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Town News

CHRISTMAS-BY-THE-SEA

Christmas-By-The-Sea, A *Journey To Candy Land*, will be held from 3 to 10 PM on Dec. 6th. This is an official Winterfest event.

Christmas-By-The-Sea will feature choirs, hand bells, carolers and bands. Drop by the Peppermint Forest or venture over to Gumdrop Mountain to see Santa.

There will be hayrides, sidewalk sales and the lighting of the Town's giant Christmas tree. Don't forget to bring the entire family to see it snowing at Commercial Boulevard and the beach.

For more information, call the LBTS Chamber-of-Commerce at 954-776-1000.

MARATHON SET FOR NOV. 12TH

Town residents can expect some traffic delays on Saturday, Nov. 12th, when runners participating in a marathon will make their way through the Town.

The 26.2 mile road race starts on the 17th Street Causeway in Fort Lauderdale and heads up State Road A1A to Hillsboro Beach. The race will alter traffic patterns and limit access to areas on A1A and El Mar Drive.

The race starts at 6:30 AM and will be done by 12:30 PM. Police and volunteers will direct drivers where to go. One thousand runners are expected to take part in the Fort Lauderdale Marathon.

Town again wins national award for preparing its annual budget

For the eighth consecutive year, the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** has received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** from the **Government Finance Officers Association**, a professional association of state and municipal finance officers in the United States and Canada.

The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Program encourages governments to prepare budget documents of the highest quality to meet the needs of decision-makers and citizens. Since the program was established in 1984, participation has grown from 113 to over 1,000 cities, counties and states.

"It's a difficult award to get," **Town Manager Robert Baldwin** said.

The Town's eighth award was for its 2004-05 budget. He also thanked **Finance Director Esther Colon** and other staff for their hard work preparing the budget, the Town's most important annual document. The Town Manager stated that the **Town Commission** deserves the award as a result of

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LBTS residents have much to be thankful for this Holiday season!

By **Robert Baldwin**

Town Manager

The Holiday season will soon be here and we can once again reflect upon all that we have been thankful for in the past year. Most of us will have another opportunity to be with our families and friends and to enjoy the festivities and religious practices associated with the holidays. These traditions and principles bind us together as a nation, as a community, as a Town and as a people who respect the religious freedoms upon which this country was founded.

The residents of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea certainly have much to be thankful for, living in this charming, seaside Town, nestled along Florida's southeast coast. The weather is warm and the ocean is within walking distance. Despite being hit in late August by **Hurricane Katrina**, the damage to the Town was minimal and no residents were injured.

The Town's property taxes remain among the lowest in Broward County, our services continue to improve and beautification and infrastructure

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TOWN DIRECTORY



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TOWN TOPICS

Town Topics is published at the beginning of each month. Information or ads can be dropped off at Town Hall or submitted via e-mail to the Town's Public Information Office at lbtspio@yahoo.com.

Town mourns passing of Shirley Forrest, the wife of former mayor

The Town mourned the recent passing of **Shirley Irons Forrest**, a longtime Town resident, founding member of the **Community**



Shirley Forrest
 Mrs. Forrest, 85, died on Sept. 22nd.



Jack Forrest

Jack's honor in April 2001.

To honor Mrs. Forrest's memory, Mayor Oliver Parker in October asked the Town to fly the American and State of Florida flags in front of Town Hall at half-staff for three days in mid-October.

A native of Trenton, New Jersey, Mrs. Forrest was a pioneer resident of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, moving to the Town in 1954. Along with Jack, her husband for 58 years, Mrs. Forrest was a founder of the Community Church of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

She was active in the Broward County Lions Club and the Town's Women's and Garden Clubs. She was also the owner and manager of Tabu Beach Apartments. □

Church and the wife of the late **John R. "Jack" Forrest**, a former Town Commissioner, Mayor and Town Manager.

Her late husband, Jack, 79, died on Sept. 17, 1998.

The huge white flagpole outside the church off Bougainville Drive was dedicated in

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

NOV. 8 - 7 PM
 NOV. 22 - 7 PM

The Town Commission regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Jarvis Hall. Pre-meeting agenda conferences start at 6 PM and are open to the public.

Board of Adjustment

Meets as needed on the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM

Planning & Zoning

NOV. 16 - 6:30 PM

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

Parking Hearing

NOV. 28 - 6:30 PM

Code Compliance

NOV. 23 - 6:30 PM

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

Master Plan Steering Committee

NOV. 21 - 6 PM

TOWN MEETING DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

PUBLIC ACCESS

- The Town Commission agenda and related backup materials are available for review in Town Hall during business hours (9AM - 4:30 PM). The agenda is posted on our Web site: www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78. Meetings are also re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and the following Monday.
- The Town will provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services as required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. **Town Topics** will be read, upon request, to those persons with visual impairments. Persons with disabilities should contact the Town Clerk at 954-776-0576 for further assistance in accessing Town information important to you.

Town completes beautification project with Urban Forest grant

The Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, recently awarded the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea a \$14,560 grant to plant and protect trees to help improve the beauty and quality of urban environments.

The Town selected a site for this project on State Road A1A at its southernmost entrance. A roadway divider at Hibiscus Avenue and Bougainville Drive was removed, creating a large median where trees and shrubs were planted. This "Urban Forest" replaced an asphalt intersection with green foliage, creating additional open space and forest cover for motorists and residents to enjoy.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea matched the Florida Urban Forest Grant with asphalt and curb removal, trees,



Workers planted trees and shrubs at Hibiscus Avenue and State Road A1A under a Florida Urban Forest Grant.

shrubbery, groundcover and in-kind labor services.

The Town also modified and extended the existing sprinkler system on the site.

The Town awarded a contract for the project to Wallack and Sons, Inc., the lowest bidder, in June. The firm removed one ficus tree and

6,000 square feet of weeds and debris. Wallack and Sons, one of 10 bidders, also planted 34 trees and 725 shrubs. The firm also added ground cover, mulch, top soil and sod.

Micah Pace, a Division of Forestry representative, visited the site on Sept. 26 and confirmed the project was planted in accordance with grant requirements.

The Town expresses its gratitude to the State of Florida for the Urban Forest

Grant, which helps the Town demonstrate to hotel, motel and resort owners, as well as homeowners and other businesses, that they also can plant affordable, salt-tolerant, wind and draught-resistant trees that will increase shade and tree canopy, attract birds and improve air quality. ▣

Property Owners Association will meet Dec. 7th

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Property Owners Association** will meet on **Dec. 7th at 7 PM** in **Jarvis Hall** to discuss a number of issues affecting the Town's future growth and development.

Bring your questions, comments and concerns to the meeting and talk about them with developers, real estate agents, business people and local hoteliers.

The speakers at the meeting will address the following questions:

Are these condos economically necessary? Will they exceed

height limits? How will they change the nature of the Town? What is the price per linear foot for beachfront property? What are the new condos and townhomes selling for? What control do we have?

Property owners townwide are encouraged to attend and bring a neighbor.

Refreshments will be served at 6:45 PM. Bring your favorite holiday appetizer or dessert to share. A prize for the favorite will be awarded!

For more info, call **President Cindy Geesey** at 954-776-5974. ▣

LBTS Garden Club meets on Nov. 14th

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** will meet on **November 14th at 9:30 AM** in **Jarvis Hall**. The featured speaker, **Donna Torrey** with Garden Gate of Pompano Beach, will discuss native plants and their use in providing food and shelter for birds and animals. There will be free refreshments and door prizes! For more info, contact **Christine Carlson** at 954-290-5609.

You can also contact her by e-mail at the following address: cbcarlson210@comcast.net. ▣

Town Fire Administrator heads up emergency planning

To ensure it remains eligible for federal disaster assistance and funding, **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** is moving forward with its efforts to comply with new federal emergency mandates under the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System.**

Town Manager Robert Baldwin assigned **Fire Administrator Frank Buchert** the task of ensuring the Town complies with all the hurricane preparation and response requirements under NIMS.

"It's a big project," Baldwin pointed out. "Chief Buchert has the responsibility of coordinating disaster planning with NIMS."

Buchert's primary responsibility is ensuring Town residents receive the best fire services for the lowest possible cost. His duties include working with the **Broward Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue & Emergency Services** and the **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**

The Town has a contract with

PROFILE BOX

A brief look at **Town Fire Administrator Frank Buchert's** career:

- 1969-77:** Davie Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. — Volunteer Firefighter.
- 1970-72:** Florida, Division of Forestry — Forest Ranger (Firefighter).
- 1972-73:** U.S. Army, Army Air Defense, Nike Hercules Missile System.
- 1974-76:** Town of Davie Fire Department, Firefighter
- 1977-2003:** Broward County Fire Rescue Division, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Division Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Chief/Director.

BSO Fire Rescue Management.

Buchert was a volunteer firefighter for **Davie Volunteer Fire Department** from 1969 to 1977. He was first hired as a firefighter by the **State of Florida, Division of Forestry**, in 1970, fighting fires in

the Everglades and unincorporated areas of **Broward** not otherwise protected by city fire departments.

He left the Division of Forestry to serve in the **U.S. Army**. Buchert left the military after two years and then went to work for the **Davie Fire Department** for three years.

Buchert started a 26-year career with **Broward County Fire Rescue** in 1997 and worked his way up through the ranks, becoming a Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Division Chief, Assistant Chief and Fire Chief/Director. Buchert, who holds a degree in fire science, was hired by the Town in April 2004.

The Town Manager said Chief Buchert has impeccable credentials and is a tremendous asset to the Town. "We're lucky to have him," Baldwin said. □

Buchert works with the VFD in an ongoing effort to upgrade the department's fire suppression capability as the Town looks at whether the VFD could become the Town's sole fire service provider.

Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne, at the request of the Town Manager, temporarily assigned **Battalion Chief Don King** — at no cost to the Town — as the Town's Fire Rescue District Chief to help improve communications and the working relationship between BSO, the Town, and the VFD.

King creates a daily direct link to

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Beach cleanup picks up 6,000 pounds of debris

More than 2,500 volunteers collected almost 6,000 pounds of litter and debris along 22 miles of coastline in Broward County in mid-September during the **Ocean Conservancy and Coastal Cleanup**. The county beaches cleaned included **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**.

Twelve beaches were combed by scores of adults, students, teachers, retirees, boaters, scuba divers and other volunteers. Cataloging the different

types and volumes of debris picked up by the volunteers is a vital step in protecting both marine and human life.



The data will be published in The Ocean Conservancy's (formerly the **Center for Marine Conservation**) publication, *The 2005 National Coastal Cleanup Results*. For more information, please visit the group's Internet Web site at www.oceanconservancy.org. □

Free clinic for children with special needs set

Therapies 4 Kids, a Lauderdale-By-The-Sea center that serves children with disabilities, is offering a free 1-day clinic for children with special needs of all ages from **5 to 8 PM on Nov. 5th**. The clinic will be held at the **Miami Dolphins Training Facility at Nova Southeastern University** in Davie. Retired Miami Dolphins linebacker Twan Russell is scheduled to appear. For more info, contact Therapies 4 Kids at 954-491-6611. You can also visit its Web site at www.therapies4kids.com. □

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projects are underway, including the \$5 million project to install sewers in **North Beach**. Our property values in Town are climbing every year. Florida's economy is strong and our buying power is on the rise. Many of us are blessed with strong health, abundant energy, close families and many friends and loved ones with whom we can celebrate the season with joy and reflective thankfulness.

The **Senior Center** is open during the holidays. If you know of any of your neighbors who may be alone during this time, please encourage them to get involved with the center. Though the holidays bring joy to millions around the world, many people still need a helping hand. We hope you can get involved and celebrate this Holiday Season with companionship.

On Page 8 you will find some helpful tips from the **National**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
TOWN HALL	954-776-0576
SENIOR CENTER	954-771-2852
SENIOR CONNECTION	954-714-3464 [ELDERLINK]
SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION	954-746-2055
BROWARD MEALS ON WHEELS	954-731-8770
FIRST CALL FOR HELP	954-537-0211
SENIOR CITIZEN LAW PROJECT	954-765-8955
BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT	954-357-6794

Mental Health Association on battling depression during the holidays.

For those of you who may need assistance during the holidays, the phone numbers listed in the box above are important for you to keep by your phone.

On behalf of the Town Commission and employees, I wish you all Happy Holidays. ☐

Katrina fundraiser effort collects \$6,345

An effort to raise funds for the victims of **Hurricane Katrina** during the last weekend of September raised \$6,345. The fundraising effort was spearheaded by **Spiro** and **Louis Marchelos** of the **Athena-By-The-Sea Restaurant**. Numerous businesses in Town donated a percentage of their gross revenues from the weekend. The money was donated to the **Salvation Army** and **Red Cross**. ☐

Eighty guests attended Property Owners Association's Oktoberfest

By Cindy Geesey
Property Owners Association

A foot-stompin', chicken-dancin', stein-wavin' group enjoyed the **Property Owners Association's** Oktoberfest celebration at **Jarvis Hall** on Oct. 1st. About 80 guests feasted on German dishes and desserts prepared by the members.

Thanks go to the committee members who did the work and came up with the great ideas that made the party a success:

Marilyn Carr, Janell Duritsa, Ron Piersante, Marie Chiarello, Bonnie Clark, Bill Davis, Buster Celestino, Bob Keane, Margaret Reichtenstein, Vincent

Ragusa, Jim Pollock, Lindsay Braverman and Marie White.

The generous Tom Keaney of the **Ocean Mist** donated much of the beer we enjoyed. We also sincerely thank **Jim Pollock** and the **Volunteer Fire Department** for serving all the liquid refreshments.

The fun music by **Artie Sax** was underwritten by **Adam** and **Cindy Geesey**; the LBTS "monopoly" game for the raffle was donated by Cindy Geesey; and the beautiful afghan was made and donated by **Marie White**.

The biggest thanks go to our active members who come to meetings and support the association and our community! See you at the next Oktoberfest! ☐

Get your picture taken with St. Nick

Santa Claus is coming to Town!

Children can get their picture taken with **St. Nick** on **Saturday, Dec. 17th** during **Marie White's Santa's Coming to Town** event.

The picture taking session will take place from **noon to 3 PM** on Commercial Boulevard at the beach.

Photo processing will be done courtesy of Walgreens. In addition to pictures, there will also be free gifts for children. ☐

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their setting excellent budgetary policy.

"The award represents a significant achievement," said **Stephen Gauthier**, a GFOA spokesman. "It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting."

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is only one of two towns its size in Florida to receive the budget award.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program, the only national awards program in government budgeting, is designed to assess how well a municipality's budget serves as:

- a policy document.
- a financial plan.
- an operations guide.
- a communications device. □

Sister Cities reception planned for Nov. 3rd

A **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities** reception will be held on **Nov. 3rd** at the home of **Mayor Oliver Parker** and his wife, **Lorene**.

The reception is being co-hosted by **The Wheelchair Foundation** to raise money to pay for the forthcoming shipment of wheelchairs to San Isidro, Peru.

For more information, please call **Sister Cities Chairman Dr. Kenneth Most** at 954-946-1783. □

BACK on the MARKET

For sale

Bedroom set with dresser/mirror, night stand and queen head/foot board. Asking \$500 or best offer. Good condition. Call 954-202-0063.

Homestead and senior property tax exemption sign-up dates set

Broward Property Appraiser Lori Parrish released special homeowner sign-up dates for **Homestead and Senior Property Tax Exemptions** for Town residents.

Deputy property appraisers will visit **Jarvis Hall** from **11:30 AM to 1 PM** on the following Thursdays – **Nov. 17th, Dec. 15th, Jan. 19th and Feb. 16th**.

The documents required to file a Homestead Exemption include a copy of your recorded deed or tax bill in the applicant's name, a current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card, and a current voter registration card or declaration of domicile. Non-US

citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.

Property owners who moved in 2005 must re-file in person or online; the Homestead Exemption is not transferable. Qualified residents 65 or older may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption. An eligible senior's total household income must not exceed \$22,693. By law, first time Senior Exemption applications can only be taken after Jan. 1, 2006.

For more info, visit the Broward Property Appraiser's Web site at **www.bcpa.net**.

You can also contact **Bob Wolfe** at 954-445-5732. □

DISTRICT 13 BLOTTER

09/08/05

A subject was arrested at 4109 North Ocean Drive for driving with a suspended license. Subject was habitual offender.

09/08/05

A subject was arrested at 4548 North Ocean Drive on a warrant reference theft to deprive.

09/12/05

- A subject was arrested at 4109 North Ocean Drive for domestic battery.

- A subject was arrested at 4620 Poinciana Street on a warrant issued by the Gettysburg (Pa.) Police Department.

09/14/05

A subject was arrested in the 4200 Block of State Road A1A on an active capias reference violation of parole, possession/sell Del Prazolm and DUI.

09/17/05

A subject was arrested at 1431 for loitering. Based upon circumstances, deputies were advised to be alert to any illegal

immigrants that may have come ashore. Three Haitian immigrants were walking in the area and turned over to Border Patrol.

09/25/05

- A subject was arrested at 4400 Ocean Drive for causing a disturbance. Subject was charged with disorderly conduct.

- A subject was arrested at 4630 Seagrape Drive on charges of grand theft auto and violation of parole.

09/26/05

A subject was was arrested at 101 NW 69 Street on four active traffic warrants.

09/27/05

Haitian immigrants were observed walking in pairs at 1441 South Ocean Boulevard. BSO Deputies from the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and Pompano Beach districts assisted in rounding up a total of 12 illegal Haitian immigrants who were transported to the Border Patrol office in Pembroke Pines.

HOLIDAY DEPRESSION & STRESS

The **National Mental Health Association** offers these tips for coping with depression during the upcoming holiday season:

Keep expectations for the holidays manageable:

Try to set realistic goals for yourself. Pace yourself. Organize your time. Make a list and prioritize the important activities. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Do not put entire focus on just one day (i.e., Thanksgiving). Remember, it is a season of holiday sentiment and activities can be spread out (time-wise) to lessen stress and increase enjoyment.

Remember the holiday season does not banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely: There is room for these feelings to be present, even if the person chooses not to express them.

Leave “yesteryear” in the past and look toward the future: Life brings changes. Each season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way. Don’t set yourself up in comparing today with the “good ol’ days.”

Do something for someone else: Try volunteering.

Enjoy activities that are free: Consider driving around to look at holiday decorations; going window shopping without buying.

Be aware that excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.

Try something new: Celebrate the holidays in a new way.

Spend time with supportive and caring people:

Reach out and make new friends or contact someone you have not heard from for awhile.

Save time for yourself: Recharge your batteries! Let others share responsibility of activities. □

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KEY PHONE NUMBERS

TOWN HALL

954-776-0576

BUILDING / CODE COMPLIANCE / 954-776-3611

MUNICIPAL SERVICES / 954-776-5119

POLICE & FIRE

EMERGENCY / 911

NON-EMERGENCY / 954-765-4321

BSO BUSINESS OFFICE / 954-491-3920

SHIFT COMMANDER CELL / 954-275-9939

BSO FIRE & RESCUE BUSINESS OFFICE / 954-831-8200

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TOWN TOPICS

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