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Town News

BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

The Town is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, which reviews applications on a regular basis for variances from the Town's land development regulations. If you want to serve, contact the Town Clerk for an application at 954-776-0576.

EXPANDED BUILDING HOURS

The Broward County Building Department, which provides building services to the Town, has expanded its office hours. A building clerk is now in the Town Hall Annex (just north of Jarvis Hall) from 9 AM to 3 PM. For more info, call 954-776-3611.

EXPANDED PELICAN ROUTE

The Town Commission decided in April to expand the daily route of the Pelican Hopper community bus. As of May 7th, the Pelican Hopper resumed providing transportation service on South Seagrape Drive.

RESTRICTIONS TIGHTENED

The South Florida Water Management District has tightened water restrictions for Broward County. Residential watering is now limited to just two days per week. For more info, please go to the district's Web site: www.sfwmd.gov.

Students visit Town for beach pavilion design competition

□ The Master Plan Steering Committee will select the top four pavilion designs to submit to the Town Commission.

Twenty-six students from the **Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale** visited the Town of **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** in April as part of the Town's **Commercial Boulevard Beach Pavilion Project**. The students met with Town officials and attended a **Master Plan Steering Committee** workshop meeting on April 11 in **Jarvis Hall**.

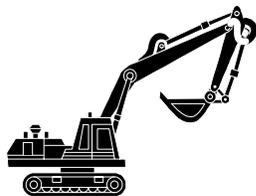
The Environmental Design students were in Town to visit the Commercial Boulevard beach area, the site of the Town's new beach pavilion. The students will be submitting designs in a competition designed to develop an attractive concept for the proposed pavilion. The student competition involves a preliminary submission, a final submission and, if their design is selected, a presentation before the Town Commission on June 26th in Jarvis Hall.

(See **STUDENTS** on Page 8)

Fort Lauderdale water project will impact Town residents and traffic

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea residents will be impacted by a **City of Fort Lauderdale** water project that will replace main water pipes underneath **State Road A1A**. Residents and drivers can expect traffic delays and lane closures during construction.

Water pipes will be upgraded between **Northeast NE 41st Street** in Fort Lauderdale and just north of the **Village of Sea Ranch Lakes**.



The contractor was expected to mobilize equipment by the beginning of May in the staging area for this 330-day project: **4435 Poinciana St**. Construction work in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is expected to start sometime at the end of May.

Nani d'Etorre, a project construction manager with **CH2M HILL**, said 6 and 8 inch water lines are being replaced with 12 inch pipes. The cost of the City of Fort Lauderdale project is \$3.2 million. Fort Lauderdale provides water service to the Town

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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@yahoo.com.

LBTS hires new new Town Clerk

Tina Angelone, an adjunct professor at **Broward Community College** with considerable administrative experience, was hired as the new Town Clerk. Angelone started April 9th.

Prior to working for the Town, Angelone, who holds a Master's Degree in English from **Florida Atlantic University**, worked as a performing arts center department head for a public school in **Palm Beach County**. She was also part of a team of four administrators who headed up a steering committee for the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)**, overseeing work assignments delegated to more than 30 people.

Angelone has transcribed and summarized minutes for the **Town of Davie** on a part-time basis. Additionally, she has been a liaison for various boards and assisted in writing grant proposals. Angelone is familiar with charter review, statutory mandates and the placement of notices for public forums.

She attended her first **Town Commission** meeting on April 10th.

"I will perform my administrative duties for the Town to the best of my ability," Angelone said. □

Town Manager resigns his post

Town Manager Robert Baldwin submitted his resignation to the Town, effective May 6th. In a letter to the **Town Commission**, Baldwin thanked the Commission and a number of former elected officials for their continued support and help.

Baldwin has been on annual leave working as the Interim City Manager in **Lake Worth** for the past several weeks. Baldwin was hired to work as Town Manager in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in August 1995. □

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

MAY 8 - 7 PM

MAY 22 - 7 PM

JUNE 12 - 7 PM

JUNE 26 - 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

MAY 16 - 6:30 PM

JUNE 20 - 6:30 PM

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

Parking Hearing

MAY 8 - 3 PM

Code Compliance

MAY 8 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month.

Master Plan Steering Committee

MAY 21 - 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 and are also re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and the following Monday, unless preceded by a workshop meeting.

- 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT!



EGGCITING: An estimated 300 children took part in the Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt in April. There were 5,700 eggs for the children to find. The Easter Bunny also delivered 300 special eggs.



TREE PLANTING: Members of the **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** planted a native *Dahoon holly* tree behind **Town Hall**.

Why Florida must conserve its water

South Florida residents need to conserve water because **Lake Okeechobee** is approximately 4 feet below its historical average for this time of year.

In the meantime, rainfall is the primary source for the region's fresh-water supply, and at only 40.75 inches, district-wide rainfall for 2006 was the sixth-lowest on record dating back to 1932.

The dry trend has continued as rainfall through the first two months of 2007 was only 2.01 inches district-wide — less than half of what is normal for this time of year — leaving many areas of the district in prolonged 1-in-25-year dry spells. □

State Legislature insurance report

By Senator Jeff Atwater

The **Florida Legislature** ended its special session after seven days concerning the property insurance crisis. The result: a comprehensive reform package designed to deliver premium rate relief across Florida.

The Legislature made a number of major changes to **Citizens Property Insurance**. We started by reversing a rate increase that took effect at the beginning of this year, and we are requiring Citizens to provide a full rebate to homeowners who already paid the higher rate. We deleted the requirement that Citizens charge rates high enough to allow them to purchase reinsurance, since they do not purchase reinsurance. And we included an important provision allowing policyholders to remain with Citizens regardless of any offer of coverage from a private insurer, which means homeowners will have more options for avoiding sometimes impossibly high premiums from private insurers.

In order to ease the burden of high insurance premiums and make insurance more available for all Floridians, we raised the level of backup coverage, or reinsurance, that insurers can purchase from the state's **Hurricane Catastrophe Fund** (Cat Fund).

To assist residents who are safeguarding their homes, we are now requiring that insurers offer deductible reductions. In other words, by making important storm mitigation improvements to your home, you will have the potential to decrease your insurance premiums.

This complex reform package is a wonderful beginning. As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and ideas. You can contact me at: atwater.jeff.web@flsenate.gov. □

Town inspects lights to help protect sea turtles

Town Code Compliance

officers in March walked along the Town's beach before dawn to determine if there were any building or street lights violating the Town's sea turtle lighting law.

The Town sent letters to the property owners who were in violation of the lighting ordinance. If the owners fail to correct the problem, the Town plans to issue notices of violation.

Bright artificial lights along the beach negatively impact nesting loggerhead sea turtles and can also disorient sea turtle hatchlings.

Lights sometimes prevent female sea turtles from crawling up on the beach to build a nest and deposit their eggs. Sea turtle hatchlings also sometimes become disoriented by bright lights when they emerge from the nest and will sometimes crawl towards the lights instead of the ocean.

Loggerhead sea turtles are a threatened species protected by local, state and federal laws. Sea turtle nesting season starts in **March** and ends in **October**. However, the peak nesting period occurs during the summer. □

BEACH LIGHTING TIPS

Solving problems created by artificial lighting on beaches where sea turtles nest requires the understanding of citizens and businesses.

The most direct and complete way to resolve problems is to eliminate all artificial sources that emit light visible from the nesting beach.

Light visible from the beach may include light emitted directly from sources, light reflected by buildings and other objects, light from interior sources shining through windows and light scattered by sea mist.

Unfortunately, eliminating all beachfront lighting is not always practical. Human safety concerns and the magnitude of some lighting problems require some compromise. The following suggestions are a few techniques designed to reduce the effects of artificial lighting on sea turtles.

— Keep beachfront lighting turned off during the nesting and hatching season. This season extends from March 1 - Oct. 31 in Broward. Ideally, lighting should

remain off throughout the night during this period. Light sources remaining on until 11 PM will still affect about one third of the hatchlings emerging from nests on a given night.

— Reduce the number of lights near nesting beaches to the minimum necessary to accomplish the lighting goal. Lighting used for purely decorative purposes should be kept off.

— Reduce light reaching the nesting beach by lowering, shielding, recessing and/or redirecting light sources. Any light source visible to an observer on the beach is likely to affect sea turtles. Light sources that are indirectly visible from the beach also cause problems for sea turtles. For this reason, low-mounted down lights are preferred over lighting that shines upward.

— Place security lighting on motion-sensitive switches that keep lighting off when it is not needed. Lights that come on only when approached can be quite effective for security purposes. □

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WOMAN'S CLUB CRUISE

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Woman's Club SeaEscape** Cruise was a huge success. Club members enjoyed a great day of music, fun and friends.

Special thanks to **Ad Wilson** and **Addie Williams** for their efforts in helping make the event a big hit with those attending.

The club members and guests who attended included Addie Williams, Jane Perrin, Dot Leary, Jessie Quellman, Cecile Sperapani, Angela Scillia, Betty Buttell and Louis Buttell.

BSO POLICE BLOTTER

03/03/07

A traffic stop was made at 4343 North Ocean Drive reference speeding and disobeying a traffic sign. The driver was arrested for DUI.

03/4/07

A subject was arrested at 4660 Ocean Drive for battery.

03/08/07

A traffic crash at 4402 Ocean Drive resulted in the arrest of a subject operating a motorcycle. The subject was arrested for DUI.

03/08/07

A subject was arrested at 4608 Ocean Drive for possession of drug paraphernalia out of Osceola County.

03/08/07

While conducting random license plate checks at 4301 Ocean Drive, a Florida tag was confirmed stolen. The subject was arrested for grand theft auto and driving with a suspended license with knowledge. The passenger was also arrested.

03/10/07

A traffic stop was conducted at 4300 Ocean Drive reference disobeying a traffic control device. Two subjects were arrested for posses-



sion of marijuana and cocaine with the intent to sell. The vehicle was seized pending forfeiture.

03/13/07

A subject was arrested at 4700 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

03/15/07

A subject was arrested at 4116 N. Ocean Drive for sexual battery.

03/18/07

A subject was arrested at 4705 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

03/19/07

A subject was arrested at 4660 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

03/20/07

A subject was arrested for DUI at 5000 North Ocean Blvd.

03/23/07

A subject fled a traffic crash in the 4400 block of State Road A1A. The person was located a short time later arrested for narcotics.

03/24/07

A subject was arrested at 4600 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

03/25/07

A subject was arrested for disorderly intoxication at 1 Commercial Blvd.

03/25/07

A subject was arrested for DUI in the 4300 block of El Mar Drive.

03/26/07

A subject was arrested at 812 Briny Avenue in Pompano Beach on a felony violation of probation reference possession of cocaine.

03/29/07

A subject was arrested at 4204 Ocean Drive for trespassing.

03/30/07

A subject was arrested at 4343 Ocean Drive for resisting with violence.

03/31/07

A subject was arrested for DUI at 275 Commercial Blvd.

03/31/07

A subject was arrested in the 4300 block of Ocean Drive for DUI.

03/31/07

A subject was arrested at 4000 Ocean Drive on two warrants reference dealing in stolen property and possession of cannabis.

BSO FIRE RESCUE BLOTTER

03/01/07

Elevator Rescue, 1600 S. Ocean Blvd. E36 responded.

03/02/07

Electrical Fire, 1900 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12 & TL32 responded.

03/02/07

Sunken Boat, 1461 S. Ocean Blvd. E36 & Haz Mat 23 responded.

03/06/07

Fire Alarm, 1700 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, TL32 & R12 responded.

03/08/07

Fire Alarm, 1460 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, TL32 & R12 responded.

03/09/07

Fire Alarm, 1800 S. Ocean Blvd.

E36, TL32 & R12 responded.

03/10/07

Electrical Pole Fire, 4404 N. Ocean Drive. E36 & PR37 responded.

03/11/07

Electrical Short, 1530 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, TL32, Q37, R12 & BC37 responded.

03/12/07

Smoke Scare, 266 Tropic Drive. E36, TL32, Q37, R12 & BC37 responded.

03/14/07

Water Rescue, Imperial Lane / N. Ocean Drive. E36, TL32 & R12 responded.

03/14/07

Smoke Scare, 301 Tropic Drive. E36, TL32, Q37, R12 & BC37 responded.

03/18/07

Elevator Rescue, 1541 S. Ocean Blvd. E36 responded.

03/21/07

Fire Alarm, 4660 N. Ocean Drive. E36, TL32, Q37, R12 & BC37 responded.

03/28/07

False Alarm, 5100 N. Ocean Blvd. E36, TL32, Q37, R12 & BC37 responded.

03/30/07

African Bee Swarm, 1398 S. Ocean Blvd. E36 & TL32 responded.

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The pavilion, which will be located on the beach at Commercial Boulevard, is expected to become a landmark structure for residents and tourists alike for many years.

The Master Plan Steering Committee will select four designs to submit to the Commission, which will end up making the final selection.

The Town wants to build a beach pavilion and portal-to-the-sea at Commercial to replace existing shade shelters. The pavilion will include seating for beach-goers and tourists, shade shelter, drainage improvements, landscaping and acoustical elements to enhance sound for concerts. □



HITTING THE BEACH: More than a dozen of the Art Institute students who will submit beach pavilion designs visited the area where the new pavilion will be located: on the beach just east of Commercial.

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