extremely cheap, it only costs five dollars! Did you know that you can do a simple Google search on the internet for Alpha PVP and locate multiple sites to order it on line? It is difficult to regulate because the minute one version is regulated, a minor change to the chemical composition makes it a slightly different drug. This drug has wreaked so much havoc in Broward County that a community task force has been organized to get the word out to stop the drug use from spreading. The task force comprised of police, physicians, hospitals, churches, schools and more are providing education sessions and community events to get the word out.

I am the LICIA lane representative for Bimini Lane but my day job is as the Regional Director of Education and Nursing Practice at Broward Health Medical Center. I thought I'd bring you a different perspective from the ones you are seeing in the news. People are dying from using this drug. Flakka is considered one of the most dangerous street drugs out yet. As a new strain of methamphetamine, flakka causes aggression, hallucinations and death. One of the side effects is an "excited delirium" in which the user's body temperature rises to extreme temperatures and they exhibit extremely violent behavior.

Abusers of all ages are being brought into the emergency room (ER) with erratic, violent behaviors. They have also told us that this five dollar drug they can so easily obtain was being offered at a special rate of two dollars over the recent holidays. Flakka never shows up on regular drug tests so the only way we know a person has used it is through friends, family members or witness reports provided to the police or our nursing staff. It has taken up to six staff members to safely manage one violent flakka patient to allow a medical evaluation in the ER. A medical evaluation and follow through is essential. Besides the "drug euphoria" and the

behavioral effects we have seen in the news, there are severe physical repercussions.

These patients experience an increase in heart rate, blood pressure and temperature, dilated pupils, teeth grinding, intense sweating, muscle cramping, and dehydration. Severe complications are being seen in very young people with no history of health problems. These complications include cardiac arrhythmias, muscle tissue breakdown leading to kidney dysfunction or failure, seizures, and death.

If treated early, many of the effects can be corrected. Flakka patients are being admitted into all areas of the hospital from critical care to psychiatric services. Life-saving measures such as intubation and dialysis are not out of the question for these patients. Extended hospital stays are expected with erratic behavior going away only to return several days later. These people are frequently suicidal.

The "high" is not seemingly worth permanent organ dysfunction. We frequently see patients who require redirecting every five minutes because their short term memory and concentration has all but extinguished. The ER's are seeing up to 20 patients a day on flakka.

How can you help? Talk about flakka, especially with your children, grandchildren and their friends. Children are curious and are prone to experiment. This is not one drug to experiment with. The risks are too great.

## WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF FLAKKA?

- Hallucinations
- Paranoia
- Psychosis
- Paranoia
- Decreases inhibitions (unsafe sex)
- Anxiety
- Violence
- Self-destruction
- Insomnia
- High Temperature
- Excited Delirium
- Death (20 Broward County Deaths since September)



 BROWARD HEALTH

*Patrice Del Grosso will be providing a presentation on this very important issue at our General Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.*



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# RECYCLING: Mix It. Curb It.

By Glori Stauch, Senior Staff Writer

Since the launch of “Mix it. Curb it.” Fort Lauderdale neighbors have recycled more than 8,728 tons of recyclables! This enthusiasm and commitment to the program is what drives its success.

However, there is a long way to go; especially when it comes to recycling the right way. We want to be good neighbors, so here’s a reminder of what and how to recycle! Take a look at the top of your blue recycle bin.

## Items OK to Recycle

### Containers

Glass bottles and jars (any color)  
Juice and milk boxes/cartons  
Metal cans and lids  
Plastic bottles/jugs  
Any plastic container with a narrow neck

### Paper/Cartons

Catalogs/magazines  
Cereal boxes and other paperboard  
Cardboard boxes – no larger than 4’ x 2’, cut and flattened  
Junk mail  
Newspaper  
Office paper  
Paperback books  
Any paper that tears

## Important! DO NOT put the following items in the blue bin:

Batteries  
Ceramics  
Electronics  
Food waste  
Garbage  
Household hazardous chemicals  
Light bulbs  
Plastic bags  
Styrofoam  
Window glass  
Yard waste

Close cart lid completely. Set cart two feet from other carts or objects.

## CARDBOARD - A valuable recyclable material

Recycling collection in the City is provided by recycling trucks that have an automated arm to lift and empty curbside recycling carts efficiently. If recyclable material, such as cardboard is placed outside of the cart, it cannot be collected. To ensure cardboard, which is a valuable recyclable material, is collected, flatten all boxes and cut them into pieces no bigger than 4 feet by 2 feet so they take up less space in the recycling cart.



The cart must be able to remain completely closed to keep recyclable materials dry and prevent them from blowing out of the cart and littering the street.



Recycling wrong! These cardboard boxes are sticking up out of the cart and the lid does not close. The cardboard could fall out onto the ground if the cart is lifted. Note that this card may not be serviced because it is improperly loaded.

For more information, visit [www.fortlauderdale.gov/recycle](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/recycle), or call (954) 828-8000. It’s everyone’s responsibility to recycle right!

## Upcoming Events at The Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club

The events this fall that are being held at Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club include the Third Annual Lobster Dinner, The Annual Lauderdale Isles Waterway Cleanup, and Oktoberfest.



The Third Annual Lobster Dinner will be held on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. This function has been a sell out for the past two years and this year should be the same. Menu

is one 2lb Maine Lobster (flown in the day of the event) or 16oz steak. With lots of butter, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, corn on the cob.

Entertainment is going to be Riverside Barry who will be playing an acoustic blend in the Gazebo area.

Cost is \$25 per person and must be paid in full by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is open to the public. To make reservations and pay for the dinner please contact Shannon at 954-583-7422.



### The Annual Lauderdale Isles September Waterway Cleanup

will be on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. This great neighborhood event

will feature a cookout and live music after the cleanup. More info on this event is on page 3 of this newsletter.



Oktoberfest is Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. German food, fun and music. For more information check the LIYC website [lauderdaleisles.us](http://lauderdaleisles.us).



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# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO???

By Bobbi Bunton, Senior Staff Writer



**HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING PLACES TO CHECK OUT RIGHT IN OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD!**

## ***FUN PLACES TO VISIT...***

**FOOD TRUCK INVASION** - Family Night every Tuesday evening from 5-9:30 pm at Heritage Park in Plantation. This is a beautiful park with a fitness trail, picnic areas, tropical fruit grove and lake. The Food Truck Invasion offers over 20 gourmet food trucks to eagerly serve you everything from burgers, hot dogs and shakes, to frog legs and smoked turkey legs! We counted 22 trucks the night we visited the park that offered "lobstah" rolls, gourmet sandwiches, quesadillas, gyro pita wraps, ribs, fish tacos, tostones and mofongos (native Puerto Rican dishes), deep fried Oreos, ice cream cones, sundaes and more! Bring a chair or blanket and do some people watching, or on some evenings, they even offer a free movie. The park is dog friendly, safe for children, a great family venue and there is plenty of available parking.

**SECRET WOODS NATURE CENTER** - Located off State Road 84, a hidden gem of a park on 57 acres that offers educational info, a 3,800 square-foot walk-through butterfly garden, several nature walking trails with seating areas, reptile center, classroom and function facilities and more.



**DAVIE PRO RODEO** - Located at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds in Davie, the rodeo provides a great western venue for everyone in the family. Originally established as a rodeo arena, it now has expanded to host concerts and family events such as monster trucks, horse shows, dog shows, car shows, & specialty shows. Rodeos and shows are viewed in a covered arena and Davie Pro Rodeo was voted #1 Rodeo in the State of Florida in 2010!

**FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH** - Beautiful, pristine beaches with shops and restaurants lining the opposite side of the street (A1A). Residents can get beach parking permits by simply printing off the online application and providing proof of residency, license, etc. Check the City of Fort Lauderdale website for more info.



**RIVERLAND PARK & POOL** - Located on SW 27th Street, practically right in our own back yard! Pools are heated and there is a water playground for the little ones. They also offer swim lessons, water aerobics,

youth aqua fitness, American Red Cross training and more. Season pass rate is \$5 for residents and \$7.50 for non-residents.



**COMMUNITY ICE CREAM TRUCK** - When was the last time you heard that familiar music from an ice cream truck as they drove through your neighborhood? In the Isles it is a frequent happening that brings back fond memories for many and such a welcomed treat on a hot summer day.

## ***FUN EATERIES...***

**LASPADA'S** - Located at the Shoppes of Arrowhead on University Drive, 1/2 mile south of 595. Also locations at 17th Street and Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Great hoagies & subs that you will probably need to share with someone because they are just so huge!

**GEORGIA PIG BBQ & RESTAURANT** - If you're looking for Southern favorites I've been told that this is definitely the place to try pulled pork, ribs, brisket, cole slaw, and more. They claim the secret is in their special BBQ sauce!

**FLANIGAN'S RESTAURANT** - Located at the end of Davie Blvd this is a true local favorite. Great ribs, seafood, and ample specials. Casual pub-type atmosphere and large portions reasonably priced.

**RIVERSIDE MARKET CAFE** - Located in downtown Fort Lauderdale less than 4 miles from Davie Blvd, but bring your GPS or compass cause it's off the beaten path. Great laid back atmosphere with comfy sofas and a very simple but different menu of fresh omelets, sandwiches, dishes with organic ingredients and an extensive beer selection. Check out the reviews online — nothing but positive!

**VILA'S** - So close to the Isles and so good! Authentic Cuban/Mexican dishes served by super friendly staff. Fresh, house-made salsa and warm chips to start you off and an extensive menu reasonably priced. Located directly across Riverland Road on State Road 7 in the strip mall.

**CAP'S PLACE** - If you're up for an adventure and want to capture a taste of Florida history, this restaurant is recognized as a national landmark and Broward County's oldest restaurant. You can't get there by car though as it sits on an island off Lighthouse Point and can only be reached by their motor launch. Cap's dates back to the 1920's when it was a casino and rum-running speakeasy. They specialize in fresh seafood and the reviews promise it is an experience that won't disappoint you.

*This article is one of a series by Bobbi Bunton highlighting all the special things that make Lauderdale Isles such a great neighborhood. Her email is [bobbibunton@gmail.com](mailto:bobbibunton@gmail.com).*

## Action in the Isles

### New Paving

On July 22, Marathon and Tortugas Lanes were re-paved, or rather "Microsurfaced." According to the City, this will extend the life of the streets by "seven to ten years." Four more lanes will be done in 2016.



### And then -

Three days later, on July 25, a "sinkhole" appeared in the middle of Tortugas Lane. Here it is the next morning, after City Crews responded. The hole has since been filled and paved. Curiously, LICIA received numerous calls the night this sinkhole occurred. The correct number to call for issues like this is Ft. Lauderdale 24 hour Customer Service, 954-828-8000. LICIA doesn't do sinkholes.



## The Boater's Log

Info for Lauderdale Isles Boaters

## CSX Bridge Closures

On May 26th, the contractor for the construction at the CSX Railroad Bridge (South Fork New River at I-95), had announced channel closures necessary for the construction of the new railroad bridge. We posted this info on Next Door Lauderdale Isles in early June. Here is the latest info on these channel closures:

- **August 31, 7:00am:** The channel would be completely closed for 96 hours (4 days!) for the erection of the main span of structural steel. We have checked with the USCG Bridge Operations Section for updates on this closure. **As of Aug. 5, this complete closure starting August 31 has been delayed, and the new dates have not yet been determined.**
- **September 21:** Starting on this date, the channel will be closed from 8:00pm to 6:00am every night for two weeks for installation of railroad ties and track. As of August 5, the USCG advises that this nightly closure has not changed. (If you're at the Downtowner with your boat on Sunday afternoon, keep this in mind.)

The USCG Bridge Operations Section advises that they will post all the latest information regarding these closures in the USCG District 7 Local Notice to Mariners, which is published weekly. The easiest way to find the LNM's is to Google Search by entering: "USCG DISTRICT 7 LNM".

*Boaters, don't you just love the CSX Railroad Bridge?*

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### THE MOST STRESSFUL THINGS ABOUT MOVING

- Packing & unpacking
- Cleaning out garage, closets & pantry
- Sorting thru paperwork, donating unwanted items and deciding what to discard
- Prepping your home for sale
- Searching for a new home
- Selling your current home

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# Riverland Preservation Society

By Lee Bacall, Co-Chairperson

This is for people who care about preserving the beauty of the few large remaining tracts of natural habitat in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and who share our concerns in maintaining the character of this unique Riverland neighborhood - "the Coconut Grove of Fort Lauderdale", with its serene tree-shaded streets and diversity of home-styles.

The Riverland Preservation Society is particularly concerned with the proposed development site at the big bend on Riverland Road that has been left in its natural state for decades. Fourteen homes have been proposed for this 5.1 acre site. Surrounding homes sit on ½ acre or larger lots. The developer plans to build tract homes on lots half that size, and to destroy much of the existing oak hammock and native pines, changing the character of our neighborhood forever.

We seek your help in opposing the proposed dense development and seek a better alternative. Please visit our website: <http://www.riverlandpreservation.org>

Like us on Facebook, and see our pictures <http://facebook.com/pages/The-Riverland-Preservation-Society-2015/392103750998541>



Planned development will remove the 1940's Spanish style home (rear) at the big bend on Riverland Road, along with most of the trees.

Do you prefer McMansions crowded on ¼ acre lots, or the stately beauty and ambience of the Natural Forest Preserve that we have been privileged to live among for years?

Meetings are held most Thursdays at the Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis club at 7:00pm on Whale Harbor Lane. Please join us in preserving the beauty of Nature.



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# AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING: August 20, 7:00PM



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## Finding Your Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor

Have you ever wondered if a Revolutionary War patriot ancestor could be hidden in your family tree? Perhaps you are eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), and you don't even realize it. If you would like to find out, this presentation is for you! Our speaker Debbie Duay, Ph.D. has over fifteen years of experience in genealogy. Debbie is the immediate past Florida State DAR Organizing Secretary, National Vice Chairman of the French Task Force, Chairman of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, and Chairman of the Florida Volunteer Genealogists Committee. From 2009-2013, Debbie served as the DAR State Lineage Research Chairman. Debbie has helped over 350 people join the DAR, and her free genealogy web site "Researching Your Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestor" (<http://www.learnwebskills.com/patriot>) receives more than 500 visitors each day.

## FLAKKA - A FRANK & SERIOUS DISCUSSION

You've read about Flakka in this newsletter. At the General Meeting, Patrice Del Grosso will address the group and answer your questions about this fast-growing problem in Broward County.

## RIVERLAND PRESERVATION SOCIETY

A representative from this group will be at the meeting to discuss the development plans for the land on the big curve on Riverland Road, and what they're doing about it.

### MAY GENERAL MEETING:



Broward County Mayor Tim Ryan addresses the issue of Airport Noise for the audience.



Our District IV City Commissioner, Romney Rogers explains the City's plans to re-pave our lanes.

### ACTION IN THE ISLES

Aug. 5th, Tortugas Lane



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# AIRPORT NOISE IN LAUDERDALE ISLES

By Angelina Pluzhnyk Evans  
LICIA Airport Noise Committee Chairperson



As you probably noticed, starting July 15, 2015 we experienced direct flights overhead in our community. Some residents have contacted me privately about this. As of now we are still awaiting for the departure tightening that County Commissioner Tim Ryan proposed earlier. In the meantime, the departures have done the opposite.

In Fall 2014 unexpected new departure procedures for the North Runway were introduced that call for airplanes taking off toward the West to turn hard right and fly directly over densely populated residential areas and a school.

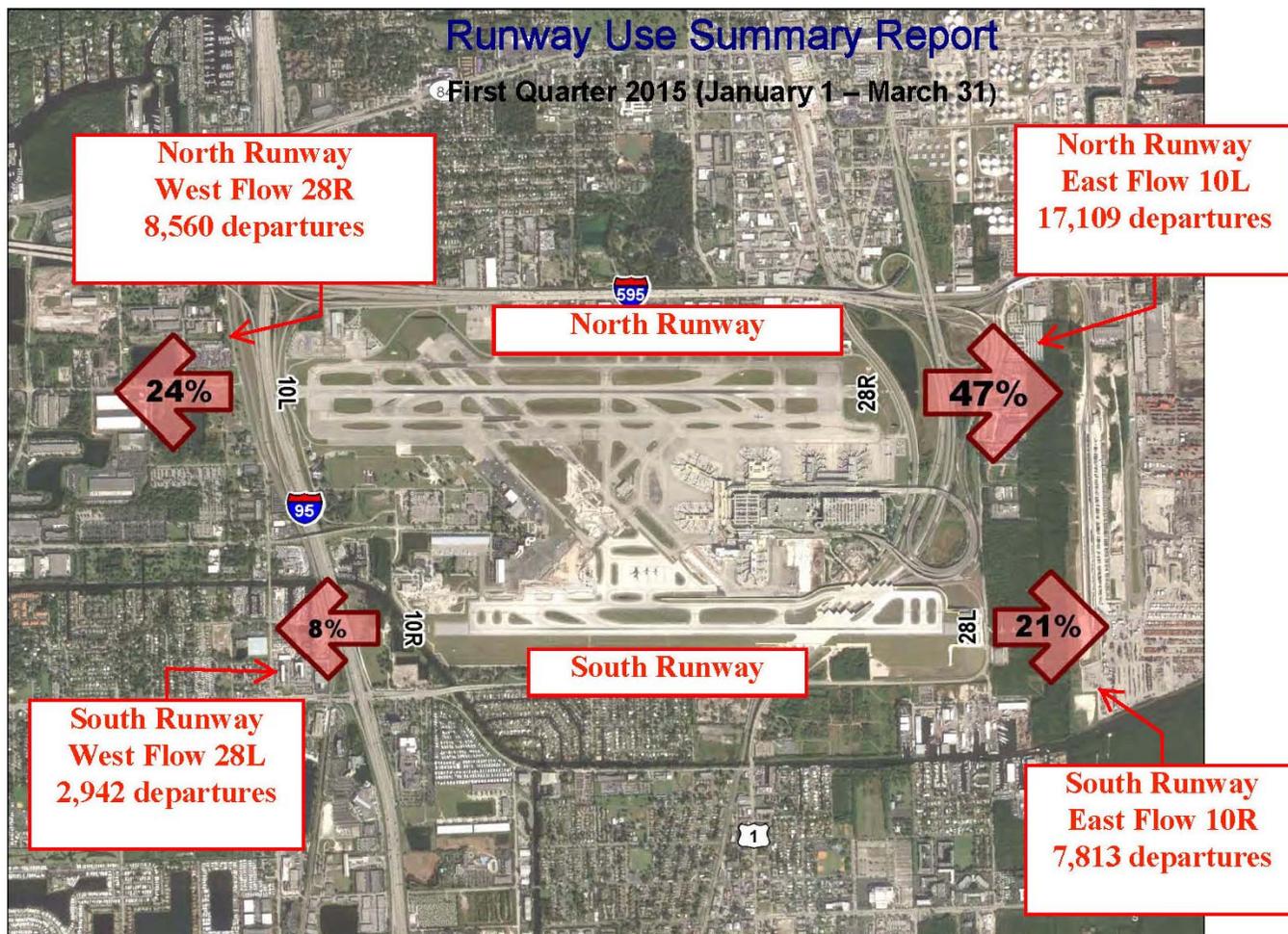
Below is the *Runway Use Summary Reports* of departures to the West for the 1st Quarter of 2015, 24% of all FLL departures were to the West from the North runway compared to 8% that were to the West from the South runway. (The remaining 68% of departures were to the East.)

Commissioner Ryan, FAA officials, and City of Fort Lauderdale officials have told us that the planes must diverge, when they take off simultaneously from the North and South Runways. However, **based on data provided by BCAD, there are not enough simultaneous takeoffs from the North and South runways to the West to justify the patterns that are interrupting the enjoyment of our homes, except in very rare instances.**

As of today we are still waiting for a constructive response from Commissioner Ryan, the FAA, and BCAD regarding the tightening of takeoffs.

An FAA official has asked us to notify airport officials if we believe that takeoffs are improper. We need **date, time, your address, and a brief description of the event.** Email your reports to [FLLAirportNoise@gmail.com](mailto:FLLAirportNoise@gmail.com) in batches, and we will submit them and share our findings.

We also are looking for advisers, who have special skills or knowledge. For example, pilots, air traffic controllers, engineers, or anyone else who can make us help sense of the situation we are in.



Runway Use Summary Report: 24% of all departures are westbound on North Runway, and 8% of all departures are westbound on the South runway. So with such relatively low numbers of westbound flights on these two runways, one wonders why "separation" is necessary: Very rarely are two planes departing on both runways westbound at the same time.

To contact the LICIA Airport Noise Committee: [FLLAirportNoise@gmail.com](mailto:FLLAirportNoise@gmail.com)

# HOMELESS ACTIVITY REPORT

By Dawn Hanna

International Homeless Issue Correspondent



April 2014... That's when I began to actively seek a solution to the encampment of sexual offenders, vagrants, and homeless that lived under our nearby bridges and became a nuisance at our local parks. The homeless/vagrant/sexual offender encampment area that was located on the New River underneath the 441 bridges, and the Turnpike on-ramp has been fenced to deter access to the shelter provided by the bridges. Several determined vagrants have been able to get around the seawall deterrent, and I have been trying to find a solution.

I spent two very frustrating Sundays in June trying to get a re-



June 21st: Look carefully in the highlighted area and you can see two individuals sleeping under the bridge.

sponse from Broward Sheriff's Office to my complaints about trespassers. I won't go into the incompetence and lack of follow up, but it was an absolute disaster. On a good note, I found a BSO Sergeant that was willing to go out of his way to help. He continued to follow up and was very responsive to my emails after the Sunday incidents. Here are some excerpts from his email responses on the situation.

*"I was provided a key that will enable BSO to now access and inspect the area in response to your complaints. During my visit, two of the same subjects I observed late yesterday were also observed again inside the secure area. They were detained by BSO. Border Patrol responded and assessed both subjects. It was determined that arresting the subjects for Trespass was the most appropriate course of action. They were transported to the Main Jail and Jorgensen (the asset maintenance contractor) conducted their inspection and area clean up.*

*I believe accessibility will enable us to now fully address issue going forward. Three subjects were observed inside the secure area during my final self-initiated check at 1700 hours. Those subjects were issued trespass warnings and were observed exiting the area via the SW 25<sup>th</sup> St/SW 41<sup>st</sup> Ave side of the property."*

I also had the Assistant Site Manager from the Regional Communications Center investigate my calls on both Sundays. The reporting protocol they suggested is detailed in the "Reporting Issues" information.

So, it's up to us to test this new protocol. Please refer to the "Reporting Issues" information to report suspicious activity.

Riverland Woods Park, Riverland Road and Elizabeth Hayes Park still experience mild vagrant drinking activity. Evidence of beer cans and sightings of early morning drinking has been reported to Fort Lauderdale Police. We have enlisted the assistance of Commissioner Romney Rogers to persuade patrols to be more proactive about investigating the vagrant park activities. Again, please refer to the "Reporting Issues" information to report suspicious activity.

Our continuing vigilance is required to keep the area west of our neighborhood safe.

## Reporting Issues to the Police

### East of 441, in the parks

If you see any suspicious or unsettling activity on Riverland Road, in Riverland Woods Park or Elizabeth Hays Civic Park, please call FLPD at 954-764-4357. This number goes to the Regional Communications Center, so you will need the addresses of the parks when you call:

*Riverland Woods Park*

3950 Riverland Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

*Dr. Elizabeth Hays Civic Park*

3781 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

### Under the Bridges: 441 NB and SB and the 441-TPK Ramp:

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 same Regional Communications Center. The address should be reported as the 2500 block of S State Rd 7.

For emergencies, dial 911.

In addition, any photos or videos are very helpful in case law enforcement arrives after the fact.

## Thank you, Harriet

After representing Nassau Lane for 34 years, Harriet Hodgson recently retired as an LICIA Lane Representative. She received a recognition plaque and gift certificate from the Association at the May General Meeting. Harriet also served as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Lauderdale Isles Water Management District for four years.

That comes out to over 400 Board Meetings and over 7600 LICIA newsletters delivered over those 34 years! We sincerely appreciate all your service to Lauderdale Isles, Harriet.



Harriet receives her plaque from Romney Rogers and Dirk Lowry at the May General Meeting



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**LIWMD UPDATE**

- Our Second Annual September Waterway Cleanup is Sept. 26.

**You must pre-register for this event at our website.**

- The City just received bids for a new canal cleaning boat. Only one bid was qualified: if approved for purchase at \$274,000, building it will take 8 months. At 42 ft in length with 10 ft beam, it's going to take some skill to maneuver it up and down our canals. Meanwhile, we're seeing the great crew in the pontoon boat more frequently – give them a wave when they come by.



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**The Real Estate Corner**

By Janet Forbes, Petrus Realty Group

We have seen the value of our homes steadily increase all the while mortgage rates remain at an all-time low. At present, Lauderdale Isles has fourteen homes on the market, eight are in pending sales and twenty-three have sold in the last six months! Just recently, a listing of mine sold within four days on the market with multiple offers. All of these homes listed/sold boast an average list/sell price of 450k or more. Our community is a friendly boating community with scores of amenities which makes it so vital we keep our homes manicured and maintained both front view and canal front for curb appeal and values. We have seen some progress in the enhancement of our canal view homes and docks, let's keep it up! I live in the Isles and know firsthand of the importance of the appearance of our properties. If you are thinking of selling, it's a great time to list your home as Lauderdale Isles is "hot" property now.



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# AIRPORT NOISE - Late Breaking News - Is the Problem Solved?



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August 3, 2015

Jack Seiler, Mayor  
Fort Lauderdale City Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Mayor Seiler:

The Broward County Aviation Department (BCAD) requested a number of months ago, a review by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the departures headings from Broward County's Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) as a result of numerous inquiries from the cities and communities surrounding FLL. The FAA in response to this inquiry sent the attached letter to me late Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The FAA intends to implement the departure corridors as depicted on the attached layout in accordance with their letter of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Pilots will also be requested to maintain their heading within the respective corridor until an altitude of 3,000 feet, or a distance from the runway end of three miles is reached (standard departure for FLL).

Additionally, during the daily nighttime voluntary closure of Runway 10R/28L between the hours of 10:30pm and 6:00am, all aircraft operating from the north runway will be requested to fly runway heading, which is within the attached referenced corridor, and follow standard departure procedures for FLL. The above procedures will be instituted by the FAA as early as August 3, 2015.

BCAD has also begun the process through Broward County Purchasing, to procure the services of a consultant to conduct a Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study (Study). This Study will be inclusive with extensive requests for public input and the conducting of public hearings. Your community and its citizens are encouraged to provide input and attend the public hearings. This information and participation will be vital in the production of the new Part 150 Program. You will be informed when the meetings are scheduled.

Sincerely,

Kent G. George, A.A.E.  
Director of Aviation

KGG/ml

Attachment

C: Broward County Board of County Commissioners  
Bertha Henry, County Administrator  
Joni Armstrong Coffey, County Attorney  
Evan Lukic, County Auditor

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**We're not so sure. . . .** According to the letter sent by Broward Mayor Tim Ryan to Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler on April 13, (published in our May newsletter):  
“*..the FAA is initiating changes to arrival and departure procedures that will keep the majority of arriving and departing aircraft on a more narrow path until they reach a greater distance from the airport. In essence, aircraft departing to both the east and west would not turn to the north or south until getting a greater distance from the airport than they currently have been.*”

At the LICIA General Meeting in May, County Mayor Tim Ryan told us that these new departure headings would be in place by June, and that planes departing to the west would use the 270 degree heading, which would significantly lessen the aircraft noise in our neighborhood.

Now look at the second paragraph in the letter to the left.  
“*..between the hours of 10:30pm and 6:00am, all aircraft operating from the north runway will be requested to fly runway heading..*” (Note: “Runway heading” is 270 degrees.)  
**BUT WHAT ABOUT DURING THE DAY ????**

You should read this letter, look at the diagram, and see if you come to the same conclusion, that during the day, departures to the west on the North runway will be exactly as they are now.

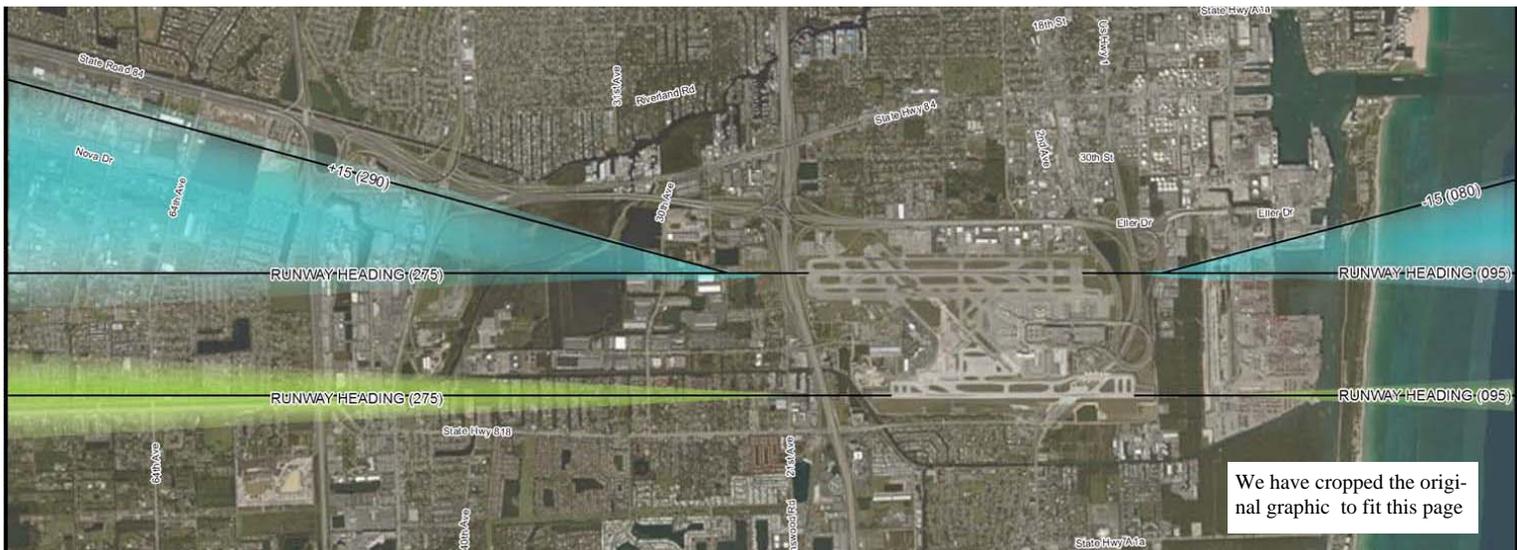
On another note, starting in June, we contacted Mayor Tim Ryan's office several times requesting updates on this matter. His Chief of Staff has repeatedly told us: “As soon as we hear something new, we will let you know.”

So how did our Airport Noise Committee find out about all this late-breaking news this week? From another homeowner's association in East Fort Lauderdale, which was notified about it on August 4 by their County Commissioner, Chip LaMarca. As of August 7, we've heard NOTHING about this from County Mayor Tim Ryan's office.

Did Tim Ryan let us down? You decide. DL,GR,AE

### A NOTE ON HEADING NUMBERS:

Have the headings been changed to 275 and 290? No, 275 is the “magnetic” compass heading, while 270 is the “true” heading. Likewise 290 is the magnetic heading for 285 true. All you boaters know about magnetic variation.



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