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LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA'S OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## Town News

### BEL AIR MAILBOXES

As the Bel Air sewer project is completed, residential mailboxes will be reinstalled by Man-Con, Inc., the contractor. Man-Con has obtained a Town right-of-way permit and will reinstall mailboxes in compliance with postal service regulations for curbside delivery.

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

All Town residents are welcome to attend the Community Church's annual Easter Sunrise Service on March 23rd at the end of Commercial Boulevard east of El Mar Drive. The service is expected to start around 7 AM. The site was moved this year because of construction on El Prado.

### FLAG AT HALF-STAFF

The Town's flag was lowered to half-staff in January to honor the passing of Betty Kilday, wife of former Mayor Wally Kilday. Betty Kilday, 88, died Jan. 17. Wally Kilday served on the Town Commission 12 years. He and Betty lived in the Town 17 years.

### BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Town is accepting applications from residents who wish to serve on any Town Board. Applications are available on the Town's Web site and can also be obtained from the Town Clerk. For more info, please call 954-776-0576.

## New Mayor and two new Town Commissioners sworn into office

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has three new members on the Town Commission: Commissioner Birute Ann Clottey, Commissioner Stuart Dodd and Mayor Roseann Minnet.

The Town's three newly-elected officials were sworn into office on Feb. 12th, two days after the election results were certified by the Broward Supervisor of Elections.

The official oath of office ceremony had to be postponed for a week while the supervisor's office waited for overseas ballots to arrive in the mail.

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### OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

Birute Ann Clottey	1,367
Chuck Clark	1,240
Stuart Dodd	1,517
John Yanni	1,136
Roseann Minnet	1,335
L. Peanuts Wick	1,314

## Town's safety efforts leads to reduction in insurance costs

The Town recently received its insurance incentive credit for Fiscal Year 2007-08, which reduced the Town's insurance premium by an additional \$26,150.

Town Risk Manager Kathy O'Brien conducts a quarterly Safety Committee meeting with staff to ensure the administration is kept informed about any needed repairs that will help avoid and reduce future claims by making the Town's public facilities and sidewalks safer.

Wayne Anderson, Safety/Risk Control Consultant for the Florida League of Cities/Florida Municipal Insurance Trust, inspected the Town's parks and recommended some immediate repairs, as well as some for the near-future.

Town Manager Esther Colon, who is taking a proactive approach to maintaining safe Town facilities, went on a site inspection with Anderson the following day to ensure that the minor repairs he suggested had been completed immediately by Town staff. She said all major repairs will be completed by March 30th.

(See SAFETY on Page 4)

### TOWN DIRECTORY



Mayor

**Roseann Minnet**

Vice Mayor

**Jerry McIntee**

Commissioners

**Birute Ann Clottey**

**Stuart Dodd**

**Jim Silverstone**

Town Manager

**Esther Colon**

Assistant to the Town Manager

**John Olinzock**

Town Attorney

**James Cherof**

Town Clerk

**June White**

Interim Finance Director

**Kathy O'Brien**

Municipal Services Director

**Richard Mesiano**

Development Services Director

**Frank Rabinowitz**

Broward Sheriff's Office

**Chief Scott Gooding**

BSO Fire Rescue

**Chief Richard Sievers**

Public Information Officer

**Steve d'Oliveira**

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**

4501 Ocean Drive

LBTS, FL 33308

Tel: 954-776-0576

### 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 [steved@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](mailto:steved@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov).

### BULK PICK-UP DATES

Here are the Town's monthly 2008 bulk collection pick-up dates for the rest of the year.

#### SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL

03/06/08

04/03/08

05/01/08

06/05/08

07/03/08

08/07/06

09/04/08

10/02/08

11/06/08

12/04/08

#### NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

03/07/08

04/04/08

05/02/08

06/06/08

07/04/08

08/08/08

09/05/08

10/03/08

11/07/08

12/05/08

### Garden Club will meet March 10 in Jarvis Hall

The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club will meet on **March 10th at 9:30 AM** in Jarvis Hall for its regular monthly meeting.

The club is also planning a field trip on **March 20th to Flamingo Gardens**. The trip is open to the public. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Meet at **Jarvis Hall at 9:30 AM**. For more information, call **Kit Cashman at 954-642-8785**. □

### MEETINGS GUIDE

#### Town Commission

\*MARCH 11 - 7 PM

MARCH 25 - 7 PM

APRIL 8 - 7 PM

APRIL 22 - 7 PM

\*The Commission will hold a 4 PM workshop on public safety, capital improvement projects, the North Beach analysis, land acquisition or sale of Town property and department management.

#### Board of Adjustment

NO MEETING

Meets as needed the third Wednesday of the month.

#### Code Compliance

MARCH 19 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed the third Wednesday of the month.

#### Parking Hearing

MARCH 19 - 3 PM

Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

#### Planning & Zoning

NO MEETING

Meets as needed the third Wednesday of the month.

#### Master Plan Steering Committee

MARCH 17 - 6:30 PM

Meets the third Monday of the month.

TOWN MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS

• The Commission agenda and 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](http://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)

• Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78 and the Town's Web site. Meetings are re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and Monday, as well as at 6 PM Thursday and 2 AM Saturday.

• The Town provides 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.

## SEAGRAPE DRIVE PROJECT



**MEN AT WORK:** The two photos at left show the extensive stormwater system being added along Seagrape Drive as part of the Town's roadway improvement project. A construction worker with Tenex (above left) is hand-building with brick the top portion of the inlet for the drain structure. You can also see the water and sewer mains. The project has been held up because of delays caused by FP&L, which must remove its old utility poles before sidewalk installation can begin.



## Jazz & Chocolate scheduled for March 11th



The **Community Church of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's Women's Group** presents **Jazz & Chocolate on March 11 at 7 PM** at the church, 4433 Bougain-

villea Drive.

Indulge in chocolate delights while listening to great jazz. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25. This includes entertainment and all you can eat chocolate treats

For more information, call **954-776-5530**. □

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To fill unforeseen vacancies, the Town is always seeking volunteers for Town boards and committees.

If you would like to serve the community in the future, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 954-776-0576.

Town boards include Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustment, Master Plan Steering Committee and Walk Around Committee. □ □

## LBTS resident chosen to compete in pageant

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea resident **Roxana Winiarczyk** was selected to participate in the



Roxana Winiarczyk

**Nationals' 2008 Miss Jr. Teen Ft. Lauderdale/West Palm Beach Pageant** in March.

Roxana will compete in the Miss Jr. Teen division. The winner selected will represent

South Florida at the **Cities Of America National Competition** in Orlando. □

## Employees attend seminar on ID theft

To help employees prevent possible identity theft and the problems associated with it, the **Town Administration** recently invited the **City County Credit Union** to conduct a seminar about how consumers can protect themselves.

Twenty-five employees attended the 1-hour seminar in **Jarvis Hall** on Feb. 6th. Credit Union representatives provided valuable tips to Town workers during a presentation on ways to help prevent someone from stealing your identity.

The free seminar was also offered to residents who participate in **Senior Center** activities. Future seminars are planned on retirement and the proper use of credit cards. □

### BACK on the MARKET



**For Sale**  
New sofa sleeper & love seat. JCP Collection.  
\$1,000 or best offer.  
Please call 954-781-1412.

**TOWN** (continued from Page 1)

Outgoing **Mayor Oliver Parker**, **Vice Mayor John Yanni** and **Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Clark** were all given plaques by the Town in appreciation for their contributions to the Town during their tenure in office. Each one of them thanked residents and their wives and families for their continued support.

Before a crowd of more than 150 people at **Jarvis Hall**, Clotney, Dodd and Minnet took the oath of office administered by the Town Clerk. Afterwards, all three took their seats on the Commission dais and addressed Town residents for the first time as elected officials.

Commissioners Clotney and Dodd, as well as Mayor Minnet, all thanked their respective supporters and pledged to work together for the benefit of the Town.

At the start of the meeting, the **Town Chaplain, Rev. John Handrahan**, was given a plaque honoring him as "Chaplain Emeritus." Father Handrahan gave the invocation at the start of Commission meetings. He retired on Feb. 12th from his post as Chaplain. □



**OATH OF OFFICE:** As newspaper photographers snapped their pictures, Town Clerk June White (far left) administered the oath of office to the newly-elected members of the Town Commission: (l to r) Birute Ann Clotney, Roseann Minnet and Stuart Dodd after they placed their hands on a Bible. The new Commission members were sworn into office on Feb. 12th.

**SAFETY** (continued from Page 1)

The Town also began the first year of its Townwide sidewalk repair and replacement program.

Even though sidewalk repairs in the past were done as problems were reported, Anderson said an ongoing Town inspection program is a more proactive way to reduce and eliminate claims.

Thanks to team efforts by O'Brien and Anderson, employees, residents and visitors to the Town are safer, Colon said.

"I can not emphasize enough how rewarding it is to be part of the growth and positive advancement within your governmental/municipal safety operation," Anderson said. □ □

**SAFETY FIRST:** If you know of any area in Town that needs repair, please contact Kelly Dwyer in Municipal Services at 954-776-0576.



**SIDWALK REPAIRS:** To help improve safety, workers recently repaired broken sidewalks along Bougainvillea Drive behind the Town Hall complex.

GAMES!

PRIZES!

# EASTER BY-THE-SEA!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22

### 10 AM — \*MUNICIPAL PARK!

\*BEHIND TOWN HALL ON BOUGAINVILLE DRIVE!

PRIZES!

GAMES!

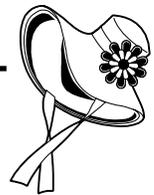
- THREE EASTER EGG HUNTS!
- SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY THE EASTER BUNNY!
- LADIES EASTER BONNET CONTEST!
- MEN'S COLORFUL, CRAZY PANTS CONTEST!

#### KIDS' AGE GROUPS

- UP TO 4
- 5 TO 8
- 9 & OLDER

#### BONNET CONTEST

- PRETTIEST STORE BOUGHT
- PRETTIEST HOMEMADE
- FUNNIEST HOMEMADE



PRIZES!

GAMES!

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 CITIZENS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS  
 AND TOWN VOLUNTEERS. ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL EVENT COORDINATORS  
 CRISTIE FURTH (954-772-3336) OR MAUREEN McINTEE (954-943-8539)



## Take steps this year to protect threatened sea turtles

With the start of the **sea turtle season** (March-October), residents and business owners are once again asked to take steps to help protect threatened loggerhead sea turtles.

Bright lights along the beach not only deter some adult loggerheads from nesting on the beach, but can cause serious problems when tiny hatchlings emerge from the nests.

The incubation of each nest takes about 50 days. After this period, about 100 hatchlings emerge from the sand and scurry toward the ocean. If artificial lights are present, however, the hatchlings become disoriented and travel in the wrong direction.

The hatchlings that make it to the **Atlantic** still face a struggle to survive. The best estimates are that only 1 in 1,000 to 10,000 hatchlings will reach adulthood.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU SEE A DISORIENTED TURTLE HATCHLING

If you see a sea turtle hatchling crawling towards the road or a parking lot, take the following steps:

☐ Call the **Broward Sea Turtle Hotline at 954-328-0580**. A qualified sea turtle expert will be sent to the area to handle the incident.

☐ If you do not remember the hotline number, pick up the hatchling and take it to the water's edge. Make sure the beach is dark. Allow the turtle to crawl from the beach into the ocean.

☐ If there are numerous hatchlings, place them in a **dry** bucket before taking them to the water's edge on a darkened area of the beach. Allow them to crawl along the sand to the water.

-- BROWARD COUNTY SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

**Lou Fisher**, a veteran marine biologist who oversees the **Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program**, said County and State turtle officials hope to avoid the problems that occurred in 2007, when bright lights along the Town's

beaches disoriented hundreds of sea turtle hatchlings.

Fisher said efforts will again be taken this season to ensure beachfront businesses and residences comply with the Town's ordinance to shield artificial lights during the season.

If you observe an adult turtle or hatchling, the County recommends the following:

☐ It is normal for sea turtles to crawl on the beach at night. Do not report normal crawling or nesting activity to the **Sea Turtle Hotline -- 954-328-0580 --** unless the turtle is in immediate danger.

☐ Stay away from crawling or nesting sea turtles. Nesting is a critical stage in a sea turtle's life cycle. Please leave them undisturbed.

☐ Please report all stranded (dead, injured or apparently healthy) turtles to the hotline. Report all turtles that have not moved for 30 minutes or longer. ☐

### Homestead sign-up March 20th in Jarvis

There is one final special homeowner sign-up date for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions for Town taxpayers.

A Deputy Property Appraiser will be at **Jarvis Hall** on **March 20th** between **11 AM** and **1 PM**. ☐

### Our Art-By-The-Sea art show starts March 10th

The **Our Art By the Sea Association** will hold its first art show and sale from **March 10** thru **April 11** at the **Galt Ocean Library** in Fort Lauderdale. The library is a block north of **Oakland Park Boulevard**. For more info, please call **Arnie Regan** at **954-782-0945**.

## NEW PORTAL PLANTS



### PLANTS-BY-THE-SEA:

Town workers recently installed new drought-resistant plants at the Town's beach portals on El Mar Drive. Broken lights at some of the portals were also replaced. The Laura Ward Portal (left) at Washingtonia Avenue is one of five Town portals, an award-winning project designed to make visiting the Town's beach a more enjoyable experience.

## BEACH PATH PLANTINGS!



**BEACH WALKWAYS:** The Town's new concrete walkways to the beach were recently spruced up with the addition of plants and flowers. The above walkway, located on State Road A1A just north of the Sea Watch Restaurant, provides a more pleasant trek to the Atlantic.

## KEY PHONE NUMBERS

### MAYOR ROSEANN MINNET

H: 954-942-2194 / C: 954-801-6747

### VICE MAYOR JERRY McINTEE

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

### COMMISSIONER BIRUTE ANN CLOTTEY

H: 954-895-6595 / C: 954-895-6595

### COMMISSIONER STUART DODD

H: 954-772-4121 / C: 954-612-1600

### COMMISSIONER JIM SILVERSTONE

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

## TOWN HALL

**954-776-0576**

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**954-776-3611**

CODE COMPLIANCE  
ZONING DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

**954-776-0576**

PARKING  
PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMUNITY STANDARDS

## POLICE & FIRE

### EMERGENCY / 911

**LBTS BSO OFFICE / 954-491-3920**

**SHIFT COMMANDER CELL / 954-275-9939**

**FIRE & RESCUE OFFICE / 954-831-8200**

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