

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY

Honor Their Bravery



National Purple Heart Day is observed on August 7 each year. It is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. National Purple Heart Day will be observed on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025.

The holiday was first observed in 2014. It is considered an unofficial observance meaning that businesses, government offices, etc. do not close on this day.

Criteria For Receiving A Purple Heart

In general, the Purple Heart is awarded for injuries sustained because of an enemy attack. Injuries sustained for other reasons not related to things “not caused by enemy agents” are generally not acceptable as grounds for receiving the Purple Heart, though friendly fire injuries do qualify as long as the friendly fire was intended for the enemy. The Purple Heart is now given to persons who are injured, wounded, or died while a prisoner of war (POW).

History

The Purple Heart was first established by General George Washington in 1782, originally as the Badge of Military Merit, and later revived in 1932.

Meaning

The Purple Heart is a symbol of courage and sacrifice, representing the bravery of those who have fought for our country. The purple color is said to represent the blood shed in battle.



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Message from the President

By Steve Rose

Dear Residents,

As this is my second letter to you as President of the Board, I want to reaffirm my commitment to working collaboratively with my fellow Board members and Castle Management to ensure that Lauderdale West remains a premier place to live. Our shared goal is to enhance the quality of life for all residents while preserving the strong sense of community that defines us.

I am pleased to report that we are making steady progress on our power washing and landscaping initiatives. Additionally, after careful evaluation, we have explored a new communication and service platform—**BuildingLink**. This system is already in use in other communities. BuildingLink offers a comprehensive platform that enables Directors and staff to monitor operations, while also allowing residents to submit work orders easily.

The platform also facilitates streamlined coordination for tenant and buyer screenings, all while maintaining strict security of personal information. Importantly, BuildingLink gives our Treasurer, Ms. Rose-Marie Richmond, timely access to financial data and allows for more effective oversight of our expenditures.

Special thanks go to Edna Roman, who has done an outstanding job logging work orders, allowing Lisa Azif to assign tasks promptly and efficiently. Additional functions are also in the process of being integrated, further supporting our goal of improved operations.

One area of ongoing concern is the community painting project, which unfortunately remains on hold. As mentioned in my previous letter, we are fully aware of the issues and are committed to resolving them. Board member Charlie Gervolino is overseeing the matter and is working closely with Sherwin-Williams to identify the root cause. Once we have clarity, the Board will take all necessary action to ensure that the painting is completed to the high standards our community deserves.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we navigate these transitions. Lauderdale West continues to be Broward County's premier 55+ community, and your Board remains dedicated to maintaining and strengthening that distinction.

Warm regards,

Steve Rose

President, Board of Directors
Lauderdale West

COMMUNICATING WITH THE LAUDERDALE WEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the increased use of the internet and text messaging, we often expect instant communication and responses. This is especially true of owner communications with the Lauderdale West Board of Directors. Because your communication to the Board may raise certain legal issues for not responding timely, and sometimes emails end up in spam filters, the Association must insist on certain formalities regarding communication.

- Your first step should be to check our Website (www.lauderdalewest.org), as many of our governing documents are available to view or download from there.
- If you don't find what you are looking for, write your request to inspect documents and mail or deliver it to the Lauderdale West Clubhouse. Do not send requests via email or text message.
- If it is a request to view a document (e.g., I want to see the financials for December), it need not be

sent via Certified Mail.

- The Board will set up an appointment within ten (10) business days of receipt of the letter.
- The Association is not obligated to provide you with copies, but merely to allow you to review the document(s). If you wish something copied, you will be charged twenty-five cents per page.
- If the inquiry requires a written response (e.g., Why did we choose Contractor A vs Contractor B for this project?), it needs to be sent to the Board via Certified Mail, the Board will respond within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, unless one of the statutory extensions applies.

The Lauderdale West Board of Directors cannot take any action on information provided in a letter, voice mail or phone call without the name and LW address of the person making the report.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lauderdale West Board Meetings

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

Wednesday, Aug 27 – 7 PM – Room 113

Wednesday, Sep 24 - 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.

FYI - LW'S ACCOUNTANTS

Please be advised the accountants for Lauderdale West are:

Castle Group
12270 SW 3 Street Suite 200
Plantation, FL 33325
800-337-5850

Mail your maintenance assessment to:

Popular Bank
PO Box 169010
Miami, FL 33116

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

Lauderdale West HOURS OF OPERATION

Business Offices	M-F	9:00AM – Noon
Castle Property Manager	M-F	9:00AM – 5:00PM
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 DATES

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 (2nd Tuesday)

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 (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, August 12, and Tuesday, September 9. 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

Oct 14 (2nd Tue) Nov 11 (2nd Tue)
Dec 9 (2nd Tue)

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

LW NEWS SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE REMINDER!

FOR THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025 ISSUE

Articles are due August 22, 2025

New advertisers due August 6, 2025

Returning advertisers due August 13, 2025

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



**PLEASE
CONSIDER DONATING
WORKING SEWING
MACHINES TO
THE LAUDERDALE WEST SEWING CIRCLE**
Vicki Rethemeyer 954-294-8545

Do you have a sewing machine in a closet you no longer use? Do you know someone who is ready to part with theirs?

There is a small group of sewists that meet every Monday from 1-4 PM in the Craft Room. We have a few machines that were donated but some need replacement, and we need more so we can serve more members of our Community at a time.

All levels of sewist are welcome to join us. Men and Women alike. We will be learning how to mend and alter, and we hope to offer a repair clinic in the future. Come check us out!

We also accept donations of fabric, thread, and other sewing supplies. You can bring all donations on Mondays, or we can come to pick them up.

We are also looking for someone to help with repair of our sewing machines.

THANK YOU

LW BUS SCHEDULE

Your Driver is Pete - 954-496-2543



MONDAY 9:00AM - 12:00PM	TUESDAY -----	WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 12:30PM	THURSDAY 9:00AM - 12:30PM	FRIDAY 9:00AM - 12:00PM
<u>DESTINATION</u> PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)	NO BUS	<u>DESTINATION</u> WALMART (Oakland Park) BRAVO SHOPPING CENTER BANK OF AMERICA CHASE BANK	<u>DESTINATION</u> ALDI (Broward Blvd.) BROWARD MALL	<u>DESTINATION</u> PUBLIX (Jacaranda) BANK OF AMERICA DOLLAR TREE (Jacaranda)
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BUS FARE IS FREE TO ALL LW RESIDENTS				Rev. 1-7-2024



Castle Management, LLC.

**“AUTO PAY” AUTHORIZATION
Maintenance Fees**

In order to have the Auto-pay program begin automatically deducting maintenance fees from your checking account, please clearly fill out the information below.

Please complete each and every item below:

ASSOCIATION NAME: Lauderdale West Community Association No. 1, Inc.

UNIT OWNER NAME: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBER(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MONTH START DATE: _____

MAINTENANCE FEE FREQUENCY: ☒ Month ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐ Semi Annual

NAME OF YOUR BANK _____

ACCOUNT # _____ ROUTING # _____

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE MY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO DEBIT/CHARGE MY ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF MY HOMEOWNERS/CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION. I grant the Association the right and authority to amend the auto debit as maintenance fees are amended by the Board of Directors.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

1. Notification of auto-pay confirmation will be sent by email.
2. That the debit/charge will occur between the 5th and 10th working day after the assessment is due.

The auto debit will remain in effect until I notify my association in writing 30 days prior to canceling the auto debit.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

2025

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

REMAINDER OF THE 2025 SHOWS

All shows begin at 7 PM
 Tickets are \$15 for Residents -
 \$20 for Guests
 Check or Money Order ONLY –
 NO CASH – No Refunds



SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 THE LATIN DIVOS

A NEW Latin pop/opera trio performs a diverse repertoire from opera to some of the all-time greatest songs with Latin Flavor sung in Italian, English, Spanish and French. In addition, the violin and sax make them unique and a delight to see.

Ticket sales begin on August 25.



NOVEMBER 8, 2025 JAYNE CURRY'S BIG NIGHT OUT

Jayne Curry's powerhouse vocals will delight you with songs from Broadway musicals, hit pop songs, soul songs and rock, from iconic women as Tina Turner and Barbara Streisand. Top it off with her hilarious observational humor. This is a show you must see. Ticket sales begin on October 27.

Ticket Office is open M-F, 9:30-11:30 AM, beginning on ticket sales start date and 5:30-6:30 PM on show night.
NO HATS - NO PICTURES OR VIDEO ALLOWED



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.

August Events

- Aug 5 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Aug 16 LaFiesta Party in LW Auditorium – 8:00-11:00 PM
- Aug 19 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Aug 25 Ticket Office Opens for The Latin Divos Show – 9:30-11:30 AM
- Aug 27 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 7:00 PM

September Events

- Sep 2 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Sep 6 Live Show in LW Auditorium (The Latin Divos) – 7:00 PM
- Sep 16 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Sep 24 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 10:00 AM

October Events

- Oct 7 Women of Lauderdale West in LW Auditorium – 11:00 AM
- Oct 21 Hadassah in Room 113 – 11:30 AM
- Oct 22 Lauderdale West Board Meeting in Room 113 – 7:00 PM
- Oct 27 Ticket Office Opens for The Jayne Curry show – 9:30-11:30 AM

NO PARKING OR DRIVING ON THE GRASS

As a Lauderdale West resident, you should be aware that **NO VEHICLES** are authorized to park on the lawns. Lately it has been noticed that residents are not adhering to this requirement. If you park on your lawn or allow others to do so and your sprinklers are damaged, the cost to repair will be yours and yours alone. Additionally, if it is noticed that a vehicle is on the lawn it will be towed at the owner's expense.

PLEASE, NO PARKING ON THE LAWNS. THANK YOU!



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.

WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS!

Ann Marie Antoine
Gene & Aimee Barnes
Artan, Ledia & Darius Bega
Todd Bonno
Mayra Castillo
Richard Cohen
Teresa & Alexis Espejo
Emanuel Gonzalez
Maureen Greenwood
Johanna Guridys & Gladys Wagner
Jeffrey Hockett
Henry & Kelly Hugelheim
Constance Lindal
Basile & Paulette Louis
Yolette Louis
Maria & William Olarte
Ashley & Charmaine Ollivierre
Felix & Modesta Penton
Carmen Danielle Philippeaux
Maria Sarria & Zenaida Ferreiro



the edge of good

original poetry by Lydia Shutter

- suddenly swaddled in moonlight
- i felt like a brave star shining through all anxieties
- the glorious moon gnawed away at the darkness in my soul
- damn the vicissitudes i navigate daily
- the drooping dark circles under my eyes have vanished
- magically right now in this moment
- life is teetering on the velvety edge of good

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**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING,
SAY
SOMETHING**

**REPORT
SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY TO
THE POLICE**

HOW TO REPORT

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

What to include in Report

If you see suspicious activity, report it to law enforcement and describe specifically what you observed, including:

- **Who** or **what** you saw;
- **When** you saw it;
- **Where** it occurred; and
- **Why** it's suspicious

Take your phone out and add this number to your contacts.

Plantation Police

954-797-2100

MOVING SALE PROTOCOL

If you have sold or are selling your home in Lauderdale West and will be moving out, you may hold a one-day moving sale provided you receive permission from the Property Manager. Should you not get permission, you will be asked to shut down the sale immediately.

Please remember, you may not place any signs on Lauderdale West property. Thank you for your cooperation and best of luck in your new home.

NO SIGNS ALLOWED

SIGNS of any kind are **NOT** permitted on Lauderdale West property, except during elections. Candidates' signs may be erected 10 days prior to an election and must be removed within 7 days after an election. Lauderdale West property includes all areas outside your home, including any grassy areas, your driveway, any public area, including stop signs, trees, and utility poles. Signs for open houses, garage sales, parties, etc. **are not allowed.**

Signs will be removed, and the owner will be subject to fines.

Tips for Dementia Caregivers and Family Members

If I get dementia, I'd like my family to hang this wish list up on the wall where I live. I want them to remember these things. Every time you enter the room, announce yourself. "Hi Mom - it's Samantha or Beau." NEVER ask, "Do you know who I am?" That causes anxiety.

1. If I get dementia, I want my friends and family to embrace my reality.
2. If I think my spouse is still alive, or if I think we're visiting my parents for dinner, let me believe those things. I'll be much happier for it.
3. If I get dementia, don't argue with me about what is true for me versus what is true for you.
4. If I get dementia and I am not sure who you are, do not take it personally. My timeline is confusing to me.
5. If I get dementia and can no longer use utensils, do not start feeding me. Instead, switch me to a finger-food diet, and see if I can still feed myself.
6. If I get dementia and I am sad or anxious, hold my hand and listen. Do not tell me that my feelings are unfounded.
7. If I get dementia, I don't want to be treated like a child. Talk to me like the adult that I am.
8. If I get dementia, I still want to enjoy the things that I've always enjoyed. Help me find a way to exercise, read, and visit with friends.
9. If I get dementia, ask me to tell you a story from my past.
10. If I get dementia and I become agitated, take

the time to figure out what is bothering me.

11. If I get dementia, treat me the way that you would want to be treated.
12. If I get dementia, make sure there are plenty of snacks for me in the house. Even now if I don't eat I get angry, and if I have dementia, I may have trouble explaining what I need.
13. If I get dementia, don't talk about me as if I'm not in the room.
14. If I get dementia, don't feel guilty if you cannot care for me 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's not your fault, and you've done your best. Find someone who can help you or choose a great new place for me to live.
15. If I get dementia and I live in a dementia care community, please visit me often.
16. If I get dementia, don't act frustrated if I mix up names, events, or places. Take a deep breath. It's not my fault.
17. If I get dementia, make sure I always have my favorite music playing within earshot.
18. If I get dementia and I like to pick up items and carry them around, help me return those items to their original place.
19. If I get dementia, don't exclude me from parties and family gatherings.
20. If I get dementia, know that I still like receiving hugs or handshakes.
21. If I get dementia, remember that I am still the person you know and love.

INHERITANCE OR FAMILY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lauderdale West is required to maintain correct, up-to-date information on all homeowners. If you inherit a plex or single-family home in Lauderdale West, you must notify the Applications and Approvals Office immediately @ (954) 473-8219 ext. 114 or 118. Before we can change the name in our records, we will need information from you, such as a completed application which can be found on our website. We will also need a copy of the death certificate and a copy of the legal papers giving you rights to the property.

When we have updated our records, you will be able to live here or sell the home. This also applies if you are transferring the property to another family member or a trust. Written Board approval is required of all owners regardless of how you acquired the property. We cannot issue a Certificate of Approval if we do not have the complete and correct information that can be found in the application. Remember, you cannot rent the property for one year after acquisition of title. Thank you for your cooperation.

HADASSAH *Happenings...*

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

As **Labor Day** approaches, we wish you a relaxing, well-deserved break and thank you for all the dedication you bring to our chapter and the wider community.

We've got a full calendar and we hope to see you at one—or all!—of our upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 12 – Lunch Bunch – RSVP to Dorothy: 973-715-7811. Please note: Attendees pay for their own lunch and contribute a \$5 donation to Hadassah.

Thursday, August 15 – Board & Planning Meeting - Everyone is welcome to bring ideas! We need your input and enthusiasm as we plan for fall and beyond. RSVP to Susan: 954-288-8494.

Monday, September 2 – Board Meeting - Board members, please join us as we prepare for a busy and meaningful season ahead.

Monday, September 9 – Lunch Bunch - Enjoy another lovely lunch with your Hadassah

sisters. RSVP to Dorothy: 973-715-7811. Please note: Attendees pay for their own lunch and contribute a \$5 donation to Hadassah.

Monday, September 16 – Welcome Back General Meeting - All are welcome! Let's reconnect, share ideas, and strengthen our sisterhood. RSVP to Karen: 954-205-1939.

Stay Tuned! Watch your emails for **Regional Events**, the **August Conference**, and exciting details about our **January Cruise Fun!**

This season is all about connection, celebration, and community. Whether you're joining us for lunch, a movie, or a meeting, your presence is what makes our chapter shine.

Stay safe, stay cool—and we'll see you soon!

L'Chayim! To life, to love, to Hadassah.

WOMEN *Of Lauderdale West*

By Pinky Trapani 954-472-1652

I sure hope you are doing your best to keep cool and hydrated as summer is upon us.

Just a short recap of our progress. Our June bus ride was a success and fun. We had many winners and of course some losers. Our Mai Kai trip was beyond words. The food was excellent, the show brought us to the Hawaiian Islands, and the ambiance was breathtaking. We did not have a luncheon in July. At our General Meeting on the 22nd we celebrated 'Christmas in July'. More items than we even dreamed of were brought in for 'Kids'. The many backpacks and school supplies will certainly bring joy to these children as school begins. Thank you to all you ladies who heard the call and jumped right in. The total of all this will be tallied and forthcoming.

Kevin Bochenek, Director of Educational Services, for 'Kids in Distress' will be our guest speaker at the August 5th luncheon. At this time, we will be presenting a check in the amount of \$3,170 for

specific items on the 'Kids' wish list. Luncheon is lasagna and a healthy salad.

Our next Bus Ride to Big Easy Casino will be in August. The date to be announced.

The upcoming General Meetings on August 26th is important as special information will be discussed at this time. You will be reminded by your callers as well as Leila's text blasts.

Remember ladies our 25 cents 'Silent Auction' will be on September 9th, the second Tuesday, not the first Tuesday due to Labor Day. All items to be donated for this auction must be given to Rose-Marie Richmond by August 26th at our General Meeting, 10:00 AM in Room 111.

Our train still has seats available to welcome new members to come aboard and journey with us for fun, friendship and a worthy cause!

Until we meet again, may many blessings be upon you and yours for all you have done and all you continue to do.



Plantation News

PLANTATION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Plantation City Council meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Plantation City Hall, 400 NW 73rd Avenue. Periodically, meetings may be cancelled, or special meetings may be held. Please call the City Clerk's Office at City Hall to verify (954-797-2237).

AUGUST

August 13, 2025

August 27, 2025

SEPTEMBER

September 10, 2025

September 17, 2025

Roadwork on North Pine Island



Broward County is doing a major bridge rehabilitation project in Plantation to address structural issues. There will be lane closures for four weeks on North Pine Island Road in the northernmost part of the city where a guardrail is being installed and for some other work.

Improvement efforts on a bridge north of Sunrise Boulevard will last through December.

Work will be performed on the underside of the bridge using floating platforms in the canal, thereby alleviating significant traffic disruptions except for four weeks needed to replace expansion joints.

Utility drop box relocated

The drop box for those who prefer to hand-deliver their utility bill payments has been moved behind City Hall.

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Puzzles & Quizzes

Answers, page 19

ACROSS

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1) Disorderly, fussy outbursts | 43) Get ready to drive |
| 6) Part of an escalator | 44) Certain breads |
| 10) Attempt, in slang | 45) Goes quickly |
| 14) Heep created by Dickens | 46) Pertness |
| 15) Blanched | 48) Do something |
| 16) More than a gofer | 50) It can cause quite a bang |
| 17) Set the date, in a way | 51) Rip off |
| 20) Jacket part | 54) Community standards |
| 21) Break stone | 56) Prepare to pull the trigger |
| 22) Wrinkle maker | 57) Frau's partner |
| 23) Providing details of current events | 59) Constructs, as a building |
| 25) Vodka cocktail | 63) Makes a soccer faux pas |
| 27) Bleat | 66) South American monkey |
| 30) Part of two sts. | 67) Where Marco Polo explored |
| 31) Pin one's hopes (on) | 68) Bring together |
| 32) Arm bone | 69) Restrain |
| 34) Go upward | 70) Put an edge on |
| 36) Donor's offering | 71) Guided a gondola |
| 40) Fall short | |

DOWN

- 1) After-dinner roll?
- 2) Kind of thermometer
- 3) Desperate, as straits
- 4) Like some old buckets
- 5) Pushed
- 6) Treatment type
- 7) Far from chic
- 8) Brio
- 9) Mammal's coat
- 10) "Gabriel" lead-in
- 11) Kind of wave
- 12) "What goes around, comes around," e.g.
- 13) Stereotypical artist's hat
- 18) New Jersey city
- 19) Final words (var.)
- 24) Many Colorado tourists
- 26) Gold and frankincense complement
- 27) Sacrifice between the lines
- 28) Ubiquitous lotion ingredient
- 29) Poker chip, sometimes
- 31) Prepare, as leftovers
- 33) Charm
- 35) Muddy home
- 37) Dressage display
- 38) Gulf off the coast of Yemen
- 39) Cardinal's residence
- 41) Cochise, famously
- 42) Have nothing to do with
- 47) It may be near a slide
- 49) Shredded
- 51) Willingly avoids meals
- 52) Allowed by the courts
- 53) Be theatrical
- 54) "Sesame Street" resident
- 55) Music-score sign
- 58) Foolhardy and hasty
- 60) Make like a snake
- 61) England's national art gallery
- 62) Coaster in the cold
- 64) Backboard attachment
- 65) Common grain unit

COUNT IT

By Timothy E. Parker

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14					15				16			
17					18				19			
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			23			24		25		26		
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43						44				45		
			46		47		48		49		50	
51	52	53				54			55			
56				57		58		59		60	61	62
63			64				65					
66					67				68			
69					70				71			

Sudoku (answers page 19)

		3	5	7				
2					6	3		
5					4		9	
		7						6
1	9						8	5
6						1		
	4		6					8
		1	7					9
				5	1	4		

WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: First, read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are found in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once so do not cross them out. It is best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the WONDERWORD. To see the answer use the link below the puzzle.

Long Weekends

May 19, 2025

E	M	I	W	S	L	R	E	P	A	I	R	S	T	S
S	T	C	R	P	O	R	C	H	S	T	N	E	T	H
T	Y	A	D	N	U	S	P	X	T	P	A	I	N	T
R	C	S	R	T	N	F	A	B	N	T	S	E	R	R
O	A	I	A	B	G	L	R	N	E	I	F	Y	P	U
L	P	N	O	F	E	S	T	I	V	A	L	I	K	O
L	O	O	P	R	B	L	Y	A	E	U	C	L	S	F
E	K	I	H	I	C	P	E	R	J	N	A	H	P	H
S	Y	R	K	S	M	H	M	C	I	W	D	N	I	T
F	L	E	G	A	T	T	O	C	O	I	B	S	R	R
R	I	L	C	R	N	E	H	R	S	N	F	O	T	O
I	M	I	I	P	A	C	K	I	E	D	N	I	A	N
D	A	A	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S	N	T	R	T
A	F	R	M	O	N	D	A	Y	L	K	R	A	P	E
Y	A	T	S	G	U	E	S	T	S	T	O	P	B	G

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Answer, page 19

Solution: 7 letters

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The Property Appraiser does not send tax bills and does not set or collect taxes. All property tax billing and collection is handled by the Broward County Tax Collector's Office. Should you have any questions regarding your taxes, please visit

the Tax Collector's website directly for additional information. The Tax Collector's office can also be reached at (954) 357-4829 or revenue@broward.org.

Information regarding deeds and other recorded documents (recording a deed, adding/removing an owner, or obtaining a copy of a deed/satisfaction of mortgage/lien/judgment/etc.) is provided on our FAQ page <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpa-client/#/Ask-Questions>. Enter the word deed in the Questions How can we help... field and select the topic of interest.

The Florida Department of Revenue's taxpayer information page also provides information and resources for a variety of property tax topics.

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Puzzles & Quizzes Answers

Sudoku answer to puzzle on page 17

9	8	3	5	7	2	6	4	1
2	1	4	8	9	6	3	5	7
5	7	6	3	1	4	8	9	2
4	3	7	1	8	5	9	2	6
1	9	2	4	6	3	7	8	5
6	5	8	9	2	7	1	3	4
7	4	5	6	3	9	2	1	8
3	2	1	7	4	8	5	6	9
8	6	9	2	5	1	4	7	3

Crossword answer to puzzle on page 17

1	T	O	D	O	S	6	S	T	E	P	10	S	T	A	B
14	U	R	I	A	H	15	P	A	L	E	16	A	I	D	E
17	M	A	R	K	O	N	A	C	A	L	E	N	D	A	R
20	S	L	E	E	V	E	21	K	N	A	P	22	A	G	E
23							N	E	W	S	Y		G	I	M
27	B	A	A			30	D	A	K		31	R	E	L	Y
32	U	L	N	A		34	R	I	S	E		36	O	R	G
40	N	O	T	M		41	A	K	E	T	H	E	G	R	A
43	T	E	E	U	P		44	R	Y	E	S		45	H	I
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51	F	L	E	E	C		54	E	T	H	O	S			
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63	S	C	O	R	E		64	S	A	N	O		65	W	N
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69	S	T	E	M		70	W	H	E	T		71	P	O	L

Wonderword Answer: **TANNING**(Puzzle on page 17)



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STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL

The City's Public Works Department oversees storm debris removal and has a specific process in place based on priorities set forth in the City's Post Disaster Emergency Plan.

The general concept of debris removal operations includes scheduled passes of road on public right-of-ways. The focus is on pushing the debris off the roadways, collecting the debris, and disposal. All aspects of the debris operation are completed following all local, state, and federal regulations under the oversight of the City debris monitor.

In order to be better prepared for the effects of a major natural disaster such as a hurricane or tornado, the City of Plantation enters into pre-positioned agreements with nationally known debris management contractors.

While the goal is to complete the debris removal from public roads and right-of-ways as quickly as possible after activation of the contract, please keep in mind that collection of storm debris is ongoing and may take somewhat longer. To help ensure that debris is collected in the most efficient,

safe, and timely manner, the City of Plantation asks citizens to separate debris at the curbside/right-of-way by debris type.

Debris Types

Debris types (depending upon storm severity)

- **Vegetative Debris** – includes shrubs, palm fronds, tree trimmings, grass and leaves, twigs or cut up branches.
- **Construction & Demolition Debris** – materials relating directly to construction or demolition of buildings, such as cement, dry-wall, glass, insulation, concrete blocks, etc.
- **White Goods** – appliances, including refrigerators, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers, freezers, microwave ovens, air conditioners, etc.
- **E-Goods** – Electronics, including TVs, computers, stereos, phones, DVD players, etc.
- **Household Garbage** - Almost all Foodstuff from the home that have spoiled without refrigeration.

Hurricane Debris Removal Public Roadways

Immediately after a storm passes, City crews will



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begin by pushing debris out of public roadways to make way for emergency vehicles and other traffic.

Next steps include removing debris from along-side public roadways, removing stumps and repairing sidewalks, removing “hangers and leaners” from trees, and finally removing downed trees from waterways.

Private Roadways

The determination as to whether debris will be picked up on private roadways and streets is made by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) on an event-by-event basis. Previous debris removal approval does not apply to any future Federal Declared Disasters.

It is an individual’s or HOA’s prerogative to hire a company to remove landscape material. However, should a community determine the need to hire a private contractor, the City will not be able to obtain reimbursement for the community, and the City will not be responsible for any costs associated with the debris removal or disposal fees.

Additionally, the debris cannot be dumped in the public right of way for the city to collect and cannot be disposed of at the City’s horticulture recycling center.

Rules for Debris Collection

Make sure you follow these rules to ensure your debris is collected:

- All storm related landscaping debris should be placed in a pile on your property’s swale adjacent to, but not blocking, the roadway.
- Tree debris such as branches and tree trunks should be cut into sections and piled neatly together.
- Place vegetative debris away from mailboxes, water meters, street signs, light poles, and fire hydrants to allow room for heavy machinery to pick up debris.

- Do not place debris in the roadway, where it can fall into the roadway, or on top of storm drains.

- **Under no circumstances** should bulk pick-up items be co-mingled with landscape vegetation. Mixed loads will not be picked up.

- All Storm debris must be placed AWAY from Storm Drains.

Public Works Recovery Phase Hours of Operation

Public Works Department hours of operation will be adjusted to accommodate public need during the specified hurricane recovery period. Please check for specific dates and times.

For additional information, please call the City of Plantation Public Works Department at 954-452-2535.

Other Debris Removal Options

Depending upon the severity of the storm, the amount of landscape debris generated by the storm, and the availability of facilities and resources, other debris removal locations and options may be available. Check the website for guidelines and rules specific to each storm.

Residents with large amounts of construction debris such as fencing materials, may bring them directly to the Broward County Landfill, located 7101 SW 205th Avenue (off Sheridan Street east of US 27).

You may take hazardous materials such as gasoline, paint and other combustible materials to the Win-Waste Innovation disposal site, located at 4400 S. State Rd 7, Davie, FL 33314-2110 (954-581-6606). It is open on Saturdays from 8:00am – 3:00pm. You may also take bulk items or hazardous waste there. Proof of Plantation residency is required.

HURRICANE RECOVERY RESOURCES

FPL- Power Outages

Outages can be reported at 800-4-OUTAGE. The City of Plantation has no control over what areas FPL restores at what times.

- Residents are reminded to stay away from downed power lines. Lines may appear dead but in fact they could be live.
- Use caution when trimming trees to ensure no power lines are entangled in the trees.
- Avoid standing water. Electrical lines may energize standing water. You also do not know how deep the water is. “Turn around, don’t drown.”

- If you are using a generator, please keep it outside and away from windows or doors. Generators emit a colorless and odorless gas called Carbon Monoxide which, if inhaled, is fatal.

Utilities/Water & Sewer

Any water issues (including no water), contact Utilities: 954-513-3462 or 954-797-2169 (after hours).

RIDING OUT THE STORM

Once the storm arrives, there are some additional measures you can take to keep everyone as safe as possible:

- Stay indoors in a secure location or your "safe room" away from windows and doors.
- Place towels along windowsills and the bottom of doors leading outside to keep water from coming in.
- Elevate valuables to tabletops or high places.
- Do not go outside as the calm eye of the hurricane passes over, unless repairs are essential.
- Be aware that tornadoes can appear anytime during a hurricane. Monitor your local station.
- Leave the main circuit breaker on unless the electricity goes off or if you are using a generator.
- Use flashlights for lighting when the power goes off. Do not use candles or any other type of open flame.
- Use the telephone for emergencies only.
- Open refrigerator and freezer doors as little as possible.
- Stay away from main breaker and electrical outlets in the event of flooding.

CRITICAL PHONE NUMBERS – HURRICANE THREAT

- Plantation Resident Emergency Hotline: 954-585-2363 provides information and instructions specific to Plantation during a hurricane threat.
- For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.
- Broward County non-emergency information: You can call 3-1-1 or 954-831-4000.
- Utilities/Water & Sewer issues (after hours): 954-797-2169.
- FPL- Power Outages: 800-4-OUTAGE.

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KEEPING SAFE IN THE STORM'S AFTERMATH

Some of the greatest hurricane dangers present themselves after the storm has passed. Keep these important tips in mind:

- Treat all downed power lines as if they were live. If you see a power line that is sparking or arcing, call 911.
- Walk cautiously and avoid standing water which may hide downed power lines or hazardous objects. Don't venture out in the dark because you might not see a power line that could still be energized.
- Debris-filled streets are dangerous. Snakes and poisonous insects may be a hazard.
- Guard against spoiled food. When in doubt, throw it out.
- Do not drive unless it is an emergency. If the power is out, traffic lights will not be working. Stop signs and street signs may have blown away. Streets will be littered with debris. Washouts may have weakened road and bridge structures.
- Take precautions to prevent fires. Lowered water pressure in city mains and the interruption of other services will make firefighting difficult after a hurricane.
- Make only temporary repairs to your property that won't endanger your safety.
- Notify insurance representatives of any losses.
- Take photographs or a video of damaged areas to substantiate your claim.
- Prepare a detailed inventory of damaged or destroyed property for the adjustor. Include a description of the item, date of purchase, cost at time of purchase, and estimated replacement cost.
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• **Origins:**

The first Labor Day observance was in New York City on September 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers marched to demonstrate the strength of labor organizations. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill making it a Federal holiday.

• **Purpose:**

Labor Day is a day to honor the history and achievements of the labor movement, recognizing the contributions of workers to the nation's economy and social fabric.

• **Significance:**

The holiday highlights the progress made in workers' rights, such as the 40-hour workweek, paid time off, and safer workplaces, which were achieved through the efforts of labor activists and unions.

• **Celebrations:**

While Labor Day is often associated with barbecues, picnics, and end-of-summer festivities, it's important to remember that the holiday has a deeper meaning rooted in the history of the labor movement.



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