



Lauderdale Isles

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President's Report

By Ray Figueroa

A lot of things have happened in the last 3 months, some good and some not so good. Let's go with the good first. There has been a lot of activity at the Riverland Woods Park project. We can see heavy equipment grading and leveling the road, the walking path, the parking area and the boat ramp. The underbrush and trash has also been cleaned out. That means that the paving should come soon. The contractor and the county told us it would take 120 days for completion, from the time they started. That should put completion at around the end of June or beginning of July. I'm not quite sure what day they officially started. Joan Sheridan, trustee and chairperson of the parks committee, can give us more details. I am really looking forward to the opening of the park. Imagine! You can launch and haul your boat out. You can picnic. You can walk for exercise. The kids and grandkids can play. You can just enjoy the natural beauty of the river. This is a tremendous asset to our neighborhood.


Riverland Road Landscaping

The LICIA board has approved a plan to purchase and plant oak trees along the south side of Riverland Road. These trees will be planted towards the middle and western end of Riverland where there are vacant areas of the swale. There may have been trees at one time but it looks bare in contrast to other parts of Riverland. The goal is to create a canopy of trees that overhang the road and create a tunnel of trees. Besides looking nice, the "tree tunnel" has a traffic calming effect. We are going to contact the homeowners on the north side of the road to encourage them to participate in this project. The city has agreed to water the trees. Charles Love, vice-president and member of the beautification committee, can give you more details.

Airport Runways

Now comes some of the not so good/not so bad news reports. The FAA is pushing very hard to use all 3 of the runways at Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport all the time. They had a closed to the public, in-house workshop, which internally has decided that they want to implement this by October of 2005. Their argument is the back-ups and delays caused by having only one runway for large jets. They have a valid argument. FLL (the airport) has the 4th highest number of delays of all the major airports in the US. The use of all runways will not significantly increase air traffic but it will dramatically increase noise over our neighborhood. We need to mount a campaign to have FLL, our airport, adopt a formal noise abatement program. We need to light a fire under our county commissioners to get the south runway lengthened now! I found out at a workshop that I attended, that the studies for the runway extensions and airport expansion have been going on since 1990! Some of the studies are now out of date and have to be redone. More of our tax dollars are being wasted because of foot dragging by the county commissioners. They need to move on this or be voted out of office. I also learned at the workshop that, if work started tomorrow on the south runway extension, the first plane to land or take off on it wouldn't be until 2012. That doesn't seem right.

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REMEMBER!
LICIA General
Meeting at the Yacht
Club
Thursday May 19th, 7:30 PM

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Zoning Code

We, myself, Tony Ciocca and a planner, had a meeting with Donald Morris, the acting Zoning Administrator for the city. He verbally assured me that Lauderdale Isles is still under Broward County code. Mr. Morris also promised to mail me a written affirmation that the city recognizes that we are under county code. We will be under the county code until a bipartisan, overlay committee is formed to establish what the code will be in the future. The bipartisan committee will have representatives from the city and the neighborhood. It is up to the city commission to get the ball rolling in the formation of the committee. The city commission has to authorize the Planning and Zoning Dept. to set up the committee. We, the association and residents, have to pressure the city commission to set up this committee as soon as possible. There is some urgency to this as there is confusion among some residents of the Isles as to which code we are under. There is even some confusion among some city employees. I hope my explanation above clarifies this but I will repeat - **We are still under Broward County Code!**

Rapid Transit Plans

I went to another workshop that presented plans for the future Broward County Rapid Transit System. The part that I was most concerned about was the possible placement of a rapid transit station at the corner of Riverland Road and State Road 7. It could have some negative implications for our neighborhood. It could mean more traffic and a possible ugly parking lot at that corner. This is really far down the road. If they keep to their projected schedule, the first part won't begin until 2014. Nevertheless, it won't hurt to write a letter to the state and county DOT to protest a station at the entrance to our neighborhood. On the other hand some residents may think it would be a good idea. You could walk or drive to the station and take a train or bus to downtown or the airport.

Let me know what you think.

Neighborhood Survey

We are planning to do a survey of our neighborhood to get a better idea of your concerns and interests. Your responses will be completely voluntary and can be anonymous. You can answer or not answer.

A Message From Your Vice-President

By Charles Love

In an effort to show some progress in upgrading Lauderdale Isles, I am pleased to report your Association has allocated \$5,000.00 to plant additional oak trees on the south side

of Riverland Road at its' western end. These trees will be the same species as the ones recently planted by the county at the east end of Lauderdale Isles.

The money for the new trees is coming from the dues the residents of the isles donate and I say donate because the paying of dues is strictly voluntary. The amount paid varies from \$10.00 to more than the \$20.00 suggested. It is apparent that small amount of contributions pay for the many that do not contribute at all. The association is interested in allocating some of the dues on improving this neighborhood as the title of our organization indicates, Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association.

Beautification Committee

As you may know or read about, the Beautification Committee has made a house beautification award, which will take place two times each year. The next big issue the committee will undertake is the replacement of our existing lane signs, of which some are missing and others are in disrepair. I have talked to some of the residents about the lane signs and some have asked why we don't have real nice brick signs like Plantation.

The answer is this would cost a great deal of money and require a contractor and city permits. The present signs have cost about \$500.00 each and were paid for through dues and additional donations from the residents. The Beautification Committee is interested in the possibility of redesigning the signs but to be of similar type, wood and plastic resin with reflective lane names. This will be on the agenda for the May 19th general meeting.

Hope to see you at our general meeting.

Agenda - General Meeting,

By Ray Figueroa

1. Minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report.
2. Wildlife Care Center slide presentation. Susan Hargreaves.
3. City of Ft. Lauderdale, Waterworks presentation. Mario Diaz. Mr. Diaz will explain the sanitary sewer project that is scheduled for Andros, Bimini, Cat Cay and Duck Key lanes for 2007.
4. Beautification Committee, updates on tree plantings, lane and neighborhood signs and the House Beautiful award presentation to the most recent winner. Karen Rames, Charles Love
5. Riverland Woods Park, an update. Joan Sheridan.
6. Riverisles, the vacant lot at Riverland road and US 441, an update, Joan Sheridan.
7. Codes and code enforcement in Lauderdale Isles, questions and discussion. Ray Figueroa.
8. Ft. Laud-Hollywood International Airport, recent developments. FAA plans to use all runways. Discussion, on what will be our plan to oppose this. Ray Figueroa.
9. LICIA party. Announcement and invitation.
10. New business.
11. Adjourn

Committee Reports

2005 House Beautiful Award

By Karen Rames

The Beautification Committee is pleased to announce we will be congratulating the winner of our 1st 2005 House Beautiful Award at the next LICIA General Meeting, May 19. The winner was judged on overall appearance of their home, landscaping and driveway. Please join us in acknowledging our neighbor for all their efforts and find out what's new in your neighborhood.

And the Winner is?



The next House Beautiful Award will be determined in the fall. Please be sure to let us know who you recommend and why. The winner receives a Lauderdale Isles House Beautiful plaque to display on their lawn along with a gift card to Home Depot. See you on May 19th.

Litter on US 441 to Riverland

by Sharon Barre, Duck Key Lane

The problem of more than usual litter and debris along the exit ramp from I-595 to northbound US441 up to Riverland Road intersection was brought to the attention of our Beautification Committee.

This concern has been reported to the Department Of Transportation. Responding to us immediately, they advised of problems with their mowing and litter removal contract and will soon be catching up with these issues in the area.

Reaching Out to Neighbors

by Sharon Barre,

The Beautification Committee thought there would be a need in our neighborhood to assist homeowners who are elderly, disabled or do not have family members living in the area to help them with various odd jobs they are unable to perform. If you know of anyone needing assistance in the neighborhood, please contact your lane trustee.

The more neighbors help each other, the stronger and more resilient the community becomes.

Tips About Your Trash Pick Up

By: Ruth Ann Lindgren

Just a quick reminder to any new neighbors to the isles or a refresher for the rest of us. We should all be aware of the Ft. Lauderdale collection rules and help each other keep our neighborhood beautiful! These tips appeared in the Ft. Lauderdale, June, 2005 newsletter.

- Place wheeled carts at curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection days and remove from curbside as soon as possible, but no later than 7 pm. It is recommended that all garbage be placed in plastic bags inside the cart.

- The following items are prohibited in the carts: chemicals, paints, oil, building materials, sand, sod, dirt, carpeting or anything which may damage, overload or interfere with the dumping or packing mechanism of the truck.

- Cart lids must be kept closed at all times to comply with health and sanitary requirements.

- If your cart is stolen or damaged, it must be reported to Customer Service at 954-828-8000.

- If you have an excessive amount of household garbage, you are allowed to place one garbage bag on top of your container.

- Bulk trash collection is the second Friday of each month. You may place large household items and tree trimmings out for pick up at this time.

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Civic Concerns

Applicable Codes, Code Enforcement The role of LICIA

By Ray Figueroa

There seems to be some doubt and confusion as to which code is applicable in our neighborhood. You will find the applicable codes that pertain to us and cover some of the more contentious issues listed on the next page.. These are excerpts that were taken from city and county codes and state statutes. The first is taken from the City of Fort Lauderdale Zoning Code and has to do with annexation. The second is taken from Broward County Zoning Code and has to do with docks, moorings and setbacks. The third is taken from State of Florida Statutes and has to do with parking violations. All local law enforcement agencies use the state statutes for parking violations. The city is responsible for enforcing the codes and statutes. I hope that this clears up doubts and confusion.

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association endorses all legal codes and statutes but we are not an enforcement agency. It is not part of our duty as officers or trustees to report violations of code or statutes. That does not prohibit any officer or trustee from reporting a violation as a concerned resident. The association will take up an issue that is of general concern to the neighborhood. If there is a code violation, the neighbors most affected should take it up with the offender or call code enforcement. Nobody likes or wants to report a neighbor that they have been living with for years. However, it's not fair to the trustee on your lane for you to expect him or her to be the "bad guy" or policeman for your lane. The trustee is the liaison between the residents of the lane and the board of trustees. The trustee can come to the board and say "We have a parking problem on our lane". We would then see if this is a general problem in a number of the lanes. If the problem is seen as widespread we will contact the police department. If the problem is not seen as widespread and we (the board), don't contact the police, the trustee or any resident can contact the police. The trustee in this case would be acting as any resident but not wearing the "hat" or "badge" of trustee. The trustee is a person who helps form a sense of neighborhood on your lane. If he were the "policeman" he would become a divisive element on your lane. The trustee is a person who helps bring the lane together.

Here are some definitions on structures that you may find helpful

Legal conforming—**has a permit and meets existing code.**

Legal nonconforming—**has a permit, does not meet code but was grand fathered or has a variance.**

Illegal conforming—**no permit, meets existing code.**

Illegal nonconforming—**no permit, does not meet existing code, not grand fathered.**

(I think I got these right but there may be an architect or builder out there who knows more about this).

Thanks to Tony Ciocca for researching the codes and statutes.

Codes and Statutes

Since there is confusion about whose zoning code The Isles comes under I've listed, below, Sec. 41-1.12 of the Fort Lauderdale Zoning Code. According to it, we are still under Broward County's zoning codes. There has also been confusion about the codes that deal with docks and moorings. Since we are still under Broward County's Codes, I've listed those below.

ULDR- Unified Land Development Regulation (Fort Lauderdale Zoning Code) Sec. 41-1.12. Effect of annexation on property states -Whenever unincorporated (Broward County) property is annexed by the city (Fort Lauderdale) pursuant to the Florida Statutes and when said property had been previously zoned by a unit of local government (Broward County), the use regulations of that unit of local government shall remain in full force and effect until the city adopts a comprehensive plan amendment that includes the annexed area and the property is rezoned by the city.

Broward County Code – Docks and Moorings

Docks and moorings for pleasure boats, yachts and other noncommercial watercraft shall be permitted in residential zoning districts on any waterway or water area as an accessory to a permitted residential occupancy of a plot, subject to the following:

- No dock shall project more than five (5) feet into any waterway beyond the property line along the waterway or the established bulkhead line. No dock shall extend closer than ten (10) feet in the plot line of any other residentially-zoned property.
- Mooring pilings shall be permitted, provided they do not project into any waterway more than thirty-three percent

Docks and moorings continued

(33%) of the width of the waterway, or twenty-five feet (25) feet, whichever is less as measured from the recorded property line. No mooring piling shall be situated closer than ten feet (10) feet to any lot line of contiguous property.

- Nighttime reflectors shall be affixed to any mooring piling extending more than five (5) feet into any waterway.

- Vessels docked at or moored to private docks or by mooring pilings shall not extend into a waterway more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the width of the waterway measured from the recorded property line.

- No vessel of any kind shall dock at, moor to, or tie up to a private seawall, dock or mooring piling or be beached upon private property without the permission of the owner or legal occupant of the residence immediately adjacent to the private seawall, dock, mooring piling, or beach. Nothing, however, shall prohibit vessels or persons in distress from mooring to, tying up to, or beaching on private property, in an emergency situation, for a maximum of seventy-two (72) hours from the time the vessel is initially moored, docked, tied up to, or beached on the private property. At the end of the seventy-two (72) hour period, the owner or occupant of such private property may request Broward County to initiate the appropriate procedures to remove the vessel.

- The owner of the property or person in charge of or occupying a vessel shall at all times keep the docks, seawalls and premises adjacent to such vessel in a neat and orderly manner and free from litter, repair parts, machinery, equipment and debris of any kind.

- No vessel shall be docked, moored or anchored adjacent to residential property in such a manner that it extends across the property line of contiguous property.

Last, Florida Statutes state in section # 30-388.10 that "PARKING SO AS TO OBSTRUCT TRAFFIC ON STREET" is subject to a twenty-eight dollar (\$28) fine.



Vehicle 1



Vehicle 2



Vehicle 3



Vehicle 4

Parking/The Swale

By Charles Love

At our last meeting there was some discussion on parking in the grass swales and whether this is legal.

First of all I would like to provide some basics. The Isles all have a 50' wide R.O.W.

"Right of Way". The two driving lanes are each 12' wide and the two grass swales on each side are 13' wide which total 50'. The 13' grass area at the edge of the asphalt is not our private property, although we are all responsible for it, but it is within the right of way and part of the City or Fort Lauderdale. It is not illegal to park in the grass swale but it is a violation to obstruct traffic.

A car parked with all four wheels on the asphalt is obstructing traffic of one lane of the road. (see photo 1) A car parked with two wheels on the grass or swale and two wheels on the asphalt is still obstructing traffic and can be ticketed. (see photo 2 & 3)

A car parked with all its' wheels on the grass and within the swale is legal, simply because it is not obstructing traffic. (see photo 4)

As for the overnight parking within the lanes, chapter 26-133 requires the street or area must be posted (sign) to prohibit all night parking in the swale.

Also any vehicle parked within a swale must have a current tag.

The information given above came after interviewing a number of Fort Lauderdale police officers and also from the internet. A very good source for the City of Fort Lauderdale codes and regulations is a web site known as the municipal code corporation or municode.com. Simply click on the state, and then the city and you are in the city codes and ordinances.

Bits and Pieces

Tips on Conducting Open Houses

PART I: Exterior

by Rich Thompson

When preparing your home for an open house it is critical that your home is spotlessly clean. There is nothing more that turns off a prospective buyer than dirt, dust, animal hair, etc. If you have a pool make sure that it is completely clean and crystal clear. Most homeowners hold open houses during the weekend in order to capitalize on getting the most traffic possible. Afternoons are best. That gives you all morning to clean up!

Advertise in the local paper as well as put signs out directing prospective buyers to your property. But please remember to retrieve your signs after the open house.

Make sure that the lawn is mown, all yard equipment is put away, as well as children's toys. Water the lawn for at least one week beforehand so it is nice and green. Arrange to park your car(s) at a neighbor's house to ensure that there is plenty of room for visitor parking and that your driveway is free and clear. Also, send your pets to a neighbor or relative or take them outdoors. If that's not possible crate them or confine them to a room. If you have a garage try to de-clutter it! Plant colorful flowers in pots and place them strategically around the yard, front and back, where they can be seen from the interior of the house.

Watch for the next newsletter where this article will be continued regarding the interior of your home.

LIYTC – Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club

By John Anderson, Commodore

The Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club would like show you what's new! In the past months we have begun improvements around the club that will make the club a more enjoyable place for everyone.

For those that have not been to the club, we have dockage, swimming, tennis, horseshoes, outdoor grills, indoor entertainment areas, and large grounds that provide hours of fun for families. We also have facilities available for rent including a large ballroom. We would like to invite you to sample our club for a free day. Just present the attached coupon and have fun.

We're Sprucing Up

In the coming months we will be working on several projects (So please pardon our dust.) This includes painting the club and updating the exterior. Also we will continue with landscaping! We will also be working on our docks and modernizing the bar area.

June Events

June brings many events for the club. We will be starting up our swim team again. The Jack Nelson Swim School will be coaching this year, so we are looking for an even better season than before - if that's possible. These kids are good! Another fun event will be a Cajun Party. This is a bayou, finger lickin', picnic with all the fixins' including crawfish and a shrimp boil. Also our traditional Wednesday night dinners continue, including steak nite - my personal favorite. These events require pre-registration and some require membership. Please stop by the club for details.

Swim Team

We would also like to welcome the Jack Nelson Swim School to our facilities. This is a professional swim school teaching children and adults. We are proud to have them in our facilities. They will be holding classes six days a week. Class sizes are limited so early registration is a good idea.

The Yacht Club is the perfect neighborhood stop for families or singles interested in a good time. So come down, cool off in our pool and see what's new in your backyard.



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Your Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association
cordially invites
you to an afternoon picnic at the
Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club on

June 18th between 11:30 AM and 3:00 PM.

The Club is located at 2637 Whale Harbor Lane.

We'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw and
an array of
desserts. Drinks and sodas will be available at the Club
for purchase.

There will be activities for all and we will arrange for a lifeguard
to be on duty in case you wish to go for a swim.

Come out and meet your Officers, Board of Trustees and other fine
residents of your neighborhood!

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Ray Figueroa
President, LICIA

