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Jerry Lower & Mary Kate Leming  
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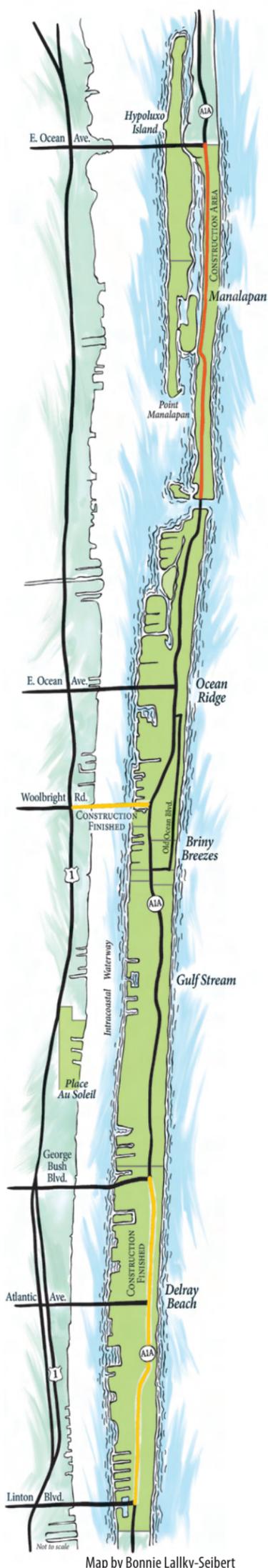
## Home

As I arrive at home  
I see the ocean  
Humidity engulfs me  
It slows all motion

Smelling the salt air  
running without a care  
I recognize my homeland  
I fall into the sand

Alexandra "Lexie" Brown is the daughter of Terry and Lucy Brown of Ocean Ridge. She wrote this poem in 1997 at the age of 12. Lexie has turned her love of the ocean into her vocation. In June she completed a master's of environmental science and management from the Donald Bren School at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has recently been named a 2009 John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellow.

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**Manalapan** Expect a rough ride if you venture through this construction area. Filled with machinery and barricades, the road is officially closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles and residents.

## An Inconvenient Summer

Never-ending roadwork, water main breaks, and even a plane crash have made life along A1A a tiresome journey



### Ocean Ridge

The Woolbright Bridge was closed for two months this summer. Island residents had to detour north or south to get to the mainland.

Slow. Stop. Slow. Stop. If you attempted to drive on State Road A1A from Delray Beach through Manalapan this summer, you're familiar with the rhythm of this fitful traffic flow.

If you're just returning to the area from some bucolic northern locale without traffic cones and sign men, be warned: most of the road projects are now complete, but some construction continues.

Here's a look back at summer delays, and a status report on our coastal highway construction:

#### Manalapan Mayhem

Construction began April 9, 2007 from the Boynton Inlet to Ocean Avenue in Lantana. This \$10.4 million construction project involves milling and repaving the existing roadway, drainage improvements, lighting and signal work, landscaping and

reconstruction of a portion of the same highway. Detours are in place for all traffic (including bicycles) and access is allowed only for emergency vehicles and residents.

Three private pedestrian tunnels to the beach were installed along the ridge portion of the road in late June, and since the roadway had to be cut to allow the placement of the tunnels, the construction completely closed A1A for a little more than two weeks. The first phase of this construction was completed July 3 and the road reopened for local traffic.

In late August, a boil water order for the entire town of Manalapan was in place for three days. Sections of the 50-year-old water main along A1A fell victim to the weight of construction, and at first a break in this pipe was blamed for the water problems. But

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**Delray Beach** Some locals relaxed in the Atlantic Avenue pavilion while watching bicyclists and pedestrians maneuver through the construction obstacle course.



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## Editorial

### Vote red, or vote blue, just make sure you vote

This has been a historic election year. At times it has seemed never-ending, but the peaks and valleys of the campaign trail have forced us all to consider many of our fundamental beliefs about the role of government, both in our personal lives and in our perception of ourselves as Americans.

I come from a divided family. We tend to split down the middle for Republicans and Democrats. This division is not so much based on our personal beliefs – we are all our parents' children and were raised with strong convictions about how we treat our neighbors. But, we are divided by our individual economic situations: Little sister is a union truck driver; oldest brother is a college professor with a profitable consulting business. In between, family members earn their livings as government workers, military contract employees, school teachers, and oil industry entrepreneurs. At family gatherings there is always a healthy debate over politics, but no one ever questions each other's commitment to America. We all vote. We know it is our responsibility.

It's been said many times that, "bad officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote." Can you be a good citizen and not vote? I don't believe so.

On Nov. 4, show your commitment to America. Vote. It matters.

Mary Kate Leming, Editor

## Coastal Star

### Officer went above the call of duty

Ocean Ridge Police Lieutenant Chris Yannuzzi stepped up to bat when illness and injuries hit the town management team. In addition to his normal duties as an investigator in the Police Department, Yannuzzi agreed to oversee the coordination of the move into temporary trailer offices and then the second relocation into the new town hall.

Yannuzzi's responsibilities included coordinating with myriad contractors and making multiple decisions on furniture, electrical, computer and police data systems.

It was a difficult and time-consuming responsibility, but he did it willingly. Thanks to his efforts — and the cooperation



Ocean Ridge Police Lieutenant Chris Yannuzzi

the town received from the contractors — the construction and move went smoothly and were completed on schedule.

Thanks to the efforts of Yannuzzi, the commission and staff, Ocean Ridge citizens appear to have hit a home run with their new facility.

Ocean Ridge Town Manager Ken Schenck and Police Chief Ed Hillery nominated Chris Yannuzzi to be a Coastal Star.

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## Local voices

### In my opinion, it's time for a change

The eventual redevelopment of Briny Breezes is inevitable: The land is too valuable, the trailers are unsafe in a storm, and the shareholders have been offered a fortune. But Briny's recent flirtation with Ocean Land Investments painfully divided the close-knit Brinyites and the opposition from the neighboring residents has left the barrier island communities mistrustful of each other and wary about the future. Worse, Briny's dismay at the organized effort to compel it to pursue redevelopment in a manner consistent with Florida land-development law has resulted in Briny's contracting off-island for its police force, giving Boynton Beach a further foothold on the beach. Boynton is becoming the dog that gets fed at the table. And make no mistake about it: Boynton wants to annex Briny and the county pocket; Boynton needs the money and will stop at nothing to grab island land and redevelop it into a Singer Island for South Palm Beach County, where high-value high-rises will fund municipal projects citywide.

These economic and social pressures will drive redevelopment unless all of the residents of the barrier island find a meaningful way to participate in the planning process before it's too late.

Instead of more of the same — three municipalities and the county pocket squabbling among themselves, conducting redundant bureaucratic functions and letting Boynton Beach push them around — maybe it's time to consider a completely different future. Maybe it's time to consider doing the

work necessary to create one barrier island community: a single municipality that would stretch from Delray Beach to the Boynton Inlet. In this municipality, there would be room for diverse single- and multi-family zoned areas, just as currently exist. In this municipality, there could be a commercial core, similar to what is here presently but perhaps better planned along the lines of a New England village square with a handful of shops that would serve the local populace. In this municipality, growth and re-development could be controlled by the residents. In this municipality, there could be town-sponsored amenities like tennis courts, a town green, bike paths, golf cart paths, walkways over the dunes, a beach for local dogs, lifeguards ... the possibilities are endless and subject only to the limits of local imagination.

It will not be simple to do this, but it is possible. The road map would look something like this: First, Briny Breezes should annex the pocket and the commercial enclaves on A1A.

This would create 60 or so landowners in Briny, rather than just one, which is the present situation and which resulted in summer 2007's usurpation of municipal function by a developer's staff. Having more property owners in Briny-the-municipality — in fact having just one more property owner in Briny — would likely prevent a repeat usurpation. Pocket residents and Briny shareholders who opposed Ocean Land's plan would be able to prevent a similarly drastic scheme from being approved by the Briny Planning and Zoning Board.

The second step would be

the merger of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes/pocket to create a new municipality. This new municipality could then work with Gulf Stream and the residents of the St. Andrews Club and, using the legislative process, persuade Boynton to relinquish its residential holdings on the barrier island.

Finally, Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge/Briny Breezes/pocket would merge and the barrier island residents could get on with the business of planning and protecting their community.

Those many Brinyites who prefer, with their neighbors to the north and south, to see a plan for responsible, environmentally sound and cooperative redevelopment of the middle of the barrier island would have a voice. They would perhaps find a way to become landowners rather than shareholders. Pocket residents could look forward to local rule and, with it, the ability to participate in the regulation of their most valuable asset: their homes. Municipal residents could happily do without three of everything: three town halls to staff and run, three zoning boards, three police forces, three sets of politicians, three or four contracts with Boynton for water. In any case, all barrier island residents should join together to protect themselves from the city of Boynton Beach.

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## Hypoluxo Island

## Lantana considers options for saving beach

By Antigone Barton

For years, threats facing the shoreline here loomed, as its sand washed into the ocean, storms took the wooden stairways and waves washed into the condominium building to the north of Lantana's public beach.

Still, town officials thought the dune would hold for another few years.

Then without a hurricane or a nor'easter, just a few days of what Town Manager Michael Bornstein described as "wicked high tides and wave action, chomping away at the dune," the time was up.

In a day, three walkways, an observation deck, and a sidewalk were gone and three town buildings — including the home to the popular Dune Deck restaurant — standing precipitously on the edge of what was left were threatened, leaving Town Council members to confront two questions: How to save the beach, and how to pay for it.

Council members confronted the first question halfway through October when, presented with a list of options, they decided to build a permanent seawall.

The most expensive solution, never seriously considered by town officials before the last month and discouraged by state environmental officials, now seems the town's best shot at saving the beach, town officials agreed.

Mayor David Stewart and Bornstein, already scheduled to travel to Tallahassee on matters pertaining to the state-owned A.G. Holley Hospital, met with environmental officials Oct. 15, and two days later Bornstein prepared an application for permission to build a permanent structure.

The details, however, he said, were far from settled. And at the town's Oct. 27 meeting, the commission unanimously approved declaring a state of general emergency within the town due to "critical beach erosion along the Lantana municipal beach."

The approved resolution allows Bornstein to hire Taylor Engineering of West Palm Beach to develop a seawall plan most likely to obtain permitting from state environmental officials. By acting under a general emergency, the town can move quickly to avoid long waits for permitting and engineering bids.

The plan will be presented to the Town Council at an emergency meeting before any construction is approved.

To pay for the project, the commission decided it



Heavy surf in late September took a toll on the beach walkover. Photo by Jerry Lower

would tap into undesignated reserves. Mayor Stewart stated that even with current economy difficulties, it's critical to try to save "one of the most valuable pieces of property the town owns."

The emergency decision came after a mid-October presentation to the Town Council by an engineer who outlined the town's options going forward. "It's been said barrier islands shouldn't be built on. We don't have the luxury to rescind that decision," said Robert Cutcher with the Tequesta-based Cutcher & Associates Coastal Engineering. The five options he presented were:

- No action;
- An addition of truck-hauled sand;
- A temporary, "frangible" seawall lining the entire town beach;
- A temporary wall in front of the threatened

buildings;

• A permanent seawall along the entire town beach.

All of the options come with costs, Cutcher said.

He didn't recommend no action — the costs of which, he pointed out, would include not only the buildings housing the Dune Deck, the Marine Safety center, and a pavilion, but the costs of "removing the debris of those buildings from the beach."

Potential costs of doing nothing, he said, include flooding damage to state road A1A and access to beach. Whether those would happen depended on nature, he said, making the no-action option "a roll of the dice."

"Those are questions that can't be answered by slide rule, graph paper, calculator."

A fresh load of sand, hauled in by truck and spread on the remaining

dunes, planned by the county in coming months, was an option Cutcher called "an absolute necessity." But, he cautioned, it will offer no guarantees on its own, adding that the entire amount could be lost in a year. "It's up to Mother Nature," he said.

A temporary sea wall could be built to withstand up to a "five-year storm" — one likely to come no more than once in five years. But, he added, the area has seen a number of such storms within the last five years. "The likelihood of it being there in five years are zero. The likelihood of it lasting a year is 80 percent," Cutcher said.

"If it was my property, I'd probably consider a permanent wall," he concluded.

That is the direction the town decided to take at its

Oct. 27 meeting.

The wall would complete a line of coastal armoring that runs the length of South Palm Beach, fronts the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Resort and continues to Manalapan's curve.

But the wall would not need to be placed as far east as the surrounding walls — one built out recently to protect the neighboring Imperial House condominium. In fact, the farther west the wall, the more likely it would be permitted, Cutcher said.

He urged the town to plan a wall as far west as possible, because a gently sloping beach would keep more sand. Waves crashing against the walls rebound with renewed force, scraping more sand from the beach than waves hitting a natural shoreline.

"If you put the wall in line with the Imperial House and the Ritz, you will have less beach." Both of those places, he pointed out, "have a different mission."

While surrounding walls serve to protect homes and hotel rooms, council member Lynn Moorhouse agreed, "The mission of the town is to save the beach for the people."

He noted, "Most of the options really aren't options."

"Do I think you are fighting an ongoing battle? Absolutely," Cutcher said. "Since the dawn of time, beaches have come and they have gone. We happen to be here at a time when the beach is going."

"We just don't live very long. To the ocean, it's just another day in the park."

Mary Kate Leming contributed to this report.



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## Gulf Stream

# Political sign rules require quick removal — win or lose

By Antigone Barton

Drivers passing through Gulf Stream are unlikely to notice anything has changed, but town officials in October replaced a rule barring political signs with rules saying how, when and where to put them.

In a town where hedges and walls commonly divide the public from the private, size and setback limits are likely to keep political views private

According to the new code:

- No sign can be bigger than 4 square feet, and may not stand taller than four feet, with its posts.

- Signs must not be less than 5 feet from property lines, or less than 10 feet from neighbors' property.

- A sign can be placed on a property only by the property owner, and no sign can be placed on the right of way.

That doesn't leave much space for signs, commissioners observed at the Oct. 10 meeting, at which the ordinance was passed— along with other tweaks to town code. But, Mayor Bill Koch said later, town dwellers have tended to be understated in their broadcasting of political views, anyway.

"I haven't seen any outbreaks," Koch said.

The new code has been in the works over the last three years, before which the town enforced an unwritten town rule, asking any property

owner displaying a sign to take it down.

"Which we couldn't do," Town Clerk Rita Taylor explained.

Outbreaks of visible political fervor are no more likely under the new code, with no more than one sign allowed on most properties.

The code makes an exception for corner properties, which can have one sign facing each street.

In addition, the season for advertising political sentiments is brief: Campaign signs can go up no more than 30 days before Election Day and must be taken down within 48 hours — win or lose.

## Manalapan rules

Gulf Stream's new code is similar to that of Manalapan's, which allows for more and bigger signs, lingering longer after Election Day, but which addresses a few additional points:

- Signs are not to exceed 6 square feet.

- Residents can display only one sign per candidate, ballot item or referendum question — leaving the possibility of a multitude of signs: with one for each ballot issue, and this year's two-page ballot. But in Manalapan, signs may not be illuminated, or decorated with flags, ribbons, lighting or other enhancements. And while they can linger up to 10 days after Election Day, they must

be removed within 10 days of elimination or withdrawal of a candidate.

In addition, rules for all signs apply to political signs and include:

- All signs have to be written in block letters and professionally lettered. (Signs that aren't political must be in black and white.)

- Signs larger than 80 square inches must be on private property at least 10 feet from the street and signs 80 square inches or smaller must be at least 5 feet from the street.

Town Manager Greg Dunham says that, given the difficulty of posting signs within the space limits without confining them behind hedges and walls, the distance from property line requirements are not rigorously enforced.

## Ocean Ridge restrictions

Between Gulf Stream and Manalapan, philosophically as well as geographically, Ocean Ridge takes a more laissez-faire approach — at least when it comes to private property.

No restrictions on political signs are written into code there, where residents may see more point in advertising their more varying views.

Signs that are posted, according to town Police Lieutenant Chris Yannuzzi, vary — having included plugs for School Board and Senate candidates, as well as referendum items. Party

affiliation appears diverse as well, he said.

That's a difference between the seaside town and its neighbor to the south, where Mayor Koch says residents tend to be "completely conservative."

There, even as he approved the new rules at the October meeting, Gulf Stream Commission member Chris D. Wheeler jokingly suggested amending the rule limiting the number of signs to: "No restrictions on Republican signs."

## Hypoluxo Island/Lantana

The Lantana code, which is enforceable on Hypoluxo Island, is very similar to Manalapan's. But since residents in this neighborhood generally have fewer walls and less shrubbery, there aren't the same obstacles to easy viewing.

## Coastal Delray Beach

The All America City of Delray Beach is the most open to political expression. There, signs are allowed on public rights of way as well as private property. The only difference: While signs on public property can be up to 12 square feet, signs on rights of way are not to exceed 3 square feet. As in the neighboring towns, they are expected to come down within 10 days of the election.

## Other actions

At the October meeting, Gulf Stream commissioners also amended the town design manual, allowing exceptions to ratios of floor plan to lot size. They also added and re-

categorized style guidelines in the manual.

For single-family homes, the list of preferred styles has been expanded, but it has also lost a few styles. Under the previous rules, preferred styles included Gulf Stream Bermuda, Monterey, Spanish Mediterranean Revival and Vernacular. Monterey and Vernacular have been moved to the list of discouraged styles. Added to the list of preferred styles are Anglo Caribbean, British Colonial, Colonial West Indies and Georgian. Now on the prohibited list are Cracker and Contemporary, formerly on the list of discouraged styles.

A home proposal with more than three discouraged features will not be approved.

Commissioners also approved an addition to the design manual, creating multifamily residential districts and setting renovation and replacement guidelines for these districts, maintaining compatible styles with surrounding single-family homes. The original manual was established in the last decade in response to the trend of "mansionization" in coastal South Florida communities and stresses "human-scale proportions" and architectural styles typical of South Florida.

Commissioners also:

- Voted to require that the town manager bring any expenditure of \$25,000 or more before the Town Commission for approval, and

- Agreed to seek a 30-day contract for trapping feral cats.



## Seahorse condo development falls victim to hard economic times

By Steve Pounds

The \$90 million Seahorse oceanfront condominium has been canceled, the victim of a tough economy and the recession in the housing market.

"It's dead for financial reasons," said Ann Bane, a spokeswoman for Palm Beach Gardens-based Catalfumo Construction Inc. "We did the initial preconstruction work and prepared the site, and then the project stalled."

The low-rise development suffered from inconvenient timing. It began last year as the housing market was beginning to wind down.

The decades-old Seahorse started out as a 32-unit co-op with a swimming pool and restaurant for Ohio polo enthusiasts, situated on 300 feet of oceanfront on A1A in unincorporated Palm Beach County on the north edge of Gulf Stream.

Then last year, a Cincinnati-based development company, JFP Group, began making presales for a new condominium project on the 3-acre parcel that is divided by the highway. The project was made up of 42 single-floor units in one four-story and three three-story buildings.

Catalfumo would be the builder, while the project was to be financed by LaSalle and Mercantile banks, said Dave DeMay, Catalfumo vice president of sales.

The development group did not return phone calls. But DeMay confirmed that JFP had pre-sold seven units.

Still, it would need a handful of additional presales for the banks to bankroll the project, and the market never materialized.

"Without enough presales, the banks wouldn't finance it. That's standard for the industry," DeMay said.



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## Ocean Ridge



### Fixing the plane crash damage to Ocean Ridge Town Hall

Workers from BSA Corporation of Delray Beach recently were able to complete the repairs on the roof of the new Ocean Ridge Town Hall. A twin engine plane crashed into the building on July 22 and the landing gear broke through the roof. The building is now operational and will be dedicated at the Dec. 5, Light-the-Lights ceremony. **Photos by Jerry Lower**

## Temporary town hall walkway may find new life as a park boardwalk at Woolbright and A1A

By Antigone Barton

With planning and recycled planks, a wooden boardwalk could solve the identity crisis of the combination scenic oasis and drainage site on the northwest corner of Woolbright Road and A1A.

The wood will come from the planks attendees had crossed to come to the town's last meeting in the portable quarters that have served as Town Hall and police station for a year and a half.

The idea, suggested by Mayor Ken Kaleel at October's Town Commission meeting, came at the last meeting in the cramped unit, which town officials looked forward to dismantling.

While the excess desks, cabinets and aged dais were put up for sale on Oct. 18 and netted \$794; the walkway was worth more to the town than to anyone else, Kaleel said later.

"It's brand new," he said. "We were going to get pennies on the dollar."

Still, even as he offered the suggestion at the meeting, he jokingly pretended to flinch.

That was because while the history of the wooden walkway was short, the history of the site the planks are destined for has been long and strewn with rocky twists.

But it was a sign of how much time has passed, since even as Kaleel flinched, he



The wooden ramp and stairs that were located on the north side of the temporary police station and town hall may find new life as a boardwalk.

smiled — and his suggestion elicited smiles from residents who could still remember when the land in question had been, as one put it, "a very sore subject."

Once a densely wooded lot, the land is bordered on three sides by public roads, and on the fourth side by homes. It was intended as a nature preserve when its owner, Dorothy Whitney, donated it to the Virginia-based National Wildlife Federation.

Instead, it became a point of contention after the federation, struggling with maintaining the land from a distance, returned it to the town in 1999. While the federation attached no strings, it was understood that the land would not become home to a mall, a multiplex, or even a house.

But the gift of the site came in time to work neatly

into the town's flood control plan as a retention pond.

"We fought that plan tooth and nail," neighbor Don MaGruder recalled.

Citing concerns about noise and aesthetics, and saying the plan violated the intention of preserving the site, nearby residents sued.

It was only after "quite a bit of money" and years of dispute that accord was reached, resulting in the site's split identity: The land is home to the town's drainage system generators and excess water, as well as to a little island surrounded by and covered with a lush abundance of mostly native plants and trees.

"The little island," MaGruder said. "That's what we fought so hard to preserve."

Even today, though, MaGruder, who strolls through the area several

times a month to make sure it is maintained, does not like to refer to the spot's utilitarian use and draws attention to the streetside bronze plaque that states its original mission.

MaGruder says that neither he nor other neighbors who previously opposed town plans for the site now object to the walkway, but he's not ready for a gazebo — once part of town officials' vision for the site.

With about 15 to 20 feet of roughly 3-foot-wide walkway to start with, the current plans are smaller now, in any case, according to Town Manager Ken Schenk, who is looking into labor and design costs for the project.

Schenk, who hails from Atlantic City, hesitates even to call something of the planned dimensions "a boardwalk." Rather, he calls it a pier, or a little

observation point.

"We've got it, and we're going to do something with it," he said.

At their October meeting, commissioners also:

- Discussed plans for the annual Light-the-Lights event, which ushers in the start of Ocean Ridge's holiday season. Those dreaming of a white Christmas will have to go north — the town will save an estimated \$2,000 in a budget-strapped year by forgoing snow. Other cost-cutting measures considered included limiting lighting to alternate lampposts along Ocean Avenue. A suggestion from Vice Mayor Betty Bingham to use the town firehouse for indoor festivities, instead of renting a tent, was considered but ultimately found unfeasible, Town Clerk Karen Hancsak said. While town staff is continuing to explore cost-cutting measures, the event is scheduled for Dec. 5.

- Tentatively approved a petition from residents Kathleen and Lester Miller to replace sea grapes fronting the beach side of their property with other dune vegetation. The couple must also get approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

- Discussed decoration for the new Town Hall, including a display of art by residents.



## Manalapan

# New mayor William 'Tom' Gerrard shares his to-do-list

By Antigone Barton

While election season raged elsewhere, change came quietly to this town, with the ascension of William "Tom" Gerrard to mayor.

Even without the clamor of a contentious campaign, the vice mayor who was appointed by unanimous commission vote in September to succeed outgoing Mayor William Benjamin, hopes to make a difference that will usher in a more connected Manalapan.

"I'm certainly not just doing it for the title," he said. "I have a big love for this town and community."

The 62-year-old mayor was born in New York, but spent the first 11 years of his life in Indiana. He has moved up the coast in steady increments since his family moved to Miami Beach in 1957. He moved to Manalapan from Boca Raton in 1994.

His "new to do list," he says, includes a plan to make town meetings available for viewing on the Comcast cable system that serves Manalapan. In addition, Gerrard, who in his business life found success as a telecommunications entrepreneur, would like to get podcasts of the meetings on the town's Web site.

"I think it would be very beneficial to residents, especially as a number



Gerrard

"There's nothing like being there."

The podcasts would be available at the click of a button on the same site where town meeting agendas are now posted.

"So if residents who are up North see something on the agenda of interest, they can watch it," Gerrard said. "Wouldn't that be nice?"

More immediate, though, are resolutions of the town's two most pressing issues: renovations to the town's water plant and the completion of roadwork that will conclude a six-year drainage project.

The water plant currently is a "blended" one, which filters water from surficial wells and also uses reverse osmosis technology to filter water from the deeper Floridan Aquifer. While reverse osmosis remains the more expensive technology, diminishing water supplies from shallow wells have prompted commissioners to consider a plant with all reverse osmosis capability. That way it can, if needed, draw more of its water from

the more reliable Floridan Aquifer. Adding to these considerations has been talk that the South Florida Water Management District would ease two-day-a-week watering restrictions for towns using "alternative" water sources.

If "alternative" includes the Floridan Aquifer, commissioners have said, that would add to an incentive to spend more money upgrading the plant to all-reverse osmosis technology.

That should not make a difference, either way, Gerrard said in the recent interview.

"It would be very difficult for us to plan our water plant management based on what South Florida Water Management District decides to do," he said. "We should make the decision based on business."

While the town is in the middle of water plant plans, it is reaching the end of a flood control and road project that has been six years in the works.

That project began after the Florida Department of Transportation officials launched its plans to resurface the county's stretches of State Road A1A.

The plan did not then include improvements to drainage along the town's stretch on which six inches to a foot of water rose during rains and high tides.

Town videotaping of the road's flooding persuaded FDOT officials to change the plan, Town Manager Greg Dunham said.

"Water on roads is a safety problem," Dunham said.

It also was an environmental one, with storm water carrying unfiltered pollutants directly into the Intracoastal Waterway.

Raised to allow water to drain onto the swale and into eight new drainage filters, the new road is designed to address both concerns.

"I think it is a well-designed and way overdue project," Gerrard said.

And, he points out, residents voluntarily granted easements on their properties for runoff "soaking" areas. "So it shows there are environmentally concerned residents."

This is comfort to Gerrard, who calls the repeal last spring of an ordinance that would have ridded the town of exotic water-hogging and invasive plants "one of my disappointments."

With only Gerrard voting against the move, commissioners voted to reverse the ordinance, which had given residents four years to eliminate the plants from properties, as its deadline approached, although a series of horticultural and environmental experts touted its benefits to the town.

Given a chance to

reintroduce the ordinance, Gerrard said, he would. His term is young, he pointed out. "I'm going to spend the next couple of months reviewing and revisiting issues."

In Manalapan, the mayor votes to break ties, runs meetings, sets agendas and appoints committee members.

Those are his opportunities to guide the town, Gerrard said. "I hope to be effective."

### Oct. 28 Town Meeting:

- Appointed Marilyn Hedberg to fill the vacancy of Seat 3 on the commission

- Ratified the appointment of Commissioner Kelly S. Gottlieb as vice mayor and appointed Commissioner Peter Blum as the new mayor pro tem.

- Accepted hearing continuances from Venture Concepts International and Terry and Cynthia Taylor on variance issues.

- Approved Consultant Services Agreement with JLA Geosciences, Inc.

- Began hearing summary of Zoning Commission's Recommended Amendments to the Zoning Code.

- Changed meeting time for the Nov. 19 regular commission meeting to 2 p.m.

Mary Kate Leming contributed to this report.



## Palm Beach County

# Despite federal probe, coastal officials praise McCarty

By Thomas R. Collins

William Koch Jr. has been the mayor of Gulf Stream since 1966 and has gotten to know many a politician.

As far as he's concerned, one of the good eggs is County Commissioner Mary McCarty.

When the town needed help with paving roads that ran through town, she came to its aid.

When it needed help resolving problems with Florida Power & Light, McCarty was there.

So when Koch heard that federal investigators had raided McCarty's coastal Delray Beach house for documents and that she had become the latest public official to find herself in their crosshairs, it was unpleasant news to him.

And if the investigation resulted in adding her name to any list of recently indicted public officials? "It would be a shock to me," Koch said.

Few faces are as familiar in the political landscape of southern Palm Beach County



McCarty

1990, with an often-public in-your-face style.

Before election to county office, she spent three years on the Delray Beach City Commission.

She will leave the County Commission in 2010 because of term limits.

On Sept. 26, federal agents left her yellow, one-story house with several bins filled with documents.

Delray Beach City Manager David Harden said that he and other managers in the city have been questioned about whether McCarty influenced a city decision to hire her husband's underwriting firm to handle a 2007 bond issue totaling \$24.6 million in utilities work.

as that of McCarty.

She has championed the southern reaches of the county, including its coastal communities, since

"They asked a lot of questions about why we went to negotiated sale rather than competitive bid," Harden said. "They've spoken to a number of city staff about that, and looked at documents related to the transaction."

Cities can negotiate deals rather than bid them out, if officials judge there are certain benefits to that method.

Harden said he wasn't aware of any undue influence McCarty might have exerted, and said the city has always enjoyed "a very good relationship" with her.

McCarty, who has continued to attend county board meetings, was pleasant recently in fielding a call from a reporter, until she was asked about the investigation.

"I'm not going to talk about that," she said, and then hung up.

Her Fort Lauderdale attorney, J. David Bogenschutz, said McCarty has met with federal investigators at least once and was cooperative.

"Certainly Commissioner

McCarty does not feel, nor do we feel at this point, that any evidence exists that she has in any way violated the public trust," he said. "We are as anxious as anyone else to see where this investigation is headed."

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Kastrenakes — who has worked on the cases against former County Commissioners Tony Masilotti and Warren Newell and former West Palm Beach City Commissioners Ray Liberti and Jim Exline, all of whom ended up with federal prison sentences — also wouldn't talk about the case or when it might be resolved.

"Investigations that are complex investigations are measured in years usually, not months," he said. "But I can't say."

McCarty has been investigated for at least the last year, her former attorney, Bruce Reinhart, has said.

Reinhart has since stopped representing McCarty because he is a former federal prosecutor who worked in

the same office that has been probing public corruption in Palm Beach County.

One who would likely miss having McCarty around is Manalapan Mayor Tom Gerrard.

"I know that on every occasion that Manalapan wanted to work with the county on any issue, she has been right there and been very attentive," he said.

When he learned of the investigation, his reaction was, "Oh, I can't believe it."

"I just think Mary, as far as anything I know, has been absolutely top drawer," he said. "I would be surprised if there's any basis for any wrongdoing."

Mayor Koch of Gulf Stream held similarly warm views of the commissioner. "She seeks the information from the different mayors," he said. "And I think she serves us very well."

But Koch reserved judgment on whether McCarty should step down if it's found that she's done anything improper. "That's really up to McCarty herself."



## Delray Beach

# Yacht Club redevelopment delayed again

By Hector Florin

The demolition and redevelopment of the Yacht Club property will be delayed once again, and there's no indication that building will start soon.

City commissioners on Oct. 21 voted 3-2 to extend a time extension to begin significant construction of the property until April 2012.

A loan with Orion Bank is set to be refinanced, and even the bank doesn't guarantee it will be re-approved. "This request is being submitted due to the nature of the local market, and especially due to the difficulties of obtaining lender approval," Jason Mankoff, an attorney representing the development, wrote to the city on Aug. 22, before the more serious elements of the national bank crisis unfolded.

The developers sought and received a similar extension in March, through 2010, citing lagging market conditions and construction costs.

The project has now fallen victim to the staggering credit crisis in the financial markets. The partners who own the yacht club and plan to redevelop it have announced they will re-open the old club, which closed almost three years

## Atlantic Plaza II proposal up for debate

City commissioners this month will debate the first in a series of necessary approvals that would allow for the development of condos, shops and office space just west of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Commissioners on Nov. 18 will address a request from the property's representatives for permission to construct buildings higher than 48 feet; three of the six buildings in the plan will go 60 feet high.

The Atlantic Plaza II proposal, northeast of Atlantic Avenue and Federal Highway next to Veterans Park, includes 197 condo units and more than 200,000 square feet of shops,

restaurants and office space on 8.65 acres, according to a city planner.

Some stores, offices and an apartment complex that are on the site, would be demolished if all approvals are met.

The city's planning and zoning board on Oct. 20 supported the height change. Other votes will follow at later dates, include vacating, adding and moving roads internal to the project.

One current change is suggested to move Northeast Seventh Avenue 70 feet to the east. Commissioners will also vote on the site's specific plans.

Appearance Board will vote Nov. 12 on the time extension request. A discussion to re-open the old yacht club, which requires City Commission support, is scheduled for Nov. 17 before the city's Planning and Zoning Board.

Other decisions made by city commissioners on Oct. 21:

- Postponed a vote on the Hotel Vista Del Mar proposal until the Nov. 3 City Commission meeting. Critics have described the hotel's plan to build a 70-room hotel on South Ocean Boulevard next to Boston's on the Beach as too dense. Ocean Properties, which owns Boston's and the Marriott Delray Beach hotel a block away, is chief among the opponents.

- Approved on initial reading, with a Nov. 3 final vote scheduled, an increase in the parking meter permit fees from \$60 to \$80. The boost corresponds to an increase in metered parking rates for non-permit holders.

- Approved on initial reading, with a Nov. 3 final vote scheduled, an increase in emergency medical transportation fees by \$100, in accordance with the National Ambulance Fee Schedule.

ago, as it seeks to re-secure refinancing from Orion Bank.

The Yacht Club at Delray Beach has been in the works since 2005 and received city approvals in the first half of 2006, a time when the South Florida real estate market was still flying high. The 1963 club building was supposed to be knocked down and replaced with a swanky new clubhouse, as well as room for 44 boat and yacht slips and 20 luxury condominium units. "A lifestyle reserved for only a privileged few," boasts its Web site.

At the last meeting, Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos expressed reservations over granting "an extension of an extension," and one that stretches to 2012. He joined

Commissioner Mackenson Bernard in opposing the extension.

Commissioner Fred Fetzer asked if the vote would set a precedent for other projects struggling in a meek market that would make the same request.

This could pave the way for others, City Attorney Susan Ruby said.

And Planning and Zoning Director Paul Dorling conceded as much. "This is not the only development where you will see this sort of thing," he said. Banks will need significant time to work out the numbers in light of this financial instability, he explained.

Dorling didn't mention other projects that have filed similar

requests with the city.

Mankoff, the Yacht Club's attorney, said his law office has asked for the same type of extensions in other cities for projects they represent. "You will be seeing more of these," he told commissioners. "I don't think it will be a rarity."

Orion Bank's Aug. 1 letter to the city stated, "Our current loan is up for renewal in the next couple of months." The bank requests a time extension "in order to allow us to consider a renewal of our loan."

The county Property Appraiser's Office assessed the 3.3 acres of waterfront land at nearly \$10 million in 2008. The year's tax bill surpassed \$200,000.

The Site Plan Review and

## Briny Breezes

# A tunnel under A1A for golf carts?

By Hector Florin

Months after the completion of three new residential tunnels across State Road A1A in Manalapan, the Briny Breezes Town Council will consider whether it should follow suit.

At the Oct. 23 Town Council meeting, Briny Breezes Inc. director Robert Purcell addressed the idea of building a tunnel, and council members agreed to continue talks on Nov. 20. The town had been sidetracked by talks with Ocean Land Investments when Purcell said he previously raised the issue.

The day after the Oct. 23 meeting, Purcell said he contacted the firm that helped build the tunnel at the Gulf Stream Golf Club course — A&B Engineering of Wellington.

Purcell said A&B sent him pictures of previous tunnel projects as well. "They had experience with tunnels," he said. He and Town Alderman Nancy Boczon agree that digging a tunnel will allow for unimpeded, safer access and will prevent accidents with golf carts.

While state law prohibits unregistered vehicles to cross a state road such as A1A, it's common to see carts crossing the road in town. "Luckily no one's gotten hurt" recently, Boczon said. "We're getting more and more golf carts."

She recalled discussions of tunnels as far back as 20 years ago. "Now that they're the popular thing" — with Manalapan and Gulf Stream adding them — it's natural for the topic to resurface.

Both Purcell and Boczon think the crossing of Marina Drive across A1A to Ruthmary Avenue would be a good spot for the tunnel.

A cost estimate is still unknown. But with the chance that the town might yet be sold, Boczon wonders whether some town residents would support such an expense, reasoning: "Why put all that money into something and then move?" Purcell did mention at the meeting that the Florida Department of Transportation could be approached for grant money. He also broached the tunnel idea at the Oct. 9 Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Another alternative would be to legalize carts

crossing A1A by requiring owners to obtain Florida license tags.

Construction of Manalapan's three residential tunnels concluded in July and took place at the same time as the milling and repaving of State Road A1A through the town.

The Town Council on Oct. 23 also made the following decisions:

- Approved naming Town Alderman Kathy Bray town clerk pro tem, replacing Nancy Boczon. Also accepted the resignation of Deputy Clerk Janice M. Moore, who is going to work in Highland Beach.

- Gave preliminary approval to the Housing Element and Traffic Circulation Element chapters of the Planning and Zoning Evaluation and Appraisal Report. The two sections will be sent to the Florida Department of Community Affairs, which will review the entire report and offer comments before returning it to the Town Council for a second vote. The report is part of an update to the town's 1989 comprehensive plan.

## Sea Turtles

# Good nesting year for loggerheads along our coast

By Mary Kate Leming

The annual sea turtle nesting season is over and it looks like it's been a good year for Loggerheads. The season concludes on October 31 each year, and 98% of the hatchings have already occurred.

Several groups monitor turtle nesting in our part of the county, but they all send their data to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission who codifies the various reports due by November 30. Final statewide results are usually available in February.

According to the Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management Department, the beaches they monitor have seen loggerhead nesting totals at their highest recorded level in the past three years. That's approximately 15-25% higher than the five-year average.

Last season was a record nesting season for the Green and Leatherback turtles. This season those turtles are not nearing the records set in 2007, but they are up 10-

20% over a five-year average.

Green turtles and Loggerheads generally like the same nesting areas, according to Carly Demaye, Environmental Program Supervisor with ERM, "and it's nice to finally see them on an increase," she said.

Demaye stressed that turtles live a very long time and may nest for up to 60 years, and "there is only about 20 years of real data available." So it's hard to determine what may or may not simply be part of a long-term trend.

Tropical Storm Faye washed out many nests this August. But according to Demaye over 50- 100% of the nesting was completed by the time the storm hit, so many had already hatched. Still, approximately 20-50% of the remaining nests were lost. Subsequent storms continued to chip away at the hatching numbers. Overall the county saw about a 10-20% loss of hatchings due to storm erosion.

Still, for the loggerheads it seems like 2008 was a pretty good year.

# Community Calendar

## NOVEMBER 1

### Saturday - 11/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Holiday Food Drive

is held at *Oceanfront Park*, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd. (A1A) in Ocean Ridge just north of Ocean Ave. Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations and families are all encouraged to participate. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Bags, gloves and refreshments are provided. Please bring water, sunscreen and a hat. 8 am – 10:30 am. Parking is free. Call Gary Solomon at 734-9128.

**11/1 - Ocean Ave. Green Market Grand Opening** will be held at *129 E. Ocean Ave.*, Boynton Beach from 8 am – 1 pm. Includes music and children's play area. Admission and parking is free. 364-9501.

**11/1 - Delray Beach GreenMarket in the Park** is held each Saturday during season in downtown Delray Beach at *Worthing Park*, 150 E. Atlantic Ave. from 8 am – 1 pm. Live music in an open-air market. Free. 276-7511.

**11/1 - Water Safety for Everyone** classes are held each Saturday at *Pompey Park Pool*, 1101 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St and the *Delray Swim Club*, 2350 Jaeger Dr. Participants will learn American Red Cross Water Safety Skills with hands on experience on how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations. 9 am – 9:30 am. All ages over 5 are welcome. Free. Call Nina Salomon at 243-7358 or by e-mail at salomon@ci.delray-beach.fl.us.

**11/1 - Infant Safety Prenatal Class** is held at *Bethesda Memorial Hospital*, 21815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for children up to eight years old. 10 am – noon. Cost is \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Payment must be made before class date and early registration is recommended. Class is held again on 12/6. Call 369-BABY (2229).

**11/1 - 19th Annual Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Gala** is held at the *Boca Raton Resort & Club*, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. 6 pm cocktails & 7 pm dinner. Tickets are \$750 and include celebrity entertainment, and dancing, plus live and silent auctions. Call 394-2400 or visit www.chrisevert.org

**11/1 - Sock Hop** hosted by the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce will be held at *Ellie's 50's Diner*, 2410 N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Dress in '50s style and take your chances on winning prizes for best dressed. 7 pm. \$50. 732-9501.

## NOVEMBER 2 - 8

**Sunday - 11/2 - Daylight Savings Time Ends.** Clocks should be set back one hour at 2 am local time.

**11/2 - The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk Show** is held at the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center*, 129 E. Ocean Ave. Boynton Beach. More than 20 vendors. 11 am – 4 pm. Continues on Monday 9 am – 3 pm. Free. Call Kelsey Harris at 742-6780 or visit www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

**Monday - 11/3 - Duplicate Bridge** is played Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at *Boat Club Park*, 2210 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 12:30 pm – 4 pm. \$10 Boynton residents, \$15 non-residents. Call Heather Spillane at 742-6237.

**11/3 - Baby Care Class** is offered at *Bethesda Memorial Hospital*. The class for pregnant or just-delivered mothers covers topics such as ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-

being. In addition, car seat safety, childcare and coping skills are discussed. 5 pm – 8 pm. Early registration is recommended. Payment must be made before class date. Cost is \$35 with a \$5 discount if you are delivering at Bethesda. Class will be held again 12/1. Call 369-BABY (2229).

**11/3 - Delray Beach City Commission** holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at *Delray Beach City Hall*, 100 N.W. First Ave. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda is available at www.mydelraybeach.com. **NOTE: Because of Election Day, this meeting has been moved to Monday.**

**11/3 - Ocean Ridge Town Commission Meeting** is held the first Monday of each month at *town hall*, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda is available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

**Tuesday - 11/4 - Election Day** - Polls are open 7 am – 7pm. Call 656-6200 or www.pbcelections.org – VOTE!

**11/4 - Two By Two Storytimes** for ages 24-35 months is held at the *Boynton Beach City Library* each Tuesday at 10 am – 10:45 am. Library at 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Boynton Beach. Call 742-6380 or visit www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/4 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** are held each Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at *Sandoway House Nature Center*, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. Call: 274-7263 or visit www.sandowayhouse.com

**11/4 - Ready, Set. Read Storytimes** for ages 3, 4 & 5 year-olds is held at the *Boynton Beach City Library* each Tuesday at 11:30 am – 12:15 am. 742-6380.

**11/4 - Young Adult Book Discussion** will be held at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. A discussion of *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield will be led by Young Adult Librarian Lisa Kreutter at 4 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Wednesday - 11/5 - AARP 55 Alive Safe Driving Class** is held at the *Boynton Beach Senior Center*, 1021 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. This defensive driving program for ages 50 and will refresh your understanding of the rules of the road. 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Additional afternoon classes will be held 11/7, 12/3 & 12/5. A morning class will be held at 8:30 am on 11/18 & 20. The \$10 fee is payable to AARP. Call Gloria at 888-227-7669. Someone will return your call within 3-5 days.

**11/5 - Change the World Lecture** at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. Dr. Karen Eriksen will present how to transform families and create communities of character. Discussion is at 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/5 - Lamaze Prenatal Classes** are offered as a four-week series on the following dates: Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 25. Learn what to expect during vaginal and cesarean births, breathing and relaxation techniques, signs of labor, and anesthesia options. Early registration is recommended. Cost is \$75 with a \$5 discount if you are delivering at *Bethesda Memorial Hospital*. Payment must be made before class date. Classes are held at the hospital. 6 pm – 9 pm. Call 369-BABY (2229).

**11/5 - Astronomy Program** for ages 2 to 92 will be held at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. Learn the science of stars and constellations. There will be crafts for children ages 7-12. Begins at 7 pm. At 8 pm, walk across the street to the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum*

and enjoy telescope viewing facilitated by a NASA-certified instructor. Free. Open to the public, and all ages are invited. Program will be held again 12/2. Call 742-6390 or visit www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

**Thursday - 11/6 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters** meet every Thursday, except holidays, from 9 am – 11:30 am. Share quilting information and education and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. The group meets at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. 742-6390.

**11/6 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society 25<sup>th</sup> Open Juried Exhibition** opens at the *Crest Theatre Galleries at Old School Square*. Hours are Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. 243-7922, Ext. 310.

**11/6 - Avenue {PILATES} Trunk Show** is held at *430A NE 5th Ave.*, Delray Beach. Champagne, sweets and merchandise. 7 pm. Call 330-7117 or info@avenuepilates.com.

**11/6 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band** performs at the *Boynton Beach Civic Center*, 128 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 7:30 pm. \$5 at the door. 742-6240.

**Friday - 11/7 - Bazaar, Bingo & Food** benefit for college scholarships fund is held at the *Boynton Women's Club*, 1010 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 369-2300.

**11/7 - Great Books Discussion Group** meets the first and third Fridays of each month at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. Take part in interesting discussions after reading selections chosen by the Great Books Foundation. 10 am – noon. 742-6390.

**11/7 - Symphony of the Americas** performs at the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum*. For pre-school ages 2-5, master musicians give favorite children's songs a classical twist. 10:30 am. \$2.50 program fee per child is in addition to museum entrance. Call Mario Aguilar at 742-6782 or visit www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

**Saturday - 11/8 - Ocean Ave Green Market** is held each Saturday at *129 E. Ocean Ave.*, Boynton Beach from 8 am – 1 pm. 364-9501

**11/8 - Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair** is held at *Poinciana Elementary School*, 1203 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Benefits safety patrol trips to Washington, D.C. Includes silent auction and carnival. 8 am – 2 pm. 739-5700.

**11/8 - Ride and Remember Trolley Tour** takes riders on a 90-minute narrated tour of Delray Beach's five historic districts. The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum and the Delray Beach Historical Society sponsor the air-conditioned trolley. The tour begins and ends at the *Cason Cottage* at 5 NE 1<sup>st</sup> St. Departure is at 10 am. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. \$15 per person. Call 279-8883 or visit www.spadymuseum.com.

## NOVEMBER 9 - 15

**Sunday - 11/9 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Olde Fashion Christmas** planning begins at *The Church of the Palms*, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The event will be held December 6 & 7. Anyone interested in volunteering time and/or talents should meet at 11:15 am (just after church). Call Karen Callies at 276-1582 or the church office at 276-6347.

**Monday - 11/10 - Delray Beach Historical Society Annual Membership Coffee** will be held at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. 9 am – 10 am. 243-2577.

**11/10 - Bad Blonde.** This film will be shown as part of the *Delray Beach Public Library's* Bad Blondes of Poverty

Row film series. The library's assistant executive director, Mykal Banta, will provide commentary on this 1953 film. 1 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194

**11/10 - Florida's Big Dig: The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami, 1881 to 1935** is the first in this season's lecture series by The Historical Society of Palm Beach County. Author William Crawford discusses his book at the *Episcopal Church of Bethesda-By-The-Sea*, 141 S. County Rd., Palm Beach. Free and open to the public. 7 pm – 9 pm. A reception follows. Call 832-4164 or visit www.historicalsocietypubc.org.

**11/10 - Lantana Council Meetings** are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the *Lantana Town Hall*, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda is available at www.lantana.org.

**Tuesday - 11/11 - Veteran's Day** – Most government facilities and offices are closed.

**11/11 - Folk Dancing** starts at *Pompey Park*. Dance for fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Classes held on Tuesdays from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. \$4 per session. Call Esther Mazor at 488-0664 or David Ricks at 243-7356.

**Wednesday - 11/12 - Mystery Book Group** meets at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. TBA will be presented by Annette Nober. 10:15 am. 266-9490 or 266-0194

**11/12 - Delray Beach Life Achievement Award** is presented as a tribute to two Delray Beach residents who have committed a lifetime of community service. A video presentation in the *Crest Theatre* will be followed by the awards luncheon in the *Vintage Gymnasium at Old School Square*. Events begin at 11:30 am. Advance tickets are required: \$21-\$50. 243-7922, Ext. 310.

**11/12 - What Will You Leave Your Children?** A discussion will be held at the *Delray Beach Public Library* as part of Jewish History Month/Our Family Roots. Arlene Stein presents. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194

**Thursday - 11/13 - Photography of Joyce Bruck & Michael Rosenbaum** exhibit opens at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. Library hours. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Friday - 11/14 - Gulf Stream Town Commission Meeting** is held on the second Friday of the month at the *Gulf Stream Town Hall*, 100 Sea Road. Meeting begins at 9 am. Agenda is available in the clerk's office prior to the meeting.

**11/14 - Holly Days Christmas Bazaar** is held at the *First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach*, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 9 am – 3 pm. Lunch by the Men's Club from 11 am – 1:30 pm. 276-6338.

**11/14 - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Grace Luncheon** hosted by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation, will be held at *The Ritz-Carlton*, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan at 10:30 am. 737-7733, Ext. 5600.

**11/14 - National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week** event will be held at the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum*. The event allows children to meet local furry friends while learning about our community's shelter program. 10:30 am. \$2.50 fee in addition to museum admission. Call Mario Aguilar at 742-6782.

**11/14 - Sushi & Sail** on the *Lady Atlantic* with the young professionals group from the Morikami Museum. Enjoy the sunset, great music, and a selection of appetizers. The boat leaves from Veterans' Park, 802 NE 1<sup>st</sup> St., Delray Beach. 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. \$35 Taishi members & \$50

non-members. Purchase tickets online at www.morikami.org or RSPV to afox@pbcgov.com. 495-0233, Ext. 214.

**Saturday - 11/15 - America's Boating Course** is offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary 54 at *Boat Club Park* just off Federal Highway at NE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., Boynton Beach. The course covers all boating and safety procedures. 8:15 am – 4:45 pm. Cost is \$36 and covers all materials. 703-3844.

**11/15 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class** is offered at *Bethesda Memorial Hospital*. Taught by certified lactation consultants, this is an opportunity for expectant parents to learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am – 12 pm. Cost is \$25 with a \$5 discount if you are delivering at the hospital. Call 369-BABY (2229).

**11/15 - Old School Square Pop-Up Book Page Special Workshop** with Roger Culbertson. Join him as he attempts to break his 2004 Guinness Record for the World's Largest Pop-Up Book. 11 am – 3pm in the *Cornell Museum*. visit www.delraypopupbook.com.

**11/15 - The Art of Thinking, Part I** is presented by Paul Barber at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. 2pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/15 - Wrap Up Your Holiday Wishes Gala** benefiting the Caridad Center will be held at the *Ritz-Carlton, Manalapan*. The evening includes a silent auction and reception, dinner with a performance artist presentation, and dancing. Tickets are \$250. 737-6336.

## NOVEMBER 16 - 22

**Sunday - 11/16 - Opera: Jewels & Glittering Gems** is presented by Hazel Phillips at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Monday - 11/17 - Grandparents in Non-Traditional Roles** is discussed at *The Delray Public Library*. Toby Silverman discusses how to provide new views for children. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/17 - Got Gaming?** Is presented by Young Adult Librarian Lisa Kreutter at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. 5:15 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pajama Party** will be held at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. Delray Mayor Rita Ellis will wear sleepwear to welcome guests and read the book *What a Wonderful World* by George David Weiss & Bob Thiele. 6:30 pm. Public is invited to wear their favorite pajamas to this Families Reading Together literacy event. 266-0197.

**11/17 - Looking Good & Feeling Good at Any Age** is presented as part of the *Delray Beach Public Library's* Healthy Living Series. Gwen Herb leads the discussion. 6:30 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Tuesday - 11/18 - Where Did I Put It?** Is presented as part of the *Delray Beach Public Library's* Healthy Living Series. Ron Rosetti leads a discussion on memory loss. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/18 - Young Adult Book Discussion of Pretties** by Scott Westerfield will be held at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. Discussion will be led by Young Adult Librarian Lisa Kreutter. 4 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/18 - Teen Turkey Olympics & Craft** event is held for teens in grades 6-12 at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. Teens will make a holiday craft and participate in games related to the



## Coastal towns enjoy Halloween events

**LEFT:** Ocean Ridge resident Joanne Gimmy distributes candy to kids who were trick-or-treating along Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach before the Jaycees sponsored Halloween parade Oct. 25.



**ABOVE:** Dressed as a police woman, Samantha Federer of Lantana gets a chance to touch a Rainbow Boa held by Palm Beach Zoo Director Ivan Heit. Samantha's Batman brother Scotty and cheerleading sister Karli also enjoyed the exhibit at the Sandoway House in Delray Beach.

**FAR LEFT:** Minnie Mouse Fiona Smirl was all smiles when she got a chance for a pony ride at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum in Boynton Beach. She was joined by her mom, Deirdre, and brother Connor, all of Gulf Stream.

**LEFT:** David Weinstein with Wigi (devil) and David (pumpkin) were finalists during a pet costume competition held at Crane's BeachHouse in Delray Beach  
**Photos by Jerry Lower**

Thanksgiving tradition. 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Call Karen Abramson at 742-6390.

**11/18 - Delray Beach City Commission** holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at *Delray Beach City Hall*, 100 N.W. 1st Ave. Meeting begins at 6pm. Agenda is available at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

**11/18 - Evening Book Group** meets at the *Delray Public Library* to discuss *The Attack* by Yasmina Khadra.

The discussions are led by rotating book group leaders. 6 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**Wednesday - 11/19 - Featuring Florida: A Film Series** will show *Cross Creek* at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. Mary Steenburgen portrays Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. Call Karen Abramson at 742-6390.

**11/19 - Do You Remember When It Didn't Hurt?** Is presented as part of the *Delray Beach Public*

*Library's Healthy Living Series*. Dr. Stuart Rubin leads the discussion. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194

**Thursday - 11/20 - America: Melting Pot or Mosaic?** Is discussed by the Understanding Other Cultures Book Discussion Group at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. The book *Empire Rising* by Thomas Kelly will be presented by Pat Esterman, Charles Omana & Carl Wetzstein. 10:30 am. 266-9490 or 266-0194

**11/20 - Southern Handicraft Society Holiday Craft Show**

begins at *Old School Square*. Shop for handcrafted holiday gifts and decorations. Noon – 9 pm, and continues Friday from 9am – 9 pm. Call 243-7922 or visit [www.oldschool.org](http://www.oldschool.org)

**11/20 - Junior League of Boca Raton Woman Volunteer of the Year** event will be held at the *Boca Raton Resort & Club*, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Reception

at 10:30 am & Luncheon at 11:30 am.

There are many levels of sponsorship and support. Contact the BRJL at 620-2553 or WVOY chair Kristin Calder at [kriscalder@aol.com](mailto:kriscalder@aol.com).

**11/20 - Briny Breezes Town Commission Meeting** is normally held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 4 pm. This month, the meeting has been moved a week earlier because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting is held at *Briny Breezes Town Hall*, 4802

N. Ocean Blvd., Briny Breezes. Agendas are posted prior to the meeting at [www.brinybreezes.com](http://www.brinybreezes.com).

**Saturday - 11/22 - Turkey Trot 5K Run/ & Health Walk** begins at *Anchor Park*, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach at 7:30 am. 243-7277.

**11/22 - Nature/Beach Walk** is led by a naturalist along Delray's beach. See and learn all about local marine life, ecosystems, native shells and threats to the marine life. Walk begins and ends at the *Sandoway House*. 9 am – 11 am. Ages 5-adult. An adult must sign up in advance and participate with children. Cost is \$6 per person. Walk is held again on 12/6. 274-7263.

#### NOVEMBER 23 – 29

**Sunday - 11/23 - Boca Raton Museum of Art's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction** will be held at the *Delray Beach Marriott*, 10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Bid on a wide assortment of exclusive items, including fine art, jewelry, luxury trips, merchandise, hotel packages-more. 5:30 pm – 10 pm. This \$150 fundraiser includes dancing, drinks, and food. 392-2500.

**Monday - 11/24 - Holiday Toy Drive** begins at drop-off sites located throughout the city of *Delray Beach*. Donate new unwrapped toys and gift cards

for deserving boys and girls ages 5 to 16. Please, no toy guns! Checks made payable to the Delray Citizens for Delray Police, are appreciated. Call officer Jeff Messer at 243-7841 or Jennifer Buce at 243-7138.

**11/24 - A Handbook to Luck** by Christina Garcia is discussed by the Afternoon Book Group at the *Delray Beach Public Library*. Discussion led by librarian Kathleen Hensman. 1 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/24 - Lantana Council Meetings** are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda is available prior at [www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org).

**Tuesday - 11/25 - Manalapan Town Commission Meeting** is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9 am. **Note: Meeting time was changed to 2 pm.** Meetings are held at *Manalapan Town Hall*, 600 S Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Agendas are available at [www.manalapan.org](http://www.manalapan.org).

**11/25 - Stuff: Toys & Vintage Items from the '40s, '50s & '60s Exhibit Opens** at the *Cornell Museum at Old School Square* in Delray Beach. Exhibit includes vintage household items, toys and collectables, and art symbolizing the era. Tues. – Sat. 10:30 am – 4:30 pm; Sun. 1 – 4:30 pm. Admission: \$6 general, \$4 seniors &

students 14-21. Members and children under 13 are free. Call 243-7922, Ext. 309, or visit [www.oldschool.org](http://www.oldschool.org).

**Wednesday - 11/26 - Pajama Storytime** for ages 3-6 & siblings is held at the *Boynton Beach City Library*. Kids are invited to come in their pajamas to listen to silly stories. 7 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**Thursday - 11/27 - Thanksgiving**

**Friday - 11/28 - Firehouse Dog** will be shown during Friday Night Flicks at the *Entertainment Pavilion in Old School Square*. This film is a PG rated, 2007 action/comedy. The Holiday Carousel opens at 5 pm. Rides are \$2. The film begins at 7:30 pm. Free admission. Bring your lawn chairs, but please leave pets at home. 243-7922.

**Saturday - 11/29 - Briny Breezes Christmas Charity Bazaar** is held outside the *auditorium* at 5000 N Ocean Blvd. 8:30 -10:30 am. Call 276-7405

**11/29 - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Delray Beach Thanksgiving Weekend Art Festival** is held in the *Pineapple Grove Arts District* just off Atlantic Ave. More than 200 artists display. 10 am – 5 pm. Festival continues on 11/30. Call 954-472-3755, or visit [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com).

#### NOV. 30 – DEC. 6

**Tuesday - 12/2 - Community Blood Drive** sponsored by the Florida's Blood Centers will be held at the *Bethesda Memorial Hospital Clayton Conference Center* North. 9 am – 3 pm. Call 731-CARE (2273).

**12/2 - Delray Beach City Commission** holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at *Delray Beach City Hall*. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda is available at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

**Thursday - 12/4 - Famous 100-foot Tree Lighting Ceremony** kicks off its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The tree will be featured at *Old School Square* in Delray Beach from Thanksgiving – New Year's. Other holiday activities at the tree include the holiday carousel, outdoor ice-skating and visits with Santa. Light ceremony is from 5 pm – 6 pm. Free. Call 279-1380, ext. 17 or visit [www.downtowndelraybeach.com](http://www.downtowndelraybeach.com).

**12/4 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue** takes place on selected Thursday nights featuring live entertainment, art exhibits and demonstrations. Location is *downtown Delray Beach* on Atlantic Ave. 6 pm – 10 pm. Free. Call 279-1380, Ext. 17, or [www.downtowndelraybeach.com](http://www.downtowndelraybeach.com).

**12/4 - Lecture and Book**

**Signing: "The Kennedy Family Album" by Linda Corley with photographs by Bob Davidoff** will be held at *Bethesda-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church*. 7 pm – 8 pm. RSVP is required for the free event hosted by The Historical Society of Palm Beach County. Call 832-4164 or visit [www.historicalsocietyofpbc.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofpbc.org).

**Friday - 12/5 - Fun With Food: Edible Necklaces & Bracelets** is held at the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum*. Pre-K kids ages 2-5 will use long, thin licorice strings, cheerios, fruit loops and marshmallows to make their own edible jewelry. 10:30 am. Fee is \$2.50 in addition to museum admission. Call Mario Aguilar at 742-6782.

**12/5 - Ocean Ridge Town Hall Grand Opening & Light the Lights Holiday Celebration** will be held from 5:30-8:30 pm. The celebration will feature a BBQ, open house for the new town hall and police complex and networking for the residents of Ocean Ridge. The new town hall is at 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 732-2635.

**12/5 - Delray Beach Historical Society Holiday Party** will be held at the *1926 Bungalow*, 3 NE 1<sup>st</sup> St., Delray Beach. 5:30 pm – 8 pm. 243-2577.

**Saturday - 12/6 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Toy Drive** will be held at *Oceanfront Park, Boynton Beach*. Individuals, schools, churches, clubs, businesses, organizations and families are all encouraged to participate. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Bags, gloves and refreshments are provided. 8 am – 10:30 am. Parking is free. Call Gary Solomon at 734-9128.

**12/6 - Best of the Best Kiteboarding Competition** will be held on the city beach just north of *Anchor Park in Delray Beach*. 8 am – 4 pm. The event continues 12/7 from 9 am – 2:30 pm. Event is sponsored by BEST Kiteboarding.

**12/6 - Cason United Methodist Church Holiday Bazaar** is held at the *church*, 342 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Bazaar and lunch. 9 am – 3 pm. 276-5302.

**12/6 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert of the Holiday Season** performed by the Delray Beach Chorale, under the direction of Eric J. Keiper and accompanied by the Delray Festival Orchestra present an innovative program along with old favorites for the holiday season. The event will be held at the *First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach*. 3 pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students. Call 800-984-7282 or visit [www.delraybeachchorale.org](http://www.delraybeachchorale.org).

**12/6 - Boynton Beach 2008 Holiday Extravaganza** is presented by the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. Family activities kick-off with the city's 38<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Parade at 5 pm on Federal Highway from SE 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Ocean Ave. Immediately following is the Holiday Tree Lighting at the *Schoolhouse Children's Museum* at 6:45 pm, this is followed by a free concert featuring Jon Secada from 7 pm – 10 pm on *Ocean Avenue* between Seacrest and NE 1<sup>st</sup> St. Events are free, but pets are not permitted. Call 742-6246 or visit [www.boyntonbeachcra.com](http://www.boyntonbeachcra.com)

**12/6 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual River of Grass Gala** is the Marshall Foundation's main annual fundraiser. Founded in 1998, the Marshall Foundation is dedicated to restoring the Everglades through education and community outreach. The gala will be held at the *Ritz-Carlton, Manalapan*. 7 pm. Tickets are General: \$375; Table of 10: \$3,750. Call 805-8733 or visit [www.artmarshall.org](http://www.artmarshall.org).

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## 10 Questions

# Meet your neighbor: Pamela S. Goodman

Pam Goodman spent her professional career in retailing. She began with Macy's in Kansas City and then spent 11 years with The Limited Inc. While there, she rose from a buyer for the Express division to its highest-ranking position of president/CEO. During her tenure with Express, it became the company's largest and most profitable division. Pam became one of only five women running a \$1.5 billion division of a major corporation.

Upon leaving the business world and moving to South Florida, Pam began to devote her time to "giving back."

She joined the League of Women Voters in 2000, with a commitment focused on making the election process more credible, fighting against voter disenfranchisement and educating all people in a fair, nonpartisan manner on governmental issues of importance to them. She has been president since April 2005 and was elected to the League of Women Voters Florida State Board of Directors in June, 2008.

She has also volunteered her skills at Junior Achievement, The Palm Beach Literacy Coalition and Bethesda Memorial Hospital.

Pam was recently honored with the Susan B. Anthony Award for Outstanding Feminist 2008 from the National Organization for Women.

**Q.** Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?

**A.** I grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and attended public schools, including the University of Iowa.

My New York husband says he never knew people actually lived in Iowa until he met me, but I have fond memories of state fairs, good football games and parents who were older, liberal in many ways, but very smart, and — most of all — kind!

**Q.** You built your career in retail. What advice do you have for a young person planning a career today?

**A.** Be prepared to work hard, be kind to people you work for — and who work for you — and identify a mentor early on in your



Pam lives in Gulf Stream with her husband, Barry, and her West Highland Terrier, Cleopatra. She has one stepson and daughter-in-law. Photo by Jerry Lower

career!

**Q.** What inspired your desire to "give back"?

**A.** I spent so much

of my time building my career in my 20s and 30s and was so fortunate with my success that I felt I owed it as a way of being

so thankful for how good my life has been. And I kept seeing so many opportunities and needs.

**Q.** What does the

League of Women Voters do?

**A.** We are a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We do voter service, voter education, etc. Our Palm Beach County League has grown to be the largest league in Florida and one of the most active in the country.

**Q.** What is your favorite part of the work you do?

**A.** Speaking to all voters — from the newly registered high school students to the long-time voters and helping them to exercise their right and responsibility to vote in an informed way.

**Q.** Any thoughts on the upcoming election?

**A.** We have been very active in taking a leading position to ensure Palm Beach County has an election of integrity and accuracy in November with no flaws.

**Q.** What book are you reading now?

**A.** The statutes on state election law and a trashy, sexy mystery novel. You gotta mix it up!

**Q.** What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?

**A.** Rolling Stones for inspiration and energy ... remember, I am a rocker generation! Classical to relax in the car!

**Q.** Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?

**A.** "In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." - Theodore Roosevelt.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Gulf Stream?

**A.** Everything ... but probably the people I meet on the beach when I walk Cleopatra every day!

# Bringing Thanksgiving Home

By Jan Norris

There's a certain satisfaction in making the entire Thanksgiving Day feast yourself, but sometimes it's not practical — and not everyone's a Martha.

Luckily, there are others who will do it for you — all, or in part. Save the choice bits for yourself, the dishes you do really well, and leave the rest to the pros — even the dishes.

A number of restaurants and resorts make whole meals for takeout; others prepare individual dinners.

At several markets, there are great sides to be had from their prepared foods department — with add-ons from other areas, such as wines, appetizers or baked goods.

Our suggestion: Bake your own turkey and pick up all the sides to go with it. The turkey's the easiest to do — you put it in and have a few hours to ready the rest of the meal and set the scene for your guests.

There are several benefits to this: leftovers for sandwiches (some say, the best part of the meal), a choice of a whole turkey leg or wing if you want it, and the biggest reason to do it — the smell of turkey roasting. Few sensory experiences can match that for triggering family memories and giving you a sense of “home” — no matter where it might be.

Here's a look at several choices for completing the meal, or buying the whole banquet, bird and all.

## The Ritz Carlton, Manalapan

For the whole tricked-out meal with flair, literally soup to nuts and wines matched to the turkey if you want them, the Ritz-Carlton is your place. Every year, we suspect, there are a number of homes that feature “homemade” Ritz dinners.

Executive chef Ryan Artim will feature Thanksgiving dinners in the dining rooms on the holiday (call ahead to reserve), but takeout is just as popular — you just have to go pick it up. The menu includes:

Whole citrus-brined roast



**TOP LEFT:** Zinfandel vinaigrette glazes an organic green salad with walnuts and goat cheese from Epicurean.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Also from Epicurean, a spiced carrot-ginger soup is served in a natural squash bowl.

**RIGHT:** Ritz-Carlton executive chef Ryan Artim presents the entire Thanksgiving meal with flair. Eat in or take out, but call ahead to reserve.

Photography by Tim Stepien



turkey (16-18 pounds)

Bread stuffing  
Whipped creamy potatoes and sage turkey gravy  
Candied yams, glazed carrots, haricot verts and baby vegetables  
Cranberry and orange chutney  
House-baked rolls, cornbread muffins, rosemary scones

Nutmeg-spiced butternut squash soup

Baby greens with spiced candied hazelnuts, cranberries, Boursin cheese with a balsamic fig vinaigrette

Choice of apple or traditional pumpkin pie  
Wines from select list (optional: extra cost)

The meal serves four to six people, and is \$295, plus tax and tip. Orders must be placed by Nov. 17.

## Benvenuto Caterrestaurant, Boynton Beach

The entire turkey dinner, with all the trimmings —

potatoes, salads, stuffing, vegetables, breads and choice of desserts — is \$370, and it feeds eight to 10 people. Turkey dinners will be served in the restaurant, for \$33 per person. Reservations and takeout orders must be placed by Nov. 20.

## Ellie's Catering, Delray Beach

For a more family-style dinner, consider Ellie's Catering. It's the party-planning arm of Ellie's Diner in Delray Beach. The whole-turkey meal provided by its catering department includes:

Roast turkey  
Mashed potatoes and gravy  
Cornbread stuffing  
Green bean casserole  
Rolls and butter  
Pumpkin and apple pies

The cost is \$149, and the meal serves from 10 to 12 people. Orders should be placed by Nov. 20.

## Epicurean Market, Manalapan

There is any number of choices and combinations for a turkey dinner takeout from Epicurean, the new gourmet market in Plaza Del Mar. The store's event planner, Donna Sarafin, can create an entire Thanksgiving meal catered by the store's chefs.

Diners also can special order natural fresh turkeys from the meat department; orders must be placed by Nov. 8.

From the prepared foods department, choose from a number of soups and side dishes to go with your own turkey. Some examples include spiced carrot-ginger soup; mixed organic green salads with walnuts and goat cheese, dressed with a Zinfandel vinaigrette; “jeweled” rice with cranberries and dried fruits; mashed sweet potatoes, and traditional grilled vegetables. One- or two-person households could choose to get roast turkey from the carving board, and pair it with mashed potatoes, a salad made from the salad bar, some soup and bread, and a dessert — it's a meal without leftovers. (You can always buy a little extra if you want sandwiches the day after.)

A sommelier on staff can help with wine and cheese selections, and in the same gourmet specialty department, hors d'oeuvres — caviar, pâté and smoked fish and meats, gourmet coffees and teas and chocolates for end-of-meal bites are available.

The bakery features an  
See **TURKEY** on page 14





## A little history

Thanksgiving Day as we now know it dates back to a series of editorials written in the 1850s and 1860s by Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of a then-popular magazine called *Godey's Lady's Book*. Taking note that several state governors were in the habit of declaring yearly days of thanksgiving, Hale called for a national celebration, a plea that became more poignant as the country slipped toward civil war.

It wasn't until the middle of the war, in 1863, that President Abraham Lincoln took Hale's suggestion and set aside the fourth Thursday of each November as a national Thanksgiving Day, and it has been celebrated thus each year since then.

But the idea of a special day of thanksgiving goes back much further. President George Washington declared one in 1789, and before that there were the thanksgiving feasts of the Virginia and Massachusetts pioneers in the early 17th century. Some scholars point to the actual first Thanksgiving as being the one held in 1565 by the Spanish exploration team that landed that year in St. Augustine.

## A pair of prayers

"Holy God,

This Thanksgiving, we pause to give You thanks for every blessing that we have enjoyed thus far in our lives and for those that we continue to enjoy today. We thank You for family and loved ones who remind us that we are not alone in life and whose love sustains us during times of crisis and need. We thank You for Your Presence which gives us strength and helps us to endure even the unbearable. We thank You for joy, happiness and inner peace within our soul. Into Your loving care, we place those closest to us and we place ourselves as well.

We pray for our nation and for this world, O God. Help us to live up to the highest standards that we are capable of doing. Bring out the best in us as a people and hold us accountable for any failure to do so in our personal and public lives.

Watch over those who defend freedom's cause. Protect them from harm and keep their loved ones back home safely in Your care. Teach us to be the kind of people that You want us to be and the type of people who will seek to be faithful to You. We offer our prayers of thanksgiving from humble and grateful hearts. Amen."

*Theodore A. Bush, Ph.D., Senior Pastor  
First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach*

"We thank God for the gift of life. For the miracles that daily attend us, and for the wonders and gifts that accompany us evening, morning and afternoon. We thank You God, who is good and compassionate and whose kindness is never-ending."

*Adapted from the Jewish prayer book  
Rabbi Michael Resnick  
Temple Emanu-El of Palm Beach*

**TURKEY:**

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assortment of butter and chocolate cookies, fruit tarts, and individual chocolate and fruit desserts, cream and fruit pies — all made in-house.

Prices vary; catering should be booked by the first week of November.

**George's Meat Market, Lantana**

Turkeys from Pennsylvania's Amish country are all natural — no hormones included. They're the same ones George's Meat Market has been carrying for more than 15 years. Along with the turkeys, which are frozen, they will have cornbread stuffing by the pound (\$4.95). Turkey prices weren't determined at this writing, but they anticipate the price will be similar to last year's: \$2.79 per pound.

**Le Petit Pain, Lantana**

At this small French bakery, fresh rolls, croissants, breads, brioche, and fruit tarts would make the "detail" foods special on a Thanksgiving table. Prices range from 50 cents for dinner rolls, to \$30 for a classic tarte Tatin to feed up to 10 people.

Our choices would be for croissants — \$2 each, or individual brioche, the egg bread (leftovers make great French toast); an apple and custard tart (\$20 for a large one) and a box of butter cookies to serve with coffee.



Place orders by Nov. 22.

**Old School Bread Company, Delray Beach**

Artisan breads and rolls are available from this bakery that's recently moved to Congress Avenue. Multigrain, olive, rye, nut breads and others are just some of the choices available.

Think beyond your dinner, and choose a loaf for turkey sandwiches the next day. Ciabatta is one choice we like.

Prices vary, but buy these breads only a few days before using. They will freeze, but are better fresh.

**Chrissy's Sweet Treats, Delray Beach**

The small sweets bakery

just south of downtown offers specially decorated cookies, cupcakes and special for Thanksgiving, a pumpkin streudel cake that would feed up to 20 people (\$24).

Also available are apple, pecan and pumpkin pies (\$22 for 9-inch pies) and chocolate and coconut cream pies (\$19.50). Place orders by Nov. 22.

**Atlas Party Rental, Delray Beach**

If you've got the whole clan coming and don't have quite enough china, or just can't face all those dishes at the end of the night, rent them. Extra tables, silverware, glassware, china, linens — everything but the turkey is here to put on the big dinner. This is a busy

**ABOVE:** An alternative to pumpkin pie, try a glazed pumpkin streudel cake from Chrissy's Sweet Treats.

**Photo by Tim Stepien**

time of year, of course, so order now to reserve what you need. They deliver, or you can pick up items yourself.

*Jan Norris is the former Food Editor of The Palm Beach Post, and now freelances and writes her food blog, www.JanNorris.com. She celebrates Thanksgiving dinner by baking pies for friends, and cooking with her family - always in some part of Florida, her home state.*

**If You Go:**

**The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach**  
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(561) 533-6000  
[www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

**Benvenuto Caterrestaurant**  
1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach (561) 364-0600;  
[www.benvenutorestaurant.com](http://www.benvenutorestaurant.com)

**Ellie's Catering**  
2410 N. Federal Highway, Delray Beach (561) 276-7716  
[www.elliescatering.com](http://www.elliescatering.com)

**Epicurean Gourmet Market**  
220 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan (561) 582-5151  
[www.epicureangourmet.com](http://www.epicureangourmet.com)

**George's Meat Market**  
125 S. Third St., Lantana (561) 585-2990;  
[www.georgesmeatmarket.com](http://www.georgesmeatmarket.com)

**Le Petit Pain French Bakery**  
123 S. Third St., Lantana (561) 582-5844;  
[www.lepetitpainfrenchbakery.com](http://www.lepetitpainfrenchbakery.com)

**Old School Bread Company**  
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[www.oldschoolbakery.com](http://www.oldschoolbakery.com)

**Chrissy's Sweet Treats**  
201 S.E. Fifth Ave., Delray Beach (561) 272-0858  
[www.chrissyssweettreats.com](http://www.chrissyssweettreats.com)

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## Music for a heartfelt Thanksgiving Day

To honor this most heartfelt of holidays in the musical realm, we asked *The Coastal Star's* arts writer, Greg Stepanich, to list his favorite selections. He threatened an all-heavy-metal Turkey Day, but ultimately chose a playlist paying homage to the great creators of American classical music, jazz and songs of the people.

Greg loves the tradition of all-day cooking and feasting. What follows is his synthesis of prep-to-feast-to-farewells, and the music that best suits each. So, load up the iPod or CD changer, put on your apron, and enjoy the day.

**Early prep time:** Check the supplies, review the cooking schedule, and get the big bird trussed and buttered. This is also a good time to prepare pre-dinner snacks for guests.

**Music:** *New England Triptych*, William Schuman. A crucial score from 1956 by this once-celebrated American composer (1910-1992), who deserves to be heard more often. It's a trilogy of pieces based on songs by William Billings (1742-1800), the Boston singing master who was America's first important composer. Schuman gives these tunes a serious but not dry treatment, and they sparkle with the individuality and spikiness we associate with our go-your-own-way artistic ethos. The song, *Be Glad Then, America* which inspired the first movement of the *Triptych*, contains these very appropriate lines for Thanksgiving: "Yea, the Lord will answer/And say unto his people — behold!/I will send you corn and wine and oil/And ye shall be satisfied therewith." For extra points, listen to the wind ensemble version of this fine and exciting work.

Alternatively, find a good recording of Billings' tunes in their original choral guise and listen to a few of them. Their unvarnished vigor will put you in the spirit of hard work and joyful preparation.

### Prepare the side dishes:

Next prepare the opening soup course, and do side dishes that can be warmed up when guests arrive. Once these are out of the oven, the turkey goes in.

**Music:** *Appalachian Spring*, Aaron Copland. Sure, it's a little obvious, choice-wise, and maybe his music isn't quite to everyone's taste as much as it used to be. But there's no denying the skill with which Copland, in this 1943 score and his other great ballet music, created an entirely apt and evocative American sound. And he also makes use of the Shaker song *Simple Gifts*, which neatly encloses the idea of giving thanks and grants a nod of recognition to the vibrancy and uniqueness of the United States' religious

communities.

**Guests arrive:** Begin snacking, and talking smack about the football games.

**Music:** *Symphony No. 2*, Charles Ives. Written in 1909 but not performed until 1951, three years before the composer died, this is one of the most important of all American symphonies. In its five movements, there are the sounds of European masters, but also a host of Americana: hymn tunes, college songs, Stephen Foster favorites and fiddle tunes such as *Turkey in the Straw*. They're not so much played outright as they are hinted at and filtered through a symphonic scrim that is at once forward-looking and nostalgic. This is the sound of what our great-grandfathers were playing and singing in the days before the horseless carriage changed the rhythm of America forever.

**Time to eat!** We start with the soup course, fresh bread and wine.

**Music:** *Symphony No. 2*, William Grant Still. Usually referred to as the dean of African-American composers, Still (1895-1978) is better understood, and should be played more often, as a fine American composer, period. This symphony (subtitled *Song of a New Race*), premiered in 1937, is immediately appealing, with its straightforward design and lovely melodies. Still was a really fine writer of tunes, and here he cloaks them in delicate orchestral colors that make this symphony a charming listen.

**Turkey time:** Dig in for the main meal, saluting each other and our joy in being together on such a great day.

**Music:** *Violin Concerto*, Op. 14, Samuel Barber. Still the best violin concerto by an American composer, and still the only American violin concerto in the global repertory. Completed in the summer of 1940, this gorgeous work shows Barber (1910-1981) in his most lyrically appealing vein, with an instantly affecting opening theme. The second movement boasts one of Barber's finest tunes, given first to one of his favorite instruments, the oboe. It closes with a super-fast, athletic moto perpetuo that keeps the violinist extremely busy for the three or so minutes it lasts.

**Final desserts:** Fruit and pumpkin pies, of course, or maybe a pumpkin-spice frosted layer cake. Serve fresh, hot coffee, the best blend you can find.

**Music:** Solo piano pieces by Louis Moreau Gottschalk. In his day, Gottschalk (1829-1869) was the first American musical celebrity. A brilliant pianist from New Orleans, he

was the first composer of his country to mix the sounds of the Caribbean and Latin America, as well the Creole sounds of his native city, with the Romantic piano style. That gives us pieces like *La Bananier*, *Souvenir de Porto Rico*, *Bamboula* and *Ojos Criollos*, all charming works with folklike melodies. But he was also an unabashed American patriot who was pro-Union and anti-slavery, and he wrote barn-burners for his popular recital programs such as *The Union* and *Battle Cry of Freedom*. Perhaps the piece that best defines this original American's art is *The Banjo*, a catchy fleet-fingers-and-rhythm romp from 1854 that at times really does sound like a banjo, particularly at the end.

**After dinner conversation:** As the day winds down — picking at leftovers and draining the wine — take time to remember family and friends who are no longer here.

**Music:** John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman. An elegant jazz classic from 1962 in which Hartman, an underrated but wonderful singer trades lines with the great tenor saxophonist in definitive recordings of six ballads, including *They Say It's Wonderful* and *Lush Life*. A great record for end-of-the-night reflection, and a good way to appreciate the artistry of Hartman, Coltrane and a stellar backing trio: pianist McCoy Tyner, drummer Elvin Jones and bassist Jimmy Garrison.

**Farewells:** Wish your guests well and clean up what you can, saving the biggest jobs for the morning. It's a party, after all, and you can't expect to work all the time.

**Music:** *Ella Fitzgerald: Best of the Song Books*. Fitzgerald, the greatest of all American popular singers, will be remembered for decades to come because of the treatment she gave to about 250 songs from the great songwriters of the 1920s through the 1940s: Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and others. Verve offers a three-disc sampler from these recordings made from 1959 to 1964 that I find good for housework.

Alternatively, there's *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions*, Bruce Springsteen's 2006 tour de force of American folk in which Springsteen and his band do marvelous things with songs such as *Mary Don't You Weep* and *Jacob's Ladder*. Good party music, but also a fine overview of a body of songs written or altered by the average American. It's a joyous way to mark this great holiday and the incredible musical heritage of the country that celebrates it.



## Wine Suggestions

You may have a favorite wine you like to serve with the Thanksgiving feast, but if you're looking for something new, try these handpicked selections, in three price ranges:

### Top End – \$35, plus

Mer Soleil Chardonnay - \$35  
Chas. Gruber Puligny-Montrachet "Les Charmes" - \$36  
Patz & Hall "Dutton Ranch" Chardonnay - \$40  
Guigal Chateaufeuf du Pape - \$50  
Kaesler "The Bogan" Shiraz - \$63  
Goldeneye Pinot Noir - \$60

### Mid-range – \$20-30

Paul Blanck Riesling (Alsace) - \$20  
Newton Claret - \$20  
Boony Doon Vinyard Le Cigar Blanc - \$24  
Ridge Paso Robles Zinfandel - \$28  
Landmark Chardonnay - \$24  
Olivet Lane Pinot Noir - \$30

### Economy – \$10 - 15

Ch. St. Jean Chardonnay - \$11  
Tudal Flatbed Red - \$15  
Estancia Chardonnay - \$10  
Earthworks Shiraz - \$14  
Laurent Chardonnay - \$12  
Mac Murray Pinot Noir - \$14



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## Coastal Arts Calendar

### Greg's List: The Coastal Star Arts Calendar

(Note: Events are listed through Dec. 5 and were current as of Oct. 17. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

November might make you think of Thanksgiving, but on Greg's List, it's a month for events featuring strong women.

#### Let's take a look:

**Folk stalwarts:** Chanteuses Phoebe Snow and Judy Collins are at the Kravis Center this month. Collins appears at 8 pm. Nov. 6 and 7 (tickets: \$29-\$89), with the Palm Beach Pops, while Snow takes the stage at 8 pm. Nov. 20 (tickets: \$15-\$85). Juliet, and others: Actress Claire Bloom appears in two evenings about the women of Shakespeare in a film-and-stage presentation at the Kravis' Rinker Playhouse, at 7:30 pm. Nov. 6 and 7. Tickets: \$40. 832-7469 or [www.kravis.org](http://www.kravis.org).

**Still rockin':** Tina Turner keeps on burning at the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise at 7 pm. Nov. 2 (tickets: \$59.50-\$152.75), while a Guy Ritchie-less Madonna hits the Dolphin Stadium with her Sticky and Sweet Tour (tickets: \$55-\$350) on Nov. 26. 966-3309 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Singers of the stage:** Classical crossover star Sarah Brightman, one-time muse of Andrew Lloyd Webber, appears at 8 pm. Nov. 15, at the BankAtlantic Center (tickets: \$55-\$247.25), while that same afternoon, operatic darling Renee Fleming is on film at the Society of the Four Arts, in an encore viewing at 1 pm. of the Metropolitan Opera's opening night gala in September. Tickets: \$22. 655-7226 or [www.fourarts.org](http://www.fourarts.org)

Here are the other arts highlights for the month:

#### ART EXHIBITS

**Boca Raton Museum of Art:** American Modernism 1920-1950 (through March 8), Visiones: 20th-Century Selections from the Nassau County (N.Y.) Museum of Art (through Dec. 7); Jose Clemente Orozco: The Graphic Work (through Dec. 7); Color Me New York: Photographs by Benn Mitchell (through June 30). Films: on Larry Rivers (at 2 p.m. Nov. 5, 8, 9), Andy Warhol (2 p.m. Nov. 12, 15, 16); Joan Miro (at 2 p.m. Nov. 26, 29, 30); Orchestra Seats (France), Nov. 6. Annual fundraising auction: Nov. 23. Call 392-2500 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**Norton Museum of Art:** Let the Games Begin: The Art of Competition and Just Plain Fun (through Nov. 30); Eye Candy: Objects of Wonder and Delight (through Dec. 21); Rubens to Corot: The Delacorte Gift (ongoing); Out of Shape: Bodies in Contemporary Art (through Nov. 2); A Tradition Redefined: Chinese Paintings from the Chu-tsing Li Collection, 1950-2000 (through Jan. 4); Coming Into Focus: Jeane von Openheim and Photography at The Norton 1998-2008 (through Jan. 4); Striking Resemblance: The Portrait as Muse (opens Nov. 22). Call 832-5196 or [www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org)

**Society of the Four Arts:** Silversmiths to the Nation: Thomas Fletcher and Sydney Gardiner, 1808-1842. Works by the preeminent American silversmiths of the first half of the 19th century in an exhibit that won raves last year at New

York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. Opens Nov. 22, runs through Jan. 11. Tickets: \$5, members admitted free. Hours: 10 am to 5 pm. Mondays - Saturdays, 2 pm to 5 pm. Sundays. 655-7226.

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

##### Tues - Wed, Nov. 4, 5

**The Kirov Orchestra:** One of today's most admired conductors, Valery Gergiev, leads the first-class Kirov in two programs at the Kravis Center, mostly of music by Prokofiev. Pianist Alexei Volodin plays the Beethoven Fourth Concerto on a concert with the music from Act I of Prokofiev's ballet score for Romeo and Juliet, at 2 pm Tuesday. At 8 pm Wednesday, Volodin plays the Prokofiev Fourth Concerto (for the left hand only), on a bill with more Prokofiev ballet music: the suite from Chout, and the Suite No. 3 from the music for Cinderella. Tickets: \$25 to \$85. 832-7469.

##### Sat - Sun, Nov. 8, 9

**Lynn Philharmonia:** Students at the Lynn University's Conservatory of Music in the second concert of their regular Philharmonia series. Veteran conductor Albert-George Schram leads the orchestra in a mostly bread-and-butter Germanic feast with the Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished) of Schubert, the Leonore Overture No. 3 of Beethoven, and Richard Strauss' Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks, with Chabrier's bubbly Espana thrown in to Frenchify the mood. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4 pm Sunday, Roberts Hall, St. Andrews School, Boca Raton. 237-9000, or [www.lynn.edu/tickets](http://www.lynn.edu/tickets).

##### Sun, Nov. 9 & 16

**Sunday Afternoons at the Console:** Free organ recitals in a beautiful space: the Spanish Gothic splendor of Bethesda-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Palm Beach. Featuring South Florida area organists Kirsten Hellman, Mark Jones and Harold Pysker (Nov. 9); Diana Akers, Brian William

Davey and R. Steven Gorden (Nov. 16). Recitals begin at 3 pm. Free-will donations accepted. 835-9904.

##### Fri & Sun, Nov. 14 & 16

**Master Chorale of South Florida:** Under new music director Joshua Habermann, the chorus looks ahead to the bicentenary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn with the German composer's best-known oratorio, Elijah. 8 p.m. Friday, First Presbyterian Church, Pompano Beach; 8 p.m. Saturday, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Miami; 4 pm Sunday, Pine Crest School, Boca Raton; Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. 954-418-6232.

##### Sun, Nov. 16

**Camerata del Re: Viva Vivaldi:** Works by the Italian Baroque master. 3 pm. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Delray Beach. Tickets: \$15, \$18. 278-6003.

#### COMEDY

##### Sun, Nov. 2

**Frank Caliendo:** Today's hottest

impressionist, as famous for his John Madden as for his George W. Bush, appears at 7:30 pm at the Kravis Center. 832-7469.

##### Fri, Nov. 21

**Gallagher:** The melon-crazy comedian appears at 7:30 pm at the Kravis Center. Tickets: \$32. 832-7469.

#### DANCE

##### Fri - Sun, Nov. 14-16

**Miami City Ballet, Program I:** Edward Villella's troupe offers a company premiere of Balanchine's staging of Swan Lake, Act II (music by Tchaikovsky). Balanchine's The Four Temperaments (Hindemith) also is on the program with Twyla Tharp's In the Upper Room (Glass). 8 pm Friday; 2 pm and 8 pm Saturday; 1 pm Sunday. Drefyoos Hall, Kravis Center. Tickets: \$19 to \$175. Call 877-929-7010, 832-7469 or [www.miamicityballet.org](http://www.miamicityballet.org).

##### Fri - Sat, Nov. 14, 15

##### Fri & Sun, Nov. 21 & 23

**Ballet Florida:** Marie Hale's company, in its 23rd season, brings its programs to Palm Beach Community College's campuses in Lake Worth (Duncan Theatre) and Palm Beach Gardens (Eissey Theatre). At the Duncan, the company will present *From Far Away* (choreographed by Wainrot), *Musette* (Lubovitch) and *Second Before the Ground* (McIntyre). 8 pm. Nov. 14; 2 pm and 8 pm, Nov. 15. At the Eissey, the program contains *Crash* (Cong), *Libertango* (Wainrot), *Lento a Tempo e Appassionato* (Nebrada), and *Read My Hips* (Ezralow). 8 pm. Nov. 21; 2 pm and 8 pm. Nov. 22; 2 pm. Nov. 23. Tickets: \$30-\$40. 659-2000 or [www.balletflorida.org](http://www.balletflorida.org).

##### Thurs & Sat, Nov. 20 & 22

**Teatro alla Scala on film:** *Mediterranea* (Bigonzetti), 7 pm Thursday, and 2 pm Saturday. Cinema Paradiso, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$15. 954-525-3456.

##### Fri & Sun, Nov. 28 & 30

**Florida Classical Ballet Theatre:** Take a spin with the Mouse King as the Palm Beach Gardens company mounts three shows of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Palm Beach Community College, Eissey Campus Theatre. 7 pm Friday; 2 pm and 7 pm Sunday. Tickets: \$20-30. 630-8235, 207-5900, or [www.fcblt.org](http://www.fcblt.org)

##### Fri, Dec. 5

**Miami City Ballet, Program II:** *The Fox-Trot: Dancing in the Dark* (Villella/Ellington, et al.), *Mercuric Tidings* (Taylor/Schubert), *Ballet Imperial* (Balanchine/Tchaikovsky). 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets: \$19 to \$175. 877-929-7010 or 832-7469.

#### FILM

##### Through Tues, Nov. 11

**Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival:** Continues daily through Nov. 11. Special guests this month include Eli Wallach, Anne Jackson and Richard Chamberlain. 954-525-3456 or [www.fliff.com](http://www.fliff.com).

##### Sat, Nov. 15

**Mr. Smith Goes to Washington:** Jimmy Stewart and the idealistic filibuster in this Frank Capra classic from 1939. Part of the Moonlight Movies series. 7 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets: \$5. 832-7469.

##### Wed, Dec. 3

**19th Annual Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival:** Begins its screening of 36 films from around the world over 11 days at theaters in Palm Beach Gardens, Delray Beach and Wellington. 712-5201 or [www.palmbeachjewishfilm.org](http://www.palmbeachjewishfilm.org).

## Rising young jazz singer interprets the standards with a timeless appeal

By Greg Stepanich

Rachael Price isn't too worried about the future of jazz.

"I don't think jazz needs to do anything it doesn't want to do," said Price, a rising young jazz vocalist with three CDs under her belt and a fourth on the way. "I'm 23, and my band members are pretty young, too, and we're out there playing it. I'm not concerned about jazz. I think it will be fine. It's a remarkable form of music."

Price, who will be appearing at concerts in Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton this month, is a singer who's been earning raves for her work virtually since she was a child of 5, singing along at home with an Ella Fitzgerald record.

Growing up in Hendersonville, Tenn., Price won local vocal contests, was a semi-finalist at the Montreux and Thelonious Monk jazz competitions, and, while still a 17-year-old high school student, recorded an album of standards called *Dedicated to You*. Her musician father, Tom said it was clear early on that Rachael was interested in older music.

"She just took to it naturally," said Tom Price, 52. "She was interested in old jazz at a time when kids were interested in anything but."

The also got valuable training accompanying her father on musical tours across Europe, the Caribbean and North America for the Baha'i faith. "The experience of touring gave her a lot of stage experience you don't normally get at her age," he said.

Perhaps unusually for a singer in an American



*Idol* world, Price decided to study music in college, and recently graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with a degree in jazz studies.

"I thought it was important to study music in a focused way at a conservatory, where I could meet and interact with other musicians," said Price, who currently is based in Boston.

All the while, though, she kept recording, and in September, Claire Vision Productions released all three of her discs, including a Western swing-style collection titled *Refreshingly Cool*, which she recorded in 2006 with a band called the Tennessee Terraplanes.

Price's third record, *The Good Hours*, contains Great American Songbook standards. On this record, Price sings with a big, somewhat deep voice, earthy and sexy. She can scat, her intonation is spot-on — in short, this is a singer with chops to spare.

Bob Cuillo would agree. "She can do anything, believe me," said Cuillo, the well-known West Palm Beach entrepreneur and arts advocate who has been producing Price's records

along with her father since she was 17. For the upcoming album, Cuillo is applauding her move into Latin love songs. "She can do them. And she doesn't even speak Spanish," he said. Price's new album, which is in the final stages of completion, was produced by K.C. Porter, the Grammy-winning producer of major Latin stars. Price said the new album will be more pop-oriented, but points out that her singing draws on a wide variety of influences. "I grew up in the '80s and '90s, and heard that music, and listened to what my mother and father listened to, which is the music of the '60s and '70s," she said. "It's all in there."

Even if the music she chooses to perform in the future will be more eclectic, there's something about those jazz standards that has timeless appeal, she said. "All the songs are beautiful, and they can be reinterpreted in beautiful ways."

Greg Stepanich is a freelance writer and composer. He blogs at [www.classicalgreg.wordpress.com](http://www.classicalgreg.wordpress.com).

## JAZZ

## Wed &amp; Sat, Nov. 12 &amp; 15

**Rachael Price:** A rising young jazz star with a powerful voice. Nov. 12: 7:45 pm. Amatur Theater, Broward Center for Performing Arts, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$35, \$40. 954-462-0222. Nov. 15: 8 pm, Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$20, \$22. 347-3948.

## Mon, Nov. 17

**Jeremy Siskind Trio:** The 22-year-old American pianist who's already been a guest on Marian McPartland's *Piano Jazz* is joined by guitarist Graham Dechter in a tribute to the music of Irving Berlin. This is the season-kickoff concert by the Jazz Arts Music Society of Palm Beach. Cuillo Centre for the Arts, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets: \$35. 877-722-2820 or www.jamsociety.org

## Wed, Dec. 3

**Dave Koz:** The smooth-jazz saxophone standout welcomes guest instrumentalists and singers for a Christmas-themed program. 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets: \$20-\$100. 832-7469.

## OPERA

## Wed, Nov. 12

**Carmen:** Georges Bizet's deathless 1875 tale of the headstrong cigarette girl and the soldier who couldn't let go, in a production by Teatro Lirico d'Europa, a Bulgarian touring company. 8 pm. Kravis Center. Tickets: \$25 to \$70. 832-7469.

## Sat, Wed, Fri-Sun &amp; Tues, Nov. 15, 19, 21 - 23 &amp; 25. Thurs - Fri, Dec. 4, 5

**La Traviata:** Giuseppe Verdi's beloved 1853 weepy about a tubercular courtesan who finds true love a little too late. Florida Grand Opera's opening production, starring Eglise Gutierrez as Violetta on Nov. 15, 21, 23 and Dec. 5, and Ailyn Perez in the role on Nov. 19, 22, 25, and Dec. 4. November performances: Ziff Ballet Opera House, Miami. 7 pm Saturday, Nov. 15; 8 pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 2 pm Sunday; 8 pm Tuesday. December performances: Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 8 pm. Dec. 4 and 5. Tickets: \$27.75-\$178.75 (Miami); \$21-\$200 (Lauderdale). 800-741-1010, 305-949-6722 (Ziff Opera House) or 954-462-0222 (Broward Center), or www.fgo.org.

## Sat &amp; Tues, Nov. 15 &amp; 18

**Don Giovanni on film:** Mozart's 1787 opera about a rake who gets punished, filmed at this year's Salzburg Festival. 2 pm Saturday and 8 pm Tuesday at Cinema Paradiso, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$15. 954-525-3456.

## Sat, Nov. 22

**La Damnation de Faust on film:** Hector Berlioz's 1846 "dramatic legend" about the medieval doctor who wanted eternal life, staged as an opera; in the popular Metropolitan Opera live simulcast series. 1 pm. Tickets: \$22. Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. 655-7226.

## Tues, Dec. 2

**Otello on film:** Verdi's greatest opera, from 1887, adapted from the Shakespeare play about the Moor who loved too well, filmed at this year's Salzburg Festival. 7 pm. Cinema Paradiso, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$15. 954-525-3456.

## POPULAR MUSIC

## Sun, Nov. 9

**Rufus Wainwright:** The biggest star in the musical Wainwright family brings a sheaf of his songs to the Kravis at 8 pm. Tickets: \$15 to \$70. 832-7469.

**Coldplay:** One of the world's hottest bands brings its Viva la Vida Tour to the BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise. 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$49.50-\$97.50. 966-3309.

## Wed, Nov. 12

**The Black Crowes:** The Euphoria or Bust Tour takes the Southern rockers to the Fillmore at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach. 8 pm. Tickets: \$38.50-\$63. 305-673-7300, or 966-3309.

## Sat, Nov. 15

**Mannheim Steamroller:** For some fans, it wouldn't be Christmas without a big helping of holiday music from this pop-rock orchestra. 8 pm. Au-Rene Theater, Broward Center. Tickets: \$30-\$150. 954-462-0222.

## Tues, Nov. 18

**Vince Gill:** An acoustic evening with the country legend. 8 pm. Kravis Center. Tickets: \$20 to \$100. 832-7469.

## Mon - Tues, Dec. 1, 2

**Bob Lappin and the Palm Beach Pops:** The local pops orchestra pays its annual tribute to the best music of the Great White Way. 8 pm. both nights. Tickets: \$29-\$89. Kravis Center. 832-7469.

## Fri, Dec. 5

**Jason Mraz:** The singer-songwriter who's opened for The Rolling Stones and Alanis Morissette comes to the Fillmore at the Jackie Gleason Theater in Miami Beach for a 7:30 pm show. Tickets: \$33-\$41.50. 305-673-7300, or 966-3309.

## THEATER

## Through Nov. 30

**Dirty Business:** William Mastrosimone's new play about a woman caught between a Mafia don and the U.S. president. 2 pm and 8 pm Saturdays; 2 pm and 7 pm Sundays; 8 pm Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, except Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, at Florida Stage, Manalapan. Tickets: \$42-\$45. 585-3433.



## Through Nov. 30

**A Moon for the Misbegotten:** Eugene O'Neill's classic 1947 story of failed dreams and hidden love, all revealed during drinking bouts in a Connecticut farmhouse in 1923. William Hayes directs for Palm Beach Dramaworks in West Palm Beach. Weekdays: 8 pm. Wednesdays through Fridays, except Thanksgiving week, when shows are 8 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Weekends: 2 pm and 8 pm Saturdays (Nov. 22 matinee sold out); 2 pm and 7 pm Sundays (except Nov. 30; matinees Nov. 9, 16 and 30 are sold out). Tickets: \$40 matinees, \$42 evenings. 514-4042, or www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

## Starting Sun, Nov. 9

**She Loves Me:** The 1963 Jerry Bock-Sheldon Harnick musical based on the Hungarian play that gave us *The Shop Around the Corner* and *You've Got Mail*. Caldwell Theatre, Boca Raton. Runs through Dec. 14. 8 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays; 2 pm Wednesdays and Sundays; 7 pm Sundays; select matinees at 2 pm. Saturdays. Tickets: \$32-\$42; \$55 opening night gala. Call 241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com

## Tues - Sun, Nov. 11-16

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**Noises Off:** The 1982 farce by British playwright Michael Frayn about a hapless theater company performing a terrible sex comedy. 7:30 pm Tuesdays through Fridays; 2 pm Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 8 pm Saturdays. Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Jupiter. Tickets: \$30-\$55. Call 575-2223, ext. 0 or www.jupitertheatre.org

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Preservation



Gulf Stream resident, Robert Ganger enjoys knowing this vintage sign - and other keepsakes of Delray Beach's history, are secure in the bunker behind the historic Hunt House.

# Delray pioneers' efforts shine through at the Hunt House

By Ron Hayes

One of the city's oldest houses has a new home, a new name and a future as bright as its past.

In 1908, when a young man named Horace Hunt arrived from New Jersey to grow tomatoes, beans and pineapples along a canal in the fledgling town called Linton, he bought a five-room house on the Boynton Road.

That canal is called the Intracoastal Waterway these days. Linton is known as Delray Beach and the Boynton Road is U.S. 1. Horace Hunt is long gone. But his old homestead stayed put through a century of growth, until last year.

When developers bought the block and planned to demolish the existing structures, the Delray Beach Historical Society offered to take the old Hunt place off their hands.

On Nov. 11, 2007, the house at 124 N.E. Fifth Ave. was moved to 111 N. Swinton Ave., in the Old School Square Historic District.

A 550-square-foot annex has been added to the rear, and the restored Hunt House is now the Ethel Sterling Williams Learning Center.

The cost of transporting and restoring the 1,500-square-foot home was about \$600,000, including the annex. The funds arrived largely in the form of grants from the city, county and state, as well as about \$100,000 in private donations.

Now the Historical Society has launched a drive to raise \$1.2 million to put some learning in the Learning Center. The society's president and a

The Hunt House is at 111 N. Swinton Ave. in the Old School Square Historic District. For information, contact the Delray Beach Historical Society at 243-2577 or visit [www.delraybeachhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.delraybeachhistoricalsociety.org).

moving force behind the move, Robert Ganger, would like to see philanthropists and program developers help establish an endowment.

"If this house had been torn down, it's gone forever," Ganger said. "But finally adapting it to a use that serves the whole community is, I think, a noble objective."

As workers from Morning Thunder Construction added final touches one morning last month, Ganger roamed the restored rooms, describing his new vision for the old house.

The annex — a seamless addition painted the same pale yellow as the house, but built to withstand a Category 5 hurricane — will soon hold the society's collection.

"Hurricane Katrina damaged an awful lot of historical sites beyond repair in Louisiana and Mississippi," Ganger said. "So our number one objective was to find a sound place for the collection, most of which is paper." He tapped a wall. "I sold it to the city as a bunker that's bulletproof," he said with a smile.

Step across a narrow hallway and you're in the original Hunt House, where Ganger envisions a learning center that teaches what the city's pioneers found here and what they endured, beginning with a section on the local Seminoles who traded fur and venison for

pots and pans.

He wants a center that talks about "critters," perhaps the hardest of hardships the city's settlers had to endure.

And he wants a section to honor the contributions of women.

"Women really built this city," Ganger said. "The men worked the farms, but the women civilized the community. In the late 1890s, they formed the Women's Improvement Association. They built a school, and a so-called town hall. They raised money to build roads. I don't think people really appreciate what women did to make this a livable place."

Which is one reason the Learning Center is named after one of those women.

Horace Hunt left Linton in 1915, returned North and drowned in New York, still a young man, in the 1920s.

But Ethel Sterling, 5 years old when she arrived here in 1896, endured. Part of another early pioneer family, and an early member of that same Women's Improvement Association, she became the Historical Society's first president in 1964, and remained active there until her death in 1987.

"She almost made the whole century," Ganger said, "and she was one of the most respected people in the community."

So the sign along North Swinton Avenue will bear her name. But the home's original owner won't be forgotten.

"On the fireplace, we're going to put a tile plaque over the hearth, and it will just say Hunt," Ganger said. "With maybe some pineapples around it." ✂

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## Obituaries

## Dr. William R. Tolford

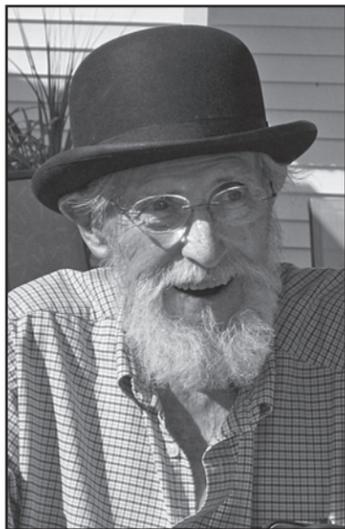
By Ron Hayes

His name was William, but friends called him "Bill." Fellow sailors called him "Captain." Patients called him "Doc." And come December, children called him "Santa."

Dr. William R. Tolford was a big man with a long white beard who donned a red suit for Briny Breezes' annual Christmas party, then rejoiced in challenging young doubters to pull his beard.

When the beard proved real, the children were reassured that Santa Claus must be, too.

Dr. Tolford, an optometrist whose family has been part of the town for half a century, died Oct. 11 at his summer home in Falmouth, Maine. He



was 84 and had suffered from heart disease.

Born June 1, 1924, in Portland, Maine, Dr. Tolford first discovered Briny Breezes

when his parents, Dr. Ronald and Margaret Tolford, bought a home on Hibiscus Drive. In the 1970s, he purchased his own place on Juniper Drive. When his parents passed on, Dr. Tolford inherited their home and passed his along to his daughter, Nancy Aceto.

A regular winter resident since retiring in the early 1980s, Dr. Tolford threw himself into the life of the community.

In addition to serving on the town's board of directors, he initiated pizza parties to encourage neighbors to be more neighborly, an idea that spread through the town.

Later, Dr. Tolford brought a taste of Down East down to Florida by establishing annual lobster parties, with fresh

lobsters flown from Maine for the occasion. Ticket sales reached about 250, with profits going to the town's volunteer "Kitchen Crew."

A member of the Portland Toastmasters Club, he was often master of ceremonies at the town's Curtain Raisers Club and participated in the skits.

Dr. Tolford's lives in both Maine and Florida were linked by a lifelong love of the sea. From deep-sea fishing in the Casco Bay Tuna Tournament, he went on to develop a passion for tall ships that took him on transatlantic cruises in 1971 and the Bicentennial Tall Ships races from Bermuda to New York in 1976. In the winter months, he cruised the Bahamas and Caribbean.

"He was a wonderful, generous, caring, kind, big man with a booming voice," said his daughter, Nancy Aceto. "And he loved Briny Breezes."

Ruth Watt Tolford, his wife of nearly 40 years, died in 2002. In addition to his daughter, Dr. Tolford is survived by his son, Timothy; a granddaughter, Sarah Tolford Selby; a grandson, Christopher William Tolford, all of Falmouth; a sister, Rhoda Tolford Stone of Sarasota; and his close friend and confidante, Nancy Boczon of Briny Breezes.

A memorial service for local friends will be held at a later date. Donations in Dr. Tolford's name may be made to any charity of the donor's choosing.

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## Eric Joseph Mangione

A resident for nearly 20 years, Eric Joseph Mangione served on the Ocean Ridge Town Commission from 1982 until 1994, including four terms as mayor.

Mr. Mangione died Oct. 8 after a brief illness. He was 67.

A financial adviser, Mr. Magione brought his professional expertise to his work for the community.

"He was a very nice gentleman, and very diligent during our budget deliberations," recalled Town Clerk Karen Hansck.

"We completed our water improvements during his time in office, and in 1993, he was instrumental in hiring our police chief, Ed Hillary."

Mr. Mangione, who moved to Ocean Ridge in 1976, also built three homes in the community. He was appointed to the town's Planning and Zoning board following a resignation and served until 1982, when he resigned to run for a seat on the five-member Town Commission.

Mr. Mangione was a devoted tennis player and a dancer. He

moved away in 1996 after the death of his wife, Catherine. The couple had been married for more than 30 years.

"Even after he left, he sent a Christmas card to myself and the chief every year," Hansck recalled.

He is survived by two children, Philip Mangione and Lindsey Magione Schuster, and a granddaughter, Morgan Catherine Schuster. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Give Kids The World Village, 210 South Bass Road, Kissimmee, FL 34746.

## Christopher Raymond Perry 'Knobby' Rogers

Christopher Raymond Perry (Knobby) Rodgers died Oct. 7 at his summer home in Brooklin, Maine.

He was 87.

He was a past-president of

the Gulf Stream Golf Club. A Gulf Stream memorial service is planned for January.

He is survived by 10 children and two

stepchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444.

## Donald F. Holmes

Donald F. Holmes passed away Oct. 6 after a long illness. A Briny Breezes resident since 1999, he was formerly of Rockland, Mass.

Mr. Holmes is survived by Shirley, his wife of 50 years, and five children.

In keeping with Mr. Holmes' wishes, there

was no funeral service. Those wishing to make contributions in his memory are asked to contribute to a local hospice.

## Preservation

## Boynton Beach looking into options to razing its 1927 High School

By Mary Kate Leming

The city's 1927 high school won a 3-2 decision in its favor, when city commissioners voted Oct. 21 to research funding or potential partnerships to rescue the old building.

At the outset of the hour-long discussion, City Manager Kurt Bressner offered three options for the building, located next to the Schoolhouse Museum on Ocean Avenue: demolish it, leave it as is, or make it available to some organization like a nonprofit to fund the restoration.

Nine residents spoke on behalf of saving the building;

none advocated tearing it down. Mayor Jerry Taylor, however, carried a pile of papers and binders to the dais, and spoke about his frustration with past failed efforts to rescue the decaying building. "I've had 15 years of talking about it. I know I sound like a hard-core guy, but we need to keep the city running. I think we should demolish it."

The city pays \$42,000 a year to maintain the vacant building.

Voncile Smith, president of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, expressed interest in talking with the city about the possibility of leasing the

building for a cultural center.

Commissioner Woodrow Hay noted that no one from the public spoke to tear the building down. "In the past we have failed, but it doesn't mean we can't succeed." He added, "At the end of the day, this commission has to explore every plan possible."

Vice Mayor Jose Rodriguez and Commissioners Marlene Ross and Hay voted to approve the measure, asking the city manager to return to the commission with different options for possibly saving the school. Mayor Taylor and Commissioner Ron Weiland voted against the measure.

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Election

# Value of 'Home Rule' stressed by community leaders

By Hector Florin

The more than 200 elected mayors, commissioners and council members in Palm Beach County no doubt feel threatened by county-imposed regulations that could affect their individual cities and towns.

Do voters feel the same way?

All 38 of the county's municipalities have voiced support for Election Day's Palm Beach County charter amendment question. If it passes, it would give cities a right to "opt out" of a proposed change to the county's charter, or constitution.

There is nothing on the horizon that has irked cities enough to strictly defend their turf against the county - although some have bristled at the county's occasional brashness and the constant coverage of corruption convictions and investigations. The two sides have settled lawsuits in the last few years over jurisdictional power, and voters have played a part

in granting the county some of that added power, establishing traffic standards and giving the county more sway over city annexations of western rural land.

If voters pass the county charter question, decisions are not retroactive. Potential issues that supporters of this law have raised are building code regulations and public safety standards.

Jamie Titcomb, executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, visited Briny Breezes Town Hall on Oct. 23, to explain the amendment and extend support of the measure.

Mayor Roger Bennett called the charter question "one that voters of Palm Beach County ought to be aware of. Home rule is very important."

Unsurprisingly, there have been few detractors against the measure. Some county leaders think passing down and legislating crucial services throughout the entire county - like traffic standards - is essential.

If the Nov. 4 charter question passes, any future countywide vote that "transfers or limits a municipal service, function,

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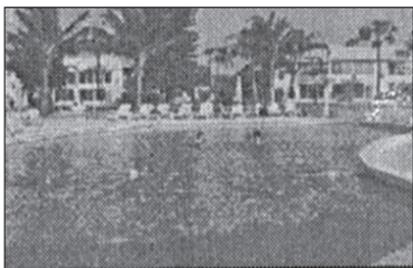
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How green is my island?

Wake up from catalog fantasies and get planting

By Mary Kate Leming

Seed catalogs come at the wrong time of year. Each spring, we curl up in our favorite chair and indulge ourselves in page after page of award-winning zucchinis and crayon-red tomatoes. But while we're distracted with fantasies of deep, dark topsoil and giant, wiggling night crawlers, the South Florida summer sneaks in with saturating humidity. Better for growing mildew than honeydew.

But we can't put down the catalogs. We frantically scan the glossy illustrations for anything that might survive

Zone 10. Maybe we can still plant collard greens? How about jalapeños? Wishful thinking. Before we even finish selecting seed packets, we've missed another growing cycle.

Not this year. Throw away your Old Farmer's Almanac. November is the perfect month to plant your winter vegetable garden.

Now is the ideal time to begin haunting hardware stores and greenmarkets for seedlings, topsoil and cow manure. Once you have the key ingredients, just mix the loamy elements together in as large a pot as you can find. Then gently insert the tiny plants, add a little water and let the magic of winter begin.

Of course, it's not quite that simple. That's why the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences creates publications to help us out. Here are some of its tips for growing basic winter vegetables in South Florida:

Locate your garden near the house and within reach of a hose or other water source. Plan to water at least two to three times per week and make sure there is good drainage.

Our South Florida soil benefits from mixing it with some organics such as animal manure, rotted leaves or compost. Unless you're buying this stuff in a bag, mix it into your garden soil about a month before you plant.

If you're not inclined to use the organic fertilizers, you can purchase commonly available grades like 8-8-8 or 15-15-15. If you use these artificial fertilizer products, mix them in at least two weeks before planting.

If you've had a garden plot (or pot) before, get rid of the old soil. Chances are good, there are too many things left behind — like the scary-sounding nematodes — that can destroy your tender

plantings.

Consider all pesticides as potential poisons, but know that you'll probably need to resort to this extreme to grow a well-rounded, ruby-red, table-ready tomato. Start by using organic soaps — about four tablespoons per gallon of water. But if you're still not happy with the results, there are plenty of more powerful poisons on the market: Carbaryl, Malathion, Diazinon. Most of these can be found in on-the-shelf pesticide mixes available at your local hardware store. If you do use these chemicals, be sure to keep them out of the reach of children and irresponsible adults.

So now you're ready to plant. What can you grow in your South Florida garden? Try these yummy and healthy suggestions:

Snap beans, pinto beans, pole beans, lima beans, cantaloupe, sweet corn, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, black-eyed peas, peppers (just about all kinds), sweet potatoes, pumpkins and squash, tomatoes (of course), and watermelon.

If you procrastinate long enough for the weather to turn chilly (December or January), you might have luck with these edibles:

Beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, collards, endive/escarole, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, herbs, peas, potatoes, radish, spinach, turnips; and even strawberries.

Remember: Once the glossy seed catalogs arrive in the mail, another gardening season will have come and gone. So, don't waste time; get your South Florida winter vegetable garden started now.

To get more specific growing instructions, check out the IFAS Web site at: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH021>



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Featuring double appliances throughout, the elegant kitchen is built for entertaining.

## Featured House of the Month

Each month, *The Coastal Star* will feature a home for sale in our community. This House of the Month is presented as a service to our advertisers, and provides readers with a peek inside one of our very special homes.



Tropical landscaping on an inner canal creates a waterfront oasis.



The spacious, open floor plan provides sweeping water views from throughout the house. Designer-built features complement the high, vaulted ceilings.

## Waterfront Bermuda-Style home typifies the 'Gulf Stream' style

This lovely four-bedroom, four-bath Bermuda-style home is in the heart of Gulf Stream, within walking distance of the beach and Gulf Stream School.

The spacious, open floor plan features high vaulted ceilings with crown molding, wood floors, a wet bar, fireplace, top-of-the-line renovated chef's kitchen with granite, DCS range, two Sub Zero fridges, two Miele dishwashers, double Thermador ovens, wine fridge and warming drawer.

Hearts of cypress paneling, marble foyer, built-in custom entertainment center and built-in bookshelves are just a few of the designer touches.

Lush tropical landscaping provides a beautiful backdrop for 100 feet of covered inner canal water frontage, heated pool, entertaining patio areas and private dock.

Sweeping, sunny water views are enjoyed by the family room, dining room, formal living area, custom new kitchen and master bedroom.

There is a separate den for split entertaining. This home is being offered for \$2,800,000.

*Interested parties should contact listing agent Kristine de Haseth with William F. Koch, Jr., Inc. at 445-5094, or [kstagedhomesdesign.com](http://kstagedhomesdesign.com).*



The heated pool complements the entertaining patio and dock.

**SUMMER:**

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it was later determined that a drop in pressure at the re-pump facility on Point Manalapan was the culprit.

Milling, paving and drainage work continues with intermittent closings and delays. The contractors would like to have the project completed by late December as a Christmas present to the town, but agree that late January may be a more realistic completion date.

City officials have asked that the road be open to all traffic on Election Day so town residents can get to the polls.

**Woolbright Walk Around**

Repairs began June 2, 2008, on the 41-year-old Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at Woolbright Road. With the bridge locked in the upright position, area pedestrians hoofed it north to Ocean Avenue or south to George Bush Boulevard.

The \$1.4 million project included replacing the steel deck grading as well as fixing the sidewalks and handrails. The remainder of the steel on the span was sandblasted to remove rust and corrosion and repainted. Closed for three months, the bridge re-opened in mid-September.

**Ocean Ridge Crash Landing**

On July 22, A twin-engine plane clipped the roof of Ocean Ridge's new town hall complex and slammed into a concrete utility pole, badly hurting the pilot. The crash cut power to hundreds of homes and jammed traffic along A1A for hours.

The pilot survived the crash, and no one on the ground was injured, but the accident slightly delayed the opening of a portion of the newly constructed building. Town employees were able to officially move into their new offices on Oct. 7. A grand opening event is scheduled for Dec. 5.

**Delray Beach Delays**

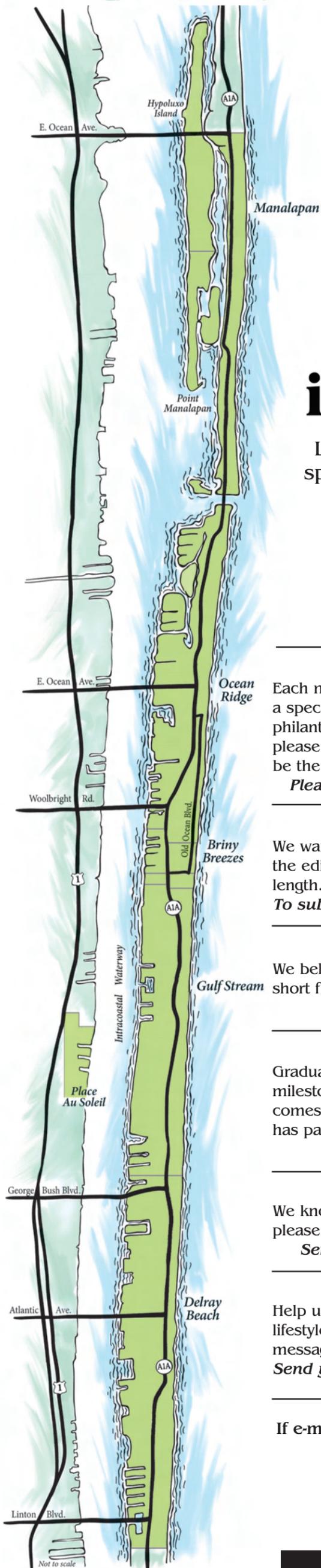
Construction began on Aug. 13, 2007 on 2.5 miles of A1A from south of Linton Boulevard to north of George Bush Boulevard. This \$8.4 million project included milling and repaving the existing roadway, drainage improvements and pedestrian path upgrades. During business hours Monday through Saturday, there were intermittent single lane closures as heavy equipment operated in the area. On-street parking was limited during the construction making beach and restaurant access difficult.

The project is nearing completion, and all construction materials should be gone by Nov. 1.

So welcome back! But be warned: If you're planning a leisurely afternoon drive along A1A, you can still anticipate plenty of delays as you head north toward Palm Beach. And if you're walking, running or bicycling please use extreme caution and stay away from the active construction zones.



# The Coastal Star



## is our "Main Street"

Like any community, it's the people who make us special. At **The Coastal Star** we hope to celebrate and engage our readers.

### Here's how you can become a part of our Main Street!

*Nominate a "Coastal Star"*

Each month we'll identify one person from our community who has achieved a special accomplishment. This could be through academic achievement, philanthropic giving, volunteer efforts, or simple good heartedness. And please don't forget the efforts made by our children and parents. They may be the most important "stars" of all.

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