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RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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### Presidents Message:

The Landings Board and I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. This newsletter, as usual, will be posted on our website and can be accessed for contacts or references. [www.landingsra.com](http://www.landingsra.com).

Our membership renewal letter was recently mailed out. If you have not received it please let me know by phone or E-mail and I will get one to you. I have already received many renewals and look forward to increasing our membership this year.

Our Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Coral Ridge Country Club. The price this year will be \$35 per person with the Association subsidizing the balance of the cost. Cocktails and socializing will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. After dinner we hold the business meeting. This will be followed by presentations by invited City Officials. Please respond to the dinner invitation as quickly as possible so all arrangements can be made.

This Newsletter has articles on Crime Watch, Executive Airport Noise Abatement, Recycling, and Property Appraisers Office. You will find them informative and interesting. As I mentioned, our Newsletters are on our website if you need to refer to one for contact information or want to pass information to friends or neighbors.

Again, a very happy and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Dinner Meeting on February 17, 2011.

Terry Bond

**CRIME WATCH:** At this time of year we would like to ask you to watch over each other's houses, vehicles and boats. Please do not permit papers or packages to accumulate outside your neighbor's front doors. Please lock all of your doors and remove any packages and valuables from your vehicles.

In the event you have not tested your home's burglar alarm system, now would be a good time to do so.

**Outboard Motors:** Have you read the reports lately about Outboard Motors?

Law Enforcement Officials say that high-performance boats and motors are a hot item on international black markets and thieves throughout the State are stealing them from storage lots, driveways and waterways.

It has been reported that not only are the motors being stolen, they may steal just the lower unit or the whole boat just to strip off the engines and ship them overseas. Please do all you can to keep an eye on your property and your neighbors.

Records show Broward County had 126 thefts this year through September 2010 down from 153 during the same time frame in 2009.

The boats that were targeted are 18 to 40 foot center console or go-fast styles, rigged with four-stroke motors.

In that category range, there are 26,943 in Broward according to the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles.

Road patrol officers have been alerted to keep an eye on homes that have boats parked in their yards. Five motors have been stolen in Plantation in the last six months.

They're taking things other than motors. They're taking whatever people are leaving in the boats.

Yamaha, manufacturer of the coveted motors, is aware of the problem and last June announced a new security measure as an option for boat owners, an electronic system that renders the motor unable to work properly without an electronic key fob.

If a thief strips the motor but doesn't have the key fob, the motor won't accelerate past the slow speed of 2,400 rpm.

Product Information Manager for Yamaha, based in Keenesaw, GA said Florida is the highest state for outboard thefts and that Yamaha motors are "hot on the international market and a thief will run the risk of getting caught."

In May, "meticulous" thieves broke into Security Storage in Delray and stole two motors. Delray Beach police said. One of the victims said the thieves clipped the hedges and the fence in order to haul out the engines which weighed about 600 pounds each.

The victim stated "they took all my gauges, GPS, hydraulic steering" even though he had locks on the motor and propeller. They're professional. It wasn't a bunch of kids. They didn't even ruin anything."

Authorities say thieves are determined to make that payday so it's important that the public and public help police fight back.

#### EXECUTIVE AIRPORT REPORT:

Winter and Peak Season Months - Expected Increase in Traffic: For the winter and spring months ahead, we expect to experience an increase in air traffic, as we do every year. Along with anticipated increase in air traffic, the Noise Abatement Hotline tends to receive an increase in noise reports during the same period of months. The increase in noise reports is due in part by the changes in the weather patterns with strong winds from the west requiring aircraft to arrive from the east and depart from the west. As part of our proactive effort, we will be contacting jet operators to remind them of our noise abatement procedures and to be conscientious of our noise sensitive communities.

Monthly Operations Over 80 dB for October: Out of 686 jet departures, 21 were over 80 dB. Out of 3,676 propeller departures 8 were over 80 dB. There were 130 noise reports

received from 16 households with two households reporting 83 or 64 percent. The Executive Airport Noise Abatement Hotline is 954-828-6666.

EXHIBIT ON WORLD WAR II: The Broward County Historical Commission, located at 301 S. W. 13th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, has mounted an exhibit focusing on the activities in Broward County in World War II. The free exhibit is open to the public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from now until next spring. The war effort profoundly altered Broward County, transforming it from a sleepy agrarian community to a booming metropolis as many returning service men and women who trained or were stationed here decided to make it their permanent home. For more information, call 954-357-5513.

#### GETTING RID OF UNWANTED TVs, CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS:

Cell Phones: Donate: To search for a drop-off location, visit [recellular.com](http://recellular.com). You can download a free data-eraser program.

Recycle: Find manufacturers programs at [recyclewirelessphones.com](http://recyclewirelessphones.com), the website for CTIA-the Wireless Association.

Computers: Donate: If your computer is less than 5 years old, prepare it for donation by visiting [epa.gov](http://epa.gov) for lists of refurbishers and disk-cleaning software. One refurbishing program, Reconnect, will accept any brand of computer equipment in any condition. To find a drop off location, visit [reconnectpartnership.com](http://reconnectpartnership.com).

Recycle: If the computer is more than 5 years old or broken, recycle it. First remove the hard drive. Recycling location shown on page three.

Electronics: Sell: Gazelle.com will buy just about any type of electronic device, including computers and peripherals, game systems, MP3 players, digital cameras, satellite radios and GPS devices.

Recycle: Visit [electronicsrecycling.org](http://electronicsrecycling.org).

TVs: Recycle: At recycling site shown on page three.

## RECYCLING:

Medication Take Back: Sunday, January 23, 2011 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 101 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

As part of its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event, the City of Fort Lauderdale is sponsoring its first Medication Take Back Event. In addition to collecting HHW, the City will also be accepting unused, unwanted, or expired prescription and nonprescription medications. Do not dispose of medication in the toilet or sink as they pollute our ground water.

### What to Bring:

- Medicated syrups, liquids, ointments and shampoos
- Medication samples
- Medications with no labels
- Pet medications
- Prescription inhalers
- Unknown tablets/capsules

### Helpful Guidelines:

- Leave all medications in original containers, if possible
- Remove all patient information or black it out with a permanent marker
- Tighten the lids or place the medication in a plastic baggie.

Keep Fluorescent Light Bulbs OUT OF THE TRASH: They contain mercury and should not be disposed of with regular trash.

If you accidentally break a fluorescent bulb or tube, safely dispose of it by following these guidelines:

- 1) Open a window and immediately ventilate the room, allowing at least 30 minutes before cleanup.
- 2) Wear disposable gloves to pick up fragments and place them into a double bag.
- 3) Wash your hands thoroughly.
- 4) Take materials and bulbs to an HHW facility.

Pompano  
2780 N. Powerline Road  
(north of Copans Rd)  
Open every Friday and Saturday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## BROWARD PROPERTY APPRAISERS VISITING NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND BROWARD:

By state law, the Property Appraisers Office must personally view each property in Broward County at least once every five years. That is why residential appraisers are busy these days inspecting, measuring and photographing the exteriors of properties throughout Broward. Appraisers are easy to recognize: all of them wear official shirts and bright orange vests clearly identifying them as Broward County Property Appraiser (BCPA) staff, and each carries a BCPA photo identification card and badge. Feel free to ask to see an ID if you have any concerns. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Appraisers will NEVER ask to enter your home, and will NEVER enter locked backyards. If you have any questions about these inspections, please contact the BCPA Office at 954-357-6831.

### YOU MAY PRE-APPLY NOW FOR 2011 EXEMPTIONS:

Apply today for 2011 exemptions! This includes homestead, disability, widow/widower, granny flat, portability, and nonprofit exemptions. To be eligible for a 2011 exemption, you must be on the title (deed), make the property your permanent residence as of January 1, 2011, and must submit a complete application by the statutory September 2011 late filing deadline.

Sorry: Per Section 196.011(8) the Property Appraisers Office cannot accept any more 2010 applications because the final "late application" deadline has closed.

To apply for a 2011 homestead exemption, simply go to [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) to use their online Homestead Application System. To apply for other exemptions, there are forms on the website for each appropriate application.

Questions? Please contact the Customer Service and Exemptions Division of Broward County Property Appraiser's Office at 954-357-6830.

**DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL DINNER**

**MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 2011 AT CORAL RIDGE**

**COUNTRY CLUB**

**INVITATION WILL BE MAILED OUT SHORTLY**

**SEE YOU THERE**