



Lauderdale Isles

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Acting President's Report

By Charles Love

There are two main issues we are facing this quarter. The first is the city's effort to rezone the Isles and other surrounding areas. The second is our election of officers, which will take place November 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club at the end of Whale Harbor Lane. There is presently an opening for a new lane trustee for Flamingo Lane because Dave Nicoll is relocating to Nova Scotia. Ann Guardino of Okeechobee Lane has asked Michael Nicholas to take her place as trustee and Michael has agreed.

LICIA will be looking for a president and a secretary. As you know I have been acting president which has left the vice president spot open. I have enjoyed the position as vice president for the past years and would like to return to that office. I would also continue as the chairperson of the Beautification and Lane Sign Committee which will become very active when our \$16,000 city grant is approved early in 2007. The only part of the president's job I do not like is writing this report. The president of our association should be diplomatic and I know that's not me. The best person I know for the presidency is Rich Thompson, former LICIA president.


The new upcoming issue is the rezoning of our neighborhood. We have been part of the city of Fort Lauderdale for four years. The city, as part of our annexation, has a responsibility to recertify this area to the State of Florida. At one time we understood this might take as many as eight years.

The city has hired Dickey Consulting Services to do what is now called the annexation rezoning. Sheryl Dickey was invited to our October board meeting and apologized for being late but unfortunately a number of trustees and other invited guests had left. The remaining trustees including myself had an informal meeting with her to understand her role and how the rezoning will be presented to all of our residents.

It was indicated that home owners will be notified by mail of any upcoming meetings. There was discussion of a one day work shop to be held in a large room with many

tables and all interested residents divided between all the tables and have us all work together to decide on our zoning issues. It was suggested that this one day work shop be devoted to Lauderdale Isles alone and other work shops for the four or five other neighborhoods. It also sounded like Ms. Dickey and her staff would put together graphic displays depicting the present Broward County zoning and the present city zoning. These displays would address the differences such as dock set backs and/or restrictions. For example, whereas the county restricts the docks from extending beyond the 10 foot setback from each side property line, the city allows construction of a dock that can extend to the limits of the property with no setbacks. This continuous dock would eliminate the space between the docks as a turning area for small boats. The present county zoning also restricts the length of a boat to 40 feet on a 60 foot wide property allowing for the 10 foot set backs. It seems to me a compromise for this zoning would be to have a 10 foot set back for the docks on each side and a 5 foot set back for the boats. This would allow for a 50 foot boat on a 60 foot piece of property. It is important to note that the zoning codes are different than the building codes and the city of Fort Lauderdale administers both.

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REMEMBER!
LICIA
General Meeting at the
Yacht Club 2637 Whale
Harbor Lane
Thursday, November 16th, 7:30 PM

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Acting President's Report

The description of the various tasks that Ms. Dickey's firm would undertake did not seem adequate to me. When asked why the present city staff could not do this work, the answer was the city did not have the staff available.

Please keep in mind that there are many different views on the different zoning issues, so it's important for all of us to attend these upcoming workshops.

Agenda

**LICIA General Meeting
November 16, 2006 7:30 p.m.
Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club**

1. Approval of minutes of Trustees meeting of October 19, 2006
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary / Elections
4. Annexation Rezoning of Lauderdale Isles
5. Re-landscaping of Riverland Road by the City of Fort Lauderdale
6. Old business / general discussion
7. New Business
8. Adjourn

We would like to encourage as many residents as possible to attend this meeting.

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Inaccurate Predictions Affect Real Estate

by Richard Thompson

As the hurricane season draws to an end and the cold weather descends on the northern climes we are hopeful that the real estate market will improve! The forecasts of 16 or so named hurricanes have not come to pass and we are left wondering how on earth the predictions can be so wrong? I read an article in the newspaper a couple of weeks ago that the house insurance rates were based on the predicted number of hurricanes, then in today's paper FPL shows incredible profits, this does not bode well for the average homeowner.

Since Hurricane Wilma last year we have all attempted to improve our homes to withstand the weather, even if it means buying a generator or a new roof perhaps. It is unbelievable that a couple of hours of strong winds can cause such damage. Luckily we all have great neighbors in the Isles who all come together in a crisis. While driving to the Keys a couple of days ago the number of homes with blue tarps stood out like a sore thumb, and this is a year later!

This must be the price we all have to pay for living in such a tropical, beautiful paradise. We are hopeful that the buyers will soon return en masse and that our lives will start to get back to normalcy.

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Bits and Pieces

Lauderdale Isles - There's Water for Everyone.

The following appeared in the June 2006 issue of HOME Ft Lauderdale. The article can be found at www.homeftl.com

By Lloyd Jackson

A unique boating neighborhood in Southwest Fort Lauderdale, the Lauderdale Isles consists of roughly 700 homes located on fully navigable 50-to-60 foot wide canals that flow directly into the South New River opening into the Intracoastal waterway just north of Port Everglades. A deep-water path leads out to the ocean, and there are no fixed bridges lower than 55 feet.

Developer George W. Gill

Originally a citrus grove owned by politician Jack Humphries, Lauderdale Isles was developed by Gill Construction in 1954. George W. Gill, Sr. left Chicago and became to Fort Lauderdale what William Levitt was to Long Island, building more than 3,000 moderately priced homes in 14 Fort Lauderdale subdivisions in the 1940's and 50's. The American dream was quickly becoming a reality for many World War II veterans and newcomers to the Sunshine State. Visionaries, Gill and his son, George W. Gill, Jr., bought up copious amounts of property from landowners who were convinced that the land boom of the 1920's would not return to South Florida. Their stockpile of new land provided George Gill, Sr. with the opportunity of becoming Broward county's "Father of Hospitality," sparking the development of a tourist-oriented economy in Fort Lauderdale. The Gills went on to develop six beachfront hotels including the Escape, the Sheraton Yankee Trader and the Yankee Clipper, the Jolly Roger, as well as the Sheraton British Colonial in Nassau, Bahamas. During the 1950s building boom, Gill Construction built three out of every four homes in the city in such neighborhoods as Lauderdale Harbors, Gillcrest, Gill Isles and Lauderdale Isles.

The Lauderdale Isles are located in a rectangle in South-Central Fort Lauderdale formed by SW 31st Avenue to the East, the South New River to the South, State Road 7 (US 441) to the West and Riverland Road (SW 24th Street) to the North. Streets are divided into 13 lanes, each running south from Riverland Road to the South New River, and each lane is named after a fishing locale including Andros, Bimini, Cat Cay, Flamingo, Gulfstream, Key Largo, Marathon, Nassau, Okeechobee, Sugarloaf, Tortugas, and Whale Harbor. Deep water canals were dredged to connect with the North Fork of

the New River, and the canals between the lanes are named after local fish such as Albacore, Barracuda and Cobia.

Architectural Features

The architecture in Lauderdale Isles features many split-level houses that were built for growing families with an emphasis on light-filled spaces and water views. Most of the homes built by the Gills were constructed of solid concrete walls, terrazo floors, and jalousie windows for natural cooling. Though many have been updated and expanded, a handful of them retain their original terrazo floors, charming bathrooms, and jalousie windows.

Waterfront Community

Lauderdale Isles is a waterfront community for people who enjoy boating, the outdoors, and easy living. There is a strong sense of community that exists to this day from concerns over water quality to neighborhood preservation, and the area is very safe. Residents can join the Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club beside the New River, which has docks, tennis courts, an Olympic-Sized swimming pool, a bar and a clubhouse.

Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association (LICIA) was established in 1959 to promote and protect the interests of the residents who live in the subdivision. Still going strong today, LICIA works to discourage industrial development and improve the quality of life in Lauderdale Isles. It even took on the challenge of minimizing aircraft noise with the Fort Lauderdale airport and succeeded.

If Mike Brady were to retire to Fort Lauderdale today, he would land one of the many split-level gems in Lauderdale Isles and restore it to its original beauty. Carol could enjoy swimming with her 18 grandchildren in her waterfront pool, and they'd even have room for Alice. According to realtor Richard Thompson of Coldwell Banker, a resident of Lauderdale Isles for 27 years, "3-bedroom, 2-bath homes and enlarged 5-bedroom, 3-bath homes range from \$630,000 to \$900,000. Nearly every house is on the water and most have pools and dockage." Thompson adds, "When the real estate market is going strong these properties easily increase \$100,000 per year, so now is the perfect time to snap up a deal in Lauderdale Isles."

Meet Your Neighbors

Environmental Corner

New Okeechobee Lane Trustee

by Yelka Mikolji

Michael Nicholas is the new trustee for Okeechobee Lane.

You might see Michael riding down your block one of these days. It's part of his one-hour daily exercise, where he rides throughout the entire neighborhood, lane by lane.

Originally from West Virginia, he has lived in Boca Raton, Atlanta, Germany and Denmark. When it came time to retire, he knew he wanted to live in South Florida.

He moved to Lauderdale Isles in April 2004, after coming off an international assignment with IBM. He was looking for a home on the water with no fixed bridges. Lauderdale Isles had it all at an affordable price.

He first got involved in LICIA when his neighbor Ann Guardino asked him to fill in for her whenever she couldn't make it to the meetings. He graciously agreed. He participates in the meetings and would like to see even more neighborhood involvement.

Michael also enjoys playing the guitar, and repairing and building string instruments. Another hobby, now turned into a business, is building home audio and automation systems. With his systems you can watch and hear what's happening at your home or business from anywhere via the internet. Your home can even make a phone call to you to let you know something's wrong!

What Michael likes most about living in the Isles is the water, the canal, and the neighborhood.



Electronics Recycling

Growing at three times the rate of other wastes, electronics is the newest challenge in environmentally friendly waste disposal. If not properly disposed of, electronics can release hazardous materials into our environment.

To help alleviate this problem, Broward County's Waste and Recycling Services has provided Broward County residents with a program to dispose of electronics. Since 2001 more than 1,200,000 pounds of unwanted electronics have been recovered, including 100,000 pounds of lead.

Who can participate?

Broward County residents (Proof of residency required). Businesses can call 954-577-4160 for disposal information.

What can residents bring?

Computers, monitors, keyboards, mouses

Terminals, printers, modems

Cell phones

Rechargeable batteries

Televisions

Copiers

Do not bring:

Desks/Furniture

Stereos/Speakers

Musical Equipment

DVDs/VCRs

Appliances

Trash/Debris

What are the Free Drop-off Locations?

North Collection Center

2780 N. Powerline Rd., Pompano Beach

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Fridays and Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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10250 NW 53rd St., Sunrise

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Once dropped off, what happens to the electronics?

Waste and Recycling Services partners with Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers (ARC Broward), a non-profit organization serving people with disabilities. ARC provides services to collect and refurbish or de-manufacture end-of-life electronics. ARC participants learn new skills and receive valuable work training in the disassembly of computers. The recovered materials are then shipped out for recycling or environmentally safe disposal.

Civic Concerns

Wood Fence Building Codes

By Charles Love

These two pages of wood fence details are from the Florida building codes. It gives the basic types, sizes and spacing of a typical wood fence. These details are a good start for a home owner interested in applying for a fence permit. There are many other requirements by the City of Fort Lauderdale, such as a property survey not more than six months old but this depends on who you speak with at the city. I have heard that you need a gate detail, a hinge detail, a locking device detail and a plan locating the new or replacement fence. Try telling the building official you don't need a gate detail because you're not having any gates. There are also many variations on how high the fence can be and how close to the bulkhead it can be. Some say 4 feet high within 15 feet, some say it cannot be wood and must be chain link.

Some types of fences have a better looking side, boards on one side exposed horizontal rails and posts on the other side. This would be the less attractive side. It is suggested that you present your neighbor with the better looking side. If you plan to use a fence contractor he can tell you many different requirements and in most cases apply for your building permit. If you are confused as to where this information is coming from ask the contractor to provide you with the section of the code he is referring to. It has become very important to be an educated consumer.

If you have a need to look up some of the present codes go to Google, type in the word municodes and click on Municode.com online library click online library, next page click on state of Florida, scroll down and click on Broward County, next page click on Broward County code of ordinances, scroll down and click on chapter 39 zoning, article XVI residential zoning districts.

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Wood Fences

Sec. 1612 Fences. Fences not exceeding 6'-0" in height from grade may be designed for 75 mph (33 m/s) fastest wind speed or 90 mph (40 m/s) 3-second gust.

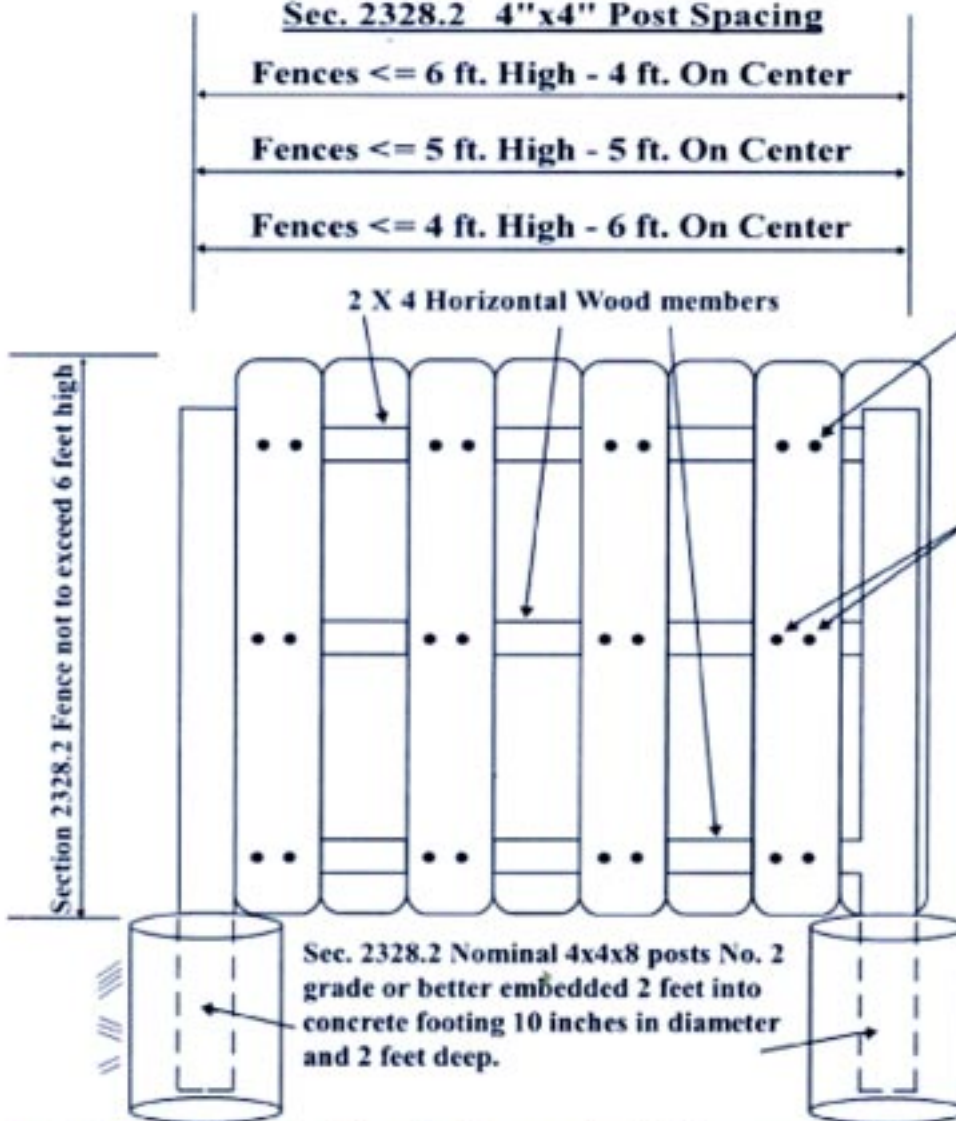
Sec. 1612 Wood Fences. Wood fence design shall be as specified by 2328.

Sec. 2328.2 4"x4" Post Spacing

Fences <= 6 ft. High - 4 ft. On Center

Fences <= 5 ft. High - 5 ft. On Center

Fences <= 4 ft. High - 6 ft. On Center



Sec. 2324.2 Nails, bolts and other connectors that are used in locations exposed to the weather shall be galvanized or otherwise corrosive resistant.

Sec. 2324.3 In general, nails shall penetrate the second member a distance equal to the thickness of the member being nailed thereto. There shall be not less than two nails in any connection.

- Nail Sizes:**
- 4d: 1 1/2" long
 - 6d: 2" long
 - 8d: 2 1/2" long
 - 10d: 3" long
 - 12d: 3 1/2" long
 - 16d: 4" long

Sec. 2326.2.10 All posts, poles and columns embedded in concrete which is in contact with ground and supporting permanent structures shall be approved pressure treated wood suitable for ground contact use except naturally durable wood may be used for posts, poles and columns embedded in concrete for structures other than buildings and walking surfaces or in structures where wood is above ground level and not exposed to the weather.

Sec. 2326.2.6 The expression "naturally durable wood" refers to the heartwood of the following species:

1. Decay resistant - Redwood, Cedars, Black Locust.
2. Termite resistant - Redwood, Eastern Red Cedar.

FINAL INSPECTION

To be made after installation and completion of all elements of construction

The following items will be checked at final inspection.

Wood fences shall be designed according to the loads as specified in Section 2328 of Florida Building Code (F.B.C.).

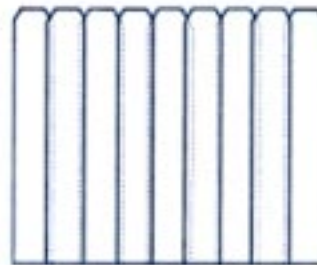
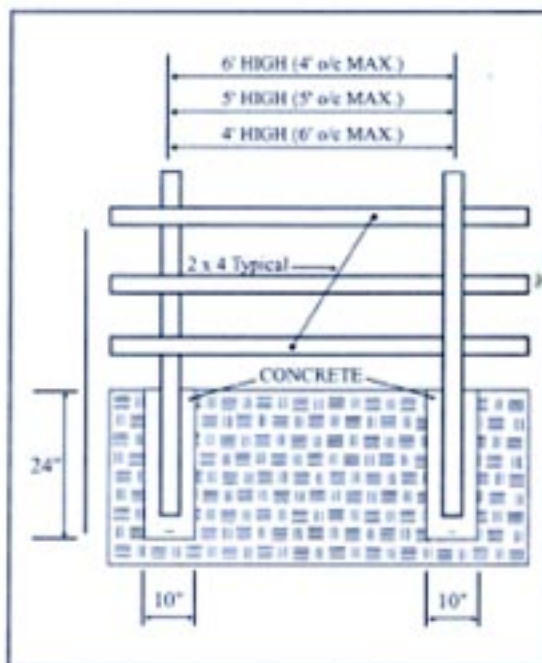
EXCEPTION: Unless designed by rational analysis, wood fences not exceeding 6' in height may be constructed to meet the following minimum requirements.

1. Vertical post of P.T. 4"x4" spaced according to detail "A" below.
2. Post shall be embedded 2'0" or 24" into a concrete footing 10" in diameter.
3. Horizontal framing shall consist of a minimum of 3 horizontal rails of 2"x4" P.T. material and shall be fastened with 2-16D nails at each post.
4. All lumber shall be a minimum of #2 grade or better.
5. All fasteners shall be corrosion resistant.

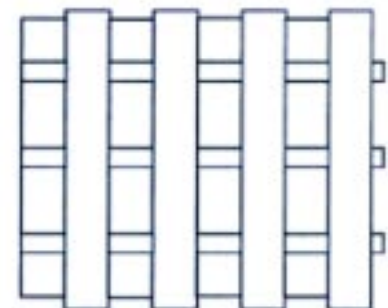
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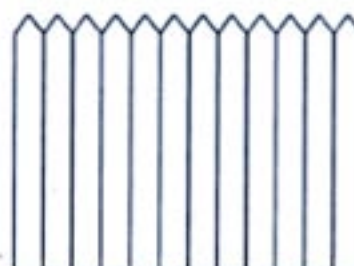
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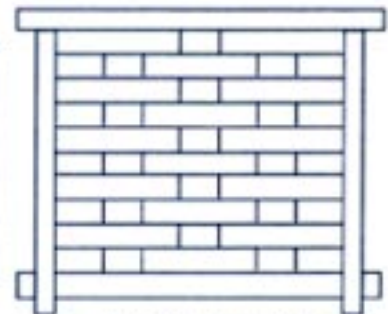
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Dues Are Due

There are about 740 homes in the Isles. Multiply that by an average of 2.5 per home which would be 1,850 individuals. In 2006 we had 185 dues paying members.

Of the 185 dues paying members we have 13 lane trustees and 4 board members for a total of 17. Of that 17, we consistently have 9 or 10 voting members at our monthly meetings which clearly indicates that these few members represent the 1,850 individuals living in the Isles. It is with great appreciation that we thank these volunteers who continually provide their time on behalf of this neighborhood.

The association presently has approximately \$20,000 in its account. Since our association is the Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association, it seems to me that some of that money should go for improvements. The association has earmarked \$8,000.00 for new lane signs for 2007.

It is now time to collect dues for the coming year to improve our membership, in order that more of the Lauderdale Isles residents have input into decisions that are being made. It is with this in mind that we are soliciting ideas and suggestions for civic improvements that can be accomplished in the near future. We wish to thank our current members and their continuing support.

Sincerely,
Charles Love – Acting President

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