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Town News

A GREAT FOURTH

The Town Commission thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Clark and all the other members of the July Fourth Committee for the tremendous job they did coordinating this year's Fourth of July festivities.

The Commission also appointed Clark to chair the 2006 committee.

The Town's Fourth of July celebration was spread over three days this year, with the highlight being a great fireworks display off the beach on July 4th.

Please see Page 5 for a flier thanking all those who helped.

SISTER CITY MILESTONES

The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association passed two major milestones this year.

In April it shipped used medical equipment to the Town's Sister City, San Isidro, Peru. "In May we achieved the objective of putting together enough money to pay for a boxcar of new wheelchairs to be sent there," said Dr. Kenneth S. Most, Sister Cities' chairman. "We are obliged to The Wheelchair Foundation for its financial & moral support in this endeavor."

Nearly 500 people attended the July Fourth Festival of the Americas Party on July 3rd. Two adults and five children took part in the costume competition and were awarded prizes. "Thanks to all who made this possible," Most said.

Town will temporarily barricade Washingtonia at Seagrape

□ The Town Commission agreed to close off the street in response to residents who complained about excessive cut-through traffic.

To help alleviate excessive neighborhood cut-through traffic, the **Town Commission** agreed in July to close off **Washingtonia Avenue at Seagrape Drive** between **Aug. 1st** and **Sept. 6th**.

The Commission, responding to traffic concerns raised by residents, agreed to the temporary closing on a trial basis. The Commission agreed to evaluate the issue when it meets on Sept. 6th.

The Commission held a recent workshop where residents complained about drivers cutting through residential streets to avoid the traffic light at **Commercial Boulevard and State Road A1A**.

The Commission agreed to place a barricade on Washingtonia Avenue at Seagrape Drive. Informational traffic signs will be posted on **Poinciana Street** and at some intersections along Commercial Boulevard to let drivers know they will no longer be able to cut through the area. □

All Town residents must evacuate once hurricane warning is issued

□ The Broward Sheriff's Office says police, fire and other emergency personnel will not respond to your calls for help during a hurricane.

Get out of Town! That's the message **Broward Sheriff's Office Chief Scott Gooding** wants **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** residents to heed once the **National Hurricane Center** in Miami issues a hurricane warning for Broward County and other areas of Florida.

The reason: There will be no police, paramedics or firefighters available in Town to respond to an emergency once a hurricane strikes. Gooding said all police cars, fire trucks and rescue vehicles are driven out of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea before a hurricane hits.

"We will not respond, even if we hear people screaming on the phone," Gooding said.

The entire Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is located on a barrier island,

(See **HURRICANE** on Page 4)

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TOWN TOPICS

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Reef proposal could help stimulate coral growth off the Town's beaches

The **Town Commission** offered its support for a proposal to build an artificial reef off the Town's shores by using a low-level electric current to help stimulate and accelerate coral growth.

The proposal is in its very early stages. Work on the project cannot begin until the Commission formally approves the idea and permits are obtained from Broward County, the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** and the State of Florida.

Thomas Goreau, president of **Global Coral Reef Alliance**, a non-profit organization based in Cambridge, Mass., outlined his idea to the Commission at its July 12 meeting after he was introduced by former Commissioner **Marc Furth**, an avid scuba diver, underwater photographer and longtime Town resident.

Furth said the Town's coral reefs are not as healthy as they were two decades ago and that the Town needs to take steps to try and help the reefs to recover.

"The reef is collapsing," Furth told the Commission. "It's dying off."

The Commission agreed to appoint Furth to spearhead a committee to investigate Goreau's proposal and report back with a recommendation. □

Bus route timetables available in Town Hall

The **Pelican Hopper Community Bus**, which runs Monday through Friday (9 AM to 5:25 PM), Saturday (10 AM to 7:55 PM) and Sunday (8 AM – 6 PM), connects to several Broward County Transit routes.

The county recently sent brochures to the Town for Timetable Routes 11, 40, 50, 55 and 72. They are located in Town Hall lobby. ▣

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

SEPT. 6 - 6 PM*
 SEPT. 13 - 6 PM**
 SEPT. 20 - 6 PM*

*These are meetings with public hearings on the 2005-2006 budget. The regular Commission meeting will start after the hearing concludes. Please note: The Commission is expected to schedule another hearing on the budget. Watch Channel 78 or call Town Hall for date and time.

**This is a Town Commission workshop.

Board of Adjustment

Meets as needed on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM

Planning & Zoning

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

AUG 17 - 6:30 PM

Parking Hearing

AUG 29 - 6 PM

Code Compliance

Meets as needed on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 PM

Master Plan Steering Committee

AUG. 15 - 6 PM

TOWN MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PUBLIC ACCESS

- The Town Commission agenda and related backup materials are available for review in Town Hall during business hours (9AM - 4:30 PM). The agenda is posted on our Web site: www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78. Meetings are also re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and the following Monday.
- 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.

BSO's online Biketrack program helps police return bicycles

There's nothing quite like the smile that comes across a child's face when he or she gets their first bike. Sadly, there's nothing quite as distressing as seeing the look on a child's face when their bicycle is lost or stolen.

Last year in Florida, more than 18,000 bicycles were reported stolen. Frequently, those missing bikes were never seen again by their owners. But in Broward County, thanks to the **Broward Sheriff's Office**, there's now **Biketrack**, a new online tool to help get those two-wheeled transports back where they belong.

BSO built the Biketrack registration system to help cut down on the number of bicycle thefts in the County and to assist law enforcement officers in their efforts to recover lost or stolen bikes. Biketrack was first unveiled to Cooper City residents in early June

REGISTER YOUR BIKE



Bicycle owners can register their bikes online by visiting the **Broward Sheriff's Office** Web site at <http://www.sheriff.org/apps/biketrack/>. □

and has since been introduced to BSO's other districts. To date, more than 5,700 residents have registered their bicycles with BSO. And there's room for more people to sign up for this free program.

Just go to BSO's Web site (see box above). Once there, simply fill out and submit the registration form. Once it has been received, a

BSO deputy will contact the owner to complete the registration process.

From time to time, BSO will be at community events where residents can also register their bikes. Some BSO district offices are also giving away free bicycle locks to residents who register their bikes with BSO's Biketrack.

If your bicycle is lost or stolen and you have it registered with Biketrack, call your BSO district office and tell the deputy your bike is registered in the system.

Do not call 9-1-1 to report a lost or stolen bike; 9-1-1 is for emergencies only.

To learn more about Biketrack, bicycle safety and many other ways in which BSO is helping your community fight crime, log onto BSO's Web site at <http://www.Sheriff.org>. □

06/04/05

A subject was arrested at 4520 North Ocean Drive for an active warrant reference grand theft.

06/07/05

- A subject was arrested at 4325 North Ocean Drive for disorderly conduct.
- A subject was arrested at Ocean Drive and El Prado for driving with a suspended license and violation of parole for obstruction and possession of marijuana.

06/08/05

A subject was arrested at Washingtonia Avenue and Bougainvillea Drive for suspended/revoked drivers license and attaching license plate not assigned. Issued three more citations for running a stop sign, expired tag and no insurance.

06/11/05

A subject was arrested at 4641 Bougainvillea Drive for an active warrant reference driving without license.

DISTRICT 13 BLOTTER

06/12/05

- A subject was arrested at 906 Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach, reference active warrants for failure to register vehicle and an expired drivers license.
- A subject was arrested at 1480 South Ocean Boulevard reference an active warrant for violation of parole for possession of cocaine.
- A subject was arrested at 5450 North Ocean Boulevard for active warrants reference possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

06/14/05

A subject was arrested at 222 Pine Avenue on charges of burglary conveyance and petit theft. All items and a small amount of cash were recovered.

06/17/05

A subject was arrested in the 200 block of State Road A1A, Pompano, on three active warrants.

He was also charged with resisting arrest without violence.

06/18/05

A subject was arrested at 4217 Seagrape Drive on three active warrants.

06/19/05

- A subject was arrested at 2711 NE 49 St., on an outstanding warrant.
- A subject was arrested at 4400 Poinciana Street during a traffic stop. A warrants check revealed an active warrant for violation of parole reference possession of cocaine.

06/20/05

- A subject was arrested at 2711 NE 49 St., Fort Lauderdale for an outstanding warrant.
- A subject was arrested in the 800 block of Cypress Creek Road for reckless driving.

06/21/05

A subject was arrested at 4520 North Ocean Drive on an active felony warrant reference grand theft.

HURRICANE (continued from Page 1)

which is Florida's first line of defense against hurricanes and other powerful storms. Barrier islands protect the coast by breaking down powerful waves and storm surges before they can move inland. In other words, a barrier island that experiences a direct hit from a hurricane will sustain tremendous damage.

"If a major hurricane directly strikes Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, parts of our Town will look like we've been struck by a tsunami," said **BSO Lt. Ken Woodall**, a longtime Broward County police veteran who works in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

Gooding said police, paramedics and firefighters leave the Town once there are sustained winds of 40 mph. After that, there's a danger high winds will knock over large vehicles, especially traveling over the Commercial Boulevard Bridge.

"If you decide to stay, use a waterproof marker to write your name and date of birth on your arm," Gooding said. "That way we'll be able to identify your body."

Florida was struck by four hurricanes in 2004, including two — Frances and Jeanne — that hit South Florida. The eyes of Frances and Jeanne passed over Martin County, but Broward County still experienced extremely high winds.

"Seventy percent of the people in Town evacuated for Frances," Gooding pointed out. "For Hurricane Jeanne I'd estimate it was less than 50 percent."

Gooding said some residents feel safe if their condominium is equipped with storm shutters and a generator. What some people don't understand, he said, is that while hurricane winds may be 130 mph on the ground, 15 or 20 stories above the ground the winds can sometimes reach speeds as high as 200 mph.

Last year during Hurricane Jeanne, BSO was forced to evacu-



Residents can keep track of weather conditions in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea the same way the Broward Sheriff's Office does — by monitoring current conditions on weatherbug.com.

There is a Weatherbug monitoring station at BSO Station 13, adjacent to Town Hall.

Go to Weatherbug.com Web site and then type in 33308, the zip code for the southern half of Town. □

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— **BSO Chief Scott Gooding**

ate 100 residents from **Ocean Colony**, a condo on the beach. Once the building's generator failed, he said, there was no electricity to power the pumps if a fire had broken out.

"That kind of rescue operation puts the guys' lives in danger, too," Gooding said.

Bridge will remain open to cars and trucks

Gooding said residents with boats needing the bridge to be raised will have a short, 3-hour window to move their vessels. The bridge will open

on an "as-needed basis." After that, he said, the bridge will be locked in the down position, allowing for vehicles to move back and forth.

"We must have gotten 85 calls last year about the Commercial bridge," Gooding said. "The bridge will not be closed to vehicular traffic. It's not the boat parade."

Gooding said Town residents should watch **Government Channel 78** for the latest information from BSO about an approaching hurricane and what steps to take.

Before the storm even hits, he said, all residents should have concrete plans about what to do with pets and where they are going to take shelter after they evacuate. He said residents should seek shelter west of Federal Highway.

After the storm

If the Town sustains major damage, he said it will be "days" before residents are allowed to return to their homes and apartments. The main entry checkpoints are Commercial Boulevard and the Town's north and south boundaries on State Road A1A.

Residents will not be allowed into Town until it is safe. They must also be able to prove to police with valid identification that they either live or work in the Town.

"More people die after a hurricane than during one," he said.

A Fort Lauderdale man died in early July after a power line was apparently downed from winds generated by **Hurricane Dennis**, which brushed the Gulf Coast of Florida. Dennis didn't even strike Broward directly and yet still caused a storm-related fatality.

Should Town residents want post-storm information, Gooding said they can report to the **Holy Cross Hospital's Orthopedic Center** in Fort Lauderdale, which is where BSO's operations center for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea will be located. Residents should only do this, he said, if all other communication is cut off. □



A Very Special Thanks!

...for a successful July 4th Celebration

I want to thank the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and especially my committee for making this 4th of July the best one ever. Through their efforts and hard work we produced a very enjoyable event for everyone. We came together in our own unique way and provided fun, entertainment and a positive image for all to see.

Below is a thank you to our sponsors and my committee heads and is by no means a whole list of all of those who helped make this successful. There will be proclamations, letters of thanks, certificates of appreciation to all of you who made this possible and successful! We are in the process of doing all of this and will announce when these they are ready to be presented in the very near future.

With my sincere thanks,

Chuck Clark, Chairman
4th of July Committee, 2005

Rep. Ellyn Bogdanoff
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Lori Parrish, Property Appraiser

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We will have more info and photos on our website...
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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: Bob Eckblad Tel: 954-788-1352

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 Second Monday, 9:30 AM, Jarvis Hall.
Contact: Christine Carlson Tel: 954-290-5609.

Kiwanis Club

Meets Second & Fourth Monday, 6 PM, Damon's Grill.
Contact: Sunny Eckhardt Tel: 954-772-6831.

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, Jarvis Hall.
Contact: Marguerite Remigy Tel: 954-971-1707.

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.

Citizens Action Committee

Contact: Bob Karley Tel: 954-772-7332.

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.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Merchant Association

Contact: Angela Aldahwi Tel: 954-958-9241.

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 Second, Third & Fourth Mondays. 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. Summer Mass Schedule:
SATURDAY: 5 PM (Vigils).

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

DAILY: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM.

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.

Ron Piersante chosen as 'Hometown Hero'

By **Cindy Geesey**

Property Owners Association

Town volunteer **Ron Piersante** was elected by the **Property Owners Association** as the 2005 Hometown Hero. This honor was started by the association in 2002. Previous winners include **Jon Case**, **Marie White** and **Allan** and **Mae Gibson**.

Other nominees this year included **Bill Karley**, **Shirley Russotti** and **Ken** and **Mary Ann Wardlaw**. All of this year's nominees were presented with framed certificates.

As vice president of the Property Owners Association for the past four years, Ron has been instrumental with growing membership and planning programs.

Ron is a valuable volunteer and works hard on almost all special events in Town, including the Arts & Crafts Shows, the Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry, Taste of the Beach, the Fourth of July celebration, the Halloween Party, the Chili Cook Off and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Ron served on the Transition Board established to coordinate and facilitate the annexation of the Intracoastal Beach Area into Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. He has also served on the **Board of Adjustment** for two years, and has been Vice Chairman of the **Planning & Zoning Board** for the last three years.

Ron attends almost every Town budget, Town Commission and Steering Committee meeting. He also volunteers at the Chamber's Welcome Center.

Congratulations to a valuable resident who makes this a better Town in which to live! □

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES / 954-776-5119

POLICE & FIRE

EMERGENCY / 911

NON-EMERGENCY / 954-765-4321

BSO BUSINESS OFFICE / 954-491-3920

SHIFT COMMANDER CELL / 954-275-9939

BSO FIRE & RESCUE BUSINESS OFFICE / 954-831-8200

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