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## Town News

### HOMESTEAD SIGN-UP DATES

Town seniors and homeowners can save money by signing up for Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemptions at Jarvis Hall on the following Thursdays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM: Oct. 18 and Nov. 15.

The documents required to file for Homestead Exemption include:

- A current Florida driver's license or Florida ID card.
- A current voter registration card or declaration of domicile.
- Non-US citizens must also provide proof of legal residency.

Qualified residents 65 or older may also apply for the additional Senior Exemption of \$50,000 from ad valorem taxes, which the Town approved in May. For more info, visit [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or call Robert Wolfe at 954-445-5732.

### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Community Standards Department employee Michael Walker was chosen as the Town's Employee of the Month in September.

Walker, who began his career with the Town in June 1994, has given the Town 13 years of dedicated service improving and maintaining Town facilities and grounds. Walker rose from maintenance worker to Supervisor of the Community Standards Department.

## Town cuts Fire Protection rate in half and eliminates stormwater utility fee

□ Town Commissioners also seemed poised to reduce the Town's property tax rate in FY 2007-08 from \$4.35 to \$4.10

**A**t its first September budget meeting, the **Town Commission** cut all of the Town's **Fire Protection Service** rates in half, eliminated the **Stormwater Utility Fee** and seemed prepared to reduce the Town's property tax rate from **\$4.35 to \$4.10**.

The final budget was scheduled to be adopted by the Commission on **Sept. 27th**.

The Fire Protection Rate was cut from **\$260** per residential household to **\$130**. All **non-residential rates** were also reduced by 50 percent and will be as follows for the 2007-08 fiscal year: Less than 1,999 square feet: **\$249.50**; 2,000 – 3,499: **\$499**; 3,500 – 4,999: **\$872.50**; 5,000 – 9,999: **\$1,246.50**; 10,000 – 19,999: **\$2,493**; 20,000 – 29,999: **\$4,985.50**; 30,000 – 39,999: **\$7,478**; and greater than 40,000 square feet: **\$9,971**.

The Commission also eliminated the **\$7 per month** residential stormwater utility fee. □

## IF YOU DARE, COME TO THE TOWN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY & HAUNTED HOUSE

**C**hildren of all ages in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** are invited to attend a **Halloween Party & Haunted House** on **Wednesday, Oct. 31st** from **6 to 8 PM** in **Jarvis Hall**.

The ghoulish event is sponsored annually by the **Mayor and Town Commission**.

There will be **supervised** trick or treating — starting promptly at 6 PM — in front of **Town Hall** at **4501 Ocean Drive**, which is adjacent to Jarvis Hall, 4505 Ocean Drive.

There is also a **costume contest** for children in different age groups: **0-4**, **5-8** and **9** and up.

The first place prize is a \$25 gift certificate from **Toys R' Us**. Second place is \$15 and third place is \$10. Prizes will be awarded in all three age categories.

If you have any questions, call Town Hall at **954-776-0576**. □



### TOWN DIRECTORY



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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@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

10/04/07  
 11/01/07  
 12/06/07

### NORTH OF COMMERCIAL FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

10/05/07  
 11/02/07  
 12/07/07

## Town hires new department head

The Town hired a new department head in September.

**Frank Rabinowitz** is the Town's new **Development Services Director**. His employment record includes six years with the **City of Plantation**, where he served as the **Plan Review Manager** and designated **Assistant Building Official**.

Rabinowitz also worked as a **Building Inspector** in **Code Enforcement** with the **City of Fort Lauderdale**.

He also worked as a **Structural Plans Examiner** and **Inspector** with **Deerfield Beach/Lighthouse Point**.

Rabinowitz began working for the Town on Sept. 17. □

## MEETINGS GUIDE

### Town Commission

OCT. 9 - 7 PM  
 OCT. 23 - 7 PM

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

### Board of Adjustment

Meets as needed the third Tuesday of the month.

OCT. 16 - 3 PM

### Planning & Zoning

Meets as needed third Wednesday of the month.

### Parking Hearing

OCT. 9 - 3 PM

Meets as needed on the second Tuesday of the month.

### Code Compliance

OCT. 9 - 1:30 PM

Meets as needed on the second Tuesday of the month.

### Master Plan Steering Committee

OCT. 15 - 6:30 PM

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.

## BENCHMARKS



The Town recently installed new benches and picnic tables for residents and tourists at Washingtonia Park (above) and El Prado Park (below). Both parks are on El Mar Drive along the beach.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

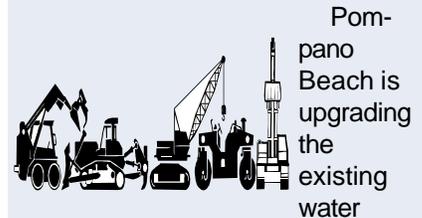
To fill unforeseen vacancies, the Town is always seeking volunteers for Town boards and committees.

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 Steering Committee and Walk Around Committee. □ □

## Construction work now underway along Southeast 19th Street

A two-month construction project by the **City of Pompano Beach** to upgrade water lines along **Southeast 16th Court** began in mid-September.



main, adding fire hydrants and replacing water service lines on the Bel Air road, which is located between Southeast 21st Avenue and Southeast 19th Avenue.

The construction project, when completed, will upgrade and enhance local water service for residents on Southeast 19th Street.

If homeowners experience any construction-related problems or have any questions about the project, please contact **Steven Rittenhouse** in the **Pompano Beach Utilities Department**. His number is **954-786-4082**.

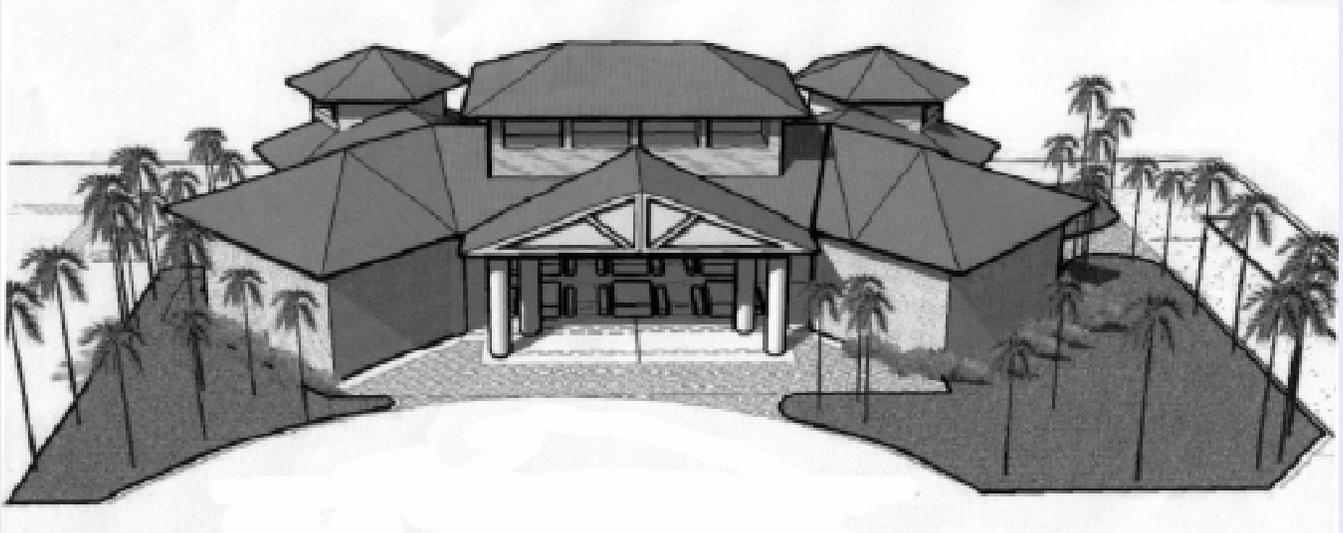
The City's water line improvement project is being done in conjunction with the Town's Capital Improvement Project to install sanitary sewers in Bel Air. That project was scheduled to begin in September. □

## Congregational breakfast scheduled for Oct. 20th

The **Community Church of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** has scheduled a 'Congregational Breakfast' for **Saturday, Oct. 20th** at **9 AM**. A home-cooked breakfast will be served free at the church, 4433 Bougainville Drive.

For more information, please call **954-776-5530**. □

# PAVILION DESIGN APPROVED



**SIGNATURE PROJECT:** The Town Commission in September selected the final design for the new beach pavilion at Commercial Boulevard and the Atlantic Ocean. The pavilion, which is being built with Town funds and a Broward County grant, will serve as a shaded oasis on the beach for tourists and residents. The Town has already built new beach portals to make visiting the ocean more enjoyable. The design was chosen after the Commission asked students at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale to submit proposals. The student competition was coordinated by the Master Plan Steering Committee. The new beach pavilion, which includes landscaping, shade, seating and drainage, is expected to become a local landmark. It must be completed by December 2008.

## Annual Town parking permits can be renewed starting Monday, Oct. 1

With the start of the Town's new fiscal year on **Oct. 1st**, now is the time for residents and business owners to think about renewing their annual Town parking permits.

The Town has three types of renewable permits:

**RESIDENT PARKING**

Property owners and people who rent annually can purchase a residential parking permit. Drivers with permits



can park in designated reserved

spaces if available.

**EMPLOYEE PARKING**

Employees of local businesses can obtain a parking permit and park in designated employee spaces if available.

**HARDSHIP PERMITS**

Hotels, motels and apartment hotel owners can also apply to the **Town Commission** for a hardship permit for their guests or customers. These are reviewed on a case

by case basis. □

## Garden club scheduled to meet again on Oct. 8th

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Garden Club** will meet in **Jarvis Hall** at **9:30 AM** on **Monday, Oct. 8th**.

The monthly meeting of the club is open to the public.



The program will be on salt-tolerant and water resourceful flowers.

The scheduled speaker is **Diane Guidry**.

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



MAYOR PARKER & THE TOWN COMMISSION  
 INVITE YOU LATER THIS MONTH TO ENJOY A  
 GHOULISHLY GREAT TIME AT THE ANNUAL...

**CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN  
 PARTY & HAUNTED HOUSE!**  
**W E D N E S D A Y, O C T, 31**  
**6 - 8 PM AT JARVIS HALL**

SUPERVISED TRICK OR TREATING IN  
 FRONT OF TOWN HALL / 4501 OCEAN DRIVE

**COSTUME CONTEST**

AGE GROUPS: 0-4, 5-8 & 9 & UP

1ST PLACE: \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE FROM  
 TOYS R' US. 2ND PLACE: \$15. 3RD PLACE: \$10

SPECIAL THANKS TO MARC & CRISTIE FURTH AND THE  
 CIC FOR HELPING DECORATE JARVIS HALL THIS YEAR!

# Lauderdale By The Sea Senior Center October 2007

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
<p><b>1</b> 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM Everything You Need To Know When Shopping For A Computer 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Video Tai Chi</p> <p>1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Beginner's Windows (Hands-On) 2:45PM-3:45 PM Beg. Spanish</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00 AM- 11:30 Mastering the Keyboard &amp; Mouse 11:45 AM- 12:45 PM Book Club 1:00 PM-2: 30 PM Internet/E-mail 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM French</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 AM-11: 30 AM Watercolors 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Organizing Computer Files &amp; Folders 1:00 PM-3:00 PM Games: Bridge, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Beginner's Word Processing (Hands-On) 2:45 PM– 3:45 PM Spanish</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Long Term Care Seminar by Erick Yankwitt 1:00 PM-2: 20 PM Yoga LBTS Residents - Limited Space - 6 Wks. 2:30 PM– 3:00 PM Yoga Beyond</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bridge 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Current Interior Decorating Ideas! 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Intermediate Windows 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Travel 1:00 PM-1: 30 PM News &amp;Views 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM Investment\Social</p>
<p><b>8</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM General Computer Questions &amp; Answers 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Video Tai Chi 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Using Scanners &amp; Printers 2:45PM-3:45 PM Beg. Spanish</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Computer Greeting Cards/E-Cards 11:45 AM– 12:45 PM Book Club 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Downloading From The Internet 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM French</p>	<p><b>10</b> 10:00 AM-11: 30 AM Drawing 10:00 AM – 11:30 Intermediate Word Processing 1:00 PM-3:00 PM Games: Bridge, Scrabble, Chess, Checkers 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Using CD-Rewritable Drives 2:45 PM– 3:45 PM Spanish</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Reverse Mortgages - Seminar by Erick Yankwitt 1:00 PM-2: 20 PM Yoga LBTS Residents - Limited Space - 6 Wks. 2:30 PM– 3:00 PM Yoga Beyond</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bridge 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Current Interior Decorating Ideas! 10:00 AM–11:30 AM Playing Music On Your Computer &amp; Using MP3's 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM MOVIE SHOWING 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM News &amp;Views 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM Investment\Social</p>
<p><b>15</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Using Yahoo, Google's and Other Interesting Websites 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Video Tai Chi 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Using Digital Cameras &amp; Printers 2:45PM-3:45 PM Beg. Spanish</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Using CD-Rewritable Drives 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Mastering the Keyboard &amp; Mouse 2:45 PM-3: 45 PM Book Club 2:45PM-3: 45 PM Beg. French</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Watercolors 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Organizing Computer Files &amp; Folders 1:00 PM-3:00 PM Bridge 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM Internet/E-mail Overview 2:45PM-3: 45 PM Spanish</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 AM – 11:30 How To Prepare A Will - Seminar by Erick Yankwitt 1:00 PM-2: 20 PM Yoga LBTS Residents - Limited Space - 6 Wks. 2:30 PM– 3:00 PM Yoga Beyond</p>	<p><b>19</b> 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bridge 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Current Interior Decorating Ideas! 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM Computer Maintenance/Using Utility Programs 1:00 PM-1: 30 PM News &amp;Views 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM Investment\Social 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM Birthday Party</p>
<p><b>22</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>23</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>24</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>25</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>26</b> No Scheduled Activities</p>
<p><b>29</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>30</b> No Scheduled Activities!</p>	<p><b>31</b> Happy Halloween!  Senior Center Activities will resume on 11-2-07</p>	<p> * Participants may bring <u>only battery-powered laptop/notebook computer to hands-on classes</u> – <u>electrical outlets are unavailable.</u> Responsibility for computer operation and safety rests with the owner/operator. Instructor does not provide any repair or technical support beyond class-related coursework.</p>	

All Activities Are Held At 4505 N. Ocean Boulevard - Call 954-771-2852 Armilio Bien-Aime, Director

# National Flood Insurance Program helps protect homeowners with greatest risk of severe flooding

Congress created the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** in 1968 to provide affordable flood insurance to people living in areas with the greatest risk of flooding. These are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).

The NFIP makes federally-backed flood insurance available in communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce potential flood damage. This is important since property owners who hold a federally-backed mortgage must purchase flood insurance if their property is located within a SFHA.

The **Community Rating System (CRS)** is a program developed by the **Federal Insurance Administration** to provide incentives for



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NFIP communities that implement more stringent floodplain standards than the minimum NFIP requirements. The CRS rewards these efforts with discounts on flood insurance premiums. **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** holds a **Class 8** CRS rating, which equates to a 10 percent discount on new or renewing flood insurance policies for all SFHA properties and a 5 percent discount on policies for non-SFHA properties.

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## NEW PELICAN HOPPER!



**NEW WHEELS:** The Town has a brand new Pelican Hopper Community Bus, which was provided by Broward County. The local bus service is free. For a schedule and map, go to: [www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov/town/hopper.htm](http://www.lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov/town/hopper.htm).

## Sister Cities group postpones trip to Henley-on-Thames

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Sister Cities Association** postponed its planned September trip to **Henley-on-Thames, England**, the Town's newest Sister City.

**Dr. Kenneth Most**, chairman of the Town's Sister Cities Association, said the trip will be rescheduled. □



## Fish Fry on Oct. 23rd

The **Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce** is sponsoring its **Fifth Annual Fish Fry** on **Tuesday, Oct. 23** from 5 to 9 PM at **Damon's Beachside Grill**. The cost is \$9 for adults. Music will be provided by **Aram Kasabian**. For more info, call the Chamber at **954-776-1000**. □

**FLOOD** (continued from Page 1)

In Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, about 1,800 flood insurance policies are in effect. The Town's CRS Class 8 rating annually generates \$40,000 in savings on flood premiums. Since flooding is the most common natural disaster, it is important you obtain the maximum protection.

You can purchase flood insurance whether you reside in high, moderate or low risk areas. There is no exclusion as to what type of ownership you represent (i.e., homeowner, renter or business owner).

If it has been determined your property lies within a flood hazard area, the following information may be of interest to you. Please refer to this information in the event of an impending hurricane, tropical storm or warning of projected heavy rainfall. During extended heavy rainfall, low lying areas in Town may flood. This info will help you protect property and reduce potential flooding losses.

**MAP DETERMINATIONS**

The Town provides Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations to let you know if you are in a flood hazard area and are required by federal law to carry flood insurance. To see if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Zone (AE or VE zones), call (954) 776-3611.

**FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM**

The Town and **Broward County** depend on the **National Weather Service** for flood notification. Flood advisories are issued at least six hours prior to expected heavy rainfall that could cause drainage systems to overflow and create inland ponding of flood waters and the isolation of residential/business areas. Listen to the radio for updates.

**FLOOD SAFETY**

When ordered to evacuate, turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances, but do not touch any electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. Avoid fast flowing water or unstable banks.

**FLOOD INSURANCE**

Most mortgage lenders require flood insurance based on the elevation of the property. In the event your mortgage does not have this provision — or if you own your property free and clear — you can purchase this insurance at any time. Remember: There is a 30-day waiting period before the policy becomes effective. Homeowner's insurance and/or windstorm insurance does not cover flood damage.

**Take the proper steps to protect your home from severe flooding.**

Because the Town is an NFIP community, flood insurance is available to protect all homes, condominiums, apartments and nonresidential buildings, including commercial structures.

You are eligible for flood insurance, regardless of whether your property has never flooded or has flooded several times in the past. All properties secured by a federally backed mortgage (FHA, VA, FNMA, etc.) must carry flood insurance.

**PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

All buildings under construction require permits, which should be obtained prior to the start of construction. Contact Planning and Zoning Services before you build, alter, regrade or place fill on your property. The office is at 4509 Ocean Drive. If you see building or filling without a Town permit posted, call Planning & Zoning at 954-776-3611.

**IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The Town and the National Flood Insurance Program require that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, additions — or other improvements

to a building equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value — the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. This includes lowest floor elevations. Substantially damaged buildings must also be brought up to the same standards.

**DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE**

Proper drainage helps reduce the risk of flooding. It is illegal for any direct or indirect entry of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter to enter the drainage system and waterways.

The Town inspects the drainage system and removes blockages that are found or reported. If you live near areas where waters flow, you can help in this process by keeping the catch basins clear of debris. Reports of any violations should be made to the **Municipal Services Department** at 954-776-5119.

**FLOOD HAZARD**

All of the property east of the Coastal Construction Line and on or near the **Intracoastal Waterway** — or on or near connecting canals — are in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Your property may be high enough so that you do not experience flooding. However, this may change. **Hurricane Andrew** (1992) — South Florida's most devastating storm — was not as wet compared to **Hurricane Irene** (1999) and the "No Name" storm of October 2000, both of which caused unprecedented residential property damage.

**ELEVATION CERTIFICATES**

Elevation Certificates for new construction and substantially improved properties are kept at **Planning & Zoning** and are available by calling 954-776-3611.

**SITE VISITS**

A Municipal Services rep will visit to review flooding problems and explain ways to alleviate and prevent flood damage. Also, if you experienced flooding, drainage, sewer backup problems — or witness illegal dumping in canals or storm drains — call the Town at 954-776-5119. □

# Plan ahead to protect your pets in a hurricane

During a flood or hurricane, evacuation centers in Broward County will not accept pets; so it's important to make plans in advance to keep your pets in an animal kennel or with friends.

## Plan ahead

Talk to a friend or family member who lives in an area that is not expected to be affected by the hurricane. Ask if their home would be open to you and your pet should a storm threaten.

## Be responsible

Do not leave your pet at home during a hurricane. A secure room and a few day's worth of food and

## PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER

The only pet-friendly hurricane shelter in Broward County is located in Tamarac at **Millennium Middle School**, 5803 NW 94th Ave.

However, you must first register your pet ahead of time with the **Humane Society of Broward County**.



For detailed information on the requirements needed to register your pet, please call 954-989-3977 and press 6. You can also visit the Humane Society's Web site at [www.humanebroward.com](http://www.humanebroward.com). □

water do not necessarily mean safety for your pet. Many people returned home after **Hurricane Andrew** to find their pets missing.

Keep a current picture of your pet to help identify it.

## After the storm

Take caution in allowing your pets outdoors after the storm has passed. Familiar scents and landmarks will be altered and your pet may become confused or lost. Downed power lines also present real dangers to animals as well.

Take precautions to ensure your pet does not consume food or water that has become contaminated. □

## BROWARD COUNTY SHELTERS

When you are ordered to evacuate, try to move to the house of a friend or family member not affected by the impending storm and high waters.

Go over evacuation plans with all household members. Plan to leave early to avoid any traffic delays. If you will need assistance to evacuate, you must pre-register with a **Broward County Special Needs Shelter** at 954-537-2888. TDD-Teletype device for the deaf: 954-537-2882.

Discuss these plans with your neighbors. If you have to evacuate, inform each other of places where you will be staying and leave contact phone numbers and addresses. Know the locations of local **American Red Cross Regional Hurricane Shelters**. There are 12 Broward schools designated as official shelters:

**Lyons Creek Middle School**, 4333 Sol Press Blvd., Coconut Creek.

**Coral Glades High School**, 2700 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs.

**Monarch High School**, 5050 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek.

**Park Lakes Elementary School**, 3925 N. State Road 7, Lauderdale Lakes.

**Rock Island Elementary / Arthur Ashe Middle**, 1701 NW 23rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

**Plantation Elementary**, 651 NW 42nd Ave.,

Plantation.

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

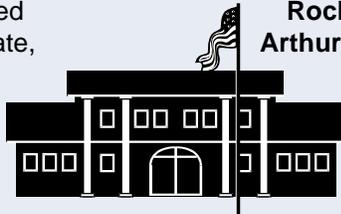
**Watkins Elementary**, 3520 SW 52nd Ave., Pembroke Park.

**Falcon Cove Middle School**, 4251 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston.

**Silver Trail Middle**, 18300 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines.

**New Renaissance Middle**, 10701 Miramar Blvd., Miramar.

**Pompano Beach Institute of International Studies High School**, 1400 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach. □



## SECURE YOUR BOAT

If you own a boat, it is your responsibility to secure it. As a boat owner, you should make plans in advance to move your boat or arrange for its storage. Check with local marinas for suitable alternatives. If possible, store the boat inside a garage or warehouse. If you must leave your boat outside, attach the trailer tongue to some-



thing firm in the ground, let the air out of the tires and ensure the boat is secured to the trailer. If possible, fill the bilge with water, which adds extra weight. If you must keep your boat in the canal, be sure to double the dock lines, leaving sufficient space for the tidal range. Also put out extra anchors. Don't forget to remove all marine electronics or other unsecured equipment. Remove self-furling sails and Bimini tops.

Boats on davits should be secured with extra tie lines and in such a manner as to keep the boat from swinging during the storm's high winds. □

## Flood protection tips to protect your property

Before you evacuate your home after a **Hurricane Warning** is issued, here are several property protection measures you can take:

- Keep materials (sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber) on to protect your house from flood waters to make quick repairs after a severe storm.
- Secure your home before leaving. Bring outdoor belongings such as garbage cans, garden equipment and furniture inside the house or tie them down securely. Move essential items and furniture to the upper floors and lock doors and windows.
- Board up windows or protect them with storm shutters.
- Stack sandbags away from the house walls to prevent flood waters from reaching your home.
- For info on retrofitting or flood-proofing your structure to reduce the impact of flooding, call **Municipal Services** at 954-776-5119.

The following outlines measures to minimize damage to a structure:

- If your lot is large enough, you should consider regrading it or building a small floodwall. You can also place watertight closures over the doorways. However, these approaches only protect if flooding is not too deep. You can also consider elevating your home.
- Flood-proofing, installing floodgates and making walls waterproof are among the common ways to structurally protect commercial property. Most times, residential structures are elevated higher than the anticipated floodwaters. For additional assistance on how to protect your property from flooding, contact Municipal Services at 954-776-5119. Additional information on how to perform residential retrofitting or commercial flood proofing is also available at the **Broward County Public Library, Imperial Point Branch**, 5985 N.



Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

But there are some things you can do.

Don't throw or dump anything into storm sewers or canals. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug canals and drains. A plugged canal or storm drain cannot carry water when it rains. Clogged storm drains will cause water to back up into the street. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.

If your property is next to a canal, help keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Town's canal maintenance program removes major blockages such as downed trees.

Did you know that floods are the most common natural disaster?

Here are a few safety tips to consider, if you ever experience flooding.

— Do not walk through flowing water or drive through a flooded area. Drowning is the number one cause of flood related deaths. Currents can be deceptive. Six

inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to make sure the ground is still there. Also, do not disregard road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is the No. 2 flood killer. Electrical currents can travel through water. To report downed power lines, call 911. The **Broward Sheriff's Office** will report downed power lines to **Florida Power & Light**.

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

Be ready for the unexpected. Place important documents inside plastic bags or other waterproof containers. Review your insurance policies to ensure they provide adequate coverage. Know what type of coverage you have. Homeowner's insurance and/or windstorm insurance does not cover flood damage. Any policy change usually takes 30 days before going into effect.

Look out for animals and snakes. Small animals flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in your's. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over to scare away small critters.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs covered with mud can be very slippery.

Be alert for gas leaks. If you use natural gas, use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know the gas is turned off and the area is ventilated. □

## 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. Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil.

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

Monday thru Friday: 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 Bougainville 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.

## Safe Florida Home program helps reduce wind damage

To help Floridians identify how they can strengthen their homes against hurricanes and to reduce hurricane damage exposure in our state, the **My Safe Florida Home** program is offering free wind inspections by qualified hurricane mitigation inspectors to eligible homeowners throughout the state.

This is not an entitlement program. You must apply and obtain approval in order to receive the free inspection. Requesting or obtaining an inspection does not guarantee or automatically qualify you for a grant.

Floridians whose homes have undergone wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspections approved by the **Department of Financial Services** may be eligible to apply for matching grants up to \$5,000.

The My Safe Florida Home program is working with local governments and the **Volunteer Florida Foundation** to offer low-income homeowners an opportunity to strengthen their homes against natural disasters.

Properties **not** eligible for free wind inspections include mobile homes and manufactured homes, apartments, condominiums, multi-family dwellings and businesses.

Florida's **Chief Financial Officer, Alex Sink**, said the program has conducted inspections of nearly 60,000 homes statewide since April. Broward County has led the state with almost 14,000 homes inspections.

"We are finding that many Floridians are eligible for insurance discounts without making a single improvement," Sink said.

For more info, visit [www.mysafefloridahome.com](http://www.mysafefloridahome.com). You can also call **1-866-513-6734**. You can also reach Alex Sink at the following number: **954-321-2900**

## 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**

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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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