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## Town News

### TRIM YOUR PALM TREES

The Town urges residential and business property owners to trim their palm trees and have the coconuts removed. During a hurricane, coconuts can become deadly missiles and damage not only your property, but also a neighbor's.

The Town contracted with National Tree Trimming of Coral Springs to remove coconuts from trees and cut loose palm fronds on Town property. The firm was in Town for three days in mid-June. If you would like a free estimate on what the firm would charge to trim your palm trees, call 954-345-1415.

### JULY 4TH PELICAN SERVICE

The Pelican Hopper Community Bus will operate from 11 AM to 10 PM on Monday, July 4th. The hopper will run north and south from Terra Mar Island to Palm Avenue, and east and west on Commercial Boulevard as needed.

### FREE HOLIDAY PARKING

The Town Commission said motorists can park for free in metered parking spaces townwide on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Drivers who park in illegal spaces will still be ticketed.

### COMMUNITY LISTINGS

The Community Organizations listings on Page 7 was held for space reasons and will return in the August issue.

## Florida Legislature approves \$600,000 grant for Town sewer installation project

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea was awarded a \$600,000 state grant by the Legislature to help fund the \$5 million Town project to install sanitary sewers in Terra Mar and Bel Air.

The Town is building sewers in those two neighborhoods so residents will no longer need to use septic tanks, which can leak and harm the environment.

**Mayor Oliver Parker, Vice Mayor Ed Kennedy, Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Clark and Commissioners David Wessels and John Yanni, the Town Administration,** and members of the **North Beach Civic Association** — as well as key **Terra Mar and Bel Air** neighborhood residents — all contacted **Gov. Jeb Bush's** office urging him to sign the bill that contained the sewer grant funds.

**State Rep. Elynn Bogdanoff** and **State Senator Jeffrey Atwater** were very helpful in moving the Town's grant request through the House and the Senate.

(See **GRANT** on Page 2)

## Take the proper steps to protect your property from flood hazards

In 1968 Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to provide affordable flood insurance to people who live in areas with the greatest risk of flooding, called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).

The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that agree to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. This is important since property owners who hold a federally backed mortgage must purchase flood insurance if the property is located within a SFHA.

The Community Rating System (CRS) is a program developed by the Federal Insurance Administration to provide incentives for NFIP communities that implement more stringent floodplain standards than the minimum NFIP requirements. The CRS rewards these efforts with discounts on flood insurance premiums. The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea currently holds a

(See **FLOOD** on Page 4)

### TOWN DIRECTORY



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### TOWN TOPICS

**Town Topics** is published at the beginning of each month. 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](mailto:lbtspio@yahoo.com).

### GRANT (continued from Page 1)

**Sandy Harris**, the Broward Legislative Delegation's executive director, kept the Town Manager informed while monitoring the progress of the bill.

**Kevin Hart** of **Craven Thompson**, the Town's engineering firm, assisted in preparing the technical information needed for the grant request.

That information was then passed along to **David Tolces**, an attorney with **Josias, Goren, Cherof, Doody & Ezrol, P.A.** Tolces then prepared the grant application and submitted it to Tallahassee.

**Broward County Commissioner Jim Scott**, a former long-time state senator who was elected president of the Senate in 1994, also assisted in helping lobby officials in Tallahassee to get the grant request approved.

"It was a team effort," Kennedy said. □

### PELICAN HOPPER HOURS

The **Pelican Hopper** Community Bus operates Monday through Friday (9 AM to 5:25 PM), Saturday (10 AM to 7:55 PM) and Sunday (8 AM – 6 PM).



Broward County Transit recently sent updated bus service route and timetable brochures to Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, which are available at the Chamber of Commerce. □

### Free movie night July 27th

The Community Church has scheduled its next monthly movie night in Friedt Hall for Wednesday, July 27th at 7:30 PM.

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

### MEETINGS GUIDE

#### Town Commission

#### NO AUGUST MEETINGS

The Town Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Pre-meeting agenda conferences start at 6 PM.

\*This is a Town Commission workshop session to discuss building height limits.

#### 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

JULY 20 - 6:30 PM

#### Parking Hearing

JULY 25 - 6 PM

#### Code Compliance

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

#### Master Plan Steering Committee

JULY 18 - 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](http://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.

## Next Property Owners' Association meeting set for July 27th

By **Cindy Geesey**  
Property Owners Association

Join your friends and neighbors on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:45 PM in Jarvis Hall for the next meeting of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Property Owners' Association. Property owners in all areas of Town are welcome. Dues are just \$10 per year.

Are you prepared to depend on Medicare? Do you need supplemental coverage? What is insurance for continuing long term care or disability? How do you protect your assets?

Whether you're a senior citizen or a younger person who may face decisions about your parents' care,

experts at this meeting will provide important answer on these questions.

There will also be a licensed massage therapist at the meeting to give complimentary chair massages!

Munchies will be served at 6:45 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM. For further information, please call 954-776-5974.

### May's meeting

It was a full house in Jarvis Hall for the Property Owners Association program on Hurricane Preparedness in May.

A folder full of maps and hurricane tips were given to each member family. Thanks go to

**Maureen Stanton** who provided the pictures of the hurricanes on our beach and to **Lindsay Braverman** who designed and underwrote the cost of the door tags announcing the meeting.

We appreciate **Chief Scott Gooding** of BSO District 13, **Chief Ian MacLean** of the Volunteer Fire Department, **Mark Kovach** of South Florida Windows & Doors, local resident **Craig Danto** of Florida Storm Protection Unlimited, and **Carlos Garro** of Radio Shack for presenting such helpful information.

Special thanks go to member **Dave Gadsby** of the Village Grille who provided delicious munchies! □

### 05/01/05

A subject was arrested at 5000 North Ocean Boulevard for no drivers license, no identification and no ties to the community.

### 05/02/05

A subject was arrested at 230 Marine Court for domestic battery. The subject also had a confirmed warrant for violation of probation.

### 05/05/05

- A subject was arrested at 100 SW 3rd Street (District 11/ Pompano Beach) for petty theft.
- A subject was arrested at 4116 North Ocean Drive for failing to purchase a meal that she had eaten at Denny's Restaurant. The subject has a criminal history for possession with intent to sell heroin and cocaine.

- A subject was arrested at 235 Codrington Drive for felony violation of probation capias.

### 05/08/05

A subject was arrested at 220 Commercial Boulevard for resisting arrest without violence.

## DISTRICT 13 BLOTTER

### 05/09/05

- A subject was arrested at 4404 El Mar Drive for obtaining food or lodging with intent to defraud after consuming food and drink while knowingly having no means to pay.

- A subject was arrested at 4500 North Ocean Drive for active warrant for failure to register vehicle.

### 05/11/05

A subject was arrested at 4336 North Ocean Drive for outstanding warrant for possession of alcohol in public.

### 05/12/05

A subject was arrested at 4343 North Ocean Drive reference being an habitual traffic violator.

### 05/14/05

A subject was arrested at 4900 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference parole violation and DUI.

### 05/15/05

A subject was arrested at 1 Commercial Boulevard for disorderly

intoxication and causing a disturbance.

### 05/16/05

- A subject was arrested at 4620 Poinciana Street for burglary and battery.

- A subject was arrested at 5000 Bayview Drive for confirmed active warrant from Osceola County Collections Court for Writ of Attachment.

### 05/24/05

A subject was arrested at 220 Pine Avenue for underage alcohol violation.

### 05/27/05

- A subject was arrested at the 200 block Commercial Boulevard for a petty larceny charge out of Hillsborough County.

- A subject was arrested at 4641 Bougainvillea Drive reference warrant for resisting arrest without violence.

### 05/29/05

A subject was arrested at 400 block of Seagrape Drive reference active warrants for violation of parole/worthless checks and failure to appear/possession of marijuana.

**FLOOD** (continued from Page 1)

Class 8 CRS rating. This classification equates to a 10 percent discount on new or renewing flood insurance policies for all SFHA properties and a 5 percent discount on policies for non-SFHA properties.

In Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, there are about 1,808 flood insurance policies in effect. Annually, the Town's CRS Class 8 rating generates \$40,000 in savings on flood premiums. Since flooding is the most common natural disaster, it is important that you obtain the maximum protection. You can purchase flood insurance irrespective of where you reside — in high, moderate, or low risk areas, and there is no exclusion as to what type of ownership you represent (i.e., homeowner, renter, or business owner). Since it has been determined that your property lies within a flood hazard area, the following information and tips may be of interest to you. Please refer to this fact sheet in the event of an impending hurricane, tropical storm, or notification of projected heavy rainfall. During extended periods of heavy rainfall, low lying areas within the Town are subject to flooding. This information is offered to help protect your property and reduce potential losses due to flooding.

**MAP DETERMINATIONS**

The Town provides Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area and if you are required by federal law to carry flood insurance. To determine if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Zone (AE or VE zones), call (954) 776-3611.

**FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM**

The Town and Broward County depend on the National Weather Service (NWS) for flood notification. The NWS will issue flood advisories at least six (6) hours prior to expected heavy rainfall that could cause the drainage systems to overflow and create inland ponding of flood waters and the isolation of

residential/business areas. Listen to the radio for up-to-date forecasts.

**FLOOD SAFETY**

If you are advised to evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. Avoid fast flowing water or unstable banks.

**FLOOD INSURANCE**

Most mortgage lenders require flood insurance based on the elevation of the property. In the event that your mortgage does not have this provision or if you own your property free and clear, you can purchase this insurance at any time. Remember: There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Homeowner's insurance and/or Windstorm insurance does not cover flood damage.

Because the Town is an NFIP community, flood insurance is available to protect all homes, condominiums, apartments and nonresidential buildings, including commercial structures within the Town. You are eligible for flood insurance, regardless of whether your property has never flooded...or has flooded several times in the past. All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, FNMA, etc.) must carry flood insurance.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

All buildings under construction require permits, which should be obtained prior to commencement of construction activities. Contact Planning and Zoning Services before you build, alter, regrade or place fill on your property. The office is located at 4509 Ocean Drive. If you see building or filling without a Town permit posted, call Planning & Zoning at (954) 776-3611.

**IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Town and the National Flood Insurance Program require that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value, the building must

meet the same construction requirements as a new building. This includes lowest floor elevations. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards.

**DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE**

Proper drainage helps reduce the risk of flooding. It is illegal for any direct or indirect entry of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter to enter the drainage system and waterways. The Town inspects the drainage system and removes blockages that are found or reported. If you live near areas where waters flow, you can help in this process by keeping the catch basins clear of debris. Reports of any violations should be made to the Municipal Services Department at (954) 776-5119.

**FLOOD HAZARD**

All of the property located east of the Coastal Construction Line and on or near the Intracoastal Waterway, or on or near connecting canals, are in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Your property may be elevated high enough that you have not experienced flooding. However, this may change in the future. Hurricane Andrew (1992), South Florida's most devastating storm, was not a wet hurricane as compared to Hurricane Irene (1999) and the "No Name" storm in October, 2000 both of which caused unprecedented residential property damage.

**ELEVATION CERTIFICATES**

Elevation Certificates for new construction and substantially improved properties are kept on file in the Town's Planning and Zoning Department and are available upon request by calling (954) 776-3611.

**SITE VISITS**

Upon request, a representative from Municipal Services will visit your property to review flooding problems and to explain possible ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage. Also, if you experienced flooding, drainage, sewer backup problems, or seen illegal dumping of debris into Town canals or storm drains, please call Municipal Services at (954) 776-5119. □

## Take the proper steps ahead of time to protect your pets

During a flood or hurricane, evacuation centers in Broward County will not accept pets. So make plans in advance to board your pets in an animal kennel or with friends.

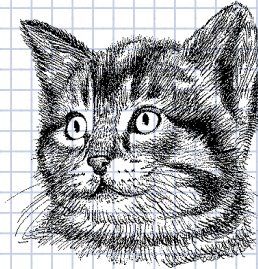
### Plan ahead

Talk to a friend or family member who lives in an area that is not expected to be affected by the hurricane. Ask if their home would be open to you and your pet should a storm threaten.

### Be responsible

Do not leave your pet home during a hurricane. A secure room and a few day's food and water do

### PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER



**For the first time, there will be a pet-friendly shelter in Broward County for residents with pets. For more information, please see the story on Page 8.** □

not necessarily mean safety for your pet. Many people returned home after **Hurricane Andrew** to find their pets missing.

Keep a current picture of your pet to help identify it.

### After the storm

Take caution in allowing your pets outdoors after the storm has passed. Familiar scents and landmarks will have been altered and your pet may become confused or lost. Downed power lines also present real dangers.

Take precautions not to allow your pet to consume food or water that has become contaminated. □

## Secure your boat

If you own a boat, it is your responsibility to secure it. As a boat owner, you should make a plan in advance to move your boat or arrange for its storage. Check with a local marina for suitable alternatives. If possible, store the boat inside a garage or warehouse. If you must leave your boat outside, attach the trailer tongue to something firm in the ground, let the air out of the tires and make sure the boat is secured to the trailer. If possible, fill the bilge with water, which adds extra weight. If you have to keep your boat in the canal, be sure to double the dock lines, leaving sufficient space for the tidal range and put out extra anchors. Don't forget to remove all marine electronics or other unsecured equipment. Sail boaters should remove self-furling sails and Bimini tops. Boats on davits should be secured with extra tie lines and in such a manner as to keep the boat from swinging during the storm's high winds. □

## Evacuation safety tips

When you are ordered to evacuate, try to move to the house of a friend or family member not affected by the impending high waters.

Rehearse your evacuation plan with all household members. Plan to leave early to avoid any traffic delays. If you will need assistance to evacuate, you must pre-register with a Broward County Special Needs Shelter at (954) 537-2888. TDD-Teletype device for the deaf: (954) 537-2882.

Discuss these tips with your neighbors. If you have to evacuate, inform each other of places where you will be staying and leave contact telephone numbers and addresses. Familiarize yourself with the locations of the designated American Red Cross Regional Hurricane Shelters. Twelve locations in Broward have been designated for 2005:

**Lyons Creek Middle School**, 4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek.

**Coral Glades High School**, 2700 Sportsplex Drive, Coral

Springs.

**Monarch High School**, 5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek.

**Park Lakes Elementary School**, 3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes.

**Rock Island Elementary / Arthur Ashe Middle School**, 1701 N.W. 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

**Plantation Elementary School**, 651 N.W. 42nd Ave., Plantation.

**Fox Trail Elementary**, 1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie.

**Watkins Elementary School**, 3520 SW 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park.

**Falcon Cove Middle School**, 4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston.

**Silver Trail Middle School**, 18300 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines.

**New Renaissance Middle School**, 10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar.

**Pompano Beach Institute of International Studies High School**, 1400 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach.

## Flood protection tips to protect your property

Here are several property protection measures you can take:

- Store materials like sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber to protect your house from flood waters to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Secure your home before leaving. Bring outdoor belongings such as garbage cans, garden equipment and furniture inside the house or tie them down securely. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors and lock doors and windows.
- Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters.
- Stack sandbags away from the house walls, to prevent flood waters from reaching your home.
- For information on retrofitting or flood proofing your structure to reduce the impact of flooding, call Municipal Services at (954) 776-5119.

The following outlines measures to minimize damage to a structure:

- If your lot is large enough, you should consider regrading it or building a small floodwall. You can also place watertight closures over the doorways. However, these approaches only protect if flooding is not too deep. You can also consider elevating your home.
- Flood-proofing, installing floodgates and making walls waterproof are among the common ways to structurally protect commercial property. Most times, residential structures are elevated higher than the anticipated floodwaters. For additional assistance on how to protect your property from flooding, you may contact Municipal Services at (954) 776-5119. Additional information on how to perform residential retrofitting or commercial flood proofing is also available at the Broward County Public Library, Imperial Point Branch, 5985 North



Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308.

But there are some things you can do.

Don't throw or dump anything into storm sewers or canals within the Town. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug canals and drains. A plugged canal or storm drain cannot carry water when it rains. Clogged storm drains will cause water to back up into the street and may cause flooding. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.

If your property is next to a canal, help keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Town has a canal maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees.

Did you know that floods are the most common natural disaster? Here are a few safety tips to consider, if ever you are faced with flooding. Do not walk through flowing water, nor drive through a flooded area. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole

or stick to ensure that the ground is still there. Also, do not disregard road barriers, as the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is the number two flood killer. Electrical currents can travel through water. To report downed power lines, call 911. The Police Department will report the downed power lines to Florida Power and Light.

Have your electricity turned off by FPL. Some appliances, such as television sets, hold electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Avoid using appliances or motors which have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

Be ready for the unexpected. Place important documents inside plastic bags or other waterproof containers. Review your insurance policies to ensure they provide adequate coverage. Know what type of coverage you have. Homeowner's insurance and/or Windstorm insurance does not cover flood damage to the structure. Any policy change usually takes 30 days before going into effect.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. If you use natural gas, use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.■

## **Pet-friendly shelter established in Broward**

If a hurricane emergency is declared in Broward County this year, residents in **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and elsewhere with pets will have the option of relocating to a pet-friendly shelter.

The shelter is located in Tamarac at **Millennium Middle School**, 5803 NW 94th Ave.

This pet-friendly shelter was established by the **Humane Society of Broward County** in cooperation with the Broward Chapter of the **American Red Cross** and the **Broward County School Board**. The project is fully supported by **Broward County's Emergency Management Agency**.



Because of space limitations, those Broward County pet owners who want to use

the shelter during declared emergencies must pre-register.

Owners will be required to show proof they reside in a designated Broward County evacuation zone and that their pets have up-to-date vaccinations and rabies shots.

Registrations began on June 8th at the **Humane Society**, 2070 Griffin Road, Fort Lauderdale (one block west of I-95).

For more information, please call 954-266-6871. You can also find out more about the shelter by visiting the following Web site: [www.humanebroward.com](http://www.humanebroward.com). □

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## **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**

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