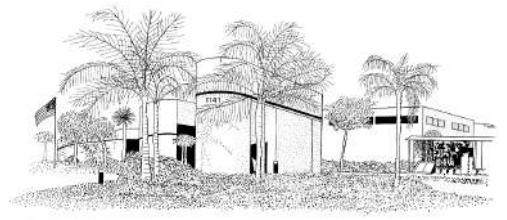


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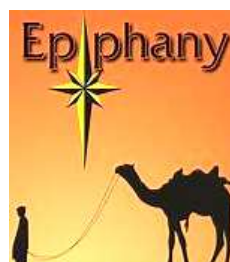
With a tough year coming to an end, we can't help but hope for a better and brighter future. Of course, the transition to another year wouldn't be complete without celebrating New Year's Eve! We deserve to eat good food, reunite with family and relatives, party with friends, and have the best New Year count-down. After all, NYE is one of the most widely celebrated holidays in the world.

However, this occasion didn't become popular overnight. Many historical moments paved the way to making New Year's Eve the holiday that we know and love today.

Making New Year's Resolutions

From achieving a healthier body, spending more time with family, and pursuing goals and aspirations, to loving ourselves more, we're fond of creating New Year's resolutions. However, did you know that this tradition started about four millennia ago? Babylonians would make promises to the gods to ask for a better year.

Then, Romans would also offer sacrifices and promise Janus, the god of beginnings and change, to show good deeds. These include returning farm tools that they borrowed from others and settling their debts. Meanwhile, many treat the occasion as a time to learn from their shortcomings in the past year and focus on ways to become better for the upcoming year. While the spiritual side of New Year's resolutions is gone, creating New Year's resolutions has been centered on personal development.





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UNIVERSITY OF PLANTATION

What is University of Plantation?

University of Plantation is a new endeavor created to help Plantation residents learn about the inner workings of our city. Attendees will meet the city's elected officials and can question the city's administration and departmental staff. The goal is to provide our residents with information and tools that they can share with their friends and neighbors and help the city distribute accurate information on important topics. Plus, it will be fun!

Each semester consists of seven classes, held monthly from 6 PM to 7 PM. at the Outreach Center in Broward Mall. Those curious about our city are urged to sign up for what will be about an hour of our presentations followed by 30 minutes of questions. We will award a graduation certificate to anyone who attends at least 5 classes. The graduation recognition takes place at the City Council meeting at City Hall.

2025 Class Schedule

Session 1 – Thursday, January 23: It's your money: This is how we spend it.

Session 2 – Thursday, February 20: Safety first!

Session 3 – Thursday, March 20: Always juggling: What Mayor does.

Session 4 – Thursday, April 17: Something for everyone.

Session 5 – Thursday, May 15: A day in the life of a City Councilmember.

Session 6 – Thursday, June 12: More than just the looks: Maintaining and protecting the City's assets.

Session 7 – Thursday, July 17: How does stuff get built?

Graduation – Wednesday, August 13: Council Meeting at City Hall

I'd like to attend! How do I sign up?

All Plantation residents and business owners that are 18 or older are invited to apply. Applicants must be available on all the dates indicated above to be considered. Only completed applications will be considered. Seat number for each semester is limited. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants will be notified about enrollment in the program by email approximately a week before the semester start date.

Documentation you will need for submission:

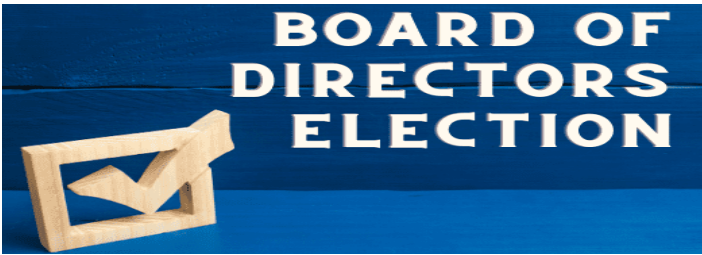
- [UP Application](#) found at [Plantation.org](#)
- Driver's License or other government-issued ID
- Utility Bill/Business Tax Receipt or other proof of Plantation address
- [Photo Waiver](#) found at [Plantation.org](#)

All applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025.

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DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025

Wednesday, December 18 – 6:30 PM – Room 113
Wednesday, January 15 – 10 AM – Room 113

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

In late January, you will receive the First Notice of the 2025 Annual Meeting. This letter will provide important information if you wish to run for the Board.

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

VOTE!

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

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



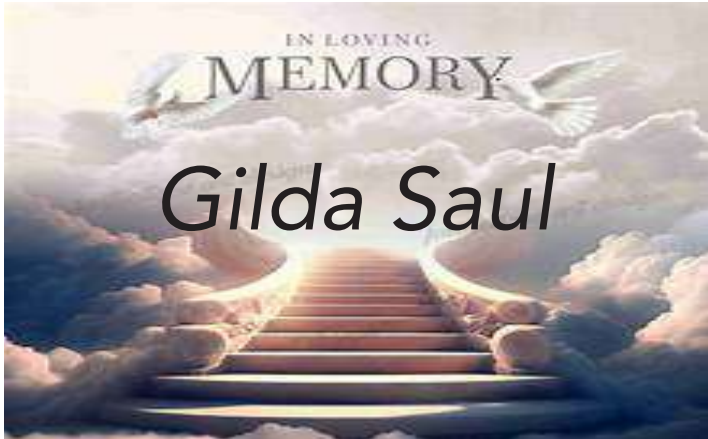
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Main Clubhouse	Daily	8:00AM – 9:00PM
Business Offices	M-F	9:00AM – Noon
Gym	Daily	6:30AM – 9:00PM
Main Swimming Pool	Daily	6:00AM – 9:00PM
Satellite Swimming Pool	Daily	Dawn to Dusk

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) 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.



WARNING



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By Sally Zayas, Director

ATTENTION OWNERS!

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 or by phone (954-473-8219 ext. 117).

PLEASE RESPECT OUR BOARD MEMBERS' PRIVATE TIME

As we are all aware, our Board of Directors is a team of volunteers. Please have respect and allow them their private time. They are in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00AM until Noon to carry out the business of Lauderdale West and to address your issues. Please do not interrupt their private time by calling their personal phone number or arriving on their doorstep. Either call their extension, which can be found on page 3 of this Newsletter, and leave a voice message or wait until the following business day and go into the Clubhouse to talk to them. If you have a true emergency, please call 911. *Thank you* for your consideration of our Lauderdale West Board of Directors.



OFFICE PROTOCOL & ETIQUETTE

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.

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), 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 it is a written inquiry (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.

FYI - LW'S ACCOUNTANTS

Please be advised the accountants for
Lauderdale West are:

Juda, Eskew & Associates
8211 W. Broward Blvd., Suite PH1 (5th floor)
Plantation, FL 33324
954-577-9700

Mail your maintenance assessment to:

Maintenance Assessments
PO Box 189115
Plantation, FL 33318-9115
Payments are due on the **FIRST**
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Submissions

DEADLINE REMINDER!

FOR THE FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 ISSUE

Articles are due December 20, 2024

New advertisers due November 27, 2024

Returning advertisers due December 4, 2024

ALL DEADLINES ARE FIRM

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

Plexes	\$494.00
Single Family Homes	\$488.00

If not paid by the 10th, 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.

Room Rental PROCEDURE

Lauderdale West rents out Room 113 for small resident family gatherings with no more than 70 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 the room coordinator, Anna Bender (954-473-8219 Ext. 103) any morning from 9 AM until Noon.



Monthly maintenance and special assessment payments must **NOT** be taken to the Lauderdale West Clubhouse. They should be mailed to Juda, Eskew & Associates or delivered to their office.

Mailing and physical addresses can be found on this page of the Newsletter.



LOST & FOUND

If you have lost items in our community, please contact Anna Bender at 954-473-8219 Ext. 103. **OR** Check with the Lobby Assistant in the Main Clubhouse who will contact Anna Bender for those lost items.



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

BUS FARE IS FREE TO ALL LW RESIDENTS

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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.

Welcome, New Residents!

- Markus Asch & Liming Huang
- Darryl Avant & Adriane Parker
- Louis Basher & Randee Kapland
- Dennis & Elaine Braun
- Paolo J Fiol
- Dorothy Granros & Robert Granros
- Christina Guardia
- Stephanie Martinez & Carlos Lopez
- Joseph & Marjory Ruppert
- John Anthony Sanchez & Marie Hapst-Franyo
- Cambiz Shafa
- Stephanie Smith
- Juan Manuel & Jacqueline Taveras



- To our Board of Directors for their continuing hard work in running the business that is Lauderdale West and for keeping our community as beautiful as ever.
- To all the wonderful people who help in the rental office: Sandra Spector, Willie Oramas, Joanne Hill, Vicki Rethemeyer, Linda Cosina, Rose Marie Richmond and Judy Buono.
- To the volunteers in the applications approval office: Maria Del Rosario, Brenda Waples, Maria Oertel and Joanne Hill.
- To the ladies who proofread this Newsletter: Mary Davidowski and Kerry Osborne.
- To your Editors of this Newsletter: Lana Famiano, Assistant Editor, and Connie Guzzi, Advertising Editor. Thank you, Ladies, for another fabulous issue!



FRUIT TREES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fruit trees are **NOT** to be planted in our Community; yet we have avocado and mango trees which were planted in past years on common ground. Because they are on common ground, they belong to any resident. However, please give the resident whose home the tree is behind the courtesy of letting them know you are going to pick a few.

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.

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.

— Stephen R. Covey

Happy Hanukkah!

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.



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 (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:

LITE PLUMBING: Change flapper; change fill valve; replace toilet handles; check low pressure coming from spouts and shower, if needed, change seal on valves. Repair leaking faucets; hose bibbs, water main valves. In the case of a resident receiving a large water bill, we check to see if the meter is broken and, if it is, we repair, providing it is on Lauderdale West side. If on the City side, they will be called to handle it. Unclog drains, toilets and sinks. If an electrical or plumbing issue is more extensive, the homeowner will have to contact their own service provider at their expense.

ELECTRICAL: Replace existing or check outlets. Change fluorescent bulbs; check electrical panel; change bulb on globe; replace globe if broken. Repair or replace light pole if rusted or knocked down and place numbers on globe.

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.

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.



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.

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.



POLE LIGHTS

If your pole light is not working, make sure the switch inside your home is on. 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.

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.



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!

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.

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.

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.



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.

DRESS CODE

It has been noticed by residents and Board Members that people are coming to our social functions dressed inappropriately for such occasions. Therefore, a dress code has been implemented for all Party Time events, Professional Shows, and other social activities. Shorts worn by either men or women **WILL NOT** be permitted. Be advised that you will not be allowed into the activity. Please, dress appropriately!

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 Room 113 to check your blood pressure for you. If we don't use them, they will not continue to provide this service.

FEES FOR LATE

MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

Please note that when you do not pay your monthly maintenance or any special assessments on time, you are subject to fees. Those fees add up very quickly and are as follows:

- \$5.00 Late fee for your monthly maintenance on the 10th of the month
- \$266.00 Legal fee if our attorney has to send you a collection letter

Bottom Line: Make your payments on time!! It will save you a lot of money in the long run!



ATTENTION OWNERS!

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, 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.



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.

HADASSAH *Happenings...*

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

Our L'Chayim Chapter of Hadassah has been busy raising funds for the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). Strides have taken place treating different kinds of Cancer and Cardiology. HMO has been recognized as a "Best Specialized Hospital" for 2025 rankings.

December 3 at 9:30 AM will be our Board Meeting in Room 111 in the Main Clubhouse. Please join us as we plan the installation of officers and our holiday luncheon. On December 10 our Lunch Bunch will be at Lester's on 136 Street in Plantation at 11:30 AM. Please call Dorothy (Gypsy) Royce (973-715-7811) by Sunday December 8 to make your reservation. On Sunday December 15 from 2 -4 PM, we will play Bunco in Room 113. Just \$12 a person and everyone will get a prize, meet new people and have fun. Bring a friend. Our General Meeting is December 17 at 11 AM. We will install our Board and celebrate the season's holidays. The lunch will include potato pancakes. You will be notified prior to the meeting what the rest of the meal will be. Bring a friend, get a gift and enjoy the afternoon.

As 2025 starts, Hanukkah will end, and our Board Meeting will be on January 7. Please join us in Room 111 at 9:30 AM. We are planning a trip to the Ann Frank Exhibit at the Holocaust Documentation Center on January 14. Time and cost will be posted. Look for the flyer. Be sure to let Dorothy Royce (973-715-7811) know you are going. We hope to go to Grandpa's in Dania for lunch either before or after this trip. January 21 is our General Meeting at 11 PM. Please call Karen Pelegrini (954-205-1939) to let her know you are coming. I am writing this article in October so there will be updates either on Channel 901 or in flyers. On January 23, a large group will be going to see the show 9 to 5 at the Lauderhill Performing Arts Center. If you are interested let me know and I will put you on the waiting list.

Hadassah is a non-profit. Yes, we ask for donations, but those donations are put to good use. Most donations are used for research, teaching, training and technology, not for salaries. HMO's work helps Israel and the rest of the world. Come and learn more at one of the meetings or activities.

Susan

WOMEN *Of Lauderdale West*

By Pinky Trapani 954-472-1652

Our August and September luncheons were huge successes. Sergeant King and his entourage of detectives gave an informative presentation.

Guests at the September luncheon were Janna Spinson, Director of Rehabilitation and Occupation Therapy from 'Five Star' and our Mayor Nick Sortal.

Due to the holidays, our last Casino trip for this year was scheduled for October 28th. Everyone is always welcome, men, women, friends and relatives. You don't have to be a resident of Lauderdale West to attend.

Reservations for all upcoming events can be made at our General Meetings and Luncheons and on Tuesdays and Thursdays prior to the event.

Our General Meetings are where we finalize and make plans for upcoming events. So, join us at 10:00 o'clock in room 111.

The October 1st luncheon topic was 'Cancer Awareness' by Dr Bruce Phillips who is a Board Certified Radiation Oncologist affiliated with multiple hospitals including 'Broward Health Medical Center'.

Because of Election Day our November luncheon was on Thursday, November 7th. Our "Angel Wish Tree" was up!!! As always instructions were given out at this luncheon.

Our big Holiday Event will be the 'Jungle Queen Riverboat' on Saturday, December 7th. It is an all-inclusive event; a four-hour boat trip viewing holiday lights on yachts, dinner, shows and bus transportation. Reservations could be made starting at our September 24th General Meeting for \$110 a person. All adults are invited -- husbands, friends and relatives. Space is limited so hope you made your reservation early!

From each and every one of us to each and every one of you, many wishes for a beautiful, happy and healthy holiday. May you receive precious moments to carry close to your hearts.

Until next time many blessings to you and yours.

Pinky



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



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.



RULES FOR USE OF THE GYM

1301 NW 87 Lane

Hours: 6:30 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.

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	ASPHALT TEMP
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

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



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.





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).

DECEMBER

December 4, 2024

JANUARY

January 15, 2025

January 29, 2025



PLANTATION NEWS

By Mayor Nick Sortal

Email Mayor Nick Sortal at **Mayor@Plantation.org**.

Proclamations

Lauderdale West Day

At the Sept. 18 Council meeting, the city celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Lauderdale West. A neighborhood for those 55 and older and home to about 2,000 residents, Lauderdale West has done a stellar job maintaining itself with an all-volunteer board (rather than a management company), where board members take on responsibilities for architectural review, insurance, pest control and entertainment.

The neighborhood is kept “clean and green” by its residents, who are dedicated to looking out for each other – as they have from their very beginning to this golden anniversary year.

CITY OF PLANTATION EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

Sign Up for City of Plantation Notifications

Your safety is our top concern. That’s why the City of Plantation wants to make sure you know about emergencies and other incidents as they happen.

The City of Plantation is proud to launch Everbridge®, a citizen notification system that will share information with residents such as road closures, “be on the lookout for...” messages, emergency/severe weather info and more. Alerts can be sent via Facebook, Twitter, text, email, mobile phones, and/or landlines – however you choose to receive them.

The success of Everbridge® relies on YOU. Having your latest contact information will ensure that we can contact you in an emergency. Please sign up – it only takes about a minute to enroll! And don’t worry, we will never sell or share your personal information with any third-party organizations.

How to Register Online

Go to: <https://www.plantation.org/government/departments/police-department/community-programs/everbridge-alerts> and click on the link to “SIGN UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS” If you have already registered, click on the “LOGIN” link to sign in to your account.



CITY OF PLANTATION PROCLAIMS LAUDERDALE WEST DAY

September 18, 2024
In honor of our 50th anniversary



Recognizing that Lauderdale West

- Provides a unique neighborhood for those 55 and older, on nearly 300 acres with about 2,000 residents spread across 1,359 single-family homes, duplexes and fourplexes.
- Has done a stellar job maintaining itself with an all-volunteer board (rather than a management company), with board members dividing such roles as architectural review, insurance, pest control and entertainment.
- Provides professional musicians and entertainment regularly in the theater (no shorts allowed!), as well as two pools, a gym, card rooms, pool tables and a unique woodshop known for residents volunteering to make toys for children at Christmas.
- Has a spirit of community and a desire to improve the lives of others, thriving with such groups as Hadassah and Women of Lauderdale West.
- Residents are regularly informed via a bimonthly newspaper, cable television notices, a robust web page and open board of directors' meetings.
- Neighborhoods are kept "clean and green" by its residents who are dedicated to looking out for each other - as they have from the very beginning to this golden anniversary year.

Plantation Mayor, Nick Sortal, and the City Council of Plantation, Florida proclaim September 18th, 2024 as

Lauderdale West Day

PLEASE NOTE!

DATABASE UPDATE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are receiving mail from Lauderdale West addressed to you and your deceased spouse, parent or significant other, please contact the Applications and Approvals office either by phone or email. (Telephone: 954-473-8219 ext. 114 or 118 or applicationsapproval@lauderdalewest.org). We require a copy of the death certificate to update our records. Please comply if appropriate. This is very important. Thank you.

SAFETY FIRST

**BE CAREFUL
BE AWARE
BE SAFE**

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.

WEBSITE ALERT!

Please be aware! Any method used by Lauderdale West to communicate with you will be by posting in the Lauderdale West News, on our existing Website, (www.lauderdalewest.org), communicated on Lauderdale West stationery, in our Email blasts or text messages or on the BlueStream Community Channels 901 and 902.

Any other online networks, Websites, Facebook pages, etc. are **NOT** sanctioned by Lauderdale West Community Association No. 1, Inc. Even though Lauderdale West may be included in the title and participants may be residents of Lauderdale West, they are **NOT** endorsed by and have nothing to do with Lauderdale West Community Association No. 1, Inc. **BE CAUTIOUS WHEN SHARING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND BE AWARE OF FALSE INFORMATION COMMUNICATED ON THESE SITES.**








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, and Blue Stream Channel 901. Our Webmaster can be reached by email at webmaster@lauderdalewest.org.

IDENTITY THEFT

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

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Years Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm 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>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE CLOSED CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>2 National Science Fiction Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>3 Mind-Body Wellness Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>4 National Trivia Day</p> <p>Satl 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>8 Battle of New Orleans</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 205 10 am Board Workshop 106 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p>9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7 pm Pool Playing 113 7-9 pm Spanish Club</p>	<p>10 Houseplant Appreciation Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>11 Clean Off Your Desk Day</p> <p>Satl 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>15 Martin Luther King Birthday</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 10 am LW Board Meeting 106 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p>16 National Nothing Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 205 10 am Bayberry Garden Circle 208 10:30 am Cards 106 Noon-3 pm Scrapbooking Satl 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>17 Benjamin Franklin Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>18 National Thesaurus Day</p> <p>Satl 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>22 Celebration of Life Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm 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>23 National Pie Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>24 National Compliment Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>25 Opposite Day</p> <p>Satl 8 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>29 Lunar New Year</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm 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>30 National Croissant Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 10:30 am Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>31 National Backward Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 111 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	

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DECEMBER



Flower Of The Month: POINSETTIA

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<p>1 Civil Air Patrol Day</p> <p>SatL 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>2 Cyber Monday</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>3 Be a Blessing Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 9:30 Hadassah Board Mtg AUD 11 am Women of LW, Inc 208 1 pm Cards SatL 6 pm Social Tennis</p>
<p>8 World Choral Day</p> <p>SatL 9 am Social Tennis 208 1-4 pm Bridge 113 6-8 pm Holiday Party</p> 	<p>9 Green Monday</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>10 Human Rights 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>BULK PICKUP</p>
<p>15 Bill of Rights Day</p> <p>SatL 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>16 Chocolate-covered Anything 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>17 A Christmas Carol Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer AUD 11 an Hadassah Gen Mtg 208 1 pm Cards SatL 6 pm Social Tennis</p>
<p>22 Be a Lover of Silence Day</p> <p>SatL 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>23 Festivus</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>24 Christmas Eve</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> <p>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE OPEN CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>
<p>29 YMCA Day</p> <p>SatL 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>30 Bacon 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>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE OPEN CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</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>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE OPEN CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 8:30 PM-12:30 AM LW Auditorium</p>







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<p>4 National Cookie Day</p> <p>04 8-1:30 Wood Shop 11 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 06 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 06 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p>5 World Trick Shot Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer Satl 9 am Social Tennis 208 10:30 am Cards 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>6 Bartender Appreciation Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 113 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>7 Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>11 UNICEF Birthday</p> <p>04 8-1:30 Wood Shop 11 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 05 10 am Board Workshop 06 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 06 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p>12 Gingerbread House Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer Satl 9 am Social Tennis 208 10:30 am Cards 202 7 pm Pool Playing 113 7-9 pm Spanish Club</p>	<p>13 National Guard Birthday</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 113 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>14 Wreaths Across America Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>18 International Migrants 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 113 6:30 pm LW Board Meeting 106 7 pm Ceramics</p>	<p>19 National Regifting Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer Satl 9 am Social Tennis 205 10 am Bayberry Garden Circle 208 10:30 am Cards 106 Noon-3 pm Scrapbooking 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>20 Ugle Christmas Sweater Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 113 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p>	<p>21 Go Caroling Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 
<p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>04 8-1:30 Wood Shop 11 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 06 1 pm Stained Glass 208 1 pm Cards 06 7 pm Ceramics</p> <p>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE CLOSED CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>26 First Day of Chanukah</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer Satl 9 am Social Tennis 208 10:30 am Cards 202 7-9 pm Pool Playing</p> <p>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE OPEN CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>27 Radio City Music Hall Day</p> <p>104 8-1:30 Wood Shop 111 8-9 am Low Impact Exer 113 9-11 am Blood Pressure 206 Noon Mah Jongg 106 1 pm Stained Glass 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing</p> <p>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE OPEN CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>28 Pledge of Allegiance Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 
		<p>KEY TO LOCATIONS</p> <p>AUD = Auditorium BC = Bocce Court EXT = Outside of Lw LIB = Library SATL = Satellite TO = Ticket Office</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE</p> <p>Since this calendar must be prepared weeks in advance, there may be last-minute changes. We suggest you verify dates on BlueStream Channel 901.</p> <p>Revised 09-25-2024</p>

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JANUARY



Flower Of The Month:
CARNATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>PLEASE NOTE</p> <p>Since this calendar must be prepared weeks in advance, there may be last-minute changes. We suggest you verify dates on BlueStream Channel 901.</p> <p>Revised 10-29-2024</p>	<p>KEY TO LOCATIONS</p> <p>AUD = Auditorium BC = Bocce Court EXT = Outside of Lw LIB = Library SATL = Satellite TO = Ticket Office</p>	
<p>5 National Bird Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis 208 1-4 pm Bridge</p> 	<p>6 Epiphany</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p>7 Orthodox Christmas</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm 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>12 National Pharmacist Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>13 Stephen Foster Memorial Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p>	<p>14 World Logic Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p> <p>BULK PICKUP</p>
<p>19 World Snow Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>20 Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p> <p>BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED MAINTENANCE CLOSED CLUBHOUSE OPEN</p>	<p>21 National Hugging Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 11:30 am Hadassah Gen Mtg 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p>
<p>26 National Spouses Day</p> <p>Satl 9 am Social Tennis</p> 	<p>27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 202 1-3 pm Pool Playing 208 7 pm Cards</p> 	<p>28 National Daisy Day</p> <p>104 8 am-2 pm Wood Shop 111 8:30-9:30 am Low Impact Exer 113 10 am Women of LW Bd Mtg 208 1 pm Cards Satl 6 pm Social Tennis</p>



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.

December Events

- Dec 3 Women of Lauderdale West at Olive Garden – 12:30 PM
- Dec 17 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Dec 18 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 6:30 PM
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party in LW Auditorium – 8:30 PM

January Events

- Jan 7 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Jan 15 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 10:00 AM
- Jan 21 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM

February Events

- Feb 4 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Feb 18 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Feb 19 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 6:30 PM



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 **fined** 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.



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

Sunrise Location
Public Works Complex
10500 NW 55 Street
Sunrise, FL 33351
Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

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, December 10, 2024

Tuesday, January 14, 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, December 10, and Tuesday, January 14. 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 30). 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**

February 11 March 11 April 15

- **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.



**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

GARBAGE & TRASH PICKUP

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.



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 1:30 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.



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.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day, often referred to as **MLK Day**, is a federal holiday in the United States observed on the third Monday of January each year. King was chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law and civil society. The movement led to several groundbreaking legislative reforms in the United States.

the new year

original poetry by Lydia Shutter



the "new car smell"
enters stage left
we proudly bury
all regrets and failures
hoping time will forget
and forgive

that magical ball will drop
(the one we begged to stay up for
even though our bedtime was hours earlier)
fireworks will paint the sky
we will toast the new year
with hopes shiny and new

how is it possible
the calendar pages turned
in a super-speed?
of course they will again
as they always do

it's time to turn the page
embrace the new year
and embrace those you love.

Happy New Year LW!

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5 TIPS FOR LEAVING A VOICEMAIL MESSAGE

1. Speak slowly and clearly.
2. Provide your name, address, and telephone number.
3. Give a brief description of your issue.
- 4 Repeat and spell your last name.
5. Repeat your telephone number.

Thank You!

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

SAFETY FIRST

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

You may think that cats must go outside to be happy. But cats would disagree with you (and so would local birds!). Cats can live a happy and healthy life indoors with their families.

It has been noticed that some cats are being allowed outside to roam our neighborhood. These cats do have collars, so belong to our residents. If your cat goes outdoors, it **MUST BE ON A LEASH** and any waste disposed of properly, just as our dog owners are required to do. **NO** domestic animal is allowed outside without being on a leash, held by the owner. **PLEASE** have respect for your neighbors and follow the rules. Thank you.

**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.**



2025 Homestead Exemptions

If you applied and were approved for Homestead Exemption for tax year 2025, this exemption will post to your property record online in December. Once approved, Homestead Exemption automatically renews each year provided there is no change in the ownership or use of the property. Once approved, you do not need to reapply as long as the property remains your permanent residence.

Did You Acquire or Take Ownership of Your Property in 2024?

If you acquired your home in 2024, the TRIM (proposed tax) Notice you received in August reflected the previous owner’s exemption status. These exemptions will be removed at the end of this year. If you believe you qualify for Homestead Exemption or any other tax-saving exemptions at this property, you must complete an application in your name.

Homestead Exemption does not automatically transfer from one property to another. You can easily apply for Homestead Exemption and any other tax-saving exemptions online at <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead>. The timely deadline to apply for all 2025 exemptions is March 3, 2025. For additional information on Homestead and other exemption filing, please visit our website at <https://web.bcpa.net/> or call 954.357.6830.

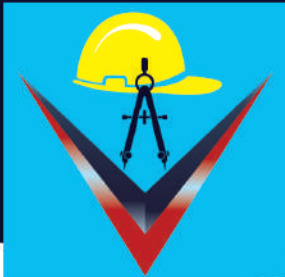
Has Your Mailing Address or Email Address Changed?

To help ensure you receive any correspondence from our office, please let us know if your mailing address or email address has changed. To update your contact information, please email us at address@bcpa.net with your name, property address and new mailing/email address.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at martykiar@bcpa.net.

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

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Structural issues with your family room or den?

We Can Help!

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

Tax season is prime time for scammers looking to get your personal information so they can gain access to your financial accounts. If they're successful, it can potentially lead to identity theft and more.

Here are some tips to help you stay ahead of these bad actors:

	<p>Recognize the warning signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills or bank statements that don't arrive in the mail. • Credit card charges or checking account deductions you don't recognize. • Debt collection calls for purchases you never made. • Tax return in your name received by the Internal Revenue Service that you didn't file.
	<p>Protect your personal information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go paperless when you can. Statements are securely delivered to and stored right in your account online. • Lock up sensitive documents and always shred or use a certified document destruction service to destroy them. • Don't give your personal information to someone who calls, emails, or texts you if you did not initiate the request. • Don't respond to or click links in a text, email or social media post from someone claiming to be from a government agency, known company, or bank if you didn't initiate the request.

GO PAPERLESS

If it happens to you

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the liturgical year in Christianity, it follows the season of Advent (which begins four Sundays before) or the Nativity Fast, and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many countries, is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season surrounding it.

The traditional Christmas narrative recounted in the New Testament, known as the Nativity of Jesus, says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room, and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds, who then spread the word.

There are different hypotheses regarding the date of Jesus's birth, and in the early fourth century, the church fixed the date as December 25. It is exactly nine months after Annunciation on March 25, also the date of the spring equinox. Most Christians celebrate on December 25 in the Gregorian calendar, which has been adopted almost universally in the civil calendars used in countries throughout the world. However, part of the Eastern Christian Churches celebrate Christmas on December 25 of the older Julian calendar, which currently corresponds to January 7 in the Gregorian calendar. For Christians, believing that God came into the world in the form of man to atone for the sins of humanity rather than knowing Jesus's exact birth date is considered to be the primary purpose of celebrating Christmas.



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HANUKKAH

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, commonly called a menorah or hanukiah. One branch is typically placed above or be-

low the others and its candle is used to light the other eight candles. This unique candle is called the shammash (שַׁמָּשׁ, "attendant"). Each night, one additional candle is lit by the shammash until all eight candles are lit together on the final night of the festival.

Other Hanukkah festivities include singing Hanukkah songs, playing the game of dreidel and eating oil-based foods, such as latkes and sufganiyot, and dairy foods. Since the 1970s, the worldwide Chabad Hasidic movement has initiated public menorah lightings in open public places in many countries.

Originally instituted as a feast "in the manner of Sukkot (Booths)", it does not come with the corresponding obligations, and is therefore a relatively minor holiday in strictly religious terms. Nevertheless, Hanukkah has attained major cultural significance in North America and elsewhere, especially among secular Jews, due to often occurring around the same time as Christmas during the festive season.

The name "Hanukkah" derives from the Hebrew verb "חנך", meaning "to dedicate". On Hanukkah, the Maccabean Jews regained control of Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple.



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Puzzles & Quizzes

Answers, page 39

ACROSS

- 1) Range rope
- 6) Haul with tackle
- 11) What a gentleman tips
- 14) Regarding
- 15) Sub in WWII
- 16) "The Mikado" dress part
- 17) Parting words
- 19) It's right under your nose
- 20) Tried one's hand (at)
- 21) Lodge brother
- 22) Puts two and two together
- 23) Restrooms, in Britain
- 25) Boxing legend Jack
- 27) "Say ___" (doctor's order)
- 30) Click it to drop it
- 32) Carey or Barrymore
- 33) Like a certain childhood friend?
- 36) Excessive blarney
- 39) Etna spew
- 40) Ann ___, Mich.
- 42) Ornamental notions case
- 43) Bookcase unit
- 45) Prompt willingness
- 47) Economic and social misfortunes
- 49) Baseball quota
- 50) Like Gen. Powell
- 51) More than bothered
- 54) Polio vaccine pioneer
- 56) Improvise musically
- 57) Air show formation
- 59) "Praying" insect
- 63) Hour on a grandfather clock
- 64) "See what I mean?"
- 66) Word with "Angelo" or "Antonio"
- 67) Center of the action
- 68) Bjorn Borg, for one
- 69) Simon's couple
- 70) Broadcast again
- 71) Provide funds for

DOWN

- 1) Cardinal number (fifth power of 10)
- 2) Over the bounding main
- 3) Went lickety-split
- 4) Calyx component
- 5) Paper-folding art
- 6) Objector's word
- 7) High-pitched instrument
- 8) "___ I lie to you?"
- 9) Pink-slipped
- 10) Suffix for ordinal numbers
- 11) Stands up to scrutiny
- 12) Follow the law
- 13) Slightly drunk
- 18) Nine-day Catholic prayer
- 22) Tarzan and others
- 24) Part of a drum kit
- 26) Post-wedding title
- 27) Is under the weather
- 28) Asian maidservant
- 29) Think about
- 31) Word before renewal or sprawl
- 34) Racehorse gait
- 35) A famous bear and a famous catcher
- 37) Deceptive maneuver
- 38) Light fog
- 41) Change the title of
- 44) Pesky insect
- 46) Medical disappointment
- 48) Harshly extreme
- 51) Dispatch boat
- 52) River nymph
- 53) Ward off
- 55) Well-recognized
- 58) Active European volcano
- 60) Even, scorewise
- 61) Opening to China?
- 62) Ratatouille, e.g.
- 64) Long-nosed fish
- 65) Solo of "Star Wars"

GOT IT!

By Rob Lee

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Sudoku (answers page 39)

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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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Answer, page 39 **Solution: 9 letters**

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Sudoku answer to puzzle on page 37

Crossword answer to puzzle on page 36

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



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SOME FUN NEW YEAR'S FACTS

It's no secret that the arrival of a new year has long been associated with all kinds of New Year's traditions. People all around the world take the time to prepare good luck foods, make the perfect champagne toast at midnight and dress up in their favorite glittery outfits, all in the spirit of the holiday. But with all of that fanfare, the meaning behind each of these New Year's activities can become easily lost in the mix.

There is so much fascinating New Year's history to consider. Like, how did the idea of Baby New Year come about? When was the very first ball drop in Times Square? How did the holiday come to be and how is it celebrated around the world? We've pulled together some of the best New Year fun facts that will introduce you to some of the most interesting things you never knew about January 1.

Over 50 tons of trash are left in Times Square after New Year's Eve celebrations.

About 3,000 pounds of that is confetti — that's a lot to clean up!

ABC's 'New Year's Rockin' Eve' show is a long-standing tradition.

Dick Clark began hosting the show in 1974. In December 2004, Clark suffered a stroke and Regis Philbin stepped in at the last minute to host. In 2005, Clark officially handed hosting duties over to Ryan Seacrest.

Most New Year's resolutions aren't taken too seriously.

Nearly 80% of resolutions made at the beginning of the year are forgotten by February. So no worries if you need to restart!

You can thank a pope for making our new year start on January 1.

The Gregorian calendar was introduced in October of 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII as a revised version of the Julian calendar. It took almost 350 years for the world to get on board. Turkey didn't make the switch until 1927.

The reason January is called January is actually kind of deep.

It's been widely reported that the month was named for the Roman god Janus, but it's actually rooted in the Latin word "ianua," which means door. The name was chosen to symbolize the opening of a new door that happens when the new year begins.



Baby New Year is actually really old.

Baby New Year has been a symbol of the holiday since around 600 B.C., starting in ancient Greece when an infant was paraded around in a basket in celebration of Dionysus, the god of fertility (and wine). The baby represents a rebirth that occurs at the start of each new year.

MORE FUN NEW YEAR'S FACTS**Time balls were invented to help sailors.**

Long before it was used on New Year's Eve, a ball on top of England's Royal Observatory in Greenwich was dropped at 1 p.m. every day (starting in 1833) to help ship captains coordinate their navigation equipment. Similar balls were set up in coastal areas around the world.

The first Times Square New Year's party was thrown for a newspaper.

The annual tradition of gathering in Times Square for New Year's started as a party to celebrate the opening of the *New York Times* building in 1904. Over 200,000 people attended.

Though the parties raged on, there wasn't a ball drop until 1907.

Fireworks were previously used to welcome the new year, but they were banned because burning embers were falling on the crowd. A ball being lowered on a flagpole was a safer bet.

It's been a spectacle every year since, except for during World War II.

Wartime restrictions put the tradition on pause in 1942 and 1943. Times Square revelers observed a moment of silence at midnight instead.

The Times Square ball's weight has yo-yoed.

The original ball was made from 700 pounds of iron and wood. It was later reduced to just 400 pounds of wrought iron before they switched to an aluminum frame in 1955. The now 11,875-pound ball didn't get its new look (and materials) until the millennium when Waterford partnered with Philips Lighting to create a shimmery LED display.

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The raising of Mr. Neon, the 35-foot, sunglass-clad metal fruit, has been a tradition for over 30 years.

Hershey, PA drops a giant Kiss to ring in the new year.

Other Pennsylvania towns have traditions that play off their names. In Mechanicsburg, they drop a wrench. In Dillsburg, they drop a pickle.

Americans drink around 360 million glasses of sparkling wine on New Year's.

Corks can fly out of the bottle at a speed of 25 miles per hour, so it's best to open bottles at a 45-degree angle (away from yourself and others).

The New Year's kiss started with the Romans.

Although things got a little friskier back then, ancient Romans are credited with the kissing tradition because of their Saturnalia festival. It was a celebration honoring Saturn, the god of time, where all social norms went out the window.

Goal Setting Foundations

Welcome to the New Year. Many people view ringing in January as a way to shed the woes of the previous year and look forward to what may come. And with that comes New Year’s resolutions: a promise to maintain good habits or to modify them into something else. Many people naturally strive to better themselves, and what they choose to do or not do is an expression of their true self. There are a few ‘rules’ you can follow to help accomplish the goals you set. We can use the classic example of weight loss, but this can extend to anything: finances, relationships, career, hobbies, time management, or sobriety.

Rule 1: The goal needs to be measurable and have an end date. Saying “I’m going to lose weight” does not have a meaningful timeframe that will help you accomplish that goal. Without an end date, it’s difficult to track progress. A number is measurable. Saying, “I want to save \$10,000 by end of this year (12/31 or sooner),” or “I want to fit into my size 36” pants by June” are examples of attaching measurable timeframes to specific goals.

Rule 2: The goal must be reasonable and sustainable. This may require some research on your end, including potentially asking family, friends, or professionals for advice, depending on the goal you want to achieve. Proper research should involve multiple sources to get a consensus on what is most likely to work. It doesn’t have to be complicated, but running with just one source can often lead to trouble even if that one source is yourself. People’s circumstances are unique, and there are many professional resources that can help for free. The research might be boring, but it can provide a blueprint of what would work before it has started. Let’s use weight loss as an example. Rapid weight loss through radical diet changes is often not sustainable. If you try too much too fast, it could be a miserable experience. Most people revert to their regular diet aggressively. It creates a “yo-yo” effect with a result trending upward.

Rule 3: Keep your eye on the prize, and take a step back to remember why you made this goal. No one said it had to be some high and mighty virtue. “I want to look good” and “I want to stay healthy for my kids” are both entirely valid reasons to set a weight loss goal. Did you make this goal because you wanted to? It may be really hard to work on the goal if you can’t answer the why. Remember the prize. For example, if you want money for a hobby but you work so much that you don’t make time for that hobby, it defeats the purpose.

Now, using this guidance, let’s set a goal or two.

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