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NEW YEAR'S SHUTTLE

The Pelican Hopper shuttle will provide service to residents on New Year's Eve. The shuttle will only operate within the Town that night from 6PM Wednesday, Dec. 31 until 2AM on Thursday Jan. 1st. Don't drink and drive! Take the Pelican Hopper instead. It's absolutely free!

RECYCLE ON JAN. 1

There will be a regular trash and recycling cart pick-up on Thursday, Jan. 1, if that is your normal trash pick-up day. Holidays generate lots of materials that can be recycled. Since there was no pick-up on Christmas, please be patient and put them in your recycling cart!

EASTER-BY-THE-SEA

The Town's annual Easter-By-The-Sea event is on Saturday, April 4th at Town Hall from 9 to 11:30AM. Volunteers will are needed the week before to help decorate and fill plastic Easter Eggs. For more information on how to help, call 954-640-4200.

Town Greenway Project moving forward!

The **Florida Department of Transportation** (FDOT) and the **Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** approached the Town early last year about creating a Greenway running north to south through **Lauderdale-By-the-Sea** that would provide a pleasant and safe path for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy.

The project will be part of a comprehensive Greenway that would run the entire length of **Broward County**. Due to tight land restrictions and high traffic counts on **State Road A1A**, it was decided that **El Mar Drive** was the likely candidate for a Greenway, particularly since it was already being used by Town residents in that manner.

The **Town staff** and **Town Commission** were enthused about the concept because it would give us the chance to obtain grant funds for the expensive drainage and walkway improvements that were needed. However, FDOT was cautioned that El Mar Drive is a Town centerpiece and could only be done with buy-in from our residents and El Mar businesses.

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UPCOMING MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation will present architectural renderings showing what a typical section of what the El Mar Drive Greenway will look like at the next Town Commission meeting on Jan. 13 at 7PM in Jarvis Hall. The public is invited to comment.

Study finds current Town parking spaces adequate

The **Town** hired **Desman Associates** last Spring to study our parking system, analyze and make recommendations on several subjects including rates, parking demand and utilization, alternatives and projected cost for providing additional parking, special parking permits, and continuation of the temporary parking exemption program for restaurants.

During the height of the tourist season last Spring, Desman personnel did observations and counts of parking utilization in the Town. That data revealed extremely high utilization in all areas that served beachgoers on weekends and high utilization in those same areas in the evening hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Even during high season there was parking available in areas away from the beach.

See PARKING on Page 8

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Cover Photo of the coral reef under Anglin's Pier courtesy Marc Furth.

REGULAR TRASH, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL

MONDAY
Trash & Yard Waste Pick-Up

***THURSDAY**
Trash & Recycling Cart Pick-up

***There is no trash pick-up on Christmas.**

NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

TUESDAY
Trash & Yard Waste Pick-Up

FRIDAY
Trash & Recycling Cart Pick-Up

There are exceptions to this schedule based on location. If you need to confirm your pick-up day, call **Waste Pro** at **954-967-4200**. **Please Note**: If your yard waste or recycling cart is not placed on the curb on the correct day, it will not be picked up.

For updated recycling information, please go to the Town's Web site at www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov/recycle_trash/

UPCOMING BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL

Bulk trash south of Commercial Boulevard is picked up on the **first Thursday** of the month.

1/01/15
2/05/15
3/05/15

NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

Bulk trash north of Commercial is picked up on the **first Friday** of the month without exception.

1/02/15
2/06/15
3/06/15

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Commission

JAN 13 7PM
JAN 27 7PM

FEB. 10 7PM
FEB. 24 7PM

MARCH 10 7PM
MARCH 24 7PM

Planning & Zoning Board

JAN. 21 6PM
FEB. 18 6PM
MARCH 18 6PM

Board of Adjustment

JANUARY CANCELLED
FEB. 4 6PM
MARCH 4 6PM

Code Magistrate

JAN. 26 5PM
FEB. 23 5PM
MARCH 16 5PM

Parking Ticket Hearings

JAN. 26 4PM
FEB. 23 4PM
MARCH 16 4PM

ALL MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PUBLIC ACCESS

- The Town Commission agenda and backup are available in Town Hall. The agenda and backup material is also posted on our Web site on the Friday before the meeting at www.lbts-fl.gov.
- Commission meetings are televised on Channel 78 and our Web site. Meetings are re-broadcast at noon on Monday, Wednesday & Friday (and 7 PM on Thursday). A video archive of all meetings is also available online.
- Commission meetings can also be seen on Channel 99 by AT&T customers who subscribe to U-verse.
- The Town will provide the appropriate auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 954-640-4200 for further assistance.

Streetscape project receives top statewide honor

The **Town's Commercial Boulevard Streetscape Improvement Program** received the **President's Award** from the **Florida Redevelopment Association**, a state-wide organization that annually recognizes outstanding urban revitalization projects that transform their communities.

Considered the "Best of the Best," the President's Award honors the top overall project statewide across all categories, acknowledging excellence in design and impact.

FRA President **Jeremy Earle**, who serves as executive director of the **Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency**, said all the outstanding submissions made his decision challenging.

"The Town's project completely reconstructed Commercial Boulevard and adjacent public rights of way between **A1A** and the ocean," Earle said. "By redesigning the public realm, the project addressed drainage problems, added new plazas that mimicked sand dunes, created brick paver promenades and reconfigured parking areas."

AWARD WINNER: The Town's heralded Commercial Boulevard Streetscape Project garnered the top 'President's Award' earlier this year from the statewide Florida Redevelopment Association.

The Town also incorporated an extensive public art program in the project, and included sustainability features and materials such as using locally-sourced recycled construction products and materials, new LED light fixtures, new street furniture made of recycled wood or plastic, and native drought-tolerant landscape plantings."

Earle noted that the Town's project had a profound economic impact on the Town.

"Pedestrian traffic has increased upward of 60 percent, businesses are reporting significant increases in sales, property values are increasing, and the hospitality industry is seeing increased private sector interest and investment," he said.

Commission approves upgrades to Friedt Family Park

The **Town Commission** approved the following recommendations by the **ad hoc committee** it appointed to study improvements at Friedt Family Park on **Bougainvilla Drive** (behind Town Hall).

- **Tennis:** Resurface the courts with a softer surface material better suited for older players and replace the old fencing. The estimated cost is $51,500. The court lights will be replaced and upgraded at an additional cost of $33,000. The committee noted the Town has collected $90,000 in tennis key fees over the past 14 years, so these expenditures are, in effect, being financed by the tennis players.
- **Bocce:** Upgrade the bocce ball court to meet federal handicap requirements and address drainage issues. The estimated cost is cost $7,500. The Municipal Services crew will handle the project.
- **Basketball:** Retrofit the backboard poles with clear acrylic backboards, new bracket arms and heavy duty rims. The cost estimate is $5,100.
- **Old Soccer Field:** The Town removed the soccer goals last year after repeated problems with the individuals playing soccer not respecting the privacy and peace of the people living next to the park. The ad hoc committee recommended keeping this area of the park a green play area for small children to play in, and lining the perimeter with **Adirondack** chairs, umbrellas and shade trees. The estimated cost is $10,000.
- **Fountain Area** (next to Community Church)**:** The committee recommended removing the fountain which is in poor shape and upgrading the **Melvin I. Anglin Courtyard** by creating a more welcoming area where people can play card or board games. Plans include adding tables, chairs, landscaping and a walkway connecting **Poinciana Street** and Bougainvilla Drive. The estimated cost of this work is $74,000. The work will be done over two years due to budgetary constraints.

Committee member **Ann Marchetti** will solicit donations from local hospitals to replace the fitness trail.

In addition, the committee recommended installing lighting around the playing areas; planting more trees and adding umbrellas, as well as refurbishing the **Horseshoe Court** and repainting the **Shuffleboard Court.**

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Serving on the Friedt Family Park Ad Hoc Committee were Orazio Arcidiacono, Buster Celestino, Wolfgang Gebell, Ann Marchetti, Robert Porges, Alan Robins, Michael Rolfs and Ron Piersante.

Christmas-By-The-Sea a wonderful community event!

It was a grand night with holiday lighting all around!

Santa arrived on time, the newly-decorated Christmas tree with a starfish topper lit up **Anglin's Square** and very talented area school children performed on stage. New Yuletide vendors provided early shopping opportunities while children took part in various activities, such as cookie and ornament decorating.

The 2nd Annual Best Dressed Window Award went to **Garden of Love Florist**. There were 23 participants in this year's Window-By-The-Sea Contest. Competition was fierce although the winner was unanimous as rated by three impartial judges: **Father Michael Greer** of **Assmption Catholic Church**, **Rabbi Benzion Singer** of **Chabad Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and **Pastor Jim Goldsmith** of the **Community Church**. We thank them for generously donating their time. All the businesses were winners as the decorated windows continued to attract interest all along **Commercial Boulevard**.

Villas By The Sea and **Florida Development Group** came on board as Snowflake Sponsors this year. Their $5,000 sponsorships allowed us to improve the stage and its sound capability. Holiday Sponsorships of $1,000 from the **Village Grille** and **Aruba Beach Café's** supported the children's activities and set the stage for Santa.

The following businesses donated to the holiday lighting program, which created a wonderland atmosphere from Tradewinds Avenue to the pavilion: **101 Ocean**, **Aleksandra's Treasures**, **Inc**., **Argenti Designer Jewelers**, **Athena-By-The-Sea**, **Beach King**, **Blue Moon Fish Co**., **By The Sea Vacation Villas**, **Country Ham N' Eggs**, **Distinctive Realty**, **Divine Hair and Spa**, **Dr**. **Sam Laffer-Pain Relief Center**, **Flynn Engineering Services**, **P.A., Frame n Art**, **Gold Coast Scuba**, **Harmony Hair and Spa**, **Kilwins**, **Laspadas**, **Mulligans Beach House**, **Optical By The Sea**, **Pronto Café**, **Seagrape Commons** and **Walgreens**.

We are grateful for the community support we received which allowed our holiday vision to become a reality. Kudos to **Danny Carter** of **LBTS Dance Moves**, who once again arranged a great entertainment program.

Garden of Love Florist owner Dolores Hamilton (l) won the Windows-By-The-Sea award for the 'Best Dressed' holiday window decoration in December. Town staff member Pat Himelberger, who organized this year's Christmas-By-The-Sea event, presented Dolores with a plaque for her efforts.

We extend thanks to our volunteers: **Guy Contrada** who staged **Santa's Village** and entertained the excited children waiting for Santa; Santa himself, who always patiently hears the children's wishes; **Driftwood Beach Club** and the **LBTS Lodging Association** for staffing the Letters to Santa and the ever popular Cookie Decorating booths; **Oasis Realty** and **Dynamic Chiropractic** for staffing the Holiday Tattoos and Ornament Decorating booths; **Marie Chiarello**, who helped staff plan the event and who unfailingly was available for meetings, phone calls, craft expertise and event set up; **Jim Silverstone** (Santa), and last but not least, **Betty Husney**, **Hilda Navarro** and **Debbie Hime** who staffed the children's game **Toss It**!

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who helped with Halloween!

Vice Mayor Chris Vincent, who headed up this past October's **Halloween Celebration**, extended a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and Town residents who helped out with the event this year:

"I want to thank **Ken** and **Wayne** from **Interior Digs**, **Karen Bertocci**, **Don Prince**, **Steve d'Oliveira** and all of the Town staff members who pitched in; the **Volunteer Fire Department**, **Martha Marchelos** from **Athena-By-The-Sea Restaurant**; **Sunny** and **Bernie Eckhardt**; **Regis** and **Alana Brady**; **Mayor Scott Sasser** and his wife, **Teresa**; **Town Commissioner Mark Brown**; **Cindy Wood**; and last but not least, my wife **Christine**, and daughter, **Paige**."

Some of the costumes at the Town's Halloween Celebration.

Christmas-By-The-Sea Holiday Photos!

Santa Claus, Christmas cookies, the fantastic youth entertainment and shopping were all huge hits this year!

The business holiday decorations were all fantastic and families enjoyed the merry atmosphere downtown!

License plate cameras help police make arrests

The **Town's License Plate Reader cameras** -- installed on **Commercial Boulevard** and on **State Road A1A** at the north and south ends of Town -- are helping Town police officers fight crime.

The cameras read the license plate of every vehicle entering and leaving Town and their software checks the plate against police "hot lists." Patrol deputies are notified within seconds via their laptop computers if the vehicle's owner is wanted by authorities.

Since the cameras were installed in mid-October, the **Broward Sheriff's Office** has made three arrests to date with information provided by the cameras. Deputies arrested a driver with an outstanding warrant for violating his probation on grand theft charges. A maid who stole credit cards from a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea hotel room was also arrested. **Capt. Fred Wood**, who oversees BSO in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, said the maid told police she was working when the stolen credit cards were illegally used, but the cameras showed she left work early that day.

And in December, the cameras alerted BSO to a car registration that lapsed several months ago. The driver was a convicted felon on probation who also had a loaded, stolen gun in the vehicle.

Valuable program

"This system adds an important investigative tool for the deputies here in Town," Wood said. "Anytime you can use technology to enhance public safety, it's a positive step."

The camera system, long-championed by **Town Commissioner Stuart Dodd**, was purchased with money from the **Law Enforcement Trust Fund**, which is funded with cash and property confiscated from criminals.

GROUND PATROL: BSO Sgt. Pete LaGana is alerted on the laptop computer in his patrol vehicle when the Town's License Plate Reader cameras identify a "hot list" vehicle.

SKY PATROL: The Town's License Plate Reader cameras hang over Commercial just east of the Intracoastal Waterway bridge on the south side of the roadway.

Initial controversy

Despite the obvious benefits to law enforcement and public safety, the license plate cameras were not without controversy.

Shortly after they were installed, the **Florida Department of Transportation** directed several cities, including the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, to remove the cameras because they were hanging over the state's right-of-way.

The **Florida Police Chiefs Association** appealed to the **Governor's Office** to intervene. The Governor's office indicated that FDOT's directive would be suspended and that it will work with the Chief's Association to find common ground on the issue.

"The **Town Commission** recognized the benefit that this technology could provide to the BSO staff in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and were committed to getting it up and running," Wood said. "Early on we are already seeing the benefit of their foresight."

COP Bike Unit members serve as ambassadors

The **Broward Sheriff's Office Citizen Observer Patrol** (COP) program recently started the first-ever bike unit in **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**.

The new program not only increases the visibility of law enforcement, but makes it easier for COP members to meet people and more readily provide them with help.

"They are very accessible and approachable to the public for answering questions and providing directions," said BSO **Capt. Fred Wood**, who oversees BSO operations in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. "During peak traffic times they can also maneuver throughout the Town much more readily than in a patrol car."

> "They are very accessible and approachable to the public..."
> — Capt. Fred Wood

TRAFFIC STOP: COP Bike Unit members Les Kafka (l) and Tom Ferris (r) chat with a Town resident and her guest in Anglin's Square during this year's annual Christmas-By-The-Sea.

The COP program uses resident volunteers as an extra set of eyes and ears for the police. COP members radio BSO if they spot criminal or suspicious activity. They also handle traffic control and other routine police matters, freeing up BSO's full-time police deputies to spend more valuable time on patrol.

Col. Bill Johansen, who heads up the COP program in LBTS, said bike unit members were at the **Farmer's Market** in **El Prado Park** in mid-November when an 80-year old man developed stroke-like symptoms.

"We were already there and were beckoned immediately," he said. "I was speaking on the radio with BSO dispatch while **Officer Les Kafka** directed ambulance and fire rescue personnel to the scene."

Bike unit members travel in pairs. While able to patrol anywhere in the Town, the unit's primary focus is the downtown area and all along Commercial.

"The bike unit will complement our COP car patrols," Wood said. "While looking for suspicious activity or potential hazards, the access of the bikes will allow COPs to act as ambassadors to our community. Their close interaction with the public is very conducive to our law enforcement procedures."

Besides Johansen, the COP Bike Unit members include **Maj. Lou Barbara**, **Sgt. Philip Wojahn**, **Sgt. Tim Bokovoy**, and officers **Lisa Quaranto**, **Dan Ford**, **Tom Ferris** and Kafka.

"BSO **Deputy Ben Koos** is our COP Liaison with BSO and has been a strong supporter to help get the unit going," Johansen said.

The unit's training emphasizes safe riding skills and how to navigate around obstacles and other hazards they could encounter, including curbs, sandy or wet pavement, moving vehicles and even pedestrians.

Wood isn't aware of other BSO jurisdiction in Broward using COP bike units, although two BSO districts have called him to inquire about starting one up in their community, as did the **City of Indian Rocks Beach**, Fla.

How to Join

To learn more about the Citizens Observer Patrol, go to **www.sheriff.org/about_bso/community/cops.cfm**. If you have questions about the LBTS program or would like to possibly join, please call Capt. Wood at **954-640-4240**.

PARKING (continued from Page 1)

Rather than let high season data dictate parking policy decisions, Town staff and Desman's project team also studied parking data from the computerized pay stations located in the Town's four busiest parking lots for the ten month period of January through October 2014. Data for that same period was also obtained from the **Pay-By-Phone** parking database. The analysis gave a clearer picture of how often, in what months, on what days of the week, and during what times of day parking demand approached the capacity of public parking spaces in our four biggest parking lots.

The data revealed that, even in peak tourist season, there are parking spaces available in several of the lots on weekends and plenty of available spaces during the week. The **El Mar Parking Lot** next to **Country Ham N' Eggs** is the only lot that is consistently full during peak periods.

Desman was also asked to look at possible locations for a parking garage and the projected cost. It concluded that the only financially feasible site to build a garage would be at the Town-owned **A1A Parking Lot** just north of **Commercial Boulevard**. While the financial analysis indicated the parking system would have sufficient revenues to finance the construction of a garage, the cost per parking space added would be almost $45,000 and the garage would supply far more parking than demand warranted. In addition, the construction of the garage would take much-needed parking spaces out of use for an 18-month to 2-year period.

They also looked at the possible purchase of land and construction of a surface lot. Because of high land costs in the Town, Desman projected the cost per parking space added in a new surface lot to be $29,000. It pointed out that there were multiple advantages of that approach over building a garage; less costly by millions of dollars, it could be funded by the parking system without incurring any debt. The Town would also not be building more spaces than are currently needed, and it would not take any existing parking out of use during constuction. For years, some residents and business owners have suggested that the private sector could be prevailed upon to build a garage. Desman's analysis of that issue shows that it is simply not financially feasible. A garage is only viable if all revenues from the entire parking system support it. After hearing Desman's workshop presentation on Dec. 9, the **Town Commission** unanimously felt that the idea of building a parking garage should be shelved for now. Over the next six months, there will be discussion on how to get drivers to utilize the parking spaces that go unused, the possible acquisition of parcels for surface parking, and increasing parking rates in some locations to encourage beachgoers not to park in the most desirable parking spots for retail and restaurant visitors.

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baked eggplant, vidalia onion, red bell pepper, broccoli rabe, aged provolone, extra virgin olive oil

Philip Tattaglia 8.00
breaded chicken cutlet, roasted peppers, mozzarella

Johnny Fontane 8.75
grilled chicken cutlet, carmelized onions, baked red bell pepper, pesto mayo, aged provolone

Don Fanucci 8.00
breaded chicken cutlet, marinara sauce mozzarella cheese

Clemenza 8.75
breaded chicken cutlet, broccoli rabe, sharp provolone

Sollozzo 8.50
breaded chicken cutlet, sauteed spinach with garlic, sharp provolone

Jack Woltz 8.00
philly steak sandwich

Paulie 8.00
philly chicken steak sandwich

Fredo 8.00
homemade beef, pork & veal meatballs with pecorino romano cheese

HOAGIES - SANDWICHES

Don Vito 9.25
prosciutto, capicola, soppressata, sharp provolone

Sonny 8.75
prosciutto, aged provolone, roasted peppers

Michael 8.50
ham, capicola, genoa salami, sharp provolone

Tom Hagen 7.50
ham and american cheese

Carlo 9.00
prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, basil, tomato, balsamic glaze, extra virgin olive oil

Luca Brasi 8.00
whipped albacore tuna in mayo

Kay 8.00
roasted turkey breast, american cheese

Stracci 8.50
tender london broil, cheddar cheese with horseradish mayo on rye

Moe Greene 8.00
roasted turkey breast, cole slaw, russian dressing on rye

includes lettuce, tomato & onion

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ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS

broccoli rabe 1.50
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aged sharp provolone (shaved) .75
mozzarella, provolone, american .50
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pesto .50
balsamic glaze .60
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roasted peppers 1.50
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GREENWAY (continued from Page 1)

Over the past nine months, residents and business owners attended three workshops to provide feedback on the various options FDOT had developed. At the second and third meetings, FDOT refined and narrowed the options based on what it had heard from residents at the preceding workshops.

At the Dec. 8 meeting, there was a consensus that the Greenway should be a walkway, preferably meandering, with benches, trees, and lighting located in the existing median, except in the downtown area where the median is not wide enough to accommodate it (due to the parking spots on either side of the median). Staff and residents made it clear that drainage also needed to be improved. The FDOT and MPO staff indicated that drainage would be part of the El Mar project.

Town residents provided key feedback to FDOT about the El Mar Greenway Project at the Dec. 8th public workshop in Jarvis Hall.

Residents also warmed to the idea of reducing traffic to one broad lane in each direction at just the north and south ends of El Mar Drive to create more attractive public spaces at the main entrances to the Town's signature seaside street.

FDOT is now working on architectural renderings showing what typical sections of the road will look like and will present those renderings at the Town Commission meeting on **Jan. 13** in J**arvis Hall** at **7PM**. The public is once again invited to comment.

Once a design concept is approved, the Town will ask the MPO to prioritize the project for funding and get it placed into FDOT's work program. At that point, design will commence and additional workshops will be held to get feedback on more specific aspects of the design, such as paving and landscape features, lighting, street furniture, lane widths, etc.

Once the design phase of the project is completed and an estimate of the construction cost is known, the MPO would have to approve the funds for the construction of the project. (The MPO is a transportation planning agency that makes key decisions about the expenditure of federal and state funds to support a regional transportation system that enhances the community's environmental and economic well-being.) **Town Commissioner Mark Brown** is the Town's representative to the MPO and has worked hard behind the scenes to bring the Greenways Project to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

LBTS COMMUNITY CENTER JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION All Community Center classes and activities are held in Jarvis Hall, 4505 N. Ocean Drive (next to Town Hall). For information, please call Community Center Director **Armilio Bien-Aime** at **954-640-4225**. The Community Center calendars are also posted each and every month on the Town's Web site at **www.lbts-fl.gov**.			1 	2 No scheduled activities!
5 **10-12:15AM** Ping Pong. **10-11:30AM** Windows, IOS and Android **11:45-12:45** (ESL) **1-3:45PM** Games, key-board, & mouse, and Intermediate Spanish.	6 **10-11:30AM** Organizing computer files and folders **11:45AM-12:45PM** Italian **1-3:45PM** Spanish and word processing.	7 **10-11:30AM** Watercolors **12:30-3:30PM** Arts & Crafts Workshop 	8 **10-11:30AM** Internet and e-mail overview. **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi (video) **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, Computer Q&A	9 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, Interior Decorating, Ipad, Ipod, tablets, etc. **12PM-4PM** Brown Bag Friday, News & Views, Acting Workshop, Ping Pong & Beginning Italian.
12 **10-12:15AM** Ping Pong. **10-11:30AM** Skype, Face Time (Video Conferencing) **11:45-12:45** (ESL) **1-3:45PM** Digital cameras, photo editing, & Intermediate Spanish.	13 **10-11:30AM** Windows **11:45AM-12:45PM** Italian **1-3:45PM** Conversational Spanish and word processing. 	14 **10-11:30AM** Drawing **12-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts **Evening at Jarvis Hall Series** **7PM-8:30PM:** Buying and using the latest electronic devices, including the Ipad, Ipod, Iphone and Android tablets, Phones and televisions.	15 **10-11:30AM** Play music on your MP3 player. **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi (video) **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, Computer Q&A	16 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, Interior Decorating, Ipad, Ipod & other electronic devices. **12-4PM** Brown Bag Friday, News & Views, Acting Workshop, Ping Pond & Beginning Italian.
19 	20 **10-11:30AM** CD-DVD drives **11:45AM-12:45PM** Italian **1-3:45PM** Conversational Spanish and Internet downloading	21 **10-11:30AM** Watercolors **12:30-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts 	22 **10-11:30AM** Using scanners and printers. **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi (video) **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, Computer Q&A	23 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, Interior Decorating and Digital Workshop **12-4PM** News & Views Brown Bag Friday, Acting Workshop, Ping Pond & Beginning Italian.
26 **10-12:15AM** Ping Pong. **10-11:30AM** PowerPoint **11:45-12:45** (ESL) **1-3:45PM** Bridge, Facebook, social networking and Intermediate Spanish.	27 **10-11:30AM** Computer maintenance, software **11:45AM-12:45PM** Italian **1-3:45PM** Word processing and conversational Spanish	28 **10-11:30AM** Drawing **12:30-3:30PM** Arts & Crafts Workshop 	29 **10-11:30AM** Buying and using digital cameras. **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi (video) **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, Computer Q&A	30 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, Interior Decorating, Ipad, Ipod, tablets, etc. **12PM-4PM** Brown Bag Friday, News & Views, Acting Workshop, Ping Pong & Beginning Italian.

LBTS COMMUNITY CENTER FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR

JOIN OUR EXCELLENT PERSONAL COMPUTER CLASSES TODAY!

Please only bring battery-powered laptop/notebook computers to hands-on classes; electrical outlets are not available. Responsibility for computer operation and safety rests with the owner/operator. The computer instructor does not provide any repair assistance or technical support help beyond the class-related coursework. For more info, call Community Center Director Armilio Bien-Aime at **954-640-4225**. Calendars are also online at **www.lbts-fl.gov**. All activities are in **Jarvis Hall**, **4505 N. Ocean Drive** (next to Town Hall).

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 **10AM-12:45PM** Ping Pong, Windows and English As A Second Language (ESL) **1-3:45PM** Bridge, mastering the keyboard & Intermediate Spanish.	3 **10AM-11:30PM** Organizing computer files and folders **11:45AM-3:45PM** Italian, word processing and Spanish	4 **10-11:30AM** Watercolors **12:30-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts 	5 **10AM-11:30AM** Internet and e-mail overview **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, computer Q & A	6 **10AM-12PM** Bridge interior decorating, I-Pad and I-Phone, etc. **12-4PM** Bown bag Friday, News & Views, Ping Pong, Acting Workshop and Beginning Italian.
9 **10AM-12:45PM** Ping Pong, Digital Cameras and English as a Second Language (ESL) **1-3:45PM** Bridge, Spanish and using photo editing progrms.	10 **10-11:30AM** Word processing **11:45AM-3:45PM** Italian, Spanish and using rewritable CD and DVD drives. 	11 **10-11:30AM** Drawing **12:30-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts **Evening at Jarvis Hall Series** **6PM-8:30PM:** Third Annual Art Exhibit presented by the LBTS Community Center Artists.	12 **10-11:30AM** Installing and removing software **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, computer Q & A	13 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, interior decorating, tablets, I-Pad and I-Phone, etc. **12-3:45PM** Brown Bag Friday, news and views, 'the world's oldest man,' Acting Workshop, Ping Pong and Italian.
16 Presidents' Day	17 **10-11:30AM** Skype for beginners **11:45AM-12:45PM** Italian **1-3:45PM** Spanish, using tablets, cellphones and other digital devices.	18 **10-11:30AM** Watercolors **11:30-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts Workshop 	19 **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi **1-4PM** Using Scanners and Printers, Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, computer Q & A 	20 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, Interior Decorating, I-pod, I-pad tablets and cell phones. **12-4PM** News & Views Brown Bag Friday, Acting Workshop, Ping Pong and Italian.
23 **10AM-12:45PM** Skype, Ping Pong and ESL **1-3:45PM** Bridge, word processing & Spanish. 	24 **10AM-12:45PM** Computer maintenance, installing software and Italian. **1-3:45PM** Spanish, creating personal labels, envelopes, cards and letterheads.	25 **10-11:30AM** Drawing **12:30-3:30PM** Arts&Crafts 	26 **10-11:30AM** Organizing computer files and folders **11:45AM-12:45PM** Tai Chi **1-4PM** Yoga, Yoga & Beyond, computer Q & A	27 **10AM-12PM** Bridge, interior decorating, Ipad, Ipod, Iphone, and tablets, etc. **12-4PM** Brown Bag Friday, news and views, Acting Workshop, Ping Pong and Italian for beginners.

TOWN EVENTS

Shall We Dance?

Danny Carter of **Dance Moves** in LBTS offers free seaside dance instruction in the downtown **Ocean Plaza** on the **second** and **fourth Sundays** of the month from **5** to **7PM**. The free program continues through the end of May.

Jarvis Hall Series

The Town's **Evening at Jarvis Hall Series** continues on **Jan. 14** at **7PM** in **Jarvis Hall** with a free seminar on buying and using the latest electronic devices. On **Feb. 11** from **6** to **8:30PM** in Jarvis Hall, be sure to drop by the **Third Annual Community Center Art Exhibit**. And on **March 25th** from **7** to **8:30PM**, join us for an evening of **Theater & Poetry**. For more info, please call **954-640-4225**.

Join Kiwanis Club!

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Kiwanis Club** invites you to attend its upcoming membership drive on **Tuesday, Jan. 20** from **5** to **7PM** at the **Chatham Restaurant**, 4331 N. Ocean Drive. There will be food and special drink prices.

Kiwanis, a service organization that strives to help children in need worldwide, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. For more info, call **954-229-1922** or go to its Web site at **www.lbts-kiwanis.**

LBTS EVENTS ONLINE

Please be sure to check out the Town's events Web site at **www.lbtsevents.com**.

Pro Footvolley Tour coming to LBTS

The **Pro Footvolley Tour** begins its **2015** season in **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** with an exciting double-header weekend event on **Jan. 24** and **25** on the beach in front of **El Prado Park**. The Pro Open on **Saturday** is at noon. On **Sunday** at 5PM, the top players will swap jerseys and play for country pride in the **International Challenge!** Players from Brazil, USA, Italy and Colombia are confirmed.

BSO Shred-A-Thon is Saturday, Jan. 10th

The **Broward Sheriff's Offic**e in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea will hold a free **Shred-A-Thon** and unused prescriptions take back program on **Saturday, Jan. 10** from **10AM** to **1PM** at **Assumption Catholic Church**, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd. There is a 5-box minimum for the Shred-A-Thon.

Participants in **Operation Medicine Cabinet** who return unused or expired prescription medication will receive a **$5 gift card** as long as supplies last. The Shred-A-Thon provides residents with a safe way to dispose of check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other paperwork that contains sensitive financial information.

Taste-of-the-Beach is Wednesday, Feb. 25

Taste of the Beach, the **Chamber of Commerce's** annual fundraiser, will be held under a tent in **El Prado Park** from **6** to **9PM** on **Wednesday, Feb. 25**. El Prado Park is on the beach just east of Town Hall, 4501 N. Ocean Drive. In addition to beer and wine, attendees can sample a wide variety of seafood and other local culinary fare from the area's best local restaurants. For more info, please call the chamber at **954-776-1000**.

Independent Living ramp program

The **Center for Independent Living** has a **Ramps for Independence Project** open to Town residents with disabilities or seniors who meet income eligibility guidelines. The program provides financial assistance for access modifications to your residence. You must own your home, condo or townhome. For more information, please contact **Bob Davis** at **954-722-6400** or e-mail him at **bdavis@cilbroward.org**.

Rummage Sale!

The **Lauderdale-by-the-Sea Garden Club** will hold its annual **Rummage Sale** on **Saturday**, **Jan. 31** from **8:30AM** to **12:30PM** in Jarvis Hall. If you want to clean out your closet and contribute to this event, please call **954-267-9181**. The items for sale include books, linens, housewares, white elephants, plants, baked goods and more.

Arts & Crafts Show

The L**BTS Chamber of Commerce's** spring **Arts & Crafts Show** will be held on **March 7** and **8** from **10AM** to **5PM**. The outdoor weekend festival in Anglin's Square feature numerous arts and craft vendors from around the region and state. For more info, call **954-776-1000**.

Beach Clean-up

The **Florida Community Support** organization sponsors a beach clean-up on the **second Saturday** of each month. Volunteers meet at the **Sea Watch Restaurant** at 9AM. The clean-up ends at 11AM. Supplies provided on a first come basis. For more info, please call **Eric Yankwitt** at **954-590-8658**.