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RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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President's Message:

Summer is not over but many of our children are already back in school. Some are riding bicycles, others carpooling and some driving. Let's be careful and considerate of all those going to and from school. We are planning a Block Party for all of our Members in early November. See article below.

We lucked out on Hurricane Bill but we are right at the peak of the season. Advance preparations are always wise and beneficial during the Hurricane Season.

The City's Proposed Budget was submitted to the City Commission and can be viewed at www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/budget.

Public hearings will be held on September 9th at 7PM in the Commission Chamber. See article in this newsletter and Commissioner Roberts Newsletter on page 2.

We are applying for a City NCIP Grant to a) take down the Landings entrance signs and the picket fences on 55th Street and by the southernmost bridge on Bayview.

b) and have a single column constructed at each of those locations. (Two on 55th, two at the bridge and one on the median at 59th Street). The column will be smaller version of one of the columns at the Federal Highway Entrance.

c) This will definitely improve the appearance

of these entrances to The Landings. The columns will be about six feet tall and two feet square with The Landings in stainless letters in the same style as the front entrance. (See sketch on last page). Landscaping will be included. This will only take place if we receive the NCIP Grant and our share of the cost is estimated at \$13,000.

Supporting letters and Emails are encouraged and are submitted with the Grant Application to show Members interest and support. We would like to hear from as many of you as possible. Send to terryb@cypressinsurance.com and a copy to Joe at judijo@comcast.net. Thank You.

Terry Bond

FALL NEIGHBORHOOD JAZZFEST: The Landings Residential Association is planning a "Meet and Greet Your Neighbors" Block Party. It will be on Saturday Night, November 7th. The Committee is planning a social for all members with a musician, drinks, beer, wine, soda, water and food. We may be asking that you bring your favorite appetizer to share. We will have a bounce house for the children. A flyer and EMail announcement will be sent to you in October. Please mark your calendar now. Looking forward to seeing as many of you who are able to attend.

FROM THE DESK OF VICE MAYOR
BRUCE G. ROBERTS

It is that time of year when your City Commission, with your input, reviews and approves a new budget. There will be no property tax increase. Taxpayers will see an average savings of \$162.78 with homestead exemption and \$276.24 without homestead exemption on the City portion of their tax bills. The budget proposes no increase to the current operating millage rate of 4.1193, the City's lowest tax rate in 23 years -- among the lowest in Florida's 20 largest cities and among the lowest in Broward County.

The Public Hearings for the review of budgets are usually conducted at the regular City Commission meetings, however, the first public hearing has been rescheduled for September 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers. The second hearing is tentatively set for September 23rd. The budget hearings are open to the public, and the public is encouraged to attend and participate. Prior to the September 9th meeting, there will be a Budget Workshop on September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Again, this is open to the public. Information about the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget may be viewed at www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/budget.htm.

As you know, public safety is one of my main priorities. We now have only 5 vacant Police Officer positions out of 498. We have also been awarded a \$3.2 Million Federal Grant that will enable the Police Department to hire 12 additional police officers and fund those positions for 3 years. The Grant is part of the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP), an initiative funded by the President's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

FORT LAUDERDALE BUDGET: The City Manager George Gretsas presented the 2010 Proposed Budget to the City Commission on July 21, 2009. The Proposed Budget is \$601.4 Million, slightly below the current year's budget. The 2010 budget is based on:

1. No Property Tax increases
2. No increase in Fire Assessment Fee
3. Maintenance of adequate reserve funds
4. No reduction in vital City services
5. No layoffs

The City Manager stated "I am grateful to the Mayor and City Commissioners for their tireless efforts and guidance through the zero-based budgeting process as staff strives to keep our City family intact and 'leave no person behind'. I appreciate the outstanding effort put forth by our City employees to deliver quality programs and services and to rise to the challenge to do more with less. I thank the citizens of Fort Lauderdale for their continued support of this government."

RECYCLING: The Landings has continued to be one of the strongest supporters of recycling and it is helping our environment. The City of Fort Lauderdale was the largest contributor of recycling throughout Broward County with over 38,000 tons generated from single family homes. Additional blue recycling bins are available at no cost, upon request, by the city residents. Call 954-828-8000 to request one.

Beginning September 1st, the city will issue only blue color bins as part of a standardizing effort. Located inside the Blue Bins will be adhesive stickers. GREEN STICKERS shall designate paper recycling products while RED STICKERS will designate all other recycling items.

You can continue to use the green and blue bins as we currently do until they need to be replaced.

Other new recycling programs include the sustainable beach recycling project wherein 75 recycling containers will be placed on both sides of A1A; new "green" trucks with recycling wrap logos will pick up recycling and solid waste twice a day along A1A; boat ramp recycling will be deployed at the three busiest ramps where boaters may deposit their recyclables and discard monofilament fishing line; public space recycling program where recycling bins shall be placed at the ten busiest public bus transportation stops within the city and finally, a recycling volunteer sub-committee shall be formed to deal with recycling materials.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH AT INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME: Olympic Gold Medalist Greg Louganis to be reunited with 1988 Gold Medal at exhibit opening ceremony.

On Sunday September 13th Olympic Champion Diver Greg Louganis and Jeann White-Ginder, mother of Ryan white, will unveil a new exhibit at the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) in Fort Lauderdale to reintroduce his 1988 Olympic Gold Medal to the new Greg Louganis Olympic Gold Medal Exhibition. Louganis had given his 1988 3-Meter Springboard Olympic Gold Medal to Ryan White, one of the first children diagnosed with AIDS, as a symbol of friendship prior to Ryan's death in 1990. At the evening event, Jeanne White-Ginder, Ryan's Mother, will return the Gold Medal to Louganis and present it to the Swimming Hall of Fame to be reunited with the complete set of Louganis

medals. The evening will feature a VIP reception, presentation ceremony and a "sneak preview" of the new exhibition and will be a fundraising event for ISHOF, Broward House, The Children's Diagnostic Center and Stonewall Library. Attendees will include Louganis, other famous Olympic Medal winners and a number of famous celebrities and has already drawn national media interest. For more information visit the ISHOF website at www.ISHOF.org

IGUANA PROBLEMS: Harbor Beach is doing a survey to determine if they have an over abundance of Iguanas. They are looking at a potential eradication program and are getting feedback and comments from their residents. We have asked that we be informed of the results of their survey and eradication program to see if it would be helpful in our area.

REMINDER FOR BOATERS FUELING AT YOUR OWN DOCK: One supplier being used is Fuel Tech at 305-638-4812 and I'm told the price and service is good. If any of you use another supplier and would like us to mention them, please let me know who they are.

RECYCLING/TRASH COLLECTION:

MONDAYS *Small Trash Cart - Garbage

*Blue Bin - Newspapers, cans, glass and plastic

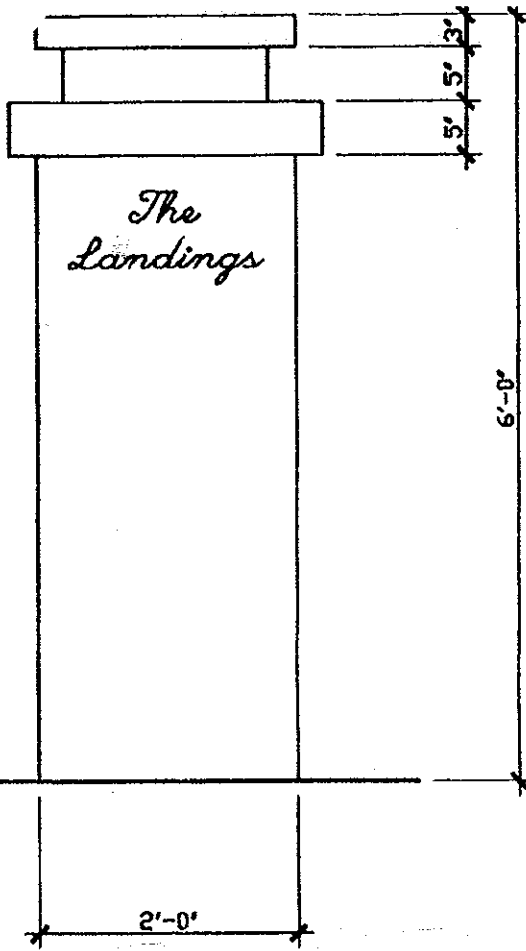
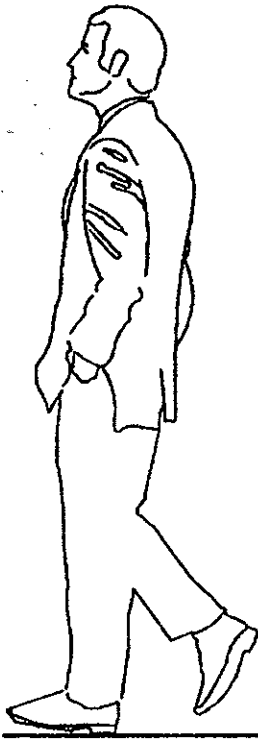
*Green Bin - magazines, junk mail, advertisements & cardboard

*Recycling trucks come very early.

THURSDAYS Small Garbage Cart PLUS

Large Carts for clippings, palm fronds, etc. (no garbage, paper or other materials)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH- Just about anything put at curbside the night before.



**PRELIMINARY SKETCH OF
LANDINGS ENTRANCE COLUMNS**

- o Measurement - 6ft tall 2 ft square
- o Two at each bridge near curbs
- o One on mediam at 59th St canal
- o Color - Same as Front Entrance

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