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Double Drownings in LBTS Focus Attention on Dangerous Riptides

Hurricane Gustav dealt only a glancing blow to south Florida, but it was powerful enough to claim the lives of a North Dakota couple who drowned off the coast of LBTS on August 31. Another 12 distressed swimmers in LBTS were rescued the same day by members of the Broward Sheriff's Office fire-rescue team, who went into the ocean to save them. With three more tropical storms--and potential hurricanes--bearing down on Florida, the BSO has issued a call for people to use common sense and stay out of the ocean during bad weather, when riptides are at their strongest. The BSO conducted a simulated ocean rescue drill in LBTS on September 3, to call attention to riptides and show how dangerous the ocean can be for even the most experienced swimmers. [Story Continued on Page 5](#)

RESIDENTS TELL LAWMAKERS CALYPSO PROJECT IS UNSAFE

by Mark Brown

More than 200 local residents packed the Beach Community Center in Ft. Lauderdale on August 11 to express their concerns about the safety of the Calypso natural gas port which has been proposed off the coast of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and the Galt Ocean Mile. The meeting was also attended by 10 state legislators from Broward County, all of whom were urged to contact Governor Charlie Crist and request that he veto the Calypso project.



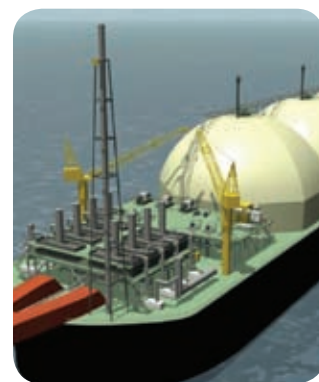
Residents who spoke at the meeting outlined a variety of reasons why they oppose the Calypso, but the theme that came up most often was safety. Brad Cooley, assistant project manager for the Calypso, stunned the crowd during his opening remarks when he dismissed residents' concerns about safety. "I'm here to tell you the project is safe," Cooley declared. "We would not build this project if it put anyone on shore at risk. Safety is not an issue for this project."

That statement was vigorously challenged by many speakers who followed Cooley to the podium, starting with State Sen. Jeff Atwater. "Broward and Dade Counties don't have the resources to respond to a safety issue," Atwater said, noting that local governments will have to be the first responders in the event of an emergency. "That is why I am against this project."

Atwater's concerns were echoed by Broward County Sheriff Al Lamberti, who told the crowd that he has not been consulted at all by the Calypso, its parent company Suez Energy, or the U.S. Coast Guard throughout the entire planning and permitting process. "We're already pressed for resources to deal with our day-to-day responsibilities in Port Everglades," Lamberti stated. "Where will the money come from to deal

with additional needs? What will happen in case of a catastrophic event? We are already a terrorist target before this project. This will just add one more target that we'll have to prepare for," he said.

Fred Nesbitt, a resident of the Galt Ocean Mile, pointed out that if an LNG tanker is breached, "it could release up to 20 billion gallons of natural gas in an ignitable vapor cloud which would have the force of a small nuclear bomb. It can ignite from a spark. Such a fireball is not survivable. It can't be put out. The Coast Guard has insufficient resources to protect us," he said.



"Safety is a big concern," added Ft. Lauderdale Commissioner Christine Teel. "When you look at the documentation it's very disturbing. The World Trade Center was not predicted. Once you look at the World Trade Center, that's the concern," she said.

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CHAMBER FACES POSSIBLE EVICTION FROM WELCOME CENTER

by Mark Brown

While the fishing pier may well be the most recognizable landmark in LBTS, the town's welcome center probably runs a pretty close second. The distinctive, coral-colored building on A1A, which has served as the town's welcome center for the past 40 years, is visited by more than 20,000 people a year, residents and tourists alike. Another 100,000 people a year visit the website of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce, which runs the welcome center, to obtain information about the town. The welcome center provides a critical link between the town and the tourist economy which the town depends on for both jobs and revenue.

Now the future of the welcome center is very much up in the air, as the result of a proposal by Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee to evict the Chamber of Commerce from the building. McIntee wants the Chamber to relocate to an empty storefront on Commercial Boulevard,

where he says the walk-in traffic will bring an infusion of customers to other businesses on the block. He has not said who will take over the operations of the welcome center, or what will become of the building if the Chamber is forced to move.

McIntee's proposal has sent shock waves through the business community in LBTS, which depends on the Chamber of Commerce as its main marketing and promotional arm. Chamber President Paul Novak and Board Member Kyle Gould spent much of August talking to local businesses about the possible relocation. Novak said 96% of the businesses he spoke to want the Chamber to stay where it is in the welcome center, and to continue to be in charge of running the center. More than 130 people have signed a petition which opposes any move of the Chamber out of the visitors center.

"This doesn't make a lot of sense to me," Novak said in a recent interview. "The Chamber ties in with the welcome center. We do the same thing. There is a lot of synergy there." Novak pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce also sponsors and staffs several major events each year which are important to the business community, such as Taste of the Beach and various craft shows. "The town is not going to be able to run the welcome center with just volunteers. It's just not going to work," he said.



Chamber President Paul Novak

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THE WORST DECISION EVER MADE IN LBTS

by Mark Brown

When the history of the current LBTS town commission is written, one deed will likely stand out above all the rest. That is, the decision to purchase and renovate a 38-year old motel next door to town hall to serve as a dormitory for the volunteer fire department and as a public safety complex. Unfortunately, history probably will not look very kindly on this act. In fact, it just might go down as the worst governmental decision ever made in LBTS.

The town commission has already sunk more than two million dollars into the dormitory and the spending has barely begun. By the time it is finished--if it is ever finished--the dorm could turn out to be the most expensive public works project ever undertaken in LBTS, gobbling up millions of taxpayer dollars and leaving us with little more than a renovated motel to show for the investment.

The town commission has offered a lot of flimsy excuses for buying the motel, but they have yet to come up with a single good reason to justify the purchase. For example, the commission said they need a place to house American Medical Response (AMR) when the privately-owned ambulance company takes over as the town's emergency medical service provider on October 1.

Why couldn't the commission have just rented an apartment somewhere in town for AMR instead of buying an entire 12-unit motel? After all, AMR will only be stationing three people and one ambulance here, so how much room will they need? The Broward Sheriff's Office has twice as many people stationed here and they operated quite well for many years out of a small trailer in back of the Assumption Catholic Church. They are now working out of two rooms in the Beachside Hotel for the final two months of their

contract. It would have been a lot easier and cheaper for the town to simply rent a nice apartment or motel room for AMR, instead of plunking down millions to buy and renovate an entire motel.

Another excuse being given for purchasing the motel is that they need to convert part of it into dormitory rooms to house members of the volunteer fire department. That's a hard one to figure out. Don't most of the volunteers already live close enough to town that they can get here in time to put out a fire? If so, why does the town need to provide additional housing for them? And when the commissioners gloat about how much money they "saved" by firing the BSO and bringing back the volunteers, are they taking into account the millions that are being spent to buy and renovate the motel and turn it into a dormitory for the volunteers?

Yet another excuse offered up for buying the motel is the need to move the building department out of the trailer it now occupies next door to Jarvis Hall. When did this become such a pressing problem? Sure it is embarrassing to have the building department located in a trailer, but it has been that way for years. There have been a lot more complaints about the way the building department operates than the fact that it is located in a trailer.

The town commission has already spent more than \$2 million on the motel/dormitory project, and there are many big bills waiting in the wings. After all, this is a 38-year old, 5,565-square foot building which will have to be brought completely up to code both inside and out. The town will have to hire con-

tractors, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters and other workers to do the renovations. They will have to obtain expensive building permits. They will need to install an elevator (in a two-story building) and handicapped bathroom facility to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and purchase and install new air conditioning, fire sprinklers, generators, meters, flooring, furniture, fencing, etc.

The commissioners just went through a similar exercise when they tried to enclose the tiny portico in front of Jarvis Hall at a cost of \$125,000, but they backed out after the pricetag jumped to \$400,000 to bring the entire building up to code. If they go through with the motel project, it will certainly take a year or more to complete and cost many times more than the portico project. And in the end, it will still look like a motel with a little swimming pool in front and 12 back-out parking spaces on A1A--perfect to add to the traffic congestion at the light in front of Jarvis Hall.

To make matters worse, the town manager has just slipped \$50,000 into next year's budget to turn the motel swimming pool into a "youth activities" facility. It will be interesting to see how many young people in town actually sign up to swim in a pool that is so small they can go end to end in about five strokes, especially when the ocean is right across the street. Will the town have to hire lifeguards for the pool and pay someone to run the youth activities program? More importantly, is a community swimming pool really a priority at a time when tax and parking meter revenues are down, town services are being reduced, and residents are clamoring for their leaders to cut taxes and stop wasting their tax dollars?

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Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee

HEY, MAN UP, MISTER MCINTEE!

by Cindy Geesey

Some people are just unable to take responsibility for their actions or admit they made a mistake. If accused, they can't remember or often strike out at the accuser, believing the best defense is a good offense.

And so it goes with LBTS Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee and some of his buddies.

For example, McIntee apparently had a fit when he read my last editorial revealing the real reasons he's hell bent on ousting the Chamber from its home and decreasing or even stopping funding for operation of the Welcome Center. He just can't understand that my comments in every editorial are simply my opinions. Maybe he missed that in Journalism 101.

McIntee seems quite in favor of free speech as long as he controls and agrees with what is said. He claims he can separate his roles in different organizations when he speaks but denies that to anyone else. McIntee can disagree with the truth all he wants, but beating his chest and bellowing won't change the facts.

McIntee also refuses to acknowledge that the Florida Ethics Commission found probable cause in three of the six charges leveled against him regarding conflict of interest. And when he's caught falsely proclaiming his innocence, he slams a worker in the Ethics Commission office and runs to her boss to complain. He should be ashamed.

After painting me as a greedy villain for over a year, McIntee was thwarted once again when the Ethics Commission found no conflict of interest in my activities while Chair of Planning and Zoning for four years. Unlike McIntee and Silverstone, I have not whined incessantly to everyone about undergoing this investigation, and I certainly didn't travel to Tallahassee and put the cost off on the taxpayers as they did. This stuff is part of public service, and if you can't take the heat....you know the rest.

Chrissie Furth also needs to man up. Chrissie is about as sharp and shrewd and conniving as they come, but she plays the dumb blonde card when convenient. Countless times she got up before the former commission and said that she wasn't aware, didn't know, wasn't really sure... about everything from making El Mar Drive one lane to the now-removed overlay districts.

For the record, Mrs. Furth was the "investigator" who went to town hall to try to access my financial records for the claim she helped lodge against me, but she won't admit it. I received a telephone call from town hall just as she walked out of the building after she was told the records were not available there. Obviously she didn't complete a Request for Information when the records weren't even there. Duh.

Now Mrs. Furth seems to be running the CIC. She was active in the Main Street project, was against a Master Plan, was in charge of the design committee, then Main Street folded, largely due to internal disagreements. She started the CAC which degenerated into chaotic meetings full of name calling and vitriol. Be warned, CIC members.

And if you need a laugh---In 2005 I changed hairdressers and my former stylist filed a police report against me! Honest! In the police report (LS05-12-00032) the officer states, "I asked (the stylist) if she believed Cindy Geesey has disrupted her business and she told me, 'Oh, no.' She told me she hadn't thought a thing of the incident until Chrissie Furth told her it was a threat." Of course the whole thing was ludicrous and I received a letter from the stylist apologizing. No such apology was forthcoming from Ms. Furth. Man up, Chrissie. On second thought, don't bother.

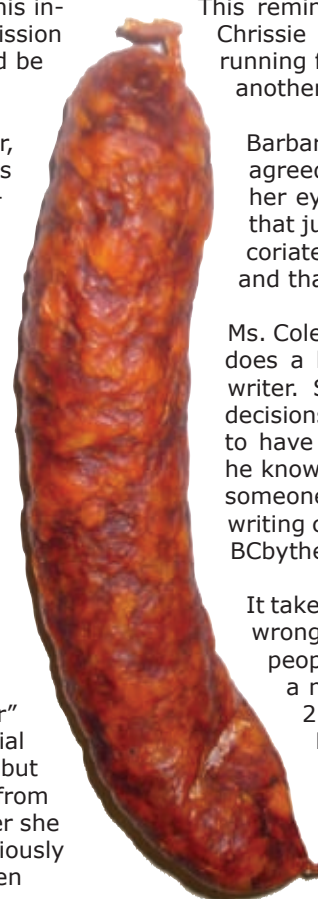
Kudos to a person who has manned up....Barbara Cole. As someone who cared about the town and wanted to get involved, she was, at first, courted by the malcontents who praised her contributions. Their kind of flattery is persuasive.

This reminds me of the time when Marc and Chrissie Furth did so much to talk me into running for commission, but that's a story for another time.

Barbara Cole was the "It Girl" as long as she agreed with her friends. But she opened her eyes and voiced her own opinions and that just isn't allowed. Now she's being exoriated by those with whom she disagrees and that's a shame.

Ms. Cole is smart, has some innovative ideas, does a lot of research, and is an engaging writer. She doesn't know the history of some decisions and events in the past, and seems to have relied on someone who only thinks he knows the facts. I hope she starts asking someone who does know those details so her writing can be even more insightful. Brava to BCbythesea for her courage and caring.

It takes a mature person to admit they were wrong. Thankfully we have a lot of mature people who are now admitting they made a mistake when they voted a little over 2 years ago. They realize that Jerry McIntee will never man up and admit he's made some cataclysmic blunders on and off the dais.



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The LBTS commissioners--with the exception of Mayor Roseann Minnet who voted against it--made a huge mistake by buying this motel. At the very least, they should have delayed the purchase until they sold the warehouse which the town owns in Ft. Lauderdale, since that's where the money was supposed to come from to pay for it. Now the taxpayers are stuck with the costs of carrying both buildings.

On top of that, the commissioners are compounding their mistake by trying to renovate the motel instead of tearing it down and building something new from scratch. Clearly, the millions of dollars which they will be pouring into the dormitory could be better spent by adding a second and third floor to the existing town hall, and otherwise improving the property around Jarvis Hall which the town already owns.

If the commissioners had taken the time to put together a real plan before they rushed into the motel deal, they could have applied for millions of dollars in county, state and federal grant money to build a new town hall/public safety/transportation complex, but they didn't. Instead, they have dug themselves into a hole which will just keep getting deeper and deeper every year. Local taxpayers will have to foot the bill themselves, and there will be precious little money left over to pay for other important needs in town.

While other communities are investing in their future, LBTS will forever be stuck with an outdated town hall complex in the heart of town that is run-down and dilapidated, instead of modern and functional. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something great for the town is being frittered away. Commissioners Jerry McIntee, Jim Silverstone, Birute Clotney and Stuart Dodd ought to be ashamed of themselves for voting for this project.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I attended the recent meeting concerning Calypso and its disastrous desire to build off the shores of our beautiful beaches and in our clean waters. Jose L. Gonzalez, the Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Associated Industries of Florida, spoke in favor of the project.

He said that the businesses he represents support this ill-advised program. I disagree with him. Our beaches are the bread and butter of Broward County and help drive our fragile economy. We can't afford any missteps.

I wrote to Mr. Gonzalez at jgonzalez@aif.com (which is on his business card), requesting specifically a list of all the businesses in Fort Lauderdale that he represents, since I, my friends and neighbors will most certainly boycott them. Of course, I have not heard a word, nor do I expect to. Why? Because the Associated Industries of Florida (www.aif.com) knows there is going to be a backlash the likes of which they have never encountered before, and they have been around since 1920!

Dino Georgiou, Fort Lauderdale

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 14, 2008

To: By The Sea Future

From: Paul Novak, President
On behalf of The Board of Directors of
The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce

We want to set the record straight in regard to a recent article in By The Sea Future. The Chamber of Commerce does indeed receive a generous contribution from the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, which is used to cover some of the costs of operating The Visitors Center for which we are truly grateful. The actual costs of operation exceed the thirty five thousand dollar contribution from the town. The Township also contributes the use of the Visitors Center building, building services and utilities.

We also want to say, that just because someone is a Member, Board Member or Officer of The Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce does not mean they are authorized to express the opinions of the Board of Directors or Officers of The Chamber of Commerce. While we acknowledge the right of our Members to have personal opinions, it is not fair to our non-political Chamber to speak on it's behalf without a motion having been passed by the Board of Directors.

We look forward to our continued successful relationship with the town and residents in promoting the businesses and tourism in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea.

As is the case with any editorial in a newspaper, my comments regarding the Chamber of Commerce were my opinions and clearly no other representation was made. I stand by my comments.

Cindy Geesey, Executive Editor



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Calypso will continue our dependence on foreign energy sources.



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CALYPSO is bad for our community and our country, cannot guarantee safety of our coastal residents, cannot protect against terrorist attacks, will leave our beaches, environment, and tourism at risk and will continue our dependence on foreign energy sources.

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DROWNINGS, RESCUES & STORMS

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"We had a lot of calls on August 31," said Mike Jachles, spokesman for the BSO. "Our ocean swimmers went into the ocean quite a few times in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea to assist people. With a heavy tropical storm season ahead, we're expecting the problems to continue. It's going to create very dangerous conditions on the beach." Lt. Allan London of the BSO added that the message is pretty clear: "stay out of the water. We can't be in 10 places at one time. Knowing how to survive a rip tide and doing it are two very different things."

BSO firefighter/paramedic Joel Armas, a world-class swimmer who is assigned to LBTS, personally rescued several distressed swimmers on August 31. He also swam about 100 yards through rough seas to locate and pull the body of Bradley Perleberg out of the ocean near the 4100 block of El Mar Drive. Perleberg, 41, and his wife Terry Ann, 45, both drowned after getting caught in a rip tide. The couple had been visiting LBTS from their home in Jamestown, North Dakota. BSO paramedics pronounced them both dead at the scene.

LBTS has no lifeguards and posts signs along the beach warning that anyone going into the ocean swims at their own risk. BSO has provided beach patrol and ocean rescue services to LBTS for many years, but they will no longer be under contract with the town after September 30. Instead, beach patrol responsibilities will shift to members of the volunteer fire department.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Gustav and its predecessor, tropical storm Fay, may have offered a preview of what we can expect in the weeks ahead as we move into the heart of hurricane season. Four days of steady rain drenched LBTS after Fay meandered back and forth across Florida, leaving many streets flooded throughout the town.

A few small palm trees near Jarvis Hall were knocked down and there was some minor beach erosion, but overall LBTS survived Fay without any serious damage. The worst problems from Fay occurred when the rain, winds and high tides washed away numerous turtle nests along the beach, many of which were close to hatching.

The Florida Department of Health issued an advisory for several days after the storm, cautioning people not to swim in the ocean for fear of bacterial contamination from overflowing septic tanks and sewers. However, that advisory was lifted on August 26 after the ocean was given a clean bill of health.

There are still more than two months to go in hurricane season, and it is beginning to look like the forecast for a busier than normal period of storms may come true. Tropical storm Hanna is next in line, with tropical storms Ike and Josephine lurking not far behind. All three storms have the potential to develop into hurricanes, giving more reason for residents and visitors to be prepared.



The photos above and below show Broward Sheriff's Office fire-rescue members conducting a simulated ocean rescue in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea on September 3, 2008. BSO Lt. Allan London also briefed the local news media about the many ocean rescues which BSO fire-rescue personnel conducted in LBTS on August 31.



CALYPSO CONCERNS HEAT UP

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In addition to safety, many speakers questioned the wisdom of importing billions of gallons of liquefied natural gas and increasing U.S. dependency on foreign energy. Cooley told the audience that Suez Energy intends to import all of the natural gas which will be offloaded at the Calypso port from foreign countries, including Yemen, Algeria, Trinidad and Tobago and the Middle East. That prompted responses from several speakers who argued that the U.S. should be working to increase its energy self-sufficiency, and not become even more dependent on foreign imports.



Billions of Gallons of Natural Gas

"Florida's future is energy self-sufficiency," said LBTS Mayor Roseann Minnet. "Wind, solar and ocean energy are plentiful in our area. We must eliminate the need for additional foreign fossil fuels." Similarly, Ray Lekowski, a resident of the Galt Ocean Mile, pointed to an article in the Wall Street Journal which reported that natural gas production is up by eight percent in the U.S. this year. "We don't know what to do with all the gas we are producing," Lekowski said. "The right foot and the left foot are stepping on each other."

Still other speakers focused their concerns on the possibility that the Calypso could become a major terrorist target. "It's possible a terrorist could commandeer a ship," said Bill Claire, also a Galt Mile resident. "Piracy has tripled in recent years. It has become a top terrorist tactic. If terrorists take over a tanker, they could bring it right into the harbor at Port Everglades," he said. Asked to respond, Cooley said "we don't view an LNG tanker as a terrorist threat."

David Nielsen, a third-generation commercial fisherman in Broward County, told the crowd that based on his long experience in the ocean, he believes the U.S. Coast Guard has greatly underestimated the potential impact of the Calypso project on the marine environment. He said the project will be vulnerable to many natural threats, including high winds, lightning strikes, hurricanes and waterspouts. "You're going against some of the strongest currents in the world," Nielsen said. "The chains will hurt the bottom of the ocean. A couple of good strikes of lightning, God only knows what will happen."

The U.S. Coast Guard released the final environmental impact statement on the Calypso project on July 17. The Coast Guard is required to hold one more public hearing on the project, after which Governor Crist will have 45 days to either approve or veto it. No date has been set for the public hearing as of yet. Cooley indicated that Suez intends to slow the public hearing process down so the governor will not have to make his decision until after the elections in November. "We hope to go to the governor by the end of the year," he said.

CHAMBER FACES FORCED EVICTION

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Novak pointed out that the Chamber currently receives \$35,000 a year from the town to help support the operations of the welcome center. He said much of this money is spent to print and distribute the town's popular visitors guide, which provides information about local hotels, restaurants and points of interest. In addition, he said, the town pays the utilities and maintenance costs at the welcome center.



Even with these contributions, he said, it costs much more to successfully run the visitor's center, and it is the Chamber which makes up the difference. He said the Chamber has two paid staffers and a cadre of highly-trained volunteers who devote many hours a week to the welcome center, answering people's questions, handing out brochures and walking maps, pointing them to local motels and restaurants, and otherwise making them feel welcome in town. "The volunteers are well trained, personable and have been with us for a while," Novak said. "We've worked hard to develop a relationship with the welcome center that has continuity."

Novak, who has operated his own business in LBTS since 1961, does not believe that tourists entering the town along Commercial Boulevard will be as likely to stop at the welcome center as those who travel along A1A. He said a storefront location on Commercial will not be as visible and is much harder to access. In addition, he said a storefront will require at least 10-12 free, reserved parking spaces, which will take parking away from the local businesses.

He also discounts the likelihood that tourists who stop in to pick up a visitors guide or map will take the time to go shopping at local businesses on Commercial Boulevard, especially those across the street. "People are shopping the ocean," he said. "They are going up and down A1A." While he is sympathetic to the businesses along Commercial which are hurting, Novak said that is just a reflection of today's bad economy.

Although he has already met with McIntee to discuss a possible move, Novak said he has no idea what is likely to happen. He said the town has not offered to pay the Chamber's rent if they are forced to relocate, and they have not indicated if the Chamber will be severed from the operations of the welcome center. The town commission is expected to take up McIntee's proposal at one of its meetings in September. "We're going into it blind," Novak said. "We don't know what they're going to propose."

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AIR FORCE COUPLE LANDS IN LBTS

By Cindy Geesey

When asked how long he's been in the United States Air Force, Master Sergeant Michael Nettles responds, "My wife Genie and I have been in for 26 years." He's quick to give his wife and family credit for helping him serve his country as a member of the military police, most recently at Balad Air Base in Iraq. Genie describes the men serving overseas as "very dedicated to their country and jobs." Sergeant Nettles and Genie said it took him about two months to readjust when he got back to the U.S., and he said that "every day here is a good day."

The Nettles were the fourth service couple gifted with a free weekend in LBTS in a program created by By The Sea Future with the cooperation of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Jacksonville Area USO. They arrived on Friday evening, August 15, for a three night stay at Souter's Resort on the Ocean as the guests of Manager Amanda Romanek. After dropping their luggage, they were off to The Village Grille for dinner and Jazz on the Square. They spent much of the weekend just relaxing poolside, enjoying the gifts and meals provided by local merchants and exploring the area.

The prospect of a weekend in LBTS arose when the Sergeant's supervisor asked him if he'd like to take his wife on a weekend trip. He called Genie, and without hesitation, she said "yes!" During their stay they enjoyed dinner at Carina's Stone Fired Pizza and Gelato and spent time with owner Karin Schwarby and her son Ron. As an immigrant from Czechoslovakia living the American dream, Karin was especially appreciative of the Nettles' service and told them so. According to Genie Nettles, "Karin just touched my heart. It is so nice to know we are appreciated."

Michael was raised in Nicholls, a small town in south Georgia, and his future wife was friends with his stepmother. When he needed a job after high school he moved to Jacksonville where Genie lived, and she encouraged him to go into the Air Force "to see what the military had to offer." He says, "I fell in love with her first," and she responds that, "when I put him on the bus to basic training, I realized how much I loved him."

The Nettles have three grown children and six grandchildren, and all have been a source of support to Genie when her husband is away. They also share a strong faith and do mission work through their Baptist church. Over 150 members of their church went to Turkey for about three weeks in 2000 and put on 9 shows of a play based on the life of Jesus Christ. Michael was especially watched because he was a U.S. military man. They've also worked in Honduras building a hospital, with youth groups in the Bahamas, and with Vacation Bible Schools.

According to the Nettles, he would do it all over again and so would she. "We have two families," Sergeant Nettles said. "One at home and one at work and we love both." In a message to the LBTS community, the Nettles said, "We thank the businesses and residents for supporting us and showing your appreciation for what we do. It's amazing how grateful you are - the whole town." We thank the Nettles for serving the country through military service and the world through their mission work.



Master Sergeant Michael Nettles and Genie Visit Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

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WE STILL NEED YOUR DONATIONS
Please Contact Cindy Geesey at 954-776-5974

LBTS HONORS NATION'S FIREFIGHTERS

By Mark Brown

Thanks to the generosity of a world-reknoned artist and a local benefactor, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is about to join a growing effort to permanently memorialize our nation's firefighters. At the upcoming town commission meeting on September 12, local resort owner Michael Arker plans to donate a copy of a painting created and signed by artist Michael Israel to the town.

The painting, titled "Hero," depicts a New York City fireman carrying a child out of the rubble of the World Trade Center. Israel painted the original version a few days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and it was sold for several thousand dollars to raise money for the Red Cross.



Michael Arker and Michael Israel

The vibrantly colored painting (reproduced with permission below) caught the attention of firefighters across the country and it quickly became a symbol of their heroic efforts. Israel--who often paints live on stage in front of huge audiences--has since repainted the scene many times and sold or auctioned off the canvases to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities across the country. An effort is now underway to have "Hero" depicted on a national postage stamp.

Arker, who owns the Coral Key Inn in LBTS and is publisher of ByTheSeaFuture newspaper, said he got interested in the painting after he heard about a proposal to designate September 11 as a national holiday to honor our country's firefighters. Arker said he wanted to do something to support this effort, so he contacted Michael Israel to see if he could buy a copy of "Hero" to donate to the town for display in town hall.

Israel, who has a studio in Boca Raton, refused the money and instead gave Arker a signed copy with some original artistic embellishment on it to donate to the town. He also provided a second copy of the painting which he has asked the volunteer firemen in LBTS to sign and return to him. Israel has done this in several other communities across the country, to show his appreciation of the bravery of local firemen.

"The firefighters painting is very symbolic, very powerful," Israel said in an interview with ByTheSeaFuture newspaper. "Some people relate it almost to a religious experience. It's not what goes into the art on the canvas, it's what comes out in the audience's emotion that makes the masterpiece."



"Hero" - Original Painting by Michael Israel

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARTIST
VISIT MICHAELISRAEL.COM

LBTS MAYOR'S COMMENTS



Mayor Roseann Minnet

The September 12 public hearing on the budget is right around the corner. Most residents have received their tax notices by now, and I am hoping this will encourage everyone to attend the meeting on September 12. Town staff and the commission have been busy preparing for the budget meeting and is imperative that we hear from you! This is your time to speak up and help determine where your money is going.

You are shareholders in this town! Even if you cannot attend the meeting, it will be televised on channel 78 or you can view it via your computer.

During the August recess, I attended the Florida

League of Cities meeting in Tampa. This was a great time to network with other elected officials from around the state. I was encouraged by the fact that we all share similar problems and issues. I attended various seminars on green policies and look forward to implementing some of these into our town's programs for sustainability. I learned about the Green Building coalition and the checklist required.

We all know that going "green" will save our residents and businesses money in the long run. Let's not have going green be just a trend, we must make this work and make it a way of life. All it takes is everyone working together as a community. I am looking forward to our first annual LBTS Greenfest on October 4. This will be the welcome party for the Adopt-a-Street program. Town staff and the commission have all been working together as a team to make this project successful. All we need is you, the residents!

Stay informed by regularly visiting my website, which is www.RoseannMinnet.com, as well as Town Topics and channel 78, for details on this event. It will be a beach cleanup and there will be activities for all.

The Adopt-a-Street program will provide all the bags, gloves, safety equipment and removal of trash. Come on down to El Prado park on Oct 4, meet your neighbors and be that difference. Let's all remember to think green, live green and work green.

The Calypso project is still on the horizon and we must stay diligent in educating the residents about this offshore deep water port. I spoke out against this project at the public meeting on August 11, and I will continue to do everything I can to promote a safe, renewable energy policy for Florida. I am pleased that the city of Pompano Beach has joined LBTS and Ft. Lauderdale in adopting a resolution against the Calypso project.

I am in the process of delivering petitions concerning the Calypso all over the town, and I urge everyone to take the time to sign one. We must have the support of all to carry this message to Tallahassee and Governor Crist. Your voice is extremely important. Remember: making a difference starts with just one act, so let's all act together to MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

If you need assistance or simply wish to convey your thoughts to your local, state or federal representatives, here are their telephone numbers and email addresses:

- Mayor Roseann Minnet:** 954-801-6747 - roseannminnet@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov | **Vice Mayor Jerry McIntee:** 716-868-3333 - jerrymcintee@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- Commissioner Jim Silverstone:** 954-232-8340 - jimsilverstone@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov | **Commissioner Birute Ann Clotney:** 954-895-6595 - biruteannclotney@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- Commissioner Stuart Dodd:** 954-612-1600 - stuartdodd@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov | **Esther Colon, Town Manager:** 954-776-0576 - estherc@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov
- John Olinzock, LBTS Citizen Contact Coordinator:** 965-775-0576 - johno@lauderdalebythesea-fl.gov | **U.S. Representative Ron Klein:** 954-522-4579 - felicia.goldstein@mail.house.gov
- State Senator Jeff Atwater:** 954-847-3518 - atwater.jeff@web@flsenate.gov | **State Representative Ellyn Bogdanoff:** 954-762-3757 - ellyn.bogdanoff@myfloridahouse.gov

ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Mayor Roseann Minnet is spearheading an Adopt-A-Street program for LBTS, with seventeen streets adopted so far.

Any individual, business, association or church can choose a street to adopt by agreeing to pick up trash and debris along that street at least 4 times a year with the bags that are provided.

As a thank you, a street sign will be put up showing who has adopted that street. It's really a win-win for everyone!



Do you live on Codrington, Hibiscus, Sunset Lane, Palm Avenue, Neptune, SE 16 Court, or Seaward Drive? Those are just a few of the streets in LBTS that still need to be adopted.

If you would like to be part of this hands-on effort to beautify our town, one street at a time, call Mayor Roseann Minnet at 954-326-0594 or send an email to the mayor directly at Roseann@RoseannMinnet.com.

BSO POLICE BLOTTER - AUGUST 2008

- 08/02/08** Subject arrested at 4434 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference trespass.
- 08/04/08** Traffic stop conducted at 4417 El Mar Drive. W/M subject arrested- possession of marijuana.
- 08/05/08** W/M and W/F were arrested at 4644 El Mar Drive for grand theft.
- 08/07/08** W/F arrested at 276 Commercial Boulevard for D.U.I.
- 08/11/08** B/M arrested at 1500 South Ocean Boulevard for Loitering or Prowling.
- 08/12/08** W/F arrested at 4649 Bougainvillea Drive for disorderly intoxication.
- 08/12/08** W/M arrested 4501 North Ocean Drive for making a false police report.
- 08/12/08** W/M arrested at 270 Commercial Boulevard for an active warrant out of Broward County reference alcohol violation.
- 08/14/08** W/M arrested at 200 Basin Drive for active warrant reference violation of probation for charges of burglary and credit card fraud.
- 08/14/08** W/M arrested at 4321 North Ocean Drive for petit theft.
- 08/15/08** W/M arrested at 4343 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference burglary.
- 08/18/08** W/M arrested at 275 Commercial Boulevard fir active warrant reference driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- 08/19/08** W/F arrested at 4206 Seagrape Drive for false police report.
- 08/20/08** W/M arrested 4345 El Mar Drive for resisting without violence, public intoxication and trespassing.
- 08/20/08** W/M arrested at 4520 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference violation of probation for possession of cocaine.
- 08/22/08** W/M arrested at 4301 North Ocean Drive for theft, battery and possession of stolen property.
- 08/23/08** W/F arrested at 4040 North Ocean Drive for warrant reference expired tag.
- 08/23/08** W/F arrested at 4536 Seagrape Drive for warrant reference possession of amphetamine and driving while license suspended.
- 08/23/08** W/M arrested at 275 Commercial Boulevard for D.U.I.
- 08/23/08** W/M arrested at 4600 El Mar Drive for outstanding warrant reference driving while license suspended.
- 08/24/08** W/M arrested at 3400 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference violation of probation for reckless driving.
- 08/24/08** W/M arrested at 4700 North Ocean Drive for possession of cocaine.
- 08/25/08** W/M arrested at 4700 North Ocean Drive for possession of cocaine.
- 08/27/08** W/M arrested at 4326 North Ocean Drive for active warrant reference battery.
- 08/28/08** B/M arrested at 113 Washingtonia Avenue for felony narcotics.
- 08/31/08** W/M arrested at 4616 El Mar Drive for disorderly intoxication.



DELVING DEEP INTO OUR HISTORY

by Frank J. Cavaoli, Ph. D.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea advanced dramatically after World War II.. In spite of the advances that produced growth, the town continued to maintain its intimate community lifestyle. In this respect, it has proudly maintained a unique quality of life.

After the second incorporation of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea in 1947, the habitable land was doubled as a result of the dredging and deepening of the Intracoastal Waterway. For example, the land at the water's edge was cleared and platted for the settlements of Silver Shores, Beverley Shores, and Lauderdale Surf and Yacht Estates. Beginning in 1952, William Edgemon and E. K. Bludworth developed the Silver Shores community.

Town Hall was built in 1958. The fifteen-story Caribe (1963) and the seventeen-story condominium complex Fountainhead (1965) were constructed at the town's southern boundary. They were the only high-rise buildings until 1999 when the Sea Ranch condominiums, north of Pine Avenue, were annexed. The completion and opening of the Commercial Boulevard Bridge in October, 1965, took place amid a grand parade and other ceremonies. There had been local opposition to the bridge, but that opposition could not prevent its construction. The bridge now made the town more accessible to those people living west of the Intracoastal Waterway. Traffic, tourism, and commerce increased rapidly. The Chamber of Commerce was pleased. The town population in 1960 reached 1,327.

The volunteer fire department received its charter in 1961, and Ray Summers was its first chief. A new fire truck and equipment were purchased at this time for \$25,000. It was paid in cash and reflected Mayor Gilbert H. Colnot's fiscal conservatism. In the same year, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea made it illegal to display and gut fish in public, as well as to catch shark and barracuda.

In 1966, Jarvis Hall was opened and named for Ernest Jarvis, who donated money for the building. This period witnessed the installation of storm and sanitary sewers and the re-nourishment of the beach. Gilbert H. Colnot served as mayor from 1958 to 1978 during these growth years as the town was built up. Colnot's election and administration ended a series of turbulent years in the town. As mayor he inherited a treasury that contained a mere \$1,500 and a \$75,000 mortgage on its new town hall. Under Colnot's leadership the mortgage was paid off in two years. The United Census recorded the 1970 population at 2,879.

The Sea Ranch Hotel on the beach (then with a Fort Lauderdale address in 1950) highlighted a luxurious hotel destination. It was located where Sea Ranch Condominiums A, B, and C are now located. The Sea Ranch Hotel was closed in 1978 with owner Robert H. Gore, Sr., celebrating a family reunion. Gore had built the Sea Ranch Hotel at 4700 North Ocean Boulevard (Fort Lauderdale) in 1939. In 1942, Sir Winston Churchill stayed there, and Kate Smith broadcast programs from the "fabulous Sea Ranch Hotel" to a national radio audience in the same year.

Nearby, on the site of the Sea Ranch Hotel barracks where the employees lived, the Sea Ranch (Publix) opened in 1966. The Village of Sea Ranch Lakes, just north and on the west side of State Road A1A, was developed while retaining a parcel of oceanfront property.

DOLORES TENDS GARDEN OF LOVE

by Cindy Geesey

This is a talented and generous lady who uses her Flower Power to help people, charities and our whole community.

Dolores owns and operates Garden of Love Florist at 257 Commercial Boulevard with the help of Danny whom she describes, with a twinkle in her eye, as her fellow POOSSLQ. While she claims to be a senior citizen, her smile, personality and energy show she's very young at heart.

Dolores was born in Chicago but spent part of her childhood in Miami, playing in the palatial mansions around Biscayne Bay where her father worked as a window treatment designer and artist. She finished school in Chicago, trained as a hair stylist, and had three salons. She moved to the Bahamas in 1970, but due to government changes, decided not to invest her savings there.



Dolores and Rider Hamilton



Dolores and her whippet "Quickly" moved to Fort Lauderdale the next year where she first worked for a private yacht club frequented by all the celebrities of the day. Backgammon tournaments were held at the club, and she became the assistant to Owen Traynor, a world famous champion. She went on to run the Gammon Club, a private backgammon club in Pompano Beach adjacent to The Captain's Quarters Restaurant. She advises, "These were serious tournaments for big money with a lot of foreign players." Her next move was to the Pacific Princess cruise ship where she taught backgammon.

One of the Gammon Club members wanted to open a plant store so Dolores went in on it with her, and in 1975 she took over the business and added flowers. Initially Garden of Love did "interior designing with specimen plants for model homes, for spec homes, and for the wealthy." She'd always been creative and had an interest in design through her father, and she found "interior-scaping with plants and flowers very satisfying." For 7 years the store was on the SE corner of Commercial and East Tradewinds, then next to Jo-An's papers for 15 years, and in the present location on the north side of Commercial for the last 11 years. She chose LBTS because, "Quickly and I used to walk to the beach every evening and I loved the little town."

Dolores's specialty is her amazing silk flower designs and she also enjoys creating "garden vase arrangements and fresh topiaries." Her store has an amazing array of plants and flowers as well as a variety of gifts - Chantilly Lace musical and animated gifts, collector Barbie dolls, paper soap roses and accessories for the home. She can use a customer's container for arrangements and also has a wide variety of designer containers to choose from. Garden of Love also offers special and unique items for holidays. She caters to both personal and corporate business and when asked why customers choose to do business with her, she laughs, "probably because I'm still here!"

Her love of flowers is only equaled by her love for her animals. Dolores and Danny provide homes for two rescued dogs in addition to their two Hairless Chinese Cresteds, Rider and Coco. She frequently contributes and raises money to help dogs with special medical needs. She spent a number of years raising, training and judging Great Danes.

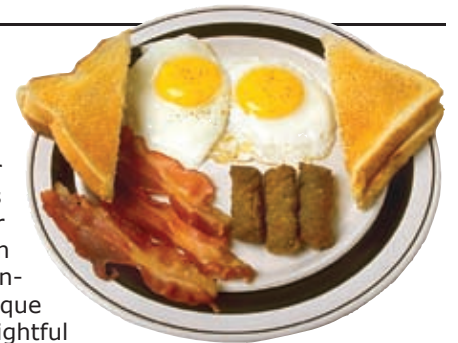
Dolores is a long time member of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director Judy Swaggerty says, "Dolores is a bright spot at all our events and is very generous when it comes to donations and Silent Auction items. At a few meetings, she's given every attendee a flower which thrilled everyone."

Many times customers celebrate a special occasion with flowers. An ordinary day will become a special occasion with a gift of Dolores's beautiful plants or flowers! Thanks for beautifying LBTS!

BY-THE-SEA DINER

by Cindy Geesey

It's a case of a local looking out for the locals. For over 40 years, Louie's Diner was a favorite gathering spot for residents, as well as a somewhat hidden treat for visitors. After various recent incarnations, the once world famous "unique eating place" is about to return to its rightful position as one of the town's most beloved landmarks.



Bill Davis, a well known businessman, Chamber Director and much admired town leader, is planning to open By-The-Sea Diner at the same location, 215 Commercial Boulevard. Bill and his partner, Bill Sand, plan to completely renovate and update the place from bar stools to refrigerators to return the diner to first class condition. Bill Davis, who lives in town and operates Away Inn, said "We just need to keep the diner there to service local residents."

Bill Sand formerly owned Checker's Old Munchen German American Restaurant on Atlantic and currently owns and operates The Wine Cellar on Oakland Park Boulevard. He will be the head chef. Both believe in hands-on management and say they're "looking forward to getting the locals back in for breakfast and lunch." The diner will open at 6:00 AM and will feature good quality home-style cooking at low prices "with a friendly atmosphere and great service."

The Grand Opening is tentatively set for Wednesday, October 15. Check with the Chamber of Commerce at 954-776-1000 in October for the definite date. And thank you in advance, Bill and Bill!



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OH, THOSE PARTY ANIMALS!

It was reigning cats and dogs at Frame 'n Art located at 237 Commercial Boulevard on August 9. Customers and friends had been asked to submit pictures of their furry friends that were then displayed in the front window. Dairy Queen provided ice cream for the dogs (it was a very hot day, after all!) and Andre's Bakery made delicious treats in the shape of dog bones for the four-footed party goers.



Peggy Pug, boss of Doug and Paul of Dairy Queen, was crowned Queen, and Thunder who lords it over Thomas Baily was named King. Bulldogs Sam and Winnie Stone were the lucky winners of a \$50 gift certificate from Lily Belle's Grooming and Auggie Doggy Sinoway won a Pet Portrait by Marijke Vanderplas. A \$50 gift certificate from Imperial Point Animal Hospital went to Joey Horowitz who was heard to bark, "Please, no bath!" Gorgeous Cassie and Cody Hand were the lucky winners of a Fine Art Pet Photograph by Lee Gordon.

Sharon Huff and Gary Martorelli said, "We thank all the generous businesses who made this a success and all the pet lovers who sent in pictures and came to the party."

REEFERS KEEP CORALS CLEAN



Friends Kim Blazek and Kim Logan drove all the way from Daytona Beach to participate in their first reef clean up off the shore of LBTS on August 16. They responded to a blast email from sponsor Divers Direct and Joey Anderson notifying them of the event and said, "we both love to dive and it's just beautiful here." The young women stayed at the Holiday Inn, another sponsor of the activities.

Ellen Zavell, manager of the local Driftwood Beach Club, said that this was her third area reef cleanup and that "I heard about it from Captain Tim and friends and wanted to support the effort."

Organizer Captain Tim Nease of Scuba Connection said this was the first clean up in LBTS but that they plan to hold one every quarter and work on alternate sides of the pier. He pointed out that this is a "big turtle nesting area with manta rays with 10 foot spans, and we want to keep their house clean." He cautioned the divers, "safety is primary, don't touch the reef, cut off any fishing line, and grab the plastic stuff." Almost 300 pounds of garbage was removed from the water.

The twenty or so divers paid \$35 each to cover the diving, a box lunch, dinner buffet and a contribution to Save the Sea Turtles. Prizes were awarded including a regulator package, a 2 night stay at the Holiday Inn, and a \$50 gift certificate at the Beach Shop.

Following the hard work, participants enjoyed a celebration party at the Holiday Inn Tucan Tiki Poolside Bar with live music, drink specials (Corona Extra was another sponsor) and give-a-ways.



His Royal Highness, King Thunder



Her Majesty, Queen Peggy

CHAMBER ADDS NEW DIRECTOR

Ed White who owns and manages the Croton Arms Resort Apartments at 3237 NE 11 Street in Pompano Beach with his wife Monica was unanimously elected by the directors of the LBTS Chamber of Commerce to fill the position made available by the untimely death of long time director Uli Brandt.

According to Chamber President Paul Novak, "Ed shows up at almost every Business to Business meeting and helps at special events from beginning to end. He's very interested in helping and is a big supporter of LBTS."

Born in England, White grew up in Malta where he met his wife when they were young and in school. Her family ran a resort business there. After each spending some time separately in England, they reunited in Malta and have been together ever since. They moved to Toronto in 1967 after they married, and Ed worked for Sears. After acquiring some capital there, they moved to this area eighteen years ago and "are proud American citizens."

Ed describes himself as "a beach and sun person who loves the ocean, fresh air, and snorkeling." He adds, "I'm passionate about helping and am excited to be on the Chamber board and help get things done the right way."

DOG BEACH STILL BARKING

The on-again off-again dog beach proposal in LBTS is back up in the air again. At the insistence of Commissioner Stuart Dodd, the town is conducting a straw poll to determine if local residents are in favor of setting aside a designated section of the beach where people can bring their dogs. Ballots can be found in the latest edition of Town Topics, and need to be returned to town hall by September 30.

The town commission had voted 4-1 at its July 22 meeting against the dog beach proposal, after commissioners were inundated with phone calls and emails from local residents who opposed it. The original plan called for the dog beach to be located in the center of town, directly across from the new El Prado park. Dodd, who cast the only vote in favor of the dog beach, has now shifted plans and wants to create the dog beach in the south end of town, near the Caribe and Fountainhead condos.

In addition to mailing in the ballots from Town Topics, residents may also vote in person at town hall.

WALK FOR THE POOR

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Pompano Beach will be sponsoring a walk for the poor on September 27. The walk is designed to call attention to the problem of poverty in America and to raise funds to help eradicate it. More than 100 communities across the country will be taking part in this national effort. Participants in the local event will be walking a 3.1 mile course to help raise funds, all of which will be used locally to assist needy people. There is no registration fee. Registration for the walk begins at 7 a.m. on September 27 at the St. Gabriel Church, 731 N. Ocean Boulevard in Pompano Beach. For more information, call 954-941-4045.

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BSO firefighter/paramedic Joel Armas, a world-class swimmer who is assigned to LBTS, speaks to the press about recent ocean rescues. Armas entered the ocean and saved several distressed swimmers off the coast of LBTS on August 31. He also located and pulled the body of a drowning victim out of the ocean.




BSO officers visit with Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Mayor Roseann Minnet and Town Commissioner Stuart Dodd at a recent BSO Safety Night conducted for the benefit of the town at the Commercial Blvd. beach portal beside the fishing pier.



Former Broward County Commissioner Jim Scott visits with Florida Senator Jeff Atwater at a recent area fundraiser for the senator.



Over 200 locals gathered for a Republican Convention Watch Party and also celebrated the 95th birthday of party faithful Mike Miele. Pictured to the left of Mike is friend Sandra Moody, and to the right candidate for Congress Allen West and Lauderdale Beach Republican Club President Charlie LoPiccolo.




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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Jazz on the Square will resume on Friday, October 3. There will be no "Jazz" in September.

September 8, Monday: The LBTS Garden Club meets at 9:30 a.m. at Jarvis Hall. Call Kit Cashman at 954-642-8785.

September 9, Tuesday: Our Art-by-the-Sea meets at the Community Church at 7:00 p.m. Lee Sky will perform a wood turning presentation. Call Arnie Regan at 954-782-0945.

September 17, Wednesday: The Lions Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at Damons. Call Mike San Miguel at 954-647-7752.

August 20, Wednesday: Planning & Zoning Board meets at 6:30 p.m. at Jarvis Hall. Call 954-776-3611 to confirm. *

Friday, September 12: Town Commission Meeting starts at Jarvis Hall at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a special Tentative Budget Hearing at 5:01 p.m.*

Thursday, September 12: Town Commission Meeting starts at Jarvis Hall at 7:00 p.m. preceded by a special Final Budget Hearing at 5:01 p.m.*

September 16, Tuesday: Master Plan Steering Committee at Jarvis Hall 7:00

September 16, Tuesday: Join Our Art-by-the-Sea on a group tour to the Museum of Fort Lauderdale starting with lunch at the Cheese Cake Factory. Call Arnie Regan at 954-782-0945.

September 17, Wednesday: Planning & Zoning Board meets at 6:30 p.m. at Jarvis Hall. Call 954-776-3611 to confirm. *

September 20, Saturday: Congregational Breakfast at the Community Church begins at 9:00 a.m.

October 1, Wednesday: Lions Club at 7:30 a.m. at Damons. 954-647-7752

October 2, Thursday: Bulk trash pick-up south of Commercial.

October 3, Friday: Bulk trash pick-up north of Commercial.

October 3, Friday: Jazz on the Square resumes!

October 11, Saturday: Bring a covered dish and join the Property Owners Association at Jarvis Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. for the annual OKTOBERFEST celebration. Call Cindy Geesey at 954-776-5974.

WOOD TURNS INTO ART

Lee Sky is an expert woodturner with over eight years of experience in spinning a wood blank on a lathe while shaping it with a variety of chisels. Lee will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of Our Art-by-the-Sea Association on Tuesday, September 9, at the Community Church at 7:00 p.m.

The craft of woodturning is over 2000 years old, and Lee is able to create beautiful items from practical salad bowls, candle holders, vases and ink pens to exquisite works of art using the beauty of the wood grains. Lee's work is currently on display locally at Studio 19 Fine Art in Fort Lauderdale.

Our Art-by-the-Sea is a local organization of local artists and art lovers who wish to enhance the quality of community life by encouraging awareness and participation in the arts. For more information about this enriching cultural and artistic event call Arnie Regan at 954-782-0945.

OKTOBERFEST PARTY SCHEDULED



The annual LBTS celebration of OKTOBERFEST is planned for Saturday, October 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Jarvis Hall. Each partier is asked to bring a covered dish with a German flair to share. There will be live music and a Chinese auction with some fun items. The sponsors, the LBTS Property Owners Association, invite all members, guests and others looking for a good time to attend.

For more information or to get an idea of what food to bring, please call POA president Cindy Geesey at 954-776-5974.

Prost!

PROPERTY APPRAISERS ASSIST

Deputy Appraisers from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be available to assist with Homestead, Senior and other property tax exemption applications, and answer questions at the following nearby locations on the dates shown below. More dates to follow. We'll keep you posted.

- September 8, Monday: Lighthouse Point Library, 9-11 AM
- September 10, Wednesday: Pompano Beach City Hall, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
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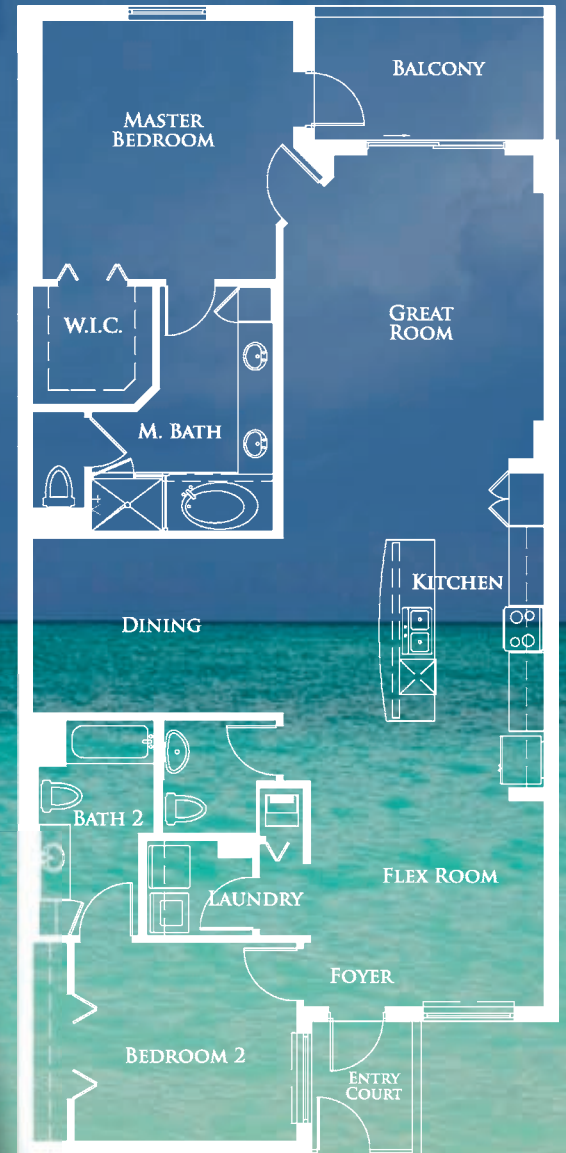
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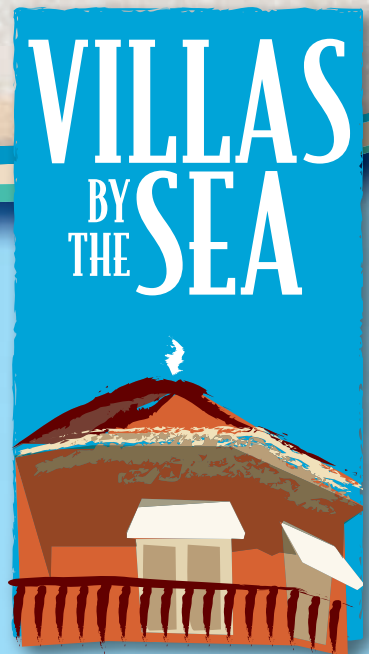
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