

TOWN TOPICS

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE



JARVIS HALL

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Two candidate forums will be held prior to the Town Commission election on Tuesday, March 11. The first one — sponsored by the Property Owners Association — is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7PM in Jarvis



Hall, 4505 N. Ocean Drive (next to Town Hall at 4501 N. Ocean).

Please bring your questions that night.

The next candidate forum — moderated by the League of Women Voters — is Tuesday, March 4 at 7PM in Jarvis Hall. Questions for the League of Women Voters forum can be submitted via e-mail to Carol Smith at csmith@att.net by March 2nd.

Both forums will be televised on the Town's Government channels (Comcast Channel 78 and U-Verse Channel 99). They will also be available for viewing on our Web site: www.lbts-fl.gov.

No voting at Assumption Church in the March 11 Town Commission election!

All Town voters next month must cast their ballots in Jarvis Hall!

Since **Assumption Catholic Church** is not available on the date of the upcoming Town election, all voters — including those living in **Precinct Q031** in the north part of Town — will either have to file absentee ballots or **vote** in the **March 11 Town Commission** election at **Jarvis Hall, 4505 N. Ocean Drive** between **7AM** and **7PM**.

Jarvis Hall, where all official Town meetings are held, is adjacent to **Town Hall** at 4501 N. Ocean Drive, which is on the west side of A1A about two blocks north of Commercial.



The Town has two traditional polling places, Jarvis Hall and Assumption Catholic Church, which is **not** available because of a church concert scheduled the same day.

The Town will notify each voter who would normally vote at Assumption Catholic Church about the change by mailing them a change in polling place postcard in late February.

There are also notices about the polling place change on the Town's Web site (www.lbts-fl.gov), as well **Comcast Cable Channel 78** and **AT&T U-Verse Channel 99**. The Town will also make a **CodeRED** call to all residents in its **CodeRED** phone database on **March 10**.

Three candidates are running for the District 1 Commission seat now held by **Vice Mayor Scot Sasser**, who was unopposed in his bid to succeed **Mayor Roseann Minnet**. Because of mayoral term limits, Minnet was not allowed to seek re-election to the Commission this year.

The three Commission candidates are **Birute Ann Clotey**, **Elliot Paul Sokolow**, and **Eric Yankwitt**. See Pages 2 and 3 for articles written by each candidate.

There would normally be two Commission seats open, but **Commissioner Chris Vincent** was also unopposed. Neither Vincent's nor Sasser's name will appear on the March 11 ballot. Both will be automatically elected once the official election results are certified by the **Broward Supervisor of Elections**.

All three elected officials will be sworn in at the **March 18** Commission meeting at **7PM** in Jarvis Hall.

Proposed Town Charter Amendments

Six proposed Town Charter amendments are also on the ballot (See Page 4).

DISTRICT 1 CANDIDATE PROFILES



JUL SOKOLOW

ale-By-The-Sea for three years, my wife
45 years, and for the fifteen years before
we lived in the Village of Sea Ranch

familiar with the shops, restaurants, beaches,
. When we decided to sell our home and
e-Sea was our obvious choice.

al turmoil that afflicted LBTS in the past, I'm
n works together very well and treats residents,
t not always with unanimity. I have been
d wisely in combination with grants from other
enty first century and make it an even better
believe that the Mayor, Town Commission
he last three years, so when the seat in the
t of the Town became available, I decided to
contributing some of my past experience in
ent and business to the Commission to help
ep moving forward on the path on which it has
d so successfully.

y government experience includes 6 years as
Sea Ranch Lakes, 5 more years on the
ouncil, 7 years as their finance director, 7 years
ard of the Broward League of Cities, 5 years
oward County Planning Council and 12 years
oward County Board of Rules and Appeals.
d and operated a business in Broward County
0 years. I sold my local
and was one of the founders, and a member
ard of directors of a New York Stock Exchange
which grew to over 5,000 employees and 115
s the country.

I can use that experience and my proven abil-
ute to the Town and the Commission from my
ng the unique character of the town, including
mprovements downtown and in the residential
aintenance and a continuation of upgrading of our
ation of power lines underground, increased
r quality, and continued emphasis on life safety.
artments do an excellent job and should
nmission.

he citizens of LBTS as a member of the Town
n me, please feel free to call me at 954-599-
ail.com.

DISCLAIMER

Sea invited all three Town Commission
ommission seat to submit articles for this
is intended to let the voters know each
endorsing any of the three candidates.

ERIC YANKWITT

I am running for office because I am passionate about maintaining
the small town atmosphere that distinguishes us from neighboring cities and
moving forward into the 21st Century. I believe in:

- Maintaining building height restrictions, and protecting our beaches and coral reefs.
- Fighting for affordable flood insurance premiums.
- Implementing more family-friendly activities.
- Providing eco-friendly and LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified remodeling of the Town's infrastructure.
- Preventing gambling establishments in our Town.
- Supporting beautification projects that increase property values.

As your Commissioner, I will help resolve our Town's challenges while



Eric Yankwitt

being a fiscal conservative. I am a self-employed
accountant, attorney, and a licensed Supreme Court
mediator. I am well equipped through my education,
experience, and consensus building to understand
and creatively assist in moving the Town forward.
While I am independent minded, I am a team player.
I am dedicated to moving successfully into the future
by encouraging Town officials, employees and
residents to work together and build a strong sense
of community and pride throughout our Town.

Community involvement is important to me.
Events that I have initiated are the Thanksgiving
Holiday Orphan Meal, dancing lessons, reviving the
community theater, regular beach clean-ups, health
fairs, and multiple seminars for residents. Currently
serving on the Town's Planning and Zoning Board
for four years, the Health Department — Community

Outreach, and the Broward Coalition of Homeowner and
Condo Associations. I know the issues and concerns facing our Town as a Board
member of the Town's Chamber of Commerce and League of Cities' Education
Subcommittee, and by participating with the Broward's Sheriff's Office gang violence
task force, and regularly attending the Hotelier Association and Commission
meetings. I am ready to serve now as your commissioner.

As a proven leader and consensus builder, I have established an E-library
portal at the community center, created and promoted an online parking survey to
begin resolving parking issues, formed an Interfaith Leadership Council, combined
the efforts of the Chamber, Woman's Club, and the Lions Club to provide a pancake
breakfast fundraiser to benefit disabled veterans, which will be held on March 16.

I am most proud of my family: Verence, my spiritual partner (a 20-year Town
resident), and my children, David, an Afghanistan Veteran; Lindsey, graduating this
year from UCF, and my Big Brother/Little Brother family. To discuss Town business,
or to volunteer, please e-mail Eric@MyTaxGuru.Com, or call me at 954-600-2274.
Having two ears and one mouth, I will work hard to represent you, no matter where
in the Town you reside. My actions speak louder than words. I have earned your
trust and now ask to earn your vote. Together, we will make a difference for today
and tomorrow. Facebook EricYankwittCampaign.

Six Charter Amendments on March 11 ballot

The following six proposed Town Charter amendments on the March 11 ballot were selected by the Town Commission from numerous recommendations suggested by the Charter Review Board, which concluded its deliberations in May 2013.

QUESTION 1

CREATE ALTERNATIVE STANDARD FOR TOWN COMMISSION TO DETERMINE TOWN MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS

Shall the Charter be amended to give the Town Commission the option to determine that other levels of education and experience are acceptable because they are comparable to the identified levels?

EXPLANATION

This would give the Commission flexibility in determining if a candidate's education degree is commensurate with the specific qualifications outlined in the Charter which, among other things, require a graduate degree with a concentration in public administration, public affairs, public policy, or public finance.

QUESTION 2

CHANGE TIME FOR TOWN COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE THE VICE-MAYOR

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that the Town Commission designate a Vice-Mayor no later than the second regularly scheduled Town Commission meeting following each regular election?

EXPLANATION

The Town Charter requires the position to be filled on the second Tuesday after an election; this charter amendment would allow the Commission to elect a Vice Mayor "no later" than the second regular Town Commission meeting after an election.

QUESTION 3

ALLOW MAYOR-COMMISSIONER TO RUN FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER AFTER REACHING TERM LIMIT AS MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

Shall the Charter be amended to allow future Mayor-Commissioners to run for Town Commissioner without a two-year break in service?

EXPLANATION

This amendment would allow the Mayor to run for Town Commissioner immediately after reaching the mayoral term limit of six consecutive years. Under the current Charter, the Mayor is required to wait two years before running again for Commissioner, while Town Commissioners are not required to wait two years after reaching their term limit as a Commissioner before running for Mayor. This proposal does not affect Mayor Roseann Minnet, who completes her third consecutive term in March and cannot run again until 2016.

QUESTION 4

ESTABLISH MAXIMUM CONSECUTIVE TERM LIMIT FOR SERVICE AS MAYOR-COMMISSIONER AND TOWN COMMISSIONER

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that no person may be elected or appointed as Mayor-Commissioner or Town Commissioner if that person has served a total of fourteen years in any combination of offices, without a two year break in service?

EXPLANATION

The effect of this Town Charter amendment is to require any Town Commissioner who has served two terms as Town Commissioner (8 years total) and three terms as Mayor (6 years total), in any order, to take a two-year break before running again.

QUESTION 5

AMEND PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES APPLICABLE TO ALLEGED COMMISSIONER VIOLATIONS

Shall the Charter be amended to clarify the due process requirements for such hearings, and to allow the Commission to consider lesser penalties (censure and a letter of instruction) for violation of any standard of conduct or code of ethics established by law and for incapacity for three or more months?

EXPLANATION

This amendment requires the Commission to provide due process and allow the accused official to present their side of the story. It also allows the Commission to decide whether to impose lesser penalties than "forfeiture of office" when finding violations of a standard of conduct or code of ethics established by law, or finding that a Commissioner lacked the capacity to perform the requirements of the office for more than three months.

QUESTION 6

CREATE PROCEDURES FOR VACANCIES IN CANDIDACY FOR TOWN ELECTED OFFICE

Shall the Charter be amended to add procedures related to candidate vacancies including procedures for withdrawal, supplemental qualifying periods, treatment of remaining candidates, and effects of death, withdrawal or removal of candidates?

EXPLANATION

This amendment creates procedures for vacancies in candidacy for Town elected office, as required by law, including how a vacancy should be handled if a candidate files to run for the Town Commission or Mayor but then withdraws, dies, or is otherwise unable to continue with their candidacy.

