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PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

The proposed \$31.6 billion in tax cuts under consideration by the Florida Legislature would require the Town to cut property taxes in the upcoming fiscal year to 2006-07 revenue levels. Local City and County governments would also be required to make additional cuts ranging between 3 and 9 percent. The final percentage would be determined by a formula that examines taxing performance over the past five years measured against a statewide average.

CHAMBER PHOTO CONTEST

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a photo contest to choose a picture for its 2008 Visitor's Guide. The deadline to submit photos is July 27. For more details, please contact the LBTSC Chamber at 954-776-1000.

HENLEY TRIP POSTPONED

Following a visit by a delegation from **Henley-on-Thames** (England) in February — the Town's Sister City — Henley-on-Thames officials invited Town officials to visit England. A trip was first planned for this summer, but it looks as though the trip will not occur until the fall. For more information, call Dr. Kenneth S. Most: 954-946-1783.

Town prepares to celebrate a patriotic Fourth of July!!!

Get ready for a great Fourth of July! The Town's festivities start at **10 AM** with a parade and ends with a great fireworks show around **8:30 PM**. The fireworks this year will be shot off **Anglin's Pier** at Commercial Boulevard and State Road A1A.

There will be games for children, a raffle, music and food. There is also bingo in **Jarvis Hall** from **1 to 4 PM**.

All outside activities are from **11 AM to 4 PM** next to **Town Hall**, where there will also be a tent set-up where residents can pick up hurricane-related information. The parade marshal is **Broward County District 4 Commissioner Ken Keechl**. Joining Town Commissioners in the parade will be **State Senator Jeff Atwater**, **State Rep. Ellyn Bogdanoff**, **Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne** and **Congressman Ron Klein**. □

National Flood Insurance Program helps protect homeowners with greatest risk

Congress created the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** in 1968 to provide affordable flood insurance to people living in areas with the greatest risk of flooding. These are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).

The NFIP makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce potential flood damage. This is important since property owners who hold a federally-backed mortgage must purchase flood insurance if their 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. **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** holds a **Class 8** CRS rating, which 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.

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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@bellsouth.net.

MONTHLY BULK PICK-UP DATES

Here are the **Town's** monthly **bulk pick-up dates** for the rest of the year. If you live **south of**



Commercial Boulevard, your bulk pick-up date is the **first Thursday** of the month.

If you live

north of Commercial Boulevard, your bulk pick-up date is the **first Friday** of the month.

Please note: On some months, such as June, the first Friday of the month falls on the calendar the week before the first Thursday.

SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

- 07/05/07
- 08/02/07
- 09/06/07
- 10/04/07
- 11/01/07
- 12/06/07

NORTH OF COMMERCIAL FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

- 07/06/07
- 08/03/07
- 09/07/07
- 10/05/07
- 11/02/07
- 12/07/07

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

JULY 10 - 7 PM
 JULY 24 - 7 PM

NO AUGUST MEETINGS

The Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Jarvis Hall. The meeting is open to the public. Meeting notices also posted on Channel 78.

Board of Adjustment

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

Planning & Zoning

JULY 18 - 6:30 PM

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

Parking Hearing

JULY 10 - 3 PM

Code Compliance

JULY 10 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month.

Master Plan Steering Committee

JULY 16 - 6:30 PM

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
- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78. 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.

Town residents asked to be patient during roadway construction project

Road construction started in mid-June on a \$3.2 million **City of Fort Lauderdale** project to replace old water pipes in Town. The project will stretch from Northeast 41st Street in Fort Lauderdale to just north of the **Village of Sea Ranch Lakes**.

The project began June 11th on Bougainville Drive. Bougainville will be dug up to replace water pipes from about 300 feet south of Commercial Boulevard down to State Road A1A. The project will continue south along A1A into Fort Lauderdale.

Once water lines are replaced on Bougainville south of Commercial, construction work will start on Bougainville north of Commercial. Pipes will be replaced all the way up to Pine Avenue. The project then cuts over to A1A. Water pipes on A1A will be upgraded from Pine north to just north of the Village of Sea Ranch Lakes.

Dan LaCross, project manager for **Ric-Man Construction**, a Deerfield Beach firm, said construction along A1A will be confined to July and August.

He expects the entire road construction project to be completed by Christmas. If it isn't, he said, Ric-Man will not be able to re-start

CONSTRUCTION CONTACT

If you need to communicate with Ric-Man Construction during the project, the phone number to call is 954-426-1221.

construction again until the end of March.

During construction in Town, residents will have limited parking access to their homes and apartments. LaCross said every effort is being

made to cooperate with residents and to restore limited access to their homes by the end of the day.

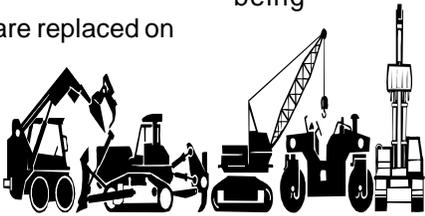
"Everybody seems to be pretty

reasonable," LaCross said. He asked residents and drivers to be patient with delays while the roadway project is underway.

Residents and drivers can expect traffic delays and lane closures.

Nani d'Ettorre, a project construction manager with **CH2M HILL**, said 6 and 8 inch water lines are being replaced with 12 inch water pipes.

Ric-Man Construction will deliver construction notification flyers to residents containing key information about the length and nature of the waterworks project. ▣



NEW TREES!

LOOKING GOOD: To spruce up downtown, the Town recently placed about a dozen Macarthur Palm Trees in front of businesses along the north side of Commercial Boulevard. The trees were placed there in response to a Citizen Contact Center request seeking added foliage along Commercial Boulevard, one of the Town's two main streets.

BACK on the MARKET

For Sale

- Heavy wood, free-standing cabinet (3'x3'x15"). Top flips open to become a bar. Storage beneath. \$75.
- Three thick-fabric velticle-hanging shoe storage. Name brand. Still in bags. \$10 each.
- Three mountain bikes. \$20 each.
- Oak coffee table, 42" x 21" x 17" - \$20
- Cream-colored wooden and glass end table. \$10.

Call 954-771-0821.

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. ▣ ▣

FLOOD (continued from Page 1)

In Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, about 1,800 flood insurance policies are in effect. The Town's CRS Class 8 rating annually generates \$40,000 in savings on flood premiums. Since flooding is the most common natural disaster, it is important you obtain the maximum protection.

You can purchase flood insurance whether you reside in high, moderate or low risk areas. There is no exclusion as to what type of ownership you represent (i.e., homeowner, renter or business owner).

If it has been determined your property lies within a flood hazard area, the following information may be of interest to you. Please refer to this information in the event of an impending hurricane, tropical storm or warning of projected heavy rainfall. During extended heavy rainfall, low lying areas in Town may flood. This info will help you protect property and reduce potential flooding losses.

MAP DETERMINATIONS

The Town provides Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area and are required by federal law to carry flood insurance. To see 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** for flood notification. Flood advisories are issued at least six hours prior to expected heavy rainfall that could cause drainage systems to overflow and create inland ponding of flood waters and the isolation of residential/business areas. Listen to the radio for updates.

FLOOD SAFETY

When ordered 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 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.

Take the proper steps to protect your home from severe flooding.

Because the Town is an NFIP community, flood insurance is available to protect all homes, condominiums, apartments and nonresidential buildings, including commercial structures.

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 the start of construction. Contact Planning and Zoning Services before you build, alter, regrade or place fill on your property. The office is 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 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 high enough so that you do not experience flooding. However, this may change. **Hurricane Andrew** (1992) — South Florida's most devastating storm — was not as wet compared to **Hurricane Irene** (1999) and the "No Name" storm of October 2000, both of which caused unprecedented residential property damage.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

Elevation Certificates for new construction and substantially improved properties are kept at **Planning & Zoning** and are available by calling 954-776-3611.

SITE VISITS

A Municipal Services rep will visit to review flooding problems and explain ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage. Also, if you experienced flooding, drainage, sewer backup problems — or witness illegal dumping in canals or storm drains — call the Town at 954-776-5119. □

Plan ahead to protect your pets in a hurricane

During a flood or hurricane, evacuation centers in Broward County will not accept pets; so it's important to make plans in advance to keep 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 at home during a hurricane. A secure room and a few day's worth of food and

PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER

The only pet-friendly hurricane shelter in Broward County is located in Tamarac at **Millennium Middle School**, 5803 NW 94th Ave.

However, you must first register your pet ahead of time with the

Humane Society of Broward County.



For detailed information on the requirements needed to register your pet, please call 954-989-3977 and press 6. You can also visit the Humane Society's Web site at www.humanebroward.com.

water do 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 be altered and your pet may become confused or lost. Downed power lines also present real dangers to animals as well.

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

BROWARD COUNTY SHELTERS

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

Go over evacuation plans 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 plans with your neighbors. If you have to evacuate, inform each other of places where you will be staying and leave contact phone numbers and addresses. Know the locations of local **American Red Cross Regional Hurricane Shelters**. There are 12 Broward schools designated as official shelters:

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, 1701 NW 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

Plantation Elementary, 651 NW 42nd Ave.,

Plantation.

Fox Trail Elementary, 1250 Nob Hill Road, Davie.

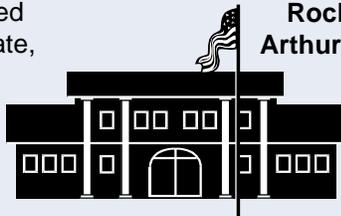
Watkins Elementary, 3520 SW 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park.

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

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

New Renaissance Middle, 10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar.

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



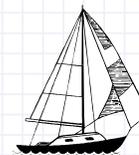
SECURE YOUR BOAT

If you own a boat, it is your responsibility to secure it. As a boat owner, you should make plans in advance to move your boat or arrange for its storage. Check with local marinas 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 some-

thing firm in the ground, let the air out of the tires and ensure the boat is secured to the trailer.

If possible, fill the bilge with water, which adds extra weight. If you must keep your boat in the canal, be sure to double the dock lines, leaving sufficient space for the tidal range. Also put out extra anchors. Don't forget to remove all marine electronics or other unsecured equipment. 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. □



Flood protection tips to protect your property

Before you evacuate your home after a **Hurricane Warning** is issued, here are several property protection measures you can take:

- Keep materials (sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber) on 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 info 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, 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 N.



Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

But there are some things you can do.

Don't throw or dump anything into storm sewers or canals. 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. 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's canal maintenance program removes 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 you ever experience flooding.

— Do not walk through flowing water or 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 make sure the ground is still there. Also, do not disregard road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is the No. 2 flood killer. Electrical currents can travel through water. To report downed power lines, call 911. The **Broward Sheriff's Office** will report downed power lines to **Florida Power & Light**.

Have your electricity turned off by FPL. Some appliances, such as TV sets, hold electrical charges even after they are unplugged. Avoid using appliances or motors which are 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. Any policy change usually takes 30 days before going into effect.

Look out for animals and snakes. Small animals flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in your's. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over to scare away small critters.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs 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 is turned off and the area is ventilated. □

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



SIGN OF THE TIMES: The Town in June installed eight Pet Clean-Up stations along El Mar Drive between Palm and Pine avenues. The clean-up stations, which help maintain the pedestrian-friendly atmosphere along El Mar Drive, were suggested by the Town Commission, since many residents in Town walk their dogs along the road. The Town's long-term plan for El Mar Drive is to make the street more welcoming for pedestrians.

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