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RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

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President's Message:

Our hot FL summer weather has arrived early. It has been unusually warm and humid this year and not much rain so far but at least we have not seen a return of the many Iguanas. They probably will be back but I hope not soon or too many of them.

With vacations and children at camps or other activities please keep alert on our streets and don't hesitate to report unusual or suspicious activities. For our snowbirds, our newsletters are mailed first class. If your mail is forwarded, you should receive this.

Our recycling program, overseen by Jaime Castoro, is continuing to do well. Laura Worline, Roger and I participated at the recycling table at the Starlight Festival at Holiday Park in June. Darran Blake, one of our Board members and her daughter Jordan participated in the recycling program at the Sunday Afternoon Jazz Brunch. They collected all the recycling bins and sorted them and prepared them for collection. Many people were curious about their efforts and we actually had several commendations about the value of recycling from residents of Coral Ridge and The Landings. Many Thanks Laura, Roger, Darran and Jordan.

These volunteer efforts earn us points in the program resulting in dollars for our Association (last year we earned \$1,170). We can always use more volunteers.

My thanks to Chloe Murru and her family for chairing the Pet Registry Program (See article).

Enjoy the summer and keep prepared in case of a hurricane emergency.

Terry Bond

CRIME WATCH (David Crane, Chairman) Have you noticed the three new Crime Watch signs at our entranceways? These signs were secured from the Crime Watch of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc. and through the help of Pat Mayers. These signs attempt to inform those entering our neighborhood that The Landings is an active participant in the Crime Watch Program. Landings residents know their own streets and neighborhood better than anyone! Use your eyes and ears to be alert and be on the lookout for any suspicious persons, vehicles or activities. If you notice something or someone that does not "look right" then call the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700. Are suspicious persons attempting to gain access to your vacationing neighbors backyard? Call 954-828-5700 and allow the police to investigate these individuals. If you would like more information on the crime watch program or to become a member then contact David Crane at 954-565-4848 or dcrane-law@aol.com. Be alert and remember --crime never takes a vacation.

I recently represented The Landings at the Crime Alert Meeting held on the 8th floor of City Hall. The speaker was Ms. Rosa Vazquez of the Fort Lauderdale Police Citizens Police Academy "CPA". Ms Vazquez is now actively looking for volunteers to join and attend the 14 week, 3 hours on Thursday evenings, Community Police Academy which is open to residents and civic and governmental organizations. The next class will begin on February 10, 2011.

According to Ms. Vazquez the successful completion of this training course will permit graduates to enroll in the Citizens on Patrol program. For more information and a handout with an application and course information in the event any Landings resident may be interested in this program call Ms. Vazquez at 954-828-6428.

Pet Registry (Another service for our Members: In June, the Gertz family found a dog loose on their street. They took the dog in and called Chloe Murru who oversees our Pet Registry. The dog was registered and they found a match in our registry and had Coco back to his home in 2 hours. Thanks to the Gertz and Murru family for their actions.

We have received many completed Pet Registry forms that will help identify a pet in case they get lost. We encourage you to complete the enclosed form and send it to the address given. I would also like to stress the importance of proper ID of your pet. It takes just 5 minutes at any major pet store to make a small tag with your pets name and contact information. We encourage you, as a

good neighbor, to call if you see a pet walking in the neighborhood without its owner. Most likely it will be someone's beloved pet that simply managed to get away and we want to make sure to reunite the two of you quickly and safely. Neighbors helping Neighbors is what the Landings is all about -- and that includes our four-legged residents. Thanks.

A Pet Registry Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. You can also download a copy at our website www.Landingsra.com.

IMPERIAL SQUARE: Plans are in full swing now to transform our neighborhood center into a beautiful specialty center to better serve our community.

Panera Bread's construction at the south end of the center is underway and the center will also have a new culinary experience called Flavor of Peru. Both are anticipating a fall opening.

The management is replacing the demolished south tower with a new, landscaped patio area with a unique architectural feature located between the two restaurants. They are trying to make Imperial Square more pedestrian friendly.

Landings Residential Association Pet Registration

Owners Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Type of pet (circle one) CAT / DOG

Sex (circle one) MALE / FEMALE Age: _____

Fixed YES / NO Is your pet Micro chipped? YES / NO

Distinguishing
Characteristics: _____

Name of veterinarian along with contact
information: _____

Please enclose a RECENT photo of your pet, and mail to:

Chloe Murru
5550 NE 29th Ave.
Fort Lauderdale FL,
33308

For questions, please email chloe@murru.org
Or call 954-707-7886

FROM THE DESK OF COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS



Now that **Hurricane Season** has started, this is a good time to remind everyone to make sure you are prepared. Though only a few may lose power, we cannot forget the damage that even a tropical storm can do. The City is ready to respond, but I urge residents to make their own preparations for this hurricane season. Part of this preparation should include creating a disaster plan and assembling a disaster supply kit. The kit should include at least three days worth of water (one gallon, per person, per day) and non-perishable food for each person in your family. Other essential supplies you should have readily available include: a can opener, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, batteries, cash, pet supplies, medications, extra eyeglasses, contact lenses and supplies for people with special needs. For a complete list of emergency supplies and other preparedness tips,

Visit the new City hurricane website at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/hurricane/index.htm>. If you are interested in helping your fellow residents after a hurricane, I encourage you to join the Community Emergency Response Team (or "CERT"). CERT is a highly trained, volunteer group that assists the City after local emergencies. Through Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue, you can receive free training that covers disaster terminology, standard triage, basic first aid, fire suppression, light search and rescue techniques and disaster awareness. After graduation you will be prepared to care for your family and your community, and you will be part of a team that may be called upon to assist the City during an emergency. Free beginner and continuing education classes are available. For more information please call 954-828-6832.

Pain Clinic Update: We have recently closed two clinics by Holy Cross, one by Executive Airport, one on Oakland Park Boulevard, and "raided" the clinic near Broward General Hospital. I know there are several others in the City, but please be assured that this Commission is aggressively pursuing the elimination of ALL illegal pain clinic operations within our City. Our Police Department and Code Enforcement are actively involved in this undertaking along with federal agencies and the Florida Department of Health... **progress is being made.**

Pay by Phone Parking is Now Available: On April 1, 2010, the City implemented Pay by Phone Parking. In areas where this service is implemented, you no longer need cash for parking. Simply park your car, make one short phone call, and then head for your destination. You can even choose to receive a text message reminder before your parking time expires. You have the option of calling back and extending your parking session from anywhere, subject to meter time limits. Pay By Phone parking is convenient, easy and safe. When you pay for your parking by phone, your parking space and parking time are automatically displayed on a handheld device used by the parking officer. The regular parking charge plus a 35-cent convenience fee (25 cents if you de-select the optional 10-cent text message reminder cost) will be charged to your credit card. A history of transactions is then viewable any time you log into your account. For more information log on to http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/parking/pay_by_phone.htm.

Fort Lauderdale Stadium: Four proposals were submitted to redevelop this property. One of the responses came from Schlitterbahn regarding a waterpark and multi-sport multi-use athletic facility. While Schlitterbahn has several award winning parks in this country (ranked #1 for the last twelve years), it is also an internationally recognized successful and reputable family enterprise. They are agreeable to a fair market appraisal as the basis for the rent, which is consistent with City of Fort Lauderdale requirements and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines for long-term leases of Airport property. Schlitterbahn gave a presentation at the Conference Agenda on June 14, 2010. The plan is to transform the site into a destination attraction – one that integrates sports including youth facilities, water-based entertainment, retail opportunities and lodging. They will keep and upgrade Lockhart Stadium. They are confident that the park will attract hundreds of thousands of sports enthusiasts and vacationing families, as well as create new jobs and expand tax revenues. They propose to spend \$110 million to construct the park and will not ask the City for any financial support. The Commission is seriously looking at this proposal, and directed Schlitterbahn to negotiate with City staff and the Broward County School Board. I will keep you updated.

As a reminder, I host two **Pre-agenda Meetings** per month in addition to attending homeowner meetings at your request. The pre-agenda meetings focus on items of interest as well as the upcoming agenda. They are held the Monday before a Commission Meeting, 6p.m., Cardinal Gibbons High School, Media Room. Also, we have changed our usual summer schedule – our last meeting until recess is July 7, 2010 and will resume again August 17, 2010. We will not be having a pre-agenda meeting July 5, 2010 as the offices will be closed due to the 4th of July holiday.

RECYCLING

TRASH PICKUP SERVICE: All trash (including bulk) is to be out on the street the evening BEFORE it is to be picked up.

REGULAR (Smaller Container) -

Monday and Thursday

YARD WASTE (Large Container)- Thursday

RECYCLING - Monday

Commingled Bin) Glass, aluminum and tin cans, plastic containers #1, #2, and #3

(Newspaper Bin) Newspapers, copy paper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs, cereal boxes, clean pizza boxes, phone books, all milk/juice containers and drink boxes.

BULK PICKUP - 4th Friday of the Month. Will take just about anything,, Palm fronds, trees cut up, appliances, small construction debris, NO batteries or hazardous waste.

FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS - Keep them out of the trash, they contain mercury. Take them to the Hazardous Waste Site.

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) Take materials to an HHW facility (listed below).
- 4) Wash your hands thoroughly.

HAZARDOUS WASTE - Paint, oil, chemicals, electronics and other items can be taken to 2780 North Powerline Road on Friday and Saturday from 10AM to 3PM. 954-765-4999. You will need to show your Florida Drivers License.

REPLACEMENT CONTAINERS AND BINS AND COVERS call Customer Service 954-828-8000.