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Ft. Lauderdale’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be marched on Saturday, March 30, downtown. If you are interested in representing Coral Ridge with Ron Laffey, contact Betsy Dowe at 954-564-4784 or tiree2133@aol.com. It will be fun!

Recycle Committee Volunteers

Brian Leary needs CR residents to assist him on projects! CRA gets credits for every hour each volunteer works on a recycling project. We earned $400 from the City of Fort Lauderdale last year! Other HOA’s earned as much as $2000! Send email to brianleary68@yahoo.com or call 954-566-5643 to let us know you would like to be called when a recycling project occurs! Any teenagers will earn community service hours as well!

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President’s Message

Hello Neighbors,

We begin a new year with new and returning people on our Coral Ridge Board of Governors. The following is a list of our board members: William Ashcraft, Steve Botkin, Gale Butler, Bill Ciani, Betsy Dow, Claudia Galloway, Steve Gillespie, George Glasser, Jon Gundlach, Jan Joyce, Brian Leary, Al Massey, Bob Nichols, Janice Schmidt, Scott Tilbrook, Alan Vordermeier, and Chris Williams.

Once again I am glad to serve as president; my home and neighborhood are very important. Scott Tilbrook is Vice President, Brian Leary is Treasurer, George Glasser is Recording Secretary, and William Ashcraft is Corresponding Secretary. At our first board meeting in January, board members were chosen to head committees such as Code Enforcement, Membership, Social Activities, Ft. Lauderdale Council of Civic Associations, Parks, Beautification, Recycling, and Bylaws. So in addition to attending monthly board meetings, the board members are putting in more time to monitor many activities concerning our neighborhood. I want you to know after the discussions at our board meeting, you have a board with new ideas and plenty of brain power.

Scott Tilbrook is researching solar powered lighting to enhance our entryway monuments. He also wants to develop a long range plan for future capital improvements in our neighborhood. We can decide on a project with input from all the membership and build our savings to implement it.

There is help available from the City of Ft. Lauderdale with their Neighborhood Capital Improvement Project program (NCIP). By participating in this program, any amount of money we spend on a project will be matched by the City of Ft. Lauderdale. Many other neighborhoods in the city are involved in this program. If you travel on NE 6 Street in Victoria Park you will see the landscaped roundabout that was put in to calm traffic. This was completed by the Victoria Park Association partnering with the city’s NCIP program.

This past week I signed the architectural and engineering drawings for our new signage on Bayview Drive. The plans will now be sent out for bids.

In talking with the staff that administers the city’s NCIP program, they told me that it would be possible to install a roundabout on Bayview Drive to calm traffic. They gave me a photo of one roundabout in the Tarpon River area that was installed for $36,000. By partnering with the city’s NCIP program, the Tarpon River neighborhood spent $18,000 and the city paid $18,000. We will discuss this at our next board meeting.

Jeff Brull, with the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department spoke at our board meeting and explained a new Neighborhood Action Team that will focus on crimes in our area. In addition to the police patrol of our neighborhood 24 hours a day, this team of officers will specialize in solving crimes that are committed in our neighborhood. In other words when they see crimes in a certain area, they will intensify surveillance of that area. Thank you to the police department!

I must bring up the need for residents to pay their membership dues for 2012. The dues are $50 per year and can be sent in with the application that is in this newsletter. You can send a check to Membership Chairman, 2133 Middle River Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33305.

Your board is very careful with their spending and we must be able to cover the monthly maintenance of the five entryway monuments, mailings, printing, miscellaneous operating expenses, and social events for the neighborhood.

Christian Petersen who is a member of the association has volunteered to create a new website for Coral Ridge. He is also going to suggest ideas to improve membership in the as-
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By Roman Hager - First Grade

My sister goes to Pompano Preschool. My school, Bayview is the best. First, we have good friends. My friends are Astrea, Riley, Lilly and more. Next, the safety patrols are helpful. They are always outside. If people are hurt, they will tell.
Last, the principal is nice. When I walk by her, she winks. In conclusion, Bayview rocks!

By Kaya Miller - First Grade

My school that I go to is Bayview Elementary. It is the best.
First, we have good teachers. My teacher is Mrs. Kelly.
Next, we have class parties. Our parties in class are very fun.

Last, we have a great playground. The playground has a slide and a swing. It also has a sandbox. In conclusion, Bayview rocks!

By Astrea Kreil-DeRuzza - First Grade

Bayview Elementary is the best school.
First, we have the best art class. We paint and color. Next, we have the best teachers. They help us learn.
Last, we have the best principal. She is very nice.
In conclusion, Bayview Elementary rocks.

By Samantha Seitel - First Grade
Bayview Elementary is the best.
First our school has the best teachers, like Mr. Todd. He keeps us laughing.
Next, art class is the best. We are always making new things.
Last, we have an absolutely clean school. We have very clean hallways. In conclusion, Bayview rocks!

By Riley Bauer - First Grade

The Lucky Zoo
If I had a big zoo, I would have the most amazing animals. I would have animals from all around the world! Now let's get on with the story.
At my zoo I want to have a wolf, because it can scare every person in the zoo.
I want to have a monkey, because they are funny. Like they steal bananas and climb into people's tee shirts. There are many more, but let's get on.
I want to have a hippopotamus and a parrot because I can put them in a show where everyone will want to watch. Oh - I mean every animal that is in the zoo will be in the show.
I will tell you what I will do in the show; I will make my parrot sing! My wolf will dance and my hippopotamus jump on a trampoline!
Bye, see you later.

By Justine Leparmentier,
Mrs. Barcelo’s 1st grade Class

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By Grant Walsh

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From Our Commissioner

Bruce G. Roberts

Back in December, we discussed the very positive current status of Fort Lauderdale’s fiscal affairs. I would like to take this opportunity to expound on certain aspects of the budget, which further demonstrates our commitment to be fiscally sound without sacrificing vital City services.

**PENSION REFORM:** Using the same disciplined approach that has produced the results described in our December Newsletter, this City Commission confronted pension reform. Funding pensions have a direct effect on current budgets and a long-term impact on financial flexibility and sustainability. The City of Fort Lauderdale has already taken steps to reduce pension costs. The general employees pension plan is now a defined contribution 401(a) plan. We have reduced the City’s contribution rate from 32.75% to 9% for new employees. As a result, it is projected to save $100 million over the next 30 years.

The City Commission is also examining the implementation of additional innovative strategies to control pension costs, reduce the financial burden on taxpayers, and generate millions of dollars in added savings. One of those strategies involves the issuance of pension obligation bonds to manage costs. This idea would allow us to borrow funds at a low interest rate to pay off pension debt. These funds would then be invested in the pension plan to generate a higher rate of return. The difference between the interest rate on the borrowed money and the rate of return generated by the plan could result in a significant economic benefit to the City. For example, if the City wanted to pay off 75% of its current pension liability, we could issue pension obligation bonds to borrow approximately $200 million at an estimated interest rate of 4.75%. These funds would then be invested in the pension plan, which is projected by the actuary to earn a 7.75% rate of return. The difference between the low interest rate on the loan (4.75%) and the plan’s higher rate of return (7.75%) could generate up to $6 million in pension costs savings in the first year alone; and over a 20-year period, the City could reduce its pension costs by more than $60 million. In addition to eliminating a significant pension liability, the bonds would provide the City with a consistent, fixed amount to budget on an annual basis to cover the debt service on the borrowed money. I will keep you advised on the status of this particular strategy.

The City is also reducing pension costs by changing the timing of our annual required pension fund contribution. In the past, the City always made the payment in October; this has resulted in charging nine months of interest on the money owed at a rate of 7.75%. Several months ago, the Commission approved a plan to borrow the money at a low interest rate and make the payment in December. By doing so, we will pay off the loan in October at an interest rate of 1.62% on the borrowed money as opposed to paying a 7.75% interest rate on the money owed. The difference between the two interest rates means the City will save nearly $1.5 million in Fiscal Year 2012.

In addition, it is important to note that our new police officers and fire/rescue staff will now contribute 8.5% of salary to the Police and Fire Pension Plan. Previously, employee contribution was 7%. You may recall that our Governor and Legislators were pleased just to have employees begin contributing 3% to the State Plan. Furthermore, the City plan is computed on base pay and does not include leave time and does not contain a COLA. In order to maximize the benefits of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), employees must now work two more years; furthermore, the return on the DROP has been reduced from a guaranteed 7.75% to a range of 3% to 6%, which is based on the plan’s performance.

These are just a few of the methods the City is employing as part of its overall plan to manage, control and reduce pension costs. We recognize the need for pension reform is great. As such, we have made, and will continue to make, meaningful changes to our retirement systems in order to ensure their long-term sustainability and provide financial relief to our taxpayers.

**ECONOMY:** The economic future for Fort Lauderdale is also bright. When it comes to tourism, Fort Lauderdale remains a top destination for domestic and international visitors. We have seen 25 consecutive months of increased tourism. We are on a pace to host more than 11 million visitors who will spend in excess of $8 billion at our hotels, restaurants, stores and businesses. Hotel occupancy continues to hover near 75%

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PET CARE: ALLERGIES

Is your cat grooming half her hair off or your dog licking his paws raw? It may well be your pet is experiencing allergies, one of the most common health problems for pets.

Just like people, animals have allergic reactions because their immune system—the system that protects the body from foreign and potentially infectious substances—overreacts to some material. Almost anything—pollen, dust, an ingredient in pet food, a household chemical, an insect bite—can set off an alarm in the immune system, causing it to pump out large amounts of white blood cells, hormones, and other material called histamines into the bloodstream. The result for animals can be a range of different effects, including itchy, swollen skin—known as pruritis—difficulty breathing, or a disruption of the digestive tract such as vomiting or diarrhea. These symptoms are the animal equivalent of a person’s sneezing, runny nose, and watery eyes.

Animal allergies generally fall under one of four main categories.

**Contact allergies**

These are the least common type of allergy in animals. They happen when an animal’s skin comes in contact with the material he’s allergic to. The skin at the point of contact will be irritated—it may itch, become thickened or discolored, have a strong odor, and/or lose hair due to constant biting or scratching. Contact allergies are generally not a hard problem to solve—they’re usually confined to a specific area of an animal’s body, and the allergen shouldn’t take too much work to discover.

**Food allergies**

Diet can be a complicated factor in pet allergies. Most animals are not born with allergies to food; their immune systems develop an allergic response over time to some part of their diet, often one of the animal proteins.

**Inhalant allergy**

Inhalant allergies are the kind we humans are most used to. Just like us, our pets get hay fever, meaning they can be allergic to the pollen and mold that fills the outside air during the spring and fall. They can also be allergic to the dust mites, mildew, and mold that can be inside every home. These kinds of allergens usually produce severe itching in pets, which is usually concentrated in the ears, feet, groin, and armpits, though it can be spread across the entire body. Dogs in particular may develop hairless, irritated "hot spots" from constantly chewing on and scratching the affected skin.

Most animals that are allergic to airborne particles are usually allergic to more than one. Often, they will only experience itching during the pollen-heavy seasons of the year, just like humans with hay fever.

**Flea allergies**

This is an extremely common problem for pets, possibly the most common allergy of all. Animals aren’t actually allergic to the fleas themselves, but to proteins that fleas secrete in their saliva when they bite. Affected animals can itch severely from a single bite for over five days! So, if you suspect your pet is allergic to fleas, you’re going to have to work very hard to keep the little pests away. Using a flea preventative on a monthly basis is recommended year round in Florida. Seiler Animal Hospital carries several different flea control products. You will also want to treat your pet’s environment, including any bedding or carpeting he comes in contact with.

**Options**

What makes allergies hard to deal with is that in many cases, you either won’t be able to determine exactly what is causing the reaction or won’t be able to remove it from your pet’s environment. This is where your veterinarian comes into the picture. You and your veterinarian will work together to determine the best treatment, or combination of treatments, for your pet’s allergy. You may need to go through a series of trying a possible solution, waiting to see how your pet reacts to it, and moving on to another solution. Your veterinarian may suggest testing, steroids, immunotherapy, antihistamines, or symptomatic treatments.

Whatever treatment decision you and your veterinarian come to, rest assured that the patience and determination it can take to treat allergies is well worth it. Though it may take some time and effort, you can help your itchy, grouchy pet feel comfortable again.

If you have any questions about pet allergies, or any other issue regarding your pet, please call Dr. Thieme at 954-491-1222.
Recycle In Coral Ridge

Recycling involves processing used materials (waste) into new products to prevent waste of potentially useful materials, reduce the consumption of fresh raw materials, reduce energy usage, reduce air pollution (from incineration) and water pollution (from landfills) by reducing the need for “conventional” waste disposal, and lower greenhouse gas emissions as compared to virgin production. Recycling is a key component of modern waste reduction and is the third component of the “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” waste hierarchy.

Recyclable materials include many kinds of glass, paper, metal, plastic, textiles, and electronics. Although similar in effect, the composting or other reuse of biodegradable waste – such as food or garden waste – is not typically considered recycling. Materials to be recycled are either brought to a collection center or picked up from the curbside, then sorted, cleaned, and reprocessed into new materials bound for manufacturing.

In a strict sense, recycling of a material would produce a fresh supply of the same material—for example, used office paper would be converted into new office paper, or used foamed polystyrene into new polystyrene. However, this is often difficult or too expensive (compared with producing the same product from raw materials or other sources), so “recycling” of many products or materials involves their reuse in producing different materials (e.g., paperboard) instead. Another form of recycling is the salvage of certain materials from complex products, either due to their intrinsic value (e.g., lead from car batteries, or gold from computer components), or due to their hazardous nature (e.g., removal and reuse of mercury from various items).

Critics dispute the net economic and environmental benefits of recycling over its costs, and suggest that proponents of recycling often make matters worse and suffer from confirmation bias. Specifically, critics argue that the costs and energy used in collection and transportation detract from (and outweigh) the costs and energy saved in the production process; also that the jobs produced by the recycling industry can be a poor trade for the jobs lost in logging, mining, and other industries associated with virgin production; and that materials such as paper pulp can only be recycled a few times before material degradation prevents further recycling. Proponents of recycling dispute each of these claims, and the validity of arguments from both sides has led to enduring controversy.
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Is There Anything Wrong with Investing in 10 Year U.S. Treasury Bonds?

With the current yield of the 10 year treasury sitting near 2% these days, what should a risk averse investor do with his/her capital? It is interesting to note that while the 10 year treasury note is yielding 1.95%, the yield on the S&P 500 exchange traded fund (ticker: SPY) is yielding 1.96% according to data reported by Morningstar. The investor who places his capital in the 10 year treasury will receive a yield of 2% that will be taxed at ordinary income rates while an investor who invests in the S&P 500 ETF will also receive a yield of approximately 2% but will be taxed at the more favorable qualified dividend rate of 15% (assuming a current tax rate of 25% or higher). Assuming the solvency of the U.S. government upon maturity of the 10 year treasury, the investor will receive his/her capital back at that time. The investor in the S&P 500 is expecting to receive dividends payments over the next 10 years and is also hoping (expecting) for capital growth over this period of time in addition to receiving dividend payments of approximately 2%.

What will happen to the holder of a 10 year treasury when interest rates eventually begin to rise? Unfortunately, the answer will be disheartening for individuals who hold these investments. According to a November article from seekingalpha.com, the duration on a 10 year treasury is approximately 9 years. Duration is an extremely important concept for bond investors as we face the possibility of a rising interest rate environment in the future. Basic bond math states that a 1% rise in interest rates would result in a 9% price decline in the 10 year treasury (assuming the duration remains 9 years). Should interest rates rise by 2%, this could hypothetically result in an 18% loss in the price of the 10 year treasury bond and is the main reason why most financial advisors are maintaining a low duration tilt to their clients’ fixed income allocations. This is also the reason that investors who “chase yield” by purchasing long-term bonds may be in for a rude awakening as interest rates rise in the future. If interest rates remain low for the foreseeable future, these investors will be pleased at the higher coupon payments that will have received. As with any buy/sell decision, please consult with your financial advisor or conduct extensive research on your own before moving forward with any investment strategy.

What may be a wise move for an investor with 10 year treasuries currently yielding 2%? The first thing an investor should do is analyze whether it makes sense to refinance his/her mortgage loan. For individuals with a solid credit score of over 740, a 15 year mortgage rate of approximately 3 ¼% or a 30 year mortgage rate of 4% can be achieved according to recent data from Bankrate.com. If you have worked diligently on paying down your current mortgage, you should utilize the calculators on Bankrate.com or on the website of your current banking institution to determine how much savings can be achieved through refinancing. When performing the calculation, please be sure to determine the amount of closing costs that would be incurred when refinancing. As with any transaction, please consult with your mortgage broker or personal banker before refinancing to verify that it makes financial sense for you and your family.

If you have any questions related to this article, please do not hesitate to email me at tombalcom@1650wealth.com or call me directly at 800-658-9560. Please also email me with comments or suggestions for future articles.
This is the question asked in the national campaign called Exercise Is Medicine™, sponsored by the American Medical Association and the American College of Sports Medicine. This initiative encourages physicians to promote exercise among their patient population. Assess any limitations a patient may have in terms of the type and amount of exercise they can do and then give the patient a written exercise prescription. The patient can follow the prescription independently, or, if they feel they need guidance and supervision to get started they can take it to a health professional such as a physical therapist, athletic trainer or exercise physiologist who can help them create and carry out an exercise plan.

Research proves that exercise is powerful medicine. It plays a key role in the prevention and treatment of at least 40 diseases, including diabetes, obesity, heart disease, and hypertension. In addition, exercise allows us to maintain mobility, balance, and strength as we get older so that we can remain independent and enjoy life.

Exercise is also often the best way to manage chronic pain such as neck or back pain or arthritis pain. This is true for both physiological and psychological reasons. On the physical side, exercise increases blood flow and encourages the natural healing process; it also strengthens the muscles that support the joints and spine thereby decreasing pain and improving movement. Exercise also produces brain chemicals called endorphins, which are natural pain and stress fighters. The release of endorphins decreases our perception of pain and strengthens our immune response.

On the psychological side, research proves that people who use the right kind of exercise to manage pain have better results than those who don’t because it puts them back in control of their bodies; they realize that the power to manage pain lies with them! This is especially true for people who have suffered from chronic back pain and have tried everything from acupuncture to massage, to medication and injections, or even surgery. In all of these cases they are relying on someone else to “fix” them. With respect to chronic back pain, extensive clinical research shows that for most people the “fix” is ineffective or offers only temporary relief and that the best medicine is the right kind of exercise program.

It appears that part of the impediment to exercise as medicine in the US may be cultural. Our healthcare system and “modern medicine” has led many of us to expect our doctors to “fix us” with a pill, a shot, or surgical procedure that insurance will pay for. By contrast, in Germany and several other European countries, patients are expected to be a part of their recovery and healing. Ironically, the most successful and well documented program for managing back and neck pain, created here in the U.S., is utilized more and is well known to more doctors and the general public in Germany than it is here!

PS. We have that program right here at Back to Health!!

For more information contact: Darlene S. Wooldridge, PT at Back to Health: 954-565-0075

What If There Was a Medicine So Powerful in Maintaining and Improving Health That it Could Prevent and Treat Dozens of Diseases?

by Kathleen M. Casey
On March 31, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six in Fort Lauderdale, Henderson Behavioral Health will honor Nova Southeastern University President, Dr. George L. Hanbury II, and Chancellor Ray Ferrero Jr., J.D.

Henderson Behavioral Health (HBH) is the oldest and largest, community-based not-for-profit behavioral healthcare system in South Florida. Since 1953 Henderson has helped hundreds of thousands of children, adults and families. Last year alone, we provided over 600,000 services to 21,323 individuals. We strive to be a “community problem solver,” and have focused our efforts on Florida’s most urgent behavioral health and human services needs. In addition to providing a full-range of evidence-based behavioral healthcare services to all ages, Henderson is also committed to creating and managing a system of housing for adults and children. We operate over 650 housing units including supportive housing, permanent housing for those with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders, a safe-haven and emergency homeless shelter, residential treatment and group homes.

For 59 years, Henderson Behavioral Health has helped people in South Florida discover new beginnings in their lives. By providing the necessary supports and services, dreams are realized. One such example is John, an 18 year old young man who was a foster child for several years in one of our group homes. He dreamt of the time when he would graduate from high school and begin to live the life of a young adult. A young adult who has the things in life we all want; friends, a family, a job and meaningful activities. We are proud to say through John’s hard work and Henderson’s support; John is now living independently, has friends, and attends a local college.

Thanks to the generous people in South Florida, we were able to help John become an independent young adult. One of the ways we raise money to help people like John is through our annual gala. We hope you will join us for this fun event being held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six, honoring Nova Southeastern University President Dr. George L. Hanbury II, and Chancellor Ray Ferrero Jr., J.D. To purchase a sponsorship, an ad, tickets, or to learn more, please contact Andria Nolan, Director of Development at: 954-777-1624 or anolan@hendersonbehavioralhealth.org. You may also visit our website at: www.hendersonbehavioralhealth.org.
ing bullied? You don’t know how I feel.”

As a professional counselor and a member of the National Association of Social Workers, I know there are certain ethical guidelines and boundaries that must be followed. However, self-disclosure is at the discretion of the professional counselor. In saying that, I re-live my story of how I was bullied to my clients.

Here is my story: In middle school, I was picked on and teased about my physical appearance, my teeth in particular. I can’t recall the reason why the bully targeted me. I would come home every day from school acting as if my day was perfectly fine, keeping my secret to myself -- even though I was crying inside. One day when I was tired of keeping my secret, I came home crying and told my parents that a girl called me “Bucky.” I had a large overbite at that time where my two front teeth came out over my lips. My mom and stepdad listened, and together we came up with the best solution: get braces. The next day, my mother made an appointment for the orthodontist and shortly after that I had braces.

The most important part about my story isn’t that I was bullied or that I got braces, it is that my parents listened and helped me come up with a solution. Now, I’m not saying that the bullying problem disappeared, but the solution did help to a certain extent.

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THE REAL ESTATE CORNER
Inventory is Shrinking
By Jon Gardner - Keller Williams Realty Professionals

Inventory has been steadily shrinking over the past year and a half, and we in Coral Ridge, as well as South Florida as a whole, are starting to see the positive benefits of this. The overall number of sales in Broward and Dade county in 2011 increased 3.9% compared to 2010, and are up 5.1% when compared to 2009. However those numbers are skewed towards the lower priced end of the market, with the median price of all homes sold for the fourth quarter of 2011 still coming in around $180,000. While it seems to have finally stabilized, as it has been fluctuating around this range since the first quarter of 2009 when it dipped below $200,000 for the first time, which of course was a stark contrast from the first quarter of 2008 when the median sales price was $310,000. However this only means that the majority of the homes that sold this last year were around $180,000 not that the average home is only worth $180,000.

Despite the large percentage of sales being in the lower price range, the cleaning out of excessive inventory is starting to have positive effect on other price ranges. The hot demand in East Fort Lauderdale has shifted from the best properties under $100,000 a couple of years ago, to the best properties under $200,000 this past year. This has created a situation where there is no longer much to choose from for qualified buyers in these price ranges. And this is forcing them to look at the wide variety of what the $250,000 - $500,000 price range has to offer. Now for many who can’t afford this, the rental market is often their answer, and those markets are getting stronger as well, as more previous distressed property sellers, and people who don’t qualify for today’s strict lending criteria are becoming renters. The demand for rentals in all price ranges continues to go up. However for those who can afford this price jump to the over $200,000 sales market it seems the trend of buying the best property in the best area for the cheapest price will continue to influence the move up buyers, the first time home buyers, the relocaters, and especially the investors. And it has been the investors who have really kick started this whole thing. Dare I say the dirty word from our recent but most regrettable past “flip”. “Well at your own risk” is this realtor’s opinion; however people do seem to be doing it again for the first time in a long time.

Here in Old Coral Ridge we can see these effects in our inventory levels in an even greater proportion than the markets of all South Florida as a whole. We have only 51 listing currently active in our market, when for years now there have been well over 100 active listings at any given time. And of those 51 only 7 are short sales and only 2 are bank owned! For quite some time now distressed sales have been in far greater abundance in this neighborhood. Our median sales price for the 70 homes that sold last year was $590,000 with the lowest being a 2/2 with 1,406 sqft selling for $270,000 and the highest being a 6/6 with 6,682 sqft selling for $2,360,000. However what is the most telling sign is how the inventory on the bottom of the market has begun to really dry up. Old Coral Ridge as a whole currently has only 1 property listed for $299,000, 3 between $300,000 - $400,000, and only 5 listed between $400,000 - $500,000. Which means only 17.6% of the currently active homes for sale are priced under $500,000.

The effect of all this is our market is becoming healthy again from the bottom up, and as this recovery slowly climbs from one price point to the next, all the markets below it should be on the way up for the first time in a long time. Ultimately it’s still the laws of supply and demand that take effect when inventory levels become within reason, and as the supply of homes below $500,000 continues to dwindle, the demand for homes in our neighborhood are only going to go up. This in turn should hopefully hasten the recovery for all price points, and the return of more normal and predictable market conditions.
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Eastside business owners and decision makers are encouraged to join this neighborhood business networking group.

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Further, everyone prefers to do business with those they know and trust. When you have a relationship with someone, they will provide a superior level of service for you and you can rely upon and trust that person to do right by you.

If you would like more local business and a relationship with those who are in business locally, contact this informal group or visit the website: www.bayviewbusinessassociation.com.

We are far less formal than many business associations, yet highly effective. We meet once a month at varying locations and we encourage you to attend as our guest to see if this is a good fit for your business.

For further information or to reserve a guest spot at our next meeting, please contact the Association Chair, Kevin Koffman at: 954-565-5144 x300 or via email: kevin@bketc.com
This is a thank you to all Coral Ridge dog owners who clean up after their dog(s), when out for a walk. That is most of us. For those who do not clean up after their dog(s), please begin. Not only is it against the law, it is an insult to the rest of us.

State law prohibits dumping anything into the storm drain system or unauthorized obstructions or alterations of the drainage features. Residents should report illegal dumping into the stormwater system or clogged storm drains by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale’s 24-Hour Customer Service Center at:

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Early detection of heart failure helps prevent its development, focus on obtaining genetics, and national awareness campaign. Also, diet management and exercise receive greater emphasis in preventing Heart disease. Achieving and maintaining a normal body weight will increase the success rate. Increasing physical activity even by a modest 30 minutes at least 5 days a week has been documented to reduce cardiovascular disease. Concerted and ongoing efforts prove to be challenging to integrate physical activity daily but it cost effective effectiveness in reducing the risk by calling Fit For Life Total Fitness, Inc at 954 – 861 – 9432 for your free assessment.

Alix J. Picard

CRA BOG
Meeting held on 2.9.12 started a great new year for our HOA!
Many subjects were discussed and projects assigned to Board Members!
Keep your eyes open for our new website!
Coralridgeassociation.org
Coral Ridge Code Violations
November 9, 2011 - February 8, 2012

74 Total Cases over 90 day period
98 Total Violations
61% of violations cited to address Blight
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4 violations abated by City
Parents can play an important role in preventing and stopping bullying. Here is what you, parents, can do:

First, it is important to know the warning signs to determine whether your child is being bullied. The following is a list of these warning signs: comes home with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings; reports losing items; has unexplained injuries; complains frequently of headaches, stomachaches, or feeling sick; has sleeping problems or bad dreams; exhibits changes in eating habits; hurts themselves or talks of suicide; runs away from home; loses interest in visiting or talking with friends; is afraid of going to school; begins to do poorly in school; appears sad, moody, angry, anxious or depressed; blames themselves for their problems; avoids certain places, and acts differently than usual.

Second, parents must talk about bullying with their child. In most instances, children do not discuss this topic with their parents. If you suspect your child is being bullied or he or she brings the topic up, consider these steps from stopbullying.gov:

1. **Talk.** Focus on your child and convey you want to help.
2. **Empathize.** Say bullying is wrong, that it is not their fault, and that you are glad they had the courage to tell you about it.
3. **Find solutions.** Brainstorm what can be done to help. Convey that the situation will be handled privately.
4. **Document.** Keep a record of all bullying incidents.
5. **Develop strategies and skills** for handling bullying. Give suggestions, and help your child gain confidence by role-playing.
6. **Be persistent.** Bullying will most likely not be resolved overnight.
7. **Be vigilant** about other possible problems your child may be facing. Remember you can always seek the help of your school guidance counselor or a mental health professional to help your family deal with this family issue.

Third, if you think your child is being bullied, report it to school officials. The bullying may not stop without the school’s help. It’s important for parents to know the school policies regarding bullying. Keep an open line communication with your child’s teacher or school counselor, get help for your child from the school’s guidance counselor or a mental health professional, and talk to your child regularly about the bullying to see if it stopped or escalated.

It’s important for you, parents, to learn and understand the warning sign of bullying and to take action if you know that this is happening to your child.

**Important resources:**

Stopbullying.gov and National Bullying Prevention Center.

Kacee Tannenbaum, LCSW is the President/ Clinical Director of Provide 4, Inc.

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For the year, which is the highest in the state and 27% higher than the national average. Cruise traffic at Port Everglades seems to constantly be creating and then breaking records for total passengers, and Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport expects to see a 7% overall increase in passenger traffic. When you consider that approximately 50% of the “bed tax” collected by the County is generated from Fort Lauderdale alone, the picture is even more focused on our great City.

Fort Lauderdale now ranks as the city with the lowest tourist taxes among the top 50 U.S. travel destinations. According to a recent analysis by the Global Business Travel Association, the typical visitor to Fort Lauderdale will pay up to 80% less in taxes than a tourist in Chicago, New York, Boston or Seattle. Hosting the nation’s lowest tourist taxes should continue to provide a significant competitive advantage for attracting visitors, corporate and business travelers, meetings, events and conventions. This Commission will continue its endeavors to support tourism related initiatives.

The housing sector is also showing signs of reviving. According to Realtor.com, Fort Lauderdale ranks 5th among the nation’s top 10 metro areas where housing conditions are on the upswing. Also, a recent article in the “Sun-Sentinel” reported that of Florida’s 19 metro areas, Broward was one of only two areas posting annual price increases for home sales. In 2011, the number of homes sold in Broward increased by 11% compared to sales in 2010. This marks the greatest number of sales since 2004. As an aside, my current campaign for re-election on March 13th has been endorsed by the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Lauderdale. While still too high, the jobless rate in Broward continues to decline and now stands at 8.6%. Fort Lauderdale/Broward County is leading the South Florida area in this recovery.

**Pre-Agenda Meetings:** A reminder that our meetings are always on the Monday before a Commission Meeting (unless that Monday is a holiday). The agenda is discussed, as well as any other topics that may (Continued on page 27)
(Bruce Roberts Continued from page 26) arise. The first Monday of the month is at the Beach Community Center, and the third Monday of the month is at Imperial Point Hospital (south entrance) – always at 6p.m. Please call the office if you have any questions or need more information.

**Office Contact:** Robbi Uptegrove – 954-828-5033; email: ruptegrove@fortlauderdale.gov.

In addition to hosting the 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. If you would like to be on our email list to receive information, notifications or general information, please email us and you will be added.

I encourage you to visit our website at: http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/roberts to review previous newsletters. As always, I look forward to hearing from you and want to continue to serve you and our great community.

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The city is aware that we are a strong and active association and we board members want to continue to keep up the quality of our neighborhood. District 1 Commissioner Bruce Roberts and his assistant, Robbi Uptegrove have been extremely responsive to any of our requests. Please call me 954-564-4784 or e-mail me at tiree2133@aol.com.

Sincerely,

Betsy Dow,
President

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**President’s Message Continued from page 2**

Thank you, Christian.

Ft. Lauderdale will have a St. Patrick’s Day parade on Saturday, March 10. The parade route will go down Las Olas Boulevard to the Huizenga Plaza. Please call me or e-mail me if you would like to participate.

Inge Grossman and her daughter Monica will prepare 1500 Easter eggs with goodies inside for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at noon in Jack and Harriet Kaye Park. Prizes will also be given. We will put up banners about the Easter Egg Hunt to remind you. If any of you are willing to help for an hour, please call me 954-564-4784 or e-mail me at tiree2133@aol.com.

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The City of Fort Lauderdale was incorporated on March 27, 1911, which means that 2011 is Fort Lauderdale’s 100th anniversary! To mark this momentous occasion, the City Commission established a Centennial Celebration Committee. This volunteer committee has planned exciting events and educational programs to celebrate Fort Lauderdale’s past, present and future in 2011. For information on the City’s Centennial Celebration, visit www.fortlauderdale.gov or call (954) 828-4743.

Mark Your Calendar for the 100th Birthday Bash!
The City of Fort Lauderdale will host a free outdoor Birthday Celebration along the Riverwalk, on the north side of the New River, on Sunday, March 27, 2011. The event will be open to the public and will feature live entertainment. Stay tuned for details.

Sign Up for A Free Presentation on the History of Fort Lauderdale
As part of the yearlong celebration of its 100th birthday, Fort Lauderdale and its Centennial Celebration Committee are committed to offering all residents an opportunity to learn the city’s history.

Centennial Historian Susan Gillis has worked with nearly two-dozen volunteers to form a Speakers Bureau for presentations to community groups and school children.

The free presentations include slide shows and mounted historic photographs of the city from the collections of the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and the Broward County Historical Commission.

The two topics for the Speakers Bureau are “Fort Lauderdale, A Brief History” and “Fort Lauderdale 100 Years Ago.”

To obtain a speaker for your organization, please call Shannon Vezina in the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Public Information Office at (954) 828-4743, or send an email to vezina@fortlauderdale.gov.

A speaker request form is available on the City website at: www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial. Simply select the "Participate" button from the menu on the right side of the Centennial home page.

Plan to celebrate the Centennial with us! The City will host several free events throughout the year to commemorate Fort Lauderdale’s 100th Birthday. The City will also partner with local organizations to sanction other events around town. The following is a snapshot of events scheduled to take place through March.

To register your event, simply complete the free form, which is available online at: www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial/participate.htm. A list of sanctioned events scheduled to take place throughout 2011 can be found on the “Centennial Events” page.

- **March 3** - Centennial Sue, a friend of Ivy (Stranahan) and Julia (Tuttle), shares memories 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at the almost 100-year-old First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale
- **March 4** - School Board of Broward County Centennial History Fair
- **March 5** - Too Hot to Hide one-hour walking tour starting at 2 p.m. at the Fort Lauderdale Woman’s Club, featuring history of Annie Jumper, Katherine Rawls, Ivy Stranahan and Frankee Lewis
- **March 10** - Riverwalk Trust Centennial Tribute to the Seminole Tribe of Florida at Timpano Chophouse and Martini Bar
- **March 12** - Centennial Parade and Festival celebrating St. Patrick’s Day
- **March 14** - Centennial Life in Fort Lauderdale 1911-1920 lecture at the Bonnet House
- **March 17** - The Centennial and 49th Annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast
- **March 20** - Grand re-opening of the 1922 Southside School, located at 701 South Andrews Avenue, with a Centennial tribute to one of the first elementary schools in Broward County; it has been listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places since 2006
- **March 22, 23, 24** - Business Fair demonstrating the economic development links between Fort Lauderdale and Medellin, Columbia, sponsored by Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International
- **March 25** - Tropical Symphonic concert at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Fort Lauderdale and Medellin, Columbia, sponsored by Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International. This musical sound fusion is a tribute to our cultural similarities.
- **March 26** - Centennial Bonnet House Tour by Dr. George
- **March 27** - Centennial Birthday Party! 100th Anniversary of the incorporation of Fort Lauderdale on the Riverwalk
- **March 27** - 9:00 a.m. and again at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Paul George will host a Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Fort Lauderdale

**March 28** – Keith Hendee says the Gateway Theatre once was a zoo! These and other historic facts discussed with the Broward House Alliance lunch at the Bimini Boatyard, call (954) 772-9647
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On January 20th, Mayor Jack Seiler and I had the
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ceremony for the new NOBE Art Gallery at 3334 NE 34th
ST. The Gallery Director is the dynamic artist Brooke
Trace, and features certified fine art specialist Michael
Pfeffer. NOBE exhibits the classics as well as local
emerging artists and is working with the North Beach Art District in providing an ARTWALK on the first Saturday of
each month. For those of you who are not familiar with the North Beach Art District, it is a fun and quaint urban
shopping center (North Beach Restaurants & Shoppes) that is spread throughout the three blocks at Oakland Park
Boulevard and A1A, and has been designated as the new emerging arts district. The Art Guild, an organization partially
funded by the county commissioners to support the arts in the county, now takes its place among half-a-dozen other art
galleries, restaurants and cafés, and design and clothing stores. The North Beach Art Walk runs from 7 to 11 p.m. and
features street vendors, live painting, and strolling musicians. NOBE joins the 32nd Street’s Barry Gross Gallery, the
Art of Alex, the Rachel Henriques Art Studio, colorful Paul’s Gallery, and Gallery 101. Let’s welcome NOBE to the
neighborhood and wish Brooke all the best in making this a very successful venture!

Bruce Roberts
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Helpful Tax Saving Advice and Tips from Broward County Property Appraiser Lori Parrish

Dear Lori:

Last year my mother forgot to return the senior renewal postcard your office mailed to her home. I understand she will need to re-apply. What are the eligibility requirements and how does she apply for the Low-Income Senior Tax Exemption?

J.W., Hollywood, Fl (via email)

This year our office mailed over 27,000 senior renewal notice postcards. The renewal card requires the taxpayer to sign and timely return it to our office. If your mom did not receive one she can re-apply for the Low-Income Additional Homestead Exemption - which applies only to the county’s portion of the taxes and city taxes for residents of cities that also adopted the additional exemption. This exemption saves the average Broward senior nearly $300 each year in property taxes. In order to qualify for the Low-Income Senior Exemption for 2012, applicant must be 65 years of age or older as of January 1, 2012 AND have a combined household adjusted gross income for 2011 not exceeding $27,030. If your mom qualifies for this exemption, please follow the easy filing steps listed below:

If You File An Income Tax Return:
1. Complete Part (A), Part (C), and Part (D) of the Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household.
2. Submit the Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household to the Property Appraiser on or before March 1, 2012.
3. Submit a copy of your 2011 Income Tax Return Form 1040 and W-2 for all persons residing in your home to the Property Appraiser no later than June 1 2012.

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2. Complete Lines 1 - 4 of the IRS Form 4506 and sign the form.
4. Submit a copy of your Social Security Statement (SSA 1099) to the Property Appraiser no later than June 1, 2012.

Our office staff will be happy to help you attain and complete the necessary form. For more information about the Senior Low-Income Exemption or to obtain the necessary forms, please visit our website at www.bcpa.net or contact our Customer Service Department at 954.357.6830.

Sincerely,

If you have a question for the Property Appraiser, please email Lori at lori@bcpa.net or write to her at the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.
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NEWS FROM FORT LAUDERDALE CHILDREN’S THEATRE

Our 60th Season at Fort Lauderdale Children’s Theatre is in full swing! Our latest production of “Annie, Jr.” in December played to standing ovations and sold-out audiences at Dillard Center for the Arts. Our next show is a teen production of Shakespeare’s classic, “Hamlet,” which will be performed at our Galleria space the first two weekends in March. Our director, Sean Cutler, said he is so excited about this production, it’s going to be an amazing show with an outstanding cast. Don’t miss it! Seating is limited and this show is sure to sell out fast, so buy your tickets in advance on our website www.flct.org or by calling 954 763-6701. Our third quarter of Theatre Arts and Dance classes will be starting at the Galleria Mall, so be sure to check those out. Classes are for ages 4-18 and include Jelly Beans for the younger kids and dance for musical theatre, voice, improv and acting for the older kids, just to name a few. We will also have specialty workshops throughout the year. Details are on our website.

The rest of our season promises to be just as exciting with “Peter Pan” in May (auditions open to kids ages 6-18 on March 6 & 7), and, to wrap up the season, “Hairspray” in July (auditions open to kids and adults). We are also now offering “Date Night” for parents to drop off their kids at the Theatre while they go on a date! Date nights will be February 10th, March 16th and May 18th. The cost is $50.00 for up to two siblings, $25.00 each additional sibling and $10.00 off if you bring a non-FLCT student. Our popular “Open Mic” nights will be resuming Feb. 24th, April 20th and May 25th, so tell your kids to come show off their talents, or just come watch their friends perform. And check out our fun “Spring Break Camp” March 12-16th, held at our Galleria studio.

We are thrilled to be celebrating our 60th season of shows over at FLCT and hope you will be a part of the year long celebration. We also hope you will join us for our “Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend” cocktail party on January 26th at Daoud’s Fine Jewelry and help us kick off our fabulous upcoming Gala “Grande Crystal Ball - Diamonds Are Forever” on February 18, 2012 at the Hilton Marina in Fort Lauderdale. Check our website often and mark your calendars because you won’t want to miss a single one of our fantastic upcoming productions. See you at the theatre!
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