

# LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA

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## LOCATION

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea  
4501 Ocean Drive  
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea,  
FL 33308-3610  
954.776.0576

The Town is a charming seaside oasis on the eastern edge of metropolitan Broward County, Florida. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway just north of Fort Lauderdale, the Town is home to warm tropical breezes, a beautiful pier, spectacular ocean views and small, quaint motels that attract annual visitors from Europe and around the world.

## HISTORY

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea traces its proud municipal roots to the early 1920s. In February 1924, developer William F. Morang purchased and platted the property of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea from Henry S. Moody and John C. Gregory. Several years later, Melvin I. Anglin, a successful building contractor and real estate investor from Gary, Ind., bought the land platted by Morang with the intention of starting a new town. Anglin later served as the Town's first Mayor.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea was first incorporated on Nov. 30, 1927, but its charter was revoked by the state in 1933. Fourteen years later, the Town reincorporated on Nov. 30, 1947 with the help of Charter Committee Chairman Glenn Friedt Sr. Lauderdale-By-The-Sea celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1997.

While numerous other coastal cities in Florida allowed the development of huge condominium complexes on the beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea strived to maintain its small charm and ocean views by limiting building heights, which it still does to this day.

In one of the most significant events in recent Town history, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea doubled its population in October 2001 when it annexed the Intracoastal Beach Area, a coastal neighborhood in unincorporated Broward just north of the Town.

The Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is approximately 1.5 square miles in area and is located on Florida's "Gold Coast" in Broward County, FL. It is situated between the Atlantic Ocean on the east and Intracoastal Waterway on the west. It is bordered on the south by the City of Fort Lauderdale and on the north by the City of Pompano Beach. The entire Town is located on a barrier island that is 7-feet above sea level. Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is 30 miles north of Miami and 33 miles south of Palm Beach.

## POPULATION

The Town has 6,300 permanent, full-time residents. Its peak seasonal population during the winter months is approximately 11,350 residents. Primarily a residential community, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has the following major industries within its municipal borders:

retail/trade, tourism/hospitality, finance and real estate.

## **EVENTS**

### **Jazz On The Square**

Every Friday at 7:00 PM

Join us every Friday night for an outdoor festival of music and merriment sponsored by The Chamber of Commerce and The Village Grille & Village Pump! Commercial Boulevard and the Beach. Phone 954.776.5092 for details

## **ATTRACTIONS**

### **SCUBA DIVING**

Florida is one of the most popular places in the world to scuba dive. Unlike the Florida Keys, where the reefs are only accessible by boat, the Town's coral reefs can be reached using a pair of fins. Recognizing the popularity of the Town's reef with local and out-of-town divers, the Broward County Commission in September 1997 declared Lauderdale-By-The-Sea the "Shore Dive Capitol of South Florida."

Broward County also has an extensive artificial reef program and has sunk more than 75 ships, freighters and tugboats since its program began more than 25 years ago. If you dive or snorkel our reefs, remember to exercise caution by always avoiding diving or swimming near Anglin's Pier at Commercial Boulevard. You must also carry the red-and-white-striped "Diver's Down" flag. It's not just good and sound safety advice, it's also the law.

### **THE SNORKEL TRAIL**

In addition to the SS Copenhagen, a state-designated archaeological underwater preserve, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea also has a "Shipwreck Snorkel Trail." Dedicated in May 2002 by underwater explorer Jean-Michele Cousteau, the artificial reef was constructed by the Marine Archaeological Council to promote Broward County's maritime heritage. The trail has an anchor, five concrete cannons and a ballast pile. The trail took four years to complete and started after the Town Commission in July 1998 adopted a resolution authorizing and supporting the creation of the artificial reef. The snorkel trail is located off Datura Street, one block south of Commercial Boulevard, in about 12 to 14 feet of water.

When you stand at the beach entrance at Datura Street, look east and you will see a white buoy. The snorkel trail is 150 feet east and 150 feet south of the buoy. All of the shipwreck artifacts are located within a 100' x 20' area.

For a map of the snorkel trail, [click here](#).

## **SCHOOLS**

There are no schools in the Town. Children who reside here can attend public or private schools in nearby cities. Broward County Public Schools is the fifth largest school district in the country and the biggest fully accredited district in the nation.

### **SCHOOL BOARD**

Broward County Public Schools

600 SE Third Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

754.321.0000

## **HOSPITALS**

North Broward Hospital District  
303 S.E. 17th St.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
(954) 759-7400

Holy Cross Hospital  
4725 North Federal Highway  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308  
954-771-8000

Imperial Point Medical Center  
6401 North Federal Highway  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308  
(954) 776-8500

North Broward Medical Center  
201 East Sample Road  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33064  
(954) 941-8300

North Ridge Medical Center  
5757 N. Dixie Highway  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334  
954-776-6000

## **RECREATION & PARKS**

The Town's oceanfront beaches are popular with tourists and residents from all over Broward County and the world. Scuba divers can often be seen entering the water to explore the coral reefs just 100 yards off the beach. Anglin's Pier, one of just four piers in Broward County, is also a popular spot with anglers and tourists. The Town also has tennis courts, shuffleboard and bocci ball courts, a children's park and Senior Center.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, located in a major metropolitan area, is traversed north to south by two-lane State Road A1A. The only eastern road into Town is Commercial Boulevard. The Town operates the Pelican Hopper, a local bus. Broward County also provides regional bus service. Greyhound Bus Lines has a facility in Fort Lauderdale. The closest major airport is Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport, which serves small jets and single-engine planes, is just a few short miles from Town on Commercial Boulevard. South Florida's other major airports include Palm Beach International in West Palm Beach and Miami International. The Town is situated several miles north of Port Everglades, the second busiest cruise port in the nation. The Port of Miami is first. The Intracoastal Waterway, the Town's western border, provides ocean access to recreational boaters via Port Everglades and the Hillsboro Inlet in Pompano Beach, the city's northern neighbor. The Pelican Hopper is a local community bus service provided by the Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and Broward County Transit (BCT) to provide residents with more destinations within Town that can be reached through public transit.

## AIRPORTS

Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport  
100 Aviation Blvd  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315  
866.I.FLY.FLL

Ft. Lauderdale Executive Airport  
6000 NW 21st Ave  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
954-938-4966

Miami International Airport (40 minutes)  
4200 NW 21 Street  
Miami, FL 33142  
305-876-7000

## BUSES

The Pelican Hopper stops at three locations that connect with the Fort Lauderdale Galt/North Beach Community Bus. No fare is required when using the Pelican Hopper. However, riders making connections to BCT must pay the appropriate BCT fare.

Bus Stops: The Pelican Hopper stops in front of businesses or where BCT connects. Bus operators stop only where they can see passengers waiting.

Please stand in an area easily visible to the bus operator.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5:25 PM. All Day Saturday and Sunday AM. The bus travels every 45 minutes with assigned stops beginning at 9 AM and ending at 5:25 PM. Please refer to the timetable for times and destinations.

There is no service on the following holidays: New Year Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Information: For community bus service routes and connections, call 954-776-0576, Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 4:30 PM

## TRAINS

Tri-Rail  
800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245)

## **DEPARTMENTS**

### STAFF DIRECTORY

Town Manager 0576	Esther Colon	954-776-
Assistant to the Town Manager 0576	John Olinzock	954-776-
Town Attorney 0576	James Cherof	954-776-
Town Clerk		954-776-

0576 Interim Finance Director 776-0576	Kathy O'Brien	954-
Municipal Services Director 776-5119	Bill Mason	954-
Development Services Director 3611	Jim Bell	954-776-
Broward Sheriff's Office 3920	Chief Scott Gooding	954-491-
BSO Fire Rescue Services Exec. Dir. 8201	Chief Joseph Lello	954-831-
District Chief 5449	Richard Sievers	954-553-
Town Auditors 0576	Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz, LLP	954-776-
Citizen Contact Center Coordinator 0576	John Olinzock	954-776-
Zoning & Code Compliance Supervisor 3611	Tatiana Solovieva	954-776-
Public Information Officer 3611	Steve d'Oliveira	954-776-
Webmaster 776-0576	Sunny Veil Eckhardt	954-

## UTILITIES

City of Fort Lauderdale  
100 N. Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
954.828.5150

FPL: 954.797.5000

Water Department:

Sewer: Ft. Lauderdale: 954-828-5000, Pompano Beach: 954-786-4600

Garbage: Waste Management: 954-974-7500

Recycling: Waste Management: 954-974-7500

Phone company: BellSouth: 888.757.6500

Cable: Comcast: 954-266-2278

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