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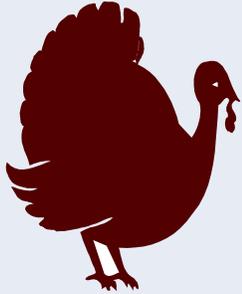
LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA'S OFFICIAL TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## Town News

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The Town Commission, Town Manager Esther Colon and the entire administrative staff and all Town employees would like to take this opportunity

to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

### EVA KARLEY REMEMBERED

The flag at Town Hall was lowered to half-staff in October to honor Eva Karley, a longtime Town resident who passed away on Sept. 28. Karley was the wife of former Town Commissioner William Karley. The beach portal at Datura Avenue was dedicated in their honor earlier this year.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Town Hall receptionist Nekisha "Nikki" Smith was selected as the Town's Employee of the Month in October. Smith is often the first person residents who call Town Hall to talk to if they have a question or issue to resolve. She began working for the Town on a temporary basis in October 2006. Smith became a Town staff employee in early April.

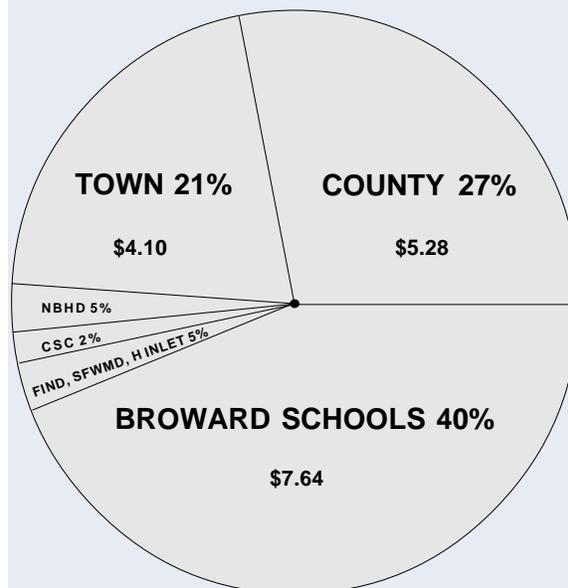
## Town Commission lowers tax rate to \$4.10 for FY 07-08

The Town Commission lowered the Town's property tax rate this year by adopting a **Fiscal Year 2007-08** property tax rate of **\$4.10** per thousand dollars of assessed property value. The Town's property tax rate for **FY 2006-07** was **\$4.35**. The \$28 million budget and tax rate were adopted at the Commission's final budget hearing on Sept. 27th.

Twenty-one percent of your total tax bill goes to the Town (see chart below). The Commission also cut the **Fire Protection Rate** from **\$260** per residential household to **\$130**. All non-residential Fire Protection rates were also reduced by 50 percent. The **\$7 per month residential stormwater utility fee** was also eliminated. Under the adopted budget, the Town will still complete the following capital improvements projects for FY 2007-08:

- The Commercial Boulevard beach pavilion.
- SeaGrape Drive sidewalk and landscaping improvements.
- New Town entranceways.
- Sewers for Bel Air homeowners.
- New Commission chambers in Jarvis Hall.

## PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN



Your Town property tax bill comprises only 21 percent of your total Broward County tax bill (see pie chart). As you can see, 67 percent of your tax bill goes to Broward County and Broward Schools. Six percent is earmarked for the North Broward Hospital District; 2 percent is for the Children's Services Council; and 4 percent is for the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Inland Navigation District and the Hillsboro Inlet Navigation District.

### TOWN DIRECTORY



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**Oliver Parker**  
 Vice Mayor  
**John Yanni**  
 Mayor Pro Tem  
**Chuck Clark**  
 Commissioners  
**Jerry McIntee**  
**Jim Silverstone**

Town Manager  
**Esther Colon**  
 Assistant to the Town Manager  
**John Olinzock**  
 Town Attorney  
**James Cherof**  
 Town Clerk  
**June White**  
 Finance Director  
**Martin Sherwood**  
 Municipal Services Director  
**Richard Mesiano**  
 Development Services Director  
**Frank Rabinowitz**  
 Broward Sheriff's Office  
**Chief Scott Gooding**  
 BSO Fire Rescue  
**Chief Richard Sievers**  
 Town Chaplain  
**Rev. John Handrahan**  
 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 at the beginning of each month and is also available on the Town's Web site. Ads can be dropped off at Town Hall and are only accepted from businesses with bonafide Town occupational licenses. Articles can be submitted via e-mail to the Town's Public Information Office at [lbtspio@bellsouth.net](mailto:lbtspio@bellsouth.net).

## MONTHLY BULK PICK-UP DATES

Here are the Town's **bulk pick-up dates** for the rest of the year. If you live **south of Commercial Boulevard**, your bulk pick-up date is the **first Thursday** of the month. If you live **north of Commercial**, your bulk pick-up date is the **first Friday**.

### SOUTH OF COMMERCIAL FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

11/01/07

12/06/07

### NORTH OF COMMERCIAL FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

11/02/07

12/07/07

### HOLIDAY REMINDER

Please note: There is no regular garbage pick-up on **Christmas** (Tuesday, Dec. 25th) or **Thanksgiving** (Nov. 22). There is regular garbage pick-up on **New Year's Day** (Jan. 1st.).

## Town hires Director of Municipal Services

The Town has hired **Richard Mesiano** to serve as the Town's new **Municipal Services Director**.

Prior to coming to work for the Town in September, Mesiano worked for seven years for the **City of Boca Raton** as **Construction Manager** in the **Utilities Administration Department**.

He also spent five years as **Project Manager** in the **Public Utilities Department** in the **City of Hollywood**. □

## MEETINGS GUIDE

### Town Commission

NOV. 13 - 7 PM

NOV. 27 - 7 PM

\*DEC. 13 - 7 PM

\*Note: This meeting is on Thursday.

The Commission holds its regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

### Board of Adjustment

NOV. 20 - 3 PM

### Code Compliance

NOV. 21 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month.

### Parking Hearing

NOV. 21 - 3 PM

Meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month.

### Planning & Zoning

NOV. 21 - 6:30 PM

Meets as needed on the third Wednesday of the month.

### Master Plan Steering Committee

NO MEETING

Meets on the third Monday of the month.

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](http://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov)

- Commission meetings are televised live on Channel 78. Meetings are re-broadcast at noon on Wednesday, Friday and Monday, as well as at 6 PM Thursday and 2 AM Saturday.

- The Town provides appropriate auxiliary aids and services as required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. **Town Topics** will be read, upon request, to those persons with visual impairments. Persons with disabilities should contact the Town Clerk at 954-776-0576 for further assistance in accessing Town information important to you.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposals for Electrical Maintenance Services Agreement 2007**, addressed to the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, will be received at the office of the **Town Clerk, Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla., 33308** until noon on the **20th day of November 2007**, and then will be publicly opened and read. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

The project consists of furnishing the necessary equipment, labor and materials for the performance of Electrical maintenance services for Electrical systems specified in the contract documents.

One (1) original and one (1) copy of the proposal are to be enclosed in an envelope clearly marked on the outside **ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT 2007** and delivered to:

**June White, Town Clerk, Town Of Lauderdale By-The-Sea, 4501 Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla. 33308.**

For more information on bid specifications, call **954-776-0776**.

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## 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**. □ □

## Town to seek bids on fire protection

The **Town Commission** directed the administration to seek bids from **Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach** and possibly other cities to see if they could provide fire protection in Town at a lower cost than what the Town now pays.

The Commission in September voted to notify the **Broward Sheriff's Office** it intended to end its contract for fire service protection in one year. BSO is also expected to submit a bid to the Town to provide fire protection service in Town.



Citing the high cost of fire protection, Commissioners said they want to see if a nearby city could provide fire service protection at a lower cost to the taxpayers. The Town pays BSO \$3.7 million per year for fire and paramedic services. □

## Town will hold an election on Jan. 29

The **Town** is holding a municipal election on **Jan. 29th**, the same day as the **Presidential Preference Primary**.

The qualifying period opens at noon on **Nov. 2nd** and ends at noon on **Nov. 16th**.

Candidates can qualify to run for the **District 1** and **District 2** seats on the **Town Commission** or **Mayor**. There is no district residential requirement for Mayor. For more information, please call the **Town Clerk's Office** at **954-776-0576**. □ □



### Town meetings will soon be available on Town's Web site

Town residents will soon be able to watch **Town Commission** meetings on their personal computers at home, whatever day they want and at any time of the day.

The Town is implementing a contract with **Granicus, Inc.**, a San Francisco firm that helps cities provide information via the **Internet**.

Tentatively scheduled to start in January, Commission meetings with be video streamed on the Town's Web site in addition to being televised on **Channel 78**.

A video archive and detailed agenda of the meetings broadcast over the Web will also be available later on the Town's Web site. A resident can go to the site, call up the video of the meeting, search for an item and then taken to that area of the tape. Granicus is an important tool for the **Town Clerk**, because the system makes it much easier for the Clerk to take and record minutes, a time-consuming process.

A number of cities in Florida and nationwide are now using this system, including the cities of **Deerfield Beach** and **Delray Beach**. □ □

### HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8 FROM 9 AM - 4 PM**

All items handcrafted by the area's best crafters & artisans. Exquisite and unique holiday gift items. Home baked items.

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

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

### CONCRETE BASE PREPARATION FOR ENTRYWAY FEATURES

The work generally consists of the installation of two (2) concrete base structures used to support decorative statues in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**. The work will include demolition of existing asphalt and concrete, removal and relocation of 2 large trees, installation of concrete block base with metal pole, installation of curbing, concrete flume, concrete wall, connection to existing electrical service, restoration of asphalt, concrete, landscape & irrigation conduit. Work will abut FDOT right of way; a permit may be required.

All work performed shall be in accordance with the Contract Documents pertaining thereto, which may be examined at **Chen and Associates, Inc., 500 W Cypress Creek Road, Suite 410, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**; Tel: 954-730-0707, Fax: 954 730 2030.

Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the office of the **Town Clerk, Town Hall, 4501 Ocean Drive, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Fla. 33308** until **2 PM on Thursday, November 22, 2007**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

### Town honored by Kids Voting Broward

The **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** received a **Kids Voting Broward** Local Government Award in mid-October for its efforts to promote democracy by encouraging children to vote.

The event was sponsored by the **Marine Industries Association of South Florida**. For more info, go to [www.kidsvotingbroward.org](http://www.kidsvotingbroward.org). □

### The next Homestead sign-up date is Nov. 15

There are two remaining special homeowner sign-up dates for **Homestead, Senior** and other property tax exemptions for taxpayers who reside in **Town**.

Deputy Property Appraisers will visit **Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive**, on the following Thursdays from **11 AM to 12:30 PM: Nov. 15th & Jan. 17th**. □

### Garden club plans 'Fun with Flowers' event on Nov. 12th

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** will meet in **Jarvis Hall** at **9:30 AM on Monday, Nov. 12th**. The club's monthly meeting is open to the public. The regular program is about ground orchids. At 10:30 PM, there will be a special Fun with Flowers program, where you can learn how to make flower arrangements. The cost: \$15.

For more info, call **Kit Cashman** at **954-642-8785**. □

## BACK on the MARKET

#### For Sale

Brand new sofa sleeper and love seat. Mocha Chenille. JCP Collection. \$1,300. Call 954-781-1412.

#### For Sale

Complete chrome and black drum set by Evans. \$200. Behringer amp (2'x3') with Jensen speakers. \$150. Karaoke machine. \$30. Mini pool table \$30. Mini-collapsible ping-pong table. \$20. Hitachi TV. \$20. Youth bike. \$10.

## BSO POLICE BLOTTER

**09/03/07**

A subject was arrested at Commercial Boulevard and State Road A1A for DUI.

**09/09/07**

A subject was arrested for driving with a suspended license at 4000 North Ocean Blvd.

**09/09/07**

A subject was arrested at 4050 North Ocean Drive for narcotics.

**09/11/07**

A subject was arrested for felony narcotics at 4011 North Ocean Blvd.

**09/11/07**

A subject was arrested at 400 West McNab Road in Fort Lauderdale for domestic battery at 1900 South Ocean Blvd.

**09/11/07**

A subject was arrested at 4400 North Ocean Drive for defrauding an innkeeper.

**09/12/07**

A subject was arrested at 4400 North Ocean Drive for DUI.

**09/17/07**

A subject was arrested for felony narcotics at 1900 South Ocean Blvd.



**9/19/07**

A subject was arrested for disorderly intoxication at 222 Commercial Blvd.

**09/24/07**

A subject was arrested at the intersection of Hibiscus Avenue and Seagrape Drive for DUI.

**09/25/07**

A subject was arrested at 3600 North Ocean Blvd, on warrants reference aggravated assault with a firearm, false imprisonment and battery.

**09/25/07**

A subject was arrested at 4209 Bougainvillea Drive for aggravated battery.

**09/26/07**

A subject was arrested petit theft at 100 Commercial Blvd.

**09/27/07**

A subject was arrested at 4529 North Ocean Drive for being an habitual traffic offender.

**09/28/07**

A subject was arrested at 4600 Seagrape Drive for DUI.

**09/28/07**

A subject was arrested at 4633 Bougainvillea Drive for domestic battery.

**09/29/07**

Two subjects were arrested at 4520 North Ocean Drive for domestic battery.

**09/30/07**

A subject was arrested for misdemeanor narcotics at 4000 North Ocean Blvd.

**09/30/07**

A subject was arrested at 4357 North Ocean Drive on a warrant reference violation of probation (possession of cocaine).

**09/30/07**

A subject was observed loitering in front of a closed business at 4348 North Ocean Drive. The subject was arrested on an open container warrant out of Broward County.

## BSO FIRE RESCUE BLOTTER

**09/02/07**

Kitchen Fire, 4116 N. Ocean Drive. R12, TL32, BC37 and Prev12 responded.

**09/02/07**

Grass Fire, 5100 N. Ocean Drive. E36, TL32.

**09/02/07**

Elevator Rescue, 4540 N. Ocean Drive. E36.

**09/08/07**

Water Rescue, 276 Commercial Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37, FTI Boat, AR85, FB6, CG.

**09/11/07**

Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/11/07**

Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd.

E36, R12, TL32 and BC37 responded to the scene.

**09/11/07**

Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

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Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

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Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

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Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/11/07**

Fire Alarm, 2000 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/11/07**

Hazardous Condition, 1700 S.

Ocean Blvd. E36.

**09/12/07**

Fire Alarm, 1441 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/13/07**

Fire Alarm, 1600 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/15/07**

Hazardous Condition, 4340 N. Ocean Drive. E36.

**09/16/07**

Hazardous Condition, 255 Imperial Lane, E36.

**09/17/07**

Fire Alarm, 1480 S. Ocean Blvd. E36, R12, TL32, BC37.

**09/18/07**

Fire Alarm, 5200 N. Ocean Drive. E36, TL32, R12, BC37.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Here is a listing of **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** homeowner groups, community groups, civic organizations

### HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS



#### **Bel Air Civic Association**

Contact: Edmund Malkoon Tel: 954-802-3403

#### **LBTS Property Owners' Association**

Contact: Cindy Geesey Tel: 954-776-5974

#### **North Beach Civic Association**

Contact: Mark Brown Tel: 954-781-6538.

#### **Terra Mar Island Civic Association**

Contact: Vito Chiarello Tel: 954-784-6931.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS



#### **Garden Club**

Meets the second Monday from September through May at 9:30 AM in Jarvis Hall.

Contact: Kit Cashman Tel: 954-642-8785.

#### **Kiwanis Club**

Meets Second & Fourth Monday, 6 PM, Damon's Grill.

Contact: Sec. -- Kaye Yanni Tel: 954-491-9737.

#### **Lions Club**

Meets First & Third Wednesdays, 7:30 AM, Damon's Grill.

Contact: Mike San Miguel Tel: 954-647-7752.

#### **Oceanside Chapter of Hadassah**

Meets the third Tuesday, Holy Cross Hospital. Contact: Joan. Tel: 954-565-0161.

#### **Our Art By The Sea**

Meets monthly at the Hampton Beach Club. Contact: Arnie Regan. Tel: 954-782-0945.

#### **Woman's Club**

Meets last Thursday, 11 AM. October thru April. Year round bridge on Wednesday.

Contact: Linda Collins: Tel: 954-234-6662.

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

#### **Chamber of Commerce**

4201 Ocean Drive Tel: 954-776-1000.

Monday - Sunday: 9 AM - 5 PM.

#### **Community Performing Arts Center**

Contact: Vincent Ragusa Tel: 954-202-2666.

#### **Hillsboro Inlet District**

Meets Third Monday, 7:30 PM, Dixon

AHL Recreation Center in Lighthouse Point

Town Hall. Contact: Oliver Parker Tel: 954-772-6468.

#### **LBTS Merchants Association**

Contact: Ken Brenner Tel: 954-938-0101

#### **Lions Eye Foundation**

Contact: Nels Pearson Tel: 954-564-5258.

#### **National Save The Sea Turtle Foundation**

Contact: Jennifer Hartwig Tel: 954-351-9333.

#### **Sister Cities Association**

Contact: Dr. Kenneth S. Most. Tel: 954-946-1783.

#### **Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**

Business Meetings: First Monday at 7 PM. Drills

### CHURCHES



#### **Assumption Catholic Church**

2001 South Ocean Blvd., LBTS, FL 33062

Tel: 954-941-7647. Winter Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4 & 5:30 PM Vigils.

Sunday: 8 AM, 9:15, 10:30 & 5:30 PM.

Monday thru Friday Mass: 9 AM

Woman's Altar Guild

Meets in Parish Hall at 11 AM on the second Thursday of the month Oct.-April.

#### **Community Church of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**

4433 Bougainvillea Drive

Tel: 954-776-5530. Sunday Worship: 10 AM.

Women's Group meets on the second Wednesday at Friedt Fellowship Hall. Dinner meetings held September through May. Moderator: Jeannette Checchia.

Tel: 954-772-4391. Taize Worship Service is the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM.

## BEACH PROJECT



**BEACH ACCESS:** The Town plans to upgrade the beach access from State Road A1A to the beach between the Sea Watch Restaurant and the Royal Coast condo by installing a concrete walkway. The project began in mid-October. A similar project to upgrade ocean access is also underway just south of the Ocean Colony condo.

## KEY PHONE NUMBERS

### MAYOR OLIVER PARKER

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

### VICE MAYOR JOHN YANNI

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

### MAYOR PRO TEM CHUCK CLARK

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

### COMMISSIONER JERRY McINTEE

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

### COMMISSIONER JIM SILVERSTONE

H: 954-771-0355 / C: 954-232-8340

## TOWN HALL

**954-776-0576**

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**954-776-3611**

CODE COMPLIANCE  
ZONING DEPARTMENT  
BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

**954-776-5119**

PARKING  
PUBLIC WORKS  
COMMUNITY STANDARDS

## POLICE & FIRE

### EMERGENCY / 911

**LBTS BSO OFFICE / 954-491-3920**

**SHIFT COMMANDER CELL / 954-275-9939**

**FIRE & RESCUE OFFICE / 954-831-8200**

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