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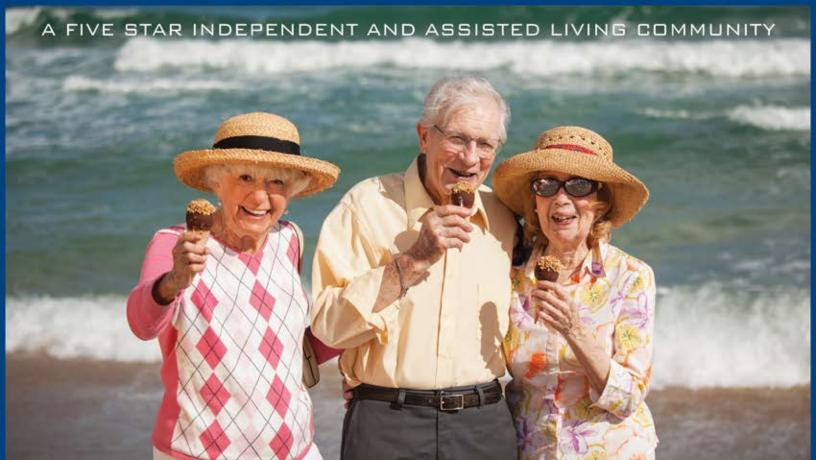
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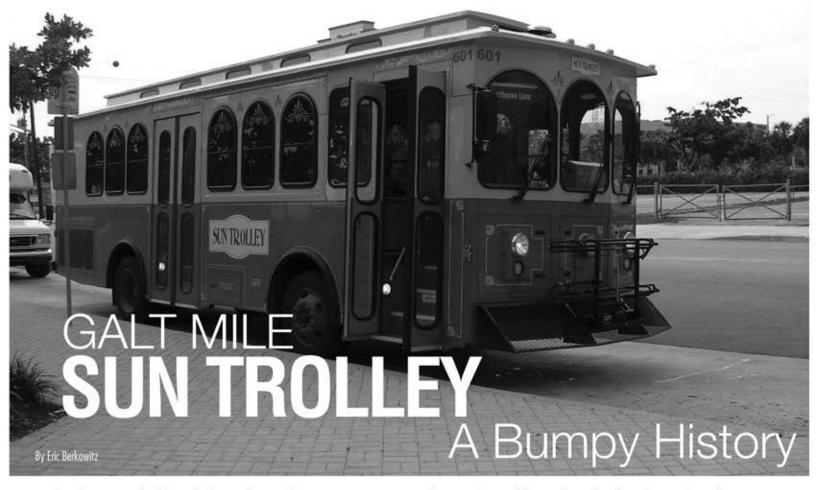


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Most Floridians consider their vehicles indispensable. Some name them after forebears, as if a Shelby GT500 dubbed LeBron was the culminant of ancestral spawn. However, if age creep has compromised your vision, or ditching car payments, auto insurance and weekly gas uptake helps keep the family budget in the black, there are a limited number of South Florida neighborhoods that are walkable to the beach, supermarkets, pharmacies, banks, health care, grocery stores, restaurants, a library, and shops of every stripe.

While most Galt Mile residents maintain vehicles in the garage or parking deck, our demographics include a larger than average community of dedicated pedestrians. Some lament being barred from a driver's license by a DMV eye exam. Others evangelize the wellness dividend of endless constitutionals. Few will admit that they were forced to choose between a car, prescribed heart medication and one daily alternative to canned tuna fish. For necessities they can't reach on foot, they needn't humble themselves by asking for a lift – they board the Sun Trolley. For scores of our neighbors, the community bus is more than an eclectic party favor, it's their sole access to medical or "quality of life" resources the rest of us take for granted.

Fort Lauderdale's community bus service – the Sun Trolley – is a project jointly sponsored by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (DFLTMA) and Broward County Transit (BCT). Among the original local service lines described in the 1991 initiation agreement, the Sun Trolley's Galt Mile route was meant to fill a long-neglected transportation void in the City's northernmost beachfront neighborhood. For decades, the Galt Mile community has silently tolerated a state of municipal imbalance. Although the City's most lucrative source of residential property tax revenues (comparable to the ad valorem contribution of the business district), the Galt Mile neighborhood demands – and receives – almost nothing in return.

In 2008, Fort Lauderdale's entire community bus service suffered near-terminal neglect when entrusted to former Sun Trolley Executive Director Les Hollingsworth, who spent a good deal more time feathering his own future than that of the community bus service. When invited to address neighborhood associations and civic groups,

Hollingsworth would vaguely outline how fairy tale marketing strategies would magically salvage bus routes beleaguered by the recession. Unfortunately, glad-handing at rubber chicken dinners tested the limits of his management skills.

Although the Galt Mile Route exceeded the County's contractual survival standard of 7.1 riders per hour, and despite promising neighborhood association officials that he would maintain the Galt Mile route, on October 10, 2008, Hollingsworth surreptitiously posted a route termination notice in Galt Mile Trolleys. When the GMCA revealed Hollingsworth's betrayal, a phalanx of angry residents who attended the October 21, 2008 City Commission meeting convinced Commissioners to abort the termination.

Their testimony underscored the Trolley's importance, especially to those without vehicles, as residents not only described trips to the li-brary, the Community Center, and doctor visits at Holy Cross hospital, but to the linked County bus network that provides access to services, friends and family throughout the region. An outraged former Commissioner Christine Teel told attending Galt Mile constituents that Hollingsworth's actions reflected "Total incompetence or indifference." Siding with the neighborhood association, the County Transportation Board voted to continue the service, ruling that ridership statistics met the funding requirements spelled out in its interlocal agreement with the City. As explained by Broward Community Transit Officer Irv Minney, "We never want to terminate anything if we don't have to. We want more transit." By the time that the DFLTMA Board realized that their Sun Trolley Executive Director's management vision was 99% vapor (and that Hollingsworth was actively sending out resumes), the entire enterprise was facing insolvency.

When Hollingsworth was finally pink slipped, former DFLTMA Executive Director Chris Wren stepped in as the Sun Trolley's Interim Director. A longtime City planning Guru, Wren chaired the City's Development Review Committee for 5 years and worked as a city planner for 10 years before being appointed Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in 2002. Charged with ascertaining which of the Sun Trolley's routes were salvageable,

Wren futilely pleaded with local merchants to support underutilized routes throughout the

Having watched Hollingsworth burn through meager agency resources to promote a series of botched screwball marketing "experiments", the vendors were understandably un-willing to invest in a program with "rescue" leadership and a horrific track record. Later, these vendors would regret not having accepted Wren's invitation.

Within months of Hollingsworth's long-overdue departure, newly elected District 1 Commissioner Bruce Roberts and Wren met with GMCA officials Pio Ieraci and Eric Berkowitz to discuss survival prospects for the Galt Mile route. Ieraci, Berkowitz and Roberts convinced Wren to issue a temporary reprieve, and helped outline a strategy for cultivating an incremental revenue source. The concept was simple. Along with carrying vacationers from Port Everglades and beachfront hotels to the usual blood-letting tourist traps, by tailoring the service to accommodate the shopping needs of local residents, it would not only boost ridership, but jump-start business for vendors stung by the economic downturn.

On September 15, 2009, the City signed a 3-year BCT contract (with two one-year extensions) to operate the Sun Trolley. Guided by constituent input aggressively solicited by new Sun Trolley Managing Director Patricia Zeiler, Wren restructured the Sun Trolley to better connect shoppers, patients and other consumers with customer-hungry vendors and service providers. Extending the Galt Ocean Mile route south to the Galleria would provide local residents with cheap and easy transportation to a world-class shopping venue and bring desperately needed new business to Macy's, Neiman Marcus, Dillards and scores of smaller stores trying to rebuild a faltering customer base.

Since the southernmost link in the Galt Mile route – a stretch of Sunrise Boulevard from A1A to the Galleria – was also the northernmost link in the Las Olas Beaches/Convention Connection route, seamlessly connecting these two existing routes would enable Galt Mile and North Beach shoppers to also access the Harbor Shops, stores on Las Olas Boulevard and a host of other shopping destinations. As an ancillary benefit, this new connectivity would boost recreational utilization as well, as an increasing number of Galt Mile and North Beach (the Palms, etc.) condo dwellers realized that a Trolley ride to the Fort Lauderdale beach area, Bahia Mar, Port Everglades, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, the Convention Center, the Museum of Art or the Las Olas Riverfront was fast, cheap and free of parking headaches. It worked. Despite a struggling economy, the bump in ridership incentivized further expansion as the DFLTMA began to see fiscal daylight.

On January 18, 2012, Broward County Transit (BCT) Capital Planning Manager Barney McCoy notified the County's 18 local partner municipalities about the availability of additional funds for the Community Bus Service program. BCT funds its share of the program by tapping revenues from the County's 2000 Local Option Gas Tax, for which each participating municipality serves as a "pass-through" agency to its local bus operator. In short, funds allocated to each municipality are in turn budgeted to its Community Bus Service. When several municipalities either reduced service hours or discontinued fully funded routes, the unused resources held by the County were made available to the other municipalities. Four of BCT's 18 partner municipalities dug into the newly fattened County cookie jar, including Fort Lauderdale.

Nearing the end of its three-year pact, City Commissioners probed the Sun Trolley's fiscal viability before their planned consideration of signing the first one-year contract extension (from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013) at the June 5th City Commission meeting. To help DFLTMA snag resources for planned service expansions, in February 2012, Fort Lauderdale City staff responded to McCoy's invitation by submitting funding applications for an additional \$92,109 on behalf of the Sun Trolley. Of the additional \$92,109 subsequently approved by BCT for the remainder of FY 2011-12, \$2,484 would offset a Las Olas Beach route deficit, \$27,945 would fund an additional trolley run for the Convention Connection route and a whopping \$61,680 was earmarked to provide the increasingly popular Galt Ocean Mile route with new Saturday and Sunday service. Unfortunately, the \$61,680 was inadequate to fully fund the Galt route's planned weekend expansion.

To remedy the shortfall, City staffers drafted an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) extending the contract between the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County. The Amendment housed a request for an incremental allocation of \$19,918.08. Since no additional Gas Tax monies were available for the balance of fiscal year 2012, and city bean counters were caching reserves as a cushion against 2013 budget blowback, the only source of revenues was a non-transferable Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant dedicated to the Convention Connection bus route (later renamed the Beach Link). Although Federal regulations intractably bind FTA revenue disbursements to the

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route for which they were approved, when Wren interconnected the Galt Mile and Convention Connection (Beach Link) routes, he serendipitously obliterated the funding obstacle. Since the Federal dollars could legally be used to plug the deficit anticipated by the Galt Mile route's weekend expansion, it remained on Zeiler's "to do" calendar. It also set the stage for her promotion to Executive Di-rector, which freed Wren to add chairing St. Patrick's Day events to his DDA duties.

With cadres of commuting regulars using the Trolley to lunch on Las Olas after shopping in Galleria, utilization rates soon outpaced projections. Flourishing under new Executive Director Zeiler's leadership, monthly ridership reached an unprecedented 32,000 in December, 2012. In addition to attracting waves of frugal shoppers, the service thinned the number of vehicles clogging city streets (and comparably cut the City's carbon footprint). In one program soonsored by the Sun Trolley, parking spaces are reserved in centralized venues like Broward Government Center and the County Courthouse for carpooling commuters who then hop the Trolley to work. In January of 2013, Zeiler observed "Currently, Sun Trolley serves as an alternative to driving a car for over 7,000 passengers

On January 2, 2013, Zeiler expanded the Beach Link Route to a 7-day service. Running between the Harbor Shops (on the 17th Street Causeway) and the Galleria Mall (at Sunrise Boulevard and the Intracoastal Waterway) with an option to cruise Las Olas Boulevard and Himmarshee Street, patrons could catch rides every 30 minutes from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM for 50¢/ride or \$2 for unlimited daily jaunts. Two weeks later she launched "Fort Lauderdale Excursion", a new girnost transportation and baggagae storage service that ena new airport transportation and baggage storage service that enables tourists to sock away their luggage in "Bags To Go" before using the Sun Trolley (\$19.95/person) and/or Water Taxi (\$29.95/person) for unlimited rides throughout the City until they return to the airport, grab the bags and fly off. It beat spending a 14-hour layover drifting in and out of semi-coma in the airport

Zeiler also turned the page on the Sun Trolley's clouded commercial appeal. Newly awakened to its positive impact on business, in-stead of having to sweet-talk merchants into supporting the bus serv-ice, local vendors were actively competing for destination status on a Sun Trolley route. Many were willing to help finance the required expansion.

Zeiler never forgot how extending the Galt Mile route to Holy Cross Hospital mutually benefitted the Sun Trolley and the Medical Center. Since adding Holy Cross to the Galt Mile route, elderly or disabled neighborhood residents who "walk the pool" every morning hop the Trolley to their regular afternoon Physical Therapy session at the Hospital.

When a \$20,000 contribution fell into her lap on January 20, 2013, Zeiler used the mini-windfall to finance an extension of the Galt Mile route to Broward Health Imperial Point Medical Center.
Commenting on the expansion, Zeiler said "We are so pleased to have Broward Health Imperial Point Hospital join our route destinations. The Galt Link Route continuously ranks as one of Sun Trolley's most popular routes amongst Broward County residents and we are confident that adding Broward Health Imperial Point will only serve to increase ridership.

Keenly aware of the stiff competition among healthcare service providers, Broward Health Imperial Point CEO Alice Taylor added "Diagnostic services such as CT, MRI, ultrasound, X-ray and digital mammography are now just a trolley ride away for residents of Galt Ocean Mile. The partnership also means increased access to dozens of physicians in various specialties whose offices are located on the hospital's campus." Since most local physicians enjoy admitting privileges in one of these two area hospitals, Galt Mile residents were delighted by the broadened medical access. Continued on page 10

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By March of 2013, the Sun Trolley had become a major source of mobility for visiting tourists, as airport passenger ridership topped 200 passengers per day. In the month of February alone, Sun Trolley had more than 42,000 passengers across all seven of its routes – an average of 1,500 daily riders.

To exploit the exploding popularity of Mobile Apps, Zeiler turned to the Leadership Broward Class 30 Project team for tech help. When the new "Sun Trolley Tracker" armed riders with the real time location of all trolleys, Zeiler snagged the FDOT-sponsored 2012 Travel Choices Innovative Program Award on Friday, April 12, 2013. In May, the Sun Trolley was named the City of Fort Lauderdale's number 2 attraction by online travel icon TripAdvisor.Com. By August, the Tracker App topped 10,000 downloads. After hitting a new record of 49,265 passengers across all seven routes in the month of December, Zeiler noted "Our monthly ridership averages approximately 40,000 passengers per month." In January, 2014, Zeiler extended the Downtown Link route to Broward Health Medical Center and Flagler Village.

Zeiler regularly expanded and contracted routes to better accommodate Holiday and event traffic. She also adapted schedules to demographic idiosyncrasies. Observing that many Galt Mile retirees seemed preoccupied with local social obligations on Sundays, on April 15, 2014, Zeiler scratched underutilized Sunday Trolleys and added Tuesday service to the Galt Mile route.

Named the "2014 Nonprofit Leader of the Year" at the Annual 211 Broward Academy Awards in March 2014, Patricia Zeiler's burgeoning notoriety as a transportation game changer sent her personal stock through the roof. Among the employment offers that crossed her desk was an opportunity to run the prestigious Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. In her 5 years as the Sun Trolley's Director, Zeiler's remarkable stewardship brought the City's Community Bus Service back from the abyss and empowered its future.

When Zeiler became the Historical Society's Executive Director in July of 2014, she left the Sun Trolley rudderless. While her staff kept the wheels on the wagon, without Zeiler or Wren, the DFLTMA Board – which includes both City Commissioner Bruce Roberts and Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca – desperately needed a new Trolley management virtuoso to meet the benchmarks mapped by Zeiler. They recruited Fort Lauderdale Transportation and Mobility Director Diane Alarcon, who recently hosted Community Center meetings to discuss impending improvements to A1A along the Galt Mile corridor, to help sort through prospects. On December 2, 2014, the DFLTMA Board announced the appointment of Robyn Chiarelli as Executive Director.

After holding leadership positions with the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) and Tri-Rail, Chiarelli served for more than seven years with

the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), including a term as Project Manager for District 4, where she supervised State-approved transportation projects for Broward and 4 other Southeast Florida counties. Recipient of a Prudential-Davis Productivity Award, Chiarelli was recently recognized as the 2014 WTS (Women's Transportation Seminars) South Florida Chapter Woman of the Year (a top-flight honorarium for Women in Transportation). A relieved DFLIMA Board Chair Alan Hooper announced "With her years of experience working in the field of transportation, Robyn is an ideal fit for this position, and we are excited to welcome her to the team."

The evening before, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts informed GMCA officials attending the December 1, 2014 Presidents Council meeting in Plaza South about prospective changes to the Galt Mile Sun Trolley Route. Although ridership is strong on the route section along A1A south to Sunrise, support has been faltering on the dogleg across Oakland Park Boulevard to Federal Highway, which services both Holy Cross and Imperial Point Hospitals. Roberts raised the possibility of striking a deal with the Pelican Hopper, the Community Bus Service for Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, to service the less traveled route going forward. While most attendees were preoccupied with more pressing agenda items – such as beach renourishment and community security – Roberts' admonition sparked concern by veteran association officials.

On weekdays, the Pelican Hopper duplicates three Sun Trolley stops in the Galt Mile neighborhood, at the Beach Community center, the Galt Mile Library and the corner of Galt Ocean Drive and NE 41st Street. It also connects to Holy Cross Hospital, albeit via Commercial Boulevard instead of Oakland Park Boulevard. However, since the Pelican Hopper only extends south to Palm Avenue and A1A on weekends, Galt Mile residents will lose their current Saturday service to Holy Cross. Also, the Pelican Hopper route doesn't feature stops at the Coral Ridge Mall or Imperial Point Hospital – weekly Sun Trolley destination sites for scores of Galt Mile shoppers and medical patients who don't own a vehicle.

Unless Roberts and his peers on the DFLTMA Board can successfully negotiate adaptations to the Pelican Hopper route and schedule with their counterparts in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, simply adding the Pelican Hopper to a less robust Galt Mile Sun Trolley will significantly drive up transportation costs for

drive up transportation costs for scores of his constituents. While some may be capable of walking to vendor sites no longer served or frequent alternative shopping venues, Galt Mile residents using health care providers in Imperial Point Hospital will be forced to carve round-trip taxi fares from monthly Social Security checks.

For retirees on fixed incomes, unanticipated expenses invariably trigger a trade-off – usually drawn from an already tight food or medication budget. However, if the DFLTMA Board and new Executive Director can convince the Pelican Hopper to tweak its operational format, these problems could evaporate. If not, neighbor-hood blowback could be substantial. On the bright side, Roberts has a history of effectively intervening on behalf of vulnerable and elderly Galt Mile residents especially those on fixed incomes. As always, any planned resolu-tion of this dilemma will be followed and reported by the neighborhood association.



GALT MILE HOLIDAY **LEFTOVERS** Beauty (Salon) & the Beast

At the November 20, 2014 Galt Mile Advisory Board meeting, it was reported that a local merchant had recently abused a Galt Mile resident suffering from advanced dementia and cancer. According to his friend and primary caregiver, as Coral Ridge Towers South resident Terry Owens was heading to the pizza place for a slice on October 29th, he was lured into a local beauty salon, where his credit card was charged almost \$8,000 for skin care products. Longtime friend and caretaker Peter Har-rington accompanied Owens back to the Luxury Beauty Salon at 3304 NE 33rd Street in Fort Lauderdale, and described Owens' medical condition. When he asked to return the unopened items for a refund, he was roundly refused by proprietor Nissim Buzaglo, who circumvented a \$5000 credit card limit by splitting the invoice and charging Owens' credit card twice, for \$3,710 and then another \$4,028.

Alerted to the incident, Local 10 News investigative reporter Jeff Weinsier showed up with a camera crew on November 18. Although refused permission to enter the salon, the cameras filmed Buzaglo ignoring Weinsier's plea to "do the right thing" and refund the money. Although Owens is oblivious to which products he bought or why he purchased them, when asked by Weinsier how Buzaglo convinced him to buy outrageously expensive beauty products, Owens quizzically responded "They said I needed it." The 67-year old Owens, who purchased his Co-op at Coral Ridge Towers South in 2005, was a teacher and insurance actuary before the onset of dementia. Harrington said "Terry has very little memory, very little judgment, very little awareness of what is going on." Weinsier said that Buzaglo called the police when the news crew first arrived. Characterizing the incident as a civil matter, an FLPD officer assured Harrington that his report and evidentiary receipts would be forwarded to the Special Victims Unit for investigation.

Since the GMCA avidly supports Galt merchants, Advisory Board members angered by the egregious nature of this abuse were also deeply disappointed. Upon learning what happened, Galt Mile residents - and several local merchants - began dunning the Salon to return the bilked funds. Several reported that Buzaglo had refused to accept their calls. Under growing pressure from a neighborhood that houses his customer

base, Buzaglo finally relented - and agreed to make restitution. Incredibly, Buzaglo insisted that he had no idea that Owens was ill. When GMCA President Pio Ieraci learned that the merchant had returned the funds, he notified irate Advisory Board members and association officials, citing the consequential damage to the vendor's reputation as "irreparable". What goes around comes around. On December 2nd, a "For Rent" sign dangled in the salon window. Like most sole caregivers, Harrington is the unassuming hero of this sordid development. Sole caregivers live in every association. They place their lives on hold, as they help a close friend or family member claw through each day, often at the expense of their own financial and emotional wellbeing.

Commissioner "No"

Wondering what happened to Commissioner "No"? Former District 2 Fort Lauderdale City Commissioner Charlotte Rodstrom is largely remembered for voting against any issue or event that she hadn't personally conceived or embellished. When 20-year District 7 Broward County Commissioner John Rodstrom was term-limited out of office in 2012, he headed to Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. as Managing Director of National Public Finance. Coveting control of her husband's former Broward District, Charlotte bolted from her newly won District 2 seat on the City Commission - forcing Fort Lauderdale taxpayers to swallow the \$200,000 cost of a special election.

Despite her husband's considerable juice in Broward District 7, she lost the election. Evidently, her fall-back plan conceived a relatively pain-less return to the City Commission - where she had been convincingly re-elected the year before. However, when the constituents she arrogantly abandoned decided against making the same mistake twice, our neighbors in Fort Lauderdale District 2 instead elected Dean Tran-

Citing a driving thirst for public service, Rodstrom then fixed her gaze on the District 2 County seat left vacant when Kirstin Jacobs was term-





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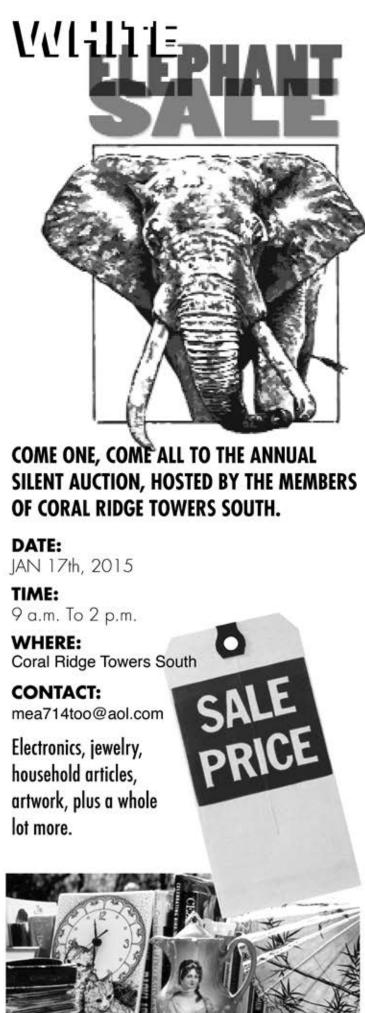
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COMMISSIONER BRUCE ROBERTS

'2014 Holiday Season Newsletter



*In his November - December 2014 Newsletter, after conveying seasonal tidings, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts announces the construction kickoff for All Aboard Florida's downtown Fort Lauderdale station one of three futuristic South Florida pit stops for planned high speed passenger rail service between Miami and Orlando. Reviewing the transformation of A1A, the Commissioner updates construction progress along the section crushed by Superstorm Sandy and planned improvements to the stretch of "Ocean Highway" that borders the Galt Ocean Mile neighborhood (drawn from input offered by Galt Mile residents and local vendors). Roberts also asks constituents to name citizen volunteers worthy of official recognition, applauds NOVA students for recruiting a record number of "Adopt-A-Neighbor" volunteers (who assist homeowners with property improvements) and encourages registration for local CodeRED emergency alerts. After warning about elevated threat levels for storm surge ascribed to seasonal high tides, Roberts concludes with a list of upcoming municipal events. However, in his opening message, Roberts laments an emotionally charged media campaign - carefully orchestrated with the help of politically vested outsiders - and designed to reverse a city policy that balances the needs of the homeless with those of the general public.

Deified in the media by some of his new supporters as the "Mother Teresa" of food programs, Arnold Abbott founded "Love Thy Neighbor, Inc." in 1991 as a legal vehicle for his street feeding events and culinary classes designed to provide homeless enrollees with employment skills. A savvy political advocate, when Abbott sued to overturn a 1999 city ordinance that prohibited street feedings, the judge rejected a compromise feeding cite affered by the City as too remote and difficult to acres and awarded the decision to Abbott. When Fort Lande lale recently enacted an ordinance regulating to a sharing events, Abbott insisted his weekly street the adings at Stranahan Park and Fort Landerdale Beach would "continue as long as there is breath in my body."

By the time police arrived at each of two early November feeding events, waiting reporters had already scripted hormonal headline copy about "A frail 90-yearold World War II veteran thrown into jail for violating a City law against feeding the homeless." His newfound celebrity wasn't lost on publicity-hungry homeless activists and lobbyists, who placed Abbott on speed-dial. Media-driven passions persisted for weeks, as derogatory vitriol - from Abbott and homeless activists headquartered in Washington DC and various State Capitols - fleshed out heart-wrenching missives lambasting "villainous" City officials for victimizing those doing the Lord's work.

As it turns out, many of the articles were largely creative writing exercises. Abbott was never arrested and taken into custody (he was given a ticket) and feeding the homeless is not illegal in Fort Lauderdale. However, it is illegal to feed several hundred people in front of your house without your consent - or doing so without providing for access to basic sanitation and lavatory facilities.

Despite Florida's well-deserved reputation as a black hole for the homeless, Fort Lauderdale maintains one of the State's most effective homeless safety nets, as roving teams of Homeless Advocates and FLPD officers annually make roughly 8,000 referrals to critical services for anyone who stumbles over the question "Where did you sleep last night?" Along with subsidizing comprehensive recovery resources for homeless men, women and families, the City funnels HUD grant funds into a program (100,000 Homes Campaign) to permanently house (and otherwise assist) those chronic homeless deemed most "at risk".

Proudly announcing having received supportive "calls from Moscow to Syria," Abbott appears to relish his role as an overnight "cause célèbre media darling." Abbott last basked in a public spotlight while integral to the functionality of Fort Lauderdale's infamous tent city. Adjudicating the 1988 "Pottinger case" (named for lead plaintiff Michael Pottinger), a class-action lawsuit filed against the City of Miami for mistreating the homeless, Federal Judge C. Clyde Atkins ruled in 1992 that Miami must provide arrest-free "safe zones" for those living on the streets. To comply with the Pottinger case precedent, in 1993 Fort Lauderdale erected a postage stamp "Tent City" for the homeless in Holiday Park, which was expanded in 1996 and relocated to an Andrews Avenue parking lot.

When charitable organizations and agencies responsible for feeding inhabitants squabbled over food distribution, Abbott was vested with control over the twice-daily feeding schedule. As conditions quickly deteriorated, and the entire downtown district (including City Hall across the street) became immersed in the stench of festering portable toilets, the court-conceived social engineering was disparaged equally by homeless advocates and City officials forced to allocate the \$25,000 monthly basic maintenance cost.

As the homeless inhabitants were relentlessly victimized by outsiders and one another, the skyrocketing number of muggings, thefts, assaults and spontaneous fights drained FLPD resources. The site became notorious as a hotbed of criminal activity, attracting drug dealers, prostitutes and a nightly parade of unsavory "customers" from all over Broward. When the 200-bed Homeless Assistance Center in Fort Lauderdale was opened in 1999, alternatively fulfilling the judicial requirement for a "safe zone", the city closed the "Tent City" it erected five years earlier - as then Police Chief Bruce Roberts imparted the obvious — that it was a failed experiment.

Amid the recent media blizzard of pejorative allegations, when local residents called City Hall to inquire about City efforts on behalf of its homeless population, many suggested that "Love Thy Neighbor" be provided with safe alternative indoor feeding sites, enabling Abbott to pursue his mission without violating the law - or turning Stranshan Park into a post-event soliciting gauntlet / open-air toilet. Commission Aides also received scores of abusive anonymous calls marked by vicious invective; many sourced from out-of-state areas codes.

At a November 9 televised discussion with Mayor Jack Seiler, Abbott told the Mayor "We have tried many, many times to find indoor locations to feed the homeless and they have not been available to us. If you can find locations like that, I am not married to Stranahan Park." In fact, Mayor Seiler offered Abbott two alternative feeding sites on November 11th, the city's aquatic complex located directly across the street from the beach (where Abbott ordinarily sets up shop) and the Church by the Sea at 2700 Mayan Drive. After consulting with his activist allies, Abbott declined. The next day, a disappointed Mayor Seiler said, "When he did not take us up on the offer yesterday to use the aquatic center, you begin to wonder is the issue about feeding the homeless or is there some other agenda here?"

Having told reporters that his primary mission is to feed the homeless, when asked why he turned down the City's offer, a visibly irked Abbott offered a clue to his real objective, responding "It's a civil rights issue." Earlier in the day, attorney John David filed a motion to enforce the 14 year-old injunction that quashed the 1999 City law, claiming that it also applies to the 2014 Ordinance regulating mass food sharing events. Pressed for an explanation, Abbott snarled "I'm not playing games here!" Observing that the beach is used by Swedes and Zambians (international visitors who fuel the city's economy), Abbott intimated plans to insure that they will soon be joined by the homeless.

While most Galt Mile residents support efforts to feed the homeless in safe and sanitary indoor environments - they staunchly oppose allowing City Parks to again devolve into homeless villages or the revival of beach areas as shakedown sites, where visiting tourists and local residents are solicited by street punks waving an open 40-ounce and a chair leg (as has occurred along the Galt Mile). Whether burdened by chronic addictions, employment issues, medical or emotional problems, family conflicts, or other crippling circumstances, the homeless community is inextricably integrated with those who relentlessly prey on them, or anyone else nearby who appears vulnerable. When coupled with dangerous or criminal behavior symptomatic of a population epidemically afflicted by alcoholism, drug addiction and mental health issues, the invariable backlash by angry and fearful city residents undermines community support for delivering desperately needed recovery resources. To be successful, any homeless policy must strike a balance between providing for the homeless and protecting the general public.

Abbott asserted that his outdoor feedings were better for the homeless than the adjacent legal indoor venues he turned down, since they offer "the beauty and placidity of the beach." Evidently, Michael Stoops, director of community organizing for the National Coalition for the Homeless, disagrees. Stoops said "The best solution to the food-sharing issue is to have indoor meal programs available to the homeless three times a day, seven days a week." Depending on the source, local Homeless Advocates have verified that indoor meals are aleady available for the city's homeless either four or five days a week-that's 12 - 15 weekly indoor meals. Instead of using his newly elevated media profile to use Fort Lauderdale as a political pinball, by cooperating with the City and moving his events indoors, Abbott's two additional feedings would substantially help close the gap to achieving the 21 weekly indoor meals called for by Stoop.

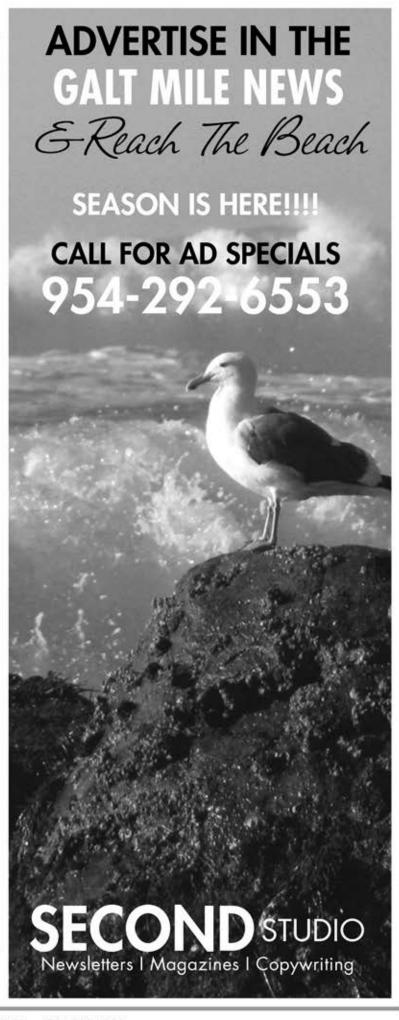
Recently, the City stopped sending high ranking police officers to hand deliver infraction citations. Absent the titillating photo op of a frail philanthropist bookended by uniformed enforcement scions, media intensity softened. On December 2, Broward County District Court Judge Thomas Lynch stayed enforcement of the ordinance for 30 days, anticipating that Abbott and the city would arise at an understanding that satisfies their mutual objective to feed the homeless in a safe and sanitary environment. As Abbott's media allure fades, so may his opportunity to make this lasting contribution, and end his campaign on a note of triumph, not discord. Tick Tock. Read on for Commissioner Roberts 2014 Holiday Season message to constituents... — [editor]*

FROM COMMISSIONER BRUCE G. ROBERTS November/December 2014

Holiday Massage The Holiday Season is right around the corner so I would like to wish you all a safe and family-filled time. Our District continues to grow with new neighbors, projects and enhancements. I have seen first-hand how neighborhoods are working together with the City to solve problems, share ideas and sponsor events. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with and serve you, as we find solutions that will allow the City to remain one of the most beautiful and best cities in which to live, work, play and raise a family. Be safe and let us all welcome 2015 with high spirits, a vision for the future and a pride in our home -Fort Lauderdale!

Homelessness In order to provide a better understanding of the City's holistic approach to our homeless situation, and to respond to the inaccurate sensational media accounts of recent enforcement actions, I have taken the liberty to reproduce our webpage explanation. Interestingly, an overwhelming number of opponents to the recent regulatory ordinances are posting from out of the State; I speculate that they are not aware of the allencompassing approach to the problem as described below. Web Page: http://fortlauderdale.gov/news/2014/110514mayors_update.htm

Innovative Leadership Key to Addressing Homelessness - Let's set the record straight. Contrary to media reports, the City is not banning groups from feeding the homeless. We have established an outdoor food distribution ordinance to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our community. The ordinance does not prohibit feeding the homeless; it regulates the activity in order to ensure it is carried out in an appropriate, organized, clean and healthy manner. While the ordinance regulates outdoor food distribution, it permits indoor food distribution to take place at houses of worship throughout the City. By allowing houses of worship to conduct this activity, the City is actually increasing the number of locations where the homeless can properly receive this service. At recent outdoor food distributions, citations were rightly issued for non-compliance with the process enacted to ensure public



will construct "Quiet Zones" at FEC crossings.

health and safety. Contrary to some reports, no one was taken into custody. Experts agree that homeless individuals need more than just food. The homeless need shelter, clothing, and comprehensive medical and social services to help them get back on their feet. Few cities have done more for the homeless than Fort Lauderdale. We are taking a comprehensive approach by working with numerous agencies, nonprofit, charitable and faith-based organizations that, like us, are dedicated to effectively addressing this complex and important issue. Our overarching goal is to provide a long-term comprehensive solution for the homeless population. While aiming for that goal, we are concurrently working to protect public safety and maintain quality of life for our neighbors, businesses, and visitors. Our initiatives include:

 Fort Lauderdale was the first city in South Florida to establish a Police Homeless Outreach Unit, which currently makes 8,000 referrals a year providing access to housing, critical medical care, and social services. The award-winning initiative has been replicated by law enforcement agencies across the country.

 Since 1999, Fort Lauderdale has been home to the only full service comprehensive Homeless Assistance Center in Broward County. The City recently approved expanding the center's size and scope of

 The City maintains an active partnership with Mission United, a program dedicated to providing housing and social services to home-

less Veterans.

 The City also supports Broward County, the Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Salvation Army of Broward County, United Way of Broward County, Hope South Florida, the Task Force for Ending Homelessness, and many others.

 Fort Lauderdale is the only city in South Florida and one of only 235 communities nationwide participating in the 100,000 Homes Campaign (Housing First) to move disabled and chronically homeless

people into permanent housing.

 Our Housing First initiative was recently re-funded for a second year, giving us an additional \$455,000 to continue to operate and expand this effort to serve even more homeless.

As part of our comprehensive strategy, the City has passed new ordinances that aim to reduce the public safety hazards and inappropriate nuisance activities that are negatively impacting our community. Our quality of life and our economic viability are directly linked to our stewardship of public spaces. As such, we have a responsibility to ensure that all of our public spaces are accessible and can be safely enjoyed by everyone - families, children, residents and visitors. The City, our neighbors, and our businesses have a long and distinguished history of compassion toward those in need. We encourage those groups that are feeding the homeless to partner with agencies and organizations that, like Fort Lauderdale, are taking a comprehensive approach to this issue so that we can begin to make real progress instead of enabling the downward cycle of homelessness to continue.

John P. "Jack" Seiler Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale

All Abourd Florida On October 30, 2014, Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief, City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler and other dig-nitaries joined All Aboard Florida to mark the start of construction for All Aboard Florida's downtown Fort Lauderdale station. The existing building was demolished so construction on the nearly 60,000 square foot station and platform can begin. This represents the first groundbreaking for one of its three South Florida stations along the Miami-to-Orlando corridor and is the latest announcement in a series of significant milestones as plans for the highly-anticipated project move full steam ahead. The Fort Lauderdale station will be located on 4.8 acres of land adjacent to the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) corridor on NW 2nd Avenue, between Broward Boulevard and NW 4th Street. Located at the northern end of downtown Fort Lauderdale, the station will stimulate a currently underutilized area, driving new visitors into downtown and the surrounding cultural, economic and shopping destinations. It should also be noted that All Aboard Florida and the Broward Metropolitan Organization (MPO) have dedicated funds and

A1A Greenway Project Update Some key items from the project to-date are Sunrise to 18th:

 Construction of three beach access openings to facilitate beach renourishmnet has begun.

 Decorative wall (concrete blocks & reinforcement) and footer construction has begun from 9th street to the front of Birch State Park.

 Conduits have been installed and continue to be installed for the wall lighting, pedestrian lighting and signals.

 Four of the seven drilled shafts have been installed for the mast arm foundations.

Drainage installation is ongoing- Northwest end of the project.

Utility adjustments are ongoing by TECO & City of Ft. Laud-

No changes to the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) pattern.

A1A from Oakland Blvd to City Limits:

- 30% of the design has been reviewed with recommendations on including raised crosswalks.
- All of the pink signature sidewalk on the Galt will be retained.

Retain the signature crosswalks on the Galt.

- Some signed agreements for the parking improvements at the Shoppes have been obtained.
- Expect 60% of the design to be reviewed by the end of November.

Nova Helps Build Community The City of Fort Lauderdale issued a call for volunteers for a recent Adopt-A-Neighbor event to assist a local homeowner with property improvements. The response from the City's neighbors, local businesses, and community organizations was tremendous, but there was one group of zealous students that really embraced the spirit of volunteerism! Nova Southeastern University's Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement re-cruited so many volunteers that the City's Neighbor Volunteer Office created "Nova Southeastern University Day of Service."

App For Emergency Notifications The City of Fort Lauderdale uses CodeRED® to send emergency notifications to registered phone numbers. In the event of an evacuation notice, utility outage, water main break, flood, or other emergency situation, the system will deliver a recorded message to an individual, an answering machine or to voicemail. Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for CodeRED®, registration is free and personal information will be kept confidential. CodeRED® now also features a free mobile alert app, which can deliver messages directly to your smartphone.

Nominate A Neighbor The City is now accepting nominations for the 2014-2015 Citizens' Committee of Recognition Awards. Visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/ccr/ for details and a nomination packet. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2014. For more information, email petulab@fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-4742.

Seasonal High Tides Flooding in low-lying areas is more likely in the fall months, as the close proximity of the moon, high tides, rising sea levels and inclement weather conditions combine to exacerbate flooding risks. As a coastal community with numerous low-lying areas and 300 miles of canal coastline, Fort Lauderdale neighbors are advised to be especially vigilant during the months of October and November. While the City maintains an extensive storm water master plan and is instituting both aggressive maintenance and innovative adaptation solutions to address drainage, including the installation of tidal valves, the location and natural geography of the City makes neighborhoods susceptible to flooding. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is offering the City grant funds in the mount of \$700,000 for additional valves. Visit http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/high_tides.html for important information regarding seasonal high tides. To report flooding in your area, please call 954-828-8000.

limited out of office and lost a congressional primary bid before finding her way into the Florida Statehouse. To meet the residency requirement, Charlotte searched for a modest mansion in Pompano Beach. Exclaiming "Nice doesn't win elections," Rodstrom proceeded to trash primary opponents Mark Bogen and Lisa Aronson in a race marred by litigation and controversy. When the smoke cleared after the December 4th election, Rodstrom took 4th place in a field of 5 candidates. However, this line dance through an electoral slaughterhouse doesn't end here.

By adding his name to those of four Democrats in the snake-bit District 2 County contest, write-in NPA (No Party Affiliation) candidate Tyron Francois forced the December 4th election to serve as a Democratic Primary. As such, when Boca Raton Attorney Mark Bogen snagged 53% of the 5,338 votes cast solely by Democrats, it secured his placement on a January 13 general election ballot that might have become a collector's item for sale on eBay. Dramatically demonstrative of ethically mysterious Broward politics, the ballot would feature Bogen's name and an empty space - where voters so inclined could scribble in "Tyron Francois".

Alas, on December 5th, Tyron withdrew from the race. Since the primary will now stand as the general election, District 2 County Commissioner-elect Mark Bogen will have been seated by less than 1.5% of the district's 190,000 residents. The bad news: no eBay ballot windfall! P.S. – If nothing else, Rodstrom has proven resilient. Having demonstrated her willingness to buy a property to meet the residency requirement wherever a political opportunity pops up, odds are that Rodstrom will be back, suitcase in hand.

Beach Fix Countdown

At the December 1st Presidents Council meeting in Plaza South, Nicole Sharp, P.E. (who replaced the retired Eric Myers as Broward Beach Administrator) announced having secured the State permit required for the impending Segment II beach renourishment and confirmed that Broward County has fully complied with the Army Corps of Engineers' regulatory requirements for the Federal Permit. Since the permits feature an extended lifespan, they can be used to additionally tweak Broward beaches for years without having to re-navigate countless regulatory obstacles. Sharp also said that the County and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) are currently bidding out jobs ancillary to the renourishment effort, having invited proposals for moving 50,000 truckloads of sand from the inland mine across highways and local streets to beachfront staging areas.

Clarifying a misconception about the County simply dumping tons of sand along the shoreline, Sharp explained that the final objective is a fully integrated coastal ecosystem, including dunes and dune vegetation. Plaza East President Glenn Rollo expressed concern about how the project's coastal engineers plan to balance beach areas covered by stabilizing vegetation and areas reserved for recreational use. Observing that the Plaza East beach is one of the most heavily eroded along the Galt Mile coast, Rollo asked if the limited additional beach area created by

the renourishment must be used for dune building. Sharp assured attendees that each stretch of beach will be individually evaluated to insure the availability of adequate recreational space along the entire Galt Mile Beach. "The dune-building vegetation will only be planted in beach areas where there is already sufficient space for recreation," said Sharp.

Prior to her appointment as Broward County Natural Resource Administrator, Sharp spent six years as a top engineer for renowned Boca Raton-based marine consultants Coastal Planning and Engineering (a subsidiary of consulting juggernaut CB&I). Since her firm was one of the leading consultants for the Broward Beach Preservation effort, her intimate familiarity with the project's scientific and regulatory parameters enabled Sharp to hit the ground running.

Since the project has been plagued by decades of frustrating and highly implausible delays, Sharp and District 4 Broward Commissioner Chip LaMarca were repeatedly asked for assurances that the project would take place within months, not years. The heated inquisition continued until Frances Konstance of L'Hermitage I, a passionately vocal critic of the chronic political foot-dragging, announced that she now believes Commissioner LaMarca, who months earlier promised the outspoken Konstance that he is wholly committed to realizing this project. In contrast with most of his District 4 predecessors on the County Board, whenever LaMarca had to report a project impediment during the past year, it was immediately followed by an authoritative resolution.

For instance, when the project fell into a bureaucratic black hole at the Commerce Department's NOAA Fisheries, LaMarca choreographed a plan which required the Advisory Board to recruit the neighborhood and bombard our federal officials with sufficient "political motivation to awaken a traditionally dilatory federal bureaucracy." It worked, as thousands of emails, faxes and phone calls convinced Congresswoman Lois Frankel, along with Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, to break the agency's Zen-like trance. An infuriating 18-month delay - as initially projected by NOAA Fisheries last June - was wrapped up by October. Specifically, at the October Advisory Board meeting, Kate Wesner (LaMarca's commission aide) reported having finally received the long delayed NOAA biological opinion letter, equipping the County with the full complement of regulatory documentation required for a federal permit.

LaMarca said that the County and FDOT are currently considering the efficacy of initiating the renourishment at either one or two staging sites, weighing whether an expedited timetable would dilute the work force and threaten project manageability. In one scenario, the initial sand deliveries would be divided between beach staging areas at Terramar Street in Fort Lauderdale and Commercial Boulevard near Anglin's Pier, enabling the Galt Mile to realize a benefit from the project outset. In closing, Sharp promised to convey operational protocols addressed with FDOT over the Holiday Season at the next Presidents Council meeting. As usual, her update will be passed to Galt Mile residents.

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Events Light Up Lauderdale: Light Up Lauderdale is a ten week celebration of glittering holiday lights and holiday garland presented by Riverwalk Fort Lauderdale and the City of Fort Lauderdale. Join us as we light the switch to kick off this year's festive Light Up Lauderdale display at Esplanade Park on Thursday, November 13, 2014. In its sixth year, this free holiday spectacular showcases the two and half mile brick Riverwalk pathway on both sides of the New River in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. Parking may be easily found in multiple garages, parking lots or at meters throughout Downtown area. Visit http://www.goriverwalk.com/ for more information.

Light Up The Beach: Join us at the spectacular Light Up the Beach event at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. Enjoy holiday music and a lighting ceremony, followed by a live performance of the American Legion Symphonic Band.

Light Up Sistrunk: Save the date for the annual Light Up Sistrunk event, which will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 5, on Sistrunk Boulevard, between NW 9th Avenue and NW 12th Avenue. Bring the whole family to experience this exciting event that will feature

music, live entertainment, food, vendors, kids' activities and more. Look for details about Light Up Sistrunk on the City's website in the coming weeks. If you would like to participate as a vendor or sponsor, please call 954-828-4742.

Winterfest Boat Parade: Mark your calendar- the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade sets sail on the New River on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014. Visit the Winterfest Boat Parade website http://winterfestparade.co m/ to find out everything you need to know about this spectacular signature Fort Lauderdale event! Office Contact Robbi Uptegrove - 954-828-5033; email: ruptegrove@fortlauderdale.gov In addition to hosting two pre-agenda meetings twice a month, I am also available to attend your HOA meetings to update your neighborhood on what is going on in the City as well as answer any questions/concerns you may have. Please contact Robbi to schedule.

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