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Town News

FREE STARGAZING CONCERT!

Mark down Saturday, March 11th on your calendar! Because that day starting at 7 PM you will be able to enjoy a free concert under the stars on the beach.

The Stargazing concert will take place at El Prado (across from Town Hall) on the beach. Tell your family and invite the neighbors. This is a fun annual event!

TASTE OF THE BEACH

Taste of the Beach, an annual culinary event sponsored by the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Feb. 22nd from 6 to 10 PM at El Prado (across from Town Hall) and the beach.



The cost is \$30 per person and drinks are included in the price. For more info, please call 954-776-1000.

P & Z BOARD VACANCY

The Town has a vacancy for an alternate member on the Planning & Zoning Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact the Town Clerk's office by calling 954-776-0576.

COMMUNITY LISTINGS

The Community Organizations listing page will return in March.

Town will hold its biennial municipal election March 14

Four candidates are running for two **Town Commission** seats in the Town's biennial municipal election on **Tuesday, March 14th**. **Vice Mayor Ed Kennedy** and challenger **Jerry McIntee** are running for the **District 1 Seat** on the Commission. Challenger **Jim Silverstone** and **Town Commissioner David Wessels** are running for the **District 2 Seat**.

All voters in Town can vote in both races. To qualify to run, however, the candidates must reside in the district in which they are seeking office.

The Town's voters will also get the chance to vote on a height restriction referendum placed on the ballot by the **LBTS Citizens Initiative Committee**.

The Town has four voting precincts. Precinct 30Q and 32Q are located in **Jarvis Hall**, 4505 N. Ocean Drive. Precincts 31Q and 33Q are located in **Assumption Catholic Church**, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd. □

CANDIDATE NIGHTS SET

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Property Owners Association** is sponsoring 'Meet the Candidates Nights' on **Feb. 21st** and **March 8th** at **7 PM** in **Jarvis Hall**. The event is open to all Town residents and will be televised on **Channel 78**.

Town settles dispute with citizens group on height referendum issue

The **Town Commission** and the **LBTS Citizens Initiative Committee** have reached an agreement to settle a lawsuit over the timing of a referendum election.

The settlement will allow the **CIC's** height restriction referendum, which asks voters to extend the Town's 44-foot height limit to the north area of Town, on the **March 14th** ballot.

The settlement also places the Town's own proposed height restriction referendum, which allows the Town more leeway on height limits, on the **November** general election ballot. The settlement prevents a head-to-head ballot battle which the **Town Commission** believes would be confusing to the voters.

The **CIC** filed suit in **Broward Circuit Court** when the **Commission** opted

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TOWN DIRECTORY



Mayor
Oliver Parker
 Vice Mayor
Ed Kennedy
 Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Clark
 Commissioners
David Wessels
John Gianni

Town Manager
Robert Baldwin
 Town Attorney
James Cherof
 Town Clerk
Alina Medina
 Finance Director
Esther Colon

Municipal Services Director
Bill Mason
 Development Services Director
Harry Diehl
 Broward Sheriff's Office
 Chief **Scott Gooding**
 Fire Administrator
Frank Buchert
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Rev. John Handrahan
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Information or ads can be dropped off at Town Hall or submitted via e-mail to the Town's Public Information Office at lbtspio@yahoo.com.

Join the LBTS Sandy Paws Pack in March

You and your dog are invited to join the members of the **LBTS Property Owners Association** on **Saturday, March 4th**, when they link up with hundreds of pet lovers in



the annual **Walk For The Animals** sponsored by the **Humane Society of Broward County**. Call today to sign up!

If you love animals but can't come to the event, your donation to the Humane Society in

the name of the **LBTS Sandy Paws Pack** would be appreciated. If your pet lives now only in your memory, a donation would be a nice tribute.

"This is a really fun event and it's great to do something to help homeless animals," said **POA President Cindy Geesey**. "We hope LBTS will have at least 10 walkers in our pack."

Walkers in the Sandy Paws Pack enjoy a free IHOP breakfast, entertainment, and a short 1.25 mile stroll down Las Olas Boulevard. Walkers will be accompanied by every breed and mix of dog imaginable, plus a duck, some birds and other surprises. It's a great place to take the kids, because face painting is part of the fun and the mascots of area sports teams will also be on hand.

Prizes will be awarded to walkers who get at least \$75 in pledges; the more pledges you get, the more prizes! Anyone is welcome to sign up and participate.

For more information, call Cindy Geesey at 954-776-5974. Neighborhood chairmen are needed! More info is also available at www.browardhumane.com/Walk2006. □

MEETINGSGUIDE

Town Commission

MARCH 28 - 7 PM

Town Commission regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Jarvis Hall. Pre-meeting agenda conferences start at 6 PM and are open to the public. The March 14th meeting was cancelled because of the Town's municipal election.

Board of Adjustment

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

Planning & Zoning

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

MARCH 15 - 6:30 PM

Parking Hearing

MARCH 27 - 6 PM

Code Compliance

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

Master Plan Steering Committee

MARCH 20 - 6:30 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.

Beach portals project completed

The beach portals, four of the Town's major **Capital Improvement Program** projects in recent history, were completed in January.

Four new portals were built along El Mar Drive at the intersections of Pine, Washingtonia, Datura and Hibiscus avenues.

Construction began in mid-August and ended in mid-January.

The sheltered portals, which are paved and landscaped entranceways to the Atlantic Ocean, are equipped with benches, showers, bike racks and trash receptacles for beachgoers and residents.

The \$706,000 project included new landscaping, drainage, shade shelters, signs and colored paver bricks.

The CIP project was built by **MBR Construction Inc.**, a Fort

Lauderdale firm that built **Municipal Park** and the **Marie and Stanley White Portal**, which was completed on Palm Avenue about two years ago.

At its Jan. 10th Commission meeting, the Commission agreed to name the Washingtonia Avenue portal and park in honor of **Laura Ward**, a former Assistant Town Manager.

Ward started working for the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** in November 2000. She retired in May 2005.

During her time with the Town, Ward was responsible for overseeing the portal project and helping to get a grant from Broward County for the funds to establish Washingtonia Park. Ward was later presented with a Town proclamation. □

Commissioner Scott pledges to help secure County grants to help Town redevelopment

Vice Mayor Ed Kennedy and **Economic Development Task Force Chairman David Nixon** recently met with **Broward County Commissioner Jim Scott** to talk about the availability of grants for Town economic development projects.

To spur downtown revitalization, the **Town Commission** is considering creating a **Community Redevelopment Agency**. Before one can be established, however, approval is needed from the Town

and Broward County commissions.

Kennedy and Nixon, along with Task Force members **Jack Cooney**, **Michael Arker** and **Dick Clark**, met with Scott in January to discuss what county grants and other funds may be available to spur downtown redevelopment in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

"Commissioner Scott was very responsive to our discussion and offered to spearhead our efforts with the County," Kennedy said. □

Garden Club plans field trip on Feb. 22 to Fairchild Gardens

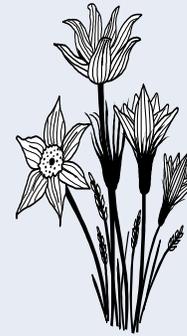
The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** is sponsoring a field trip via bus on **Feb. 22nd** to **Fairchild Tropical Botanic**

Gardens in Coral Gables to see the stunning and beautiful glasswork of American artist **Dale Chihuly**.

Those going on the field trip will meet at **Jarvis Hall at 9:15 AM**. The bus will return at about 3:30 PM.

The cost for the field trip, which includes roundtrip transportation and a tram tour of Fairchild Gardens, is \$35. There are only 40 seats available on the bus, so be sure to sign up early if you want to participate in this event.

Lunch is not included in the field trip cost, but food can be purchased at Fairchild Gardens. For more info or to sign up, contact **Christine Carlson** at 954-290-5609. □



BSO stresses pedestrian safety when out at night

With so many residents and tourists walking around Town at night, the **Broward Sheriff's Office** advises motorists and pedestrians to be mindful of traffic safety.

Pedestrians are advised to carry a flashlight or wear reflective clothing. Remember: Be safe! □

Assumption Catholic Church adds Saturday Mass for Lent

Assumption Catholic Church has added a Saturday Mass at 9 AM during **Lent**, which runs from **March 1st** through **April 16th**. □

KIWANIS BINGO

EVERY THURSDAY AT JARVIS HALL THROUGH APRIL 7TH.
EARLY BIRD STARTS AT 6:30 PM.
REGULAR BINGO IS AT 7 PM.
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL 954-491-9737.



**MONTHLY BULK
PICK-UP DATES**

Here are the Town's monthly 2006 bulk collection pick-up dates.

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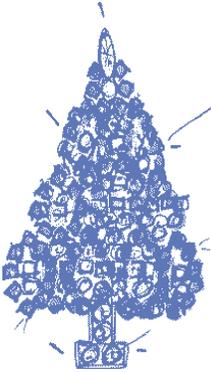
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NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

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- 12/08/06

Town holiday decoration winners

Here are the names of the **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Property Owners Association's** 2005 Holiday Decoration Contest winners:

<p>Single Family</p> <p>1st 2000 SE 19th St. Kathleen & Tim Schottke</p> <p>2nd 222 Bombay Ave. Lori & Joe Chevy</p> <p>3rd 1941 SE 19th St. Paulette & George Dermont</p> <p>Multi-Family Apartments</p> <p>1st 4528 Poinciana La Florida Apts., Anderson</p> <p>2nd 4560 Poinciana</p> <p>3rd 226 Lake Court Compton & Von Behren</p> <p>Condos</p> <p>1st 5100 North Ocean Drive Sea Ranch A</p> <p>2nd Hibiscus Avenue Leisure-By-The-Sea</p> <p>3rd 1900 South Ocean Drive</p>		<p>Ocean Place</p> <p>Hotels/Motels</p> <p>1st 4424 El Mar Drive High Noon</p> <p>2nd 4408 El Mar Drive Sea Foam</p> <p>3rd 4220 El Mar Drive Costa Del Sol</p> <p>Restaurants</p> <p>1st Commercial & El Mar Village Grille</p> <p>2nd 1 Commercial Blvd. Aruba</p> <p>3rd 4400 Ocean Drive Athena</p> <p>Business</p> <p>1st 236 Commercial Jo-An's Papers</p> <p>2nd 223 Commercial By-The-Sea Realty</p> <p>3rd 217 Commercial Rossi Jewelers</p>
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THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE
COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENT THEIR

**TREASURES & BARGAINS
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

SATURDAY, FEB. 11TH
8 AM - 2 PM

CLOTHING, JEWELRY, TOYS, LINENS, FURNITURE,

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE CHURCH. FOR
MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 954-776-5530.

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to place the CIC's referendum on the November ballot and the Town's referendum question on the March ballot. The CIC wanted its referendum to be placed on the March 14th ballot, when the Town holds its municipal election. The Town Commission had previously expressed concern that too many ballot questions on the same ballot would lead to voter confusion.

At the Jan. 10 Commission meeting, however, the Commission and CIC reached a settlement that was later approved by **Broward Circuit Judge Barry Goldstein**.

Under the agreement approved by Judge Goldstein and agreed to by the Town and the CIC, the Town's November referendum—if approved by the voters this fall—would

CORRECTION

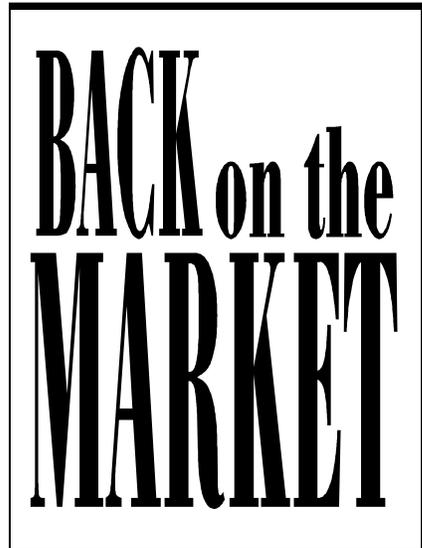
It was incorrectly reported in January's Town Topics that the CIC's proposed height restriction referendum would not allow a 15-story condominium to be rebuilt to 15 stories if it were destroyed by a hurricane.

— STEVE d'OLIVEIRA

supercede the CIC's referendum if voters approved both measures.

If the CIC's referendum fails in March, the Town Commission agreed to keep Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's building moratorium in effect until the November election, when voters decide the fate of the Town's height restriction referendum.

In exchange for placing the CIC's referendum on the March ballot by itself, the CIC agreed not to place a competing height referendum on the November ballot. □



BSO POLICE BLOTTER

12/01/05

A subject was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant at 263 Commercial Blvd.

12/03/05

A subject was arrested at 4336 Bougainvillea Drive for giving false information.

12/09/05

A subject was arrested for DUI at 2000 South Ocean Blvd.

12/13/05

A subject was arrested at 2121 East Commercial Blvd., during a hit and run investigation. A records check found an active capias for driving with a suspended license.

12/13/05

A subject was arrested at 4608 North Ocean Drive on an active warrant out of Broward County for failure to register a vehicle.

12/14/05

A subject was arrested at 4337 West Tradewinds Ave., reference an active capias for possession of cocaine.

12/16/05

A subject was arrested for DUI at 50 El Prado Ave.



12/17/05

A subject was arrested at 4433 Bougainvillea Drive on an active warrant out of Broward County and an additional one out of Brevard County for grand theft auto.

12/21/05

A subject was arrested for DUI at 1800 South Ocean Blvd.

12/22/05

A subject was arrested at 2000 South Ocean Blvd., on warrants for grand theft and driving with a permanently revoked license.

12/26/05

A juvenile driver was stopped at 4000 North Ocean Drive and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The juvenile's father responded to the location and drove the vehicle and his child home.

12/27/05

A subject was arrested at 1430 South Ocean Drive on a warrant reference operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

12/29/05

A subject was arrested at 4000 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

12/29/05

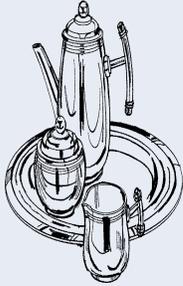
A subject was arrested at 2259 Commercial Blvd., for an expired tag. A records check showed an active capias for his arrest.

12/30/05

A subject was arrested at 1400 South Ocean Blvd., for driving under the influence.

THE LBTS WOMAN'S
CLUB PRESENTS ITS

SILVER TEA AND LUNCH



FEB. 4TH – 11 AM

JARVIS HALL

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
\$6 DONATION**

**TO RSVP, PLEASE
CALL 954-781-4311.**

Distraction thieves are targeting the elderly

The **Broward Sheriff's Office** wants residents to be aware that distraction thieves are targeting elderly residents in Broward County.

The suspects have been male, female, white, black and Hispanic. They travel in small groups and pose as home repairmen, pressure cleaners, painters and roof repairmen. Usually, one suspect will distract the person at home while the other one steals items of value.

BSO urges Town residents to take extra precautions to protect yourself and your property. Do not invite anyone you do not know into your home. If anyone comes to your home inquiring about work or suggests you need repairs to your property and wants to enter your home, please call BSO immediately. You can also call the Shift Commander's cell phone directly at 954-275-9939. □

THE KIWANIS CLUB
IS SPONSORING A

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

FEB. 18TH

8 AM – NOON

JARVIS HALL

A WHITE CHRISTMAS!



Marie White (*pictured with Santa*) would like to thank the following for their help in making her *Santa's Coming to Town* event a huge success: BSO Fire Battalion Chief Don King, Police Chief Scott Gooding and his BSO staff, Ian MacLean and the Volunteer Fire Department, The Village Grille, Aruba Beach Café, Athena-By-The-Sea, Lords Realty, Jan's Candies, By-The-Sea Times & Realtor, Kwic Pic and By-The-Sea Laundry, Lenore Nolan Ryan Catering School, Beach Apartments, the Pompano Pelican, Mayor Oliver Parker, the Town Commission, the Town Manager and Christmas-By-The-Sea.

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

TOWN HALL

954-776-0576

BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE / 954-776-3611

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

WEB SITE

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TOWN TOPICS

Town Topics is published 12 times per year and is available on the Town's Web site the first of the month. All articles or ads for the upcoming issue must be submitted by or prior to the seventh of each month. Ads must be dropped off at Town Hall and are only accepted from businesses with bonafide Lauderdale-By-The-Sea occupational licenses. All articles must be submitted on a computer disc in word format. Articles can also be submitted via e-mail to the Town's **Public Information Office** at lbtspio@yahoo.com. E-mail submissions are preferred.

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