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MEMORIAL DAY



Why is Memorial Day celebrated?

Memorial Day is a day of reflection and remembrance of those who died while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday is observed in part by the National Moment of Remembrance, which encourages all Americans to pause at 3 PM for a moment of silence.

What are the origins of Memorial Day?

The holiday's origins can be traced to the American Civil War, which killed more than 600,000 service members — both Union and Confederate — between 1861 and 1865.

The first national observance of what was then called Decoration Day occurred on May 30, 1868, after an organization of Union veterans called for decorating war graves with flowers, which were in bloom.

The practice was already widespread. Waterloo, New York, which began a formal observance on May 5, 1866, was later proclaimed to be the holiday's birthplace.

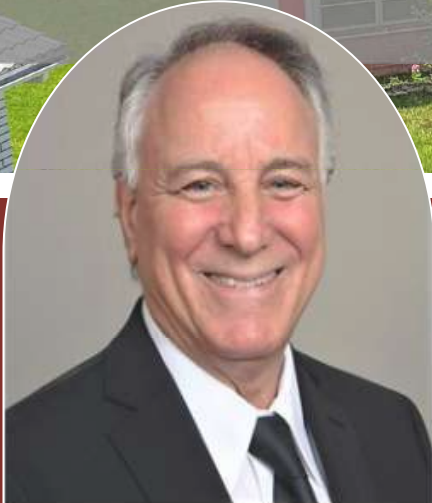
However, Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, traced its first observance to October 1864, according to the Library of Congress. Women in some Confederate states were already decorating graves before the war's end.

Freedom is never free. We honor those who paid the price. In memory of the brave, we honor their sacrifice.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Lauderdale West Residents,

By the time you receive this newsletter, the results of the March 23rd election will be known. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to our newly elected Board members. I look forward to working together to continue strengthening and enhancing our wonderful community for the benefit of all residents.

As many of you are aware, Lauderdale West now has a new on-site Property Manager, **Ms. Laura Serrano**, who has stepped in with energy and professionalism. Laura is already organizing and streamlining our day-to-day operations, and her experience in managing associations is proving invaluable.

At the time of this writing, we are working diligently to make **BuildingLink** fully operational. By the time you read this, you should be able to:

- View and update your resident profile
- Submit work orders electronically
- Review your maintenance fee account information

If you have any questions regarding your account or maintenance payments, please contact our Treasurer, **Ms. Rose-Marie Richmond**, who is always happy to assist.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to **Mr. Jeff Bender** for his continued dedication to Lauderdale West. Jeff has been instrumental in maintaining and enhancing our website, as well as upgrading our Auditorium and Room 113. The new lighting and sound systems have greatly improved our events and activities, and the addition of hearing devices ensures that residents with hearing impairments can fully enjoy community gatherings. His efforts have truly elevated our shared spaces.

Many residents have asked about the past practice of Association maintenance staff entering units to perform minor repairs, such as replacing light bulbs or toilet flappers. When Lauderdale West transitioned to a professional management company, this service was discontinued due to liability concerns.

Now that we have returned to self-management, I have revisited this issue with both our insurance agent and legal counsel. Unfortunately, due to ongoing liability risks, we are unable to reinstate this practice. Even after hours, the liability remains with the Association. This policy reflects broader changes occurring throughout South Florida, where increased litigation has led many communities to adopt similar restrictions.

While we understand this service was appreciated by many residents, homeowners will now need to retain outside handymen or licensed vendors for minor interior repairs. If anyone would like additional information regarding the insurance and legal guidance we received, I am happy to provide it upon request.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Board President. If the newly elected Board selects me to continue in that role, I will remain committed to transparent governance, sound financial stewardship, and preserving Lauderdale West as the premier community we are proud to call home.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community.

Warm regards,

Steve Rose

President, Lauderdale West Community Association #1

**RECYCLING of
GLASS BOTTLES and
PLASTIC CONTAINERS**



**NO CAPS OR LIDS IN
RECYCLE BAGS**

In Memoriam

**Joseph
Gillardi**



Lauderdale West Board Meetings

APRIL/MAY 2026

Workshop – Wednesday, April 8 – 10 AM – Room 205

Meeting – Wednesday, April 22 – 7 PM – Room 113

Workshop – Wednesday, May 13 – 10 AM – Room 205

Meeting – Wednesday, May 27 – 10 AM – Room 113

The Board meetings are **open to all residents of LW**.

Meetings are subject to change or cancellation.

Please check the Community Channel 901, the Lauderdale West Website (www.lauderdalewest.org) or signage at the Main Clubhouse for changes or cancellation notification. If you have signed up for email or text messages, you will be informed accordingly. Videos of previous Board Meetings are available on the Lauderdale West Website Owners' Corner and the most recent are available on Blue Stream Channel 902.



Lauderdale West Hours of Operation

Business Offices	M-F	9:00AM – Noon
Property Manager	M-F	8:00AM – 4:00PM
Gym	Daily	5:00AM – 9:00PM
Main Clubhouse	Daily	8:00AM – 9:00PM
Main Swimming Pool	Daily	6:00AM – 9:00PM
Satellite Swimming Pool	Daily	Dawn to Dusk

Bulk & Garbage Pickup

BULK PICKUP:

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 (2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 (2nd Tuesday)

Please **DO NOT** put Bulk Pickup items out until Monday afternoon **AFTER 5 PM** the day before Bulk Pickup is scheduled. Place Bulk Pickup at least **5 feet AWAY** from the mailboxes, trees, and street signs. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

• **BULK PICKUP** – Our next Bulk Pickups will be Tuesday, April 14, and Tuesday, May 12. The following items will not be accepted: batteries, **black bags**, chemicals, concrete including bricks or pavers, electronics, fencing, fluorescent bulbs, glass not properly wrapped, insecticides, oils and paints, paint cans, x-rays, construction materials, tires. To ensure the safety of Waste Management drivers, mirrors, glass tabletops, windowpanes, plate glass, etc., will only be picked up if they are properly and safely placed in a rigid container. Any broken glass must be placed into a secure container and marked as glass. If items are small enough, they must be put in clear bags. **Black bags will not be accepted.** Empty cardboard boxes will be accepted.

• BULK PICKUP DATES FOR FUTURE MONTHS

Apr 14 (2nd Tue) May 12 (2nd Tue) Jun 9 (2nd Tue)

• **RECYCLE PICKUP** - Caps and lids must **NOT** be placed in Recycle bags. Place in Trash bags.

• **GARBAGE PICKUP** – On Tuesday - blue bags and clear recycle bags should be placed **at least 5 feet AWAY from your mailbox**. On Friday – blue bags only, should also be **5 feet** from your mailbox. **Bags must not be put out until 5 PM** the night before pickup.

FYI – LW's Accountants

Please be advised the accountants for
Lauderdale West are:

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

Mail your maintenance assessment to:

Maintenance Assessments
PO Box 189115
Plantation, FL 33318-9115

Payments are due on the **FIRST** of each month

LW NEWS SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE REMINDER!

FOR THE JUNE/JULY 2026 ISSUE

Articles are due April 18

New advertisers due April 8

Returning advertisers due April 15

ALL DEADLINES ARE FIRM

Email to: newspaper@lauderdalewest.org
or drop off at room #121

The Newspaper Office is open
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
from **9 AM** until **noon**



Helpful Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

Beach Environmental (Pest Control)	954-458-1104
Blue Stream	954-282-6578
Broward County Call Center (Non-Emergency)	311
Broward County Health Department	954-467-4700
City Hall – General Information	954-797-2200
Code Enforcement	954-797-2267
Elderly & Veterans Services	954-357-6622
Fire Department – NON-emergency	954-797-2150
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	954-797-5000
LW Maintenance	954-473-2595
Plantation Recycling	954-452-2535
Poison Control Hotline	800-222-1222
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	954-797-2100
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	988
Water Department	954-797-2290
Westside Hospital	954-473-6600

* To reach the MAINTENANCE Department during regular hours, please call: **954-473-2595**.

Maintenance: maintenancedept@lauderdalewest.org
 Sales: applicationsapproval@lauderdalewest.org

Official Lauderdale West Communication Venues

Bulletin Board Outside the Clubhouse
 Lauderdale West Website Home Page
 Blue Stream Channel 901

Neighborhood Watch

ATTENTION OWNERS!

In our continued efforts to keep our Community safe, we have implemented a Neighborhood Watch Committee. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM in Room 113 on the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you are interested in being part of this very important committee, please join us at a monthly meeting. If you have questions or comments, contact Ralph Rickel at rerrickel@gmail.com or Eric Johnson at ericjackie@aol.com.

LW BUS SCHEDULE

Your driver is Pete 954-496-2543



MONDAY 9:00am - 12:00pm		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY 9:00am - 12:30pm		THURSDAY 9:00am - 12:30pm	FRIDAY 9:00am - 12:00pm		
DESTINATION PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)		NO BUS	DESTINATION WALMART (Oakland Park) BRAVO SHOPPING CENTER BANK OF AMERICA CHASE		DESTINATION ALDI (Broward Blvd.) BROWARD MALL		DESTINATION PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)	
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BUS FARE IS FREE TO ALL LW RESIDENTS								

JOIN US

Don't miss out on all the fun at Lauderdale West!

Make sure you get your tickets at the Clubhouse in advance of the event.

April Events

- Apr 7 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Apr 8 Lauderdale West Board Workshop in Room 205 – 10:00 AM
- Apr 21 Hadassah in Lauderdale West Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Apr 22 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 7:00 PM
- Apr 25 Dancing Into Spring in LW Auditorium – 7:00–9:30 PM

May Events

- May 5 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- May 13 Lauderdale West Board Workshop in Room 205 – 10:00 AM
- May 17 Spring Into Summer Social in LW Auditorium – 5:00-7:30 PM
- May 19 Hadassah in Lauderdale West Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- May 27 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 10:00 AM

June Events

- Jun 2 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Jun 10 Lauderdale West Board Workshop in room 205 – 10:00 AM
- Jun 16 Hadassah in Lauderdale West Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Jun 24 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 7:00 PM



Movie Night

- April 10 – 6:30 PM
- April 12 – 2:00 PM
- April 17 – 6:30 PM
- April 19 – 2:00 PM
- May 15 – 6:30 PM
- May 17 – 2:00 PM
- May 29 – 6:30 PM
- May 31 – 2:00 PM

Please check Channel 901
or signs posted in the
Clubhouse for Movie Titles

KUDOS – JOB WELL DONE

To Maria Ortel and Sandy Poole for the outstanding job they did in moving the library from the first to the second floor. These ladies dedicated many hours, physicality, creativity and even personal finances to reach the final appearance of the library. It is one of the gems in the Clubhouse. The Community is very appreciative of the terrific job the two ladies did for Lauderdale West. We are proud to have such dedicated volunteers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Plexes	\$513.00
Single Family Homes	\$555.00

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

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

Welcome

to our New Property Manager

LAURA SERRANO

Professional Summary

Laura is a Senior Property Manager and Portfolio Leader with over 15 years of progressive experience overseeing condominium associations, co-ops, multifamily communities, and capital improvement programs. She is highly knowledgeable in Florida Statutes 718 and 720, SIRS compliance, Milestone Inspections, reserve planning, and board governance procedures, with a proven record of stabilizing distressed communities, restoring operational integrity, and leading complex construction and engineering projects. She is recognized for decisive leadership, transparent board communication, and the ability to navigate legal, regulatory, and high-stakes decision environments while safeguarding association assets.

Lauderdale West

Presents

DANCING INTO SPRING! **An Entertainment Special Event**

Saturday, April 25, 2026
7 to 9:30pm

Hors D'oeuvres, Dessert, and Beverages.
You are welcome to bring additional
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Live music by
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Tickets are only \$20 for residents and their guests

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Ticket Office open M-F, 9:30-11:30 am.

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DRESS EVENING CASUAL

yes, it's april

original poetry by lydia shutter

i watch as the waves boldly bubble
painting the sand with their foam
a child-like muse
motions for me to come closer
i recognize her smile
i've missed her giggle

we body surf
through vowels and consonants
holding hands
we dance along the shoreline
feeling the ocean kiss our toes

when it's time to build
a sandcastle in the sand
cotton candy clouds
smile down on us
while seagulls sing us a song

yes, it's april
i teeter on the cusp
of 73 years
and smile

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PLEASE RESPECT OUR BOARD MEMBERS' PRIVATE TIME

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

Thank you for your consideration of our Lauderdale West Board of Directors.



PLEASE FOLLOW LAUDERDALE WEST PARKING RESTRICTIONS



- Park in garage, driveway or parking space.
- Parking lots are only for use while at Clubhouse, pool or gym.
- Overnight parking in Clubhouse lots are ONLY with permission of the Board.
- Parking during the day - 2 wheels on roadway and 2 wheels on grass.
- Commercial vehicle parking during service ONLY.



- There is no public parking in Lauderdale West.
- No overnight parking on streets.
- No parking with all four wheels on grass.

WOMEN OF LAUDERDALE WEST

By Pinky Trapani 954-472-1652

Hi everyone,

You can't believe how happy I am to write this.

The Feb 3 luncheon was exciting. I want to thank every one of you ladies for the surprise of a lifetime. I am still in awe of what Bobbie, Rose-Marie and this wonderful group of Women of Lauderdale West put together for me. The flowers, candy, gift card and the most beautiful plaque I have ever received was the thrill of a lifetime. I received all of this on behalf of every one of you for the support, unselfishness and love you give to this organization.

I was not the only one taken by surprise at this luncheon. Mr. Kevin Bochenek, Director of Educational Services, got choked up when we presented him with a check for \$5,000. This now raises our total to \$75,820 given to "Kids in Distress", covering seven of fourteen wishes for naptime mats and sleeping cots for three classrooms.

Our Mayor Nick Sortal gave information as to what was happening in our wonderful City of Plantation.

On Feb 16 our bus ride to the Big Easy Casino was a huge success. This time there were more winners than losers!

Feb 19 was a lovely day trip to the Glass Art Museum. It was most interesting and very informative.

At our Feb 24 General Meeting we discussed many ideas and suggested field trips. The next trip coming up is a boat ride on the 'Carrie B'. All information was provided at the March 24 general meeting.

The March 3 luncheon guest speaker was Jackie Flurr from the Broward County School District on the informative topic "Take Stock in Children" Program.

The April 7 luncheon -a reminder to start thinking about putting your artistic ideas together for the Easter Bonnet Competition. There will be cash prizes for the winning hats as well as door prizes.

The May 5 luncheon will be fun, with the Kentucky Derby horse races having payouts in nickels, dimes and quarters for your winning horses. Wear your stylish hat to compete for cash prizes. We can't wait to see you strutting your hats.

A big thank you to all volunteers for the special jobs performed in making our luncheons such a huge success. Yes, it's a lot of work but done with love.

L'CHAYIM HADASSAH HAPPENINGS

By Susan Rose 954-288-8494

All our meetings take place on Tuesdays. The first Tuesday of each month is our Board Meeting at Susan's home. Anyone interested in learning more or getting involved is warmly welcomed. To RSVP, please call Susan at 954-288-8494.

The second Tuesday of the month is our popular Lunch Bunch — a delightful time to connect. Everyone pays for their own meal, and we request a \$5 donation to Hadassah to support our efforts.

On April 14 at 11:30 a.m., we'll gather at Sunrise Pita.

On May 12 at 11:30 a.m., we'll meet at Olive Garden. To RSVP, please call Gypsy at (973) 715-7811. Bring friends, and let's enjoy a lovely afternoon together.

The third Tuesday of each month is our General Meeting. On April 21, we'll have a special pizza lunch with salad and dessert. In May, we celebrate our Life Members! Our May General Meeting will feature a lavish lunch of blintzes, quiches, kugels, sides, desserts, and beverages, plus entertainment and a lively auction! Tickets are 15 for \$10 — what a bargain! Please bring friends and neighbors to help support Hadassah. Reserve your space by calling Karen at 954-205-1939.

April is a time of reflection, and we wish everyone a joyous and meaningful Passover. As Easter dawns, may it bring renewal and hope to all. And don't forget, May 10 is Mother's Day, and May 25 is Memorial Day — each a special time to honor, remember, and celebrate.

If you'd like to learn more about Hadassah, please call Susan at 954-288-8494. We can't wait to see you in April and May — come for the meetings, stay for the friendships, and be part of something truly meaningful.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS

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

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

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

Remember, be respectful and courteous!

Thank You

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED LATELY?

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

NEEDLE DISPOSAL

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

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

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

RAIN GUTTERS

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

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

ROOFS

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

UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED

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

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

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



A Special Message from the Plantation Police Department



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

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

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



SWIMMING POOL RULES

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

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

MESSAGE TO **ALL** RESIDENTS WITH ANIMALS

- **Personally attend to and keep the animal on a leash when outside the home.**
- **NEVER leave an animal alone on a leash.**
- Follow all City and County Ordinances.
- Clean up after your animal anywhere in Lauderdale West.
- Properly dispose of animal waste disposal bags in **YOUR** trash container, **NOT** in a Community trash can.
- Do not put waste down a drainage grate or throw it in the lakes or canals. This becomes a bacterial hazard to our water system.





PLANTATION NEWS

Working Tallahassee

Council president Denise Horland is the elected official most in touch with the State Legislature. Her efforts continued on behalf of our city as she spent last week in Tallahassee meeting with legislators during Broward Days and the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days.

Horland, who is also President of the Broward League of Cities, spoke to Senate and House members about the proposed ad valorem tax measures and how any reduction in revenue could affect essential services in the City of Plantation.

She also touched upon other bills that affect our business tax licensing, public safety, local planning and sovereign immunity limits. The bottom line: decisions about our city should remain at the local level, made by the people you placed in office.

Midtown Bridge

We are trying to more actively inform residents of the proposed Midtown bridge that is expected to alleviate traffic to I-595 on University Drive and Pine Island Road.

Plans for the 10 million dollar bridge are complete and the city is seeking state and federal funding. When completed, the bridge will facilitate traffic over the New River Canal and onto westbound State Road 84.

Some restaurants have stated the density in the Midtown area is not enough to keep them in business. The bridge will be in tandem with recently approved housing to alleviate the traffic impacts of growth that supports economic activity.

Consultant to Evaluate Trash

The city has hired a consultant to help evaluate what we would want in a new trash contract.

The city has a franchise agreement with WM (formerly Waste Management) that expires Sept. 30, 2028. Council members indicated the subsequent trash contract will go out for bid.

The consultant will evaluate and make a recommendation to the City Council on the most efficient and sustainable method to collect solid waste going forward, e.g. the Pay As You Throw (blue bag) system or a cart system. They will also help with the bidding (more accurately RFSP - Request for Sealed Proposals) process.

Public input will be part of the evaluation.

Please Use City E-mail

As your Mayor, I really want residents to communicate with me, but I am facing a challenge.

I love helping and don't want to miss your messages. Between personal email, texts and calls on my personal phone, Facebook Messenger, NextDoor, Instagram, LinkedIn and others, you can see how it may become challenging to keep track.

So, please contact me via my city email, Mayor@Plantation.org. I always keep a close eye on it. Using this email automatically creates a public record and allows me to most easily forward a request to appropriate city staff. (All other ways to contact me about city business are still public records, but I must take extra steps to preserve them.)

Again, Mayor@Plantation.org. Thank you.

PLANTATION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Plantation City Council meetings are typically held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Plantation City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue. Periodically, meetings may be cancelled, or special meetings may be held. Please check the City Council & Advisory Board Meeting Details and Live Video page for meeting schedules, agendas, minutes and meeting video.

APRIL

April 15, 2026

April 29, 2026

MAY

May 13, 2026

May 27, 2026

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2026

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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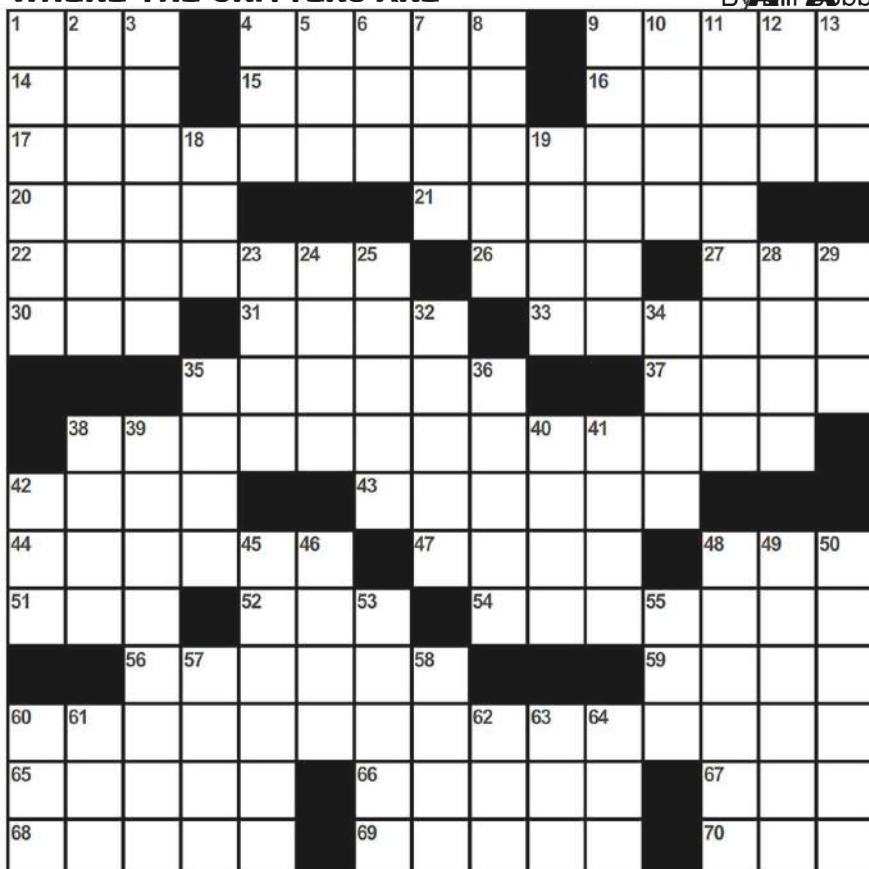
- 1) Karim of the Khans, for one
- 4) City on the Missouri
- 9) Folklore heavies
- 14) Wager
- 15) Twofold
- 16) Nigerian currency
- 17) Crazy, proverbially (with "has")
- 20) Toledo's lake
- 21) Having no feet
- 22) Knuckle under
- 26) Embrace
- 27) Finale
- 30) Health resort
- 31) Fodder holder
- 33) First-____ (novice jailbird)
- 35) Show-off scholar
- 37) Plural suffix with "auction" or "musket"
- 38) Sure thing, it's said
- 42) Dalai ____
- 43) Syndicate
- 44) "Delicious!"
- 47) Composes
- 48) Ozone layer pollutant, for short
- 51) Tokyo, formerly
- 52) Beaver's work
- 54) Toast
- 56) Registers, as a complaint
- 59) "What's gotten ____ you?"
- 60) Backstabber
- 65) Flower-petal oil
- 66) Attack on a fort, e.g.
- 67) It's spotted in casinos
- 68) Cheese byproducts
- 69) Firebug's doing
- 70) "Go on ..."

DOWN

- 1) Mother superior
- 2) Get ready for action
- 3) Infamous prison
- 4) ____-Wan Kenobi
- 5) Time div.
- 6) Kitchen pest
- 7) "Funny ____ or funny strange?"
- 8) Beth's preceder
- 9) Antsy
- 10) Apple variety
- 11) Sharpshooters
- 12) "To ____ is human ..."
- 13) Utter
- 18) "Hold on a ____!"
- 19) Boxing match
- 23) Brought into play
- 24) Calf-length skirt
- 25) Mont or Mel
- 28) Uncool sort
- 29) Members of the AMA
- 32) Ready to serve, as beer
- 34) Authentic
- 35) Beseech
- 36) Hurled
- 38) Data-speed unit
- 39) Kill in a sacrifice
- 40) Sicilian peak
- 41) BP alternative
- 42) Soapmaker's need
- 45) Milk containers
- 46) O. Henry's "The Gift of the ____"
- 48) The Great White North
- 49) Has a sense of belonging
- 50) Barred to entry
- 53) Bright group
- 55) "Dear" one
- 57) Approve
- 58) Cookbook direction
- 60) Adage
- 61) Mathematician's ordinal
- 62) "For ____ a jolly ..."
- 63) Diva's problem
- 64) ____-Xers (Boomers' kids)

WHERE THE CRITTERS ARE

By Bill Cobb



Answers on Page 19

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

Masters on the Shelf

February 4, 2026

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Best, Bond, Books, Bronte, Camus, Claim, Conrad, Cooper, Depoe, Dickens, Drama, Drury, Edition, Fiction, Fine, Fond, Good, Have, Heirlooms, Heritage, History, Homer, Humor, Ibsen, Idea, James, Joyce, Kipling, Lists, London, Longfellow, Love, Mann, Maugham, Plato, Plays, Poetry, Pope, Prescott, Pride, Read, Rich, Shakespeare, Shaw, Tolstoy, Twain, Volume, Whitman.

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STAY SAFE ON DOG WALKS

A pulling pooch can cause a tumble.

AARP Magazine Dec/Jan

Taking a dog on a walk can be good exercise, which is especially needed as we age. But a dog that pulls on its leash can put you at risk for a fall.

Terri Bright, a dog trainer and the director of behavior services for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Angell Animal Medical Center, offers this tip: Don't start training with a walk.

"The best place to start teaching a dog to walk on a leash is in the house. I have the dog on my left, and I pivot to the right and give the dog a treat at my left knee. And then I keep pivoting to the right and feeding the dog at my left knee. The dog learns to keep its head at my left knee. Then I start taking steps in various directions, and it stays at my knee.

"The next place to practice is in the yard. And then on the front porch, then somewhere in public where there are no other dogs. It takes a long time before you can walk with your dog without pulling."



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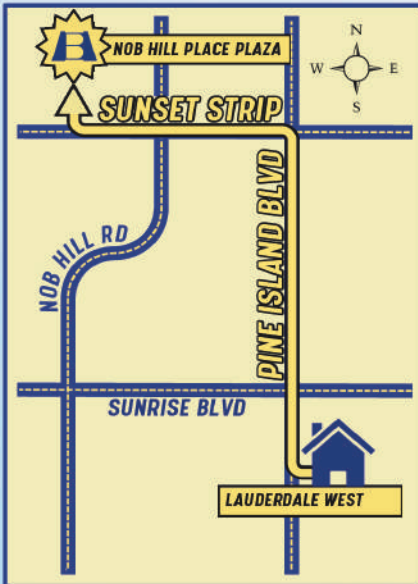
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