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Town News

BUDGET HEARINGS SET

The Town Commission has three meetings in September. The first is a workshop on fire-related issues at 6 PM on Sept. 12. It also has public hearings on the 2006-07 budget scheduled for 6 PM on Sept. 14 and 28. These meetings fall on Thursday, not Tuesday.

BEACH SAFETY

To improve public safety along the beach, the Town requires address identification on buildings fronting the ocean. Beachfront properties must display address identification letters and numbers facing east.

The numbers must be no less than 8 inches in height — and no greater than 12 inches — and set against a contrasting background.

This will allow beachgoers to properly identify the location of emergencies. The Town ordinance was adopted in June. For more info, please call Development Services at 954-776-3611.

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

Mark your calendars. The Community Church will hold its

HOLIDAY CRAFTS annual Holiday Arts and Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 9th.

Town urges residents to take part in straw poll on burying utility lines

The **Town Commission** is urging residents this month to take part in a straw poll on the issue of whether the **Town** should undertake a massive capital improvement project to place the Town's power and utility lines underground.

The Commission discussed placing utility lines underground after the Town was struck by **Hurricane Wilma**. The Commission directed staff to poll residents. The survey, however, is **NOT** binding on the Commission. The estimated cost of the project could exceed \$50 million.

To participate in the poll, please fill out the ballot and mail it to Town Hall by **Sept. 30th**. One ballot per adult. □

STRAW BALLOT

- Turn to Page 6 for a copy of the straw ballot. One ballot per adult.

Florida Attorney General says Town subject to Bert J. Harris

The **Florida Attorney General's Office** has said the Town's citizen-initiated referendum — which passed by 26 votes in March and lowered height limits from 15 to 4 stories in the north part of Town — constitutes official government action.

As a result, the Attorney General believes the Town could be liable under the *Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act*, which allows property owners to be compensated when a government reduces their property value.

Since the Attorney General's opinion is not binding on **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**, the **Town Commission** directed **Town Attorney Jim Cherof** to ask a **Broward Circuit Court** to issue a legal opinion. Even that ruling may not resolve the issue, since it would likely be appealed to the **Fourth District Court of Appeals** in West Palm Beach.

The March referendum changed height limits on the east side of State Road A1A from Pine Avenue to the northern boundary of the Town from 15 to 4 stories.

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TOWN DIRECTORY



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TOWN TOPICS

Town Topics is published at the beginning of each month and is also available on the Town's Web site. Ads can be dropped off at Town Hall and are only accepted from businesses with bonafide Town occupational licenses. Articles can be submitted via e-mail to the Town's Public Information Office at lbtspio@yahoo.com.

HEIGHT (continued from Page 1)

Before the March election, the Town Commission was unanimous in advising voters to reject the referendum. The Commission's legal concern was that "down-zoning" would negatively affect property values and invite lawsuits against the Town.

Shortly after the referendum was adopted, four property owners initiated separate Bert J. Harris claims against the Town exceeding \$20 million.

Prior to the election, the Commission drafted its own height referendum for the November ballot. Proposition 1 will state that the 44-foot height limits will remain in the entire Town except for the area north of Pine Avenue and east of SR A1A.

The Town's legal concern was that "down-zoning" would negatively affect property values.

If adopted, there will be NO effect on height limits in the southern part of Town at all. The passage of the November referendum, however, would resolve the Town's Bert J. Harris claims, since property owners east of SR A1A in the north part of Town would once again be allowed to develop property up to 15 stories.

Height limits in the north part of Town would remain at 44-feet, but the Commission — recognizing the potential for monetary damages under Bert J. Harris — would be allowed to grant height variances no greater than 15 stories.

The Commission could also impose conditions on new projects in the north part of Town, such as public beach access, maximization of natural air flow, minimal shadow on the beach and payment for any resulting infrastructure improvements. □

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

*SEPT. 12 - 6 PM
 SEPT. 14 - 6 PM
 SEPT. 28 - 6 PM

*WORKSHOP ON FIRE-RELATED ISSUES.

OCT. 10 - 7 PM
 OCT. 24 - 7 PM

The Town Commission meets on the second & fourth Tuesdays of the month in Jarvis Hall. The pre-meeting agenda conference is at 6 PM and is open to the public. Meeting notices are also posted on Channel 78.

Board of Adjustment

Meets as needed on the third Tuesday of the month at 3 PM

Planning & Zoning

SEPT. 20 - 6:30 PM
 OCT. 18 - 6:30 PM

Meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

Parking Hearing

SEPT. 5 - 1:30 PM
 OCT. 3 - 3 PM

Code Compliance

Meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM

Master Plan Steering Committee

SEPT. 18 - 6:30 PM
 OCT. 16 - 6:30 PM

TOWN MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PUBLIC ACCESS

- The Town Commission agenda & backup materials can be reviewed in Town Hall from 9AM - 4:30 PM. The agenda is also posted on our Web site: www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78 and are also re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and the following Monday, unless preceded by a workshop meeting.
- The Town will provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services as required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. **Town Topics** will be read, upon request, to those persons with visual impairments. Persons with disabilities should contact the Town Clerk at 954-776-0576 for further assistance in accessing Town information important to you.

Terra Mar will be notified to hook-up to sewers

Terra Mar Island homeowners will be officially notified by the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** soon to begin hooking-up to the Town's new sewer system.

Homeowners will then have 90 days to abandon their septic tanks and connect to the new sanitary system.

As of Aug. 15th, 26 of Terra Mar Island's 140 homeowners had already started the process of connecting to the new system by applying for sewer hook-up permits through **Broward County**, which officially accepted the sewer system in mid-July.

The Town informally notified some Terra Mar homeowners they could start hooking up by posting a bulletin on Government Channel 78.

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea plans to officially notify Terra

Terra Mar Island homeowners will be notified via certified mail to begin the process of abandoning their septic tanks and to connect to the Town's new sewer system.

Mar Island homeowners by sending out letters from **Municipal Services Director Bill Mason** via certified mail.

After connecting to the sewer system, homeowners will begin paying monthly sewer charges to the **City of Pompano Beach**, which provides sewer service to our Town.

The City of Pompano Beach also plans to charge Lauderdale-By-The-Sea residents a onetime sewer connection charge of \$125 and a base capital recovery fee of \$720 shortly after homeowners apply for a permit to hook into the sewer system.

These are **NOT** Town charges. If you have any questions about these fees, please call Pompano Beach's **Customer Services Department** at **954-786-4637**. ■

Garden Club sets 'Welcome Back Coffee' for Sept. 11

The **Lauderdale By-The-Sea Garden Club** will meet on **Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 AM** in **Jarvis Hall**. The club invites



all of its members and others who are interested in flowers and gardening to attend its 'Welcome Back Coffee.' The club's meetings are held the second

Monday of the month at 9:30 AM in Jarvis Hall from September through May.

For more information, please call **President Cheryl Hess** at **954-942-9259**. ■

Dog owners must pick-up after pets

The **Town** asks all residents with dogs to be sure they pick-up after their pets.

The Town's pooper-scooper ordinance requires pet owners to pick-up after their dogs on private and public property.

The penalty for not following the law is a fine up to \$500.

If you have any questions,



please call the Town's **Code Department** at **954-776-3611**. ■

OPTIMIST CLUB YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 6 to 12**

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT COMMISSIONER JIM SILVERSTONE AT 954-771-0355 OR MAYOR OLIVER PARKER AT 954-772-6468.

BSO POLICE BLOTTER

07/03/06

A subject was arrested on a warrant for failure to register a vehicle at 4512 Ocean Drive.

07/07/06

A subject was arrested at 4321 Ocean Drive reference an administrative warrant for immigration violation.

07/11/06

A subject was arrested at 4343 N. Ocean Drive after deputies responded to a disturbance. The subject had 1 gram of suspected marijuana and a package of cigarette papers in his pants pocket.

07/14/06

A subject was arrested for violation of parole reference DUI at 1901 S. Ocean Blvd.

07/18/06

A subject was arrested at 4301 Bougainvillea Drive for loitering.

07/18/06

A subject was arrested at 4300 Seagrape Drive for loitering/prowling, resisting without violence and violation of parole.

07/19/06

A subject was arrested at 4400 Ocean Drive for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. The subject said he was in the U.S. illegally.

07/19/06

A subject who was a passenger in a car during a traffic stop at 4400 Ocean Drive was arrested for providing a fraudulent social security card and fraudulent alien registration card.

07/20/06

A subject was arrested at 4605 Ocean Drive on warrants for possession of cocaine and tampering with evidence.

07/21/06

A subject was arrested at 4500 El Mar Drive for possession of a stolen decal, possession of marijuana, driving with a suspended license, expired tag and no proof of insurance. The subject also received



three traffic citations.

07/24/06

A subject was arrested at 4553 Bougainvillea Drive on a warrant out of Brevard County for violation of an

injunction order.

07/27/06

A subject was arrested at 4331 West Tradewinds for domestic battery.

07/28/06

A subject was arrested at 4244 El Mar Drive for a lewd and lascivious act, loitering/prowling and obstruction.

BSO FIRE RESCUE BLOTTER

07/01/06

E36 and police responded to four sea turtle hatchlings in a storm drain at 4520 El Mar Drive.

07/03/06

E36 responded to an elevator rescue at 1600 S. Ocean Blvd.

07/04/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a smoke scare at Palm Avenue and El Mar Drive.

07/06/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4900 N. Ocean Drive.

07/06/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4405 N. Ocean Blvd.

07/07/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 6002 N. Ocean Blvd

07/11/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 1900 S. Ocean Blvd.

07/14/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 1440 S. Ocean Blvd

07/15/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a structure fire at 3260 Oleander Way.

JULY SERVICE CALLS

EMS: 77

Fire: 1

Other Fires: 27

07/16/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 36 Seneca Road.

07/22/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a reported fire alarm at 1900 S. Ocean Blvd.

07/25/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4405 N. Ocean Blvd.

07/27/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a smoke detector activation at 5200 N. Ocean Blvd.

07/27/06

E36, R12 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4721 N. Ocean Drive.



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THE QUESTION

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YES _____ NO _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Here is a listing of **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** homeowner groups, community groups, civic organizations and churches. To update listings, please call the Town's **Public Information Office** at 954-776-3611.

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS



Bel Air Civic Association

Contact: Rosalie Malkoon Tel: 954-784-6588

LBTS Property Owners' Association

Contact: Cindy Geesey Tel: 954-776-5974

North Beach Civic Association

Contact: Mark Brown Tel: 954-781-6538.

Terra Mar Island Civic Association

Contact: Kit Cashman Tel: 954-943-5594.

COMMUNITY GROUPS



Garden Club

Meets the second Monday from September through May at 9:30 AM in Jarvis Hall.

Contact: Cheryl Hess Tel: 954-942-9259.

Kiwanis Club

Meets Second & Fourth Monday, 6 PM, Damon's Grill.

Contact: Sec. -- Kaye Yanni Tel: 954-491-9737.

Optimist Club

Meets Second Wednesday, 7 PM, Damon's Grill.

Contact: James Silverstone Tel: 954-771-0355
or Oliver Parker Tel: 954-772-6468.

Lions Club

Meets First & Third Wednesdays, 7:30 AM, Damon's Grill.

Contact: Mike San Miguel Tel: 954-647-7752.

Woman's Club

Meets last Thursday, 11 AM.

October through April. Tel: 954-772-0707.

Oceanside Chapter of Hadassah

Meets the third Tuesday, Holy Cross Hospital. Contact: Joan. Tel: 954-565-0161.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Chamber of Commerce

4201 Ocean Drive Tel: 954-776-1000.

Monday - Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM.

Community Performing Arts Center

Contact: Vincent Ragusa Tel: 954-202-2666.

Hillsboro Inlet District

Meets Third Monday, 7:30 PM, Dixon

AHL Recreation Center in Lighthouse Point

Town Hall. Contact: Oliver Parker Tel: 954-772-6468.

Lions Eye Foundation

Contact: Nels Pearson Tel: 954-564-5258.

National Save The Sea Turtle Foundation

Contact: Jennifer Hartwig Tel: 954-351-9333.

Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Business Meetings: First Monday at 7 PM. Drills
Mondays & Thursdays at 7 PM. Tel: 954-772-8978.

Sister Cities Association

Contact: Dr. Kenneth S. Most. Tel: 954-946-1783.

CHURCHES



Assumption Catholic Church

2001 South Ocean Blvd., LBTS, FL 33062

Tel: 954-941-7647. Winter Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5 PM (Vigil).

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM.

DAILY: Mon-Fri 9 AM

Community Church of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

4433 Bougainville Drive

Tel: 954-776-5530. Sunday Worship: 10 AM.

Women's Group meets on the second Wednesday at Friedt Fellowship Hall. Dinner meetings held September through May. Moderator: Jeannette Checchia.

Tel: 954-772-4391. Taize Worship Service is the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

251 Commercial Blvd.

Sunday Service & School: 10:30 AM.

Wednesday Meeting: 7:30 PM.

Reading Room: Monday - Saturday
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Tel: 954-772-0424.

BSO adds advanced medical procedures

The **Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services** has initiated two advanced medical procedures enhancing patient care for residents in **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and elsewhere.

All paramedics and firefighters recently completed an 8-hour **Advanced Airway** training program. Part of this program was the incorporation of two state-of-the-art medical devices into medical protocols.

The first of these devices is called the **EZ 10**. This new product allows a paramedic to establish an emergency access point to administer medications and fluids. This is used when a paramedic is unable to establish an intravenous line. The EZ 10 acts as a central venous access point to treat life-threatening emergencies. Paramedics can then administer life saving medications and fluids.

The second advanced device is called a **QuickTrach**. This device is used when an emergency airway is needed. This is another state-of-the-art device that can be used in an emergency airway situation. It can be used in severe trauma or when a victim's airway is blocked. This device allows the paramedic to administer life saving oxygen to the critically ill patient.

Under the leadership of **Chief Joseph Lello** and **BSO Medical Director Dr. Michael Weston**, these advanced medical devices and procedures were placed on all medical units of BSO's **Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services**.

These units serve the residents of **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and the **Village of Sea Ranch Lakes**. □

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H: 954-786-5244 / C: 954-610-7436

COMMISSIONER JERRY McINTEE

H: 954-943-8539 / C: 716-868-3333

COMMISSIONER JIM SILVERSTONE

H: 954-771-0355 / C: 954-232-8340

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BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE / 954-776-3611

MUNICIPAL SERVICES / 954-776-5119

POLICE & FIRE

EMERGENCY / 911

LBTS BSO OFFICE / 954-491-3920

SHIFT COMMANDER CELL / 954-275-9939

FIRE & RESCUE OFFICE / 954-831-8200

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. / 954-772-8978

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