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Town News

BEACH WORKSHOP JAN. 25

The Town Commission has scheduled a special workshop for **Tuesday, Jan. 25th at 5 PM** in **Jarvis Hall** to discuss recreational uses on the Town's beach.



All Town residents, recreational users, business and property owners adjacent to the beach are invited to attend this important workshop to discuss beach recreational uses and whether regulations are needed to protect public safety.

The recreational uses include surfing, fishing, boating, wind surfing and skim-boarding, etc.

SEWER RATE HEARING JAN. 25

The Town Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 PM** in **Jarvis Hall** on proposed increases in the Town's sewer rates for residents who reside in the Sea Ranch building condos and south of Pine Avenue. The hike also affects all local businesses south of Pine.

The proposed sewer rate increase **does not affect residents in the north part of Town who receive their utility bills from the City of Pompano Beach.**

For more info on the proposed sewer rate hike, visit the Town's Web site: www.lbts-fl.gov.

Flood insurance savings on the way for LBTS homeowners

- Improved rating means a bigger premium discount for residents living in the Town's Special Flood Hazard Areas

The Town Commission has some excellent financial news for homeowners who carry federally-backed flood insurance and live within Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's **Special Flood Hazard Areas**.

The Town's **Community Rating System** rating recently improved from **Class 8 to Class 7**, which will result in a **15 percent savings** for many homeowners. There are 1,400 flood insurance policies in effect in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**. The Town's Class 7 rating will generate **\$45,000** in flood premium savings for property owners. Residents in non-Special Flood Hazard Areas already receive a **5 percent** discount.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency's** Community Rating System program offers incentives for **National Flood Insurance Program** communities that implement more stringent floodplain standards.

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Town reduces monthly solid waste pick-up rates for multi-family units

After extended negotiations with **Choice Environmental**, which provides us with solid waste service, the Town amended its contract with Choice to provide financial relief to multi-family units that use carts.

An ordinance adopted by the **Town Commission** in December changed the way multi-family units pay for service. Many multi-family units can now reduce their rates up to a maximum of 50 percent. Instead of requiring one cart per unit, properties have the option to reduce the number of carts used.

Commissioner Scot Sasser, who was appointed by the Commission to help re-negotiate the contract, said an 11-unit complex that only needed 4 carts would be able to reduce its current rates by 50 percent. There is also no charge if multi-family properties adjust the number of carts they use, as long as there are no more than two changes per year.

Sasser said about 90 of the multi-family properties in Town that utilize carts will immediately save money under the new fee structure.

After years with Waste Management, the Town signed a contract with Choice Environmental in 2009. The Town reduced fees for single-family homeowners by \$116 per year, but the bill for some multi-family properties increased. To address that, the Town renegotiated its contract with Choice.