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# The HOMELESS:

## NEW LAWS FOR A NEW PLAN

By Eric Barkowitz

On July 20, 1993, the City of Fort Lauderdale passed Resolution 93-143, in which Beach Rule 7.5(c) prohibits panhandling, begging and soliciting on the Fort Lauderdale beach and nearby sidewalks (the area within 150 feet of Atlantic Boulevard or Seabreeze Boulevard). As Fort Lauderdale was the nation's first city to prohibit the homeless from begging "in a nonthreatening manner" in a public place, outraged constitutional watchdogs – spearheaded by the ACLU – heatedly beat a path to the courthouse (Smith v. City of Fort Lauderdale). As a rule, the courts perceive panhandling as a form of free speech, protected by the First Amendment.

Since years of legal wrangling in the lower courts had adorned the case with a national profile, when ACLU celebrity co-attorneys Beverly A. Pohl and Bruce S. Rogow argued in June of 1999 that "Sidewalks are the quintessential public place" before the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (the highest federal court for Florida, Georgia and Alabama), the court dumfounded the entire nation by upholding the City's ordinance. When the United States Supreme Court declined consideration of an ACLU appeal on October 29, 1999, the decision attained landmark status.

In a simultaneous constitutional challenge to the City's beach no-panhandling law (Chad v. City of Fort Lauderdale), when a district court denied plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction in 1994, both parties filed motions for summary judgment. After hearing arguments from ACLU superstars Pohl and Rogow detailing how the ordinance violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the district court denied the plaintiffs' motion, and granted the City's motion for summary judgment on May 27, 1998.

Until these decisions altered the legal landscape, the only anti-panhandling laws that survived constitutional challenges prohibited aggressive panhandling, or soliciting people at bank machines, in line at public transportation or at outdoor restaurants. While these were all narrowly tailored, Fort Lauderdale's Beach Rule 7.5, which states its intention to "eliminate nuisance activity on the beach and provide patrons with a pleasant environment in which to recreate," applied to a five-mile swath of public beach. The courts broke with precedent and upheld the broadly defined no-panhandling zone because the City successfully demonstrated that it served a larger civic objective. Since the public beach area is critical to the tourist economy that stokes Fort Lauderdale's fiscal engine – City attorneys offered credible evidence that soliciting and panhandling threatened the municipality's economic zeitgeist.

Ironically, the Beach Rule wasn't drafted to target the homeless. In the late eighties and early nineties, homelessness was a buzz word for drug addicted or alcoholic vagrants, trainyard drifters with five-page rap sheets and mental patients who skillfully managed to dodge a butterfly net. Perceived as pathetic by the general public and invisible to government, their muted requests for spare change was often the only evidence of their existence.

In contrast, the City was plagued by a seasonal swarm of collegiate locusts who annually transformed the beach area into a pay toilet. Teenagers who

ran out of money in the first 24 hours of a three-week psychotic break financed the balance of their bender and the trip home by begging on the beach, stealing from one another or selling any loose furnishings purged from the hotel room they shared with a dozen other budding sociopaths. Police officers charged with enforcing the beach rule were forced to distinguish between the homeless and the visiting youths - since Mom and Dad would reliably post bail for junior while arrested drifters simply clogged the main jail. According to former Assistant City Manager Bud Bentley, "It was meant to crack down on rowdy Spring Break kids. You had kids out of control panhandling. How do you think they got home? They came and blew all their money on alcohol and girls." Homeless persons inadvertently rounded up in the beach sweeps were collateral damage.

When the Spring Break flea circus moved north to Daytona Beach, the homeless in Fort Lauderdale emerged from the shadows. Like other cities across the country, Fort Lauderdale (and Broward County) attempted to address this poorly diagnosed social dilemma with an untested arsenal of experimental programs.

Initially developed by District 1 City Commissioner Bruce Roberts during his tenure as Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police, the City's initial homeless policy funneled resources into voluntary programs that offer medical assistance, food and housing. Working with Homeless Advocates, Police Officers participating in the outreach effort encourage bench dwellers to avail themselves of government-funded or privately subsidized charitable programs that additionally provide counseling, employment preparation, family reunification, transportation, emergency financial assistance and other resources designed to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Each year, the teams connect roughly 8,000 street people to this battery of critical services, which is often the first step in a complex and highly individualized course of recovery. If arrested, a referral to the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership triggers a post release contact by a social worker to formulate an appropriate assistance regimen.

Every Fort Lauderdale Police officer knows that the success of any homeless program depends on the willingness of participants to trade a dangerous freewheeling lifestyle for a stable home and steady employment – and their ability to achieve that objective. The National Alliance to End Homelessness estimates that 18% of the homeless population is chronic – unable or unwilling to leave the streets. By relentlessly offering recovery resources to anyone lacking an address, FLPD outreach teams have reclaimed countless lives. Since its inception, pairing cops and homeless advocates has become a nationwide prototype.

Despite substantial efforts by South Florida municipalities to mitigate the effects of Homelessness, the problem exploded in the past few years, as aggressive "panhandlers" turned tourist neighborhoods and business districts into gauntlets.

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Since Fort Lauderdale first passed the pioneering 1993 ordinance protecting its beach, Miami, West Palm Beach, St. Petersburg, Orlando and Clearwater had all subsequently passed no-panhandling ordinances shielding specific areas or neighborhoods. In Fort Lauderdale, when city parks that long served as shared resources functionally evolved into homeless villages, unrelenting public pressure from every district forced City Hall to circle the wagons. With some 1,600 guests of the city nodding off nightly in public parks (over and above the 7,000 who landed shelter beds), the City Commission decided that a strategy to reclaim these resources for the general public would have to be integrated into the City's Homeless policy.

The job of balancing the safety of residents and visitors with the rights of panhandling street people fell to former City Attorney Harry Stewart. The city Commission asked their retiring legal Guru to craft an ordinance that prohibited panhandling in the downtown business district and the core beach tourist area. To survive an anticipated First Amendment hailstorm, Stewart artfully stitched together a Chinese menu of court-tested prohibitions against soliciting near cash machines, public transportation, outdoor restaurants, government buildings, etc. until every square inch of the target zones were legally closed to panhandling. These sites are conceptually unified by a lack of egress - "like when you are on a bus," explained Stewart - locations where people are unable to evade attempted solicitation, thereby creating a captive audience.

Unanimously approved by the City Commission on May 1, 2012, Ordinance No. C-12-10 specifically prohibits panhandling at bus stops, in any public transportation facility or vehicle, within 15 feet (in any direction) of a sidewalk cafe, at any parking lot, parking garage, or parking pay station owned or operated by the city, in any park owned or operated by the city, within 15 feet (in any direction) of an automatic teller machine or an entrance/exit of a commercial or governmental building. Along with a citywide ban on aggressive panhandling (defined as posturing in an intimidating manner, touching or blocking someone or issuing repeated "requests" for a handout), it precludes panhandlers from soliciting on private property without the owner's express consent. Violations can be prosecuted as misdemeanors that carry a possible \$500 fine and/or 60 days in jail. The ordinance also provided for an educational campaign to discourage public support for panhandling - funded with a \$26,350 appropriation.

Since each prohibition in his regulatory patchwork quilt was content neutral, narrowly tailored to some significant governmental interest and noted the availability of alternative communication channels for those impacted by the new law, Stewart sidelined the ACLU by carefully meeting the Supreme Court's standards for a First Amendment workaround. Objecting to the City's use of a "constitutional subterfuge" to outlaw what they call "survival behavior", homeless advocates from the National Lawyers' Guild warned that the new law would consequently throttle support to recognized charities like the Salvation Army or United Way, which would also be prohibited from harvesting donations on the fertile downtown streets.

While City Hall would ordinarily dive for cover when accused of abusing a vulnerable constituency, the epidemic growth of panhandling prompted a reevaluation of the Administration's priorities, as Commissioners initiated efforts to defuse a threatened backlash by an angry general public. When the cost of tolerance suddenly included sacrificing the neighborhood's public park and rendered streets increasingly unsafe for families, local residents ramped up pressure on City officials to "contain" the problem. Newly armed with this mandate, Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler announced "Families don't feel safe, people going to the library don't feel safe, people wanting to use public resources don't feel safe."

Having drawn a line in the sand, Seiler explained "At the end of the day, it's a quality-of-life issue for residents, visitors, and even the individual out in the streets." The Mayor was referring to a side of begging that most people never see. The homeless make tempting prey for thieves, robbers and other homeless persons. When the homeless are beaten and robbed, the perpetrators know that the assault won't be reported to the police. These unanswered crimes are an unavoidable consequence of street panhandling.

Due Process protections require police to demonstrate cause before entering someone's home or searching their property. When homeless individuals stash shopping bags under a bush in a public park and sleep there at night, they can assert the same constitutional privilege by claiming the area as their home. The ramifications border on the ridiculous, since residents who walk through the park would technically be trespassing. City maintenance crews could be forced to get a court order before moving the shopping bags to trim the bushes. To reverse this prospective loss of dominion and reclaim the parks for all residents, earlier this year the City Commission passed a law that subjects private property stored in a city park to confiscation. Of course, the law also provides for retrieval within 30 days unless the seized property is in an "unsanitary condition". To address one of the more idiosyncratic consequences of homelessness, Commissioners also strengthened existing prohibitions against relieving oneself in public.

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Other aspects of the City's new homeless policy were more recently enacted. For years, panhandlers caused countless collisions at the city's busiest intersections by dodging in and out of passing vehicles while fishing for handouts. Not surprisingly, many were also victimized by this high risk behavior, landing in the hospital - or the morgue. On September 16, 2014, Fort Lauderdale took a page from Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Coral Springs and Oakland Park, and banned soliciting at high-traffic thoroughfares. Using a Broward study that rates traffic levels along major roadways, Ordinance No. C-14-38 restricts roadside soliciting to specific less traveled route segments. Notwithstanding that dodging traffic in the middle of a busy intersection has turned homeless people into pinballs; their supposed advocates enigmatically opposed the measure - objecting to its adverse impact on the fruits of begging.

At the same September 16 Commission meeting, the City also acted to deter the practice of sleeping on benches in the downtown area. A January 23, 2014 study by the Broward County Homeless Initiative Partnership ascertained that roughly half of the 500 homeless people identified in their survey were concentrated in Fort Lauderdale between Oakland Park Boulevard and State Road 84. The City of Fort Lauderdale's disproportionate homeless burden is an unintended consequence of countywide arraignment protocols. When homeless persons are arrested in any of Broward's 31 municipalities, they are taken to the County jail in downtown Fort Lauderdale to await arraignment. Unless they are fast forwarded to a hospital or remanded, after a few minutes in court, they are discharged into the local downtown area, where they generally stake out a bench or stretch of sidewalk.

Since hundreds of homeless people snoozing on downtown streets are anathematic to the district's economically critical revitalization effort, City Manager Lee Feldman observed that it "threatens the viability of businesses." Concerned that Ordinance No. C-14-41 against camping out on downtown sidewalks would simply shift the burden by prompting the homeless into adjacent neighborhoods, residents asked why it wasn't constructed as a city-wide prohibition.

To fortify the new laws against first amendment backlash, City Attorney Cynthia A. Everett used a legislative format similar to the one deployed by former City Attorney Harry Stewart when he immunized the beach and Business District no-panhandling ordinances to constitutional challenges. Everett had to narrowly tailor each ordinance while demonstrating that it served a significant governmental interest. By resisting political pressure to overreach, Everett sufficiently prepared each law to withstand long threatened courthouse slugfests.

At their October 21 meeting, amid a marathon demonstration by homeless advocates, the City Commission passed Ordinance No. C-14-42, citing where and how shared feeding events can be scheduled. According to a report by the National Coalition for the Homeless released on October 20th (one day before the meeting), 21 U.S. cities had passed restrictive measures for food sharing events by charitable institutions since January 2013. In that 22-month span, more than 10 other cities introduced similar legislation. Since the coalition's last assessment in 2010, the number of cities that have passed - or plan to pass - ordinances that regulate food sharing events has increased by 47%. The Coalition footnotes that since the study doesn't include all cities, the actual numbers are probably higher.

Characterized as "public health and safety measures," the new law requires that feeding sites be separated by a minimum of 500 feet and that any particular city block can only host one site. Feeding sites must also clear a minimum of 500 feet from the nearest residential property. Sponsoring organizations must elicit consent from the property owner and provide portable lavatories for volunteers working the table as well as any homeless participants. While the regulations are applicable to outdoor feeding sites, faith-based indoor events (in churches or temples) are exempt. The ordinance does not preclude street feedings, although it does define acceptable locations and mandates minimal food safety and sanitation standards.

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<p><b>23</b> Las Olas Outdoor Green Market 333 E Las Olas Blvd. &amp; SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436</p> <p>City of Fort Lauderdale Free Tree Giveaway East Las Olas Blvd. and SE 1st Ave. 8 a.m. to Noon Info.: 954-828-5785</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268</p>	<p><b>26</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063</p>
<p><b>30</b> Las Olas Outdoor Green Market 333 E Las Olas Blvd. &amp; SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436</p> <p>Turkey Soup 5th Annual Car Show SPANX The Hog BBQ Noon to 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting Beach Community Center, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268</p> <p>Christmas on Las Olas 600-1100 E Las Olas Blvd. 5 to 10 p.m. Info.: 954-258-8382</p>	<p><b>3</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063</p> <p>Christmas By The Sea Anglin Square 5 p.m. Info.: <a href="http://www.lauderdalebytheseaguide.com">www.lauderdalebytheseaguide.com</a></p>
<p><b>7</b> Las Olas Outdoor Green Market 333 E Las Olas Blvd. &amp; SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436</p> <p><b>Sunday Jazz Brunch</b> Riverwalk, Downtown FL 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-828-5985</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268</p>	<p><b>10</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063</p>
<p><b>14</b> Las Olas Outdoor Green Market 333 E Las Olas Blvd. &amp; SE 4th Ave. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-426-8436</p> <p>Festival Flea Market Annual Holiday Mega Classic &amp; Foreign Car Show Festival Flea Market Mall 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Info.: 954-560-5412</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Commissioner Bruce Roberts: Pre-Agenda Meeting Beach Community Center, 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b> BINGO Galt Towers Social Room (4250 Galt Ocean Drive) 7:30 p.m. Info.: Cyndi Songer: 954-563-7268</p> <p>Erev Chanukah</p>	<p><b>17</b> BINGO Regency South Party Room 7 p.m. Info.: Bob Pearlman: 954-547-4063</p>

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<p><b>4</b> Florida Grand Opera: Madama Butterfly (Through 12/6) Broward Center for the Performing Arts Tix.: 954-462-0222</p> <p>Delray's 100 ft. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Event 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Garden of Lights Flamingo Gardens 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info.: 954-473-2955</p> <p>Publix Palm Beaches Health &amp; Fitness Expo (Through 12/6) Meyer Amphitheatre - 105 Evernia St., WPB Info.: 317-201-9511</p>	<p><b>6</b> Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Events 6011 Nob Hill Road, Tamarac 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info.: 954-828-8000</p> <p>Ronin Pro Wrestling War Memorial Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Info.: 954-905-5100</p>
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<p><b>18</b></p> <p>G.M.C.A. Advisory Board Meeting Nick's Italian Restaurant, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>



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 Sundays: Tour-the River Ghost Tour, Stranahan House & Water Taxi, 7:30 p.m., Tix.: 954-524-4736  
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 Daily: Yoga on the Beach, Ocean Manor Resort (4040 Galt Ocean Dr.), 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting), Mats supplied, \$10 donation, Info.: 754-779-7519 or 516-840-1455  
 Saturdays (November Only): Peter Beton Performs, Starbucks at the Galt Mile Marketplace, 6 to 9 p.m. on the patio, Info.: 954-396-0839

Anticipating consideration of the feeding restrictions, homeless advocates staged a demonstration that blended Vaudeville with an excursion to a local cemetery. After dishing out free meals at a "mass solidarity food sharing" organized at City Hall, demonstrators recruited from the ranks of food sharing sponsors "Love Thy Neighbor" and "Food, Not Bombs" lined the windowed Commission Chamber and held up signs disparaging the ordinance and the Mayor while chanting "Hey, Jack, what do you say? How many homeless did you starve today?" It was unclear as to whether or not it was deliberately choreographed to emulate the television series "The Walking Dead" as a pre-Halloween mini-morality play staged for the press.

Following the approval of each new ordinance, homeless advocates accused the City of embarking on a "shameful campaign to expunge its homeless population" - either as a budgetary consideration or to cloak unwillingness to address a humiliating problem. Each statement was infused with just enough drama to insure media exposure. Their reactions were exemplified by Haylee Becker from food sharing sponsor "Food Not Bombs", who remarked "It looks like the city is choking out every avenue for the homeless to survive in the city. I think that they're all terrible ordinances, but coupled together, it's a death sentence." The claims were patently denied by city officials, who defended the City's commitment to its homeless population. Extolling FLPD's model outreach program, City Manager Lee Feldman noted that Fort Lauderdale is using a \$440,000 federal grant to permanently house 22 chronic homeless persons. Participating in a nationwide effort called the "100,000 Homes Campaign", after screening disabled homeless applicants for those most at risk, program beneficiaries are permanently housed in one of the City Housing Authority's apartments. They are provided furnishings, amenities and regular visits by case workers. A buzz phrase in the organization's manifesto that encapsulates its unique approach, "Housing First" speaks to how it differs from traditional homeless programs, since eligibility isn't contingent on prior graduation from substance abuse counseling or job training. It's also a win for taxpayers. The housing cost is far less than the cost of incarceration, or the endless cycle of emergency room medical care that consequences life on the street.

The City also subsidizes the Broward Partnership's homeless assistance center, and budgeted \$25,000 for a family reunification program that buses homeless applicants to a more supportive home environment anywhere in the country. Ironically, when the reunification program was first approved in 2012, a number of participants who scored bus tickets turned up in downtown Fort Laud-

erdale a few months later, underscoring why then Vice Mayor Bobby DuBose called it the "Homeless Vacation Program" before landing on the short end of the enabling 4-1 Commission vote.

Despite the intense media bashing by miffed food sharing sponsors, the City's revised homeless policy is consistent with guidance from homeless experts and agencies staunchly opposed to municipal policies that simply enable homeless behavior. Dr. Robert Marbut, a San Antonio homelessness consultant who developed programs for scores of cities and counties across the country, recently tailored a program for Sarasota that reversed its reputation as "the nation's meanest city."

A White House Fellow to President George H.W. Bush and a former chief of staff to San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, Marbut observed "Street feeding is one of the worst things to do, because it keeps people in homeless status. I think it's very unproductive, very enabling, and it keeps people out of recovery programs." Rather than perpetuate a demotivating illusion of entitlement, Marbut asserts that food sharing programs should only be located near what he calls the "core areas of recovery" such as mental health clinics, substance abuse programs and job readiness services. Otherwise, "Homeless people may spend more time pursuing food than the services that will help them get back on their feet." At the October 21st City Commission meeting, local lobbyist Ron Book, who chairs the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, told Commissioners "Feeding people on the streets is sanctioning homelessness. Whatever discourages feeding people on the streets is a positive thing."

Addressing the Galt Mile Community Association Advisory Board, City Commissioner Bruce Roberts outlined two objectives that anchor the City's revised homeless policy, stating "In addition to better balancing the needs of the homeless with those of the general public, the new city policy maintains the current safety net while increasing resources to programs that address the root causes of homelessness." Roberts also

explained "The new laws were carefully constructed to regulate unsafe, unacceptable or dangerous behavior, whether or not a perpetrator is homeless."

In a notice recently posted on the City website, while asserting his administration's responsibility to reclaim stewardship of community resources, Mayor Jack Seiler announced that HUD recently added another \$455,000 to fund the City's homeless housing war chest. City officials say that the new policy will measure success by the number of homeless actively engaged in recovery, instead of rating progress by compiling nightly head counts in city parks, or at feeding events attended by people who may or may not be homeless. As always, time will tell. •



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# PREDATORS vs. SECURITY ON THE GALT MILE

By Eric Berkowitz

As homeless-related incidents proliferated in the City over the past decade, they also exploded across the Galt Mile, mushrooming from a handful of cordial tithing opportunities to robberies, thefts and assaults. For years, a few well-meaning snowbirds slipped daily handouts to homeless regulars who were fixtures on nearby association or sidewalk benches. After passing some cash to Anton - or Shirley - or Winston - these benign unfortunates would gesture their gratitude by gathering in hurriedly bagged belongings to make room on the bench for their benefactor. Were it not for the battered shopping bags, these amicable acquaintances might have been taken for old friends.

However, these philanthropic association residents couldn't help but notice ominous evidence of a serious problem. Every few days, their convivial homeless cohorts sported fresh wounds and bruises. Any inquiry into the source of these injuries would abruptly end further discussion. The telltale marks were disconcerting reminders of a recent beat-down. When these good-natured homeless visitors left the bench to find a place to curl up for the night, more often than not, they were assaulted and robbed - usually by the same group of animals who followed them every evening. The perpetrators - some of who were also homeless - were unconcerned about the incident ever appearing in a police report. Fearing for their lives and pathologically distrustful of civil authority, their vulnerable victims would never mention the attacks.

In deference to recommendations from local homeless advocates, the Galt Mile Community Association (GMCA) and the City, member associations asked that residents instead direct their donations to organizations that address the root causes for homelessness. As well-intentioned residents ignored the request and stubbornly kept doling out cash; these congenial bench dwellers spread the word about easy pickings on the Galt Mile, either to benefit a homeless comrade - or while facing the business end of a switchblade.

During the past decade, neighborhood association officials repeatedly reached out to Police District 1 Commanders and veteran homeless outreach officers for a strategy that would protect local residents from homeless predators. Following a December 2006 assault on an elderly Galleon couple, then FLPD Major Mary Negrey told the Advisory Board, "The Galt Mile's popularity among its homeless population stems primarily from the misdirected generosity of its residents." Flustered by the refusal of certain residents to curb their chronic tithing, Negrey asked "Do they think that restricting their handouts to nice homeless people will only attract other nice homeless people?" At subsequent Advisory Board meetings, her sentiments were echoed by Major Russell Hanstein (now Assistant Chief), Captain Mike Gregory (since promoted to Major in the FLPD Operations Bureau), and District 1 Commissioner Bruce Roberts (former Chief of Police).

Two years ago, then Police District 1 Commander Raul Diaz (currently an Assistant Chief) informed GMCA Advisory Board members that resident-donors don't understand why their actions endanger the whole community. Stressing the importance of educating Galt Mile residents about an operational dynamic that governs life on the street, Diaz exhorted that when a community is reputed as a lucrative soliciting source; along with the additional homeless persons attracted by the easy money are cadres of those who prey on them. Drug addicts, muggers and other street punks that seek out and victimize mostly defenseless homeless people threaten every neighborhood resident. Differentiating the many social problems caused by homelessness and the far more dangerous predatory criminal activity that follows in its wake, Diaz warned "If a homeless victim isn't conveniently available for an easy rip-off, anyone who appears vulnerable will suffice."

Also seeking to distinguish how the two distinct problems threaten neighborhood residents, former Police District 1 acting Commander Mike Gregory told the Advisory Board "People confuse members of the homeless community with the predators who exploit

them. Those that prey on the homeless won't hesitate to prey on your families." Diaz' and Gregory's predictive observations proved prophetic. The courteous bench dwellers were soon replaced by roving groups of ill-tempered predators. These avocational "gangstas" aggressively harass residents and visiting tourists in front of the Library, in the Winn-Dixie parking lot, at the Mills Corner strip mall (i.e. by the Walgreens at Oakland Park Boulevard) or across A1A at the public beach access.

In February, L'Hermitage I Manager Patricia Quintero requested help from the neighborhood association when a pack of homeless drifters carved a communal toilet out of dune vegetation and set up housekeeping near the public beach entrance south of L'Hermitage. For amusement, they taunted and threatened residents and visitors en route to the beach while occasionally extorting "tolls", turning the L'Hermitage entrance into a gauntlet for mostly elderly residents. The abuse continued until sustained police sweeps by the Galt Mile Security Patrol and an incremental police presence organized with the help of Commissioner Roberts finally managed to clean out the rats' nest.

## Galt Ocean Mile Security Patrol

The Security Patrol was initiated along the Galt Mile in 2006. Like other high end beachfront neighborhoods, the Galt Mile was annually victimized for decades by scores of "quality of life" crimes, as residents were targeted by burglars, muggers, "homeless" drifters and thieves, often on the beach after dark. Since Police Departments prioritize resources for high profile Part 1 crimes (i.e. rape, murder, kidnapping, etc.), FLPD responded to repeated pleas for improved security by handing out flyers in strip malls advising that residents "lock their car doors" and "be aware of their surroundings." Coupled with FLPD's rare drive-by patrols - and no protection for a beach considered "private" - Galt Mile residents were treated like wolf-bait. While the beach was virtually a post-sundown "no-mans-land" for residents, it also served as a convenient staging springboard for association break-ins.

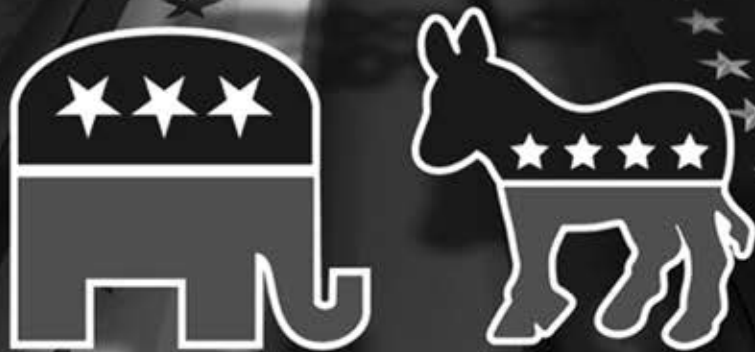
Neglected by the City, while GMCA officials investigated security options utilized in dozens of similar neighborhoods, member associations L'Hermitage I and II provided a revelatory resolution. As longtime participants in the Lauderdale Beach Security Patrol, L'Hermitage unit owners were assessed a tiny fraction of the amount charged to each Lauderdale Beach homeowner. Asked for their input, then Police Chief Bruce Roberts and incoming District 1 Commander Paul Kiley cited the patrol as one of the best of its kind.

Created in 1999 by highly decorated former Fort Lauderdale Police Captain Todd Peney (23 Departmental and 57 Public Commendations), its off-duty FLPD officers have full police powers and 24/7 access to FLPD backup. Also, any off-duty FLPD officer is instantaneously elevated to "active duty" whenever faced with evidence of criminal activity. Although provided with an ATV for the beach and a Police Jeep to patrol the street, the officers ordinarily use their dedicated FLPD cruisers and work out of a headquarters fitted with full communication capabilities just south of Oakland Park Boulevard off A1A.

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# DEMOCRACY 2014



By Eric Berkowitz

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## WHO'S DRIVING THE BUS?

### The Ups and Downs of November 4th

Of the 1,074,402 voters registered in Broward by early November of 2014, 549,077 were Democrats, 236,878 were Republicans, 271,180 had no party affiliation, 12,501 were Independent Party, 3,117 were Independence Party, 1,056 were Libertarians, 325 were Green Party, 104 were Reform Party, 48 were Constitution Party, 40 were Tea Party, and 76 others were salted into six other party organizations. 568,860 Broward voters were female, 479,069 were male, and the gender of 26,477 others was a mystery. How more than half of Broward's voters spent November 4th is also a mystery.

The 2014 general election unleashed a second nationwide Republican wave in the last 15 years. This temperamental political alchemy twice flushed Rick Scott into the Governor's Mansion by a handful of votes. By garnering 48.2 percent (2,865,075) of the vote, versus 47.1 percent (2,800,808) for former Governor Charlie Crist, Scott pulled off his paper thin (64,267-vote) repeat victory. In 2010, he ambushed Alex Sink by 61,550 votes. Depending on which side of the aisle they call home, Floridians have Broward voters to either thank, or blame, for the next four years of Scott's erratic stewardship. It seems that many West Broward voters used Election Day to catch up on their sleep.

While Crist won the 6 Florida counties with the most registered voters, those plumped with large urban cores, Scott took the surrounding suburban neighborhoods and locked up scores of counties with fewer voters. All told, Crist victories in 13 Florida Counties, including those featuring the State's largest voter rolls, wasn't enough to offset Scott's dominance in 54 mid-size, small and pipsqueak counties.

As evidenced by the vote count, it wasn't the size and number of red and blue Florida counties or Scott's fat wallet that tanked Crist, but the skeletal margins he realized in counties where battalions of flustered voters decided to sit out the election. Unfortunately for the challenger, six of the ten counties with the lowest voter turnout went for Crist, including Miami-Dade (40.7 percent), Broward (44.47 percent) and Palm Beach (49.1 percent). Conversely, the turnout in counties won by Scott exceeded 50% - and often much higher.

Galt Mile voters have little to apologize for, since 1,126 of the 2,015 registered voters (55.88%) in Precinct R004 (south Galt Ocean Drive) handed in ballots, as did 582 of the 1,157 registered voters (50.03%) in Precinct R005 (north Galt Ocean Drive). However, they were put to shame by our brethren in the Coral Ridge Towers complex (Precinct R012), where 988 of their 1728 registered voters submitted ballots (57.18%).

While spinning longwinded technical analytics about what happened and why, political oracles agree on the overriding impact of a single statistic. Crist won 13 counties by an average of 16.9 percent while the 54 bagged by Scott averaged margins of 26 percent. In Imperial China, this manner of demise was called "ling chi" - death by a thousand cuts.

When it rains, it pours. Generally, minor party candidates barter their

efficacy as spoilers to extract political capital. Libertarian candidate and AM radio personality Alfred Adrian Wyllie was initially perceived as a spoiler who would drain votes from Scott. When exit polls later revealed that many of his votes came from young people, pundits agreed that he actually sponged more votes from Crist.

Exit polls conducted by the Associated Press and the networks confirmed that minorities overwhelmingly opted for Crist, who also won support from moderates and voters under 40. While favored by Floridians whose annual earnings exceed \$100,000, Scott exercised virtual domination over voters without a college degree. With the exception of judges and elected members of district or regional boards, the voting totals that fleshed out our current lineup of elected officials are summarized below. The successful candidates, as well as voter disposition to proposed constitutional amendments and Broward ballot questions, are marked by an asterisk (\*).

#### Florida Governor/Lt. Governor (\*Winner)

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percent
*Scott / Lopez-Cantera	REP	2,865,075	48.15%	138,379	29.5%
Crist / Taddeo	DEM	2,800,808	47.07%	318,903	68.0%
Wyllie / Roe	LFP	223,339	3.75%	8,711	1.9%
Khavari / Jones	NPA	20,181	0.34%	1,105	0.2%
Burkett / Matos	NPA	41,341	0.69%	1,731	0.4%
Bloss / Wiregard	WRI	14	0%	0	0%
Devine / Smith	WRI	4	0%	0	0%
Harris / Harris	WRI	20	0%	0	0%
Lee / Lockett	WRI	3	0%	0	0%
Tolbert / Timmon	WRI	82	0%	1	0%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>5,950,867</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>468,830</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Florida Attorney General (\*Winner)

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percent
*Pam Bondi	REP	3,222,251	55.09%	156,697	34.3%
George Sheldon	DEM	2,456,956	42.01%	291,705	63.9%
Bill Wohlsifer	LFP	169,371	2.9%	8,405	1.8%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>5,848,578</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>456,807</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Florida Chief Financial Officer (\*Winner)

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percent
*Jeff Atwater	REP	3,353,584	58.93%	170,676	38%
William "Will" Rankin	DEM	2,337,394	41.07%	278,886	62%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>5,690,978</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>449,562</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Commissioner of Agriculture (\*Winner)**

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percent
*Adam Putnam	REP	3,342,108	58.65%	162,846	36.6%
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton	DEM	2,355,826	41.34%	282,344	63.4%
Jeffrey M. Obos	WRI	185	0%	6	0%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>5,698,119</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>449,562</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Representative in 22nd Congressional District (\*Winner)**

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Totals	PalmBeach Totals
Paul Spain	REP	90,676	41.97%	41,246 (43.7%)	49,430 (40.6%)
*Lois Frankel	DEM	125,389	52.08%	53,198 (56.3%)	72,191 (59.4%)
Raymond Schomis	WRI	6	0%	3 (0%)	3 (0%)
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>216,071</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94,447 (100%)</b>	<b>121,624 (100%)</b>

**State Senator, District 34 (\*Winner)**

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes	Percent	Broward Totals	PalmBeach Totals
Ellyn Bogdanoff	REP	80,348	47.92%	30,131 (55.5%)	50,217 (44.3%)
*Maria Lorts Sachs	DEM	87,331	52.08%	24,142 (44.5%)	63,189 (55.7%)
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>167,679</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>54,273 (100%)</b>	<b>113,406 (100%)</b>

**State Representative, District 93 (\*Winner)**

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes (Broward)	Percent
*George Moraitis	REP	30,556	56.67%
Scott Herman	DEM	23,361	47.12%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>53,917</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Broward County Commissioner, District 4 (\*Winner)**

Candidates	Party	Fl Votes (Broward)	Percent
*Chip LaMarca	REP	28,330	52.88%
Ken Keechl	DEM	25,247	47.12%
<b>Total Votes</b>		<b>53,577</b>	<b>100%</b>

Three Amendments to the Florida Constitution were proposed on Florida's November 4, 2014 general election ballot. Proposed Amendment 1, which provides a dedicated funding source to acquire, restore, improve and manage conservation and recreation lands – earlier stripped from the budget by Governor Scott – was approved with a bullet. Proposed Amendment 2, which would enable physicians to treat certain diseases and conditions with "Medical Marijuana," missed by a hair, and will likely be proposed again at the next election. Proposed Amendment 3, a judicial power grab by our esteemed Governor, was returned to the legislative flea circus from whence it came. Incorporation into the Florida Constitution requires approval by a 60% supermajority of the voters. The actual voting totals are posted below:

**Proposed Amendment No. 1 - Required 60% Approval**

Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands

Choice	Votes Received	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percentage
*Yes for Approval	4,238,225	74.96%	362,525	84.3%
No for Rejection	1,415,818	25.04%	67,506	15.7%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>5,654,043</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>430,031</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Proposed Amendment No. 2 - Required 60% Approval**

Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

Choice	Votes Received	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percentage
Yes for Approval	3,370,323	57.62%	301,439	67.9%
*No for Rejection	2,478,795	42.38%	142,486	32.1%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>5,849,118</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>443,925</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Proposed Amendment No. 3 - Required 60% Approval**

Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies

Choice	Votes Received	Percent	Broward Votes	Broward Percentage
Yes for Approval	2,576,442	47.9%	171,548	48%
*No for Rejection	2,802,248	52.1%	185,805	52%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>5,378,690</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>357,353</b>	<b>100%</b>

The November 4, 2014 general election ballot also housed two proposals from Broward County, one sponsored by the County Commission to reauthorize a surprisingly successful Children's Services Program and a plea from the Broward School Board for an \$800 million bond issue to rescue deteriorating schools from the brink of a structural abyss. Passage required approval by 50% of the voters + 1 vote. Both initiatives were approved. The results are as follows:

**Broward Ballot Question #1 - Children Services Reauthorization (Required 50% +1)**

Choice	Votes Received	Percent
*Yes (For Reauthorization)	321,952	75.93%
No (Against Reauthorization)	102,074	24.07%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>424,026</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Broward Ballot Question #2 - School Board Facilities Improvement Bond (Required 50% +1)**

Choice	Votes Received	Percent
*Yes (For Bonds)	325,358	73.66%
No (Against Bonds)	116,355	26.34%
<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>441,713</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

By definition, the Galt Mile Community Association is a non-partisan organization. To achieve neighborhood objectives designated by its Advisory Board, members must work with elected officials from every party. While individual members may have strong opinions about candidates, the neighborhood association takes no official position in their advocacy. Ironically, in pursuing their responsibilities, members often become privy to information that would likely impact how neighborhood voters treat certain candidates – if revealed. Now that the voting is over, so is each member's self-imposed commitment to the neighborhood association's pre-election neutrality. Our elected officials – and their performance going forward – are once again "fair game". •

Since the Lauderdale Beach community is composed primarily of single family homes, their per unit patrol cost is substantial. However, by spreading the expense over the Galt Mile community's high density demographics, our cost drops to a meager \$20 per unit annually. In the first year of operating in Lauderdale Beach, the number of incidents dropped from 47 to 2 in 1999. When beachfront Galt Mile Associations voted to participate in 2006, patrol outreach was proportionately expanded. In its initial year on the Galt Mile, incidents along our beach dropped from 93 to 11 in 2007.

As a result, Galt Mile residents can safely stroll the beach in the evening and walk along Galt Ocean Drive after dark – activities that were previously dogged by robbers and muggers. Equally important, the number of association infiltrations dropped precipitously, relieving the strain on association security. Patrol management was subsequently inherited by Officer Darren Ogden, who uses modern police theory to enhance security protocols and parses daily FLPD reports to deter or confront potential threats. To prevent perpetrators from timing attacks on cased properties or residents, the patrol schedule is kept random and confidential. While the daily reports (forwarded to every association office and interested association board members) outline events during each patrol, details are deliberately omitted for the same reason. It's no coincidence that neighborhoods south, west and north of the patrol area suffer a substantially higher crime rate.

If not for the security patrol, the Galt Mile beach would be knee deep in drifters. When chased from Fort Lauderdale beach for shaking down tourists and residents, many head north to Lauderdale Beach and the Galt Mile Beach - where they bump heads with Darren Ogden's troops. Those that continue north become the problem of our neighbors in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and their Broward Sheriff's deputies. Unfortunately, some of these predators step from the beach to the street upon reaching the Galt Mile, where many survive by purging property from unlocked vehicles, breaking and entering, or squeezing loose cash from vulnerable residents and visitors.

While most beach drifters are confronted by the Security patrol, flowering sociopaths who temporarily fall through the cracks each month are often reported to the neighborhood association. Depending on the nature and immediacy of a subsequent criminal threat, GMCA officials enlist an FLPD liaison, Security Patrol officers or Commissioner Roberts to help remediate each problem. In June, Friends of the Galt Library official Terry Claire from Plaza South complained that aggressive dead-beats were haunting the library entrance. During the September Advisory Board meeting, Fountainhead representative Marlene Katkin warned about a group of panhandling predators extorting "contributions" from local residents at the Exxon Mobil station on Oakland Park Boulevard. In October, L'Ambiance security discovered homeless drifters camping out in their cabanas and Regency Tower manager Kande Lewandowski reported that association security repelled an attempted infiltration of its beach egress.

Having forged working relationships with association security personnel along their patrol route, the off-duty FLPD patrol officers elicit first-hand nightly updates about potential problems. Depending on an association's operational protocols, either the building manager or association security is equipped with direct access to the Security Patrol. Working with Ogden and counterparts in Lauderdale Beach, GMCA officials continuously explore coverage and communication enhancements. Recently, the number of patrol hours was expanded – without increasing the cost to each unit owner. To otherwise improve the security net's two-tier functionality, neighborhood officials encourage new managers and recently hired security staffers to meet the patrol officers, either during the nightly sweeps or by requesting an intro from the neighborhood association.

While answerable to Galt Mile residents, the Security Patrol was not conceived to ask inconsiderate neighbors to turn down the music, violate a vehicle parked in someone else's garage space or to expel your daughter's idiot boyfriend - although they have done so when called upon. Like other police officers, they aren't empowered to adjudicate disputes between association members – unless a law is violated.

If you face an imminent medical or security threat, immediately call 911 followed by an alert to association security. If the problem persists or remains unresolved, inform one of your Advisory Board members or the building manager, who can recruit assistance from the neighborhood association. Above all - Be Safe! •

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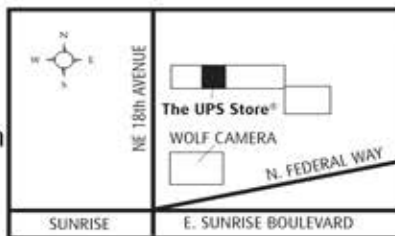
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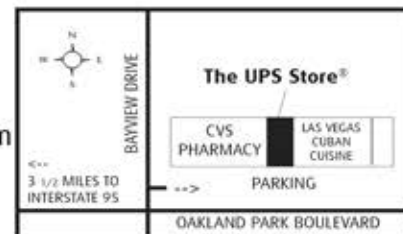


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# Holiday is here at **STARBUCKS** GALT OCEAN MARKETPLACE

Come on in and check out our holiday beverages:  
Peppermint Mocha, Gingerbread Latte, Caramel Brulee Latte  
and of course, Eggnog Latte.

New this year is our Chestnut Praline Latte which includes espresso,  
steamed milk and flavors of caramelized chestnuts and spices. It's  
topped with whipped cream and spiced praline crumbs.

Saturdays in November we'll have LIVE MUSIC  
with Peter Betan from 6pm to 9pm.



**3704 N. OCEAN BLVD**  
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33308  
OPEN: 6:00AM - 10:00PM

# ADVERTISE IN THE GALT MILE NEWS *& Reach The Beach*

## IT'S SEASON ON THE GALT!

TARGET THE LOCAL MARKET WITH AN AD IN THE GALT MILE NEWS. WITH A READERSHIP OF NEARLY 14,000, THESE NEWSLETTERS CAN BE A VALUABLE PR TOOL FOR YOU & YOUR BUSINESS, EITHER AS A SUPPLEMENT TO YOUR CURRENT AREA AD CAMPAIGN, OR AS THE ONLY ADVERTISING THAT YOU DO ON THE AFFLUENT GALT OCEAN MILE.

NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR THE  
2014-2015 SEASON  
DECEMBER - MAY

## "\$500 for \$500" SPECIAL

Get a full-page B&W ad in the December edition for \$500, then get a full-page COLOR ad for the same \$500 in the January edition! That's a savings of \$275!

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# *A new monthly safety education program DESIGNED FOR SENIORS.*



BROWARD HEALTH IMPERIAL POINT  
and the  
BROWARD SHERIFF FIRE RESCUE and  
EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPT.  
present the  
**Senior Life Safety Program**

A **NEW, FREE MONTHLY CLASS** presented by a professional Life Safety Educator that aims to teach and empower our senior citizens to better protect themselves in their day-to-day lives.

## **Schedule of Safety Topics**

Every Fourth Thursday of the Month  
3pm - 4pm  
(except November & December)

### **2014 Schedule**

July 24 • Hurricane Preparedness  
August 28 • General Home Safety  
September 25 • Fire Safety  
October 23 • Medication Safety  
November 20 • Safety Around the Holidays  
December 18 • Electrical Safety

### **2015 Schedule**

January 22 • Fire & Burn Safety  
February 26 • Slip & Fall Safety  
March 26 • Food Safety  
April 23 • General Health & Fitness Safety  
May 28 • Internet & Drug Scams:  
*Safety in the 21st Century*  
June 25 • Kitchen Safety

## **Location**

Broward Health Imperial Point  
6401 N. Federal Highway  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308  
*Cafeteria – 1st Floor*

*Tea, coffee, finger sandwiches and scones will be served. Bring a guest or come alone to meet other like-minded individuals.*

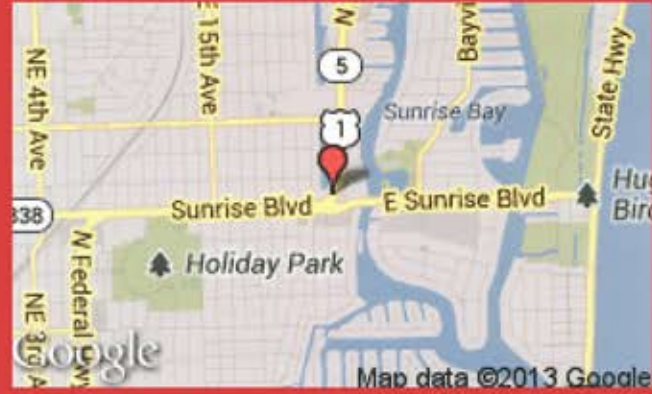
*Door prizes will be available.*

*Please RSVP by calling the Broward Health Line at 954.759.7400.*

*Attendance is limited to the first 50 callers.*



SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 6, 2014  
12-6PM



The UPS Store Broward  
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304  
954.764.6245

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*deserves*

A HOLIDAY

Assist a child in need by making a donation  
to Toys for Tots +/or Pediatric Center of Broward  
At the Event - to help put a smile on the face  
of those who need it the most.

Save the date- Saturday December 6th.

\*please bring an unwrapped new toy for donation