



**National Medal of Honor Day** is a United States federal observance that is celebrated every year on March 25. It was created to honor the “heroism and sacrifice of Medal of Honor recipients for the United States.” The holiday has been celebrated since 1991, when George H. W. Bush signed **Public Law 101-564** on November 15, 1990, which was passed by the 101st United States Congress in November 1990.

The holiday was chosen to be celebrated on March 25 to honor the 23 men who participated in the Great Locomotive Chase as members of Andrews’ Raiders and the six men who received the first Medals of Honor for it on March 25, 1863. The law reads (in part):

Whereas the Medal of Honor is the highest distinction that can be awarded by the President, in the name of the Congress, to members of the Armed Forces who have distinguished themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their lives above and beyond the call of duty ... Whereas public awareness of the importance of the Medal of Honor has declined in recent years; and Whereas the designation of National Medal of Honor Day will focus the efforts of National, State, and local organizations striving to foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor recipients.”

Conceived in the State of Washington, this holiday should be one of our most revered. Unfortunately, all too many Americans are not even aware of its existence. National Medal of Honor Day deserves wider recognition and celebration.



*Army, Navy, and Air Force versions of the Medal of Honor*





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*Unparalleled Property Services*

Dear Lauderdale West Residents,

Welcome to the Castle Family! Castle Management is thrilled to be selected as your new association management company. Starting January 1st, 2025, Castle will take over all financial management services for Lauderdale West Community Association No. 1, Inc.

Castle prides itself on customizing our services to meet the unique needs of our communities while providing exceptional support to our on-site team. We are well-equipped to address the distinct requirements of each community, with a core goal of making every resident feel valued and cared for.

As your new management team, we are eager to forge meaningful connections with our residents and cultivate a culture of community, friendship, professionalism, and fun. In the coming months, our Castle staff looks forward to meeting the residents of Lauderdale West, whether during building walks, at the pool, or at community meetings and activities. We welcome your engagement and look forward to partnering with you in managing your esteemed community.

Please refer to the following page for payment updates regarding your community.

We recognize the importance of timely and effective communication. Regular updates will be shared through email, letters, and your forthcoming community website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our Resident Services Team at 1-800-337-5850.

Thank you for your patience during this transition, and we are excited about creating memorable moments together for years to come!

Sincerely,  
Castle Management, LLC

**LAUDERDALE WEST  
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**P.O. Box 169010 Miami, FL 33116**

*As part of the transition, we are working to obtain and update your account balances. Please be patient as your account balances may not yet be accurately reflected.*

**Payment Update:**

**METHODS OF PAYMENT OFFERED BY CASTLE GROUP:**

Castle has a variety of options for you to make your monthly maintenance payment as shown below.

**Option 1: Automatic Withdrawal (AutoPay) - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Enrolling in AutoPay eliminates the hassle of writing a check for each payment, avoids mailing fees, guarantees that your payment will be received on a timely basis and is a wonderful way to participate in our CastleGreen initiative. If you are interested in joining AutoPay, type the following link into your browser: [www.castlegroup.com](http://www.castlegroup.com), click **Resident Center** located in the upper left-hand corner, then select **Manage Autopay**. You will be prompted to enter your six-digit Account Number and Last Name as listed on your coupons. You will be prompted to enter the Management Company ID (7001) and the Association ID (LDW). There is no charge to utilize AutoPay.

If you would like to make a one-time payment, type the following link into your browser: [www.castlegroup.com](http://www.castlegroup.com), click **Resident Center** located in the upper left-hand corner, then select **Pay Online**. You will be prompted to enter the following required fields: Last Name, Email, and six-digit Account Number, which can be found on your coupons. If your unit is owned by a business entity, you will be required to enter the full name of that entity in the Last Name field.

**PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 38 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AUTO PAY FORM**

**Option 2: Mail Check with Coupon-** It is recommended that payments are mailed at least 10 business days prior to the payment due date to avoid late fees.

If you prefer to mail your payment, please make your check payable to the Association and mail your check together with the coupon to the provided lockbox address.

**Option 3: Utilize Bill Pay Service Through Your Bank -** Please note that these payments are typically sent without a coupon which may result in posting delays.

If you currently use a Bill Pay service through your bank, please complete the following:

1. Update your recurring payment amount shown on your coupon
2. Update the mailing address for your payment to the provided lockbox address
3. Confirm the account number in the memo section of the payment set-up matches the account number shown on your coupons to avoid any delay in the posting of your payments

It is recommended that your payments are initiated at least 10 business days prior to the due date listed on your coupons to avoid any late fees.

**Contact Us:**

If you have any questions, or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Resident Services Team at 1-800-337-5850 or via email [residentservices@castlegroup.com](mailto:residentservices@castlegroup.com).

You may also contact the onsite management team as follows:

- Lisa Azif, Property Manager – [lazif@castlegroup.com](mailto:lazif@castlegroup.com)
- Milagros Ponce De Leon, Regional Director – [mponce@castlegroup.com](mailto:mponce@castlegroup.com)

# Message from the President

By Alfredo Arroyo

I hope everybody had a joyous holiday season with friends and loved ones and lots of good health into the New Year, 2025. We want to thank all the wonderful volunteers and a big thank you to our great Board of Directors.

I would like to welcome our new Management Company, Castle Group, and our new Property Manager, Lisa Azif and Milagros Ponce de Leon (Milli). They started on December 1st. The maintenance department has already transitioned to Castle.

Due to this change, there was talk within the Community that our monthly maintenance would increase by \$100 or more. That is not the case.

Regarding the budget, there were some wins for us in 2024. Because we replaced the HVAC units in the clubhouse, our electric bills have gone down over \$30,000 in 2024. Our insurance premiums have gone down approximately \$200,000 in 2024 from what we budgeted, thanks to Sally Zayas.

We will have a new painting contractor in 2025, and that cost has been reduced by 44%.

Unfortunately, we did have some challenges/ setbacks. For several years we used our surplus funds to offset the budgets. In 2025, we no longer have surplus funds to use. The surplus helped to reduce the monthly maintenance by roughly \$30.00 per household per month.

Future projects for 2025 include upgrading our auditorium lights and audio and security camera upgrades for the Main Clubhouse parking lot. We also need to look into upgrading our lawn sprinkler system.

I would like to remember those members of our Community that we lost in 2024. Our community continues to evolve, and we must be ready to evolve with the changing times. Last, but not least, I want to thank all our residents for their continued support.



## CASTLE GROUP IS NOW ONSITE

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](mailto:lazif@castlegroup.com).

The Regional Director is Milagros Ponce De Leon, LCAM.

She may be reached at [mponce@castlegroup.com](mailto:mponce@castlegroup.com).

Autopay forms may be dropped off in the office or sent via email.

# Lauderdale West Board Meetings

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025

Wednesday, February 26 – 6:30 PM – Room 113  
 Monday, March 24 – 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.lauderdalewest.org](http://www.lauderdalewest.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.



Board of Directors election is coming up in March 2025. There will be five positions available.

In late January, you should have received the First Notice of the 2025 Annual Meeting. This letter provided important information if you wish to run for the Board.

Get involved!  
 Volunteer for your Community!  
 Run for the Board!

**VOTE!**



## DEADLINE REMINDER!

**FOR THE APRIL/MAY 2025 ISSUE**  
 Articles are due February 21, 2025  
 New advertisers due February 5, 2025  
 Returning advertisers due February 12, 2025  
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Email to: [newspaper@lauderdalewest.org](mailto:newspaper@lauderdalewest.org)  
 or drop off at room #121  
 The Newspaper Office is open  
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
 from **9 AM** until **noon**

### 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



**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS** are due on or before the first day of each month; **NOT** the 5<sup>th</sup>, **NOT** the 10<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Plexes</b>	<b>\$508.00</b>
<b>Single Family Homes</b>	<b>\$520.00</b>

If not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup>, a late fee will be assessed. If payment is not made within 30 days, expect to receive a collection letter from the Lauderdale West attorneys.

Once your account is turned over to our attorneys for collection, you will also be responsible for their fees (**\$266**) for the preparation and service of that collection letter plus FedEx postage. Please remember, all fees are subject to increase.

## 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



**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
- Eldery & 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



Have you discontinued your telephone land line? Are you using a cell phone instead? Do we have your correct contact information? If you have not already done so, please complete the Resident Contact Update Form on our Website: [www.lauderdalewest.org](http://www.lauderdalewest.org). Just click on the “Resident Contact Update” tab to fill out the simple online form. The tab can be found on the main page, sixth tab on the left in light blue.

If you do not have access to a computer and the internet, you may obtain a form in the Main Clubhouse at the front desk.

It is vital that you complete the Resident Contact Update Form at your earliest opportunity to ensure your information is correct and current.

# 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
<b>DESTINATION</b> PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)	<b>NO BUS</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b> WALMART (Oakland Park) BRAVO SHOPPING CENTER BANK OF AMERICA CHASE BANK	<b>DESTINATION</b> ALDI (Broward Blvd.) BROWARD MALL	<b>DESTINATION</b> PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)
<b>NOTICE</b>			<b>PICK UP</b>	
SIGN IN REQUIRED BEFORE BOARDING BUS  STOPS ONLY AT DESTINATIONS  PLEASE BE OUTSIDE YOUR HOME  VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN USE			FOR PICK UP  CALL PETE ON DAY OF TRIP  <b>954-496-2543</b>	

**BUS FARE IS FREE TO ALL LW RESIDENTS**

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# Welcome, New Residents!

Eduardo & Melissa Cabrera

Larry & Minnie Cox

James & Louise Duncan

Lisa Miller

Alberto Moreno & Orfelina Cardenas

Wanda & John Rivera

Martin Salamida

Esperanza & Horacio Toro

Yolanda Wolfe-Pedraza

James & Maria Wright



Richard Berman

Renee Doris

Harvey Gluck



There is never a need to be rude to anyone, whether in person or on the phone. The Board Members and our Business Office Volunteers, our Maintenance Admin and the Maintenance Team are all busy working for you, the Lauderdale West Community. Please be courteous to them.

Unless you have an absolute emergency, during our regular business hours, your situation will be addressed the following workday.

If you have an active plumbing leak, turn off the water shutoff valve to that sink or toilet or at the main valve outside your home or plex. If you cannot physically turn off the valve, call a neighbor or friend to do it for you. Yelling and threatening will not get your problem addressed any sooner.

Remember, be respectful and courteous!

*Thank You*

## 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. Call Anna Bender at 954-473-8219 ext.103.



- To George Hill for his 17 plus years as our Painting Chairman. Happy fishing, George.
- To Steve Taylor for opening our Clubhouse each day.
- To Howard Seldin for making sure our Board Meeting signs get posted each month.
- To Rose-Marie Richmond for using her diligent and capable accounting skills in Identifying any accounting errors.
- To Cindy Robinson for our Holiday decorations and all her work for our parties.

*Valentine's*  
**PARTY**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2025**  
**LW Auditorium**  
**8 – 11PM**  
**\$15 Residents    \$20 Guests**  
**Checks ONLY – No cash**

# 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.

**SPEEDING** The speed limit in Lauderdale West is **25 miles per hour**. All our walkers and bike riders have the right of way. Slow down when you see them. Stop at all stop signs. Signal for all turns. Follow the directional arrows in all parking lots and drive slowly. Driving through the parking lots as a short cut is **not permitted**. Violators will be fined. Plantation police are asked to monitor our roadways.

**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.

## Be Cool, Follow The Rules!

Our Lauderdale West Community has established principles of conduct for the general good and welfare of all our owners, tenants, and guests. Every resident of our Lauderdale West Community has the right to live peacefully in their home and has the right to expect that the value of their property will be upheld in a reasonable manner.

The Board of Directors would like to remind everyone of the following:

- For the safety of everyone, we **MUST** follow all parking restrictions and the directional signs in the parking lots.
- Owners, tenants and guests are required to follow our documents and rules and regulations.
- Owners are responsible to maintain the exterior of their homes (gutters, awnings, patios, landscaping).
- Residents are not permitted to install any plants, shrubs or trees without written Board approval.
- Owners, tenants and guests are required to follow City ordinances regarding animals.
- Owners are required to seek approval for all home modifications in advance.
- Front pole lights and rear security lights must be kept on at night.
- Owners are responsible for their tenants, guests and animals.
- Sub-leasing is **NOT** allowed in Lauderdale West.
- Residents must respect quiet times from 10:00 PM to 8:00 AM.
- Non-adherence to the Lauderdale West documents and rules and regulations will result in the resident being fined accordingly.

For more information, please visit [www.lauderdalewest.org](http://www.lauderdalewest.org) (Owner's Corner) for a full explanation of our violation procedures and fines.



Aside from timers that need adjustments, most of our irrigation calls are for water hitting cars and driveways.

We cannot help it when it is windy, and sprinklers are on. I was advised that our sprinkler heads are approximately 12 inches from driveways. Each time Irrigation Technologies receives a work order about "sprinkler adjustments" and there is nothing wrong, Lauderdale West is charged a fee.

Our monthly maintenance agreement does not cover windy days. Most of us use the garage for our cars; those who don't will be subject to water hitting the cars. My advice: get a shammy and wipe down your car. This will clean water spots. Also, if water spots are on your windows, CLR will

clean it up beautifully. It does take a little elbow grease but, it works.

Home Depot sells sprinkler guards. Placing these guards will prevent the sprinklers from spraying your car or driveway.

We do not have on-site technicians. They are here 2 weeks a month. You will not get an immediate response to your request, but issues will be addressed. If there is an emergency, technicians will be here.

JKA is the vendor responsible for fertilizing and weeding our lawns. They place yard signs after the job is completed. Thirty minutes after completion of the job, it is safe for you and your animal to walk on the lawn. If you're able, please remove these yard signs and dispose of them. And as you're walking, if you see these signs on other lawns, please help us by removing and disposing of them. Thank you.

# 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.

# PEST CONTROL

*By Bernadette Brodmerkel*

Beach Environmental is very busy with termite fumigation. We have had an unusual infestation of termites this year, so there is no such thing as ASAP! After inspection, and it is determined your home has termites, you will not be tented immediately.

I recently had my house tented. There are a few things that I became aware of that I would like to share. As careful as the technicians were tenting my house, several of the plants did succumb to the gas used to destroy termites. Be aware that you may lose some plants if they are inadvertently placed under the tent. Some things just can't be helped.

In addition to Dry Wood Termites, Beach Environmental has found Formosan Subterranean Termites on property. If it is determined that your house has these critters, the process for destroying them is a little different. A trench is dug around your home, and the chemical is placed in the trench. You do not have to stay out of your home for any amount of time. You just may not want to be there while the technicians are working with these chemicals.

**FYI: These types of termites are attracted to the bushes and plants you have around your house. You may want to consider removing them.**

The outside of your home is sprayed monthly. If you have an issue with ants or spiders, please keep a can of Raid on hand; Terro bait boxes work as well. We will not be sending Beach Technicians out mid-schedule. Also understand, there are so many different types of bugs outside your home, each of them has a job to do. Of course, if it is determined that these bugs pose a health issue (bees, wasps, red ants) these will be addressed.

Carpenter ants can also be a problem. Different insecticides are used to rid these ants. Spraying for these ants is **NOT** covered under our service contract. If you choose to have Beach Environmental spray, it is a fee of \$85.00. paid by the resident.

If you would like the inside of your home sprayed, Beach Environmental charges a special rate to Lauderdale West residents of \$22.00 per month for a yearly contract. It is recommended that payment be made by **CASH OR CHECK!!** If you choose to pay with a credit card, the cost is \$25

per month. **And if you pay a year in advance the cost is only \$20 per month. One time treatment is \$50.**

**Trying to schedule fumigations at the convenience of our residents is becoming very frustrating for Beach Environmental and me! Too many times, after much work and preparation, our residents cancel the fumigation. Because of this Beach Environmental is now charging the resident, not the association, a \$500.00 cancellation fee.**

Our community is surrounded by water. Rats are attracted to water and therefore may come to your home. Beach Environmental has placed bait boxes behind your homes and each month these boxes are checked. Also, SCI (our roofing company) has placed screens on each stack on your roofs to prevent these rodents from coming into your attic. Additionally, Home Depot has screens that you can place on the downspouts of your gutters. These \$5.00 screens will prevent rats from climbing into gutters and eventually into your homes. If these preventive measures fail (and sometimes they do) for **\$85.00** Beach Environmental will set traps in your attic to catch and remove these pests. Lauderdale West is not responsible for this expense.

We have snakes in our area. Home Depot has a product called Snake Away. Buy this and keep it in your home just in case. This is a very effective product.

Please do not feed ducks or geese. They can find their own food. If you feed them, they will eat what you give them and leave a big mess afterwards. We then receive calls from residents complaining about the mess.

## **BEES**

JKA is our vendor that addresses bee issues. If you see a hive around your home, please call this office and I will have a beekeeper come to your home to remove the hive. Please know that they do not destroy the bees, they relocate them to a safe place.





As a Lauderdale West resident, you should be aware that **NO VEHICLES** are authorized to park on the lawns. Lately it has been noticed that residents are not adhering to this requirement. If you park on your lawn or allow others to do so and your sprinklers are damaged, the cost to repair will be yours and yours alone. Additionally, if it is noticed that a vehicle is on the lawn it will be towed at the owner's expense. **PLEASE, NO PARKING ON THE LAWNS. THANK YOU!**

## INHERITANCE OR FAMILY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lauderdale West is required to maintain correct, up-to-date information on all homeowners. If you inherit a plex or single-family home in Lauderdale West, you must notify the Applications and Approvals Office immediately @ (954) 473-8219 ext. 114 or 118. Before we can change the name in our records, we will need information from you, such as a completed application which can be found on our website. We will also need a copy of the death certificate and a copy of the legal papers giving you rights to the property.

When we have updated our records, you will be able to live here or sell the home. This also applies if you are transferring the property to another family member or a trust. Written Board approval is required of all owners regardless of how you acquired the property. We cannot issue a Certificate of Approval if we do not have the complete and correct information that can be found in the application. Remember, you cannot rent the property for one year after acquisition of title. Thank you for your cooperation.



If you plan to list your home/plex for sale, it is very important that you contact the Applications and Approvals Office at 954-473-8219 ext. 114 or 118 and advise them of your intentions. In that way we can begin the Lauderdale West Association exterior inspection process so as not to hold up a closing.

You must also notify your real estate agent/broker to advise Director Barbara Bucci via email: [bbucci@lauderdalewest.org](mailto:bbucci@lauderdalewest.org), or by phone: 954-473-8219 ext. 124 if a roof inspection is required. **NO ONE** is allowed on your roof without approval from the LW Association unless they are accompanied by our approved representative. All roof inspections require an appointment. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## A MESSAGE TO LANDLORDS

- Landlords are responsible for the upkeep of their property.
- The Association will now accept service requests from Landlords **OR** tenants.
- You must contact the Maintenance Department at 954-473-2595 for all service requests for the property.
- Landlords are responsible for ensuring the fobs and LW ID assigned to the renter(s) are returned to the Director in charge, Marlene Newman, prior to a new renter being approved.

# HADASSAH *Happenings...*

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

It seems like 2025 just started. February 3 we will have our Board Meeting at Susan Rose's house. Please let me know if you are coming. Everyone is welcome. Please bring ideas and suggestions. We are planning to have Bingo again in February. At the present time we have not been given a date. We are hoping for February 9 at 5 PM. If something changes, we will post the new day and time on Ch 901 and on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. It will be \$12 for a bingo pack and jackpot sheet. Additional packs and jackpots sheets will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served halfway through the games. We enjoy our bingo and so will you. Please join us. We are going to Jacaranda Country Club for our Lunch Bunch at 11 AM on February 11. Please contact Gypsy Royce 973-715-7811 to let her know you will be coming. We pay for our own lunch and make at least a \$5 donation to Hadassah. We need to reserve tables ahead of time. Call me if you need a ride and I will try to arrange pickups. February 18 will be our General Meeting. We will concentrate on learning about heart health and have a demonstration of CPR. Please call Karen Pellegrini to RSVP 954-205-1939, so we know how much food to prepare for the meeting. We will have a wonderful Salad Bar spread.

March always comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. At least that is what the old saying is. Let's just appreciate it is warmer than up north. We will have our March Board Meeting a little earlier. On March 6 a group of us are going to Lauderhill Performing Arts Center to see Legally Blond. The following week, on March 11, we are going to have Lunch Bunch at Las Vegas on Broward Blvd at 11:30 Please let Gypsy (973-715-7811) know if you are coming, and try to bring a friend. We pay for our own lunch and make at least a \$5 donation to Hadassah. Just before the Spring Equinox (the day when there are the same number or hours of sunlight and darkness), on March 18 we have our General Meeting at 11 AM in the Auditorium of the Main Clubhouse. We will have kugels, blintzes, Mac & Cheese, plus some dips and crackers followed by desserts. Please let Karen know you are coming at 954-205-1939. We have a wonderful meeting planned. Details will be posted in the clubhouse and on Ch 901

When you join Hadassah, you join 300,000 members around the world, who want to make the world a better place. Your contribution, physically helping or financially helping, makes a difference. Call me if you have any questions.

## WOMEN *Of Lauderdale West*

By Pinky Trapani 954-472-1652

Hello to all my Lauderdale West Family.

It is with a very grateful and appreciative heart that I start this letter to you. I am very thankful for "all" the beautiful cards, letters, notes, flowers, mass cards, etc. that were sent to me on behalf of the loss of my one-year-old great-grandson due to an unfortunate accident. Those who set up and attended the mass at St Bernard Church certainly hold a very deep spot in my heart.

On a happier note, 20 of us attended the "Kids" holiday party on December 10, 2024, at which time we granted a wish to Santa in the amount of \$6,000 to purchase their new 'Outdoor Music Structure' in primary colors. This donation along with \$1,000 to buy some much needed baggage for the foster children as they go from one foster home to another. \$5,000 in Christmas gifts for 109 children plus milk and cookies donated by Mr. Scott Biederman of SCI Roofing made for a happy and successful party.

Our January luncheon, with food from 'King Chef', was a success. Frank Saldana gave an excellent presentation on health insurance and answered our questions.

We had a great outing and were entertained with our trip to the "Florida Follies" in January.

The February 4th luncheon will be a fun time, with Italian style food and an exciting activity. There will be an 'Auction' with paddle and gavel. Rose Marie Richmond, our treasurer, will be the auctioneer! Bring your lovely items that are just not your style, along with new items you wish to depart with! This will be a fun time while raising money for the "Kids".

February 24th will be the first of our 'Casino' trips this year. We welcome everyone over 21 years old to join us.

We welcomed several new members in 2024. Reminder: we are still collecting for our 2025 membership and the dues remain the same at \$25. We always have room for more members, so join us for fun, friendship and a worthy cause, "Kids In Distress".

Until next time may peace, love, happiness, and the best of health be with you now and through the coming years. As always, blessings to you and yours.



Lauderdale West  
AFTER HOURS LOG

To promote safety and quick response time for First Responders, everyone coming into the Main Clubhouse **after 12 Noon** must sign the Log-book on the front desk. Since you may possibly be in the building alone, we ask that you sign in with your name, the area you are going to, time in **AND** please sign out upon exiting the building. Should an emergency arise, **this could save your life**, as the Responders need to know who is in the building and where you are located. Although it is an extra step for you, we are working to ensure everyone's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## MOVING SALE Protocol

If you have sold or are selling your home in Lauderdale West and will be moving out, you may hold a one-day moving sale provided you receive permission from Director Anna Bender. Should you not get permission, you will be asked to shut down the sale immediately.

Please remember, you may not place any signs on Lauderdale West property. Thank you for your cooperation and best of luck in your new home.

## PLEX PAINTING INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT:** If condo/plex owners cannot agree on a color, the fascia board will be white, and the shutters will be black. If three out of the four fourplex owners agree on a color, then that will be the color for that building. If it's two and two, then the building will have white fascia boards and black shutters.



**HAVE YOU  
HAD YOUR  
BLOOD PRESSURE  
CHECKED LATELY?**

Paramedics are once again at the Main Clubhouse on Friday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in either Room 111 or 113 to check your blood pressure for you. If we don't use them, they will not continue to provide this service.

## Needle Disposal



Used needles must be disposed of in a Sharps container. A Sharps container can be purchased for minimal cost at:

Prescription Pad Pharmacy  
333 NW 70th Avenue, Ste 102, Plantation  
Phone 954-791-2000

Once the container is full, it can be dropped off at this pharmacy and a new container obtained.

## BE AWARE BE PREPARED

For your personal safety in Lauderdale West and wherever you may travel, always be aware of your surroundings and follow the guidelines below.

- Never open your door to anyone you do not know or did not invite.
- Double check with the utility company if a worker just knocks on your door. Call the company to verify the work order for your home (FPL, Plantation Utilities, Blue Stream, etc.).
- ALWAYS lock the doors to your home and your vehicle.
- Do not give anyone your personal information, especially your social security number, bank account information, birth date.
- Do not walk alone - use the buddy system and walk during daylight hours.
- Post your NO SOLICITATION sign and do not be afraid to call the Police non-emergency number (954-797-2100). It is always better to be safe than sorry.
- The Lauderdale West Maintenance team all wear Lauderdale West shirts. They DO NOT wear a vest.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT  
OPEN YOUR DOOR  
TO ANYONE YOU DO NOT KNOW.**





When you hire someone to do work in your home, be sure to check their insurance and license for your protection. The person/company should have a current license issued by the City of Plantation if their business is in Plantation. Be sure to see a copy of their insurance to confirm they have coverage.

Many jobs require a permit from the City of Plantation. It is important that you do your research. Call the City **BEFORE** work begins to determine if you need a permit. **DO NOT** rely on your contractor to inform you of that fact.

Whatever you do, **NEVER** hire someone who just knocks on your door and offers to do work for you. That decision may cost you in the long run for poor workmanship and problems that could arise for which they cannot fix/pay. They may scam you and cause more damage to your property.

Do not wait until there is a problem and wish you had hired a licensed/insured worker.

## GUTTERS & ROOFS

### RAIN GUTTERS

All gutters are the responsibility of the homeowner. They must be kept clean, both inside and out – meaning the owner must remove, on a regular basis, all leaves and trees that may be growing out of the gutters. If the debris in the gutter causes damage to your roof or fascia board, you will be held responsible for all repair costs.

Gutters should be cleaned every other month, especially if you have trees near your homes.

### ROOFS

**NO ONE** is permitted on your roof **EXCEPT LAUDERDALE WEST APPROVED** contractors. If you hire a contractor to clean or repair your roof, and they damage your roof in any way, you are responsible for all repair costs.



## POLE LIGHTS

If your pole light is not working, make sure the switch inside your home is on. The switch must remain on at all times. If it still does not work after dark or it stays on during the day, call the **Maintenance Department at 954-473-2595**. They can also replace any missing or damaged numbers on your globe.

## PLUMBING PROBLEMS



To avoid plumbing problems, **DO NOT** flush cigarette butts, flushable cleaning wipes, paper or cloth towels or diapers. Please, **ONLY** flush toilet paper.

## WATER SHUT-OFF

If you are remodeling a kitchen or bathroom, it is your contractor's responsibility to move the water shut-off valves for easy access.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Our maintenance workers have found that many of our water spigots/fountains have been **TWISTED** to fill containers or water bottles. This makes them loose and will eventually ruin them where they cannot be repaired. Please – **DO NOT** twist or turn the spigots for our water outlets.



## NOTICE

## PERMIT REQUIRED PLANTATION CODE

You need to complete the paperwork with our Director in charge of modifications, Kristi Woods. Plus you need a City of Plantation permit to make any plumbing or electrical changes. A permit ensures a plumbing or electrical change is done properly – to code. It is for your protection.



## ALLERGIC TO:

### SULFUR?

Then you need to know this: The main pool and both spas have salt filtration systems. The salt mixture contains sulfur! If you use them, you may have a reaction. Please be aware!

ALLERGY



## RULES FOR USE OF THE GYM

1301 NW 87 Lane

Hours: 5:00 AM – 9 PM

1. Gym equipment is available on a **first come first served basis**.

2. Wear proper attire. Swimsuits and flip flops are not allowed. Shirts and closed-toe shoes are required.

3. No food or beverage, except water in plastic bottles, is allowed in the gym.

4. No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the gym.

5. **The gym is for the exclusive use of Lauderdale West residents. Outside guests are not allowed.**

6. Use of the equipment while alone is discouraged. Use the "buddy system" to be safe.

7. Do **NOT** remove any equipment from the gym.

8. The gym is under camera surveillance.

9. Disregard of any of these rules may result in a fine or removal of these privileges.



## SWIMMING POOL HOURS

The main pool is open from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM and you must leave the pool area by that time. The Annex/Satellite pool is open from dawn to dusk.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES

This is just a reminder: Everyone must follow the posted pool rules.

- There is no lifeguard on duty; use of the pool and pool area is at your own risk.
- Only residents and their guests are allowed in the pool area.
- **NO** animals are allowed in the pool area or the Patio Plaza outside the pool area.
- The pool gate **MUST** remain closed. Do not prop open a pool area gate.
- Showering is required **BEFORE** entering the pool per the Broward County Department of Health.
- Allow residents who are swimming laps the right of way.
- Diving is **NOT** allowed.
- Children must be supervised by an adult, **at all times**, in the pool area, especially when they are in the water – **THERE IS NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.**
- No child under the age of 16 is allowed in the spa/hot tub.
- No jumping, running or loud noise is allowed in the pool area.
- No food, drink or glass is allowed in the pool area. Plastic water bottles are allowed.
- Vacate the **pool area** during rain, thunder, or lightning – sitting under the metal awnings is dangerous.
- Incontinent or non-trained individuals must wear swim diapers.
- No smoking or vaping is allowed in the pool area.

The Lauderdale West Community Association reserves the right to deny the use of the pool or pool area to anyone at any time for just cause.

If you fail to follow the above rules, you will be asked to leave the pool area and your pool privileges may be revoked. If the posted rules and the rules set forth above are violated, the pool will be closed.

## GYM ETIQUETTE

1. Wipe down/clean equipment before and after use. Antibacterial wipes, Lysol and a paper towel dispenser are available for your use.

2. Do not stare at, crowd, or touch anyone else without permission.

3. Use one piece of equipment at a time.

4. If someone is using the machine you wish to use, be patient until they are done.

5. If someone is waiting for a machine that you are using, you are allowed a total of 20 minutes on that machine, not 20 minutes after that person arrives.

*Respect Others!*

**PLEASE & THANK YOU**



# Animal Accommodation Requirements and Rules



1. A current Vaccination Record.
2. A copy of letter from doctor if ADA/ESA/CSA.
3. Dogs must be leashed in all open areas in the Community and kept at the owner's side when near other residents or dogs.
4. Dog owners are responsible for picking up waste left by their dogs and disposing of it properly when they return home.
5. Dogs must not urinate on mailbox posts or lamp posts.
6. Owners are required to maintain complete control of their dog while in the Community.
7. Owners will be fined if the dog becomes a nuisance by barking continuously or if waste is not picked up. \$100.00 per violation up to a total of \$1,000 per year.
8. Dogs cannot be tethered to any pole, tree, or any item in the Community.
9. Dogs must not be walked within twelve feet of windows, doors or walkways of other homes.
10. If the animal is deemed to be a dangerous dog and attacks or exhibits aggressive behavior to any person or other animal, the Association can de-

- mand removal of said animal. The owner will be subject to legal action.
11. If a dog is in the Community for more than 30 days, it must be registered with the Association.
  12. Cats must not be allowed to roam the community. Cats are to be inside only.
  13. Cats are not allowed in the shared screened porch of four plex units.
  14. If cats are allowed outside, they must always be on a leash at the owner's side.
  15. Any cat being walked on leash, will be required to have a vaccination record on file.
  16. If a homeowner has a temporary guest that brings their dog/cat to visit, all Community rules must be followed. The homeowner will be responsible for any violation of these rules.
  17. Homeowner/Resident will be responsible for all damage caused by their dog in the Community or to a resident's property.
  18. **THE ASSOCIATION URGES RESIDENTS TO SPAY/NEUTER THE ANIMAL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS.**



**AIR TEMP**

77°  
86°  
87°

**ASPHALT TEMP**

125°  
135°  
143°

**If it's too hot for YOUR bare feet, then it's too hot for THEIR paws!**



Temp OUTSIDE F°	Temperature IN YOUR CAR	
	10 min	30 min
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

## 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.**
  - 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.



**ATTENTION OWNERS!**

*By Sally Zayas, Director*

In our continued efforts to keep our Community safe, we are implementing a Neighborhood Watch Committee. We need your help!!! If you are interested in being part of this very important committee, please contact Sally Zayas by email [szayas@lauderdalewest.org](mailto:szayas@lauderdalewest.org) or by phone (954-473-8219 ext. 117).



**SIGNS** of any kind are **NOT** permitted on Lauderdale West property, except during elections. Candidates' signs may be erected 10 days prior to an election and must be removed within 7 days after an election. Lauderdale West property includes all areas outside your home, including any grassy areas, your driveway, any public area, including stop signs, trees, and utility poles. Signs for open houses, garage sales, parties, etc. **are not allowed.**

**Signs will be removed, and the owner will be subject to fines.**

**MONTHLY MAINTENANCE and SPECIAL ASSESSMENT payments** should **NOT** be taken to the Lauderdale West Clubhouse.

Monthly maintenance payments must be mailed to Popular Bank at the address above.

For prior special assessments that have not been fully paid, call Castle Management at 954-792-6000, Resident Services.

**AVOID SELLING DELAYS**

**Applications and Approvals**

If you are planning on selling, please clean up the outside of your home. Any plants, trees or bushes in the common area must be removed; awnings cleaned and painted; flower beds weeded; and patios and driveways pressure washed. The most common holdup in processing the sale of your home is the seller's delay in cleaning up the outside of their home. Be proactive – avoid delays and clean up now!

Owners must return their fobs to the Applications Approval Office prior to sale. A \$25 fee for each fob will be charged to the seller in the Estoppel Form required for all closings. If the seller returns the fobs in a timely manner, the fee will be returned by check to the seller after closing.



If you have lost items in our Community check with the Lobby Assistant in the Main Clubhouse who will check with Anna Bender for those lost items.

**DIRECTORS' PHONE EXTENSION AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

**LAUDERDALE WEST 954-473-8219**

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## PROCEDURE

# OFFICE PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE

Lauderdale West rents out Room 113 for small family gatherings or residents with no more than 50 people. The cost to rent room 113 is \$150; set up and cleanup is \$100; security deposit is \$500, payable in three separate checks.

The paperwork required to rent Room 113 is as follows: photo ID; Declaration page for your Homeowners/Renters Insurance; three checks as stated above.

If you are interested, please call Anna Bender (954-473-8219 Ext. 103).

For our Board to be more efficient in the handling of their responsibilities, a procedural policy is in place.

1. Please make your first stop the Front Desk in the Lobby.
2. Provide your name, address, and the area of your concern.
3. The Lobby Assistant will then notify the Board Member overseeing that area that you are waiting in the Lobby.

Residents are discouraged from just walking into any Board Member's office with their concerns. Residents are also discouraged from lingering around a Board Member's door. We ask that you wait in the Lobby - you will be called when it is your turn.

EVERYONE'S TIME IS IMPORTANT AND THIS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS ARE SEEN IN A TIMELY MANNER.

We ask for your cooperation, which will enable the Board to budget their time to conduct the business of Lauderdale West. Thank you.

You may want to ensure Identity Theft is covered in your Homeowners Policy.

# COMMUNICATING with the LAUDERDALE WEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the increased use of the internet and text messaging, we often expect instant communication and responses. This is especially true of owner communications with the Lauderdale West Board of Directors. Because your communication to the Board may raise certain legal issues for not responding timely, and sometimes emails end up in spam filters, the Association must insist on certain formalities regarding communication.

- Your first step should be to check our Website ([www.lauderdalewest.org](http://www.lauderdalewest.org)), as many of our governing documents are available to view or download from there.
- If you don't find what you are looking for, write your request to inspect documents and mail or deliver it to the Lauderdale West Clubhouse. Do not send requests via email or text message.
- If it is a request to view a document (e.g., I want to see the financials for December), it need not be sent via Certified Mail.

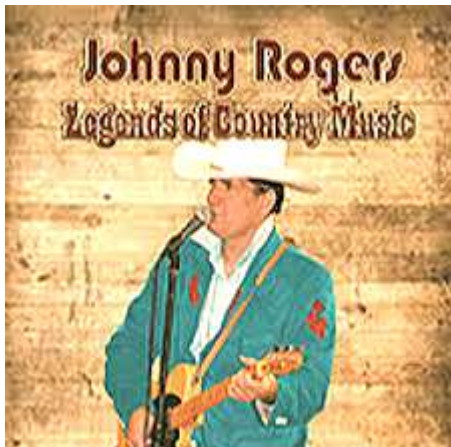
- The Board will set up an appointment within ten (10) business days of receipt of the letter.
- The Association is not obligated to provide you with copies, but merely to allow you to review the document(s). If you wish something copied, you will be charged twenty-five cents per page.
- If the inquiry requires a written response (e.g., Why did we choose Contractor A vs Contractor B for this project?), it needs to be sent to the Board via Certified Mail, the Board will respond within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, unless one of the statutory extensions applies.

The Lauderdale West Board of Directors cannot take any action on information provided in a letter, voice mail or phone call without the name and LW address of the person making the report.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**JOHNNY ROGERS SHOW  
LEGENDS OF  
COUNTRY MUSIC  
March 1, 2025  
7:00 PM**



This show will pay tribute to such artists as Hank Williams Sr., Johnny Cash, Conway Twitty, Ray Price, Willie Nelson, George Jones, Marty Robbins, Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, George Strait, and many more. Also performing is Johnny's wife Debbie with hits from Patsy Cline, Brenda Lee, Loretta Lynn, Tanya Tucker, Terri Clarke and many more. Johnny is the most versatile performer in America today. He has played for the last four US Presidents. He was voted best of show two years in a row in Branson Missouri. In September 2016, he was inducted into the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame.

He was voted the most versatile artist in Nashville and performs all over the United States and Europe. He is an outstanding musician who can also pull off guitar licks that make all talented guitar players proud. Many fellow musicians consider him a musical genius. He is a fantastic entertainer.

Don't miss this great Show!

**Please Join US**

**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.



**CASH WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED  
FOR OUR LIVE SHOWS  
PLEASE BRING A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**

*Thank You...*

**February Events**


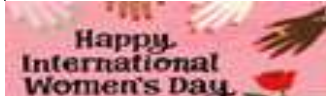
- Feb 4 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Feb 15 Valentine Party in LW Auditorium – 8–11 PM
- Feb 17 Ticket Office Opens for March Show – 9:30-11:30 AM
- Feb 18 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Feb 19 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 6:30 PM

**March Events**

- Mar 1 Live Show in LW Auditorium – **Johnny Rogers** – 7:00 PM
- Mar 4 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Mar 18 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Mar 19 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 10:00 AM
- Mar 31 Ticket Office Opens for April Show – 9:30-11:30 AM

**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

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	 <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> Peace Corps Day</p> <p>Sat 8 am Social Tennis</p> <p><b>JOHNNY ROGERS SHOW</b></p> <p>7:00 PM LWAUDITORIUM ID Required</p>
<p><b>5</b> Ash Wednesday</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 106 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p><b>6</b> National Dentists Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Sat 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>7</b> Employee Appreciation Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 12-4 pm Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>8</b> International Women's Day</p> <p>Sat 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p><b>12</b> National Plant a Flower Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer <b>205 10 am Board Workshop</b> 106 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p><b>13</b> National K9 Veterans Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Sat 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing 113 7 pm Spanish Club</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pi Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 12-4 pm Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>15</b> World Consumer Rights Day</p> <p>Sat 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
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<p><b>26</b> Purple Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 106 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p><b>27</b> National Joe Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Sat 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>28</b> Respect Your Cat Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 12-4 pm Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>29</b> National Smoke and Mirrors Day</p> 






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Flower Of The Month:  
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<p><b>2</b> Groundhog Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis 208 1-4 pm Bridge</p> 	<p><b>3</b> The Day the Music Died</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p><b>4</b> Thank a Mail Carrier Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 9:30 am Hadassah Board Mtg AUD 11 am Women of LW, Inc 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p>
<p><b>9</b> National Pizza Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p><b>10</b> Teddy Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p><b>11</b> Promise Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>BULK PICKUP</b></p>
<p><b>16</b> Innovation Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p><b>17</b> Presidents' Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p><b>18</b> Pluto Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 11:00 am Hadassah Gen Mtg 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p>
<p><b>23</b> World Peace Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p><b>24</b> Tortilla Chip Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p><b>25</b> Quiet Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 11 am Women of LW Bd Mtg 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p>



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<p><b>12</b> Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer  <b>205 10 am Board Workshop</b>                  106 1 pm Stained Glass                  208 1 pm Cards                  106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p><b>13</b> National Cheddar Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer                  208 10:30 am Cards                  Sat! 6 pm Social Tennis                  202 7-9 pm Pool Playing                  113 7 pm Spanish Club</p>	<p><b>14</b> Valentine's Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer                  111 9-11 am Blood Pressure                  206 12-4 pm Mah Jongg                  106 1 pm Stained Glass                  202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p> 	<p><b>15</b> Susan B Anthony Day</p> <p>Sat! 8 am Social Tennis</p> <p><b>VALENTINE PARTY</b>                  8 - 11 PM                  LW Auditorium                  \$15 Residents - \$20 Guests</p>
<p><b>19</b> Tug-of-War Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer                  106 1 pm Stained Glass                  208 1 pm Cards                  106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p><b>20</b> Love Your Pet Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer                  208 10:30 am Cards                  106 12-3 pm Scrapbooking                  Sat! 6 pm Social Tennis                  202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>21</b> National Sticky Bun Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop                  111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer                  111 9-11 am Blood Pressure                  206 12-4 pm Mah Jongg                  106 1 pm Stained Glass                  202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p><b>22</b> Washington's Birthday</p> <p>Sat! 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
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<p><b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p>	<p><b>10</b> Harriet Tubman Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p><b>11</b> National Promposal Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p> <p><b>BULK PICKUP</b></p>
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# 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).

### **FEBRUARY**

February 12, 2025

February 26, 2025

### **MARCH**

March 12, 2025

March 26, 2025

## 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](http://plantation.org/permits) for forms and requirements, then register for an online account. Contact the building department with any questions. Call 954-797-2250 or email [HelpMeBuilding@plantation.org](mailto: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](http://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.



### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) & ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

The City of Plantation and the City of Sunrise have partnered to provide residents with opportunities to safely dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronics. Drop-off events are held on Saturdays throughout the year and are open exclusively to residents of Plantation and Sunrise **free of charge and with proof of residency**.

Convenient drive-thru services provide staff to unload your hazardous waste; you are encouraged to remain in your vehicle. You are asked to keep the hazardous waste products in their original containers, or to label them clearly. All lids must be sealed tightly, and leaking containers should be placed in a large plastic container.

The dates and locations for 2023 are:

#### Plantation Location

Public Works Compound  
750 NW 91 Avenue  
Plantation, FL 33324  
Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
February 1, 2025  
June 7, 2025  
September 6, 2025  
November 22, 2025

#### Sunrise Location

Public Works Complex  
10500 NW 55 Street  
Sunrise, FL 33351  
Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
April 19, 2025  
July 19, 2025  
October 25, 2025

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes paint, tires, and similar materials. Electronic Materials include computers, computer monitors, televisions, printers, scanners and similar devices. Neither HHW nor Electronic Materials are collected as solid waste, recyclable, or bulk trash.

**ONLY the City of Sunrise** allows you to bring 2 boxes of paper to be shredded on-site.

### ALTERNATIVE WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

The City of Plantation, in conjunction with Win-Waste, offers all residents the opportunity to dispose of Yard Waste, Furniture, White Goods, Household Hazardous Waste, and Electronics. Proof of residency required.

#### Win-Waste Innovation

4400 S State Road 7  
Davie, FL 33314  
954-581-6606

#### Hours and Dates of Operation

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & DISPOSAL

Free drop-off of certain electronics waste, specifically batteries, DVD players, speakers, stereos, VCRs, laptops, computers, wires and cables, battery backups, servers and monitors is available at the following location. Please call for specific drop-off dates.

#### Win-Waste Innovation

4400 S State Road 7  
Davie, FL 33314  
954-581-6606

#### Hours of Operation

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
February 15, 2025  
March 15, 2025  
April 12, 2025

### RESIDENTIAL MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Prescriptions should be sealed with tape and placed into your blue garbage bag. **NEVER** flush medications down the toilet or sink. They will contaminate the drinking water supply.

Needles need to be placed into a Sharps container and can be dropped off at:

- Prescription Pad Pharmacy, 333 NW 70 Avenue, Ste 102, 954-791-2000
- Cost is \$5/2 containers. (Cost is waived if a new container is purchased.)

For more information on the disposal of prescription medications, please contact the Broward County Health Department, 954-467-4700.

## BULK & GARBAGE PICKUP

### BULK PICKUP DATES

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

*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, February 11, and Tuesday, March 11. 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. (For disposal of these items, refer to the article on Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Recycling on page 28). 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**

**April 15      May 13      June 10**

- **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.



## The 7 Steps to Responsible Recycling

Here are 7 rules to live by:

1. **“EMPTY AND CLEAN IF YOU WANT TO BE GREEN”**

Do not contaminate other recycling materials with food particles and liquids. This can damage containers and make them unfit to be recycled.

2. **“DON’T BAG RECYCLABLES”**

Only put loose items into recycling bag. The recycling facility does not have time to untie bags, so they will be sent to the landfill.

3. **“COATED PAPER CAUSES PROBLEMS”**

Waxy paper cups and shiny or sparkly gift bags are examples of coated paper. If they have been treated or coated, they cannot be recycled.

4. **“GREASE IS GROSS”**

Oil and water don’t mix; when the grease from your recyclables transfers to other paper goods, it can spoil the batch of mulch at the paper mill. Parts soiled by grease should be cut out of paper materials. Toss only clean cardboard into recycling.

5. **“IF IT TANGLES, THEN IT MANGLES”**

Tanglers are items that can get stuck in the equipment at a recycling facility. Don’t recycle ropes, strapping, zip-ties, hoses, wires, chains, cords.

6. **“DON’T BE A DANGEROUS DUMPER”**

Certain items can be dangerous when mixed with recycling: batteries, light bulbs, medications and lighter fluids are examples of unsafe items.

7. **“IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT”**

Do not add to the financial and environmental cost of trucking garbage from recycling facilities to landfills.

**As I drive through our Community, it is obvious that many have not bothered to read this message that appears in each issues of the LW News. Please take a moment to read the message below and take the appropriate steps to make sure you are complying.**

The Post Office has asked that we **NOT** place trash and recycle bags against the mailbox posts. These bags should be **at least five feet away** from the mailbox post on the driveway or lawn. Bulk trash items should be even farther away and not close to any trees or other objects that may interfere with the grabber arm used to pick up the bulk trash.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**LW LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE**

We continue to deal with old and overgrown plantings on common areas that were installed by homeowners without written Board approval and have not been maintained regularly. We are removing these plantings because they are in the pathway of the mowers and interfere with proper lawn maintenance such as fumigation, fertilization, irrigation, and grass trimming. These overgrown plantings on the common area provide a haven for snakes, rats and racoons which can pose a danger in our Community. To replace these plantings, we plan to install smaller flowering trees which will not pose a hazard during storms.

*If you have written approval for these plantings, please contact the Board immediately to avoid removal of your plantings. This is the only notice you will receive before plantings are removed.*

LW Board of Directors



**BLACK RODENT BAIT BOXES**



We live in a water community and wherever you have water, you are more susceptible to rats. Throughout our community, there are rodent bait boxes set up by our pest control company to deter/kill rats/rodents. Each box is numbered and has been strategically placed on the property against the house.

- Do not move the boxes. The boxes **MUST** remain where they have been placed. Each box is marked on a map and must remain in that spot.
- You will be **fin**ed if the box on your property is not in its designated position.
- **Do not TOUCH the boxes.** They are filled with **poison**.
- If a rodent problem occurs, call maintenance at 954-473-2595 and report it.
- Broken or missing bait box replacement cost is \$22. The resident will be charged when one is missing.



**A Special Message from the Plantation Police Department**



There continues to be recent incidents in our area of people knocking on doors claiming to be various vendors seeking entry into our home. If allowed access to the home, they may rob or cause harm to the resident.

We are also aware of the theft of items left or stored on patios. Please **DO NOT** leave valuable items outside and make sure your home and vehicle are always locked. In these difficult times it is critical that we continually be aware of our person, surroundings, and valuables.

**PLEASE DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR TO STRANGERS. AND CERTAINLY, DO NOT ALLOW THEM INTO YOUR HOME. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES UNSECURED.**

*come with me*  
original poetry by Lydia Shutter



come with me  
watch as peppermint thoughts turn to licorice  
smile as i scavenge  
salvaging what is left of this day  
it's true, you know  
flowers in the vase of life  
need more than rain to stay vibrant  
perhaps a troupe of clowns engaging in festivities  
'neath a coterie of stars?  
no? what can I say?  
we all need a kinder place to run to

come with me  
climb up to the tippy top of the rainbow  
where we can peacefully sleep on fluffy clouds  
then, tomorrow morning  
taste the sauna samba sunrise with me  
the sort seen only once every forever  
listen carefully to hear butterfly wings  
play a lustful jazzy tune  
this pulse of passion morning can mutate into night  
we'll touch...consumed by desire  
share my multicolored need  
sighs will slip and slide till we gloriously yield  
come with me

**happy valentine's day, LW!**

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## *In the Wood Shop*

Each year we build and paint toys for children to be distributed during the holiday season. We need woodworkers and people to paint those toys throughout the year. Why not join us for this wonderful cause? We are in the Wood Shop Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Hope to see you there.



## SPANISH ASSISTANCE

Maria Del Rosario (954-473-8219 ext. 118) se han ofrecido para atender consultas sobre temas relacionados con la Asociacion. Pueden llamarlos si requieren orientacion y/o ayuda.

Maria Del Rosario (954-473-8219 ext. 118) has volunteered to assist Spanish speaking homeowners with any concerns with Association matters. Please call if you need help.



All Lauderdale West owners and residents **MUST** use their fobs when entering the Clubhouse, gym, pools and all other areas. **DO NOT** open a door for anyone. We have discovered that people are opening doors for or allowing others to enter the facilities as they enter, and non-residents are using our facilities. This could be a **safety issue**. As a resident or owner please do not expect someone else to allow you to enter when they open a door or to open a door for you.

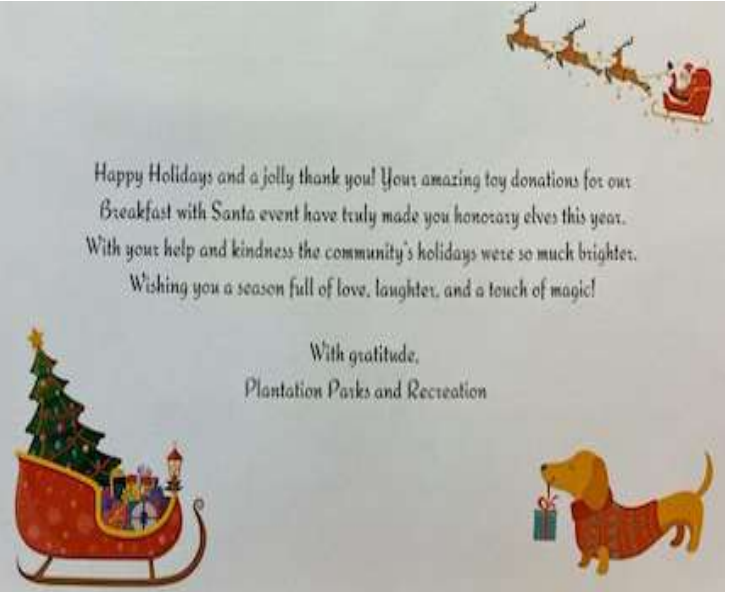
*Be alert and be responsible. Thank you.*

## CATS WHO LIVE IN LAUDERDALE WEST

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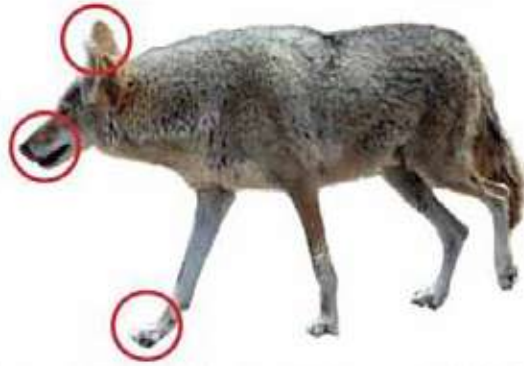
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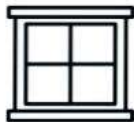
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# Puzzles & Quizzes

Answers, page 39

## ACROSS

- 1) Native of Novi Sad
- 5) Sassy, like a shampoo brand?
- 9) Riding costume
- 14) Cafe \_\_\_ (black coffee)
- 15) Gray-matter creation
- 16) Freezing home
- 17) Birdbath organism
- 18) Godmother, sometimes
- 19) Senator who made the rounds?
- 20) Bird-brained baseball instructors?
- 23) Snacked on
- 24) Army bunk
- 25) Initial start
- 28) Pain spasm
- 30) It's canceled when it's accepted
- 33) It puts you off-course
- 34) Chat
- 36) Keg contents, sometimes
- 37) Like average grades
- 38) Result of a bird-brained dissection?
- 42) Feature of some modern stadiums
- 43) Model, originally
- 44) Sphere
- 45) Cousin of an ostrich
- 46) One submitting a 1040
- 48) Anything of material value
- 52) A Rockefeller
- 54) Have something
- 56) In the style of, on menus
- 57) Bird-brained posterior?
- 61) Practical
- 63) Java can be found in it
- 64) Ready to be picked
- 65) Strongboxes
- 66) Talese and Goldin
- 67) Aphrodite's husband
- 68) Pharaoh's land
- 69) Buttocks, in slang
- 70) Nag, e.g.

## DOWN

- 1) Speak irritably to
- 2) Stone Age tool
- 3) Square-\_\_\_ (sailing ship)
- 4) Highlands hill
- 5) Key instrument?
- 6) Chemical extractions
- 7) You may get a hand here
- 8) "Bye now!"
- 9) Loftily situated
- 10) Shoelace end
- 11) Response to a sneeze
- 12) A positively charged atom
- 13) Amount of bricks?
- 21) Cousteau's bailiwick
- 22) Certain facial blemish
- 26) Opposite of west
- 27) "\_\_\_ can play that game"
- 29) Jack's giant, for one
- 31) One of the five senses
- 32) Kentucky boxing legend
- 35) It has two pieces on the beach
- 37) Cries openly
- 38) Scholarly reference book
- 39) Disperse oil in water
- 40) Nada
- 41) One of the Muses
- 42) Bear's lair
- 46) Woodlands
- 47) Pine products
- 49) Comedic takeoff
- 50) Emulates Romeo and Juliet
- 51) Least wild
- 53) Drag behind
- 55) Make ashamed
- 58) "The Metaphysics of Morals" author
- 59) Jacob's twin brother, in the Bible
- 60) Duffer's sandy challenge
- 61) Fair \_\_\_ (copyright issue)
- 62) Clothing attachment

## BIRD BRAIN

By Carla Azure

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
14					15					16				
17					18					19				
20				21					22					
23				24					25				26	27
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	38	39				40				41				
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		57				58	59					60		
61	62					63						64		
65						66						67		
68						69						70		

*Sudoku (answers page 39)*

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

**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.

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G	E	E	A	A	A	O	X	S	E	O	W	E	I	C
A	R	P	R	E	N	R	O	S	S	A	T	N	P	E
R	A	P	R	E	S	D	B	E	L	T	F	T	R	S
O	P	A	Y	T	A	I	Y	L	T	O	U	I	U	C
T	S	R	O	H	L	C	E	U	E	P	T	F	L	B
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Answer, page 39

Solution: 6 letters

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*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:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Puzzles & Quizzes Answers

Sudoku answer to puzzle on page 37

Crossword answer to puzzle on page 36

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

1	S	E	R	B		5	P	E	R	T		9	H	A	B	I	T
14	N	O	I	R		15	I	D	E	A		16	I	G	L	O	O
17	A	L	G	A		18	A	U	N	T		19	G	L	E	N	N
20	P	I	G	E	O	N	C	O	A	C	H	E	S				
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			34	G	A	B		36	A	L	E		37	S	O	S	O
		38	39	T	E	R	N	I	N	S	I	D	E	O	U		
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45	E	M	U		46	F	I	L	E	R		48	A	S	S	E	T
52	N	E	L	S	O	N		54	E	A	T		56	A	L	A	
		57	S	H	R	I	K	E	S	B	O	T	T	O	M		
61	U	T	I	L	E		63	A	S	I	A		64	R	I	P	E
65	S	A	F	E	S		66	N	A	N	S		67	A	R	E	S
68	E	G	Y	P	T		69	T	U	S	H		70	P	E	S	T

Wonderword Answer: **INSERT** (Puzzle on page 37)



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# MARDI GRAS



**Mardi Gras** (also known as **Shrove Tuesday**) is the final day of Carnival (also known as Shrovetide); it thus falls on the day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. *Mardi Gras* is French for "**Fat Tuesday**", reflecting the practice of the last night of consuming rich, fatty foods in preparation for the Christian fasting season of Lent, during which the consumption of such foods is avoided.

## Background

During the season of Lent, some Christians abstain from the consumption of certain foods such as meat, eggs, dairy products, and alcoholic beverages. Most Christian denominations observe the tradition of Lent. Shrovetide provided Christians with the opportunity to use up these foods prior to the start of the 40-day fasting season of Lent. Prior to the 6th century, Lent was normatively observed through the practice of the Black Fast, which enjoins fasting from food and liquids, with the allowance of one vegetarian meal and water after sunset. The tradition of pancake breakfasts during Shrovetide, as well as that of pancake races, owes itself to this practice of "using up the surplus eggs, milk and butter" prior to Lent. In many Christian parish churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, a popular Shrove Tuesday tradition is the ringing of the church bells (on this day, the toll is known as the Shriving Bell) "to call the faithful to confession before the solemn season of Lent" and for people to "begin frying their pancakes". As such, a hallmark of Shrovetide is the opportunity for a last round of merrymaking associated with *Mardi Gras* before the start of the somber Lenten season. The last day of Shrovetide, *Mardi Gras* (Fat Tuesday), is named as such "because people felt bloated having eaten up all the rich foods before Lent" to prepare for the coming season of repentance.

## Traditions

Some traditions, such as the one in New Orleans, Louisiana, consider *Mardi Gras* to stretch the entire period from Twelfth Night (the last night of Christmas which begins Epiphany) to Ash Wednesday. Others treat the final three-day period before Ash Wednesday as the *Mardi Gras*.

In Mobile, Alabama, *Mardi Gras*-associated social events begin in November, followed by mystic society balls New Year's Eve, followed by parades and balls in January and February, celebrating up to midnight before Ash Wednesday. In earlier times, parades were held on New Year's Day. Carnival is an important celebration in Lutheran, Anglican and Catholic European nations.

## United States

While not observed nationally throughout the United States, a number of historically ethnically French cities and regions in the country have notable celebrations. *Mardi Gras* arrived in North America as a French Catholic tradition with the Le Moyne brothers, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville and Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville, in the late 17th century, when King Louis XIV sent the pair to defend France's claim on the territory of *Louisiane*, which included what are now the U.S. states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and part of eastern Texas.



# MARDI GRAS Continued

The expedition, led by Iberville, entered the mouth of the Mississippi River on the evening of 2 March 1699. They did not yet know it was the river explored and claimed for France by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle in 1683. The party proceeded upstream to a place on the east bank about 60 miles downriver from where New Orleans is today, and made camp. This was on 3 March 1699, Mardi Gras, so in honor of this holiday, Iberville named the spot *Point du Mardi Gras* (French: "Mardi Gras Point") and called the nearby tributary Bayou Mardi Gras.

Bienville went on to found the settlement of Mobile, Alabama in 1702 as the first capital of French Louisiana. In 1703 French settlers in Mobile established the first organized Mardi Gras celebration tradition in what was to become the United States. The first informal mystic society, or krewe, was formed in Mobile in 1711, the *Boeuf Gras Society*. Then came the Striker's Independent Society in 1842, followed by the oldest parading mystic society the Order of Myths or "OOMs" in 1867.

In 1720, Biloxi had been made capital of Louisiana. The French Mardi Gras customs had accompanied the colonists who settled there.



*Knights of Revelry parade down Royal Street in Mobile during the 2010 Mardi Gras season.*

In 1723, the capital of Louisiana was moved to New Orleans, founded in 1718. The first Mardi Gras parade held in New Orleans is recorded to have taken place in 1833 with Bernard de Marigny funding the first organized parade, tableau, and ball. The tradition in New Orleans expanded to the point that it became synonymous with the city in popular perception and embraced by residents of New Orleans beyond those of French or Catholic heritage. Mardi Gras celebrations are part of the basis of the slogan *Laissez les bons temps rouler* ("Let the good times roll"), as floats "roll."

Festivities formally began in 1853 when a group of Protestant Anglo-Americans, some members of Mobile Mystic Societies, formed the first "old-line" krewe, The Mistick Krewe of Comus, based on Bernard de Marigny's 1833 parade of paper-mâché wagons, and presentation of debutants, followed by a formal ball. The Twelfth Night Revelers were formed in 1870, again with ties to Mobile, but no longer stage a parade, just tableau and ball. The Knights of Momus and Rex came about in 1872, with the last of the old-line krewes the Krewe of Proteus being formed 10 years later. Of these 5 groups only Rex and Proteus still formally parade, with the Knights of Chaos replacing Momus.

The parades of the largest krewes (colloquially known as "super krewes") came later, during the 1960s/70's, and traditionally occur immediately prior to and on Shrove Tuesday.

Other cities along the Gulf Coast with early French colonial heritage, from Pensacola, Florida; Galveston, Texas; to Lake Charles and Lafayette, Louisiana; and north to Natchez, Mississippi and Alexandria, Louisiana, have active Mardi Gras celebrations.

# Saint Patrick's Day



**Saint Patrick's Day**, or the **Feast of Saint Patrick** is a religious and cultural holiday held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost Patron Saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival.

Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and Bishop in Ireland. Much of what is known about Saint Patrick comes from the *Declaration*, which was allegedly written by Patrick himself. It is believed that he was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. According to the *Declaration*, at the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. It says that he spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he found God. The *Declaration* says that God told Patrick to flee to the coast, where a ship would be waiting to take him home. After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest.

According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. The *Declaration* says that he spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted thousands.

Patrick's efforts were eventually turned into an allegory in which he drove "snakes", heathen practices, out of Ireland, even though actual snakes were not known to inhabit the region.

Tradition holds that he died on 17 March and was buried at Downpatrick. Over the following centuries, many legends grew up around Patrick and he became Ireland's foremost saint.



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If you see a roped off area near your home, **NEVER** remove those ropes. They have been placed there by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission in order to protect the owls burrowing there. It is **ILLEGAL** to remove that protection. Thank you.

**SAFETY FIRST**  
**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR SAFETY**

There have been incidents of home burglaries in Lauderdale West. The Police Department has increased patrols in LW, but as our City expands we need to be more vigilant about protecting our homes.

- Keep doors, windows, and garage locked whenever possible.
- Arm your security alarm system before leaving or retiring for the night.
- Install an alarm system if you don't have one.
- Upgrade your door locks.
- Make it look like someone is home.

Call the police non-emergency number, **954-797-2100** or call **911** if the situation is a true emergency.

## HOW TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

### The 5Ws: What to Include in Your Report

If you see suspicious activity, report it to law enforcement and describe specifically what you observed, including:

- **Who** or **what** you saw;
- **When** you saw it;
- **Where** it occurred; and
- **Why** it's suspicious.

Take your phone out and add this number to your contacts:

**Plantation Police – 954-797-2100**

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.**

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE**



## VOICE AND TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE



Please add our Lauderdale West telephone number to your contacts to prevent our calls from being tagged as potential spam. It is 954-473-8219.

If you subscribe to our text messages, please add our outgoing text number to your contacts; it is 844-500-8542. **DO NOT** reply to text messages with questions or comments. To keep costs down, we only pay for outgoing messages. If you have a question or comment, please contact the appropriate Director or our Webmaster. Directors' names and their areas of responsibility are listed on page 3 of the LW News, on [www.lauderdalewest.org](http://www.lauderdalewest.org), and Blue Stream Channel 901. Our Webmaster can be reached by email at [webmaster@lauderdalewest.org](mailto:webmaster@lauderdalewest.org).



**WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A SCAM**

Scams are specially designed to catch us off guard, and they can happen to anyone. There's nothing to be ashamed of if you think you're a victim. Keep handy the phone numbers of resources that can help, including the local police, your bank (if money has been taken from your accounts), and Adult Protective Services (See below).

You can also report scams online to the FTC at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>. Sharing your experience can help prevent it from happening to another older adult.

**Adult Protective Services**

Are you concerned that someone you love or care about may be the victim of abuse? Don't be silent. Report it now. All calls are confidential.

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# HOME SAFETY TIPS

*AvMed Aspire Magazine*

Your home is your safe place. Here are some suggestions to keep it safer. While your home is your sanctuary, accidents can happen. This list of safety tips has been created to ensure that home is where you can remain safe and comfortable.

## Medication Safety

- Keep all medications in labeled bottles.
- Ask your pharmacist to print large letters on labels for better visibility.
- Carry a list of all current medications.
- Dispose of old and expired medications.

## Bathroom Safety

- Add a non-slip surface to bathroom and shower floors.
- Install grab bars in bathroom, near toilet and shower/tub.

## Kitchen Safety

- Replace electrical appliances when cords are frayed or damaged.
- Keep a fire extinguisher easily accessible.
- Wipe up spills quickly.

## Room Safety

- Maintain good lighting in all walkways.
- Install smoke detectors and check batteries monthly.

## Miscellaneous Safety

- Consider wearing a medical alert button, bracelet, or watch.
- Have a first aid kit.
- Get an extra pair of glasses.
- Never mix home cleaning supplies; they can create toxic fumes.
- Remove area rugs or secure them to the floor.
- Wear proper fitting shoes.
- Clear clutter.

## Personal Information

- Do not respond to unsolicited requests for contests, prizes, or charities without verifying the source.
- Never share personal or financial information.

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