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Town News

STARTING A BUSINESS

If you've ever thought about starting a business in Town, a new Town flier outlining Town rules and regulations is now available. To see the new flier, please turn to Pages 10 and 11.

FREE HEALTH CARE CARD

Broward County has a new discount prescription drug card plan to help you save money on prescriptions. Residents who use the card at participating pharmacies can save an average of 20 percent off commonly prescribed medications.

The card is free, but it cannot be used in conjunction with other insurance. However, residents will be able to use the card to purchase prescriptions that are not covered by these plans, including prescription medicines for pets.

The card can be used by any resident, regardless of age, income level or existing health coverage.

Cards are available at all Broward County library locations, County parks, Family Success Centers, the downtown Fort Lauderdale Broward County Transit bus terminal and the Consumer Affairs Division.

For info, please call 954-831-4000. You can also go to this Web site: www.broward.org.

Town residents must leave if Hurricane Warning is issued

Hurricane Season (**June 1 – Nov. 30**) is here again, which means Town residents must be ready to evacuate if a Hurricane Warning is issued for Broward County.

"The start of hurricane season is a good time to make plans to stay with friends or relatives," **Broward Sheriff's Office Chief Scott Gooding** said.

Because the Town is on a barrier island, all residents will be ordered to evacuate east of U.S. 1 once a warning is posted. If residents ignore the order, they do so at their own peril, because there will be no police, paramedics or firefighters in Town to respond to an emergency. Gooding said all police cars, fire trucks and rescue vehicles are moved out of Town before a hurricane strikes. "It's going to be very unsafe to be in Town," Gooding said. "If you get in trouble and need help, we won't be able to respond." □

HURRICANE SAFETY

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Town finalizing plans for annual Fourth of July event and fireworks

The **Town** is making final preparations for its annual **Fourth of July** parade and fireworks. The one-day event starts at **10 AM** on July 4th with a parade and ends with a spectacular fireworks display off the beach starting around **8:30 PM**.

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

place from **11 AM to 4 PM** adjacent to **Town Hall**, 4501 Ocean Drive.

The Town also plans to set up a tent where residents can pick up fliers, brochures and other hurricane-related information.



JULY FOURTH FLIER

- For more July 4th info, please turn to Pages **6 & 7**.

The parade marshal this year is **Broward County District 4 Commissioner Ken Keechl**. **State Senator Jeff Atwater**, **State Rep. Eilyn Bogdanoff** and **Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne** will also be riding in the parade this year along with **Town Commissioners**. □

TOWN DIRECTORY



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 Municipal Services Director
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 Development Services Director
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Chief Scott Gooding
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Chief Richard Sievers
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Rev. John Handrahan
 Public Information Officer
Steve d'Oliveira

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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.

Town hires zoning and code supervisor

The **Town** has hired **Tatiana Solovieva** as its new **Zoning and Code Compliance Supervisor**.

She began working here April 15. Between October 2004 and April 2006, Solovieva was employed **North Lauderdale** as a Community Development Manager. Between February 2000 and October 2004, she worked for **Margate** as an Associate Planner for the **Department of Environmental and Engineering Services**, where she was completely involved in the City's planning process.

Originally a Russian Citizen, she received her Master's degree in engineering management with a specialization in land use management from Moscow's **Institute of Land Utilization Engineering** in 1984. Solovieva moved to the United States in 1997 and became a U.S. Citizen in 2002.

She has completed Master's degree level courses in Urban Planning, Statistics, Planning Information System and Organization Issues in GIS, Budgeting and Communication for Public Managers. She also completed English classes as a non-degree student at the University of Hawaii and Florida Atlantic University. □

Lawn watering cut to one day a week

The **South Florida Water Management District** tightened water restrictions in May. Lawn watering for residents with even-numbered addresses is limited to Sunday from 4 AM to 8 AM. For odd-numbered addresses, lawn watering is limited to Saturday from 4 AM to 8 AM. For more info on restrictions, visit the water district's Website: www.sfwmd.gov. □

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

JUNE 12 - 7 PM
 JUNE 26 - 7 PM

JULY 10 - 7 PM
 JULY 24 - 7 PM

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

JUNE 20 - 6:30 PM

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

Parking Hearing

JUNE 12 - 3 PM

Code Compliance

JUNE 12 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month.

Master Plan Steering Committee

JUNE 18 - 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.

GREEN MARKET



JUST BROWSING: The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of its "Green Market" on May. 5th. Town residents dropped by to purchase a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. The Green Market will be open again on **June 2** and **June 16** from **8 AM** to **1 PM**. The Green Market is located on the south side of Commercial Boulevard between Interior Digs and Concord Realty. Parking at the Green Market is free! For more info, call the Chamber at 954-776-1000.

Garden Club announces new officers



The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** announced its new officers for the 2007-08 club year: President **Katherine Cashman**; 1st Vice President **Nancy Leslie/Barbara McGinnis**; 2nd Vice President **Sue Saunders**; Recording Secretary **Chris Villata**; Corresponding Secretary **Marilyn Carr**; and Treasurer **Bonnie Clark**.

Garden Club meetings will begin again at **9:30 AM** on **Sept. 10** in **Jarvis Hall**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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 Steering Committee and Walk Around Committee. □ □

Broward offers free yardwaste disposal

In preparation for hurricane season, **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** residents may dispose of residential yard waste at no charge at Broward County's Pompano Beach Trash Transfer Station every **Saturday in June** from **8 AM** to **3 PM**. Proof of Broward County residency is required. Accepted materials include residential tree trimmings and yard waste. Yard waste may be taken to the Trash Transfer Station at **2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach**. For more info, please call **954-765-4999**. □

Sister City plans visit to England this summer

Following a visit by a delegation from **Henley-on-Thames** (England) in February — the Town's next Sister City — Henley-on-Thames officials invited Town officials to visit England this summer.

Town residents who may wish to take advantage of this unique travel opportunity to England should contact the chairman of Town's Sister Cities Association, **Dr. Kenneth S. Most**. He can be reached at **954-946-1783**.

Chamber sponsors seminar on June 20

The **Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring a seminar — *Dick Clark's Principles of Strategic Networking* — on **June 20** from **5:30** to **7:30 PM** at **Damon's Grill**, 4658 N. Ocean Drive.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. For more information, call the Chamber at **954-776-1000**. □

STAFF & VOLUNTEER 'THANK YOU' LUNCHEON

The Town Commission in April held a thank you luncheon for Town employees and residents who volunteer to serve on Town Boards. Family members were also welcome.



THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS!



Mayor Oliver Parker



Vice Mayor John Gianni



Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Clark lends a hand in the kitchen.



Commissioners Jerry McIntee and Jim Silverstone work the barbecue.

Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea 4th of July Celebration

Celebrate 4th of July with us!

Join us for this year's July 4th Town Celebration
Admission is FREE
 for all events, along with
**FREE Town-wide parking from
 9 AM til 11 PM!**

PARADE, July 4th starting at 10 AM

10 AM Annual 4th of July Parade

Show your **support** and join us in our **Annual Town Parade!**
 If you have an antique or classic car, or local organization and would like to participate in the parade, contact **Ian MacLean**, our Official Parade Organizer at **954-772-8978**

TOWN CELEBRATION 11 AM - 4 PM

11 AM - 4 PM Town Hall Celebration

Food & refreshments available at nominal cost. Starting at 11AM, music and dancing with "Miguel & Company" featuring "Pepe Longo" along with "Hurricane Dave and The Tropical Wave". They will alternate playing until close. There will be bounce houses, rock walls, children's games and more... fun for everyone in the family.

LBTS KIWANIS BINGO 1 - 4 PM



50/50 BINGO Stop by and play 50/50 BINGO play one game or as long as you like. Winner receives 50% of collection per game.

FIREWORKS! 8:30 PM

Come to the beach and enjoy the show!

Raffle

... 4th of July Fund-Raiser

Send in your donation to help make this fireworks display more spectacular than ever... and chances to win these great prizes.

3 PM Drawing

WIN!! Prizes donated by our sponsors & local merchants!

- Gift Certificates
- Lunch & Dinners
- Hotel & Motel stays
- Theater tickets | Merchandise
- Marie White's Handmade "Patriotic Afghan"
- and much, much MORE!!

If you'd like to donate something for our raffle, please contact Sunny (954) 772-6831

Parade Highlights

- GRAND MARSHAL
Ken Keechl
County Commissioner, District 4
- Senator Jeff Atwater
- State Representative Elynn Bogdanoff
- Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne
- Our Mayor & Commissioners

Live Music, Local Organizations
 Antique & Classic Cars
 just to name a few...

DECORATE AND WIN!!!
Best of Parade 1st, 2nd & 3rd PLACE!!

4th of July Raffle 2007

Tickets are a donation of only ...
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
 Drawing 3:00 PM July 4th

Make Checks payable to:
Town of LBTS
 4501 Ocean Drive
 LBTS, FL 33308

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
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You need not be present to win. Turn in Ticket with donation.

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Tickets available at Town Hall & Chamber of Commerce

Residents must heed orders to evacuate

If you reside in **Town**, you probably know you live on a barrier island, which protects Florida's coast from storm surge. What you may not know is that a barrier island experiencing a direct hit from a powerful hurricane will sustain extensive property damage.

Because the entire Town is between the ocean and the **Intracoastal Waterway**, residents must evacuate if a **Hurricane Warning** is posted for **Broward County**.

"If you ignore the order to evacuate, please do your family and friends a favor and use a waterproof marker to write your name and date of birth on your arm," **Broward Sheriff's Office Chief Scott Gooding** said. "That way we can later properly identify your body."

When **Hurricane Wilma** approached from the west coast of Florida in 2005 — where there was a much lower chance of storm surge — Broward did not issue a mandatory evacuation order. That decision is now seen by some as a mistake.

District Chief Richard Sievers, an Assistant Fire Chief with **BSO Fire Rescue**, said it's important for everyone in Town to evacuate when a Hurricane Warning is posted.

"When an evacuation order is issued by the Broward County **Emergency Operations Center**, people need to heed that warning," he said. "Everybody needs to leave. It's dangerous for everybody."

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

Residents with boats needing the bridge to be raised will have a short, 3-hour window to transport their vessels. The bridge will open to

vessels during that period on an "as-needed basis." After that, the bridge will be locked in the down position, which will allow cars and other vehicle traffic to move back and forth.

"The bridge will not be closed to cars," Gooding said.

Town residents should watch

**All residents
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Hurricane Warning
is posted for
Broward County!**

Government Access Channel 78 for the latest Town news from Broward County, the **National Hurricane Center** and BSO about an approaching hurricane and what steps to take.

Before the storm even hits, Gooding said, all residents should have firm plans about what to do with their pets and where they are going to stay during a hurricane. All Town residents should evacuate to areas west of Federal Highway.

Residents should make plans now to stay with family or friends. If that's not possible, only then should they make plans to stay in a hurricane shelter.

If the Town sustains major damage, it will be up to 72 hours or longer before residents are allowed to return to their homes. Town residents are expected to be prepared and capable of taking care of their own needs for at least 72 hours.

Sievers said access to the beach will be not only be closed in Town, but in Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach. Residents will not be allowed to re-enter the Town if streets are blocked by downed trees and power lines.

"We don't want people driving the streets if wires and trees are down," Gooding said.

Residents will only be allowed to return if the Town is safe. They must also be able to show police valid identification proving they either live or work in Town.

Town officials said once residents are allowed to return to their homes, they need to be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three full days (72 hours), the time it takes to clear most roads and remove downed lines. That's also when most stores are starting to re-open and gasoline becomes more available.

The Town has a generator for Jarvis Hall, which will be converted into a **Hurricane Emergency Center** for police, fire, rescue and key Town personnel before and after the storm. Town Hall also has a generator, which will allow Town employees to do their best to meet residents' emergency needs.

The Town learned some valuable lessons from Hurricane Wilma. To improve communication, it purchased portable radios and five satellite phones for key personnel. It also bought different cell phones, in case some cell services are knocked out. During Wilma, some cell phone services did not work.

For safety reasons, all non-essential Town employees will be sent home as soon as a Hurricane Warning is posted for our area.

Because the Town has no schools or hospitals, it is not on **Florida Power & Light's** priority list to restore power. Residents should expect to be without power for several days. □

Get ready for upcoming hurricane season

Hurricanes are a normal phenomenon in Florida. Each year, particularly between **June 1st** and **Nov. 30th**, all Town residents and visitors must be prepared for the effects of a hurricane or severe weather.

The information on this page will define typical hurricane terms and explain how to protect yourself, your family and your home. It will also offer suggestions on where to evacuate, since all Town residents **MUST LEAVE** once a **Hurricane Warning** is posted for Broward!

Understand the Hazards

Wind: A hurricane is a tropical storm with constant winds greater than 74 miles per hour. These winds can extend inland for hundreds of miles. Hurricanes can spawn tornadoes which add to its potential destruction.

Rain: Because of the tropical nature of a hurricane, they contain rain. Sometimes the torrential rain will cause floods and flash flooding.

Storm Surge: This is the most dangerous element of a hurricane. Storm surge is a dome of ocean

water that can be 20 feet high at its peak and 50 to 100 miles wide. Nine out of 10 hurricane fatalities are attributable to storm surge.

Watches & Warnings

Hurricane Watch: The **National Weather Service** issues this advisory when there is a threat of hurricane conditions in 24 to 36 hours.

Hurricane Warning: This advisory is issued when a hurricane is expected in 24 hours or less. □

KEY WEB SITES

Broward Emergency Management Agency

www.broward.org/disaster

Fla. Emergency Management

www.floridadisaster.org

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov

Broward County Chapter of the American Red Cross

www.arcbcc.org

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency BSO

954-765-4321

BSO Business Office

954-491-3920

Shift Commander Cell

954-275-9939

BSO Fire & Rescue

Business Office

954-831-8200

Town Hall

954-776-0576

Broward County

Hurricane Hotline

954-831-4000

TTY

954-831-3940

Broward Emergency

Management Agency

954-831-3900

American Red Cross

954-763-9900

Salvation Army

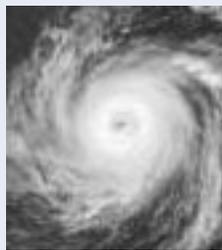
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AFTER RETURNING, YOU MUST BE SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR 72 HOURS

Before or at the very start of any hurricane season, all **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** residents should:

- Develop a family plan (include your pets) for hurricane survival. Because the entire **Town** is on a **BARRIER ISLAND**, all Town residents **MUST EVACUATE** when a hurricane threatens Broward County! Residents also need to be self-sufficient for **72 HOURS AFTER** they return to their homes.
- Obtain the necessary materials to protect your windows and doors. Do not forget the garage door.
- Check your roof and the structure of your house. Make all necessary repairs beforehand.

- Trim trees and branches, remove coconuts and other yard debris (watch out for power lines). The Town has an ordinance requiring all residents to remove coconuts from their palm trees! Do not wait for a hurricane



warning!

- Check fire extinguishers.
- Identify a friend or family member (outside the area) to keep track on how you are doing. Instruct other people in your family to get information on how you are doing from them.

Decide Now Where You And Your Family Will Go When The Next Hurricane Threatens

- Decide on a specific place, such as the protected house of a friend outside the evacuation zone, a secure motel or hotel or — as a last resort — a public shelter.
- Do not stay in any structure without good shutters or properly-designed and installed hurricane protection.
- Do not plan on evacuating by driving **Florida's Turnpike** or **I-95**. Those highways will be jammed.
- Do not count on going to the airport and flying out.
- Plan to stay in South Florida. □

STARTING A BUSINESS IN LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA



If you plan to start a business in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** — or conduct business within the Town's municipal limits — you must first obtain a **Business Tax License**. You can do so by completing a Business Tax License Application & submitting it to the **Development Services Department**, which is in the **Town Hall Annex** trailer just north of **Jarvis Hall**, 4505 Ocean Drive.

Florida and **Town** business regulation requirements state that no person shall engage in, manage, or be in charge of any business, profession, or occupation until a Town Business Tax License has been obtained for the current year. Note: All rental property owners and owners renting docks must also obtain a Business Tax License.

Before submitting an application, the following steps should be followed to determine whether a proposed business can be started in the Town:

— Contact the Development Services Department's Zoning Division at 954-776-3611 to determine the following:

□ The zoning district of the area where you plan to start your business. For that zoning district, does the Code allow your business use at your planned location?

□ If the business use is allowed in the zoning district, determine whether there is adequate parking on-site to accommodate your proposed business use.

□ If the zoning district allows the use and there is adequate parking to accommodate the business, you can then apply for a Business Tax License.

Business Tax License Information

— The application must be completed by the individual or one of the partners of the corporation.

— Business Tax Licenses may be obtained throughout the year.

— Business Tax Licenses must be renewed each year prior to Oct. 1st.

— Business Tax License renewals are mailed prior to August of each year and repayable by mail.

— All Business Tax Licenses must have a permanent address. Please note: Post Office box addresses will not be accepted.

Obtaining your Business Tax License

— Application can be picked up at the Development Services Department. The form is also available on the Town's Web site: www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov.

— All completed applications must be on the original form and be notarized. Applications will then be reviewed by the Zoning and Code Compliance Division for approval.

— Once your license is approved, payment must be submitted and an inspection time and date will be scheduled. An inspection of all new businesses must be conducted. Your license will be mailed to you within one week after the successful completion of the inspection.

Not Enough Parking

— If there is not enough adequate parking to accommodate your proposed business, you must meet with the Zoning Division to discuss alternatives to obtain parking.

Use Not Allowed

— If the business use is not allowed in the zoning district, the owner should contact the Town's Zoning Division to discuss the available options.

Building Permits

□ If you intend to alter, remodel, relocate or install any structural, electrical, plumbing or mechanical portions of the building, you will need to obtain Building Permits from the Building Division of the Development Services Department. Businesses involving any exterior building changes or sign changes should secure Development Services Department approval prior to lease execution or purchase. Contact the Development Services Department at 954-776-3611 to discuss any proposed changes.

□ If your business uses or stores hazardous materials (including paints, thinners, solvents, acids, compressed gases, etc.), you may be required to obtain a Hazardous Materials Permit. Contact the Broward County Fire Inspector at 954-605-8230 for more information.

Other Resources

It may also be necessary for you to obtain other information or approvals prior to having your Business Tax License filed. Below is a partial list of agencies you may need to contact.

Broward County Business Tax License: 954-765-4697

Hotel/Restaurant (State License): 954- 467-4448

Florida Division of Corporations: 850-488-6058

Fictitious Name Registration: 850-487-6058

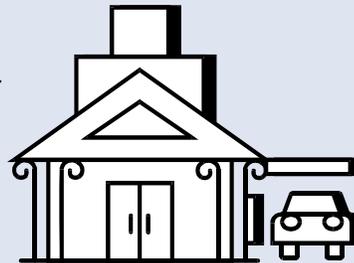
Department of Business & Professional Regulation: 954-917-1330

Home-Based Businesses

Businesses operated in residential homes must comply with **Home Occupation Regulations** in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's Code**.

The following requirements apply:

- Home offices must be secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes.
- Only the owner or occupant may operate a home office.
- There shall be no display of goods or machinery.
- No traffic shall be generated in greater volume than normally expected in a residential neighborhood.
- All pick-ups and deliveries to the home office shall be done from vehicle that can park in the driveway and shall be limited to no more than three per day.
- A home office may not exceed 20 percent of the living area of the dwelling.



OCEAN RESCUE TRAINING



ON THE BEACH: The Broward Sheriff's Office conducted an ocean rescue training exercise on the Town's beach in May. BSO firefighters in Town are the first responders to rescue swimmers in distress. BSO said many of the firefighters stationed in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea are former lifeguards or experienced swimmers.

KEY PHONE NUMBERS

MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

H: 954-772-6468 / C: 954-599-6468

VICE MAYOR JOHN YANNI

H: 954-491-9737 / C: 954-605-6274

MAYOR PRO TEM CHUCK CLARK

H: 954-786-5244 / C: 954-610-7436

COMMISSIONER JERRY McINTEE

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

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

954-776-5119

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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