

# Town Topics



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## Town News

### HURRICANE SAFETY VIDEO

To keep residents up to date on hurricane preparedness, the Town plans to broadcast a hurricane safety video produced by FP&L. The video will be repeatedly aired on Channel 78 and the Town's Web site during hurricane season. Check Channel 78 for air dates.

### HURRICANE SAFETY INFO

Turn to Pages 8, 9, 10 & 11 in Town Topics for important safety tips and advice on how to protect your home and property during a hurricane. Remember: Most storm-related property damage is caused by severe flooding.

### DONATE BLOOD JULY 24

The Community Blood Center of South Florida's Bloodmobile will be in front of Town Hall on Thursday, July 24 from 9 AM to 1 PM, the same day the Town holds an employee benefits seminar for workers in Jarvis Hall. Residents are also asked to donate blood.

### RIDE THE SHUTTLE & SAVE

For a limited time, you can ride the Pelican Hopper in Town and save money. When you ride on the shuttle, you will receive a token from the Athena-By-The-Sea Restaurant good for \$2 off breakfast, \$3 off lunch and \$5 off dinner (one token per table). And remember: Riding the Pelican Hopper in Town is absolutely free!



## Get ready for the Fourth of July Beach Blast and Fireworks Show!

**G**et ready for a Fantastic **Fourth of July** right here in **Town!**

The Town has planned a fun-filled day of activities on the **Fourth of July**, which is on a Friday this year.

The **Beach Blast Celebration** starts at

**10 AM** with the Town's annual

**July 4th Parade** and ends at **8:30 PM** with a great fireworks show shot off **Anglin's Pier** at Commercial Boulevard.

There will also be plenty of games and rides for kids, an amusement park, a giant pirate ship

bounce climb slide, tons of great food, drinks and a classic car show!

Except for the parade and fireworks show, all activities take place from **11 AM to 3 PM** at the new **El Prado** beachfront park (on El Mar Drive across from **Town Hall**).

There is **free** Town-wide parking on July Fourth in Town in any legal parking space — as well along the inside lane of **El Mar Drive**.

## Volunteer Fire Department preparing to take over fire suppression Oct. 1st

**T**he **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Department** is preparing to take over fire suppression in Town on Oct. 1 as the **Town** moves toward replacing **Broward Sheriff's Office Fire Rescue** with a volunteer firefighting force.

"It's going better than we expected," **Volunteer Fire Chief Robert Perkins** said

The **Town Commission** in June is expected to approve a 5-year contract with the VFD for \$840,000 per year, a substantial savings over the \$3.5 million it costs to contract with the Broward Sheriff's Office.

The Commission earlier this year approved a contract with **American Medical Response** to provide emergency paramedic services to Town residents starting on Oct. 1.

Perkins said the volunteers have 82 members, including 51 with **Firefighter II Certification**; another 15 have **Firefighter I Certification**.

(See **FIRE** on Page 4)

### JULY FOURTH FLIER

For more July 4th info, turn to Pages 6, 7 and 14.

### TOWN DIRECTORY



Mayor  
**Roseann Minnet**  
 Vice Mayor  
**Jerry McIntee**  
 Commissioners  
**Birute Ann Clottey**  
**Stuart Dodd**  
**Jim Silverstone**

Town Manager  
**Esther Colon**  
 Assistant to the Town Manager  
**John Olinzock**  
 Town Attorney  
**Daniel Abbott**  
 Town Clerk  
**June White**  
 Finance Director  
**Kaola King**  
 Acting Municipal Services Director  
**Don Prince**  
 Development Services Director  
**Frank Rabinowitz**  
 Broward Sheriff's Office  
**Chief Scott Gooding**  
 BSO Fire Rescue  
**Chief Richard Sievers**  
 Public Information Officer  
**Steve d'Oliveira**

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**  
 4501 Ocean Drive  
 LBTS, FL 33308  
 Tel: 954-776-0576

### TOWN TOPICS

**Town Topics** is published bi-monthly 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](mailto:lbtspio@bellsouth.net).

### CODE COMPLIANCE

#### HEDGES / ROOF TILES

Here are two tips for homeowners from the **Town's Code Compliance Department**:



—During **Hurricane Season** (June 1 - Nov. 30), tiles **cannot be loaded on a roof earlier than 10**

**working days** prior to installation. This is an important safety issue, since tiles can become dangerous projectiles during a hurricane.

—Hedges on residential property are now allowed to grow to 12 feet in height, except on corner lots. No hedges on corner lots shall be planted or maintained to a height exceeding 30 inches within 25 feet of the intersection of the front and side street property lines. □

### BULK PICK-UP DATES

#### SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL

- 06/05/08
- 07/03/08
- 08/07/06
- 09/04/08
- 10/02/08
- 11/06/08
- 12/04/08

#### NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

- 06/06/08
- 07/04/08
- 08/08/08
- 09/05/08
- 10/03/08
- 11/07/08
- 12/05/08

### MEETINGS GUIDE

#### Town Commission

- \*JUNE 11 - 7 PM
- JUNE 24 - 7 PM
- \*\*JULY 8 - 7 PM
- \*\*\*JULY 22 - 7 PM

\*Please note: This is a Wednesday. There is a budget workshop at 5 PM.

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\*\*\*There is a special hearing at 6 PM.

#### Board of Adjustment

- JUNE 18 - 11 AM
- JULY 16 - 11 AM

Meets as needed third Wednesday of the month.

#### Code Compliance

- JUNE 18 - 1:30 PM
- JULY 16 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed third Wednesday of the month.

#### Parking Hearing

- JUNE 18 - 3 PM
- JULY 16 - 3 PM

Meets as needed third Wednesday of the month.

#### Planning & Zoning

- NO JUNE MEETING
- JULY 16 - 6:30 PM

Meets as needed third Wednesday of the month.

#### Master Plan Steering Committee

- JUNE 16 - 6:30 PM
- JULY 21 - 6:30 PM

Meets as needed third Monday of the month.

TOWN MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

### PUBLIC ACCESS

- The Town Commission agenda and backup materials can be reviewed in Town Hall from 9AM - 4:30 PM. The agenda is posted on our Web site the Friday before the upcoming meeting: [www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov](http://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)
- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78 and on the Town's Web site. Meetings are re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and Monday, as well as at 6 PM Thursday and 2 AM Saturday. A video archive of Commission meetings is also available on the Town's Web site.
- The Town provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance, persons with disabilities should contact the Town Clerk at 954-776-0576 for further assistance in accessing Town information important to you.

## Help A Neighbor!

The **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** and the **Broward Sheriff's Office** — the Town's Police Department — is seeking the help of its citizens to identify residents with special needs who may need routine assistance or when a hurricane threatens to strike.

**Chief Scott Gooding** said a special needs resident could include a senior or other resident with no immediate family in the area who:

- Has trouble walking or uses a wheelchair.
- Needs a minor home repair they cannot complete themselves
- Needs transportation to a doctor.
- Housekeeping or personal care assistance.
- Legal aid or other assistance.

There are a number of area programs, such as BSO's **Elder Link**, which are designed to help local residents with transportation, social and other needs.

If a hurricane threatens South Florida, all residents in Town will be advised to evacuate. Residents with special needs face even greater risks.

Since it is unlikely a resident who needs assistance will contact the police, Gooding asks any resident who may know of someone to contact his office. The number to call is **954-491-3920**. You can also contact **Sgt. Thomas Palmer** at the following e-mail address:

**Thomas\_Palmer@sheriff.org** □ □

## New boards named

Congratulations to the **Town's** new board members. Below is a list of residents recently appointed to boards by the **Town Commission**:

### Planning & Zoning

Cristie Furth  
Arthur Franczak  
William Hubly  
Alfred Oldaker  
Lawrence "Peanuts" Wick

### ALTERNATES

George Hunsaker  
Bridget Ryder

### Board of Adjustment

Thomas Carr  
Joseph Couriel  
George Crossman  
James Pollack

### ALTERNATES

Carol Dickman

### Master Plan Steering Committee

Sandra Booth  
Marilyn Carr  
Robert Eckblad  
Joe Guerrero  
Russ LaScala  
Paul Novak

### ALTERNATES

Miguel San Miguel  
Mary Ann Wardlaw

### Walk Around Committee

Amy Appold  
Lisa Mitchell  
Sam Patti  
Maria Prunskis  
Shirley Russotti □

## TOWN COMMISSION BUDGET CALENDAR

### JUNE 11 / 5 PM BUDGET WORKSHOP

#### AGENDA

- Town Building Department
  - Millage
  - Fire Assessment
- Capital Improvements

### JUNE 24 / 7 PM REGULAR MEETING

#### AGENDA

- Adopt Projected Millage / Budget

### \*JULY 8 / 5 PM BUDGET WORKSHOP

#### AGENDA

- Budget Presentation
  - Fire Assessment Presentation

### \*JULY 22 / 6 PM SPECIAL HEARING

#### AGENDA

- Adopt Proposed Millage & Proposed Fire Assessment

### \*SEPT. 12 / 5:01 PM SPECIAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

#### AGENDA

- Adopt Tentative Budget, TRIM and Millage
  - Adopt Final Fire Assessment

### \*SEPT. 25 / 5:01 PM SPECIAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

#### AGENDA

- Adopt Final Budget, TRIM, Millage

\*This meeting will be followed by a regular meeting at 7 PM.

## 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**. □ □

# Seized assets provide tools to fight crime in Town

By Chief Scott A. Gooding  
Broward Sheriff's Office

The **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** has several assets that are of great value to the **Broward Sheriff's Office** — the Town's Police Department.

The **Town Commission** each year approves the purchase of different equipment utilizing funds from the **Law Enforcement Trust Fund**. All the money in this account comes from the cash and assets deputies confiscate when they arrest narcotic suspects.

The forfeiture of monies and property from these cases provides funds for the LETF. The monies are restricted under Florida law and can only be spent on new programs and equipment.

The **Segways, ATVs and bicycles** purchased with LETF funds are valuable tools in fighting crime in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

The equipment is also a great way for residents and visitors to speak with deputies while doing their job. The feedback the department has received from the public



**TOOLS OF THE TRADE:** The police use ATVs, bicycles and Segways here in Town, thanks to assets and cash seized from drug suspects. The vehicles also help police officers stay in touch with Town residents.

has been fantastic, especially concerning the Segways.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea was the first area in Broward County to use the Segway, something the depart-

ment is very proud of. We are proud to be here in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and thank the Commission for its cooperation in adding this equipment to our crime fighting tool box. □

## BACK on the MARKET

For Sale



Chrome & black drum set by Evans: \$100.

Electric guitar: \$75.

Marshall amp: \$50. Mini-folding ping-pong table: \$20. Youth bicycle: \$10. For more information, please call 954-771-0821.

### FIRE (continued from Page 1)

The VFD attracts trained firefighters from around South Florida because of the opportunity it provides them to keep their firefighter certification active.

"It has been overwhelming," Perkins said. "We're picking and choosing the best. They're coming from all over the place."

When the VFD takes over for BSO Fire, it'll be the first time a volunteer department has replaced paid firefighters. The usual trend is for paid firefighters to replace volunteer departments.

"A lot of guys want to be a part of it," Perkins said.

The VFD holds firefighting drills twice per week. □



Photo By Town Photographer Marc Furth.

## Town establishes Beach Safety Patrol

For the first time in its history, the **Town** will keep a watchful eye on swimmers at its beach.

Starting this summer, the Town's new **Beach Safety Patrol**, comprised of firefighters and paramedics from the **Volunteer Fire Department**, will patrol the Town's beaches to help protect beachgoers.

The **Town Commission** approved a \$44,000 start-up beach safety budget in May. Half the budget — \$22,000 — is being used to purchase two **All-Terrain Vehicles** to patrol the beach's most populated areas.

One of the biggest threats swimmers face is rip currents, narrow channels of water flowing out past the surf that can drag even strong and experienced swimmers into deeper water.

Between 1989 and 1997, an

average of 21 people per year drowned along Florida's beaches in rip current-related incidents. On average, rip currents account for more Florida deaths than hurricanes, tropical storms, tornados, bad thunderstorms and lightning strikes combined, according to the **National Weather Service**.

"Our shoreline is full of rip currents," **Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Robert Perkins** said.

He said the Town's Beach Safety Patrol will be headed by **Scott Fowler**, a senior Fort Lauderdale lifeguard and member of the VFD. Fowler will ensure all beach safety patrol members are properly trained.

One of the problems people on the beach face when calling **911** is not being able to tell emergency dispatchers exactly where they are. The people are often tourists who

don't know the area.

That logistical problem will be eliminated with the presence of beach safety patrol personnel.

The Town has never had lifeguards on its beach. Perkins emphasized that beach patrol members are not lifeguards, but they will still be able to help.

Beach Patrol members will patrol the beach on ATVs equipped with **life safety rings, rescue boards, First Aid kits, GPS devices, Town radios, bullhorns and cell phones**.

The Town's Beach Safety Patrol is based on similar efforts underway in **Melbourne Beach**, where ocean rescue volunteers patrol the beach.

"Something is better than nothing," Perkins said. "It's a good system for the Town. It'll work well." □ □

## Town residents invited to join Volunteer Fire Department

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Department** invites **Town** residents to join its ranks.

The application process includes an interview, criminal background check, driving record review and drug screening test.

If accepted, you will be on probationary membership status. You become a full member when you complete Florida's **Firefighter One Training Program** and pass the exam.

As a Town resident, you are only expected to respond to calls when you are in Town.

However, you are welcome to respond to any emergency call that you can.

For more info, please call **Chief Robert Perkins** at **954-772-8978**. □

### FIGHTING FIRES



Photo By Town Photographer Marc Furth.

#### HOW TO APPLY

To obtain an application, call VFD Fire Chief Robert Perkins at 954-772-8978. You can also e-mail him at [bob.perkins@lbtsfire.com](mailto:bob.perkins@lbtsfire.com).

**FIRE DRILL:** Members of the Volunteer Fire Department take part in one of the VFD's twice-weekly fire suppression drills, which are held in Town.

# Lauderdale-By-The-Sea July F



## EVERYONE'S INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN-FILLED FOURTH OF JULY BEAC

JOIN YOUR TOWN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR AN ENTIRE DAY OF GOOD OLD



### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: 10 AM

**BE IN THE PARADE!** JOIN THE FUN! BUILD A FLOAT, DECORATE A VEHICLE, ORGANIZE A GROUP (BE CREATIVE). ANYTHING GOES! DECORATE AND WIN! BEST PARADE ENTRY — 1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PLACE PRIZES. KIDS, DECORATE YOUR BIKE, RIDE IN THE PARADE & COMPETE FOR PRIZES! TO SIGN-UP, CALL PARADE ORGANIZER COMMISSIONER BIRUTE ANN CLOTTEY AT 954 895-6595.

**THE PARADE ROUTE:** NORTH ON BOUGAINVILLE FROM TOWN HALL TO PINE AVENUE, EAST TO EL MAR DRIVE, SOUTH DOWN EL MAR, WEST ON PALM AVENUE & THEN NORTH ON BOUGAINVILLE.

### BEACH BLAST: 11 AM - 3 PM

**GREAT NEW LOCATION!** RIGHT ON THE BEACH IN THE BEAUTIFUL NEW EL PRADO PARK (AT EL PRADO AND EL MAR DRIVE, RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET [STATE ROAD A1A] FROM TOWN HALL).

**DELICIOUS PARTY FOOD!** HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, CHICKEN BURGERS, VEGGIE BURGERS, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS, PRETZELS, WATERMELON, SNOW CONES, SODA, COLD BEER AND WINE.

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!** *TWOCANBLUE*, A 5-PIECE HEADLINER BAND FROM ARUBA, WILL PERFORM ON A FLOAT DURING THE PARADE — AND THEN KEEP YOU DANCING AT THE PARTY!

**FOR THE KIDS:** A FANTASTIC AMUSEMENT PARK! GIANT PIRATE SHIP BOUNCE CLIMB SLIDE, PIRATE SWINGING CHAIR RIDE, KIDDIE FERRIS WHEEL, SPYDER MOUNTAIN CLIMBING ATTRACTION, WAVE RUNNER WATER SLIDE (BRING BATHING SUITS & TOWELS) & TWIN SPIN. ALL RIDES ARE PROFESSIONALLY SUPERVISED & FREE! **FOR THE BIG KIDS:** A PROFESSIONAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW!

### FIREWORKS SHOW! 8:30 PM

**THE FIREWORKS SHOW WILL AGAIN BE SHOT OFF ANGLIN'S PIER ON COMMERCIAL!**



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# Fourth Beach Blast Celebration!

## THE TOWN'S BEACH BLAST!!!



UNFASHIONED FAMILY FUN!



Town raffles off great prizes every year to fund the **Fireworks Show**. Our local business community always provides great support, but you can also contribute. No donation is too small. Buy raffle tickets or send a check to: **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, 4501 Ocean Drive, FL 33308.**

Raffle prizes include a 42-inch Plasma TV, a **Sanyo** or **Epoque** underwater camera, lifetime service (digital storage) from orb24.com, and a genuine **Marie White** afghan. The drawing is **July 4 at 2 PM.**

If you can donate a raffle prize, please contact Raffle Coordinator **Jerry Sehl** at **954-229-1922.**

## JULY 4TH SPONSORS

THE TOWN'S FOURTH OF JULY EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE **LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COMMISSION**. THE 2008 EVENT CO-CHAIRS ARE **COMMISSIONER BIRUTE ANN CLOTTEY** AND **COMMISSIONER STUART DODD**. THE 2008 EVENT COORDINATOR IS **MARC FURTH**. OUR THANKS TO THE **CITIZENS INITIATIVE COMMITTEE (CIC)** AND **LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** FOR THEIR VALUABLE ASSISTANCE! FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE EVENT, PLEASE CALL **MARC FURTH** AT **954-772-3336, Ext. 0.**



### July 4th 2008 RAFFLE!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA  
4501 OCEAN DRIVE  
LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FL 33308

DONATION: \$2 EACH OR 6 FOR \$10

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL OR CALL 954-229-1922.

### Sister Cities group plans Town visit to England in August

The Town's **Sister Cities Association** is planning a trip in August to **Henley-on-Thames, England**, the Town's Sister City. The week-long trip starts on **Aug. 30 or 31**.

Sister Cities officials in Henley, which visited the Town a year ago, asked the Town's Sister Cities organization to:



- Let them know how many Town residents are planning to make the overseas trip.

— Whether they wish to stay in B&Bs (about \$100 per person per night) or hotels (between \$200 and \$300 per person per night).

— How many nights the group plans to stay.

— Whether they want to visit **Windsor Castle**, a 1,000-year-old structure and the oldest occupied castle in the world.

"As a courtesy to our hosts we would like everyone to arrive on the same flight, but this is not strictly necessary," said **Dr. Kenneth S. Most**, chairman of the Town's Sister Cities Association."

If you are interested in joining the Town delegation on the rip, call Dr. Most at **954-946-1783**. □

### Town hires new attorney

The **Town Commission** has hired **Daniel Abbott** as its new **Town Attorney**.

Abbott is a partner with **Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza Cole & Boniske**, a prominent South Florida law firm.

Abbott served as **City Attorney** in the **City of Hollywood** from 1999 to 2007. □

## National Flood Insurance Program helps protect homeowners with greatest risk

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

The NFIP makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce

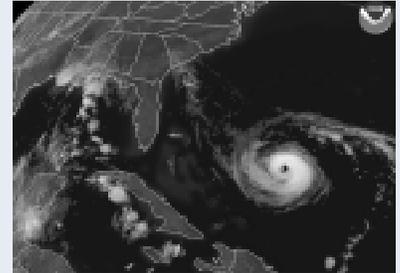


floodplain management ordinances to reduce potential flood damage. This is important since property owners who hold a federally-backed mortgage must purchase flood insurance if their property is located within the SFHA.

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** 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.

### HURRICANE SAFETY



Hurricane Jeanne bears down on the State of Florida in September 2004.

- Protect your pets. **Page 10.**
- Broward shelters. **Page 10.**
- Secure your boat. **Page 10.**
- Flood & safety protection tips for your home. **Page 11.**

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 important information on the following pages 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 the Town may flood. This info will help you protect your property and reduce potential flooding losses.

(See **FLOODING** on Page 9)

**FLOODING** (continued from Page 1)

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 warning 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.

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 insur-

ance, 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. Planning Services is at 4509 Ocean Drive (the trailer just north of Jarvis Hall). If you see



**WATER HAZARD:** Hurricanes can cause severe flooding on local streets.

building or filling without a Town permit posted, please 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 the 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 Town's **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 representative will visit to review flooding problems and explain ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage.

Also, if you experience any flooding, drainage, sewer backup problems — or witness illegal dumping in canals or storm drains — please call the Town at 954-776-0576. □

# Make plans to protect your pets in a hurricane

During a flood or hurricane, evacuation centers in Broward County will not accept pets. That's why it's so 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 South Florida.

## 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 is 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, call **954-989-3977** and press 6. You can also visit the Humane Society's Web site at [www.humanebroward.com](http://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

Be careful about 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.

Take precautions to ensure your pet does not 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 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. □

## 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.,

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

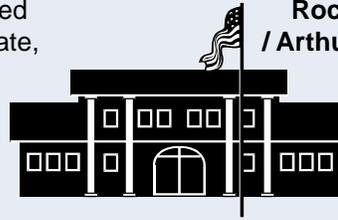
**Watkins Elementary**, 3520 SW 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park.

**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. □



## Flood protection tips to help protect your home

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**.

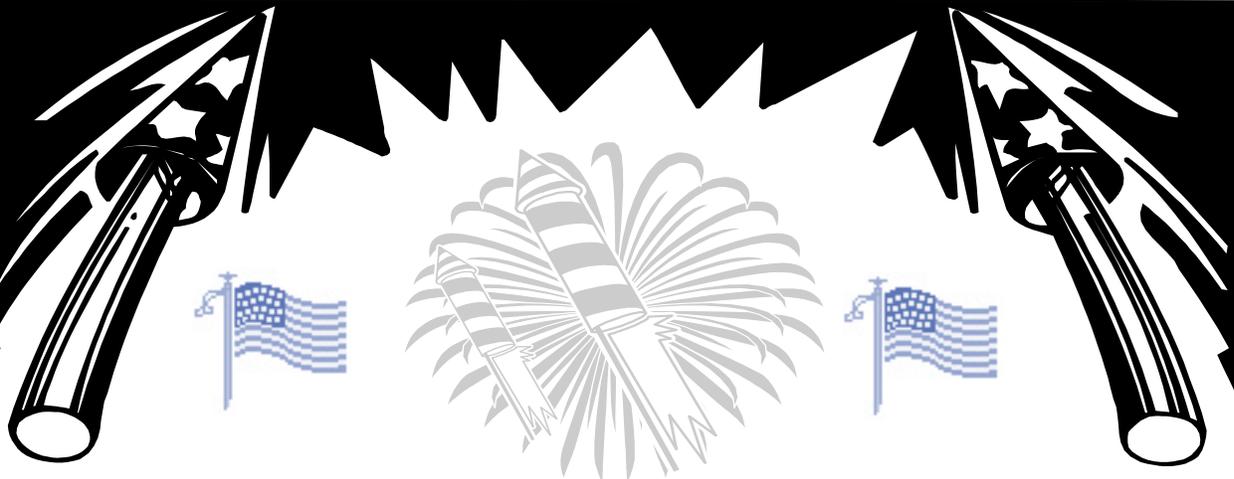
Have your electricity turned off by FPL. Some appliances, such as TV sets, hold electrical charges even after they are unplugged. Avoid using appliances or motors which are wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

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. □



# Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

## DONATIONS FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY



Donations are now being accepted to help make this year's annual July 4th fireworks display even better! All donations can be made out to the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and dropped off at Town Hall. You can also Jerry Sehl at 954-229-1936 for pick-up.

### JOIN THE PARADE!

If you would like your business to be in the parade, contact Mark Conn at the LBTS Volunteer Fire Department. Call him at 954-772-8978.



### FREE PARKING!

There is FREE PARKING throughout the day in the entire Town on July 4th! -- as well as along the inside lane of El Mar Drive. Please remember to only park in legal parking spaces!





## Upcoming beach widening project will impact Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

The Town's beaches could be widened by as much as 75 feet under a multi-million dollar Broward County beach renourishment project. Work could start as early as the end of 2009, but it's also possible the start-up date will be delayed.

Steve Higgins, beach erosion administrator for Broward County's Environmental Protection & Growth Management

Department, said the Town's beaches are in relatively good shape, especially compared to the coastline south of Port Everglades, where beach erosion is much more severe.



**BEACH BLAST:** Sand is pumped on the shore for a beach widening project.

Even though the \$22 million beach renourishment project was scheduled to start at the end of 2009, Higgins said

there are several reasons why it could be delayed, including environmental concerns about the project's impact on elkhorn and staghorn coral, two species recently listed as threatened by the federal government.

When sand is pumped onto the beach, sediment is kicked up that settles onto nearby reefs. Environmental groups claim the sediment harms the corals.

Higgins also said a new erosion survey is also needed, since the initial survey for this project was done in 2001.

The Town must contribute **\$189,000** as its share of the capital improvement project, but that figure — as well as the original \$22 million projected cost — is expected to increase by the time the beach renourishment project gets underway. □

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BSO DISPATCH / 954-765-4321

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