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### President's Message:

It's that time of year again. Snowbirds are heading North, schools will be closing soon and some will be going away on vacations. With all of this in mind, it is important for all of us to drive carefully with more children on our streets. Also to help keep our neighborhood safe, please keep an eye on friends and neighbors homes while they are away. If you see something out of the ordinary going on don't hesitate to call the police and have them check it out.

Another helpful crime deterrent in addition to simply watching the homes, is to pick up papers and flyers at the empty houses. Crime has been reported as going down in District I and each of our efforts help keep it that way. A few police suggestions include: keep garage door down when you are not in front, lock car doors on driveways, and never leave valuables in view in your car.

I sent out an E-mail Blast on April 19th to alert all members about the importance of the Census and concerns about short term vacation rentals in residential areas. Both items are also included in this newsletter.

My best wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer. I hope the prediction for an active Hurricane Season does not happen. Even though the last few seasons have spared us from "the worst" it is important that we still be prepared. Please read the article in this newsletter and take preparations seriously. You never know what might be in store for us this year.

Terry Bond

In a Recent Newsletter, our District Commissioner, Bruce Roberts wrote:

"Short Term Rentals: There are several areas within District I (including The Landings) where it appears private homes in residential areas are being used as daily and/or weekly vacation rentals. A resolution was passed in 2009 (#09-304) creating a Short Term Residential Use Committee to make recommendations to the City Commission concerning use of residentially zoned property in light of protecting neighborhood tranquility and peaceful enjoyment of residential property. I am working with the City staff to make sure these concerns are addressed." (We will keep you informed as proposed resolution are developed)

WHERE THE BOYS ARE/CONNIE FRANCIS' GREAT AMERICAN BEACH PARTY the free event is slated to take place on Fort Lauderdale Beach May 28-29, 2010 and looks to be one of the most highly anticipated festivities of the season.

Preliminary plans call for the weekend to kick off with the "Connie Francis Great American Record Hop" on Friday, May 28, an oldies dance party featuring the classic hits and soulful sounds of the 50s and 60s. It's music that will take back guests back to the days of poodle skirts, saddle shoes, bobby sox and milkshakes.

The "Where The Boys Are/Connie Francis' Great American Beach Party," continues on Saturday, May 29 with fun in the sun for the entire family. Children and adults will enjoy games and activities throughout the day including hula hoop contests, limbo dancing and beach blanket bingo.

Classic cars will rule the day when A1A is transformed into an outdoor museum for hot rods, rag tops and muscle cars that made the era famous. A special reunion area will be set up for local high schools, sororities and fraternities, where alumni can reconnect with old friends and acquaintances.

When the sun goes down, the beach party will heat up with a variety of live music and entertainment. The evening will be topped off with a special 50th Anniversary screening of *Where The Boys Are* on a larger-than-life screen set in the sand off the corner of A1A and Las Olas Boulevard.

"With the support of residents, visitors and the local business community, we're anticipating a tremendous turnout for what promises to be a fun and exciting event that celebrates

a special time in Fort Lauderdale's history," added Mayor Seiler.

How to Volunteer - The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking volunteers to serve on a variety of event planning committees. To volunteer, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 954-828-PARK (7275)

RECYCLING: Our Chairperson, Jamie Castoro, did an outstanding job last year and her efforts resulted in our Association receiving a check from the City for \$1,170. Good job Jamie and thank you very much for your volunteering to Chair this committee again this year.

Jamie has already worked on Earth Day Festival in Snyder Park and took surveys on the beach to accumulate points which result in dollars for our Association. She is already signed up for another Starlight Jazz Festival. She can always use more volunteers. If you want to participate in our Recycling Program, E-mail Jamie at [jcastoro@bellsouth.net](mailto:jcastoro@bellsouth.net). She will be extremely pleased to get more volunteers, which results in more dollars for us and fun for you.

The Landings residents have been doing a great job of weekly recycling. Please remember on Mondays to put out one bin with glass, plastic, drink cartons, metal and aluminum cans and another with newspapers, magazines, paper, cereal boxes, cardboard, etc. (See Page G of Roster for more detail.) Since the recycling pick-up usually comes very early, put the bins out Sunday night. If rain is forecast, please put plastic rain covers on paper bins.

## SUN TRUST SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH

is an ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk. This free, live, outdoor concert series brings out the areas best jazz artists. Listen to the soulful sounds on four different stages on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is plenty of room to set up chairs, blankets and picnic baskets to experience the fabulous entertainment. Patrons can also stroll along the historic brick-lined walkway to enjoy live music while browsing items from local merchants and enjoying food from area restaurants.

For more information please call the Special Events Hotline at 954-828-5363 or e-mail Stephanie Brady at [SBrady@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:SBrady@fortlauderdale.gov) to request a brochure.

### Scheduled Performers

#### Key to Performance Locations on Riverwalk

- EP - Esplanade Park Stage
- CH - Connie Hoffman Gazebo
- PC - Peck Courtyard at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts
- LO - Las Olas Riverfront Stage

May 2- Jazz Brunch will be extended until 4 p.m. this week to celebrate its Twentieth Anniversary.

- EP - Juanita Dixon, Jeff Prine and the New York Horns
- CH - Mantra
- PC - Porcelain Quartet
- LO - Nuckelbusters Quintet

#### June 6

- EP - The Brass Evolution
- CH - Blues Therapy and Jazz
- PC - Jason Beach
- LO - Rick Hernandez Trio

#### July 4 -National Parks and Recreation Month

- EP - Opp Bop Sh'Bam
- CH - Ike and Val Woods
- PC - Gerry Coe
- LO - Samba Brazil

#### August 1

- EP - William Penn House & Trilogy
- CH - Othello
- PC - Tom Lippincott
- LO - Dixie Dawgs Trio

PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARDS: Recently this article appeared in the Sun Sentinel Newspaper.

"Discount Cards Available to All: Governor Charlie Crist said that all Floridians can now get the Florida Discount Drug Card which gives modest price breaks on prescriptions at participating drugstores.

When it was created in December 2007, the card was limited to low-and moderate-income people and to senior citizens, but the governor said more people need the help during the recession.

In addition, those who were eligible for the discount card will now be eligible for deeper price cuts from the manufacturer, Crist said.

The discounts vary from drug to drug but generally are modest. Since the card became available, more than 135,000 people have signed up for it and saved \$6 Million on about 61,000 prescriptions or about \$98 per prescription, the governor said.

There are no waiting periods, no preexisting condition restrictions and no membership fees. Those who qualify for the extra discounts will pay a one-time sign-up fee of \$1.50.

Go to [www.FloridaDiscountDrugCard.com](http://www.FloridaDiscountDrugCard.com) or call 866-341-8894."

**MAYOR'S VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE - A YEAR OF GIVING BACK -100,000 Volunteer Hours to Celebrate the City's First 100 Years**

The City of Fort Lauderdale is swiftly approaching its Centennial Celebration. In honor of our 100 years of incorporation, the Mayor is asking our citizens to give back to the community by volunteering for community service projects.

Genia Duncan Ellis, Chair of the Citizens Volunteer Corps (CVC), has agreed to track the hours earned from projects completed by civic, religious, fraternal, school, neighborhood and other organizations who want to be included in the 100,000 hour count.

A barometer has been placed in the City Hall lobby to track our progress toward reaching our goal over the next year. Use the online form at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) to submit your hours.

If you or your family complete a volunteer form, please also send a copy to Terry Bond at [terryb@cypressinsurance.com](mailto:terryb@cypressinsurance.com).

**Hurricane season in South Florida runs from June 1 to November 30.**

As residents of South Florida, we are never far from the possible dangers associated with hurricanes. The most important step everyone can take to survive a hurricane is prepare. If you have not completed your hurricane preparations, now is the time to do so .

**GET READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON NOW!**

**Tree Trimming:** Make sure trees are properly trimmed to prevent being blown over in the upcoming hurricane season.

**Boat Preparation:** if your boat is in the water at your dock and you plan to tie it across the canal, make sure you have permission from the neighbor whose dock you want to tie up to. If your boat is on a lift, don't forget to take out the drain plug to prevent excessive weight on your lifts.

**Detailed Information** on Disaster Supply Kit, Evacuation Routes and Shelters, Planning for pets and much more, go to [www.ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hurricanebeforeandafter.htm](http://www.ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hurricanebeforeandafter.htm)

**2010 CENSUS:** Terry Bond sent out an E-mail reminding all of us how important it is to complete the Census form. Last census our area had a 68% participation rate. This year we have a 62% rate. We need to increase participation if we are to receive our fair share of Federal Funding. The Census Bureau has made it even easier by providing a phone number to call in your information.

**2010 Census: IT'S STILL IN OUR HANDS.** It's not too late to mail in your census survey! The City of Fort Lauderdale is depending on you!

Didn't get a 2010 Census form?

It's not too late to be counted!!

Call the U.S. Census Bureau's Questionnaire Assistance line at [1-866-872-6868](tel:1-866-872-6868) and give your answers over the phone.