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PARKING LAW AMENDED

There is now free parking in Town at all meters on Commercial Boulevard west of Sea Grape Drive from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday — with a two-hour parking time limit. The two-hour parking limit, however, was eliminated on Saturday and Sunday. The Town Commission also amended the Town's parking ordinance at its Oct. 10th meeting to allow two motorcycles to park in a single parking space at the same time.

WALK AROUND COMMITTEE

The Town's new Walk Around Committee, which was formed to suggest ways to improve Town beautification, will meet on 2 PM in Jarvis Hall on the third Monday of the month.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on ways the Town can be beautified, please call Town Hall at 954-776-0576 and ask that your suggestions be left for the Walk Around Committee.

DEBATE SET FOR NOV. 1ST

By The Sea Times is sponsoring a debate on the Town's four election ballot questions in Jarvis Hall on Nov. 1st at 7 PM. Speakers representing both sides of each question were invited to participate. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

Voters will decide four ballot questions in Nov. 7th election

Town voters can vote on four **Town Charter** referendum issues on the **Nov. 7th** election ballot. The official ballot questions (*See Page 3*) deal with the following issues:

- Building heights in the **North Beach Area** of Town.
- The redevelopment of existing buildings related to height.
- Term limits for the Mayor and Town Commissioners.
- Establishing a Town-wide ordinance to create occupational licenses for home-based businesses.

Back up documentation can be viewed during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's Office, as well as on the Town's Web site.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Clark and **Commissioner Jerry McIntee** each wrote separate articles on all four questions for this issue. Clark's articles are on **Pages 4** and **11**. McIntee's articles are on **Pages 5, 6** and **7**. □

Town 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 back on 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 enjoy the festivities and annual 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.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea residents 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. Unlike in 2005, the Town was very fortunate this year in not having to respond to another hurricane.

The Town's property taxes remain among the lowest in Broward County, our services continue to improve and beautification and infrastructure projects are underway, including the ongoing project to install sewers in **North Beach**. Our Town property values are climbing every

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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 Woman's Club picks local charities

The **Woman's Club** of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea recently decided which charities it would choose to donate to this year. At a special meeting of the Executive Board, the club voted to make donations to the following local organizations:
 — Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Volunteer Fire Department.
 — Women in Distress.
 — Kids in Distress.
 — Broward County Library for the Blind.
 — Lauderdale By-The-Sea Community Church.
 — Endangered Sea Turtles Foundation.

The Woman's Club has made charitable donations to local charities since 1958, when group members raised enough money to buy the land and persuaded their husbands to build a clubhouse.

If you would like more information about the Woman's Club, please contact **Linda Lee Collins** at 954-234-6662. ☐

Garden Club meets in Jarvis Hall on Nov. 13th

The **Lauderdale By-The-Sea Garden Club** will be



offering a *Make & Take Fall Cornucopia Flower Arranging* class at its **Nov. 13th** meeting at **9:30 AM**.

The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

To register for the class, please call **Cheryl Hess** at 954-942-9259 by **Nov. 6**. ☐

MEETINGS GUIDE

Town Commission

NOV. 14 - 7 PM
 NOV. 28 - 7 PM
 DEC. 12 - 7 PM
 *DEC. 26 - 7 PM

*MAY BE CANCELED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in Jarvis Hall. The pre-meeting conference starts at 6 PM and 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

NOV. 15 - 6:30 PM
 DEC. 19 - 6:30 PM

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

Parking Hearing

NOV. 13 - 3 PM

Code Compliance

NOV. 13 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the first Tuesday of the month.

Master Plan Steering Committee

NOV. 20 - 6:30 PM
 DEC. 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 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.

TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

A Sample Ballot will be published in the *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper in both English and Spanish.

QUESTION ONE

ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS

Explanation: Should the Charter be amended to establish a Town-wide maximum building height of four stories or forty-four feet, except for existing buildings taller than four stories or taller than forty-four feet that are grandfathered, and except for the area north of Pine Avenue and east of State Road A1A where by variance a maximum building height of fifteen stories or one hundred fifty feet may be allowed?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION TWO

MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS AND NON-CONFORMING BUILDING

Explanation: If the proceeding ballot referendum question is approved by the voters, should Charter Section 277 be further amended to allow existing nonconforming buildings taller than four stories to be replaced with single or multiple nonconforming buildings taller than four stories provided they are within the same parcel boundaries that existed on 10/1/01 and to delete language which limits the square footage of nonconforming buildings that are replaced or rebuilt, but to otherwise maintain height limits?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION THREE

TERM AND TERM LIMITS, CHARTER AMENDMENT INITIATIVE PETITION

Explanation: Shall the Town Charter be amended to provide for two year terms for the mayor (instead of four year terms); term limits of two consecutive terms for commissioners, three consecutive terms for the mayor, and two year standdown period, with mayor service affecting term limits for commissioners, but commissioner service not affecting term limits for mayor; and avoiding term limit evasion resulting from resignation or removal, effective the next municipal general election?

Yes _____ No _____

QUESTION FOUR

AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TO ALLOW HOME OCCUPATIONS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Explanation: Should the Town Code be amended by adopting proposed Ordinance 2006-10 to allow for home occupational Activity in residential zoning districts?

Yes _____ No _____

VOTE 'YES' ON QUESTION 1

By Chuck Clark
Mayor Pro-Tem

Town voters face an extremely important decision on building heights in the **Nov. 7th** election. At stake, in my opinion, is nothing less than the financial future of the Town.

Voters in March adopted a referendum restricting the height of all buildings in Town to four stories. The Town already had a 4-story height limit in place, but the referendum extended it to **North Beach**, the area of Town north of Pine Avenue [see map at right].

The issue passed by just 26 votes, indicating how divided residents are on this key issue.

As expected, property owners who previously could have developed buildings up to 15 stories filed claims against the Town under the *Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act*.

To date, the *Bert J. Harris* legal claims pending against the Town exceed \$20 million.

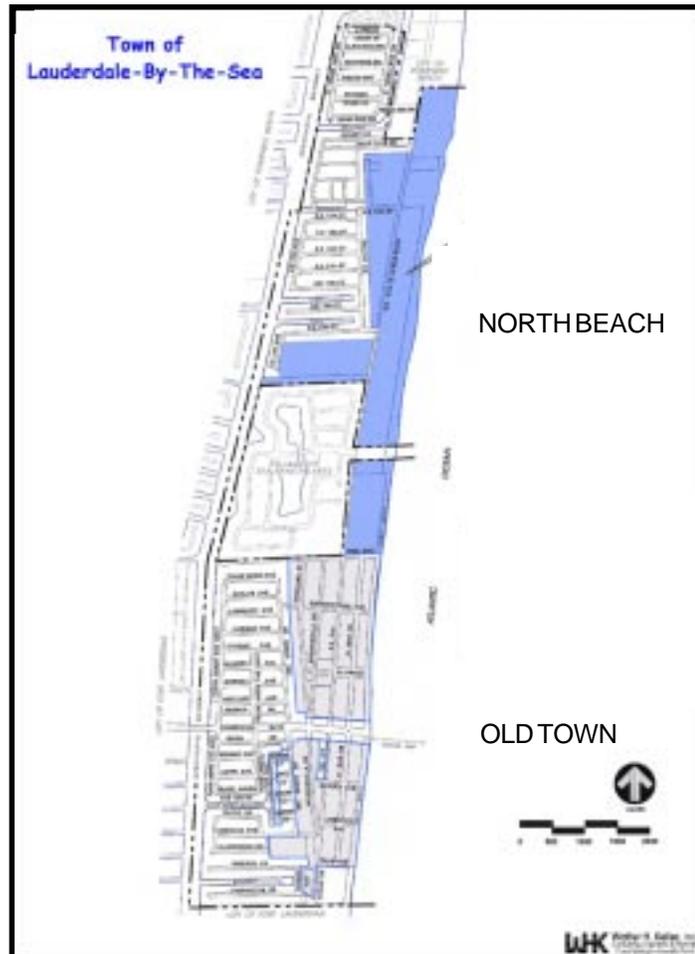
I believe it is extremely important for voters to repeal the March referendum on height.

A **YES** vote on Nov. 7th would remove the threat of multi-million dollar lawsuits to the Town and restore property values taken away by the passage of the March referendum.

The November ballot question **DOES NOT THREATEN** height limits elsewhere in Town.

As a practical matter, there are already high-rise buildings in North Beach under consideration for this exception, so the landscape would not be dramatically changed.

The passage of Question 1 would still keep Town-wide building height limits to 4-stories, but it would allow the **Town Commission** — in the North Beach area **ONLY** — to allow property owners who could sue the



Town to develop buildings up to a maximum of 15 stories, which was the height limit in North Beach **BEFORE** the March referendum.

This would be done by granting a variance — not an automatic event. We could also impose certain conditions, such as a pleasant design, setbacks with enhanced landscaping, more spacing between buildings, deeded public access to the beach, etc.

On Nov. 7th, **VOTE YES** on Question 1. Not only will its passage restore the individual rights of property owners in Town, it will save the Town tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary legal fees and possibly millions of dollars in court judgments.

VOTE 'YES' ON QUESTION 2

QUESTION 2

This referendum applies only to buildings which are already non-conforming and higher than 4 stories. It would allow these buildings to be replaced with single or multiple non-conforming buildings taller than 4 stories within the same parcel boundaries that existed on Oct. 10, 2001, and to delete language which limits the square footage of the non-conforming building which is to be replaced or rebuilt. The height limits would otherwise be maintained. In my view, the real purpose of this referendum would be to permit an

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VOTE 'NO' ON QUESTION 1

By **Jerome S. McIntee**
Town Commissioner

QUESTION 1: "ESTABLISHING" [IN FACT REPEALING SOME] MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS [AND VOTER CONTROL OVER REZONING].

Should the Charter be amended to establish a Town-wide maximum building height of four stories or forty-four feet, except for existing buildings taller than four stories or taller than forty-four feet that are grandfathered, and except for the area north of Pine Avenue and east of State Road A1A where by variance a maximum building height of fifteen stories or one hundred fifty feet may be allowed?

Despite the misleading wording, Question 1 would not "establish" any height limit whatsoever. The citizens-initiative amendment voters passed in March established the existing 3-over-1-story maximum height limit for new construction Town-wide. Question 1 would **REPEAL** that limit along the Town's northern beach.

It is therefore a pro-developer amendment that would impact environmental quality of life for hundreds of single-family homeowners north of **Sea Ranch Lakes** and west of **State Road A1A** and obstruct ocean views of hundreds of hi-rise condo owners east of A1A, while further complicating current near-gridlock traffic on A1A during high season, to the agony of all LBTS residents and visitors.

Possibly even worse, were this amendment to pass, it would deprive LBTS voters of their current right under the **Town Charter** to have a referendum vote on any proposal to raise the current 2-story height limit or otherwise rezone any residential areas. Despite Question 1 supporters' loud claims that it would impact only areas north of Sea Ranch Lakes, the loss of voter control over rezoning would be Town-wide!

Most disturbing is the fact that returning control of residential-area

rezoning from voters at-large to a 3-member **Town Commission** majority has gone entirely unmentioned by supporters of Question 1, and is completely absent from the question shown on the ballot. Should any voters ask to see the full text of the proposed amendment, they would not even find a "struck-through" text of "voter-control" provisions of the current Charter, which is the standard procedure whenever existing provisions of a Charter or statute are to be deleted.

This "stealth" approach mirrors what happened in 1998, when the sponsor of an initiative assured voters in writing, "If this Charter Amendment passes, the Town Commission will no longer have the power to raise the building height limits in Town without first obtaining voter approval in a Town-wide referendum," but then slipped into the amendment a clause, "The Town Commission is hereby specifically authorized" to raise height limits in residential areas from 2 stories to 3 or 3-over-1 stories! Almost at once the Commission took advantage of that clause to raise the height limit in a residential area off **Sea Grape Drive** by a "zoning overlay district."

Voters fought back last March by passing a citizens' initiative clearly stating in the ballot question, "certain zoning provisions ... to be amendable only by referendum at a general election." That is why voters will now have a chance to approve home business licenses in residential areas, rather than having it forced on them by a 3-2 Commission vote. But the same sponsor who did so in 1998 has again slipped into Question 1 the text, "The Town Commission is hereby specifically authorized" to raise residential-area building heights — and has **AGAIN** done so without telling the voters **OR** showing current Charter text to be deleted **OR** indicating it on the ballot.

Other disturbing new provisions introduced by stealth into Question 1 include the possibility to replace

existing hi-rise buildings by buildings with more floor space and a much larger footprint. Such "big-foot" buildings could, for instance, spread out over the current parking lots of the **Holiday Inn** and the **Clarion**. For all such replacement buildings the Charter would also no longer limit the height above roof level of satellite dishes, antennae, cell-phone towers, or **ANYTHING ELSE** a future 3-2 majority of the Commission might decide to approve.

The Question 1 amendment is so bad its sponsors do not even **TRY** to address it on its merits. Virtually their **ONLY** recourse has been to use scare tactics: "Vote yes or we will be bankrupt by millions of dollars in claims!" So says the **Mayor**, with sporadic support from the **Town Attorney** and enthusiastic support from would-be developers and their expensive Web site. But remember: This is the same Mayor and Town Attorney who said that voters could no longer exercise initiative on Town ordinances. (But the Attorney General said you **COULD**, and citizens confirmed it in 2004 by a 2-to-1 referendum-vote margin.) They are the same two who assured the Commission it need not place our voters-initiative height-limit referendum on the March 2006 ballot — until **Judge Goldstein** ordered that they **MUST!** And these are the same developers who spent over \$20,000 in the final weeks of the general election campaign last March trying to defeat the citizens' height-limit amendment.

FDR got it right: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself!" But if there **WERE** any validity to the threats of million dollar claims, Question 1 would not save the day, because it would limit the current 15-story zoning of several properties WEST of A1A, which could then **ALSO** file *Bert J. Harris Act* claims! But despite the Town Attorney's position, **Citizens Initiative Committee** attorney **Ross Shulmister** firmly believes the Section 4 "escape

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clause" **IS** an effective part of the Charter amendment passed last March, and that an appeals court would probably agree — once there was a need for it!

Finally, you should know that when seeking the Attorney General's opinion, the Town Attorney declined to include text and case law citation proposed by Shulmister, who has advised that, based on appeals court rulings, the *Harris Act* would not be triggered by a Charter amendment, and that while ordinances of the Town **CAN** trigger the *Harris Act*, a good case can be made that it was the Charter amendment itself — **NOT** any related ordinances of the Town — that had created any "burden" an appeals court might eventually deem to exist. (And despite Mr. Cherof's use of the term "inordinate burden" in his letter to the Attorney General, plaintiffs could have quite a chore convincing a court that any "intolerable burden" had, in fact, been created, or even that there had been "a specific action of a governmental entity" — necessary basis for a *Harris Act* claim.)

Another prejudicial statement Town Attorney Cherof included in his letter to the Attorney General — one that was moreover totally false — was that the North Beach parcels which could evoke *Harris Act* claims are "undeveloped." Clearly, what the *Harris Act* refers to as an owner's "reasonable investment-backed expectation" is entirely different when buying a co-op town home, an apartment, or a restaurant, than when buying an "undeveloped" lot!

I believe voters should consider well who has given good advice in the past on voters' initiatives and on "general" elections, and who has given bad advice and misrepresented material facts. They should also consider why developers want to spend so much on Web site propaganda to pass this amendment and, accordingly, should vote "**NO**" on Question 1.

VOTE 'NO' ON QUESTION 2

QUESTION 2: [PERMITTING MORE AND LARGER] NON-CONFORMING (MID- & HI-RISE) BUILDINGS.

Question 2: If the proceeding [sic] ballot referendum question is approved by the voters, should Charter Section 277 be further amended to allow existing nonconforming buildings taller than four stories to be replaced with single or multiple nonconforming buildings taller than four stories provided they are within the same parcel boundaries that existed on 10/1/01 and to delete language which limits the square footage of nonconforming buildings that are replaced or rebuilt, but to otherwise maintain height limits?

Question 2 builds on the pro-developer provisions of Question 1, but would be even more of a violation of LBTS voters' traditional wish to preserve the open spaces and less-developed atmosphere that have long characterized our Town.

Where Question 1 would permit existing tall buildings to be replaced on a 1-for-1 basis by single "big-foot" buildings with more square feet built up to three or four stories over an expanded footprint, Question 2 would permit construction up to the entire number of stories in the old building over the expanded footprint. It would also permit a single tall building to be replaced by multiple buildings of the same height, as long as they could be squeezed onto the same property.

Apparently at the urging of a particular would-be developer of the Holiday Inn property, Commissioners called a special meeting on Christmas Eve last year to rush Question 2 onto what they then hoped would be the March 2006 ballot. But several months later, apparently realizing how unpopular proposed Question 2 was, two commission members asked the Citizens Initiative Committee (CIC) to agree to request Judge Goldstein

to amend the "agreed order" which the Town had drafted, the CIC had agreed, and Judge Goldstein had signed on 1/12/2006, so as to remove Question 2 from the November 7 ballot.

The CIC did not agree — not because they favor passage of this pro-developer amendment, but because they trust voters to make the right decision as the Town had initially proposed and Judge Goldstein ordered. But a narrow majority of the Commission asked the Town Attorney to go to court anyway for judicial approval, to drop Question 2 despite Mr. Cherof's advice that "the Judge would not agree [Indeed, he did not], and the Town would be foolish to go to court and ask for it!"

As put forward, Question 2 cannot pass unless Question 1 also passes. Voters who want to make absolutely sure they do not see more and bigger buildings under this amendment should, therefore, vote "**NO**" on Questions 1 AND 2.

VOTE 'YES' ON QUESTION 3

QUESTION 3: TERM LENGTHS AND TERMLIMITS

Shall the Town Charter be amended to provide for two-year terms for the mayor (instead of four-year terms); term limits of two consecutive terms for commissioners, three consecutive terms for the mayor, and two-year stand-down period, with mayor service affecting term limits for commissioners, but commissioner service not affecting term limits for mayor; and avoiding term limit evasion resulting from resignation or removal, effective the next municipal election?

Lord Acton wrote that, "All power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." If that is true, it seems reasonable that the longer

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one remains in office, the more likely one is to suffer from that tendency. Moreover, noticeably imperious, arbitrary and/or authoritarian mindsets can frequently — but certainly not always — be seen to develop among those long in power.

These may well be among the reasons numerous public bodies, ranging from the **Florida Legislature** to the **Fort Lauderdale City Commission**, have adopted term limits for their members.

They have also prompted the LBTS Citizens Initiative Committee to propose a simple regime of term lengths and term limits.

The single change in term lengths proposed by Question 3 is a change from four years back to two for mayoral terms. Two very practical considerations prompted that proposal. First, regular, biennial mayoral elections, along with staggered 4-year terms for Commissioners, allow voters to vote for a majority of Commission members at each municipal election, and thereby alter the Commission alignment, if necessary, to bring it into line with the will of a majority of the electorate.

Two-year mayoral terms also avoid an inequity as among serving Commissioners by giving each Commissioner whose 4-year term is about to expire, or who may be coming up against a term limit, an opportunity to become a mayoral candidate without a break in service. Retaining a 4-year term of office for Commissioners, on the other hand, has been deemed by the sponsors of this initiative to give new Commissioners a fair opportunity to become effective in their duties before again having to run for reelection, and to ensure a continuity of at least two experienced Commissioners in office following each election.

A two term or 8-year limit for Commissioners without a break in service is in line with current practice in a large number of cities. Allowing term-limited Commissioners to become mayoral candidates

is advisable because experience as a Commissioner can be an important advantage to a newly-elected Mayor. A three term or 6-year limit for Mayors, however, is reasonable since mayors are likely to have had immediately preceding service as a Commissioner, which will typically have brought their combined time in office to 8 years or more.

The sponsors of Question 3 believe that the considerations that justify term limits also justify their immediate application at the next election, and that it would not contribute to the desired goal to allow someone who had already served eight or 10 years in office to serve another six or eight years before reaching a term limit. Nor are they advised by counsel that there is any statutory need to do so.

The sponsors do not, however, believe reaching term limits should permanently disqualify someone from further elected office. Indeed, they believe that a two year time out during which time one could observe municipal affairs from the other side of the dais could help prepare term-limited officials to resume their duties with a valuable new perspective on public service.

VOTE 'YES' ON QUESTION 4**QUESTION 4: ALLOWING HOME OCCUPATIONS**

Should the Town Code be amended by adopting proposed Ordinance 2006-10 to allow for home occupational activity in residential zoning districts?

There are at least four very good reasons to grant licenses for home businesses to residential property owners. Two concerns have also been voiced, neither of which I find compelling. The clear advantages are:

— A number of residents are currently operating home businesses in violation of the current ordinance. They would be able to come into compliance with the code for a nominal annual fee;

— Some would-be home business owners are no doubt holding back out of respect for the law, and would then be able to get to work;

— The Town would no longer be tolerating violation of the law. It is quite counterproductive of good government to have ordinances that the administration fails to enforce, and which failure the Commission condones. It is particularly unfortunate when the Town contracts with a scofflaw to provide the very home service that is offered in violation of the ordinance. That would end under this proposed amendment; and

— By obtaining an occupational license, some business owners would qualify for reduced-rate health insurance plans unavailable to them as private individuals.

On the other hand, there have been objections that:

— The annual fee would impose a burden on struggling small businesses. However, the proposed fee seems reasonable in light of the advantages mentioned above and would, in any event, be deductible as a business expense; and

— Allowing home businesses would lower the quality of life in residential areas. Here, it appears that adequate safeguards have been included in the ordinance, and that were violations to occur, appropriate sanctions — including revocation of licenses — could be imposed.

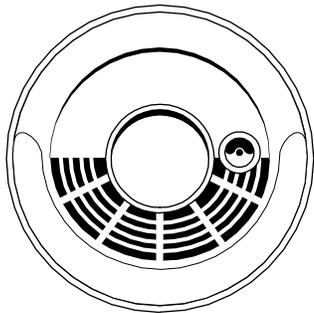
While I do not therefore believe this ordinance would damage quality of life, I do applaud the fact this is being put to the voters, so that if a majority felt that it **WOULD** harm their quality of life, they could vote **"NO"** — and the draft amendment would not be enacted.

But unless a majority votes **"NO"** on Question 1, voters will lose this valuable control over rezoning measures affecting residential areas, and may never again be asked to vote on matters of this nature. So, if you agree with me, I urge you to vote **"NO"** on Question 1 and **"YES"** on Question 4.

Annually changing the batteries in smoke alarms can save lives

Eighty-three percent of all civilian fire-related deaths are a result of home fires. On average, nearly three children a day die in these tragic fires across the nation.

An early warning can provide critical extra seconds to escape.



Smoke alarms double your family's chances of getting out of a home

fire alive, but only if they work.

Make a lifesaving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms, as many residents did on Oct. 29th.

This simple chore takes just a moment to complete, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Please pass this information along to your friends and family so that they, too, can make the simple change that could save their lives.

This reminder to **Change Your Clock Change Your Battery®** comes from the **Broward's Sheriff's Office Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency**

Smoke alarms double your chances of getting out of a home fire alive, but only if they work!

Services and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Help Is Available

Residents requiring help with smoke alarm battery installation may call 954-786-2153 and schedule an appointment.

We ask that you have available a fresh 9-volt battery for each smoke alarm in your home.

Please remember, 911 responses take priority. We ask for your understanding if we are late for a scheduled appointment. ☐

Jarvis Hall sign-up dates set for senior and Homestead property exemptions

Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish recently announced special homeowner sign-up dates for **Homestead** and **Senior Property Tax Exemptions** for residents in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**.

Deputy Property Appraisers will visit **Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive**, on the following Thursdays:

Nov. 16th

Dec. 14th

Jan. 18th

Feb. 15th.

All sign-ups begin at **11:30 AM**, except for the one on **Dec. 14th**, which will start instead at **9 AM**.

Documents required to file for 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.

Broward County property owners who moved in 2006 must re-file in person or online, because the Homestead Exemption is not transferable.

Qualified residents 65 or older may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption.

Eligible seniors must have a total household income not exceeding \$23,463. By law, first time Senior Exemption applications can only be taken after **Jan. 1, 2007**.

For further information, please visit the Property Appraiser's Web site at **www.bcpa.net**.

You can also contact **Bob Wolfe** in the Property Appraiser's Office at 954-445-5732. ☐

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH / 9 AM- 4 PM

All items handcrafted by the area's best crafters & artisans. Exquisite and unique holiday gift items. Wanted: Crafters and Vendors. Please call 954-563-1431 or 954-776-5530.

Sponsored by the Women's Association of the Community Church of Lauderdale By The Sea!

BSO POLICE BLOTTER

09/06/06

A subject was arrested reference possession of an unlawful tag at 200 Commercial Blvd.

09/11/06

A subject was arrested reference a stolen vehicle at 1965 South Ocean Blvd.

09/11/06

A subject was arrested at 1965 South Ocean Blvd., reference a stolen vehicle out of Miami.

09/13/06

A subject was arrested on a warrant reference violation of parole at 221 Commercial Blvd.

09/18/06

A subject was arrested reference narcotics in the 4500 block of North Ocean Drive.

09/20/06

A subject was arrested on a warrant for trafficking Methamphetamine at 257 Allenwood Drive.

09/20/06

A subject was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 4620 North Ocean Drive.

09/26/06

A subject was arrested reference no occupational license in the 4600 block of North Ocean Drive.

09/27/06

A subject was arrested in the 4100 block of Galt Ocean Drive for petit theft.

09/27/06

A subject was stopped for making an illegal U-turn at 221 Commercial Blvd. A records check confirmed an active deportation order.

09/28/06

A subject was arrested for driving a vehicle without a valid driver's license at 200 Commercial Blvd.

09/28/06

A subject was arrested on two warrants reference violation of parole for burglary and possession of cannabis under 20 grams at 200 Commercial Blvd.

BSO FIRE RESCUE BLOTTER

09/01/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 1900 S. Ocean Blvd.

09/03/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4050 N. Ocean Drive.

09/07/06

E36 and 12 units responded to an elevator rescue at 4326 Bougainville Drive.

09/11/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a smoke detector activation at 1800 S. Ocean Blvd.

09/15/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a smoke detector activation at 4900 N. Ocean Blvd.

09/17/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a gas leak at 5555 N. Ocean Blvd.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE CALLS

EMS: 59
Fire: 0
Other Fires: 42

09/20/06

E36 and R12 responded to an oil spill at 2021 SE 18th St.

09/21/06

E36 responded to an elevator rescue at 1470 S. Ocean Blvd.

09/24/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a fire alarm at 4144 El Mar Drive.

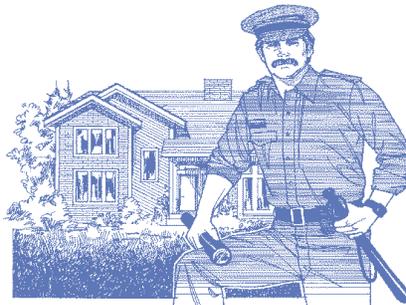
09/28/06

E36 and 12 units responded to a smoke detector activation at 1600 S. Ocean Blvd.

09/29/06

E36 and 12 units responded to an alarm at 5200 N. Ocean Blvd.

E: ENGINE. R: RESCUE. S: SQUIRT



09/29/06

A subject was stopped at 238 Lombardy Ave., for running a stop sign and expired license plate. An active warrant was discovered for economic crimes out of California.

09/30/06

A subject was arrested following a traffic stop at 200 Commercial Blvd. Subject advised he did not have a Florida driver's license and gave a false name. The subject was arrested for obstruction and no valid driver's license.

MONTHLY BULK PICK-UP DATES

Here are the Town's monthly 2006 bulk collection pick-up dates for the remainder of the year. The 2007 dates will be published in the January Town Topics.

SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL

11/02/06

12/07/06

NORTH OF COMMERCIAL

11/03/06

12/08/06

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year. Florida's economy is strong and our buying power is on the rise. Many of us are also 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 behalf of the **Town Commission** and staff, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Joyous Holidays.

Elsewhere on this page you will find some helpful tips from the **National Mental Health Association** on battling depression during the holidays.

For those of you who may need assistance during the holidays, please keep the important numbers below by your phone.

KEY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY
911

TOWN HALL
954-776-0576

SENIOR CENTER
954-771-2852

SENIOR CONNECTION
954-714-3464 [ELDER LINK]

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

HOLIDAY DEPRESSION & STRESS

The holidays are often seen as a joyous occasion and a chance to come together with friends and family.

This holiday season, amidst the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, the war abroad and continued threat of terrorism at home, many people will benefit from the opportunity to connect with others. But for many individuals and families, this time of year will be difficult whether or not they have been directly affected by recent events.

For those who have lost loved ones or suffered other painful events during the past year, these will be the first holidays without relatives and friends. Military families may be celebrating the holidays apart from family members involved in our nation's response to terrorism. In addition, many people are reluctant to travel and, therefore, might not be with those close to them. People who are out of work experience financial strains in a season that has become increasingly commercialized. For others who are estranged from family and friends, this season can be an intensely lonely and sad period, and make them feel more isolated from those who are enjoying the holidays.

As we enter this holiday season, it is important to remember that many Americans are coping with anxiety and trauma at a time that often causes additional stress. Instead of feeling joy, many people may experience the "holiday blues" and not feel like celebrating.

Tips for Coping

Taking care of yourself during a stressful holiday season is one of the best things you can do for yourself and those around you. All Americans are coping with our nation's losses in varying degrees and will react differently to the holidays this year.

— Try to set realistic goals for the holidays. Keep expectations simple for yourself and others.

— Make a budget and stick to it. Financial worries add more stress. Don't try to keep up with everyone else. Spend what you can afford. Seek out free activities.

— Try not to overeat or drink excessively to escape stressful feelings. Eat healthy foods and get plenty of exercise.

— When traveling, allow extra time. Recognize that delays may occur because of increased security.

— Remember that the holidays are more than one day; they are part of a whole season. Pace yourself. Spread enjoyable activities throughout the entire season.

— Try a new way of celebrating. Attend celebrations of other friends or communities or give the gift of your time to someone else.

— Helping others can also help you feel better. Volunteer at a homeless shelter, buy a present for a child in need or visit people in nursing homes.

— If you do not have friends or family to visit with, reach out. Contact local clubs, religious groups or community centers to see if they are holding activities that may interest you.

— Recognize that everyone is responding to the current situation differently. Allow yourself to feel sadness, anger or lonely feelings. Nurture yourself. Take some time out each day to care for and celebrate yourself.

— Respect and validate others' thoughts and feelings.

— Try to stay in the present. Look forward to the future. Life is full of changes. Consider what is important in your life and good about these times. □

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architect to design a more pleasing site plan beyond a rectangular block.

VOTE 'NO' ON QUESTION 3

QUESTION 3

Personally, I think this term-limit referendum takes away voter rights in that the voter becomes limited in what can be approved or disapproved. It seems to me that term limits should be left to the voters as a group as to who they can or cannot vote for. It also seems that the issue of applying this referendum retroactively is not legal. However, the courts may end up deciding this point.

VOTE 'YES' ON QUESTION 4

QUESTION 4

Currently, we do not have a level playing field on this issue for the whole Town. The northern portion of the Town is already allowed to have occupational licenses in the residential districts as a result of grandfathering upon annexation. The southern part of the Town does not enjoy this privilege. An ordinance cannot solve this matter since a residential zoning change requires a referendum to be placed on the ballot. A **YES** vote would make the issue equal Town-wide

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, DEC. 9TH / 9 AM- 4 PM

Sponsored by the Women's Association of the Community Church of Lauderdale By The Sea

All items handcrafted by the area's best crafters & artisans. Exquisite and unique holiday gift items. Wanted: Crafters & Vendors. Please call 954-563-1431 or 954-776-5530.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea
4501 Ocean Drive
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL 33308

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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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