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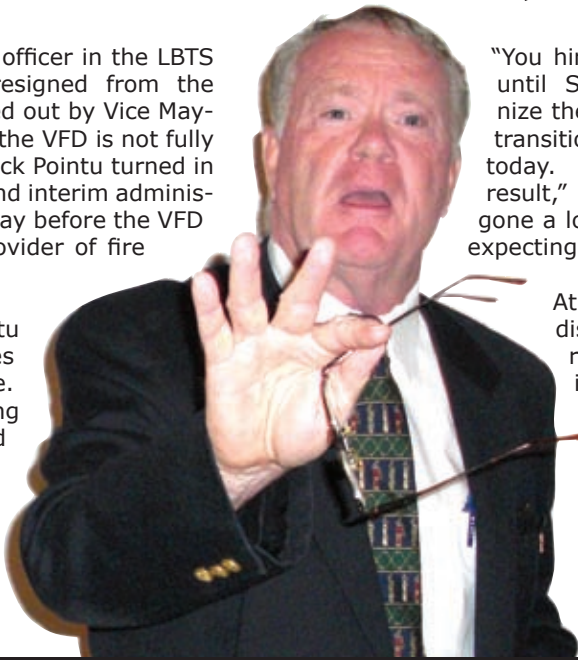
The skies might have been gray but the scene in LBTS was all green on October 4 as residents gathered for the first GreenFest which included street and beach cleanup as well as information on the Adopt A Street Program. Mayor Roseann Minnet planned and promoted the event which attracted dozens of residents eager to join the effort and learn more about how they could help. According to Minnet, "It's all about giving back to LBTS." [Read full story on page 6.](#)

VFD ROCKED BY INTERNAL DISPUTES, CHARGES AGAINST MCINTEE

by Mark Brown

The best-trained and highest-paid officer in the LBTS volunteer fire department has resigned from the agency, charging that he was forced out by Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee and warning that the VFD is not fully prepared to secure the town. Patrick Pointu turned in his resignation as Battalion Chief and interim administrator on September 30, just one day before the VFD officially took over as the sole provider of fire protection services in LBTS.

In quitting the department, Pointu leveled a series of explosive charges against both the VFD and McIntee. In an email sent to high-ranking members of the VFD, Pointu said there are serious deficiencies in the fire department, including the failure to set proper training goals and requirements, medical exams which have not been taken, and purchasing procedures which are not being enforced.



"You hired me as administrator until September 30 to organize the department during the transition period that is ending today. I'm not happy with the result," Pointu wrote. "We've gone a long way but I was really expecting much more."

At the same time, Pointu disclosed that he had been repeatedly threatened, insulted and undermined by McIntee, who he said has seized de facto control of the fire department.

"I am tired with the lack of support and the constant fights with Jerry," Pointu wrote. "I can't

Resigning VFD Battalion Chief Patrick Pointu has disclosed that he was repeatedly threatened, insulted and undermined by Jerry McIntee, who he said has seized de facto control of the town's newly reformed Volunteer Fire Department.

deal anymore with Jerry's threats, intimidations, insults and constant disregard for procedures, bylaws and chain of command."

Pointu went on to say, "Some of you may remember the threat he made to me two months ago when he wanted to 'shove his fist in my ass' and 'punch me in the face,' or the statement that he was 'the one who brought back the department' and if it is not going the way he wanted that he will 'in one commission meeting bring back BSO to replace us.'"

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DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE YOU VOTE THIS YEAR

by Mark Brown

If you are planning to vote in the upcoming election on November 4, you better start doing your homework now. That's because you will find many more political races and questions on the ballot than you may expect when you go to the polls to vote. While most voters are focused on the presidential contest, there are also 13 other races up for grabs at the federal, state and county level this year, ranging from Congress and the state house to judgeships and the sheriff.

In addition to political races, voters will be asked to vote yes or no on a whopping 16 ballot issues this year: six proposed amendments to the Florida state constitution and 10 proposed changes to the Broward County charter. These issues run the gamut from defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman to giving the Broward County commission the right to fight global warming on the local level. Some of the ballot issues are difficult to understand on first reading, so voters are well advised to do some research before they go to the polls.



In order to help voters get started on their research, ByTheSeaFuture has devoted much of this issue to coverage of the 2008 election. In particular, we invited the candidates for key races in our area to submit articles in their own words telling people why they should vote for them. Our extensive election coverage begins on page 3.

This year's election will take on a distinct local flair, as two residents of LBTS are running for office and will appear on the ballot. Beverly Kennedy is running as a non-partisan candidate for Clerk of the Courts against incumbent democrat Howard Forman, and former Mayor Oliver Parker is running as a non-partisan candidate for a seat on the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District. His opponent, Fred Segal, is also running as non-partisan.

Beverly Kennedy said she is running for clerk of courts on a pledge to modernize the services at the county's

four courthouses and to provide stricter accountability over the department's budget. She has raised questions about wasteful spending practices in the clerk's office and feels the office is too far behind the technological curve. The clerk of courts is a huge job in Broward County, overseeing nearly 1,000 employees. The office is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Broward County court system, including handling court documents and coordinating jury duty.

Oliver Parker is running for one of the more obscure offices in the county: soil and water conservation commissioner. The job offers no pay or benefits, but the agency has one important mission, which is to adopt rules for conserving water and protecting or reducing soil erosion. Parker said he hopes to use the position as a springboard to push an idea which he worked hard to bring to LBTS: a county-wide, four-story building height limit. He said he wants to develop a land-use plan which would institute a four-story height limit throughout the entire county, except for certain areas such as the downtown business district in Ft. Lauderdale.

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COMMISSION DUCKING ITS RESPONSIBILITY ON OVERLAY DISTRICTS

by Mark Brown

About six months ago, the LBTS town commission made a very shortsighted decision to abolish the town's overlay districts, without first putting forth an alternative plan to replace them. The overlay districts had provided an innovative and responsible mechanism for rejuvenating deteriorating residential and business neighborhoods in LBTS, while still maintaining the town's strict height limits. It was a forward-looking approach which was good for property owners and good for the town.

The commission's decision to abolish the overlay districts has already prompted one lawsuit against the town from a property owner who got caught in the middle of the rules change, and there may well be more lawsuits waiting in the wings. In addition, the repeal of the overlay districts has thrown future revitalization efforts into doubt. After all, who is going to invest money or buy property in LBTS if they don't know what they will be able to do with it?

The impact of the commission's decision hasn't been felt too severely so far, but that is only because the real estate market has been down. Very little property is selling in LBTS these days, other than the motel which the town commission generously purchased at taxpayer expense for \$1.7 million to provide dormitory quarters for the volunteer fire department.

At some point, however, the real estate market is bound to improve. When it does, the resurgence could very well pass LBTS by. While other communities will reap the benefits of economic revitalization, including an influx of badly needed tax revenues and neighborhood improvements, LBTS could remain a community full of vacant lots, flooded streets and deteriorating buildings, with a stagnant if not declining tax base. The goal of remaining a quaint and charming town with a strong tax base will slip farther and farther away, simply because there is no clear blueprint in place to guide future economic revitalization in town.

The commissioners know they made a mistake by rushing to abolish the overlay districts, but they refuse to do anything about it. Instead of coming up with an alternative plan on their own, they have tried to dump the problem off on the town's two principal citizens advisory groups: the master plan steering committee and the planning and zoning board. Of course that won't work. The steering and zoning committees don't have the expertise to tackle this problem, and

it's not their mission anyway. It's not fair for the commission to create this mess and then ask the citizens groups to solve it for them.

If the commissioners won't do it themselves, they should consider hiring an outside, professional consultant to review the town's zoning laws and the overlay districts, and put some fresh ideas on the table. Yes, consultants cost money and they can produce mixed results. Remember what happened last year, when the commission hired consultant Michael Burton at a cost of \$50,000 to develop an alternative plan for calculating the town's fire assessment?

Burton recommended that instead of everyone paying the same flat rate for fire protection, the assessment should be based on property values. Under his plan, half the residents in town would have paid a higher fire assessment and half would have paid less. The losers would have been primarily the condo owners who already pay higher taxes because they have higher property assessments.

Two Commissioners, Jerry McIntee and Jim Silverstone, supported the idea of having half the town residents pay a higher fire assessment than the other half, and they tried to implement Burton's recommendations immediately. Fortunately, they were outvoted by former Mayor Oliver Parker and Commissioners John Yanni and Chuck Clark, so the fire assessment stayed the same for everyone. In the end, the \$50,000 consulting fee turned out to be a waste of money--not through any fault of Burton, but because the town did not adopt his recommendations.

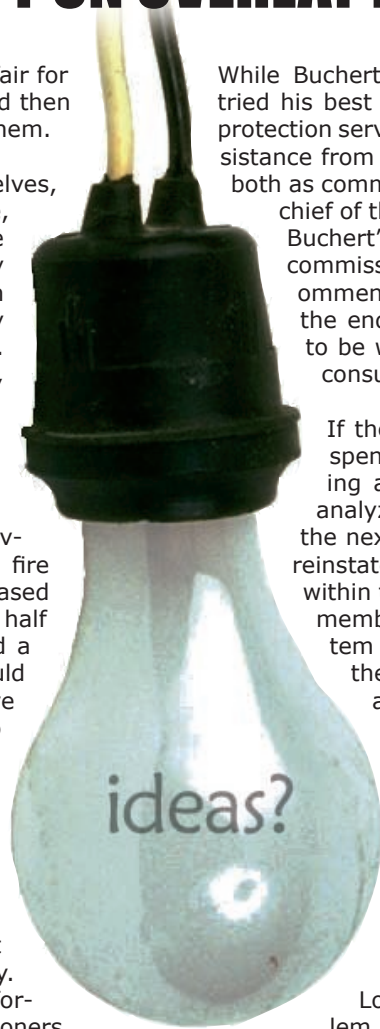
There was also a bad experience when the town spent \$100,000 to hire Frank Buchert as a consultant to work with the volunteer fire department. Buchert was the former chief of the Ft. Lauderdale fire department, and he brought many years of experience and training to the job. Buchert advised the VFD on all aspects of their operations, from training and equipment purchases to compliance with a myriad of state and federal laws.

While Buchert produced reams of documents and tried his best to prepare the VFD to take over fire protection services in town, he was met with total resistance from Silverstone and McIntee, who served both as commissioners and as the chief and deputy chief of the VFD at the time. They undermined Buchert's efforts, insulted him personally at commission meetings, and stopped his recommendations from being implemented. In the end, this consulting fee also turned out to be wasted, again through no fault of the consultant.

If the town commission does not want to spend the money or take the risk of hiring a professional consultant to assist in analyzing the overlay district issue, then the next best alternative would be to simply reinstate the old overlay districts and work within that framework to improve them. Remember: under the old overlay district system the town commission always retained the authority to reject any development application, so restoring the overlay districts would not automatically open the door for any new development in town. It would just create some clear guidelines for property owners to follow. At the very least, bringing back the overlay districts might put an end to the lawsuit(s) and save everyone a lot of money in the long run.

Looking back, it appears that the problem wasn't with the basic structure of the overlay districts, but with the way they were implemented. There was not enough communication between the property owners, the town, the county, the fire marshal and everyone else who has input on building issues, and enforcement was inconsistent and lax.

With better communication and stronger enforcement, the overlay districts may well turn out to be the best blueprint for revitalizing the town. Unfortunately, we'll never know unless the commission shows some leadership and makes a decision before the courts step in and do it for them.



CONGRATULATIONS, LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA!

by Cindy Geesey

I'm old enough to remember that when the Viet Nam vets came home, their reception by many American people was horrible. I didn't understand it then and I still don't. I love this country and am proud to say that and to fly our flag every day. I played cymbals in The Fort Lauderdale High School and University of Georgia Redcoat marching bands, and I did my best work on those cymbal crashes in The Star Spangled Banner. (OK, I can hear you laughing!)

I've always, always been proud of my country, and never have I been prouder of my town than over the past six months.

With the idea that I didn't want US service people returning from active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan to encounter the reception that the Viet Nam vets did, I thought it would be possible to give them free weekends in LBTS. By The Sea Future agreed to sponsor the project, and the Chamber of Commerce directors voted to have the Chamber cooperate as well.

And, WOW, did the businesses of LBTS and the resi-

dents step up! Times are tough for our small businesses and they're asked for donations from every group and for every event in town. When I asked for gift certificates, donations, or accommodations, almost every business I approached was enthusiastic and eager to contribute. Some donors, such as Tony Dostellio of Winn Dixie and Scott and Brenda Knight of Massage Envy, had members of their families who are serving in the armed forces. Many were vets themselves.

The hotels who hosted the six couples made their stays special by giving them special suites, great ocean views, and an enthusiastic welcome. When they were identified as "The USO Couple" owners and managers of the restaurants made it a point to meet and greet them. All our visitors were recipients of our small town charm and generous spirit.

The giving nature and ingenuity of some donors was amazing. Scott Hitchcock of Scot Drugs designed a special T-shirt, "LBTS Loves Our Servicemen." Small business owner Lauren Possien of Lauren's Fashion Jewelry designed a Care Package for each couple with magazines, bottled water, candies, a custom bracelet, all in a patriotic package. Jan Lendi of Jan's Homemade Candies packed her handmade chocolates in a box decorated with flags and in a container adorned with a flag and an American eagle. When I asked Dolores Hamilton of Garden of Love if she would donate flower arrangements for three of the couples and I would ask someone else for the other three, she very adamantly informed me that, "No! I want to help and will provide flowers for all the couples." And so she did.

Special thanks must also go to Chamber Executive Director Judy Swaggerty who helped publicize the program to Chamber members and gathered donations, and to Lucke Ricciuti who got so many of the gift certificates for food. LBTS residents Ron Piersante and Buster Celestino collected hundreds of dollars from other residents who wanted a way to participate, so they donated money to pay for the gas for these couples driving from the Jacksonville area.

Senator Jeff Atwater met two of the couples and has asked me to prepare a "How To" on this program

so that he can help spread it to other communities. Through this newspaper's membership in the National Newspaper Association, a man who owns a string of community newspapers in Georgia wants to implement the program. I've been contacted by other cities who are interested in how we accomplished this. And that was a great part of my hope for this idea - that it would spread to other towns so that many more service people could be thanked and rewarded for their service.

Working with KC McCarthy, Bob Ross and Wendy Layton of the Greater Jacksonville USO has been a joy and they've sent us awe inspiring couples. Meeting the couples has been a pleasure for me and for the many other residents who made an effort to meet them, including Mayor Minnet and Commissioner Dodd. Calling on all the donors who have been so generous has been an easy task.

I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to this program for what they have done to honor and thank our military and for showing what kind of amazing and caring town Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is.

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"I think we have too much development in Broward County," Parker said in a recent interview. "The population is 1.8 million now and it is projected to go to 2.5 to 3 million people by 2030. My feeling is, if you don't build it they can't come." Here is a summary of the other races which will be on the ballot this year:

If you think that John McCain and Barack Obama are the only ones running for president, think again. Local voters will have a total of 13 presidential candidates to choose from, including representatives of the socialist, libertarian, constitution, prohibition, green and objectivist parties. (Ralph Nader will appear on the Florida ballot this year under the ecology party). Incumbent Congressman Ron Klein (D) is being challenged by Allen West (R). Incumbent State Senator Jeff Atwater (R) faces a challenge from Linda Bird (D), while incumbent State Representative Elynn Bogdanoff (R) will square off for the second straight election against Chris Chiari (D).

Incumbent Al Lamberti (R) is running against Scott Israel (D) to determine the next Broward County Sheriff. Property appraiser Lori Parrish (D) is running unopposed, but there will be a battle for Su-

pervisor of Elections between incumbent Brenda Snipes (D) and Ellen Brodsky, who is running as a non-partisan candidate. Three candidates are running for the 4th District Court of Appeals: W. Matthew Stevenson, Martha Warner and Mark Polen. There are also three races for circuit court judge which pit Paul Eichner against Merrilee Ehrlich, Steven Feren against Mark Rickard, and Pedro Dijols against Bernard Bobber. Although Dijols will appear on the ballot, any vote cast for him will go towards Mardi Anne Levy, who was awarded the ballot slot by the courts but only after the ballots had already been printed.

There are six proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. The one which has attracted the most attention is number two, the Florida Marriage Protection Amendment. The amendment would put language into the Florida constitution which defines marriage as "the legal union of only one man and one woman." Supporters say the amendment is needed because the courts may someday rule that current Florida laws defining marriage are unconstitutional. Opponents argue that the amendment would limit the rights of unmarried couples, including heterosexual couples, to share health care, pension and

other benefits, and that it is an unnecessary intrusion into people's private lives.

Voters will have 10 opportunities to amend the Broward County charter. Several amendments would change the way the county commissioners operate, such as limiting as their involvement in day-to-day operations of county government, putting tighter restrictions on conflicts of interest, expanding their focus on environmental issues and redrawing commission boundaries. There are also ballot questions to create a Broward County ethics commission, a housing council and a metropolitan transit authority.

Local voters who will not be in town on November 4 or simply wish to vote early will be able to so in three ways. They may call the office of the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7050 to request an absentee ballot, or they can vote online at www.browardsoe.org. In addition, several polling places will be open for early voting between October 20 and November 2. The closest site to LBTS is the Pompano Beach Library at 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. Early voting hours will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. To repeal a provision in the Florida Constitution which prohibits the ownership, inheritance and possession of real property by aliens who are ineligible for citizenship.
2. To place language into the Florida constitution which defines marriage as "the legal union of only one man and one woman."
3. To authorize the Legislature to exempt any improvements made to real property to improve resistance to wind damage or to promote the use of renewable energy when calculating the assessed value of such property for tax purposes.
4. To require the legislature to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for real property which is dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes.
5. To provide for the assessment of working waterfront property which is used for commercial fishing or vessel launching or repair purposes.
6. To require the Legislature to authorize countywide local option sales taxes to supplement funding for public community colleges.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BROWARD COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

1. Should there be a Metropolitan Transit Authority?
2. Should county commissioners be barred from interfering in the day-to-day operations of county government?
3. Should county commissioners be prohibited from participating in discussions on issues when they have a conflict of interest and cannot vote?
4. Should there be a Broward County Housing Council?
5. Should the charter contain a policy statement that county policies have a regional focus?
6. Should voter approval be required if the county wishes to sell park land?
7. Should the charter contain a policy statement that the County Commission has the duty to "protect citizens' rights to a sustainable environment?"
8. Should there be a Broward County Ethics Commission?
9. Should an independent consultant redraw County Commission district boundaries?
10. Should the county move up the next meeting of its government efficiency task force to 2009?

LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES

In an effort to help our readers become better informed about the upcoming elections on November 4, ByTheSeaFuture invited each of the candidates for U.S. Congressman, Florida State Senator, Florida State Representative and Broward County Sheriff to submit an article telling people in their own words why they should vote for them. Six candidates accepted our offer and two did not respond: Linda Bird (D), candidate for Senate, and Chris Chiari (D), candidate for Representative. Here are their articles, along with a complete list of the candidates (next page) who will appear on the ballot on November 4.

CANDIDATE: JEFF ATWATER (R) OFFICE: STATE SENATOR



The people of Florida need relief – from property taxes, property insurance and a government spending their money faster than their wages and savings are growing. I want to provide the people of Florida relief and give them a government that works.

Our current tax system is unbalanced and property taxes are simply too high – they must come down. I will also work to further reform and improve the State's insurance system, building upon the 22% rate reduction in the Homeowner's Bill of Rights that I passed this past year. Continuing our efforts to reform the property insurance system will reinforce efforts to stabilize the housing market, again creating a more affordable Florida.

In caring for our families we need a health care system that provides affordable insurance and accessible care. For our children, we must spend more dollars in the classroom, attract and retain the brightest teachers in the country, redefine meaningful indicators of success for our educational system and acknowledge the role of pre-natal through age five care for children and families at risk.

Our environment is of paramount concern. Florida must emerge as an international leader in land use and water conservation and a national leader in alternative and renewable energy sources. We need to invest in renewable energy incentives to become a leader in alternative energy solutions. With the uniqueness of the Everglades, there is no reason why Florida should not be the world leader in land use management and water conservation.

As the incoming Senate President, I will have the ability to recognize and address the unique needs of District 25. This is a rare opportunity for our community and I am honored to represent our communities and pledge to continue serving you in an honest, straightforward and solutions driven manner worthy of the trust you have placed in me.

CANDIDATE: ELYNN BOGDANOFF (R) OFFICE: STATE REPRESENTATIVE



I am Representative Elynn Bogdanoff, currently your State Representative for District 91. When I was first elected to office in 2004, Florida was just ending one of the most prosperous booms in its history. Our state led the nation in job growth, our real estate industry was on fire, and we were able to cut taxes while making record-breaking funding commitments to education and transportation.

More importantly, we were able to pass significant legislation protecting our children from sexual predators and our seniors from identity theft. One of my proudest moments this past legislative session was leading the effort to pass a bill to halt school and internet bullying, a piece of legislation that has been called a model for the nation by anti-bullying advocates.

The fact is that times are a little tougher now. Skyrocketing property taxes, a failing mortgage industry, and the high prices of gasoline have all contributed to a slowdown in Florida's economy. However, I will continue the fight to limit wasteful spending and to cut our property taxes – especially for seniors and small businesses. I will maintain my commitment to improve funding for our teachers and classrooms and will do everything I can to work with Congress to lower gas prices and end our dependence on foreign oil.

I am running for re-election and honored and pleased that many organizations continue to endorse my campaign, including the Police Benevolent Association, the Firefighters of Palm Beach County, and the Florida Chamber of Commerce. It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve the citizens of District 91. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many of you in the community on the issues that matter to all of us. As always, I am accessible anytime. Please contact me at Ellyn@ellynbogdanoff.com, or feel free to stop by the campaign office at 908 South Andrews Avenue.

Again, thank you for your past support and I hope I can count on your vote November 4th.

Letters from additional candidates are published on page 4.

LETTERS FROM THE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE: RON KLEIN (D) OFFICE: US REPRESENTATIVE



US Representative Ron Klein

I am running for re-election to continue the fight for change we began two years ago. We have made real progress, and crafted bipartisan solutions to protect our national security, stand up for our veterans and make a college education more affordable. But there is still much work to be done, and I am ready to continue fighting to get our economy back on track, change course in Iraq, bring down the cost of homeowner's insurance, and end our national addiction to oil.

The mess in the financial markets is affecting every small business owner, family and senior citizen in our community. Congressional Republicans and Democrats worked together to craft legislation that will begin to get our economy back on track. We will continue fighting for real oversight and regulation to ensure this kind of crisis never happens again, and we will conduct full investigations into how we got here and punish those responsible.

Since being elected to Congress, I have worked hard to protect taxpayer money and find a bipartisan, responsible new direction for the war in Iraq. I wrote legislation to make the money U.S. taxpayers are pouring into Iraq for reconstruction and other costs a loan to the government of Iraq, to be repaid out of oil revenues. I am proud to say this language passed the U.S. House.

Another critical issue for Floridians is the skyrocketing cost of homeowners' insurance. Working with my colleagues, I wrote and passed the Homeowners' Defense Act (H.R. 3355) to create a national catastrophe insurance pool and bring relief to homeowners nationwide. Passing this legislation out of the House was an important step, and we will keep fighting to see this bill signed into law.

As a nation, we face another critical challenge, and that is ending our addiction to oil and moving towards clean, affordable sources of energy. We have passed several forward-looking energy bills to spark the American innovation that will solve our energy crisis by extending tax breaks to researchers, business owners and individuals making smart energy choices. But there is still more work to be done, and whether the solution is wind, wave, solar or another energy source, we will ensure Florida is on the cutting edge.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of South Florida, and I look forward to continuing to fight for real solutions to the issues that matter most.

CANDIDATE: SCOTT ISRAEL (D) OFFICE: BROWARD SHERIFF



Scott Israel

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I am Scott Israel and I wanted to take a moment to explain why I am the best candidate for Broward County Sheriff.

The Broward Sheriff's Office is an outstanding public safety agency. I believe that BSO has lacked in strong leadership - the type of leadership that is needed to continue a great tradition of the nation's largest accredited sheriff's office.

With 30 years of law enforcement experience on the streets of South Florida, I am the leader who will bring change to BSO. I have the strength to make tough decisions to protect the men and women who serve this community. I have the tenacity to tackle the tough issues. I have the integrity and compassion to face the problems and treat all people with respect and dignity.

As a persistent advocate for public safety, I have dedicated my career to strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and our diverse community. The bottom line: I want to make Broward County the safest place to live, work and raise a family.

As a young patrol officer with Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD), I immediately connected with the community. I was known on the street as an informed, compassionate public safety officer. As a Sergeant - and later as a Captain -- I served in the Narcotics, Special Investigations, Community Support and Patrol Divisions. As SWAT Team Commander, I was responsible for Homeland Security, Traffic Homicide, Marine Patrol, Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, Crisis Negotiation Team and more.

After faithfully serving the residents of Fort Lauderdale for 25 years, I retired as a member of the third highest ranked position at FLPD. I wasn't long for retirement. In 2004, I joined the North Bay Village Police Department as Chief - a title that I hold today. I am responsible for management, administration and operation of the public safety agency. I am a strong, skilled administrator and proud that I have always operated within my department budget. Married for 16 years, Susan and I reside in Parkland with our 11-year-old triplets: Brett, Blake and Blair.

CANDIDATE: ALLEN WEST (R) OFFICE: US REPRESENTATIVE



Allen West

I am Lieutenant Colonel Allen West, the Republican candidate for Florida US Congressional district 22. I am the third of four generations of military servicemen in my family. During my 22 year Army career, I was deployed to 13 countries, including 3 combat zones, and the American people gave me one mission, protect us. When you choose me as your next Congressman and deploy me to Washington DC to the US Congress, you will send a clear message. You are saying, "Congressman West, go into another combat zone and fight the inefficiency, incompetence, and corruption; protect us."

In accepting that mission, again, know that no amount of money shall ever cause me to fail you, dishonor my oath, or break my commitment to you. As I served in the US Army, my oath was to "...support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same." I will continue my service, sacrifice all my energy, and dedicate myself to our America, this time in a suit and tie.

We face hard times in America, but with visionary leadership that understands courage, competence, commitment, and character we will persevere. No longer shall the American people suffer because of inept career politicians whose ties are to special interest and not what is best for the future and legacy of our Republic. It shall begin right here in South Florida, in Congressional district 22.

CANDIDATE: AL LAMBERTI (R) OFFICE: BROWARD SHERIFF



Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti

I have been a law enforcement officer for more than 30 years, dedicating my life to public safety and public service. My career with the Broward County Sheriff's Office began in 1977 in the Department of Detention. I am proud to say that I have worked in virtually every unit or division within the sheriff's office, rising to the rank of Major, before assuming the duties as your Sheriff.

My thirty years as a law enforcement officer with the Broward County Sheriff's Office have put me well above the curve in terms of the experience and knowledge required to run the largest fully accredited law enforcement agency in the country.

The Broward Sheriff's Office, with an annual budget of over \$700 million, 6100 employees, and serving 1.7 million people has become a very technical position. During my tenure, I have been responsible for some of the largest divisions in the sheriff's office, such as the Fort Lauderdale/ Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades, and the Organized Crime Division. I have also served as the Chief in Deerfield Beach as well as the Interim Chief in the City of Hollywood and the City of North Lauderdale.

I am a strong proponent of community partnerships. After all, this is your sheriff's office. Public service and customer service go hand in hand, which is why I created the credo, "Pride in Service with Integrity". This is what I wanted all the citizens of Broward County to see - and know that everyday we are committed to service with pride and integrity.

As a citizen of Broward County you deserve the best and I am committed to giving you the best. That is why since I have assumed the role as your Sheriff I have directed my staff to review what we are doing and how we are doing it to see where we can do things better for you - the people we serve everyday. I am committed to doing the best job possible as your Sheriff, and I know that I am the best person to lead your sheriff's office.

YOUR CHOICES ON NOVEMBER 4

- President: John McCain (R), Barack Obama (D), 11 others
- U.S. Congress: Ron Klein (D), Allen West (R)
- State Senate: Jeff Atwater (R), Linda Bird (D)
- State Representative: Eilyn Bogdanoff (R), Chris Chiari (D)
- Supreme Court: Charles Wells, write-in
- 4th District Court of Appeals: W. Matthew Stevenson, Martha Warner, Mark Polen
- Circuit Court Judge, Group 3: Pedro Dijols, Bernard Bobber
- Circuit Court Judge, Group 21: Paul Eichner, Merrilee Ehrlich
- Circuit Court Judge, Group 27: Steven Feren, Mark Rickard
- Broward County Clerk of Courts: Howard Forman (D), Beverly Kennedy (NP)
- Broward County Sheriff: Al Lamberti (R), Scott Israel (D)
- Broward County Property Appraiser: Lori Parrish (D), write-in
- Broward County Supervisor of Elections: Brenda Snipes (D), Ellen Brodsky (NP)
- Broward Soil and Water Conservation District: Fred Segal, Oliver Parker

BATTALION CHIEF RESIGNS, ACCUSES MCINTEE OF INTIMIDATION TACTICS

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In response to Pointu's charge, McIntee fired off an email of his own in which he accused Pointu of physically assaulting him, and he threatened to bring criminal charges against Pointu. "Patrick and I have not seen eye to eye on many things," McIntee wrote. "I certainly could highlight many of Patrick's flaws but I will not do that. I have a very serious decision to make about Patrick assaulting me physically yesterday in front of several witnesses. In the American culture you do not touch someone aggressively in malice, that is a crime. If I choose to go in that direction it may jeopardize Patrick far in excess of our internal problems and I don't want to see that."



In his email, Pointu said there have been "multiple instances" in which McIntee accused him of lying or not following proper procedures. He said the last straw came when VFD Chief Robert Perkins asked him to set up a demonstration of tools for use in extricating victims from a beach trench collapse. Pointu said the company travelled 300 miles for the demonstration, only to have McIntee cancel it over the objections of both Perkins and himself. "That's when I decided to resign," he said.

"That's not the first time that Jerry is making department policy by himself or taking decision on behalf of the members," Pointu continued. "He fired members without prior approval from the Chief, he decided to give \$5,000 to the chamber of commerce, he throw out of a meeting people that were invited to attend by the Chief.

"As I said before I can't deal with it anymore. Members are all calling Jerry 'chief' and are all believing that he is indeed in charge because nobody is challenging it. I hope that on the fire scene there will not be any confusion and the proper chain of command will prevail. I have reached a point where I can't deal with Jerry anymore and this fight is damaging for the department. One of us needs to leave and the department can't afford losing him," Pointu wrote.

Pointu also disclosed that McIntee had made similar threats against Capt. Scott Fowler, a certified lifeguard from Ft. Lauderdale who had been hired as the Ocean Rescue Coordinator for the VFD and was training the newly-founded LBTS beach patrol. Fowler quit the VFD in August, after McIntee insisted that untrained

recruits be allowed to drive the department's beach buggies along the beach, a practice which Fowler deemed to be unsafe.

"You will also remember that Jerry went ballistic when Captain Scott Fowler countermands his order regarding a probationary member (who) wanted to attend the beach rescue class. When I confirmed it and informed the Chief about it, he threatened me and said I had no authority to change his order. That's one of the reasons why Scott resigned despite what Jerry is trying to let you believe," Pointu wrote. Both Perkins and McIntee disputed that charge during the town commission meeting on October 14. Perkins said Fowler left the department for "personal reasons," while McIntee said he left because of "union pressure."

"Members are all calling Jerry 'chief' and are all believing that he is in charge because nobody is challenging it. I hope that on the fire scene there will not be any confusion and the proper chain of command will prevail." - VFD Battalion Chief Pointu

Pointu's resignation has blown a huge hole in the operations of the VFD. Pointu was by far the most highly trained and certified member of the department. He was the only certified fire inspector, which means the town will now have to hire a new fire inspector at a cost of \$70,000 or more. He was also a certified training and driving instructor, certified paramedic, fire safety instructor, fire investigator and pump operator.

Pointu was the only full-time paid employee of the VFD, earning about \$40,000 for his job as administrator. Pointu suggested in his email that the VFD consider using McIntee's son Beau as a temporary instructor to train the firefighters until someone can be found to replace him.

In response to Pointu's revelations, Mayor Roseann Minnet proposed once again at the October 14 commission meeting that the town create an independent public safety review board. She received strong moral support from Commissioners Birute Clotney and Stuart Dodd, but they differed on how the board should be structured and operate, so Minnet's proposal was not voted on. McIntee complained vigorously about setting up an independent review board, saying it would be tantamount to "backstabbing the VFD."

When Minnet asked Perkins how things were going with the VFD, he replied that they had responded to 44 calls in their first two weeks on the job and everything was fine. However, there have been reports to the contrary. For example, on the morning of October 5, an alarm went off at the Cristelle condominium. A BSO police officer was the first to respond, followed several minutes later by the VFD. The BSO officer escorted the firemen through the building but they could not find a fire, and they determined that the alarm was triggered by a malfunction in the elevator. As the VFD was leaving the building, the security guard asked them to turn off and reset the fire alarm as the BSO firefighters used to do, but the VFD refused to do so. The alarm rang for 58 minutes until the building's security was able to reset it by themselves, which infuriated the residents of the Cristelle.

The following morning McIntee showed up at the Cristelle wearing shorts and a tee-shirt identifying him as "deputy chief" of the VFD. McIntee was asked why the VFD had parked its fire truck along A1A instead of bringing it up the ramp to the front entrance, where the fire hookups are located. McIntee responded that the VFD was not familiar with the building, and didn't know that they could drive up the ramp or where the fire hookups and master keys were located. "That's the problem," complained one eyewitness who was present at the meeting. "They're more concerned about driving their beach buggies around in the rain than they are about learning the buildings."

Another problem occurred when the VFD conducted a training drill at the Sea Ranch condominiums on Oct. 8. Once again, McIntee was in charge of the exercise, and the firefighters on the scene reportedly referred to him as "chief." When the drill was finished the firefighters left the building but they left all of their hoses behind on the sixth floor.

Meanwhile, McIntee has established a policy of dispatching fire trucks every time there is an EMS call in town. As a result, trucks carrying 10 or more firefighters have been showing up on the scene of every EMS call. The firefighters are being paid \$25 every time they respond to a call, even when it is not fire-related and they have nothing to do but stand around and watch while the paramedics from AMR take care of the patients.

BSO SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE IN LBTS

The Broward Sheriff's Office no longer provides fire-rescue or emergency medical services in LBTS. Before they left, however, the BSO closed out its many years of service to the town with one of its most remarkable life-saving rescues ever.

On September 26, Maria Villarta suffered a massive heart attack on the beach in LBTS. She was not breathing and had no pulse when her husband found her. Their 11-year old son called 911 while her husband began to administer CPR. Fortunately for the Villarta's, Dr. Michael Farrell from Holy Cross Hospital was dining at a nearby restaurant and saw the commotion on the beach. Dr. Farrell ran to the scene and joined the BSO fire-rescue crew in aggressive resuscitation efforts on Mrs. Villarta, including the use of Induced Cooling by EMS (ICE).

ICE is a cutting edge procedure which involves the use of near-frozen medications to lower a patient's body temperature prior to transporting the victim to the hospital. BSO had just instituted the ICE procedure a few months ago, and is the only EMS department in Florida and one of just a few nationwide to utilize hypothermic resuscitation on heart attack victims.

Fortunately for Mrs. Villarta, the ICE procedure worked and Dr. Farrell and the BSO were able to restore her heartbeat. She was then rushed to the Holy Cross Emergency department, which is a designated ICE Center that provides induced hypothermia to preserve oxygen in cells, thus increasing the chance for survival and recovery. Mrs. Villarta, 40, was successfully treated at Holy Cross and help a news conference on October 8 to thank Dr. Farrell, the BSO and the hospital for saving her life.



Photo: Mike Jachles/Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue

Surrounded by her rescuers, Maria Villarta, 40, talks to reporters at Holy Cross Hospital on October 8 before being discharged from the hospital.

Seated, left to right: Dr. Michael Farrell, BSO Lt. Randy Ovcen, Maria Villarta, BSO Capt. Sharon Snyder. Standing, left to right: BSO Lt. Tom Kelly, Firefighter/Paramedic Greg Blue, FF/PM Tom Craven and BSFR Medical Director Nabil El Sanadi, M.D.

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NAVY COUPLE SURFACES IN LBTS

By Cindy Geesey

"From the minute we got here, it's been real Red Carpet Treatment from everyone we've met," said Naval Air Crew Man Senior Chief Jeffrey Slusher. His wife, Information Systems Technician 1st Class Robin Slusher, added "we're just never going to forget it." They are both currently homeported in Mayport, Florida.



Jeffrey and Robin Slusher, United States Navy

The Slushers were the sixth couple treated to an all expenses paid three day weekend in LBTS in a program sponsored by this newspaper with the cooperation of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce. The USO in Jacksonville selects a serviceman or service woman returning from deployment to be the guests.

For the weekend of October 10, the Slushers stayed in the penthouse suite at The Sea Spray Inn on El Mar Drive as the guests of owner Franz Fercher and his fiancée Susan Hayes. Susan said, "it's something we can do to give back to people who do so much for us." She also provided her guests with flowers and a goodie basket including two bottles of wine.

Friday evening began with, of course, Jazz on the Square and dinner at The Village Grille which was covered by gift certificates donated by LBTS resident Shirley Russotti. The Slushers were also honored guests the next evening at the Property Owners Association's OKTOBERFEST celebration where they met many residents including Commissioner Stuart Dodd and his wife Penny. The rest of their long weekend was spent walking the beach, relaxing, riding the Water Taxi, visiting local businesses, and eating at a variety of our fine restaurants.

Jeffrey Slusher was born and raised in Kentucky. His Dad had been in the Army Air Corps in WW II and he enjoyed listening to his stories and developed a deep love of history. He attended the University of Kentucky for 2 1/2 years but decided he'd rather serve his country so chose the Navy. "Navy aviation caught my fancy since I'd always wanted to be a flier." He said he'd been especially interested in Naval history as a boy and had made many, many model naval aircraft as a hobby. His current job includes flying in helicopters, serving as a rescue swimmer and administrative duties. He's completed five deployments on five different ships and has always been assigned to squadrons in the Jacksonville area. His last overseas deployment was from September 2005 to March 2006 to the Middle East, Northern Arabian Gulf. He's also recently served in country in Basra, Iraq, working mostly with the British forces whom he found, "very professional, very good to work with."

Robin Slusher was born in California and raised in Maryland. She'd worked in a police department and as a bank teller but was bored and wanted to do something more exciting. She said, "I liked the purposefulness of the military and thought the traveling would be exciting, so I joined when I was 22." She chose the Navy because, "my family had a history of Naval service," and she went into ship to shore communications and encryption of data. She's been stationed on three ships, enjoyed two months of service in Scotland and Amsterdam, and her last deployment to the Middle East was in 2002. Four years ago Robin was diagnosed with Hepatitis C, contracted from a transfusion in Japan. Her chemotherapy treatment in 2004 was not successful but she is awaiting the results of a 16 month treatment that just ended in June. She says, "my ship has been wonderful throughout my treatment and of course the Navy covered the sky high medical bills. I have a great support system and on the bright side, I've lost 40 pounds!"

The Slushers met at a Navy Career Counseling school in Norfolk, struck up a conversation, and as fate would have it, Jeffrey's squadron was soon deployed on her ship. "We became great friends and went sightseeing together at every liberty port," says Robin. They returned home, realized how much they missed each other, and started talking the next month about getting married. She transferred to a ship in Mayport where he was based and started planning the wedding.

The Slushers are raising three children whom Robin describes as "real troopers." Daughter Caitie is 17 and in her 4th year of Junior Navy ROTC, Olivia is 14 and Ethan is 12. The Navy alternates ship and shore duty in three year segments and alternates who is away from the family.

Both of the Slushers will be retired by next summer and plan to relocate to Maryland where Robin's parents live, close to Camp David where there are a lot of government jobs. Robin has earned a Bachelor's degree in English, would like to teach for a while and then go into communications, perhaps with a defense contractor. Jeffrey is finishing up his Bachelor's degree in history and would like to perhaps work for Homeland Security where "I could still contribute to the welfare of the country."

When the USO representative told Robin Slusher about the trip to LBTS, she first thought it must be a joke. They thought at first it was the same as Fort Lauderdale and were "delighted that it was a quaint little town with all small businesses and not chains. It was more of a sacrifice for them to give us so much than if they were big companies." She added, "Everyone has been so friendly, and then they learn that we're the USO couple and they become even more welcoming. So many of the restaurant owners have even come out to meet us."

Jeffrey said, "It's very humbling to be honored by people we don't know and who don't know us. These people are why our country is so great." As shown by their generosity to this wonderful couple, the businesses and residents of LBTS believe that the Slushers and others who serve are what makes this country so great.

GREENFEST KEEPS US CLEAN & GREEN

By Cindy Geesey



The skies might have been gray but the scene in LBTS was all green on October 4 as residents gathered for the first GreenFest which included street and beach cleanup as well as information on the Adopt A Street Program. Mayor Roseann Minnet planned and promoted the event which attracted dozens of residents eager to join the effort and learn more about how they could help.

According to Minnet, "It's all about giving back to LBTS. We want to bring unity to our community, so please introduce yourselves to each other today while having a good time." She said she was very pleased with the turnout and predicted that next year's event on Saturday, October 3, 2009, would be "bigger and better than ever." Also attending GreenFest were Senator Jeff Atwater, Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff and LBTS Commissioners Stuart Dodd and Jim Silverstone.

Carrie Kashar of Broward County's Waste and Recycling Services explained the new LBTS Adopt-A-Street program. Residents, groups and businesses can choose a street and agree to remove the litter four times a year for two years with the county providing supplies. So far over twenty streets have been adopted, with members of the Terra Mar Civic Association stepping up to cover all their streets. Long time resident Margaret Reichenstein has adopted her street, Algiers Avenue, because "It's my duty to take care of my street. Why not?!" Mayor Minnet advised attendees that, "We want no orphan streets!" As an additional way to "keep it green," Kashar passed out green mugs made of corn oil, not petroleum, and packets of north American Wildflowers seed mixture.

The Adopt A Street kick-off was followed by a presentation by The Kids Ecology Corps which visits schools and educates children about environmental issues. A program was also presented for the children by Sharon Huff of Frame 'n Art, "Making Art From Trash." In the paint recycling drive, residents were able to drop off unused paint and receive paint for free. They were also able to drop off old or unused electronics for Waste Management to dispose of in an environmental safe way. Volunteers were given gloves and pick up bags and began their clean up.

Sponsors of the event included the Town of LBTS, The Windjammer Resort, residents Hal and Sandra Booth, Aruba Beach Café, Lenore's Cooking School and Catering, Frame 'n Art, Waste Management and The Kids Ecology Corps.

ANNUAL FISH FRY A REAL WINNER

By Cindy Geesey

Dozens of hungry folks gathered at Shutter's Tiki Bar at 4660 El Mar Drive on October 15 to enjoy the annual Fish Fry sponsored by the LBTS Chamber of Commerce. The event included delicious fried fish, French fries and cole slaw, live music by Aram Kasabian, and lots of friendly hometown camaraderie. This annual event is patterned after the Fish Fry dinners that developers used decades ago to sell the first lots in LBTS.

According to Chamber Executive Director Judy Swaggerty, "This is always a successful event to meet your fellow neighbors and Chamber members." Paul Novak, Chamber President said, "It's a good turnout, the fish is great, and it's a very compatible crowd. Aram's music was terrific, as usual." Two visitors to LBTS from Devon in the west country of the UK, Roger Perry and Geoff Folland, were glad they heard about the event and said it was "really, really good." According to local business leader Diane Boutin of the Windjammer Resort, "It was an absolutely wonderful event and a great success for the Chamber. I saw many smiling faces of locals and business people." **Note: Photos from this event are on page 10.**

Mark your calendars for the next Chamber of Commerce event - the Arts and Craft Show the weekend of November 22.



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WHERE DO YOUR TOWN COMMISSIONERS STAND?



In each of our issues, ByTheSeaFuture publishes a list of the major votes taken by the LBTS Town Commission and a breakdown of how Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioners Stuart Dodd, Jerry McIntee, Birute Clottey and Jim Silverstone voted on each issue. Here is how they voted on September 25 and October 15, 2008. Read the full commission meeting report below for details about how it all went down.

ITEM VOTED ON:	Minnet	McIntee	Silverstone	Clottey	Dodd
decline the annual 5% cost-of-living increase for commissioners	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
set standard fee of \$350 for residential and commercial variance applications	Y	N	N	Y	Y
instruct town attorney to pursue a pedestrian easement on the beach	N	Y	Y	Y	N
spend \$12,831 to repair the fire trucks	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
spend \$10,000 for Comcast to relocate utility box on Washingtonia Avenue	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
spend \$7,000 to help fund the Christmas-By-The-Sea celebration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
spend \$4,000 for the town's annual Halloween celebration	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
spend up to \$2,000 to install 21 signposts on the beach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
spend \$1,000 for the town's first annual GreenFest	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
extend license agreements for three downtown restaurants with sidewalk cafes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
televise meetings of the Planning & Zoning and the Master Plan Steering Committees	Y	N	N	Y	Y
ask Broward County to pay for lifeguard service on the beach	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
remove the recently installed Adopt-A-Street signs around town	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

COMMISSION MEETINGS REPORT - 9-25-08 & 10-14-08

It looks like the LBTS town commissioners will have to get by with just a 53% increase in their compensation and benefits this year. Last March the commissioners voted to give themselves health insurance policies worth \$407 a month, even though they are only part-time town employees. They then followed up by giving themselves a \$50 per month subsidy for their personal cell phones.

The commissioners were also due to receive an annual 5% cost-of-living increase starting on October 1. However, at the insistence of Mayor Roseann Minnet and Commissioner Stuart Dodd, the commission voted on September 25 to forgo the 5% COLA this year. Minnet suggested that the commissioners also give up their \$407 a month health insurance policies, in light of the fact that several full-time town employees have had their hours cut to save money, but no commissioner offered a motion to that effect so her proposal died.

So here's where things stand: Commissioners Jim Silverstone and Birute Clottey voted for the \$407 per month health insurance policy and they accept it. Commissioner Stuart Dodd voted for it, but he gets

his health insurance through the Hillsboro Inlet Commission, where he serves as the LBTS representative, rather than through the town. Minnet voted against giving the commissioners health insurance and has refused to accept it. Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee voted for the health insurance but he also declined it. All of the commissioners except Minnet are accepting the \$50 per month cell phone subsidy.

In other news, the commission approved a number of spending items, including: \$12,831 to repair the fire trucks; \$10,000 for Comcast to relocate a utility box on Washingtonia Avenue, as part of the ongoing sidewalk improvement project which is finally nearing completion; \$1,000 for the town's first annual GreenFest; \$4,000 for the Halloween celebration and \$7,000 for Christmas-By-The-Sea. They also approved up to \$2,000 for the volunteer fire department to install 21 numbered sign posts along the beach, to help people recognize where they are on the beach.

The commission tabled a proposal to spend \$2,745 to purchase an electronic voting system, which would enable all the commissioners to vote at the same time instead of one after another. They also decided not

to pursue a certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition because it would be too expensive. They voted to require the town to take down the Adopt-A-Street signs which were just recently installed to recognize the efforts of local residents who take the time to pick up litter on their streets. The commission also voted 3-2 to direct the town attorney to pursue the acquisition of an easement along the beach in front of the Oriana, even if it means taking the building to court. Minnet and Dodd voted no.

By a 3-2 vote, the commissioners passed an ordinance which establishes a standard fee for variance applications of \$350 for residential and commercial applicants. McIntee and Jim Silverstone voted no, saying that businesses should pay a higher fee than residences. The commission also approved several other ordinances which change the way the town handles variance requests. They also extended the license agreements for three restaurants downtown which operate sidewalk cafes, and voted to hold a workshop on November 10 to discuss the issue of parking town-wide.

LBTS MAYOR'S COMMENTS



Mayor Roseann Minnet

October has been quite a month, and it's barely halfway over. The transitions from BSO fire-rescue to the paid volunteer fire department, and to American Medical Response for emergency medical service, took place on October 1. I went to the new quarters and introduced myself to the new teams, and was happy to meet and greet all the men and women who will be serving our town.

Later that evening I went to the blessing of the vehicles for the VFD. Vice Mayor McIntee presided and he acknowledged all of the commissioners who attended except me. I guess he just didn't see me standing next to the town manager. Oh well. The evening

was about the VFD and I know they will work hard to show the residents their capabilities. I only hope that the leadership will stay strong and continue to work effectively towards a fire department that will serve the needs of our community. I will continue to ask the hard questions and probably make some people irritated with my inquiries. But in the end, it is the residents of this town that are the most important, and I will not back down from my promise to make public safety my number one concern.

I am also proud of the GreenFest that took place on a soggy Saturday morning on October 4. I woke up to the sounds of thunder, lightning and lots of rain, wondering if the celebration would be able to take place. Fortunately, even though it rained on and off throughout the day, it did not dampen the spirits of the many local residents who attended and helped pick up trash on the beach. Broward County was well represented at the event. They had representatives there who explained the Adopt-A-Street program and signed up new volunteers. They also provided a booth for the Kids Ecology Corps, and a truck where people could drop off old paint. Waste Management also helped

out by setting up a drop-off container for old computers and electronics equipment.

Despite the rain, all went well and next year's GreenFest will be even bigger and better. Keep your calendars marked for the first Saturday in October for the second annual LBTS GreenFest. There will be more activities and lots more fun as we continue our efforts to make LBTS a cleaner and more environmentally-friendly town.

I am also pleased that the budget workshops are over and the commission was successful in lowering taxes for next year. However, in order to do so we eliminated most of the town's capital improvements, so the long-term outlook is not entirely positive. I will continue to fight for the citizens and not frivolously spend your money. This is not about what is convenient for the commissioners, it's about what is right for the community. Remember, it is your support and input that will keep the town moving. As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions on my website, which is www.RoseannMinnet.com.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4!
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHOICES,
SEE PAGES 3 & 4 OF THIS ISSUE.**

OKTOBERFEST WAR WUNDERBAR

by Cindy Geesey

Approximately 90 members of the Property Owners Association and their guests enjoyed a festive OKTOBERFEST on October 11 that included a potluck supper with a German flair, live music by talented local musician Aram Kasabian, spirited dancing, a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction. Entertainment highlights of the evening included singing by locals Chuck Vanage and Lenore Nolan-Ryan.

Special guests were members of the US Navy Robin and Jeffrey Slusher, the current couple selected by the Jacksonville USO to receive a free weekend in LBTS. Many attendees were eager to meet Robin and Jeffrey, welcome them to town, and tell of their own military service. Commissioner Stuart Dodd and his wife Penny attended the event and were especially welcoming to the Slushers.



Das ist Sunny und Bernie Eckhardt am die POA Oktoberfest. Sie nahmen an der Partei, während das Tragen sehr stilvolle verbindlich deutsche Kleidung.

Dave Gadsby was recognized as the Property Owner's Association Hometown Hero for 2008, and Michael San Miguel and Vincent Ragusa received framed certificates of recognition for having been nominees.

As always, Social Chairman Marie Chiarello did an amazing job of pulling everything together including supervising the decorations. Directors Alana Brady, Buster Celestino, and Ron Piersante also worked hard to make the event a success. Assistant to the Town Manager John Olinzock helped ensure that everything was in order for the event, and the gentlemen from Public Works helped set up the hall. Vince Ragusa provided a great stage for the entertainment.

Big thanks go to Lenore Nolan-Ryan of Lenore's Cooking School and Catering for serving the beer and wine, to Aruba Beach Cafe for generously supplying dessert trays, and to The Wine Cellar for donating a huge tray of spaetzle. The POA supplied the brats and pork roasts cooked by Bonnie Clark, Marie Chiarello and Cindy Geesey, and Buster Celestino made a huge stew. All the other great dishes were brought by the partiers, and everything was delicious.

Items were generously donated for the Chinese Auction by The Village Grille, Jan's Homemade Candies, The High Noon Resort, The Garden of Love, Lenore's Cooking School and Catering, Surf Beauty Salon, Frame 'n Art, and Cindy and Adam Geesey.

The LBTS Property Owners Association is a non-political community service group that (1) presents informative and educational meetings on a wide variety of topics of interest to LBTS residents and (2) throws a couple of fun parties a year! If you're not yet a member or would like to renew now for 2009, please email secretary Alana Brady for a form at bradylbs@aol.com. Dues are just \$10 a year and ensure that you get personal notification of all meetings and events.

MAKE YOUR DOG A STAR!

You and your canine companion are invited to an open audition on Tuesday, October 28th at the Humane Society of Broward County. Vetrudent™ the makers of BlueChews™ are holding a MODEL SEARCH for 5 NEW STARS. BlueChews™ canine dental bars are a big hit and four new sizes will be introduced in 2009. If your dog is chosen he or she will star on one of the following BlueChews™ packages: toy, small, medium, large or extra large dogs! In addition, the winning dogs will receive a full set of wonderful photographs from the professional photo shoot and a supply of Bluechews™ for the lifetime of your dog.

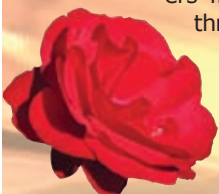


Niki Eckhardt poses adorably for a professional portrait photograph taken by Lee Gordon

The photo shoot will take place upstairs at the Humane Society of Broward County's Education Center from 11 AM - 8 PM. The shelter is located at 2070 Griffin Road, just west of I-95. No appointment is necessary, just stop on by on October 28th and register. All dogs participating will receive a discount coupon to be used in the HSBC Pet Boutique on the day of auditions; they will be entered into a drawing for a lifetime supply of BlueChews™ and a copy of the photo taken will be emailed to you.

GARDEN OF LOVE ANNIVERSARY SALE

October 1st started the 34th year in business for Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's Garden of Love, and owner Dolores Hamilton invites you to celebrate this special milestone with her. Dolores is a talented and generous lady who uses her magical Flower Power to help people, charities and our whole LBTS community. Her devoted customers celebrate all special occasions with flowers from "The Garden" as it is famously known throughout southeast Fort Lauderdale. Yes, an ordinary day will become a special occasion with a gift of Dolores' beautiful plants or flowers! So be sure to stop by the Garden of Love located at 257 Commercial Boulevard, receive a free rose, and get up to 50% off on gifts, silk flowers, plush ceramics and pop up cards.



RAVE REVIEWS FOR NEW DINER

by Cindy Geesey



The owners and staff of By The Sea Diner were all smiles as they greeted customers and friends to this popular and unique eating place.

After three days of trial runs for friends and a bit of tweaking, Bill Davis and partner Billy Sands opened their new restaurant, By The Sea Diner, at the former site of Louie's Diner, 215 Commercial Boulevard on October 17. With completely updated furnishings and a creative and attractive menu, the diner has returned to its glory days. Former operator Louie Sabatini was on hand to take part in the opening and said, "I think it will work out. When I want breakfast, I'll eat here. I'm glad to have someone here who knows what they're doing."



Serving Breakfast and Lunch 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Guy Contrada from Aruba Beach Café described the diner as, "bright, airy, clean and friendly" as he enjoyed his breakfast. LBTS residents Donna Finkel and John Civetti said they loved it and would definitely be back. Fuji O'Neill said, "It's fabulous to be back with the gang. Just fantastic. Like old times." Fuji and four other waitresses were formerly together at the Pier Coffee Shop and "are looking forward to seeing all our former customers again, locals and visitors."

This re-do was a tremendous undertaking, and when Bill Davis was asked if he'd do it again, he answered, "Absolutely. For a hotelier like me, there's nothing like making customers happy. It will be the same here at the diner."

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Sisters Carol & Lorene

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea lost a much loved resident on October 8 when Carol Leitner passed away following a heroic five year battle with cancer. Carol, the sister of former First Lady Lorene Parker, was a tireless volunteer for many town events and had a great circle of friends who admired her. Carol was born in Pennsylvania but moved to south Florida when she was 13 and was a graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School. Carol leaves behind her beloved children Sean, Meghan and Brooke Herman as well as her mother, LBTS resident Mary Takacs. Carol also enjoyed loving relationships with her six siblings, her in-laws including Mayor Oliver Parker, fifteen nieces and nephews and two grand nephews. A celebration of Carol's life will be held on Saturday, October 18, at Assumption Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, Carol requested that donations be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital. Carol's constant smile, her zany sense of humor, her energy and her positive attitude will be greatly missed.

ASK LORI PARRISH - HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

Dear Lori:

I just received my "Do Not Pay" proposed tax notice from your office. I have a hard time understanding what happened to that second \$25,000 Homestead Exemption Florida voters approved in January. How do I know I received it?

M.M., Dania Beach, FL

Our office has been deluged with questions asking where the additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption is. Our office automatically applied the 2nd homestead to all qualifying properties this year.

Amendment 1 provides an additional Homestead Exemption of up to \$25,000 applied to assessed value above \$50,000. If your assessed value is \$75,000 and up, your exemption will be the original \$25,000 Homestead Exemption plus the full \$25,000 additional Homestead.

The second \$25,000 is NOT printed in the "Base Exemptions" box at the top of your "TRIM" (Truth in Millage) Notice. By law, "Base Exemptions" are only those exemptions which apply to all taxing authorities: \$25,000 Homestead, Widow/Widower, Disabled Veteran, and Disability. The second \$25,000 Homestead, the Senior's Additional Exemption and the Florida Combat Veteran Disability exemptions are not "Base Exemptions" as they do not apply to the School Board portion of taxes. Instead these savings are deducted in the mathematical calculation used to reach the total proposed tax amount listed at the bottom of your TRIM Notice.

Look for the upper right hand box on your TRIM Notice for a listing of all qualified property tax exemptions. It will state "2 Homestd" if you qualify. Taxpayers may look up their properties on our website at www.bcpa.net for a more detailed explanation of the property values, exemptions and taxes, or contact us at 954.357.6830 and we will provide an explanation to you.

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DON'T BE A COLOR COWARD!

By Judith Jones, I.A.D.

It's Fall, the holidays are coming, and this means parties and guests. The question is, "How can I jazz up the house?" The answer is... "With color!" Color is the most personal and important element of design, and without color our lives would be dull and boring. Think of a black and white TV. It takes 90 seconds to make a judgment on an item. Sixty seconds of that involves color. Most all purchases are based on color; pattern will "grow on you" but color will not.

OK, time for Color 101! There are six main colors. Red, yellow and blue are primary colors, the strongest of them all. Green, orange and purple are secondary colors. All the other thousands of colors are combinations and values of these six.

Red, yellow and orange are "warm" colors. They "pop," show action and energy, and seem aggressive to make a space seem smaller. Red is the strongest of all; they are considered happy colors.

Blue, green and purple are "cool" colors, calming and peaceful. They tend to visually extend space to make rooms recede and seem reserved. Blue is the most popular of all. Next we have neutrals, whites, and earth tones of beiges, grays, even browns. They are considered "safe" for people afraid to be bold with color. Just watch your whites because they all have some color or slight tint in them.

There are really no new colors or hues, just new names for the old. Certain values or densities of colors are more popular year to year. Remember, the color experts change colors to encourage people to make changes and spend money. The value or density of a color can make or break a room. Pastels, or tints of a color, have a lot of white in them. They open up space to make a room look larger. Intense colors or shades have black in them, making them darker in value. They are good for large rooms or to add drama, richness and elegance.

All colors can be warmed up or cooled down and made brighter or darker, which can make a color choice confusing! Just try to match a color from memory. It makes you realize how many values there are. Also the "name" of a color can have a positive or negative affect on your choice. The emotional affect a color has can make a difference in what you select. Work with colors you like to wear and that make you feel good.

Always take your color choices home. Paint a sample on the wall. Do you like it in the day with natural light, but not at night? Change your artificial lighting! Place all samples together before starting your project. If colors are not compatible, they will not work. Check the surface of the hues. A mat finish will appear darker and larger. A glossy surface on an object will make it seem lighter and brighter.

Now this is very important! What do you do with the colors you have selected? Always remember "3." 3 colors, 3 patterns, 3 textures. Never use two of the above equally. Design like a pro with the 60%, 30%, 10% rule. Your main color, pattern or texture is 60%. Think of this as a suit of clothing. Your second choice is the 30%, like a shirt or blouse for the suit. The last 10% of color, pattern or texture is the scarf or tie for the suit, the perfect accessory.

Balance your 3's around the room on walls, furniture and flooring. If your walls and floors are neutrals, bring colors and patterns into the room with furniture, art and accessories. If your walls and floors (example, rugs) have more color, bring neutrals with texture in furniture and accessories. Too much color can be busy, but not enough appears dull and boring. Remember, you will tend to tire of colors that are very bright and bold. Neutrals are easier to live with, but add texture and pattern of interest and vary the values.

Let's finish with some color tricks. Paint one wall. It adds interest and drama as an accent. If you have a long room, add color to both end walls to make the room seem more square. Add color to moldings, window frames, chair rails, etc., to make them "stand out." If you have lots of doors in a hallway, paint them the wall color to "disappear" them. Paint the ceiling of a tall room a color to visually bring it down to size!

Are you still afraid of color? Start small such as with a bathroom. Bring in color to any room with pillows, throws, art and silk flowers. Just remember - if you don't like a little of a hue, you certainly won't like a lot of it. Add a little at one time. Go ahead and experiment. Good luck! For more ideas, please join me every Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea at Jarvis Hall for my free class, "Current Interior Decorating Ideas."

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Joan Roberts of the Coral Key Inn and Diane Boutin of the Windjammer Resort never miss a Chamber of Commerce Fish Fry!



Lucke Ricciuti of the Village Market and Fuji O'Neill of By The Sea Diner helped cook fish and fries for the annual Chamber event.



Audrey Lees, George Dometios and June Lassell wait with anticipation for their dinners at the annual Chamber Fish Fry.



LBTS Mayor Roseann Minnet with local volunteer Joyce Murray at the 2008 October GreenFest. They worked tirelessly at the event throughout the day.



Commissioner Dodd and Commissioner Silverstone were visibly present at GreenFest and enjoyed helping out at the event.



Bonnie Myers, Joyce Murray, Senator Jeff Atwater, Christine Westcoat and Margaret Reichenstein each helped out at the October Greenfest event.

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Robin and Jeffrey Slusher, visiting USO couple, were greeted by Commissioner Stuart Dodd and his wife Penny at the POA Oktoberbest event.



Lenore Nolan-Ryan and Buster Celestino joyously mind the popular bar at Oktoberfest.



Paula, Barbara and Joan Winston were pleased to raise money for the Humane Society's PAWS organization at their annual charity event on Oct 15.



Future Wins Three National Awards

Mark Brown, co-editor of *ByTheSeaFuture* newspaper, published in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, graciously accepts three National Newspaper Association Awards for outstanding newspaper issues in 2007. The prestigious "Toast to the Winners" award ceremony and gala reception was held on Sept. 27, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza in St. Paul, Minnesota. Presenting the award to Mark is Steve Haynes, President of the National Newspaper Association.

ByTheSeaFuture won First Place, Best Editorial, Second Place, Best Breaking News Story and Third Place, Best Use of Color.

The photo was taken by Stan Schwartz, managing editor for the National Newspaper Association.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* Televised on Channel 78

Jazz on the Square every Friday starting at 6 p.m.

October 18, Saturday: Congregational Breakfast at the Community Church begins at 9:00 a.m.

October 21, Tuesday: Master Plan Steering Committee -Jarvis Hall 6:30 p.m.

October 25, Saturday: From 9:00 a.m. until noon at Town Hall, BSO will be accepting documents for shredding. Call 954-321-4100.

October 28, Tuesday: Town Commission Meeting - Jarvis Hall at 7:00 p.m. *

October 30, Thursday: LBTS Woman's Club meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse. Call Linda Collins at 954-234-6662.

October 31, Friday: Happy Halloween! Children's Halloween Party and Haunted House starts at Jarvis Hall at 6:30 p.m.

November 3, Monday: Homestead Exemption Sign-Up at Jarvis Hall, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

November 5, Wednesday: The Lions Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at The Holiday Inn. Call Mike San Miguel at 954-647-7752.

November 6, Thursday: Bulk trash pick-up south of Commercial.

November 7, Friday: Bulk trash pick-up north of Commercial.

November 10, Monday: The LBTS Garden Club meets at 9:15 a.m. at Jarvis Hall and Sandy Granson will speak about butterfly gardens. Call Kit Cashman at 954-650-5918.

November 10, Monday: Town Commission Meeting at Jarvis Hall - 7:00 p.m. *

November 11, Tuesday: Our Art-by-the-Sea meets at the Community Church at 7:00 p.m. and will feature "porcelain Painting." Call Arnie Regan at 954-782-0945.

November 13, Thursday: Join members of The Altar Guild for the annual Fall Luncheon at the Sea Watch Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Joan at 954-785-1458.

November 15, Saturday: Congregational Breakfast at the Community Church begins at 9:00 a.m.

November 17, Monday: Sister Cities Association "Christmas in November" at the Community Church at 6:00 p.m. Turkey will be provided. Members and guests asked to bring dish to share. Music and dancing. Please RSVP to Joyce Murray at 954-941-7773.

OUR ART BY THE SEA SHOW

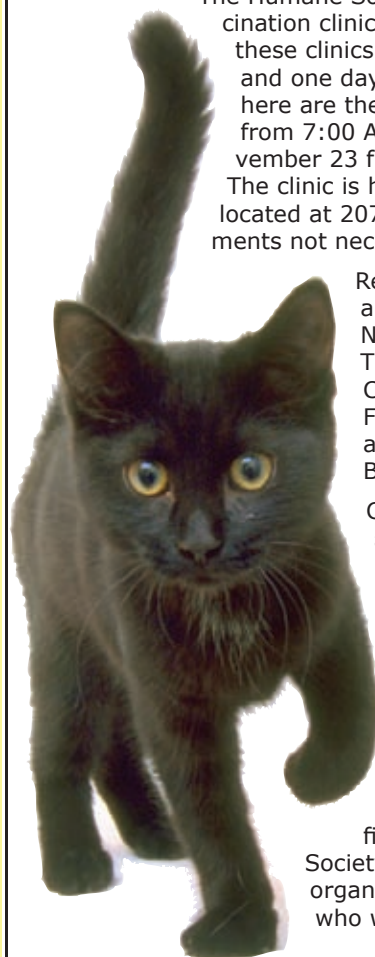
Our Art-by-the-Sea Association will hold its second art show and sale from November 1st through December 16th at the Lighthouse Point Library. Local artists, who are members of the association, will be participating in this juried show. Each of our artists will be exhibiting up to three samples of their work, which will include works in the following media: painting, mixed media and photography. An opening night reception is being sponsored by the Association, on Saturday, November 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Our Art-by-the-Sea, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. It was founded in 2007 by a group of artists and art lovers in the local area. The membership of the group has now grown to 52 members.

For additional information contact Arnie Regan, President, at 954-782-0945 or Marion Elizondo, Secretary, at 954-785-7408

HUMANE SOCIETY VACCINATIONS

The Humane Society of Broward County will host two vaccination clinics in November. Because of the popularity of these clinics we are now devoting one day to cats only and one day to dogs only. If your pet needs vaccinations here are the details you need. Saturday, November 22 from 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM is for CATS ONLY. Sunday, November 23 from 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM is for DOGS ONLY. The clinic is held in the back parking lot of the shelter located at 2070 Griffin Road, just west of I-95. Appointments not necessary.



Regular Service Dog Package (dogs 4 months and up) is \$35 if spayed or neutered; \$50 if NOT spayed or neutered; The package includes Rabies with Broward County tag*, 5 in 1 Booster, Bordetella, and Frontline (1 dose). Puppy Package (3 months and under) is \$25 and includes 5 in 1 Booster, Bordetella, and Dewormer.

Cat Package (4 months and older) is \$25 if spayed or neutered, \$40 if NOT spayed or neutered. The package includes rabies with Broward County tag*, FVRCP, and Revolution (1 dose). The kitten Package (3 months and under) is \$15 and includes FVRCP and De-wormer.

Vaccines/services also sold individually.

For more information call 954-989-3977 or visit www.humanebroward.com to see pets available for adoption, make a donation or find out about upcoming events. The Humane Society of Broward County is a private, non-profit organization supported by donations from people who want to help homeless animals.



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