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ERIC MYERS TO THE RESCUE— A DAY AT THE BEACH!



By Eric Berkowitz

On April 30, 2002, two busloads of Galt Mile residents attended a public hearing at the Hollywood Beach Community Center in support of the Army Corps of Engineers plan to renourish our shrinking beaches. On May 13, 2003, a contingent of eight Galt Mile residents flew to Tallahassee to refute allegations by vested interests in the Real Estate and Scuba lobbies that coastal residents "don't want their beaches renourished." Upon hearing our neighbors' testimony, the Florida Cabinet decided to include beaches from Fort Lauderdale to Pompano in the Broward County Shore Protection Project. To enhance environmental protections for the upcoming Segment II (Fort Lauderdale) stage of the County's coastal rescue plan, the Florida Cabinet mandated an 18-month monitoring period following the renourishment of South Broward's Segment III beaches.

When the hopper dredge "Liberty Island" pumped a last load of sand onto the beach at John U. Lloyd Beach State Park on February 8, 2006, it marked an end to the South County portion (Segment III) of the project and triggered the 18-month monitoring countdown. In late August of 2007, a report compiled by academicians from the Nova Oceanographic Center, a joint venture of coastal engineering consulting firms (Coastal Planning and Engineering, Inc., Olsen Associates, Inc., etc.) and Broward staff scientists arrived at the Tallahassee headquarters of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Noticing that the report documented two species of coral Federally designated as "threatened" in 2006, FDEP advised their Broward counterpart to add these new corals to the list of protected marine organisms prior to the upcoming Segment II project. Since Broward Beach Administrator Stephen Higgins built an impeccable reputation compiling scientifically bulletproof responses to similar modification requests, FDEP officials were understandably perplexed when Higgins seemingly fell off the map.

For decades, Higgins spearheaded the County's world class beach maintenance policy. He won staunch support for the renourishment program by addressing scientific concerns expressed by a formidable gauntlet of Federal, State and NGO (Non-Governmental Organiza-

tions) environmental watchdogs. His authoritative environmental treatises satisfied the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in the Federal government. On the State level, his comprehensive reports made the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) into allies. Higgins' landmark environmental impact statements earned the respect of the Florida Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Communities Trust and prominent environmentalists like Roy Rogers.

Suddenly, when asked by GMCA officials about the Segment II project, County beach officials responded with a series of irrelevant diversions throughout 2008 and 2009, focusing instead on additional erosion control devices and a nondescript search for sand. Concerned about the lack of progress, the Galt Mile Community Association contacted Michael Sole, who served as FDEP Secretary under former Governor Charlie Crist. Sole informed GMCA President Pio Ieraci that Broward Beach officials hadn't responded to Departmental inquiries for more than a year. While the two agencies were locked in this dilatory two-step, the Federal and State permits authorizing the project expired.

Prior to proceeding with Segment II, Broward beach officials would first have to repeat the environmental testing required for a new federal permit. Since Michael Sole, a Marine Biologist, worked with Higgins in Broward County before his appointment to FDEP, he was familiar with the project's scientific and engineering parameters. While a painful repetition of the federal permit process was unavoidable, Sole granted Higgins a 5-year State permit extension through June 4, 2014, saving the Broward Beach Administrator months of tedious bureaucratic housekeeping. The extension proved to be a parting gift. A year later, Sole stepped down as FDEP Secretary while overseeing the State's response to the Deepwater Horizon fiasco and accepted an offer from Florida Power & Light to serve as Vice President of their Governmental Affairs Department.

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When public officials in Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Deerfield Beach, Pompano and other project stakeholders learned about the County's monumental misstep, they went ballistic. Hoping to quell the exploding enmity, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry sent a beach renourishment update to former Fort Lauderdale City Manager George Gretsas on May 27, 2010. She concluded her summary of beach project issues with the comment "Broward County-conducted beach construction in Segment II is targeted for November of 2011, pending completion of the engineering/design and permitting processes in a timely fashion." Shortly afterwards, Beach Administrator Higgins announced that he would retire in 2011. Although he would continue as a consultant, his primary duties would be assumed by Deputy Director Eric Myers of Broward's Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department. Myers was Higgins' boss.

On February 3, 2011, Myers attended the Town Hall meeting convened to introduce newly elected Congressman Allen West and Florida State Senator Ellyn Bogdanoff. Since the beach renourishment project is a joint federal, state and county effort, he was soliciting Allen West's assistance in securing promised federal reimbursement for funds advanced by the County. After offering an unqualified apology for Broward's gaffe, Myers asked attending GMCA officials what he could do to help "make things right." Myers would have to accept responsibility for his agency's breakdown prior to resurrecting its ruptured reputation. He was invited to attend the February 7th Presidents Council meeting at Coral Ridge Towers, where he would have an opportunity to confront flustered constituents.

At the meeting, Myers shared the floor with City Commissioner Bruce Roberts and County Commissioner Chip LaMarca. Admitting to the County's exasperating lapse, he told association officials that he would hereon in provide regular updates about the renourishment project. He also promised to avoid sugar coating reports with political spin. Exclaiming that he wants to build a relationship based on mutual trust, Myers said that he will need community support to achieve our common objectives.

When irate attendees roasted Myers for his predecessor's dereliction, he conceded their right to be angry. Myers then lowered the boom, stating "I understand that you have repeatedly been told that the project is scheduled for late 2011. I don't believe that's possible. Since we must first complete the Federal permit process and collect the State and Federal funds allocated to the project, a far more realistic target date is late 2013." Roughly 80 attending association officials groaned in unison.

For the past decade, increasingly frustrated Galt Mile residents have been anxiously awaiting promised repairs to what the Florida Department of Environmental Protection characterized as "Broward's severely eroded beaches." Given the County's cosmic blunder, beach officials must now also contend with its residents' severely eroded patience. After offering an olive branch to the Galt Mile community, Myers said that he assigned himself that task.

True to his word, Myers returned to address the May 2nd Presidents Council meeting at Ocean Manor. He reported some success with collecting funds reimbursed to Broward for the completed south county segment of the renourishment project. He estimated that the federal permitting hurdles for Segment II (Fort Lauderdale - Galt Mile) would consume the next 18 to 20 months, after which the county can begin accepting contractor bids. He further refined the projected start date to October 2013.



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OVERMEDICATED OR CERTIFIABLE?

By Eric Berkowitz

For more than a year, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts' newsletters tracked Fort Lauderdale's effort to clamp down on the weed-like growth of disreputable local pain clinics. Roberts first lamented the explosive proliferation of these pill mills at the February 18, 2010 GMCA Advisory Board meeting, noting that within a few years, their numbers jumped from 4 to 176. Drawing on his long experience as the City's top cop, Roberts knew that the vast majority of drugs dispensed at these clinics wind up on the street.

In the spring of 2009, State Attorney Michael J. Satz of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit convened a Grand Jury to study the "proliferation of pain clinics in South Florida". On November 19, 2009, the "Broward County Florida Grand Jury Report on Pain Clinics" was released. It confirmed facts that were essentially old news to the local drug world and the DEA - that South Florida anchored the State's reputation as the nation's "Painkiller Capital".

Referring to DEA statistics, the report confirmed that in 2006, more oxycodone was distributed in Florida than in any other state - 40 percent more than in second-ranked California. In 2008, Florida was home to the nation's top 25 pain clinic dispensers of prescription drugs as well as the top 50 physicians who dispensed the most oxycodone in the United States.

The DEA described how the pain clinics supplied product to "mules" from Eastern Kentucky who would keep a portion of the haul and bring the rest to distribution sites controlled by the Kentucky-based "James Marsillet II" drug ring. South Florida pill mills similarly supplied statewide networks in Ohio, Illinois, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Not to be outdone by competing drug rings in other states, local dealers replenished their Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach inventories at these one stop shops. Market exchange rates are remarkably seductive, as pills picked up by mules for \$5 each bring \$30 from dealers who sell them on the street for \$80 apiece.

Despite a mountain of Federal evidence that Florida supplies neighboring states with most of their illegal prescription drugs through this network of pill mills, state lawmakers ignored the problem. Fed up with his peers' quiet neglect, Senator Mike Fasano filed Senate Bill 2272 in 2010. His "Pill Mill Bill" prohibited clinics from dispensing more than a 72-hour supply of a controlled substance to patients who pay by check, cash or credit card. Since third party carriers maintain current provider and client utilization databases, clinics

billing insurance coverage or worker compensation can dispense larger amounts of the regulated medications. His bill required physicians practicing in a pain clinic to complete a pain medicine fellowship or residency, or be recognized as a pain management specialist by the appropriate licensing board. Additionally, Pill Mills must register with the Department of Healthcare and cannot advertise their products and services.

With a prescription drug database capable of tracking the illegal distribution of narcotic drugs authorized by the Legislature in 2008 and the new statutes regulating pain clinics, the last piece of the puzzle was left to the Department of Healthcare. Having campaigned on reversing Florida's reputation for coddling drug dealers, the new Governor charged the State's medical board with drafting rules governing pain clinic operations.

Until the State provided them with the statutory tools to effectively address this fast-growing threat in their own back yard, on March 2, 2010, Commissioner Roberts and Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler prompted the City Commission to pass a stopgap measure - Ordinance No. C-10-07 - establishing a 180-day moratorium on licensing pain management clinics. Working with state health authorities, D.E.A., F.B.I., and the Broward Sheriff, Fort Lauderdale police initiated a campaign to cripple the South Florida supply chain of legal drugs that fuel the street market.

Reassured that statutory help was on the way, our City cops participated in multi-jurisdictional raids to close pain clinics on a weekly basis. On April 5th, the Florida Department of Health shut down the Fort Lauderdale Pain Relief Center at 201 W. Oakland Park Boulevard. Two weeks after suspending the clinic's main physician, 85 year-old Dr. Michael Lazzopina, for over-prescribing thousands of painkillers, the Health Department closed the clinic for operating without a "designated physician" responsible for ensuring medical standards. The Fort Lauderdale Pain Relief Center is owned by Integra Health Services, a company run by chiropractors Michael Rechter and David Romano, who operate similar clinics in Dania Beach, West Palm Beach and Jacksonville. Not surprisingly, they also run an MRI facility in Louisville as well as pain clinics in Louisville and Elizabethtown, Kentucky - one of several states flooded by South Florida prescription drugs.

On May 4, 2010, the Health Department closed the Broward Chronic Pain and Recovery Center on Powerline Road after suspending the medical license of Dr. Alfred E. Boyce on April 28th for prescribing 10,800 tablets to six patients over a six month period. The pills were predominantly oxycodone and Xanax, two highly addictive drugs that are Mother's milk on the Black Market. The 80-year old Dr. Boyce is a local medical "Hall of Famer". His license was also suspended in 2004 and 2005 when the chiropractor running an Oakland Park cosmetic medicine clinic left four people comatose from overdoses of botulinum toxin shots ordered in Boyce's name. The Pill Mill is owned by businessman William D. Benton.

Five days earlier, on April 30th, Fort Lauderdale police and state agents raided the Mercy Wellness and Recovery Center on Northeast 48th Street, another of

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Benton's cash cows. Benton also owns the Fort Lauderdale Pain and Rehabilitation Clinic in a strip plaza on Commercial Boulevard around the corner from his Broward Chronic Pain operation. Doctors working in these clinics are paid between \$800,000 and a \$1,200,000 a year, based primarily on the number of people they'd plied with pills. Each clinic nets about \$50,000 daily.

On May 24, 2010, Fort Lauderdale police and Florida Department of Health officials raided the Broward Urgent Care clinic at 1409 SE First Ave. The clinic's medical director, Dr. Bernard Cantor, is an obstetrician and faculty member at Florida International University medical school. The clinic's president is Alan Daley.

At the same time, Federal agents arrested Boca Raton internist Dr. Michael Roy Shook, owner and supervising doctor of the Lauderhill Medical Clinic at 2762 W. Oakland Park Boulevard. Although state health authorities filed a disciplinary case against the 52-year-old Shook on February 10, 2010 and barred him from prescribing narcotic drugs, he and the clinic's listed president, ultrasound technician Gary Adams, continued hawking up to 700 pills a month to carriers employed by the Eastern Kentucky Drug ring.

After an intensive 14-month investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local police agencies served search warrants on three dispensing pain clinics in Lake Worth and West Palm Beach, two of which are less than a mile apart. Although the 29-year-old twin brothers who own the pill mills - Jeff and Chris George - have no medical training, they do have criminal records.

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Following his swearing in ceremony, Governor Rick Scott's first Executive Order (11-01) froze all new regulations. He then eliminated the state Office of Drug Control, which had been coordinating the war on pill mills. When Governor Scott ordered the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to submit new rules for monitoring prescription drugs and pain clinics, as mandated in Senator Fasano's "Pill Mill Bill", local efforts to close pain clinics were placed on hold. City officials in Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Palm Beach anticipated that the new State rules would provide a more effective legal platform for closing the clinics.

On January 7, 2011, when the DOH delivered to Scott the regulations he requested, agency officials and Medical Board physicians stressed their urgency and requested implementation within 7 days. Instead, the Governor authorized an economic study to determine how much these rules would cost the private sector. Most of the estimated \$69 million was for urinalysis, enabling clinics to distinguish between addicts and real patients. Although the \$15 cost is paid by the patient, Scott's new "Office of Fiscal Accountability and Regulatory Reform" is still debating the potential financial impact of urinalysis.

As weeks passed, newly elected Attorney General Pam Bondi, whose campaign was anchored by repeated promises to close pill mills, said she would talk to the Governor about approving the rules he requested from DOH. A week later, she called a press conference to describe a nightmare she had in which someone died from a new party drug known as MDPV. Sold in head shops as "bath salts", Bondi wants to ban the drug for its linkage to several deaths and suicides. She failed to mention the pain clinics that dispense Vicodin like chicklets and kill thousands of Floridians every year.

More weeks passed. Although approved by the DEA, every police group and medical association, Governor Scott blocked implementation of a privately funded prescription drug database that the 2008 Republican Legislature created to track over-dispensing physicians and drug dealers that go "doctor-shopping." Thirty-eight states use similar databases to track oxycodone and other painkillers that are now the most widely abused (and lethal) drugs in the country. Scott commented "I don't support the database. I believe it's an invasion of privacy." When top law enforcement officials, legislators and Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear (since drugs from Florida annually kill thousands of his constituents), pleaded with Scott to reconsider, he refused.

Unable to convince the Governor to stop protecting the pill mills and approve the State Medical Board's pain clinic rules, Attorney General Bondi appointed former State Senator Dave Aronberg to spearhead her statewide campaign against the pill mills. When asked about his progress, Aronberg announced that he is still waiting for Scott's regulation squad to determine whether urine tests create an unfair financial burden on drug mules.

Initially perplexed by the Governor's refusal to inconvenience drug dealers, many Tallahassee lawmakers don't agree with his inexplicable decision to treat criminal enterprises as if they were legitimate businesses worthy of State protection. New Port Richey Republican Senator Mike Fasano, who's "Pill Mill Bill" finally provided the statutory wherewithal to stifle the growth of Florida's street drug trade, vowed to actualize the prescription drug database. Since every law enforcement agency in the State declared it an indispensable tool in the war on drugs, Senate President Mike Haridopolis says public funding will be used if necessary.

Scott is able to thwart State and local efforts against the pill mills but has no control over Federal authorities, who raided pain clinics from Miami to West Palm Beach in February. Operating seven clinics in Broward and Miami-Dade, convicted heroin dealer Vincent Colangelo allegedly distributed more than 660,000 oxycodone pills over a two-year period, netting \$150,000 a day. The raids revealed clinic techniques used to assist pill brokers trying to avoid detection. An undercover agent witnessed a clinic nurse coach a roomful of mules to avoid filling prescriptions at pharmacies that use a computerized database such as Walgreens. She sternly warned, "Do not go to Walgreens. I can't say this enough. They are not your friend; they are the enemy."

Calling the crackdown "Operation Snake Oil," administrator Michele Leonhart of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said "Prescription drug abuse is our

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country's fastest growing drug problem, and pill mills such as those in Florida are fueling much of that growth." U.S. Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer added "According to recent estimates, Florida prescribes ten times more oxycodone pills than all other states combined."

Forced to the sidelines by Governor Scott, State and local law enforcement is fuming. Intimating that Scott's pro-pill mill maneuvers aren't unintentional missteps, Palm Beach County State Attorney Michael McAuliffe commented "I hope and expect that the new governor's office, when they say they want the most favorable climate in the world for business, that they're talking about legitimate businesses. These aren't legitimate businesses, and that's the heart of the matter. They haven't been regulated, and they've mushroomed in our communities."

Early on, the public rationalized the new Governor's dissolution of the state Office of Drug Control as a political preview of his intended deregulation policy. Since he openly began shielding an illegal "business" that kills 7 people in his state every day, Floridians have been desperately seeking a viable reason for his actions. It's been suggested that he pops pills and shares a bond with the over-medicated. Others believe that he is an ideological extremist who sees no role for government in people's lives. Some think that Scott never recovered from his tarnished leadership role at Columbia/HCA, where the Department of Justice successfully prosecuted the largest case of healthcare fraud in U.S. history. Law enforcement officials and lawmakers have suggested that the Governor's vision of a pro-business agenda fails to distinguish between legitimate and criminal enterprises. Of all the conjecture about his motivation, the prospect most feared by Floridians is that their elected Governor is certifiable.

On February 7th, he significantly heightened those fears. After proposing to abolish the narcotics database in documents he submitted to the legislature along with his budget proposal, he faced a roomful of reporters and announced "The program has not been working." Stunned reporters looked at one another as Scott's staffers cringed. Evidently, Scott was the only one in the room - possibly the state - who didn't know that the database had never been implemented.

Like local jurisdictions across the State, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission's reaction is a blend of anger and confusion. The eerie events in Tallahassee placed their plans to close down more pain clinics on ice. When asked for his take on the Governor's enigmatic behavior, Commissioner Bruce Roberts restrained himself, stating "It doesn't make any sense, maybe he's a Libertarian."

Maybe it's not that complicated. Scott's single largest financial holding is his \$62,034,298 interest in Solantic, Florida's fastest-growing urgent care provider with 32 clinics statewide. Since the clinics both write for and fill prescription drugs (except at their Walmart locations) they would be prominently featured in the prescription drug database - bad news for the stock price. The database would also deepen Scott's embarrassing violation of Florida's conflict of interest law [112.313(7), Florida Statutes], which mandates "public officials can't own stock in companies regulated by the state or hold employment or contractual relationships with companies they regulate." In a futile attempt to circumvent compliance, Scott transferred his number one asset to the "Frances Annette Scott Revocable Trust" - his wife. Since the law is also binding on spouses, the cosmetic maneuver wouldn't alter the regulatory relationship between the impending database and Solantic, leaving Scott in perpetual violation - a condition that Scott seems perfectly willing to tolerate.

Whether overmedicated, unbalanced, a secret fan of organized crime, or a closet Libertarian, there is no getting around the fact that each day our Governor dawdles, seven more bodies can be laid at his feet. •

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GALT MILE FOOD DRIVE TOTALS EXPLODE

By Eric Berkowitz

On Sunday morning, February 27, 2011, small groups of Galt Mile residents gravitated to Winn Dixie from 7:30 to 8 AM, amassing in the parking lot. At 8:45 AM, they embarked on a "5K Hunger Awareness Walk". They didn't undertake this ordeal and pay the \$10 fee for the refreshments, the free t-shirt or the post-walk "burn" (well - maybe the t-shirt). Sponsored by local businesses (Fort Lauderdale Real Estate, WINN DIXIE, Century 21 Hansen Realty, SunTrust Bank, Las Orquideas Restaurant, Orchids Beauty Salon & Day Spa and Charisma International), the event graphically kicked off the 5th Annual Galt Mile Food Drive.

Two days earlier, Fort Lauderdale Real Estate proprietor and longtime Galt Mile resident Domenic Faro hosted a luncheon in his office (next to Dunkin' Donuts) that doubled as an opportunity to distribute deposit boxes, flyers, posters and schedules for the food drive. The enthusiastic diners set an unprecedented collection goal - they hoped to exceed last year's 20,000 points (the equivalent of 20,000 lbs. of food). This year, an agreement with Winn Dixie would add to the collection totals when grocery shoppers bought certain 2 for 1 specials.

On Thursday, March 17th, Cooperative Feeding Program Executive Director Scott Woodburn released the 1st half totals to sharpen the participating associations' competitive spirit. The collection totals were lagging behind those of last year. Hoping to personalize the statistics, Woodburn named those captains whose associations were outpacing their previous year's donations. They included Annemarie Adams (Edgewater Arms), Bonnie Levitt (Coral Ridge Towers Original), Charles Baldwin (Plaza South), Janet Bolt (Ocean Club), Marcy Kravit (The Galleon), Marcella Santiago (Playa del Sol), Lee Lowenthal (Ocean Summit), Ayasha Agarrat (Plaza East), Chuck Swinghammer

(Caribé) and Rosie Bowers (Playa del Mar). As it was their first Food Drive, Woodburn honorably mentioned captain Lisa Edwards of Coral Ridge Tower North.

Despite the slowed collection momentum, Woodburn remained optimistic about the final statistics. He said "I would also note that last year the food drive effort was supported by a few very generous philanthropists who we hope will come back with others to support this very important effort." He was referring to several Galt Mile civic sparkplugs like GMCA Advisory Board member Mary Short, whose cash donations in 2010 played a significant role in virtually doubling the 2009 totals. Factoring in those dream dollars buoyed Woodburn's outlook.

On March 25th, while announcing the Food Drive's final week, Woodburn released details for the Victory Celebration, an annual event organized to recognize the association that racked up the most points. To level the playing field for smaller associations, a second award recognizes the most points per unit. An association earns one point for each pound of food and/or each dollar collected. This year, proprietors Kevin Songer and Randy Liebig of the St Lawrence Gallery agreed to host the celebration at the popular storefront shop and gallery at 3556 N Ocean Boulevard. In a special request, Woodburn asked association captains to prompt their boards to appoint designates who would attend the April 12th event and receive their respective certificates of appreciation.

He notified participants that the final pickup would take place on March 31st beginning at 9 AM. Collections would start at Hermitage II, proceed north to Caribé and then jump to the Coral Ridge Towers Complex. During the 10 minutes planned at each stop, donors could ask for their final collection totals, although the official stats would be reserved for the April 12th Victory Celebration.

The final totals knocked the participating associations for a loop. The 8,089 lbs. of food collected by Galt Mile associations was abetted by cash donations amounting to \$17,634, yielding an unprecedented 25,723 points. The new record was accompanied by a new Total Points Champion. After a three year lock as runaway winner of both "total points" and "points per unit", Edgewater Arms ceded recognition for total Points to Galt Ocean Club with 6,096 total points, although Edgewater Arms' 69 points per unit was good enough to retain their championship in that category. Following the Victory Celebration festivities, Scott Woodburn reviewed the 2011 Galt Food Drive results in two documents he sent by email, a letter entitled "2011 Final News" and an Excel spreadsheet compilation of the final statistical summary - "2011 Final Results". See below for the content of these final correspondences:

2011 Galt Ocean Mile Food Drive Final News

Congratulations on an amazing effort. We had another record setting year for the 2011 Galt Ocean Mile Food Drive.

We set a goal of beating the 2010 record setting total of 20,000 points and we did it! Super congratulations to all our condo participants for a wonderful record setting effort in our 2011 Food Drive.

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A total of 8089 lbs of badly needed food and an amazing \$17,634 including the 5K run resulted in a record setting total of 25,723 pts. That total is almost 6,000pts better than the 2010 Food Drive Total. Congratulations to everyone on a great effort.

Our 2011 Galt Ocean Mile saw a change in the CHAMPIONS listing. Our new total points CHAMPIONSHIP will now reside at the Galt Ocean Club with a superb record setting 6,096 total point total. A Great Effort from Israel Gonzales manager and team Captain. A special thanks goes out to their benefactor Mary Short for her most generous and most gracious gift. Ms Short has championed many homeless and hunger related charities and we are grateful that she has chosen to support our efforts at the Galt. Thank you Mary. Her gift on the Galt Ocean Club's behalf made all the difference in displacing Edgewater Arms in their attempt to retain their title as GRAND CHAMPION.

After a three year in a row run as Grand Champion, the Edgewater Arms Condo Association [sic - Cooperative Association] reign came to an end. But due to the record setting effort by Annemarie Adams and her Edgewater Arms members they did keep their points per unit Championship with a phenomenal record setting 69 points per unit total effort. Well done!

The Galt Community took the 2011 challenge seriously and it paid off with sizable increases from just about every condo association.

A special congratulation goes out to Bonnie Levitt of Coral Ridge Towers Original Association who worked so very hard this year and brought in a 1279 total, and for the first time joined our 1,000 point club along with the Galt Ocean Club with 6096, the Edgewater Arms at 5864 and Geri Boylan's efforts at Coral Ridge South with 1973 total points. All individual records for each association. Congratulations!

This year's most improved award recognizes just about everyone else. However a special notice goes out to Lee Lowenthal at the Ocean Summit who more than

doubled their 2010 effort and Ted Rogers, Commodore Association & Marcela Santiago of Playa de Sol who just about doubled their 2010 effort.

And thanks to Lisa Edwards, Coral Ridge North for their first year efforts and Ronnie Stein at L Hermitage II in their first year efforts with L Hermitage being in our top ten rankings in both categories.

Of Special note: Cindy Songer, Galt Tower, Janet Bolt at the Ocean Club, Charles Baldwin at Plaza South, Marcy Kravit at the Galleon, Rosie Bowers at Playa Del Mar, Chuck Swinghammer at the Caribe, Ayasha Agarrat at Plaza East, Isabela Schita at Regency South, James Beard at Ocean Riviera, who all improved over their totals from last year. Thanks for such a good effort this year.

In the points per unit category, how can anyone ever match the super generous effort of the wonderful folks at the Edgewater Arms with their almost 70 lbs per unit effort? But there was improvement at the Galt Ocean Club to 28 lbs/unit, Coral Ridge South at 5.8 lbs per unit, Regency Tower at 5.4, the Fountainhead and Commodore at 4.2 Coral Ridge Towers at 4, Ocean Summit at 3, L Hermitage at 2.8, the Galt Towers at 2.6 and rounding out the top ten is the Ocean Club at 2.5 pts per unit.

Thank you for a great effort in making this Food Drive effort the best yet. Your efforts and donations will make a difference. Your donations will change lives. Your donations will save lives. What a great gift and blessing to your neighbors and community. Imagine the difference we can make when we work together. We can work magic.

Thanks for making this year's food drive a record breaking success.

Scott A. Woodburn
LifeNet4Families/Cooperative Feeding Program, 954-629-7381

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15 Urban Gourmet Market 1201 E. Las Olas Blvd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info.: 954-462-4166 Int'l Young Dancers Festival Broward Center for the Performing Arts 3 p.m. Tix.: 954-462-0222	16 Plants and People Program for Alzheimer's Fairchild Tropical Garden 11:30 a.m. Register: 305-667-1651 X 3388 Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting Cardinal Gibbons High School, Media Room 6 p.m. Info.: 954-828-5033	17 Fort Lauderdale City Commission Meeting City Hall 6 p.m.	18 Marlins Vs. Chicago Cubs (Through 5/19) Sun Life Stadium Tix.: www.sunlifestadium.com Business Education Seminar Series: Business Insurance & Workman's Compensation War Memorial 5 to 7 p.m. Info.: 954-828-4752
22 Urban Gourmet Market 1201 E. Las Olas Blvd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info.: 954-462-4166	23 Memorial Day	24 BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268	25 
29 Urban Gourmet Market 1201 E. Las Olas Blvd. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info.: 954-462-4166	30 Memorial Day	31 BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268	1 Moonlight, Sea Turtles, & You (Through 7/15) Museum of Discovery & Science 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. For Dates.: 954-713-0930
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ADDITIONAL EVENTS

MAY 12: Florida Grand Opera Presents Mozart's Don Giovanni, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., Tix.: 954-462-0222
 MAY 13: Tee By The Sea, Aboard the luxurious Floridian Princess, departing from Bahia Mar, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Tix.: 561-416-5007
 MAY 13: 15th Annual Hospice Regatta, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Atlantic Ocean, Esplanade Park at Riverwalk, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Info.: 954-467-7423 ext. 1012
 MAY 14: Plant Sale Presented by the American Bougainvillea Society, Fairchild Tropical Garden, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 May 18 - 21: Pompano Beach Fishing Rodeo, 14th St and the Intracoastal, Pompano Beach, Info.: 954-942-4513
 MAY 19: Art Walk Las Olas, Las Olas Blvd from Museum of Art to SE 16th Ave, 5 to 9 p.m., Info.: 954-258-8382
 May 21: Jackson Browne, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m., Tix.: 954-462-0222
 May 29: Israeli Dance Festival, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m., Tix.: 954-462-0222

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Southpoint's North Lounge
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Jazz on the Square
The Village Grille
Commercial Blvd. & A1A
7 p.m.

Riverwalk Trust Burger Battle II
Riverside Hotel Lawn, 620 E. Las Olas Blvd.
7 to 10 p.m.
Info.: www.goriverwalk.com

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Jazz on the Square
The Village Grille
Commercial Blvd. & A1A
7 p.m.
Info.: 954-776-5092

Goldie's Gang JM Lexus Golf Classic
Fort Lauderdale Country Club, Plantation

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Jazz on the Square
The Village Grille
Commercial Blvd. & A1A
7 p.m.

Ft Lauderdale Spring Home Design
& Remodeling Show
(Through 5/30)
Broward County Convention Center
Info.: 954-667-9299

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Jazz on the Square
The Village Grille
Commercial Blvd. & A1A
7 p.m.

West Palm Beach Antiques Festival
Americraft Expo Center, S Florida Fairgrounds
Info.: 941-697-7475

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Jazz on the Square
The Village Grille
Commercial Blvd. & A1A
7 p.m.

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Riverwalk Urban Market
227 SW 2nd Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Info.: 954-298-5607

Fort Lauderdale Gun & Knife Show
(Through 5/15)
War Memorial Auditorium
Info.: 828-5380

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Riverwalk Urban Market
227 SW 2nd Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Info.: 954-298-5607

Buckler's 15th Annual Craft Fair
(Through 5/22)
Americraft Expo Center-S. Fla Fairgrounds
Info.: 386-860-0092

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Riverwalk Urban Market
227 SW 2nd Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Info.: 954-298-5607

Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival
(Through 5/29)
Delray Beach Tennis Center
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Info.: 954-472-3755

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Riverwalk Urban Market
227 SW 2nd Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Info.: 954-298-5607

Watts Home Energy Saver Workshops
Museum of Discovery & Science
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Tix.: 954-713-0930

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Riverwalk Urban Market
227 SW 2nd Ave.
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Info.: 954-298-5607

Katy Perry
BankAtlantic Center
7:30 p.m.
Tix.: www.ticketmaster.com

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

June 19

Stonewall Street Festival
Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors
Festival 4 to 9 p.m., Parade 6:30 p.m., Entertainment 7:30 p.m.

June 29 - July 2

AAU Karate National Championships
Broward County Convention Center
Info.: www.ftlauderdalecc.com

July 4

4th of July Spectacular
Off A1A and Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale Beach
11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Info.: <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/events>

July 9 - 10

The 19th Annual International Mango Festival
Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

July 19

Mama Mia, Broadway
Broward Center for the Performing Arts
Tix.: 954-462-0222

July 20 - 31

Cirque du Soleil Algeria
BankAtlantic Center
Tix.: www.ticketmaster.com



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

May 27 - 29: Florida Gold Coast Senior Circuit Swimming Meet, Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Info.: 954-468-5590

JUNE 9: 2nd on 2nd Thursdays Block Party, 200 Block SW 2nd Street, 5 to 9 p.m., Info.: 954-468-1541

JUNE 11 - 12: Gun & Knife Show: War Memorial Auditorium, Info.: 954-828-5380

Saturdays: Yoga @ Riverwalk, West side of Esplanade Park, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., free, Info.: 954-732-0517

Saturdays: Cardio & strength training @ Riverwalk, Esplanade Park, 11 to 12 p.m., free, Info.: 954-732-0517

Wednesdays: Cardio & strength training @ Riverwalk, Esplanade Park, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., free, Info.: 954-732-0517

Saturdays through September 3 (BEGINNING JUNE 4): 3rd Annual Saturday Nite Alive, Fort Lauderdale Beach A1A, 7 to 11 p.m.

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Collection Results

(23 Participating Associations)

Total Lbs & \$\$\$ (Points)		Lbs & \$\$\$ per Unit	
Association	Total Points	Association	Points/Unit
Galt Ocean Club*	6,096.0 points	Edgewater Arms**	69.0 pts/Unit
Edgewater Arms	5,863.5 points	Galt Ocean Club	28.0 pts/Unit
CRT South	1,973.5 points	CRT South	5.8 pts/Unit
CRT Original	1,279.0 points	Regency Tower	5.4 pts/Unit
Commodore	797.0 points	Fountainhead	4.2 pts/Unit
Ocean Summit	689.0 points	Commodore	4.2 pts/Unit
Galt Towers	674.0 points	CRT Original	4.0 pts/Unit
Playa del Sol	665.5 points	Ocean Summit	3.0 pts/Unit
L'Hermitage II	628.5 points	L'Hermitage II	2.8 pts/Unit
CRT East	613.0 points	Galt Towers	2.6 pts/Unit
Regency Tower	559.0 points	Ocean Club	2.5 pts/Unit
Fountainhead	534.0 points	Caribé	2.3 pts/Unit
Ocean Club	525.5 points	The Galleon	2.0 pts/Unit
Plaza South	469.0 points	Playa del Sol	1.8 pts/Unit
The Galleon	423.0 points	CRT East	1.8 pts/Unit
Southpoint	402.0 points	Ocean Riviera	1.7 pts/Unit
Playa del Mar	402.0 points	Plaza South	1.4 pts/Unit
Ocean Riviera	352.0 points	Playa del Mar	1.1 pts/Unit
Caribé	349.5 points	Southpoint	1.0 pts/Unit
CRT North	235.0 points	Regency South	1.0 pts/Unit
Plaza East	232.0 points	Plaza East	0.9 pts/Unit
Regency South	210.0 points	CRT North	0.7 pts/Unit
Royal Ambassador	89.5 points	Royal Ambassador	0.4 pts/Unit
Subtotal	24,136.0 points		
5K Walk	1,587.0 points		
Total Points	25,723.0 points		
Total Lbs of Food	8,089		
Total \$	\$17,634		

*Total Points Champion
**Points/Unit Champion

Beach...Continued

Myers explained that the Army Corps of Engineers, an agency whose Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), General Reevaluation Report (GRR) and Record of Decision (ROD) are prerequisites to the Federal permit, will be performing tests along the entire Segment II oceanfront, including the Galt Mile beach. Since beach ownership is shared by the associations lining the shore, the agency's engineers must request access before they can proceed with fulfilling the terms of the permit. Reminding attendees that he promised to expedite the project whenever possible, Myers said, "If each beachfront association would sign an easement providing beach access to the Corps of Engineers, it would speed things up. I will send a copy of the easement to Pio (Ieraci) and Eric (Berkowitz), who can then distribute the document."

Following Myers' update, the two GMCA officials asked member associations to have their respective attorneys review and approve the easement prior to signing off. The legal review will insure that the easement is strictly limited to construction-related renourishment efforts, precluding any unintended concession of general access rights. Yes, boys and girls, we do own our beaches (subject to public riparian rights - of course).•

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