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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi Members:

I hope you all have received your new 2009 ROSTER. If you have not received one, please e-mail me and let me know.

Members of the LRA board attended a meeting with members of Imperial Point HOA, to meet the new Mayor Jack Seiler and our new commissioner, Bruce Roberts. They both informed us of their plans to take a close look at the budget for the city and their intent to evaluate the items line by line to make the best use of the residents tax dollars. This seems like a good start for us. If you have particular concerns that you want brought to the attention of the City Commission I suggest you e-mail Bruce Roberts at [broberts@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:broberts@fortlauderdale.gov) or call him at 954-828-5004.

Several of the boat owners in the Landings are planning a trip to Port Lucaya Marina, Bahamas July 9-12. If you are not on our e-mail list you may not have heard about the trip. We are looking forward to a fun weekend of boating and socializing. More detailed information is available at the end of this Newsletter. But, feel free to e-mail or call me if you would like more information.

### CRIME INFORMATION FOR FEB. 2009

According to the latest statistics available, there has been an increase of 92% in Residential Burglaries throughout District 1. In The Landings, in February there were 3 compared to 1 in February 2008 and 2 in January 2009. That's a major increase. There were none reported in March 2009.

The current economic condition probably is contributing to much of the increase in crime. We should all be more cautious and take more protective measures to prevent becoming a victim. The Home Security

Checklist below was provided by the Police Department. Also, check your security alarm system monthly as recommended and use it when you go out and at night when at home.

1. Do your exterior lists illuminate all entrances to your home?
2. Is the shrubbery kept trimmed back so a burglar cannot hide near your window or doors?
3. Are garage doors kept closed and locked at all times?
4. Is there a peephole viewer (180 degree) on the front door?
5. Are exterior doors made of solid core construction (including the door leading from the garage to the house)?
6. Are sliding glass doors secured with an auxiliary lock or pinned, and are there screws in the track to prevent door removal?
7. Are exterior doors secured with a security deadbolt lock?
8. Are windows secured with auxiliary-keyed locks that are master keyed or secured with a pin device?
9. Do you keep your doors locked at all times?
10. Have you marked all of your valuable items with Florida Driver's License and photographed nonmarkable items?

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have two new members since the 2009 Roster was printed and mailed. This year's Roster format has larger print making it easier to read and still has all the important information many of us use frequently. Good job Terry Bond. Please mark your roster to show our new members.

- (1) Richard Barnhart & Valerie Campbell  
3120 NE 57th Street
- (2) William Campbell  
5231 NE 33rd Avenue

**FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER  
BRUCE G. ROBERTS:**



I would like to extend my thanks to all of the 4,953 from District I who participated in the March 10, 2009 municipal election. It is obvious, citywide, that people do want a change. I stated in my campaign that I would bring back your voice to City government and I mean just that. I have an open door policy and if you contact me I promise to respond quickly. I may not have immediate answers but you will receive a reply right away. I will engage residents and businesses in District I and throughout the City to help find creative solutions to the issues we face.

As your new Commissioner, I am employed by you and will listen to you and work for you; revitalizing community involvement in political decisions by keeping everyone informed. Early in my 35 years of service to the community, I realized that the most successful government achievements came when citizen participation was incorporated into those efforts. Public safety is and always has been one of the few very basic services citizens demand from their government; indeed, it is the primary historic reason people have banded together to form governments. A stable community fosters economic development, which in turn, opens the door for a safe community. A safe community nurtures a better quality of life for its citizens who can then take full advantage of all this community has to offer.

District I residents will now have the opportunity to meet with me at Pre-Agenda Meetings on Monday before a Commission Meeting which are usually the first and third Tuesdays of the month. The meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. at Cardinal Gibbons High School, Media Room (2900 NE 47th Street) and are for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the upcoming City Commission Agenda. I encourage you to take part in these informal and open meetings.

Please contact me to become involved in your community; we need your input, ideas and your commitment to make Fort Lauderdale the best it can be.

If further information is needed, please feel free to contact my assistant, Robbi Uptegrove at 954-828-5033.

**NEWS FROM SENATOR JEFF ATWATER:  
Dear Neighbor:**

We have reached the final weeks of Florida's Legislative session and are diligently working to bring Florida's 2009-2010 budget in for a landing. We have continued our commitment to improve government efficiency, reduce the cost of services and eliminate duplication, unneeded bureaucracy and waste. The results are smaller government and savings to Florida taxpayers. Our cuts in spending have been narrow and focused to minimize the impact on those families receiving State services.

As we continue to seek reforms that treat all Floridians fairly, our approach to funding Medicaid is a notable example. Florida currently spends \$1.25 billion in Medicaid costs per year treating tobacco-related illness. To help relieve this enormous burden on the pocketbooks of Florida taxpayers, the Senate passed a \$1-a-pack cigarette surcharge that not only offsets the cost of healthcare for smokers, but also works to discourage individuals from smoking. Thus, reducing smoking-induced healthcare costs over time.

To further reduce Medicaid costs we have passed new laws to stop Medicaid fraud. Our goals are to empower law enforcement agencies to prosecute false claims, phantom billing, and deceptive billing practices that unfairly drive up the cost of Medicaid and more importantly robs vital dollars needed to treat legitimate healthcare needs among Florida's most vulnerable citizens.

**RECYCLING OF HOUSE HAZARDOUS WASTE** is an important part of our recycling program. It helps prevent these hazardous materials from getting into our environment at waste (garbage) sites or getting into our water supply or canals. Our nearest site is at 2780 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach (between Copans and Sample). They are open every Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**BRING**

Flammables, Toxics, Corrosives, & Reactive Waste. For example: paints (oil & latex), paint thinners and strippers, used oil, automotive fluids and gasoline, solvents, pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, spot removers, oven and drain cleaners, furniture and metal polish, mercury, batteries and tires.

You can also bring old electronics TV's, computers, keyboards, modems, printers copiers, cell phones). These items can be recycled, refurbished or disposed of in an environmentally safe way.

**DO NOT BRING**

Biohazardous waste, explosives or business-generated materials.

**FOR OUR BOATERS:** As an aide to our boaters, the following categorize names and websites, when applicable, of governmental agencies related to boating, fishing and nautical recreation in general. (Extract from The Waterfront News)

**Broward County**

Boating Registration: 954-765-5050

Fishing and Hunting Licenses:

954-468-3474/3575

115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 218,  
Fort Lauderdale

Vessel Registration and Title:

954-765-4697; 954-765-5050;

[www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org)

**State of Florida**

Boat Documentation: 800-799-8362

Florida Marine Patrol: 954-467-4541

Vessel Licensing: 305-536-6549

**National**

U.S. Coast Guard: 954-927-1611

Fort Lauderdale Station

700 N. Ocean Drive, Dania Beach

National Response Center and Terrorist  
Hotline (to report pollution and transportation problems or terrorist threats):

800-424-8802

**Fort Lauderdale Municipal Dockage:**

Public Day Dock: 954-828-5833

On New River at SW 4th Avenue

City Marine Facilities: 954-828-5423

Cooley's Landing/Riverwalk: 954-761-5423

450 SW 7th Avenue

New River/Downtown: 954-761-5423

2 South New River Drive, East

Las Olas Marina: 954-759-5200

240 Las Olas Circle

Dockside Fuel Delivery is available by:

Fuel Tech 305-638-4812 (gasoline and diesel)

Anchor 954-764-2407 (diesel only)

**THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU CAN**

**RECYCLE:**

**CDs/DVDs/Game Disks:** Send scratched music or computer CDs, DVDs, and Play Station or Nintendo video game disks to Aural Tech for refinishing and they'll work like new. 888-454-3223, [www.auraltech.com](http://www.auraltech.com).

**Eye-glasses:** Your local Lions Club or eye care chain may collect these. Lenses are re-ground and given to people in need.

**Phones:** Donate cell phones: **Collective Good** will refurbish your phone and sell it to someone in a developing country: 770-856-9021, [www.collectivegood.com](http://www.collectivegood.com). Call to Protect reprograms cell phones to dial 911 and gives them to domestic violence victims: [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com). Recycle single-line phones: **Reclamere**, 814-386-2927, [www.reclamere.com](http://www.reclamere.com).

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL IN 2011:** The Centennial Celebration Committee was recently established by the City Commission to commemorate Fort Lauderdale's 100th Anniversary in 2011. This advisory committee will help the City plan events and activities that celebrate Fort Lauderdale's past, present and future.

Chaired by former Mayor and Congressman E. Clay Shaw, the Committee is comprised of 15 Fort Lauderdale residents with ties to local business, historical, educational and cultural communities. Committee members will draw on their diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise to plan an inclusive commemoration that appeals to residents, businesses and visitors.

The Committee is in process of working with the City Commission to develop a strategy to solicit input from residents, businesses and local organizations. By involving the public as early as possible, the City hopes to build on the momentum surrounding the Centennial and provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to be part of the planning process and become invested in the Centennial events and activities.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Centennial by providing input at a Centennial Celebration Committee meeting. They can also get involved now by sending an e-mail to [centennial@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:centennial@fortlauderdale.gov). To learn more about the Centennial Celebration Committee and find upcoming meeting dates, visit the City website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov).

**BOATING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES—JUL**

**TRIP TO LUCAYA**: As mentioned in our March Newsletter and our President's message in this Newsletter, a boating trip is planned to Port Lucaya. e-mails have already been sent to members but here are the details if you are interested in participating.

The dates have been confirmed with the Port Lucaya Marina for our trip. We will be leaving Fort Lauderdale July 9th, returning July 12 or 13. We have 5 boats so far and hope to have several more.

The Marina charges \$2.20 per foot per day, plus \$5 per day for water. There is a separate electric charge. We need to advise the marina of the exact number of slips we will need by May 18th.

If you are planning to make this trip, please e-mail Terry Bond at [terryb@cypressinsurance.com](mailto:terryb@cypressinsurance.com) as soon as you can and let her know your intentions. She will need the length of your boat, beam width, boat name, and number of people on your vessel. She will give you our reservation information on May 18th so you can call in your credit card information to the Marina.

**Entering the Bahamas By Boat**: Visiting boaters must clear Customs and Immigration at the nearest designated Port of Entry. As you enter port, fly the yellow quarantine flag and notify Customs of your arrival. No one, other than the captain is permitted to leave the boat until your

vessel has been cleared. Customs and Immigration will come to your vessel. Everyone on board must have proof of citizenship and fill out an immigration card. U.S. citizens can present a passport or birth certificate (original or certified copy) and an official photo I.D., such as a driver's license or voter's card. Before leaving the Bahamas, be sure to surrender your copy of the immigration card at the last Bahamian port you visit. If you have a firearm on board, you must declare it with Customs. You must provide the serial number and manufacturer, plus an exact count of ammunition. Though you are allowed to have a firearm on your boat, you cannot take it off the boat unless you obtain a permit from the Bahamian police ahead of time. Weapons must be under lock and key at all times. Regular hours for Bahamas Customs and Immigration Officers are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Officers are on call during holidays and weekends. There is no overtime charge.

The fee for boaters for boats up to 35 feet is \$150.00 and the fee for boats over 35 feet is \$300. These fees are inclusive of a cruising permit, fishing permit and departure tax for up to four persons with no overtime charges for Customs and Immigration. Each additional person above four will be charged additional departure tax.

Go to this website to print out the entry forms for the Bahamas.

[http://atlantis.com/  
content/pdf/bahamasclearance\\_imm.pdf](http://atlantis.com/content/pdf/bahamasclearance_imm.pdf)