

NATIONAL POPPY DAY

May 23, 2025



Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

LW NEWS UPDATE

Due to budget constraints, the number of pages in the LW News has been reduced significantly and will no longer be mailed to residents. You may view the LW News online at our website, www.lauderdalewest.org. Additionally, a very limited number will be printed and available to be picked up M-W-F at the Clubhouse in Room 121.





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NOTE: Due to the recent elections, some contact information and responsibilities are to be determined. Additionally, other responsibilities may change. Rev. 03/24-25

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Message from the President

By Alfredo Arroyo

As you know, Castle Group is our new property management company. Lisa Azif is our in-house property manager. Her office is Room 108 in the Main Clubhouse and she is available Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. She can also be reached at 954-473-8219 Ext. 108.

We are still in the transitional period with Castle. There is a lot of information which needs to be transferred, and Castle must learn all the ins and outs of Lauderdale West living. We have had some bumps in the road as far as our monthly maintenance payments are concerned. I am hoping that by this time all those have been taken care of.

Candidates Night was a success. There were 16 candidates running for the five open positions.

Actually, there were 17 candidates who filed their intent to run but one rescinded theirs before Candidates Night. I appreciated all the candidates that were looking forward to and for the future for Lauderdale West.

As I am writing this at the end of February, I do not know the outcome of the March elections. This may be the last article I will write as President of Lauderdale West. If so, I want to let you all know that it has been my honor and privilege to serve you as such. I also want to thank my fellow Directors and all the volunteers who make Lauderdale West such a very special Community. You will still see me walking around LW. Please be sure to wave and say, "Hi".

Thank you.

CASTLE GROUP IS NOW ONSITE



Unparalleled Property Services

The full-time Property Manager is Lisa Azif, LCAM, CMCA. Lisa is on the property Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Room 108. You may reach her by telephone at 954-473-8219 Ext 108. OR by email at lazif@castlegroup.com.

The Regional Director is Milagros Ponce De Leon, LCAM. She may be reached at mponce@castlegroup.com. Autopay forms may be dropped off in the office or sent via email.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Cash will no longer be accepted for Live Shows. Check or Money Order ONLY!

Thank You!

PLEASE NOTE!

The Wood Shop is closed until further notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience!



APRIL/MAY 2025

Wednesday, Apr 23 – 6:30 PM – Room 113
Wednesday, May 28 – 10 AM – Room 113

The Board meetings are open to all residents of LW. Meetings are subject to change or cancellation. Please check the Community Channel 901, the Lauderdale West Website:

www.lauderdale-west.org or signage at the Main Clubhouse for changes or cancellation notification. If you have signed up for email or text messages, you will be informed accordingly.

Videos of previous Board Meetings are available on the Lauderdale West Website Owners' Corner and the most recent are available on Blue Stream Channel 902.

FYI - LW'S ACCOUNTANTS

Please be advised the accountants for Lauderdale West are:

Castle Group
12270 SW 3 Street Suite 200
Plantation, FL 33325
800-337-5850

Mail your maintenance assessment to:

Popular Bank
PO Box 169010
Miami, FL 33116

Payments are due on the FIRST of each month

LW NEWS SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE REMINDER!

FOR THE JUNE/JULY 2025 ISSUE

Articles are due April 18, 2025

New advertisers due April 9, 2025

Returning advertisers due April 16, 2025

ALL DEADLINES ARE FIRM

Email to: newspaper@lauderdalewest.org
or drop off at room #121

The Newspaper Office is open
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
from 9 AM until noon

Lauderdale West

HOURS OF OPERATION

Business Offices	M-F	9:00AM – Noon
Castle Property Manager	M-F	9:00AM – 5:00PM
Gym	Daily	5:00AM – 9:00PM
Main Clubhouse	Daily	8:00AM – 9:00PM
Main Swimming Pool	Daily	6:00AM – 9:00PM
Satellite Swimming Pool	Daily	Dawn to Dusk



BULK & GARBAGE PICKUP

BULK PICKUP DATES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 (2nd Tuesday)

Please **DO NOT** put Bulk Pickup items out until Monday afternoon **AFTER 5 PM** the day before Bulk Pickup is scheduled. Place Bulk Pickup at least

5 feet AWAY from the mailboxes, trees, and street signs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

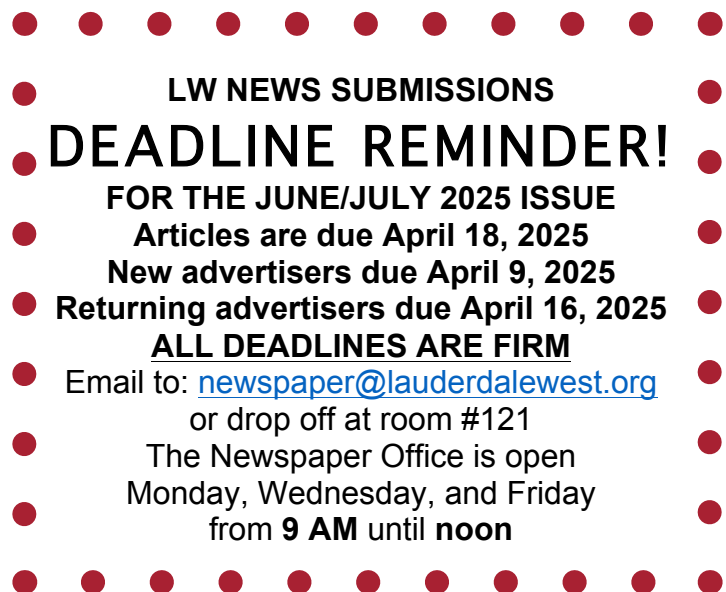
- **BULK PICKUP** – Our next Bulk Pickups will be Tuesday, April 15, and Tuesday, May 13 . The following items will not be accepted: batteries, **black bags**, chemicals, concrete including bricks or pavers, electronics, fencing, fluorescent bulbs, glass not properly wrapped, insecticides, oils and paints, paint cans, x-rays, construction materials, tires.

To ensure the safety of Waste Management drivers, mirrors, glass tabletops, windowpanes, plate glass, etc., will only be picked up if they are properly and safely placed in a rigid container. Any broken glass must be placed into a secure container and marked as glass. If items are small enough, they must be put in clear bags. **Black bags will not be accepted.** Empty cardboard boxes will be accepted.

• BULK PICKUP DATES FOR FUTURE MONTHS

June 10 (2nd Tue.) July 15 (3rd Tue.)
Aug 12 (2nd Tue.)

- **GARBAGE PICKUP** – On Tuesday - blue bags and clear recycle bags should be placed **at least 5 feet AWAY from your mailbox**. On Friday – blue bags only, also 5 feet from your mailbox. **Bags must not be put out until 5 PM** the night before pickup.





**Helpful Phone Numbers
and Email Addresses**

- Beach Environmental (Pest Control) 954-458-1104
- Blue Stream 954-282-6578
- Broward County Call Center (Non-Emergency) 311
- Broward County Health Department 954-467-4700
- City Hall – General Information 954-797-2200
- Code Enforcement 954-797-2267
- Elderly & Veterans Services 954-357-6622
- Fire Department – NON-emergency 954-797-2150
- Florida Power & Light (FPL) 954-797-5000
- LW Maintenance 954-473-2595**
- Plantation Recycling 954-452-2535
- Poison Control Hotline 800-222-1222
- Police Department – NON-emergency 954-797-2100
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988
- Water Department 954-797-2290
- Westside Hospital 954-473-6600

* To reach the MAINTENANCE Department during regular hours, please call: **954-473-2595.**

- Leases: leaseapplications@lauderdalewest.org
- Maintenance: maintenancedept@lauderdalewest.org
- Sales: applicationsapproval@lauderdalewest.org



your smile lingers

original poetry by Lydia Shutter

- you were my true north
- your hugs pointed me in the direction
- i knew would always be home
- a home with fresh flowers
- on my favorite glass table
- but that table is dusty now
- and the flowers
- have forgotten how to bloom
- sometimes i untie a string of your memories
- to make you spend the day with me
- i walk down
- multicolored paths
- we once shared
- till the end of the day
- when i have dried tears
- remembering
- and always
- your smile lingers

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LW BUS SCHEDULE

Your Driver is Pete - 954-496-2543



MONDAY 9:00AM - 12:00PM	TUESDAY -----	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 12:30PM	THURSDAY 9:00AM - 12:30PM	FRIDAY 9:00AM - 12:00PM
DESTINATION PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)	NO BUS	DESTINATION WALMART (Oakland Park) BRAVO SHOPPING CENTER BANK OF AMERICA CHASE BANK	DESTINATION ALDI (Broward Blvd.) BROWARD MALL	DESTINATION PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)
NOTICE SIGN IN REQUIRED BEFORE BOARDING BUS STOPS ONLY AT DESTINATIONS PLEASE BE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN USE				PICK UP FOR PICK UP CALL PETE ON DAY OF TRIP 954-496-2543

BUS FARE IS FREE TO ALL LW RESIDENTS

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Castle Management, LLC.

**“AUTO PAY” AUTHORIZATION
Maintenance Fees**

In order to have the Auto-pay program begin automatically deducting maintenance fees from your checking account, please fill out the information below. If your Association is a sub-association belonging to a master association, you will need to complete two separate applications.

Please complete each and every item below:

ASSOCIATION NAME: Lauderdale West Community Association No. 1, Inc.

UNIT OWNER NAME: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MONTH START DATE: _____

MAINTENANCE FEE FREQUENCY: Month Quarterly Annually Semi Annual

NAME OF YOUR BANK _____

ACCOUNT # _____ ROUTING # _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE MY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO DEBIT/CHARGE MY ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF MY HOMEOWNERS/CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION. I grant the Association the right and authority to amend the auto debit as maintenance fees are amended by the Board of Directors.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

1. Notification of auto-pay confirmation will be sent by email.
2. That the debit/charge will occur between the 5th and 10th working day after the assessment is due.

The auto debit will remain in effect until I notify my association in writing 30 days prior to can cancel the auto debit.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

HADASSAH *Happenings...*

By Susan Rose, President | 954-288-8494 - Mssrose@aol.com

April is upon us and Hadassah has some things to look forward to. On April 1, it's no joke, we're having our Board Meeting at Susan Rose's house at 9:30 AM. Bring your ideas and suggestions. If you're interested, we're still looking for people for our Board for next year, and this would be the perfect time to come and see how we operate. April 8, is lunch at Zabb's, an Asian restaurant on State Road 84 and Pine Island. Please join us at 11:30 AM. Call Gypsy Royce (973-715-7811) to make your reservation before Monday, April 7. **Our general meeting will not be on April 15 due to Passover, Good Friday, and Easter celebrated that week. Our meeting will be on April 22nd.** On Sunday, April 27, we plan to have Bunco. Time and location will be on Channel 901 and posted on the bulletin board. It does not matter if you have never played or are an avid player because we all have fun. Everyone will receive prizes.

May 6 is our Board Meeting at Susan Rose's house at 9:30 AM. We will plan for future meet-

ings and activities. Please join us. **Please note: Our General Meeting is on May 13.** We will have a Spring Fling! Food, fun, and fantastic entertainment will be part of the program. Our Lunch Bunch will be at Jacaranda Italian on Broward Blvd at 11:30 AM on May 20. Reservations are a must. Contact Gypsy Royce (973-715-7811) by May 18. Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day, when our nation will honor and mourn the U.S. Military members who died while serving their country.

We have changed some of our meeting dates for the first time in many years. Please check out the flyers on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse and Channel 901 for updates on times and locations. If you have any questions, contact Susan Rose, Anita Platt, or Beverly Farron.

Hadassah's non-profit work is never done. Our goal is to reach out, inform, engage, and motivate you to get involved. In addition to Hadassah's significant accomplishments, there is also the great feeling of being a part of this organization.

WOMEN *Of Lauderdale West*

By Pinky Trapani 954-472-1652

Lots of good stuff to write about. Our Valentine's luncheon was a huge success. The 25-cent auction brought in a windfall for the children of \$516.00. We will hold another auction in September - by popular demand - with bigger and better prizes.

Our casino bus trip was another success and brought in more money for the "Kids". The next bus trip is April 28. Twenty dollars will reserve your place on the bus. All are welcome - members, relatives & friends. So much fun and a goodie bag for the ride home.

The March 4 luncheon guest speaker was attorney, Bobbi Meloro. She gave so much information on the law and articles to guide us along the way.

The cost for the April 1 luncheon is \$13.00. We will hold the Easter Bonnet Parade for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes. Show us how creative you can be.

As you may know, the community yard sale is to be held on April 12 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Rain date is Sunday, April 13 from 1 PM to 4 PM. All infor-

mation is on the Blue Stream channel 901.

May is a beautiful month to celebrate Mother's Day and of course, our Kentucky Derby event. Bring your dollars for your horse racing sheets - \$1 per sheet. The sheet has 6 horses. Yes, we do race 6 horses and have lots of fun. Ladies, show us how creative you can be in designing your Kentucky Derby hats.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - Please bring any pieces of jewelry you no longer want or any small items you wish to recycle. These items will be needed for the April and May meetings.

Remember, no luncheon in July, but attend the July 22 General Meeting as we start to prepare for the upcoming months and upcoming events.

As this letter comes to a close, we wish many blessings for all our friends facing surgeries or in recovery.

May peace, love, happiness and good health follow you today, tomorrow and always as we continue our journey.

Blessings to you and yours.

Lauderdale West

Presents Our 2025 Shows

All shows begin at 7 PM

Tickets are \$15 for Residents - \$20 for Guests

Check or Money Order ONLY – NO CASH – No Refunds



MARCH 1, 2025

THE JOHNNY ROGERS SHOW, “LEGENDS OF COUNTRY MUSIC”

Featuring the best of Classic Country, Western Spring Blues, Texas Rockabilly, and Gospel music, brings to life the music you will never forget. Enjoy all the songs that made you fall in love with Country Music. A tribute to the music of your favorite country music hits from decades long gone.



APRIL 11, 2025

COME TOGETHER: WHEN THE 1960'S MET THE 1970'S

Carole J. Bufford returns to Lauderdale West with her show, Come Together, exploring the change in the musical landscape from 1965-1975. With music made famous by Cher, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Simon & Garfunkel, Dusty Springfield, Otis Redding, Linda Ronstadt, Creedence Clearwater Revival and more. Come Together explores the ever-changing music industry in one of the most exciting, controversial, and impactful ten years our country has ever seen.



SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

THE LATIN DIVOS

A NEW Latin pop/opera trio performs a diverse repertoire from opera to some of the all-time greatest songs with Latin Flavor sung in Italian, English, Spanish and French. In addition, the violin and sax make them unique and a delight to see.



NOVEMBER 8, 2025

JAYNE CURRY'S BIGGER NIGHT OUT

Jayne Curry's powerhouse vocals will delight you with songs from Broadway musicals, hit pop songs, soul songs and rock, from iconic women as Tina Turner and Barbra Streisand. Top it off with her hilarious observational humor. This is a show you must see.

Ticket Office is open M-F, 9:30-11:30 AM, beginning on ticket sales start date and 5:30-6:30 PM on show night.

DRESS SHORTS ARE ALLOWED – NO HATS - NO PICTURES OR VIDEO ALLOWED

kudos

JOB WELL DONE

- To Jeff Bender for the amazing Candidates Night video presentation.
- To Rikki Johnson for the coordination of camers and microphones during the Candidates Night presentation.
- To Rikki Johnson and her team for Some Enchanted Evening. More please!!
- To all our volunteers. We couldn't do it without your help.

WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS!

Gerardo Avendano & Luz Bencomo

Teresa Cabrera

Margarita & Raul Correa

Joan F Curtis

William & Robin Graff

James Longo

Diana Sue Nelson

Ursula Pich

Lyudmila Raskin

Blanca Romero & Robert Darmanin

Danielle & Rogelio Ross

Nestor & Noemi Sanchez

Josh Schwartz

Linda Weiskoph

In loving memory

Randall Hofstetter
Sandra Spector



**Don't miss out on all the fun
at Lauderdale West!**

Make sure you get your tickets at the Clubhouse in advance of the event.

April Events

- Apr 1 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Apr 11 Live Show in LW Auditorium – Carol Bufford Show – 7:00 PM
- Apr 15 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Apr 23 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 6:30 PM

May Events

- May 6 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- May 20 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- May 28 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 10:00 AM

June Events

- Jun 3 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Jun 17 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Jun 25 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 6:30 PM

MESSAGE TO ALL RESIDENTS WITH PETS

For those who have animals, including cats, at Lauderdale West, may we remind you that you must:

- **Personally attend to and keep the animal on a leash when outside the home.**
- Animals are **NEVER** to be left alone on a leash.
- Follow all City and County Ordinances.
- Clean up after your animal anywhere in Lauderdale West.
- Properly dispose of animal waste disposal bags in **YOUR** trash container, **NOT** in a Community trash can.
- Do not put waste down a drainage grate or throw it in the lakes or canals. This becomes a bacterial hazard to our water system.

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

MAINTENANCE DUTIES

Our maintenance staff will assist you with the following:

MAILBOX: Repair and/or replace mailbox, post, or base; painting post, if needed.

TERMITES: Contact Maintenance if you suspect you have termites. Maintenance will issue a service request and pest control company will contact resident before coming out.

IRRIGATION: Contact Maintenance if there is a broken sprinkler head, broken pipe. Maintenance will issue work orders for irrigation company to check.

FASCIAS/SOFFIT/SOFFIT SCREENS: Painting of fascia; repair of soffits and replacing soffit screens.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For residents leaving a message for outdoor work, a service request will be issued, and work will be completed in the order received. Residents will not receive a service request number if the work is being done outside of the unit and the resident does not have to be home to complete such work.

Protocol for Maintenance service.

1. Call Maintenance at 954-473-2595.
2. Get a service order number.
3. Allow 2 or 3 days for the service call to be completed.

If other Community urgencies arise, the work may not be completed within the time indicated. The homeowner will be responsible for following up directly with the Maintenance Department by referencing their work order number.

NOT MAINTENANCE DUTIES

Maintenance does not work with water heaters, appliances, garbage disposals, shower heads, replace new plumbing fixtures and/or electrical fixtures or air conditioner issues. Please call your provider for these.

In the past the Maintenance office has received calls such as the following which Maintenance clearly does not do:

- There is a dead duck inside the lake; send someone to remove it.
- I have no hot water.
- I hurt my back. Can you send someone to hang my blinds?
- My stove won't go on. It's only going to take 5 minutes.
- There is a live iguana in front of my house. Send someone to move it.
- I can't lock my door. It's too hard to turn the key.
- I can't move my garbage to the curb. Please send someone to help.
- There is a bug on my patio. I need someone to remove it.
- My door is stuck.
- I can't open my window.
- There is a strange odor in my house.

Ladies and Gentlemen, while Lauderdale West Maintenance does a lot of work for us, they don't do everything.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lauderdale West needs you! We are a Community run by residents. Our Board of Directors are all volunteers. There is always a need for volunteers. There are many opportunities to work in an area of your choice; make new friends; learn a new skill or use the skills you have. You can work as much and as often as you would like.



PLANTATION NEWS

PLANTATION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Plantation City Council meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Plantation City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue. Periodically, meetings may be cancelled, or special meetings may be held. Please call the City Clerk's Office at City Hall to verify (954-797-2237).

APRIL

April 9, 2025
April 23, 2025

MAY

May 7, 2025
May 21, 2025

PLANTATION UPDATE

By Mayor Nick Sortal

Greetings, Lauderdale West!

Thank you for being a caring and engaged community. The more involved you are, the better your neighborhood – and your city – will be.

I'd like to remind you to sign up for my newsletter, which is emailed at least twice a month. And my Monday Mayor's Minute gives you the top options for planning your week. Go to Plantation.org to find both.

Explaining water rates: You may have noticed a rate increase on your recent water and sewer bill. We don't do these things randomly.

We carefully explored what the rates should be. Our 2022 rate study, the first in nearly a decade, was conducted by an independent consultant. They identified adjustments needed to continue to maintain and enhance our water and sewer services for years to come. The City Council vets the study. The rates were adopted in September 2022 after two public hearings. Gradual increases were

chosen over a one-time steep rate hike to keep services affordable to our residents.

Additionally, state laws dictate that all money gleaned from utility fees be allocated back to that service. For example, the city cannot use the revenue to buy police cars or raise salaries, etc.

595 resurfacing: Up to two lanes will be closed on I-595 most nights beginning in April for a \$20 million repaving project. Work will be done during off-peak hours the next four years, FDOT says.

Certified Green Business: Congratulations to the first two City of Plantation Certified Green Businesses, Bee Lady Kim and Marumi Sushi! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to environmental conservation through efforts in waste reduction, energy efficiency and offering eco-friendly options.

If you know of a business that could be considered to be green certified visit plantation.org/greenbiz.

Email: Mayor@Plantation.org

FARMER'S MARKET

Volunteer Park:

12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard

954-452-2558

Every Saturday

from 8:00am – 2:00pm

Plantation hosts a Farmers Market featuring fresh, certified Organic and non-Organic produce, locally produced honey, homemade hummus, plants and orchids, fresh cut flowers, breads and Danishes, olive oils, cheeses, dips, spreads and more. It is located at Volunteer Park, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, and runs year-round.



PLANTATION CITY SERVICES

Plantation Police: Call 954-797-2100 for all your non-urgent public safety concerns. Please put that number in your cellphone and mark it PLANTATION POLICE.

Parks & Recreation: Want to sign up for classes or sports? You may access registrations and more online. Call 954-452-2510 for questions and assistance.

Code Enforcement: See something and want to say something? Contact our code enforcement at 954-797-2267 or report issues online.

Local Businesses: Starting a business or short term rental? Learn about requirements and more. For questions, call our Planning & Zoning Department at 954-797-2239.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a permit?

• Start at plantation.org/permits for forms and requirements, then register for an online account. Contact the building department with any ques-

tions. Call 954-797-2250 or email HelpMeBuilding@plantation.org.

• Projects you need permits for include roofs, fences, pools, and more.

What are my trash pickup days for 2025?

• For East of University, pick up was between Jan. 6 - 11 and West of University was Jan. 13 - 18. Regular trash pickup falls twice a week per neighborhood, and recyclables once a week.

• To find which day of the week is scheduled for you, visit our interactive map online and type in your address. The map will provide the information for you, advising you of the day of your regular trash, recycle and bulk.

• All this information and more can be found at plantation.org/publicworks.

How do I reach City Council members?

• To email, call and find out more about our city council members, visit our website.

How do I reach different City Departments?

• Visit our website directory to navigate which email and phone number should best assist you.

How do I receive my own copy of the City Calendar?

• You may pick up yours for free at City Hall, Helen B. Hoffman Library, Historical Museum, or any community center. This year’s theme is “Discover Plantation Through the Eyes of our City Employees”. See the photos taken by staff and how beautifully they capture Plantation.

PLANTATION CITY COUNCIL

The Plantation City Council consists of five members who are elected at-large to serve four-year terms. The City of Plantation has a Strong Mayor form of government, meaning City Council sets policies and the Mayor acts as the Chief Executive Officer responsible for policy execution and daily operations.

The City Council passes the laws of the City, which are called Ordinances. It adopts Resolutions that authorize actions on behalf of the City and establishes policies by which the City is governed. The Council is responsible for adopting an annual budget that funds City services, programs and projects. It also makes decisions on major development projects. The City Council members are listed below.

Name	Title	Term	Phone
Sortal, Nick	Mayor	2022-2026	954-797-2221 Office 954-498-5337 Cell
Anderson, Erik	Councilmember	2022-2026	954-498-3794
Andreu, Jennifer	Councilmember	2024-2028	954-654-1694
Fadgen, Timothy	Councilmember	2024-2028	954-654-1687
Horland, Denise	Councilmember	2022-2026	954-498-6616
Reinstein, Louis	Councilmember	2024-2028	954-498-4080

2025	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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APRIL

2025

MAY

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Puzzles & Quizzes

Answers, page 19

ACROSS

- 1) Karim of the Khans, for one
- 4) City on the Missouri
- 9) Folklore heavies
- 14) Wager
- 15) Twofold
- 16) Nigerian currency
- 17) Crazy, proverbially (with "has")
- 20) Toledo's lake
- 21) Having no feet
- 22) Knuckle under
- 26) Embrace
- 27) Finale
- 30) Health resort
- 31) Fodder holder
- 33) First-___ (novice jailbird)
- 35) Show-off scholar
- 37) Plural suffix with "auction" or "musket"
- 38) Sure thing, it's said
- 42) Dalai ___
- 43) Syndicate
- 44) "Delicious!"
- 47) Composes
- 48) Ozone layer pollutant, for short
- 51) Tokyo, formerly
- 52) Beaver's work
- 54) Toast
- 56) Registers, as a complaint
- 59) "What's gotten ___ you?"
- 60) Backstabber
- 65) Flower-petal oil
- 66) Attack on a fort, e.g.
- 67) It's spotted in casinos
- 68) Cheese byproducts
- 69) Firebug's doing
- 70) "Go on ..."

DOWN

- 1) Mother superior
- 2) Get ready for action
- 3) Infamous prison
- 4) ___-Wan Kenobi
- 5) Time div.
- 6) Kitchen pest
- 7) "Funny ___ or funny strange?"
- 8) Beth's preceder
- 9) Antsy
- 10) Apple variety
- 11) Sharpshooters
- 12) "To ___ is human ..."
- 13) Utter
- 18) "Hold on a ___!"
- 19) Boxing match
- 23) Brought into play
- 24) Calf-length skirt
- 25) Mont or Mel
- 28) Uncool sort
- 29) Members of the AMA
- 32) Ready to serve, as beer
- 34) Authentic
- 35) Beseech
- 36) Hurled
- 38) Data-speed unit
- 39) Kill in a sacrifice
- 40) Sicilian peak
- 41) BP alternative
- 42) Soapmaker's need
- 45) Milk containers
- 46) O. Henry's "The Gift of the ___"
- 48) The Great White North
- 49) Has a sense of belonging
- 50) Barred to entry
- 53) Bright group
- 55) "Dear" one
- 57) Approve
- 58) Cookbook direction
- 60) Adage
- 61) Mathematician's ordinal
- 62) "For ___ a jolly ..."
- 63) Diva's problem
- 64) ___-Xers (Boomers' kids)

WHERE THE CRITTERS ARE

By Bill Bobb

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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			56	57				58			59			
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65							66						67	
68							69						70	

Sudoku (answers page 19)

4	3		1					
							5	
	7			4		3	6	
	2							1
				3				5
		6	8			2	3	
		8			9			
								2
	6			1		7	4	

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD.

BEACH SETTINGS

January 27, 2025

D	Y	S	M	T	S	A	O	C	O	R	A	L	X	S
U	D	T	I	H	R	E	L	O	O	C	G	A	C	A
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E	A	R	S	K	N	A	B	F	I	E	M	I	V	D
S	S	F	W	S	E	O	T	K	R	P	N	T	E	C
L	R	I	A	S	N	E	I	D	L	I	B	A	R	A
L	E	S	R	F	S	H	R	L	K	A	S	O	I	S
E	C	H	I	N	S	A	A	I	N	V	W	B	V	T
H	R	R	U	P	U	B	B	D	E	S	N	P	E	L
S	E	S	O	G	Y	S	D	N	A	L	A	I	R	E
A	A	R	E	E	K	A	L	R	N	N	E	C	U	V
E	T	F	L	G	N	I	H	S	I	F	C	N	T	I
S	I	L	N	A	L	P	M	A	R	N	O	I	A	R
L	O	U	N	G	E	T	A	W	A	Y	K	C	N	D
V	N	O	I	T	A	C	A	V	M	U	S	I	C	G

Band, Banks, Bikini, Boat, Bonfire, Camp, Coast, Cooler, Coral, Cove, Dancing, Drink, Drive, Dunes, Fishing, Frisbee, Getaway, Heat, Hiking, Kids, Lake, Land, Lifeguard, Lounge, Marina, Music, Nature, Ocean, Picnic, Plan, Ramp, Recreation, Relax, River, Sandcastle, Sandy, SeaDoo, Seashells, Sky, Sports, Starfish, Sunrise, Sunset, Swim, Vacation, Volleyball, Walk

Answer, page 19

Solution: 5 letters

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration on Aging www.aoa.gov Phone: 202-619-0724 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FirstGov for Seniors www.Seniors.gov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Veteran Affairs Veterans benefits and health www.va.gov Phone: 800-827-1000 Benefits Phone: 877-222-8387 To speak w/ counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Center on Elder Abuse The Center promotes understanding and action on elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. www.ncea.aoa.gov Phone: 800-677-1116
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Administration A wealth of information on retirement, disability and SSI benefits, and your social security records. www.ssa.gov 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Alzheimer’s Association Provides information and resources for Alzheimer’s Disease www.alz.org Phone: 866-403-3073
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Do Not Call List Gives consumers control of telemarketing calls received at home. www.ftc.gov/donotcall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity Theft Resource Center A nonprofit consumer information, research and advocacy organization. www.idtheftcenter.org Phone: 858-693-7935

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Date: **Saturday, April 12**

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Rain Date: **Sunday, April 13**

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: In front of your residence

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Register at the Clubhouse (Room 111) from March 17 to April 9 between 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Tuesday OR Thursday.”

AFTER THE SALE: You may donate unsold items to local charities, or leave them out for bulk pickup on Tuesday, April 15.

EVENT DETAILS: Registration Fee: \$5 (Covers advertising and signage)

Check or Money Order ONLY (Payable to Lauderdale West Association)

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Puzzles & Quizzes Answers

Sudoku answer to puzzle on page 17

Crossword answer to puzzle on page 17

4	3	5	1	8	6	9	2	7
6	8	9	3	7	2	1	5	4
2	7	1	9	4	5	3	6	8
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8	9	4	2	3	1	6	7	5
7	1	6	8	5	4	2	3	9
3	4	8	7	2	9	5	1	6
1	5	7	4	6	3	8	9	2
9	6	2	5	1	8	7	4	3

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17	B	A	T	18	S	I	N	T	H	E	B	E	L	F	R	Y		
20	E	R	I	E	21	A	P	O	D	A	L							
22	S	U	C	C	23	U	M	B	26	H	U	G	27	E	N	D		
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65	A	T	T	A	R	66	S	I	E	G	E	67	D	I	E			
68	W	H	E	Y	S	69	A	R	S	O	N	70	A	N	D			

Wonderword Answer: WAVES (Puzzle on page 17)



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**CHANGES IN THE LAW AFFECTING
PROPERTY OWNERS
AMENDMENT 5**

Florida voters recently approved Amendment 5 to the Florida Constitution. Constitutional Amendment 5 will increase the Homestead Exemption amount annually (based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index) resulting in increased property tax savings for homesteaded property owners. Here’s how it will work: Under Florida law, there are two \$25,000 Homestead Exemptions applied to all homesteaded property with an assessed value of \$75,000 or greater. The first Homestead Exemption is applied by all taxing

authorities to the first \$25,000 of a homesteaded property’s assessed value. The second \$25,000 exemption is applied to the assessed value between \$50,000 and \$75,000 but does not apply to the School Board portion of the taxes. Constitutional Amendment 5 impacts this second exemption, increasing its value annually based on the rate of inflation. Homesteaded property owners do not need to apply for this benefit. The Broward County Property Appraiser’s Office will automatically apply the exemption increase to all eligible properties and renew it annually until the Homestead Exemption is cancelled or removed from the property.

Take care,
Marty Kiar, JD, CFA
Broward County Property Appraiser

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WiFi Troubleshooting Tips from Our Online Learning Hub

Your WiFi is the backbone of your online experience, whether you're streaming movies, attending virtual meetings, or scrolling through social media. At Blue Stream Fiber, we understand that occasional hiccups outside of our control can happen, so we're sharing a few troubleshooting tips from our [Online Learning Hub](#) to help you get back online quickly and seamlessly.

Restart Your Modem for a Fresh Start

A quick restart can resolve many connectivity issues. Simply unplug your modem from the power source, wait about 10 seconds, and plug it back in. This clears temporary glitches and refreshes your connection to ensure optimal performance.

Let WiFi Pods Do Their Job

If you're using WiFi pods to extend your signal, avoid relocating them from where our technicians place them. They're trained to find the perfect spots to maximize the signal and coverage in your home, so frequent movement can disrupt their ability to maintain a stable connection.

Understand Your Modem's Indicator Lights

Blinking or colored lights on your modem can signal different issues. If the receive light is blinking, then that indicates an issue. Here's what you can do to troubleshoot this:

- Check all the cables and make sure they are secure.
- Unplug the power cord from the modem, wait 30 seconds, then plug it back in.
- Wait a few minutes for the power, send, receive, and online lights to go steady.

Know How to Connect a Cable Modem to Your Computer

If you're troubleshooting connection issues or need faster speeds without interference from a router or WiFi, connecting your cable modem directly to your computer is a great solution. Before proceeding, make sure that the following is set up:

- Your coaxial cable is securely connected from the cable outlet to the modem.
- The modem's power adapter is plugged into a wall outlet, and the modem is powered on.

If everything is in place, simply connect your PC by plugging the Ethernet cable* into the back of the modem, and then plug the other end into the Ethernet port on your PC.

*Only use Ethernet or USB cables; not both. For more information on connecting using USB, please reference the modem's driver disc.

Speed Test

When in doubt, just use our speed test tool to check your upload and download speeds: bluestreamfiber.speedtestcustom.com

Helpful Information

About Living in Lauderdale West

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS Neither Lauderdale West nor any of our vendors are responsible for any damage done to your holiday decorations. This includes decorations on common ground or on your porch or patio. You are responsible to remove any electrical wires which cross common ground as this creates a dangerous condition, especially when our landscapers and other vendors are present. If decorations create any damage to the building or common area, the owner will be charged for the cost of repairs.

LANDLORDS Please remember that you cannot rent your property until you have owned it for one year. All tenants must complete an Application for Residency which is available on our website. All leases and lease renewals must be approved by the Board before the tenant can move in. Contact Director Marlene Newman for additional information.

MAILBOX SAFETY We recommend that you not place any outgoing mail in the mailbox in front of your home. In the past, individuals have been known to remove that mail. You can safely deposit your outgoing mail in the blue Postal Service Mailbox located at the end of the parking lot of the Main Clubhouse or take it directly to any U. S. Post Office. Incoming mail should also be

removed from your mailbox at your first opportunity.

MODIFICATIONS If you are planning to make any changes to your home, as a first step, you must complete an Application for Modification. All modifications must be approved by the Board **before any work is started**. Modifications may include A/C, windows, doors, patios, enclosures, electrical, plumbing, and widening of driveways. The City of Plantation requires permits for most modifications which includes plumbing and electrical work. Contact Director Kristi Woods for additional information.

PARKING Overnight parking is not permitted on any street in Lauderdale West. Parking at the Main Clubhouse and the Annex (Satellite Clubhouse) is limited to those using the clubhouse facilities, the pools/spas, or the tennis courts. Other parking requires written Board approval, and a limited parking permit is available. There is no overnight parking in **ANY** of our parking lots without prior permission to do so. A notice will be placed on illegally parked vehicles before being towed at the vehicle owner's expense. Follow the directional arrows in all parking lots to avoid a fine.

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WALKING There is traffic early morning and late evening hours in Lauderdale West. Residents need to be careful walking in the dark. You should wear reflective clothing, carry a flashlight, and remember to walk against the traffic if there is no sidewalk.

WIDENING OF DRIVEWAYS If sprinkler heads and pipes are destroyed during the widening process, they must be replaced by Irrigation Technologies, Inc. and the resident will be charged for the replacement. Each job is priced differently depending on the part and labor. When that is complete, the resident is responsible for replacement of the sod.

TRASH/GARBAGE All trash must be placed in City of Plantation blue bags **at least 5 feet** away from your mailbox. Trash pickup is on Tuesdays and Fridays. You are permitted to place trash out **after 5 PM** the night before. All blue Plantation garbage bags must be kept indoors or in a garbage pail with a lid until it is time to place

it at the curb for pickup. No type of refuse bag should be placed outside for animals to get to.

RECYCLE All recycle items **MUST** be placed in City of Plantation clear bags or paper bags **at least 5 FEET** away from your mailbox. Recycle pickup is on **Tuesday only**. Boxes must be flattened first and placed alongside the clear bags.

BULK PICKUP You may put large bulk items at the curb. Please see the Newsletter calendar for the exact date or refer to the Plantation Waste Management website. All items **MUST** be placed **at least 5 feet** away from your mailbox, trees and street signs so as not to interfere with the grabber arm. **Black bags will not be picked up.**

STORM DRAINS AND SEWERS NEVER put sticks, garbage or animal waste in the storm drains or sewers. Do not put waste down a drainage grate as it may clog the sewer system and cause flooding, and it may contaminate our water system.

DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE Properly dispose of animal waste disposal bags in YOUR trash container, NOT in a Community trash can. Never throw it down the drainage grates or in the lakes and canals. This becomes a bacterial hazard to our water system.



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- If the 9-1-1 service is down and you are not able to get through, first try texting 9-1-1 and if you still don't get a response, call the non-emergency number at 954-764-4357 or call your local police at 954-797-2200 or fire station at 954-797-2150.
- If your carrier's wireless service (e.g. ATT, T-Mobile, Verizon) is down, try calling from a different carrier mobile phone (ask your neighbors or people nearby), or you can try using wi-fi calling, wi-fi texting to 9-1-1, or use any available land line.
- If land lines are down, use an available wireless phone to call or text 9-1-1.

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- Make advanced arrangements with your service providers.
- Discuss shelter options with your family and health care providers ahead of a storm.
- Have at least a 30-day supply of medications.
- Label all medical support equipment.
- Create a personal information card with your health information including doctors, insurance policies, and medications.
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It is a day for visiting cemeteries and memorials to honor the military personnel who died in the line of duty. Volunteers will place American flags on the graves of those military personnel in national cemeteries.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day and observed on May 30, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A.

Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who died in the American Civil War. This national observance followed many local observances which were inaugurated between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration.

Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

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More popular in the United States than in Mexico, Cinco de Mayo has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. Celebrations began in Columbia, California, where they have been observed annually since 1862. The day gained nationwide popularity beyond those of Mexican American heritage in the 1980s due to advertising campaigns by beer, wine, and tequila companies. Today, Cinco de Mayo generates beer sales on par with the Super Bowl. In Mexico, the commemoration of the battle continues to be mostly ceremonial, such as through military parades or battle reenactments. The city of Puebla marks the event with various festivals and reenactments of the battle.



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