



Summer 2004

Lauderdale Isles

**Civic Improvement Association, Inc.
1300 Riverland Road, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312**

Nonprofit Organization since 1959

President's Report

By Craig Canning

Greetings! I'd like to thank everyone who was able to come to our neighborhood party on June 25th at the Yacht Club. I trust everyone had a good time! Very special thanks to all the officers and trustees of the Civic Association who helped plan, organize, cook; donate food, time and energy to the event. Look for an announcement in this newsletter for the next party. As always, if you wish to submit an article for our newsletter you can e-mail me at craigcan@gate.net and I'll do my best to get it in the next issue. Now for the quarterly update:

1. The airport repaving project is set! The main runway (9L/27R) will be closed from September 13th 2004 through September 28th. All airport traffic, 24 hours a day, will be using the diagonal runway which will make it very noisy in the neighborhood for 2 weeks. For additional information on the project please go to the County's website at www.broward.org/airport. There is another period in November that the main runway will be closed from midnight until 6AM only.


2. The expansion of the South Runway continues to move forward. I still encourage you to e-mail or write the County Commissioners voicing your support for the expansion of the south runway only. I also advise you to e-mail the Ft. Lauderdale Commission and urge them to continuously monitor the County's progress towards this end. Please call the airport noise hotline whenever a plane uses the diagonal runway or planes take off out to the west when their seems to be no breeze what so ever.

3. I still think Riverland Woods will be built! The contractor has a minimal crew on site and is probably quickly running out of money. I've given up guessing when the park will be finished. We'll continue to pester the County to do a better job of overseeing the construction.

4. The Peele Dixie membrane plant is out to bid and the bid opening is scheduled for August 16th. The contractor will need a whole slew of permits before beginning construction so my best guess for actually breaking ground is early December.

5. The City of Ft. Lauderdale has allocated funds for a consultant to prepare a Master Plan for Davie Blvd. A contract to do the work (for much less money) has finally been signed with EDAW and Associates. I will have several copies of the revised specifications at the general meeting on August 19th. Let's hope that the monies being paid by the City is enough to do a comprehensive report. Being an optimist by nature, I'm hoping the report will be excellent and there will be more money set aside for implementation!

6. The property on the southwest corner of Riverland Road and 441 that was slated for purchase by the County to preserve as greenspace has been purchased by a private party. He has not communicated with anyone as far as I know. I have sent him a certified letter and dropped off another communication at his residence with offers of help but he has not responded. The latest rumor has another storage



**LICIA GENERAL
MEETING**
August 19 th
at the Lauderdale Isles Yacht and
Tennis Club at 7:30 PM

facility going up on the property but we have no concrete news confirming that as of yet.

7. Looks like we are still set to get our new Publix! Construction is slated to begin in February of 2005 and end before Thanksgiving of 2005. The location on Davie Blvd. remains the same. Anyone wishing to see what the design looks like should go to the Publix at 6405 Nova Drive (You can enter off of Davie Road, just look for the Publix sign). Our store will be an additional 100 square feet but the designs are similar.

8. One of our own Lauderdale Isles residents, Randy Dunlap, is running against John Rodstrum for the Broward County Commission. Notwithstanding any negative press or personal attacks, it is very important that you get out and vote for Randy in the Democratic primary. To have a neighborhood guy on the County Commission would be extraordinary. As we get closer to the election, look for Randy's supporters (myself included) to be walking the neighborhood to get out the vote.

9. Roscioli Expansion: Please look for an update by Charles Love in this newsletter. Charles and a small group of residents are examining the drawings and making recommendations to the architect, Mr. Roscioli and the Davie Town Council. Thank you all for trying to do what's best for Lauderdale Isles.

10. As of tonight I have no good news regarding our zoning overlays or code issues. From the phone calls and e-mails that I've received I know it has become the number one issue in the neighborhood. I can only hope that the City of Ft. Lauderdale will hire the staff necessary to complete the work that we began 2 years ago. Please do not hesitate to write or e-mail the Commissioners and the Mayor with your personal anecdotes (most of them I'm sure won't be humorous)

Hope to see everyone at the general meeting on the 19th
Take care!

Roscioli is coming! Roscioli is coming!

By Charles Love

On July 15, 2004 a meeting was held at the yacht club, organized by the planner for the expansion of Roscioli's boat building business in the Town of Davie on the south side of the south fork of the New River. A notice of the meeting was sent to the property owners who are within 1,000 ft. of the proposed development. The planner, Mr. Steven Kirk of the firm Design Team West Inc., made his presentation. The mood of the 50 or so residents in attendance made it clear they were very unhappy with the direction the new buildings are taking. Some of the residents recalled the unkept promises made in the past by Mr. Roscioli on the first phase of his expansion.

Phase Two

The second phase of development is west of his existing facility on 5.35 ac. of land which required plating, a very long county review and approval process. The approved plat has placed restrictions on the development of this land, which the Town of Davie must adhere to during its' approval process, so although this property is in the Town of Davie, Broward County has a great deal of authority over what is constructed. It appears there will be more of a landscape buffer between the proposed buildings and Lauderdale Isles than on the first building. Prior to the start of any construction, Roscioli must first obtain a building permit from the town of Davie, for which the architect will be applying for soon. It was suggested by Mr. Canning that a

committee be formed. The following are its current members and phone numbers:

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| Charles Love | Cat Cay Lane | 954 587-1445 |
| Leland Easton | Marathon Lane | 954 585-8662 |
| Rich Thompson | Sugarloaf Lane | 954 321-8378 |
| David Zeitz | Andros Lane | 954 581-6332 |
| Ray Figueroa | Nassau Lane | 954 327-9259 |

If there are others who are interested or have knowledge of the process and of Roscioli's plans, and would like to join please contact one of us. Some basic information if anyone is interested in making inquiries:

The plat is labeled:

"STONE HARBOR, INC. CFN # 104035061

The president is Robert Roscioli and the engineer of record for the plat is:

Associated Engineers & Surveyors of South Florida,
Phone number 954 434-8684.

The Architect is Design Team West Inc. Bradenton, FL.
Phone number 941 750-6779, Att: Mr. Steve Kirk

The Town of Davie Code Enforcement 954 797-1121
Building Department 954 797-2052

Planning Department 954 797-2087

Bits and Pieces

By Ray Figueroa

That beautiful bald cypress on Cat Cay is gone! I couldn't believe my eyes when I rode my bike down the lane. At first I thought my eyes were playing tricks, it was an optical illusion. As I got closer I saw the sad truth. There was nothing there but an orange cone. As soon as I got back to my house, I called Charles to find out what had happened. Charles is the alternate trustee for Cat Cay. He said that one of those big garbage trucks backed down the lane, hit it, and broke it off. Those trucks must weigh at least 10 tons. He said it put a dent in the steel plate of the truck. Reports have been filed. The city sent a public service aide to file the report. There is a question as to who owns the tree and whether it will be replaced. We lost a part of the Isles when we lost that tree. I will miss that tree and I don't live on Cat Cay. Charles and Sal will keep us informed on what is going to be done to replace the tree. Sal was the tree's savior and protector.

This brings me to something that Charles mentioned and I believe is true. What happens on one lane or a few lanes should be a matter of concern to all of us. There is sort of an attitude of "Well, that doesn't happen on my lane, so I am not going to worry about it." These things really do affect all of us. The way public officials react to an incident on one lane one day could be the same for your lane the next day. Things are happening around us that affect property values of all the lanes even though some lanes may be more impacted than others. For example, Roscioli wants to expand his boat yard. You could say, well that only concerns

Andros, Bimini, and Cat Cay lanes. If that expansion diminishes the value of the properties on those lanes, it could diminish all our property values. Not to mention the quality of life issues such as noise, air and visual pollution.

Some of the people on Andros, Bimini, Cat Cay and Duck Key call themselves the "forgotten lanes". Why? They don't have sanitary sewers, their water lines were not upgraded when all the other lanes were done, Roscioli has expanded his boat yard once and wants to expand again, and these lanes are the closest to New River Middle School. **We all need to support every part of our neighborhood, even if it is not our lane or our end of the Isles.**

We would like to welcome the new trustee and alternate for Andros lane, Fran and David Zeitz. Welcome aboard! We have also had on board for a couple of months, Sal Caruso and Charles Love, the trustee and alternate for Cat Cay who has been doing an outstanding job. Thank you. I believe we have a very good board of trustees. They are people who show up, contribute and have a good input. I feel good about being part of it.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the August general meeting. I'll be in Key Largo enjoying our time-share, which we have had for about 15 years. Don't forget your neighbors, whether they are next door or at the other end of the isles. The day may come when you will need your neighbor's help. Good talking to you.

Odds and Ends

Welcome Kits

By Karen Rames

One of the daunting tasks for a new homeowner in our neighborhood is finding out all the little things our wonderful community has to offer. I am pleased to announce that we have developed a LICIA Welcome Kit for new homeowners in our neighborhood. This kit contains a welcome letter from our president, a history of Lauderdale Isles, most recent issue of Waterway Times, Fort Lauderdale City Services Guide, Marine Facilities brochure, Guide to Local Parks, and local retailer information (where do you find the best pizza, pool supply store, our very own Georgia Pig?). This should help our new neighbors feel at home as well as make it easy to locate essential services.

If you know of someone who has moved into our community in 2004, call your lane trustee and we'll make sure

the new homeowner receives a personal welcome and the Welcome Kit. The listing of lane trustees is always in the LICIA newsletter.

Let's all take the time to introduce ourselves to our new neighbors and give them a warm welcome to our fabulous waterfront community.

Our Lane Signs Get a Facelift

By Karen Rames

If you haven't noticed, Ray Figueroa went to each lane and gave each sign a facelift. He cleaned and fixed the signs that were broken and secured them all so they can be seen. If you know where some of the missing signs are located, be sure to give Ray a call or let your lane trustee know. And next time you see Ray, be sure to say thanks!

Civic Concerns

Tree Canopy

By Charles Love

The last time I felt the need to take on a cause was in the city of Oakland Park when a developer was planning to remove many of the large oak trees located on the land next to the development I lived in. Many of the local residents got together, saved the trees and I was elected to the city council, this is not the point! The point is that this is a small enclave of single family homes that are under attack from all sides. From the southeast the airport, from the south the town of Davie and Roscioli from the west new development, from the north the city of Fort Lauderdale with its state mandate to retain storm water runoff which is good but it brings with it new swales and sidewalks. From within, along Riverland Road with the new sewers which is also good but includes the removal of many of the trees within the road right of way and from FP&L with their restrictions on what to plant under their power lines. There are some bright spots to point to and that's the new and soon to be completed public parks at the west edge of our area that I'm sure Mrs. Sheridan had a great deal to do with. The point is that we are continuing to lose our tree canopy. The now vacant land to the west of the park will one day be developed and the great oak and pine trees there will be removed, granted they will be replaced by other trees but will take some twenty or so years to mature. The crepe myrtles planted by the city along the road in the same area are either dead or dying from lack of maintenance and water, without water or irrigation why bother planting anything. The park across from this land which was well designed has an irrigation system and is being well maintained and is beautiful. The expression that comes to mind is "Whether the job is large or small do it well or not at all."

At the east end of Lauderdale Isles where the temporary east bound lane was installed, the county removed six or seven large shade trees, their plan is to replace those trees with two or three small crepe myrtle trees. In the same area just west of the school is a once beautiful slash pine that the county required be saved, unfortunately it will die. On the south side of the tree FP&L has hacked away half its' canopy to protect their power lines and the sewer contractor has removed half its' root system and paved to the base of the tree, and on the south side of the tree the installation of the fiber optics cut thru the rest of the trees root system. Any county design manual would require protecting that tree to the outer limits of its canopy.

The last area I have concerns for is the wooded area south of the river, west of Roscioli, east of Hacienda Cove and on the north side of State Road 84. It is my understanding that this land is owned by Broward County and was paid for thru a county bond issue. This area is being whittled away at from all sides. It can't be long before some politically connected developer acquires this land, after all it is waterfront and very developable. In conclusion I know after taking care of all our personal needs and requirements it is hard be involved in local affairs but if we don't who will.

Riverland Sewer

By Charles Love

In an effort to keep the residence of Lauderdale Isles informed and pro-active I have had some communication with the county's project manger for the work now underway on Riverland Road. The present contract calls for the installation of an 8" gravity sanitary sewer main along the center line of Riverland Road from S.W.31st Ave. west to S.W.34th Ave., repaving of the road and the addition of sidewalks and swales.

Also included is the addition of some landscaping such as fox tail palms, pigeon plum and crepe myrtle trees, non of which would come close to replacing the caliper or canopy of what was removed. It was indicated to this writer by the county representative that he would try to add to the present contract additional large shade trees such as live oaks "Quercus viginiana" which I believe to be the best type of tree to replace what was removed. Furthermore it is my professional opinion we should request that the county only plant the oaks and not what is in the present contract. If one were interested as to the extent of the replacement landscaping just drive S.W.34th Ave. It is my understanding that the county must replace the total tree canopy that was removed from within the present construction area which I think they are doing, but what is not understood is that the county is using the tree canopy of Riverland Road and spreading it out thru the entire construction area and Riverland Road will not get its' original canopy back. It is my suggestion that we the Lauderdale Isle Civic Improvement Association contact the county, request only the oaks be planted and that we The Association assist in the cost of planting the oaks on the south side of Riverland Road.

As an after thought some residents may not know that the newly installed east bound lane is only temporary and will be removed to allow for the construction of a new swale..

LICIA Web Site

LAUDERDALE ISLES CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003

By Ollie Kollmann

Have you been to the LICIA web site lately? If you are new to the neighborhood, or have lived here awhile, you can find a lot of useful information from trash pickup dates, real estate values, back issues of the newsletter lists of events in Ft. Lauderdale and historical information about the isles and much more. If you can't remember the name of your lane's trustee and you threw the newsletter away it's right there on the web page available 24/7.

We do need your input though. If you have a gripe or something of interest to say or there is something happening in the neighborhood that we should be aware of and the newsletter isn't due out for another three months then email it to bootsn@bellsouth.net and it will be added to the web site.

You can visit the web site at: www.LICIA.org

LICIA MEETINGS

Regular civic-association meetings are held every month, except for December.. A general meeting is held every third month while trustee meetings are held every month except when there is a general meeting.

When: All meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, except for December when there is no meeting. Time: Meetings start at 7:30 PM and usually run 1 to 2 hours for general meetings and about the same for trustee meetings.

Where: Unless otherwise announced, we meet in the large room at the Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club, which is on the river at the end of Whale Harbor Lane.

JOIN LICIA Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Membership Application Annual Dues \$20 (Covers January to December)

Your membership makes our neighborhood stronger.

Officers:

President: Craig Canning
Vice-President: Ray Figueroa
Secretary: Jennifer O'Brien
Treasurer: Keith Lindgren

2003 LICIA Trustees

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| David Zeitz | Andros Ln. | 954-581-6332 |
| Dirk Lowry | 2512 Bimini Ln. | 954-584-3783 |
| Sal Caruso | Cat Cay Ln | 954-797-7723 |
| Sharon Barre | 2720 SW 34th | 954-587-7308 |
| Jay Hincheliffe | 2425 Flamingo Ln. | 954-792-9341 |
| Jennifer O'Brien | 2437 Gulfstream Ln | 954-584-6770 |
| Joan Sheridan | 2618 Key Largo Ln. | 954-584-0816 |
| Leland Easton | Marathon Ln. | 954-585-8662 |
| Harriet Hodgson | Nassau Ln. | 954-791-8691 |
| Karen Rames for | Okeechobee Ln. | 954-327-9095 |
| Rich Thompson | 2637 Sugarloaf Ln | 954-321-8278 |
| Ruth Lindgren | 2549 Tortugas Ln. | 954-584-0550 |
| Bud Bracey | 2524 Whale Harbor. | 954-797-6706 |

Community Telephone Numbers

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| Airport Complaint Line - Day | 954-359-6181 |
| Airport Complaint Line - Night | 954-359-1200 |
| Animal Control | 954-359-1313 |
| Consumer Protection | 954-765-5355 |
| Convention Center | 954-765-4445 |
| Dept. of Natural Resource Protection | 954-519-1400 |
| DNRP Pollution Complaint Hotline | 954-519-1499 |

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WWW.LICIA.ORG

Your Community Newsletter

News, events, politics, questions, problems, and wedding dates are all welcome subjects in this community newsletter. The LICIA Newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to all residents of Lauderdale Isles. Residents are invited to submit community interest articles prior to each issue deadline which is the 15th of the month prior to the issue month.

The newsletter depends on your input. We need articles, complaints, gripes whatever you have to say is important so say it HERE!

Send articles to: craigcanning@gate.net

Send web page articles to: bootsn@bellsouth.net

PARTY TIME!

NEIGHBORHOOD

Oktoberfest



Our first neighborhood get together in June was such a success we just had to do it again!

Hosted By: Your Lauderdale Isles Civic Improvement Association
LICIA

Location: The Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club, 2637
Whale Harbor Lane

Date & Time: October 16th from 11:30 AM till 3:30 PM

Food: Hot Dogs, Sausages, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, home-made desserts and whatever you feel like bringing!

Drink: We will be selling sodas and giving away lemonade. There will be beer and mixed drinks for sale at the Yacht Club starting at 12 Noon.

