

## Boca Raton

### Boca Regional Hospital aims to merge with Baptist Health

By Sallie James

A little more than a year after Boca Raton Regional Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017, the medical facility once known as the “Miracle on Meadows Road” has announced it will enter discussions to merge with health



care giant Baptist Health South Florida. The hospital said in a statement that the decision culminates an initiative that began more than a year ago to elevate

the hospital’s position as an academic referral center in South Florida. Baptist is headquartered in Coral Gables.

“We are pleased with the board’s decision to move forward with Baptist,” said Jerry Fedele, president and CEO of Boca Raton Regional Hospital. “While this was a most difficult choice, one that

was between two of the finest health care providers in the country, our trustees believe Baptist is the best fit for Boca Regional.”

The proposed merger is a huge marker of change for a community-minded hospital born out of tragedy in

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## Along the Coast



### Who should control iguana infestation?

### Town’s debate puts focus on whether fix lies with government

By Dan Moffett

Jimmy McAndrew says he has been tormented enough by the iguanas surrounding his Ocean Ridge home.

They have defecated on his patio. They have torn up his landscaping. And, worst, “They have scared my 98-year-old mother-in-law out of her wits.”

McAndrew’s frustration boiled over after he hired an animal removal company to set a trap in his backyard. When he went to check it, he found a 4-foot iguana sunning himself atop the cage, as if enjoying the Intracoastal view.

“They are disgusting creatures,” McAndrew said. During an April meeting of the Town

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Iguanas are a common sight along the Intracoastal seawalls from Manalapan to Boca Raton. **TOP:** One suns itself on River Drive in Ocean Ridge. **ABOVE:** A pack of eight on Sabal Island Drive in Ocean Ridge. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star and photo provided by Jimmy McAndrew

## Highland Beach

### Still no town manager as meeting turns angry

Candidate, headhunter withdraw from search; job interviews delayed

By Rich Pollack

It’s back to the drawing board for Highland Beach commissioners in their quest to find a new town manager following a raucous meeting that included the abrupt resignation of a consultant, a shouting match between a former vice mayor and the current commission and complaints about an ineffective search process.

With the clock ticking and interim Town Manager Bill Thrasher set to leave as early as Aug. 21, the head of the executive search firm hired in June to find candidates for the job abruptly withdrew during the July 30 meeting after facing criticism for not providing a more extensive list of qualified candidates.

The special meeting, scheduled so commissioners could interview three potential candidates for the town’s top administrative position, started with news that one of the candidates had withdrawn, apparently put off by what he perceived as a lack of civility.

That was followed by a fiery exchange between former Vice Mayor Bill Weitz and members of the commission, who complained that Weitz’s stinging criticism of the elected officials during public comments was out of place.

Weitz left the meeting while Police Chief Craig Hartmann

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## Coastal Star



Rich Mascolo watches activities at the YMCA in Boynton Beach. He raised money so children from the Caridad Center could continue to attend a Y camp free. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Editor's Note

### Pay now for protection against rising seas

I've watched one tide turn since we started this newspaper almost 10 years ago: Where there once was a reluctance to utter the words "sea level rise" from the dais, the phrase now is part of the municipal vernacular during discussions on building regulations and comprehensive planning.

It's about time.

Our larger cities have begun to hire sustainability officers, and most of our barrier island municipalities have identified at least one official to participate in regional groups looking for solutions to the rising waters in our backyards. It's heartening to see this progress.

But planning for the inevitable will take time, so what we can do now? Simple: maintenance.

The first leaks in our current island drainage plans come when we don't pay attention to our infrastructure. All municipalities between the ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway should build infrastructure maintenance into the budget plans they will discuss over the summer. Residents should demand it.

Local Realtors should demand it. Coastal businesses should demand it — especially builders.

We all know the value of property in this area. If we don't act soon, we stand to watch those very attractive values sink as the water rises. Taxpayers expect roads, sea walls, outflow valves, swales and drainage systems to be regularly checked and maintained.

The fact that they often haven't been is deeply concerning. Discovering that a neighborhood has a problem only when the streets flood is unacceptable.

Now is the time to budget for maintenance and repairs. Fix the existing problems. Enforce the building codes that are already on the books. Make sure that new construction doesn't have a negative effect on existing drainage systems. And plan for the future.

I don't think you'll hear any complaints from the taxpayers.



— Mary Kate Leming,  
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An article on the Streetwaves surfing program incorrectly stated that Streetwaves received support from the city of Deerfield Beach. Streetwaves is not affiliated with Deerfield Beach.

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## Board member's dedication to YMCA helps kids in need attend summer camp

By Rich Pollack

Lifting children who could use a helping hand is in Rich Mascolo's DNA.

The son of two successful educators who recognized the potential in every child, and the nephew of an aunt and uncle who worked as teachers, Mascolo strayed from the "family business" and found success in advertising and marketing in New York.

Still, Mascolo, who lives in Ocean Ridge, couldn't fully escape the calling that runs through the family bloodline.

Mascolo, who is on the board of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, learned that a decade-long program that sends more than 80 children served by the Caridad Center — the largest free clinic in Florida — to the Y's summer camp for free was in financial jeopardy. A major funder pulled out unexpectedly, leaving a gap of more than \$25,000.

"Suddenly a significant number of kids were uncovered," Mascolo said.

Determined to ensure all the children got to camp, Mascolo reached out to friends, family and associates to ask for contributions.

In the end, enough money was raised to avoid disrupting the 10-week Caridad YMCA camp at the Boynton branch.

"I just told the story," Mascolo said.

An important part of that story is that a few years ago half of the children who had come to the camp had gone on to college.

"I was always taken with how successful the program was," Mascolo said.

Children from the Caridad Center who attend the camp, many from families living below

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or near the federal poverty line, get the typical summer camp experience plus tips for healthy living and exposure to an academic element that includes math, science and the arts.

Mascolo, who says most of the contributions were in the \$1,000 or \$2,000 range, raised the bulk of the needed money in less than two months.

"It happened quickly because the cause is human, tangible and compelling ... and our pals have big hearts," he said.

Mascolo's devotion to the program for Caridad Center campers was the key to his success, says Barry Davis, executive director of the Y's Boynton branch.

"You could see the passion and how much the program meant to him," Davis said.

"People just came up to him and said, 'How can I help?'"

Mascolo, 63, and his wife, Bebe, became members of the YMCA in 2007, when they were still part-time residents, and saw firsthand the impact it had on the community.

"We got to know the Y," he said. "We got a close-up look at what they were doing and we were knocked out."

Mascolo said he and Bebe had no idea that the YMCA was a nonprofit organization and they didn't know that it's the Y's policy never to turn anyone away who can't afford to join.

"Once we understood that, we got involved," he said.

First stop for Mascolo was

the YMCA of South Palm Beach County's marketing committee, where he set about trying to get the word out about all the YMCA does.

"What I wanted to do is help them uncover the obvious," he said.

By 2015, Mascolo was drafted to serve on the Y's board of trustees.

For Davis at the Boynton branch, Mascolo is a go-to guy, who is always looking for ways to help the organization.

"When you think of a cheerleader or an advocate, that's Rich," Davis said. "No matter what challenges we face, Rich is always a positive force."

Mascolo points to a common denominator between what his parents and aunt and uncle dedicated their work to and what the Y sets out to achieve.

"They tried to build bridges for kids they thought would fall through the cracks and who don't have advantages or access to resources," he said. "The Y is about building bridges and filling gaps."

His father became a superintendent of schools pioneering an alternative school program, while his uncle created an innovative program and was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" by Bill Clinton. His aunt was a reading specialist who developed creative techniques for her students, while his mother was an elementary school teacher, beloved by her students.

"All of them recognized the potential of every child," he said.

Mascolo says the Y has a similar vision. "When I see the kids in the Caridad YMCA camp having the greatest day of their lives, I think about the kindness of all the people I reached out to," he said. ★

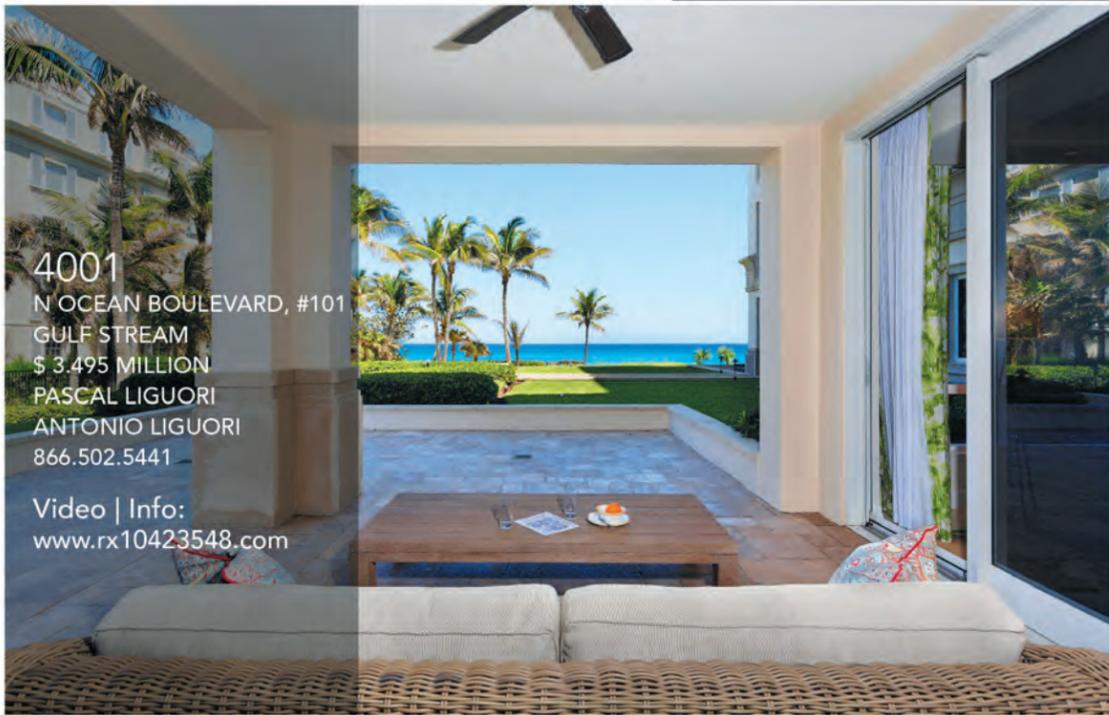
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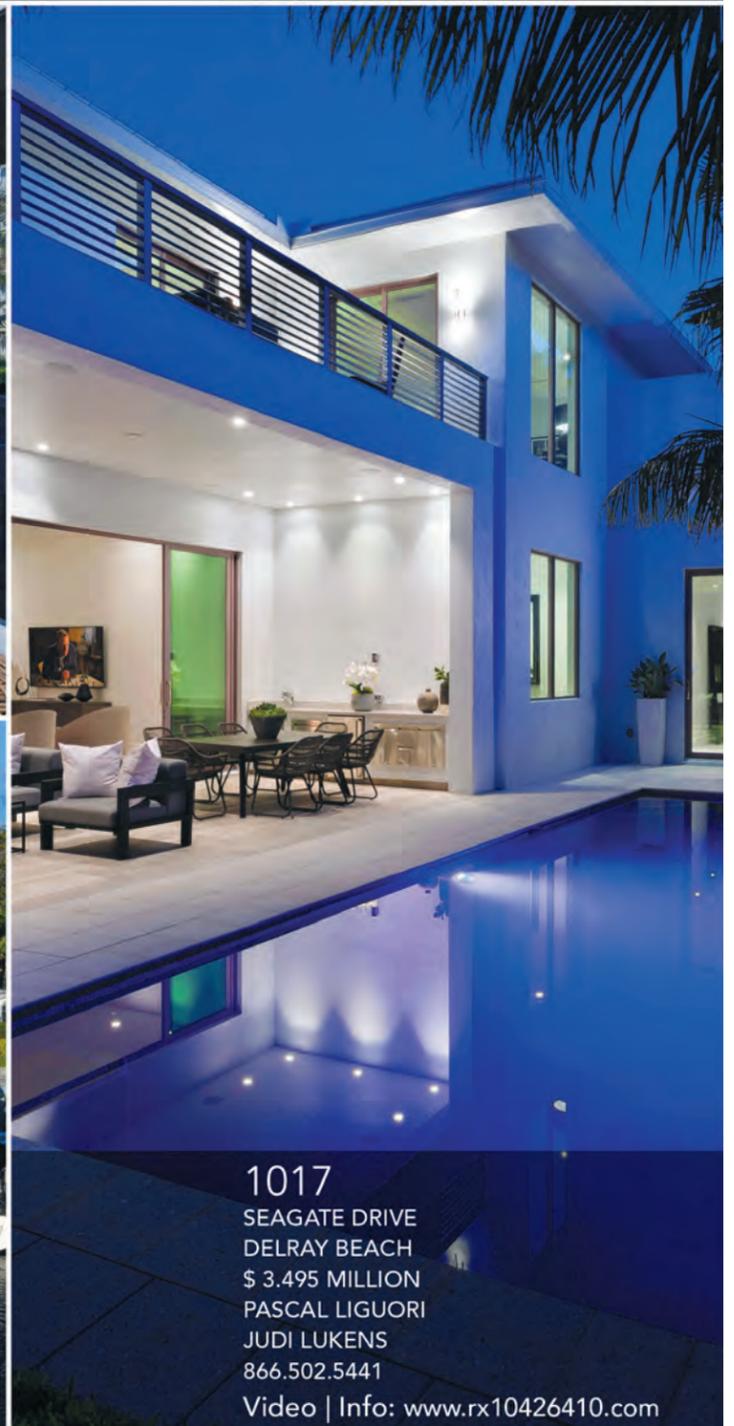
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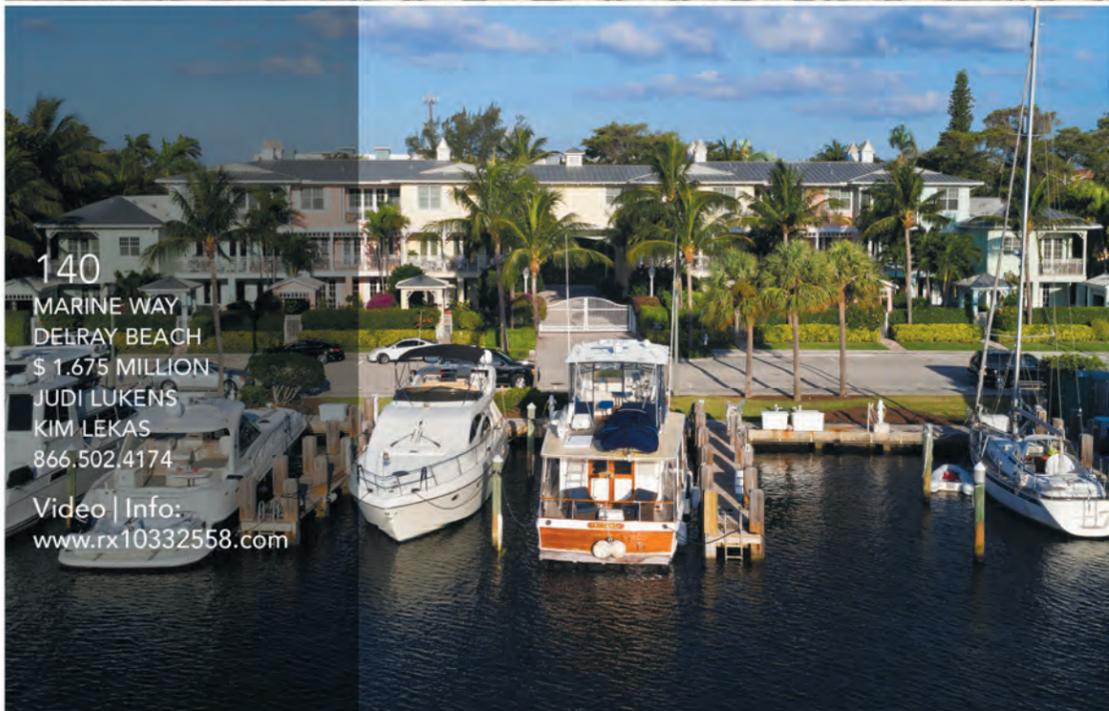


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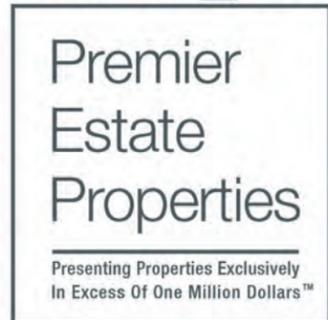
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## Manalapan

## New Publix grocery to celebrate grand opening on Aug. 16

By Dan Moffett

When a Publix Super Market held its grand opening in Spotsylvania County, Va., last month, shoppers started lining up before 2:30 a.m. to be there when the electric doors parted at 7.

It's unlikely Manalapan will match that level of consumer fervor. But make no mistake, in their own way, Manalapan residents are about as excited as those in Spotsylvania to get their new Publix.

After three years of polite yet persistent wrangling between town and corporation, Publix is set to open its supermarket at Manalapan's Plaza del Mar on Aug. 16.

"We're very, very happy with what's going on here," said Mayor Keith Waters. "They've done a remarkable job. They've

been very cooperative with the community in addressing our needs."

Those needs included architectural features not typically seen in nearly all the other 1,188 Publix stores.

It took the town and the company more than 10 months to agree on a sign design. There will be no iconic green and white Publix trademark atop the front doors — but rather, a tasteful, understated backlit marquee.

Dozens of 25-foot areca palm trees line the backside of the plaza to hide delivery trucks and a water tank needed to boost water pressure. The store's exterior color palette is a tranquil, *beiger* shade of beige. The company's proposal for a free-standing liquor store next to the supermarket was pronounced dead on arrival by

town commissioners.

In floorspace, the new supermarket is about 28,000 square feet, roughly that of the Publix in downtown Lake Worth but 25 percent smaller than the one at CityPlace in West Palm Beach.

The doors of the new store will open at 7 a.m. Aug. 16, said Nicole Maristany Krauss, the company's media and community relations manager. "Customers will receive an insulated Publix reusable goodie bag from the Publix Pharmacy and enjoy tastings in all departments," she said.

The Publix is the centerpiece in a \$10 million renovation of the 30-year-old Plaza del Mar.

Kitson & Partners, the plaza landlords, said the overhaul actually will shrink total retail space from about 103,000 square feet to 83,000 square feet. The

sweeping overhaul includes new pavement, landscaping, signage and LED lighting.

The plaza has languished in recent years, town officials say, and the Great Recession that began in 2007 took a toll. Occupancy fell below 70 percent at times.

"It was tired," said Vice Mayor Peter Isaac, who commended Kitson for giving the mall the makeover it needed.

Publix has chosen Wade Rinderknecht, who currently manages the CityPlace store, to take over as manager in Manalapan. He said employees would begin stocking the shelves the first week in August.

"I've always just loved being around people," Rinderknecht

said. "I'm looking forward to being part of the community here and serving the residents."

Will the Manalapan store offer the town's upscale consumers anything beyond the offerings of a typical Publix? Rinderknecht isn't saying.

"We have some things in mind," he said. "We'll see."

**In other business**, the Town Commission tentatively approved a substantial increase in the tax rate for the next fiscal year to cover the cost of expanding the Police Department.

During their meeting on July 14, commissioners unanimously signed off on raising the rate to \$3.03 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, up roughly 8 percent from the current \$2.795.

With a 10 percent increase in property values during the past year, Manalapan expects to bring in enough revenue to help pay for a police and security expansion that could cost more than \$500,000.

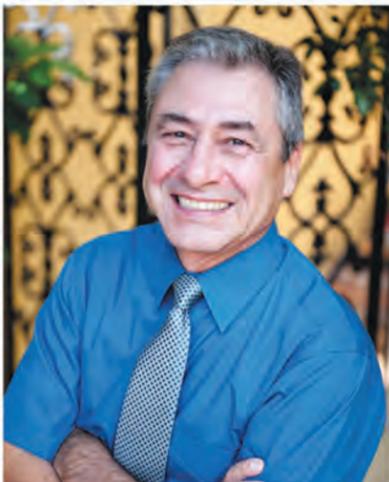
The town wants to add four uniformed officers to expand the force to 15, increase police salaries and benefits, and add to its network of surveillance and license plate recognition cameras.

Final hearings on the 2019 budget are scheduled for Sept. 18 and Sept. 25, both beginning at 5:01 p.m. ★

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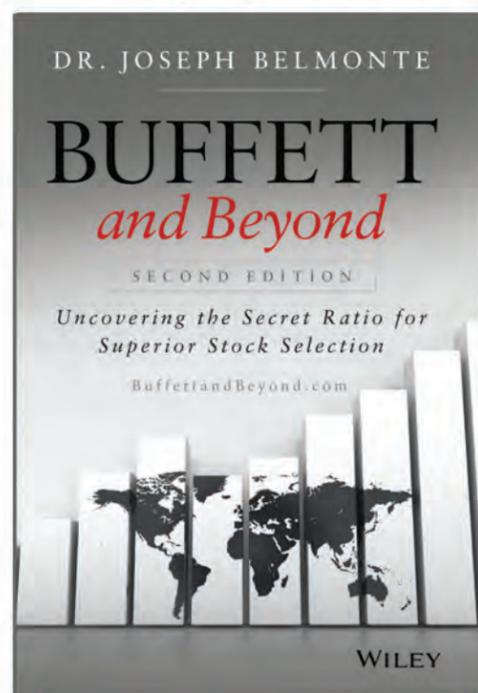
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## Letter to the Editor

### Free press more vital than ever

We read your column in the July issue of *The Coastal Star* ("With anger everywhere, violence not a surprise") and were saddened, but not surprised, to learn of the challenges you and your staff face in the execution of your duties at the paper.

We are from the Annapolis area and we mourn the senseless loss of the five dedicated staff members at the *Capital Gazette*.

In the unfortunate era in which we now live, a free press is more vital than ever.

We wanted to let you and your team know how much we appreciate and value the work that you do. We support you without question.

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Boca Raton

# City rejects assisted living facility, cites parking, EMS concerns

By Mary Hladky

In a surprising defeat for a well-regarded Boca Raton-based developer, City Council members on July 23 rejected its plan to build a luxury adult living facility in the downtown.

Council members, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners, rejected the Concierge by a 3-1 vote, with only Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers in support of the nine-story project that would have included 53 independent living, 37 assisted living and 20 memory care units.

Plans for the \$75 million facility had the support of city staff and the city's urban design consultant and had been unanimously approved by the Community Appearance Board and by a 5-2 vote of the Planning and Zoning Board.

But council members torpedoed the Concierge over concerns that the facility would overburden the city's fire-rescue services and lacked adequate parking.

"I am very concerned about the fire-rescue issue and the added burden it will have on our fire-rescue system," council member Monica Mayotte said.

Council member Andrea

O'Rourke said the council needs to address how to pay for fire-rescue costs before it approves any more adult living facilities.

City staff highlighted those costs, saying adult living facilities have 15 times as many calls for service per bed as does a typical multifamily development. The annual cost of a rescue unit, including the vehicle, equipment and staff, is about \$2 million.

Fire Chief Tom Wood said his department is on the verge of not meeting time standards for responding to emergency calls and is asking for an additional rescue unit.

"We are in desperate need of additional EMS services as we speak now," Wood said.

City code requires the facility to have 127 parking spaces, but only 88 would have been provided. City staff concluded that was not a problem since many of the facility's residents would not have cars.

But council members repeatedly asked if the 88 spaces would be enough for residents, staff and visitors.

The Concierge's representatives pushed back against both criticisms.

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Housing Association, a nonprofit trade organization, found that senior housing facilities have less need for ambulance services since medical staff are on duty 24 hours a day who can resolve many issues without needing to call an ambulance, said attorney Ele Zachariades.

The Concierge would have had nurses on duty round the clock, representatives said.

On the issue of parking, Ignacio Diaz, co-owner of developer Group P6, said only about 25 percent of independent living residents would need parking.

Many would have used the Concierge's shuttle service to get around town.

"We believe [the Concierge] is greatly overparked," he said.

The city's rejection of the Concierge raises the possibility of yet another lawsuit against the city. Developer Crocker Partners sued the city in May after the City Council delayed adopting ordinances that would have allowed it to proceed with plans to redevelop Midtown near the Town Center mall.

The city's action was unexpected for several reasons.

Group P6 is known for strictly adhering to the city's rules, and its previous luxury

condo projects downtown sailed to easy approval.

And the City Council approved two other senior living projects last year even though staff had raised the issue of the cost of ambulance services.

In unanimously approving a 193-unit luxury assisted living facility at 375 E. Royal Palm Road proposed by Boca Raton-based Penn-Florida Cos., council members agreed with the developer that such a facility is badly needed and would be a welcome addition to the downtown.

At the time, Wood said Penn-Florida's facility alone wouldn't create a need for a new rescue unit, but 10 such facilities would.

Council members said the city needed to develop a policy or rules that would make all adult living facilities bear some of the cost of increased city

services. City staffers said at the July 23 meeting that they hadn't worked on that yet.

The cost issue is not clear-cut. Even if adult living facilities do create a need for more rescue services, they don't generate a need for more schools, and it's unlikely police would be called to quell disturbances. Elderly people living in a home may call 911 when they fall, but senior living facilities have nurses and other staff on hand to help them.

Adult living facilities traditionally have been located in suburban areas, but now are popping up in downtowns because today's retirees want to be near shopping, restaurants and cultural venues. Downtown adult living facilities are an extension of the urban renaissance that has attracted empty nesters and young professionals. ★

CORRECTION

A story in the July edition about small business owners in downtown Boca Raton said Glenn Gromann's recommendations for streamlining the city's project review process included allowing site plans to be reviewed and approved by city staff and the city manager. That recommendation was to allow city staff and the city manager to approve amendments to site plans.



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## Along the Coast

# Cities see ebb in overdose deaths

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach mayor measures the drop in overdoses by the sound of silence.

"We no longer hear the sirens blaring from rescue vehicles racing to the next overdose," said Mayor Shelly Petrolia. "It used to happen several times a day. ... I always worried whether that person would make it."

She also sees fewer addicts wandering on city streets wheeling suitcases behind them, indicating they were kicked out of sober homes.

At the peak of the opioid epidemic in Delray Beach, police responded to 96 overdoses in October 2016. Eleven were fatal.

Since that time, South County coastal cities and the county have worked together to rid the area of rogue operators. The state attorney received state money in July 2016 to start a Sober Homes Task Force. More than 50 people have been arrested on patient brokering, marketing abuse and insurance fraud charges.

Delray Beach had eight fatal overdoses in the first six months of 2018 compared with 37 deaths in the same period in 2017. Boynton Beach recorded 20 deaths this year and 33 fatal overdoses in the same period last year.

Delray Beach also has a social worker on its police force. Ariana Ciancio visits overdose victims in the hospital and helps get them into treatment or tickets back to their home cities.

The city recorded no fatal overdoses in June, but seven people died from overdoses in July.

"On the streets, I see the numbers ebb and flow," Ciancio told the Sober Homes Task Force in late July.

Meanwhile, Lantana saw its fatal overdoses increase from one in the first six months of 2017 to four during the same period in 2018. Police Chief Sean Scheller said the numbers don't present "a huge problem. We have a collaborative effort with other police agencies to go after the drug dealers to stop the sale of drugs here,"

Scheller said.

He also said that with drugstores selling Narcan, the name brand of naxolone, sober home operators might not call 911 for an overdose.

While Boca Raton does not track fatal overdoses, its Fire Rescue Department tracks naxolone it administers. Naxolone is given to overdose victims to counteract the symptoms. For the first six months of 2018, the medication was given to 62 patients at a cost of \$3,113, down from 79 patients receiving the medication during the first six months of 2017. The cost was down 3.5 percent from \$3,226.20.

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Chrissy Gibson, Boca Raton spokeswoman.

In addition, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach have passed ordinances that cover sober homes. An operator has to apply annually for a reasonable accommodation that allows more than three unrelated people to live together in sobriety — needed to have protection under federal disability laws.

Boynton Beach Mayor Stephen Grant credits that ordinance for making "a huge difference."

Sober homes will have to be certified by the Florida Association of Recovery Residences to open in both cities.

Delray Beach city commissioners will take up their first exception case on Aug. 21. The city has a distance requirement for group homes to prevent clustering.

At the July 16 Planning and Zoning Board meeting, Stepping Stones' application to open was denied because the Osceola neighborhood the recovery residence is in already has three others within 660 feet.

Stepping Stones was operating when the distance ordinance was passed and only recently came to the city's attention. City staff recommended approval, but the P&Z board denied it. Several neighbors spoke against it.

The commission has the ultimate say. ★

# Work on new I-95 interchange at Atlantic set to begin this month

By Jane Smith

To meet growing traffic demands, the state will do a \$5.2 million construction project at the Atlantic Avenue Interstate 95 interchange in Delray Beach.

The project is set to begin Aug. 25 and is expected to last slightly longer than one year, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

The improvements will take place mainly along a 1-mile stretch of Atlantic Avenue from the E-4 Canal, just west of Congress Avenue, to Northwest/Southwest 10th Avenue. FDOT owns Atlantic Avenue in this area.

FDOT predicts the average annual daily traffic to increase from 47,000 vehicles in 2016 to 59,800 in 2040, growing at an annual rate of 1.39 percent. The department will showcase its redesign to the public between 4 and 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the city's Environmental Services building, 434 S. Swinton Ave.

While the state talks about traffic capacity and safety of drivers, Delray Beach city commissioners are focused on a multimodal transportation plan that includes walkers and bicyclists.

FDOT representatives said they first met with Delray Beach residents in July 2014. They also heard from Human Powered Delray, a nonprofit group dedicated to bike and pedestrian safety.

The department listened to the group's suggestions, but FDOT did not incorporate most of them into the redesign because of cost constraints and lack of space, said Guillermo Canedo, FDOT spokesman.

Bill Bathurst, a new commissioner who was designated as the FDOT point person at the July 10 commission meeting, said, "We are getting a little bit more of what we wanted. I'm still concerned that it's dangerous for walkers and bike riders who live east of the interstate and walk west on Atlantic."

When his son was in high school and wrestled on the Atlantic High School team, Bathurst picked up his son and teammates daily after practice to drive them home, east of I-95. The high school sits on Atlantic Avenue, west of Congress.

The Palm Beach County School District usually does not provide bus service to students living within 2 miles of the school. But for Atlantic High students who live east of I-95, the district makes an exception and provides bus transportation, according to Shane Searchwell, general manager of transportation services.

Bathurst is trying to set



FDOT changes will allow traffic to flow more easily from westbound Atlantic Avenue to the I-95 on-ramps.

**ABOVE:** The northbound on-ramp (in aqua) has an exclusive safety lane at the start with a border that prevents lane-changing. The green shows a travel lane from westbound Atlantic that goes under the I-95 overpass. The maroon line indicates a sidewalk, and the adjacent yellow represents a bicycle lane. **Graphic provided**

up a meeting with FDOT representatives and various community leaders before the construction work starts.

FDOT will upgrade the Interstate 95 on-ramp lanes to be "segregated, exclusive safety lanes" from westbound Atlantic, Canedo said. The lanes, also called turbo lanes, will be separated from the other travel lanes by a 4-inch raised concrete barrier that has 5-foot plastic batons on top, he said, to prevent vehicles from crossing over at the last minute.

"The angle of the southbound on-ramp will be changed to improve pedestrian safety," Canedo said.

East of the interstate on the north side of Atlantic, walkers will have a 6-foot-wide sidewalk and bike riders will get a dedicated 7-foot lane. West of the interstate, bike riders will share the lane with vehicles from the southbound I-95 off-ramp west to Congress Avenue.

Pedestrians and bike riders must cross over the turbo lanes twice when traveling westbound on Atlantic. Eastbound walkers and cyclists also must cross over the regular traffic getting onto the southbound on-ramp and on the other side of the interstate, traffic lanes for vehicles exiting the northbound interstate. ★

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1967. The horrific poisoning deaths of two young children and the absence of a local medical center became the impetus for its construction. The town had about 10,000 residents and a group of volunteers with a mission.

“The goal always is to be better,” said Joan Wargo, 88, who has logged more than 35,000 volunteer hours there over the past 50 years. “We have an expansion planned we have been working on for over a year. We are planning on building a new tower. I just hope people will understand ... how much more progressive it’s going to be for the residents of Boca Raton. I think it’s great.

“I would not say it’s an end of an era. I say it’s the beginning of another one. We are not ending Boca Raton Regional Hospital by any means.”

In a May 2017 interview, Fedele spoke of the hospital’s close link to the community and its residents.

“We are really the sweet spot of medicine. We are big enough to provide the best care but small enough to still have that community atmosphere,” Fedele told *The Coastal Star*.

Today, this hospital has grown into a regional treatment complex with about 2,800 employees, 1,200 volunteers and approximately 800 doctors on staff. The Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League has provided more than \$31 million to the hospital since the League’s formation in 1962.

The proposed merger would place the 400-bed Boca Raton Regional Hospital in partnership with the neighboring 400-bed Bethesda Hospital East in Boynton Beach — once a rival of sorts. Bethesda Hospital, with medical centers in east and west Boynton Beach, merged with Baptist over a 24-month period after an agreement was signed in 2015.



Baptist Health South Florida is among the largest healthcare organizations in South Florida, with 10 hospitals, more than 40 physician practices and 50 outpatient and urgent care facilities. The organization also has approximately 18,500 employees and more than 3,000 affiliated physicians.

Fedele, who had planned to retire in 2018, has agreed to stay on through August 2019 to assist with the transition. Fedele has served as CEO of Boca Regional for the past 10 years.

Baptist Health South Florida said in a statement that “Boca Raton Regional Hospital aligns strategically with our organization and our plans to improve access to quality health care in our region. We share not-for-profit values of exceptional quality and service for our patients, high physician and employee engagement and a commitment to the communities we serve. We look forward to continuing to work with Boca Raton Regional Hospital through this process.”

In May, Boca Regional officials, looking to form a partnership, narrowed down talks to two potential partners, Miami-based Baptist Health and Cleveland Clinic.

The hospital is growing, and a \$260 million program will transform the main building and add a parking garage and power plants.

Wargo can’t wait to see the results. “I am anxious to get to work,” she said. “Let’s go!”

Officials hope to complete the merger by the end of the year. ★

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## Boca Raton

## Judge sets hearing Sept. 11 to review Haynie dismissal motion

By Mary Hladky and  
Emily J. Minor

The state's case against suspended Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie took a small step forward July 26 when the judge set an Oct. 26 hearing to again review pretrial progress.

Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Glenn Kelley also set aside 30 minutes on Sept. 11 to consider a request from Haynie's attorney, Bruce Zimet, to dismiss all seven charges against her.



Haynie, 62, was arrested

April 24 on charges that she failed to disclose income she and her husband, Neil, received from James Batmasian, the city's largest downtown commercial landowner whose city projects she favored in several City Council votes. She has not resigned as mayor, although Gov. Rick Scott suspended her April 27.

She faces four felony and three misdemeanor charges, including official misconduct, perjury in an official proceeding, misuse of public office, corrupt misuse of public office and failure to disclose voting conflict.

Earlier in July — responding to Zimet's motion to dismiss all charges against Haynie because

of what he argues are flaws in the charging document — Assistant State Attorney Brian Fernandes tweaked the wording in the state's allegations, which he then said should have cleared up matters.

Fernandes, who declined to comment, said during the brief hearing that he hopes the court can set a trial date in October.

After the hearing, Zimet said he's still not happy with the state's charges. He said the felony perjury charge doesn't say what "alleged statement [Haynie] is accused of making."

Zimet said, "That's why we've filed the motion" to dismiss. At the core of the state's case are allegations that Haynie, a longtime city servant who has

lived in Boca Raton for decades, collected hundreds of thousands of dollars since 2014, including some from business agreements with Batmasian, which Haynie failed to disclose in forms required by the state.

During that time, prosecutors say she cast four favorable votes on Batmasian projects.

Haynie has pleaded not guilty to the charges and has waived her right to a speedy trial.

In the motion to dismiss the charges, Zimet contended the state made mistakes in the charges against Haynie.

The most consequential involves a state anti-corruption law that was amended by the Florida Legislature in 2016 to make it easier for prosecutors to prove corruption. The law initially said the state had to establish that a public official acted with "corrupt intent." The amended law changed that to "knowingly and intentionally," a lesser standard of proof.

But in two of the felony official misconduct charges against Haynie, prosecutors said she acted "knowingly and intentionally" even though her alleged crimes occurred before that language went into effect. Therefore, Haynie was charged with a "nonexistent crime," the motion to dismiss states.

The third felony official misconduct count did not lay out how she violated the law, while the felony perjury

count does not say what false statement Haynie is accused of making. The three misdemeanor charges do not say Haynie's violations were "willful," and so do not allege a criminal offense, the motion states.

In response, the state amended its charging document in July, conceding Zimet's contention that it had used the wrong standard in the first two official misconduct charges. It said the new wording made moot Zimet's effort to get those charges dismissed.

The state also changed the misdemeanor charges to state that Haynie acted "willfully."

But the state also contended that there were no other deficiencies in the charges that prevented Zimet from preparing an adequate defense for Haynie.

Zimet responded with a second motion to dismiss, arguing that the state had not fixed all the flaws in its charging document.

The charges are so vague that it is not clear what the actual allegations are against Haynie and how she benefited from her allegedly illegal actions, the motion states.

"In most simplistic terms, it is impossible for a defendant to properly defend themselves if the State fails to properly identify the actual criminal activity the State alleges that a defendant has committed," it states. ★

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District adds three months  
for canal-side planning

By Steve Plunkett

The Lake Worth Drainage District has given homeowners along three canals in southwest Boca Raton a three-month reprieve from clearing canal banks while district and city officials search for a way to leave some vegetation alone.

"This postponement will allow the district and city the opportunity to work together and consider options for necessary canal rehabilitation on these canals prior to final action by the district's board of supervisors on Oct. 17, 2018," the board announced after its July 11 meeting.

The loudest outcry has come from residents along Southwest Seventh Street on the shore of Sabal Palm Lake, who have planted trees and shrubs, installed fences and built docks in what they thought were their backyards. But this year the drainage district told them the shore is actually the bank of its L-49 canal with a right of way or easements extending in some cases more than 50 feet from the water's edge.

The district is in the midst of a years-long program to clear vegetation along the 500 miles of canals it maintains to prevent trees and bushes from

toppling in a hurricane and blocking drainage.

Mayor Scott Singer asked the district to hold off work on the L-48, L-49 and L-50 canals so city and district officials can explore more global solutions. At an open house the district convened July 10 for homeowners, district officials said they would clear the banks using the smallest equipment possible.

"We're trying to be as gentle as we can," said Tony Las Casas, the district's assistant director of facilities and maintenance.

City staff will evaluate options "that may include a higher level of maintenance provided by the city and/or negotiated agreements with homeowners to allow certain types of approved landscaping that do not interfere with LWDD access," Boca Raton said on its website.

The district asked Boca Raton residents along the affected canals to "take proactive measures" for hurricane preparedness and sustainable tree maintenance "by pruning trees away from drainage canals and refraining from planting trees or vegetation on drainage or utility easements and public rights of way." ★

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# Gulf Stream

## Proposed property tax almost a penny below the rollback rate

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream will lower its property tax rate to just below the rollback rate for the second time in two years.

At their July 13 meeting, town commissioners set the tentative tax rate for the 2018-19 budget year at \$4.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value, down from \$4.36 in the current year and 0.99 cents under the rollback rate — the rate that would produce the same revenue as the previous year, using current assessments.

The first public hearing on property taxes and the town's budget will be at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 14.

Town Manager Greg Dunham's proposed \$5.58 million budget includes \$531,383 for the first year of Gulf Stream's 10-year capital improvement plan. The money will be spent on designing and getting permits for

rebuilding roads and improving drainage in the worst part of town, the northern core area. Construction, which has an estimated price of \$3.7 million, would follow in 2020.

The northern core includes Bermuda Lane from Sea Road to the south end, Gulf Stream Road from Sea Road to Banyan Road, Old School Road from Gulf Stream Road to the cul-de-sac, Oleander Way from Banyan to the north end, Polo Drive from Old School to Banyan, Wright Way from Old School to the cul-de-sac, Sea Road from Ocean Boulevard to Gulf Stream Road, North County Road from Ocean to Sea Road, and Banyan from Ocean to the cul-de-sac.

Projects in Place Au Soleil, the southern core, the water main on State Road A1A, and work in Hidden Harbour and Pelican Lane would come in later years.

Dunham also said he and

town accountant Rebecca Tew expected to add at least \$1 million to Gulf Stream's reserves, pushing the total cushion to \$4.8 million or more. The reserves dropped to \$752,858 in the 2013 budget year as the town wrestled with requests and lawsuits over public records.

The tax rate topped out in fiscal 2016 at \$5 per \$1,000 as commissioners rebuilt the reserves.

Dunham also recommended that Gulf Stream pay 80 percent of health insurance premiums for the families of town employees. The Police Department recently lost a promising job applicant to Highland Beach, which pays the entire family premium, he said.

"Towns and cities really compete for the labor force," Dunham said.

Gulf Stream pays all the health premiums for its 20 employees but nothing for

family coverage. Only two employees pay extra to cover their dependents, Dunham said, an amount that in one case equals half of each paycheck.

The additional benefit would cost Gulf Stream \$246,000 a year, Dunham said.

Commissioners noted that the town already gives employees a \$3,000 flex benefit to offset health deductibles and co-pays and decided to discuss the idea further.

"I think there should be some give-and-take" between

the flex benefit and family coverage, Commissioner Joan Orthwein said.

Dunham also said he will promote Tew from town accountant to chief finance officer. Tew started working for Gulf Stream in 2014. At the commission meeting the Government Finance Officers Association gave her its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for her work on the 2017-2018 budget. ★

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## Delray Beach

# Commission agrees to lower tax rate slightly

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach commissioners agreed to lower the tax rate slightly, keeping a promise to their residents to reduce the tax rate each year for 10 years.

The commission action July 10 capped the total tax rate at \$6.97 per \$1,000 of property value for the next financial year, which starts Oct. 1. It would be the sixth consecutive year that Delray Beach is lowering its tax

rate.

"I want to keep the promise to our taxpayers," said Mayor Shelly Petrolia. "I am challenging the city manager to find flexibility in the low-hanging fruit of outstanding parking tickets and from our reserves."

Delray Beach has a lush reserve account of more than \$34 million as of June. That amount represents about 28.9 percent of this year's operating budget. The commission wants to set aside 25 percent, or \$29.6 million, for hurricane-related expenses and other emergencies.

Florida does not have a law requiring municipalities to set aside a certain percentage for reserves, said Kurt Wenner, research vice president at Florida TaxWatch. "Most local governments have their own internal policies on reserves," he said. Florida TaxWatch is a nonprofit organization that researches and analyzes state and local government taxation issues.

Nearby Boynton Beach has a lower reserve goal of 10 percent set aside for emergencies, according to information presented in mid-July at its budget workshop. Boca Raton also has a 10 percent goal. When the current financial

year started, Boca Raton had about 34 percent of its operating budget, or \$53 million, in reserves.

In Delray Beach, City Manager Mark Lauzier said the lower rate would not allow the city to continue to increase the size of its public safety staff, which was reduced during the Recession. Another five police officers and eight fire-rescue employees are needed, he said.

Deputy Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson was the lone no vote on the reduced tax rate. She wants to see more police on the streets.

Lauzier also said the city's rollback rate is \$6.55 per \$1,000 property value. The rollback rate is the rate that would generate the same tax revenue as the prior year with allowances for new construction.

Even though the tax rate will be slightly lower, city property owners will pay about 3.2 percent more in property taxes.

In addition, Lauzier talked about the looming budget amendment, where voters statewide will be asked in November whether they want another \$25,000 reduction on top of their homestead exemption of \$25,000 in property value.

If that passes, the city's property tax collection would be

reduced by \$1.3 million, he said.

Lauzier gave each commissioner a thick budget book to read before the Aug. 14 meeting when they will hear presentations by departments.

He also planned to hold three budget town halls in August for residents. The dates and places were: Veterans Park on Aug. 2, Delray Beach Municipal Golf Course on Aug. 6 and Pompey Park Community Center on Aug. 8, all at 6 p.m.

The city's proposed tax rate has two components. The operating tax rate is \$6.76 per \$1,000 value and the debt service rate is 21 cents per \$1,000 value. The total tax rate for the current year is \$7.09 per \$1,000 value with an operating rate of \$6.86 per \$1,000 value and debt service rate of 23 cents per \$1,000 value.

Lauzier had wanted to keep the next budget year's operating tax rate the same as this year's.

The tax rates had to be set by the end of July in order for the county property appraiser to mail notices in mid-August to every property owner. The notices cover assessed values and proposed tax rates.

The rates can be lowered but not raised during the city's budget hearings in September. ★

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Along the Coast

# Aug. 28 primaries will set party choices for District 89 race

By Steve Plunkett

Four of the five candidates hoping to become the next District 89 state representative in November will first duke it out in the Aug. 28 Democratic and Republican primaries.

On the GOP side, barrier island resident and Delray Beach accountant Mike Caruso faces Boca Raton lawyer Matt Spritz.

Registered Democrats in District 89, which leans Republican and stretches along the coast from Boca Raton to Singer Island, will choose either Ocean Ridge Mayor Jim Bonfiglio, a lawyer, or Boca Raton real estate agent Ryan Rossi, a former high school teacher.

Bonfiglio, 64, who promises to make life on the barrier island “easier, safer and better,” has been on the Ocean Ridge Town Commission since 2014 after 14 years on the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission.

He had \$29,497 in campaign contributions through July 20, the latest report available. He also lent his campaign \$65,000. Contributors include the law firm of former Ocean Ridge Mayor Ken Kaleel (\$1,000), numerous other lawyers and law firms and the Palm Beach Classroom Teachers Association political action committee (\$500).

Rossi, 33, a Florida Atlantic University graduate who taught government and economics at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton, offers himself as part of a “new generation” of Democratic leaders.

Campaign finance reports show him with \$16,287 in donations and \$1,100 in self-



Caruso



Spritz



Bonfiglio



Rossi

loans. His donors include county Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks (\$100), Florida College Democrats (\$100), Gulf Stream resident George Elmore (\$150), the Economic Council of Palm Beach County PAC (\$1,000) and Boca Raton activist Judith Kaye (\$1,000).

Republicans also have a choice between generations.

Caruso, 59, a forensic CPA who qualified to run for the Florida House by collecting 1,241 petition signatures, says he will bring “real, experienced, community-based leadership” to Tallahassee. He has been a member of the Delray Beach Police Advisory Board and the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition Board and also president of the Villas of Ocean Crest homeowners association and Atlantic Grove condominium association.

As of July 20 he had \$66,770 in contributions and loaned his campaign \$210,000. Among the contributors are Caffè Luna Rosa restaurant owner Francis Marincola (\$2,000), Palm Beach Kennel Club (\$1,000), the nonprofit Florida Limousine Association (\$1,000) and west Delray farmers Richard Bowman (\$1,000) and Theresa Bowman (\$1,000) and their Beefy Tree Farm (\$1,000).

Spritz, 35, is no stranger to state politics, according to his LinkedIn biography. He was a campaign manager for Naples Republican Matt

Hudson’s unsuccessful 2016 Florida Senate primary run, then managed the successful Florida House campaign of Sarasota businesswoman Alex Miller. After Miller was elected, Spritz became legislative aide to Naples businessman and state Rep. Bob Rommel for the 2017 legislative session. Rommel, Miller and Hudson all have endorsed Spritz’s candidacy.

Spritz gained brief media attention in 2012 in the *New York Daily News* — he graduated from New York University School of Law — when he and a friend sued celebrity fitness trainer Harley Pasternak after a squabble about a basketball court.

He has \$135,485 in campaign contributions and gave himself a \$40,000 loan. His supporters include JM Family Enterprises (\$1,000), Palm Beach Kennel Club (\$1,000), Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (\$1,000), Sunshine State Conservatives (\$1,000), former Manalapan Mayor David Cheifetz (\$1,000), Florida Bankers Association (\$1,000) and Gulf Stream resident George Elmore (\$250).

State Rep. Bill Hager, who first won the District 89 seat in 2012, cannot run because of term limits. The primary winners will also face Delray Beach business owner Deborah Wesson Gibson, who is not affiliated with a party, in November. ★



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## Boca Raton

# It takes lots of money to run for office

By Steve Plunkett

Early campaign finance reports and recent elections show it takes deep pockets to run for the Boca Raton City Council.

Kathy Cottrell, a consultant running for Seat A, lent herself \$25,000 to seed her campaign, finance reports show. Rivals Tamara McKee, an actress, lent her campaign \$23,000 while Andy Thomson, a lawyer, chipped in \$20,000 toward his race.

Seat A opened up May 22 when the City Council passed a resolution to hold a special election Aug. 28. Two weeks before, council members passed a resolution to hold an election the same day to replace Mayor Susan Haynie, who was suspended in April after she was charged with official misconduct and perjury.

In the campaign to replace Haynie, Scott Singer lent his campaign just \$15. He opened his campaign account back in October, when Haynie was expected to resign as mayor to run for the County Commission and leave an opening in the March 2019 election.

Lawyer Al Zucaro, who publishes the BocaWatch online blog and lost to Haynie in March 2017, is running again and initially gave himself \$3,500.

And real estate broker Bernard Korn, who filed an official declaration of domicile listing a Boca Raton address in April, gave his campaign \$2,602.72.

The totals for all candidates could change substantially between now and Election Day. In 2017 Zucaro gave his campaign \$15,000 to start out and then \$47,750 in the closing days of the race. He repaid himself \$82.91, finance records show.

Similarly, March 2018 candidate and eventual council winner Monica Mayotte gave her campaign \$25,000 and repaid herself \$1,019.26.

More campaign finance reports were due Aug. 3, Aug. 17 and Aug. 24, City Clerk Susan Saxton said.

Names of the candidates will appear on the ballot in an order chosen at random, not by alphabet. Zucaro will head the list, followed by Singer and Korn. For Seat A, Thomson will be on top, then Cottrell and McKee. ★

### Mayoral contributions

**Bernard Korn** is not taking contributions and is self-financing his campaign. He lent his campaign \$2,602.72.

**Scott Singer's** war chest minus a \$15 self-loan totaled \$110,469. He started taking donations in October and has contributions from architect Douglas Mummaw (\$500), law firm Dunay, Miskel and Backman (\$1,000), land-use lawyer Bonnie Miskel (\$1,000), developer Compson Associates (\$1,000), law firm GrayRobinson's PAC (\$250), lawyer Mitchell Kirschner (\$500), Welky Car Wash (\$1,000), Andre Welky (\$500), Planning and Zoning Board member Larry Snowden (\$250), former county GOP Chairman Sid Dinerstein (\$250), architect Derek Vander Ploeg (\$500), Vander Ploeg's firm (\$500), Library Advisory Board member Betty Grinnan (\$100), city activist Judith Kaye (\$350), former Deputy Mayor Constance Smith (\$25), Danburg Management Corp. (\$1,000), philanthropist Christine Lynn (\$500), 155 E. Boca Raton Road LLC (\$1,000), Marine Advisory Board Chairman Gene Folden (\$300), Rapaport's Restaurant Group (\$250), Geo Group (\$1,000), former City Council member Al Travassos (\$325), former state Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff (\$250), Downtown Advisory Board member Peg Anderson (\$100), Kaufman Lynn Construction (\$1,000), law firm Greenspoon Marder (\$1,000), County Commissioners Steven Abrams (\$200) and Hal Valeche (\$250), city firefighters union PAC (\$500), Stiles Corp. (\$250), Chamber of Commerce PAC (\$1,000), iPic Gold Class Entertainment LLC (\$1,000), Planning and Zoning Board Vice Chairman Richard Coffin (\$250), Kolter Payments LLC (\$750) and Hyatt Place Boca Raton (\$750).

**Al Zucaro**, who entered the race in late May, has \$15,629 not counting a \$1,000 contribution from his law firm and a self-loan of \$3,500. His donations came from city activist John Gore (\$250), Mummaw (\$250), frequent BocaWatch contributors Katie Barr (\$500) and Jack McWalter (\$200), Beautification Advisory Board chairwoman Jo-Ann Landon (\$25), Wildflower activist Nancy Hendrey (\$1,000), former council candidate Kim Do (\$500) and former council member Cormac Conahan (\$200).

Source: Campaign finance reports through June 30

# Three candidates compete to be mayor

A special election for mayor of Boca Raton will be held Aug. 28. The qualifying candidates are Scott Singer, Al Zucaro and Bernard Korn, who will vie to complete Susan Haynie's term, which ends in March 2020. Haynie was suspended from office in late April by Gov. Rick Scott and faces criminal charges of official misconduct and corrupt misuse of her office. Singer, at the time deputy mayor, took over as mayor when Haynie was suspended. Singer was compelled to resign his Council Seat A in mid-May to run for mayor. That seat is also up for grabs in this special election. The winners of both seats will be eligible to run again for two consecutive three-year terms. Boca Raton's mayor is paid \$38,000 a year.

— Steven J. Smith

## Mayor



**Bernard Korn**

**Personal:** 63; bachelor's degree in business and finance from Brooklyn

College; Boca Raton resident since April; married, two children.

**Professional:** Owns Undiscovered Properties, a real estate and education franchise company, and Travel Lines Express, a home-based travel agent franchise.

**Political experience:** None.

**Positions on issues:** Stop corruption; advocates for accountability, transparency and honesty in political government; wants political finance reform established; concerned with overcrowding in schools, traffic congestion.

**Quote:** "We must stop corruption in Boca Raton City by forming an anti-corruption task force. Protect our schoolchildren by establishing an anti-violence and anti-bullying task force with local, state and federal law enforcement officials. In service of this, I will also contribute my covert services as a former New York City law enforcement officer. I'm the only non-lawyer running for mayor. I was the first candidate to be qualified and approved for the Boca Raton City Mayor's official election ballot and was the first candidate to disclose my financial documents. My mission is to create employment, education and business opportunity in Boca Raton."



**Scott Singer**  
(Incumbent)

**Personal:** 40; Harvard University, A.B. cum laude, government;

J.D., Georgetown Law; Boca Raton resident for seven years; married, two children.

**Professional:** Served as a business lawyer with law firms Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Davis & Gilbert before founding his own practice. Previously was a strategy consultant for Monitor Co., now part of Deloitte.

**Political experience:** First elected to the City Council in 2014 and was reelected in 2017; also serves on the state Sober Homes Task Force and policy committees for the League of Cities at the state and county levels.

**Positions on issues:** Continue to partner with and listen to Boca residents to ensure they have a seat at the table on the important issues for our city; guard against overdevelopment; strengthen and increase support for our schools; keep taxes low; maintain world-class public safety; expand economic development efforts; enhance green space and the waterfront; improve ethics standards; cut red tape.

**Quote:** "I'm proud of my work in partnering with residents and bringing needed change to champion a new school for Boca, oppose overdevelopment, improve planning, increase high-paying jobs and enhance green space and services. I look forward to continuing to lead to improve the quality of life for our residents and ensure a brighter future for Boca Raton."



**Alfred "Al" Zucaro**

**Personal:** 69; B.A. in economics from Fordham University, J.D.

from Nova University; Boca Raton resident for 10 years; married, no children.

**Professional:** Publisher of a local blog, BocaWatch; served on Palm Beach County's Planning and Zoning Board, the Tourist Development Council and the Film and Television Commission.

**Political experience:** West Palm Beach city commissioner (1995-2002), unsuccessful run for West Palm Beach mayor (2007), unsuccessful run for Boca Raton mayor (2017).

**Positions on issues:** Wants more open and transparent government and insists the city charter should be revisited to address deficiencies in that regard; advocates for greater economic opportunities for Boca Raton; concerned with overdevelopment, traffic congestion, a lack of parking in the city, balancing the budget and green space preservation — and the City Council's reluctance to rectify these problems.

**Quote:** "If there were a position in this town under the internal auditor that had the ability to go back and review things that the city manager and city attorney did, we may have avoided the Haynie situation, because it would have been known before the fact. We have a lack of communication and a deficiency with how the city communicates its posture, its position and how it negotiates deals. I believe this city negotiates from a position of power rather than a position of reason and I believe the mayor's position is to advocate for better communication between varying interests. I plan on being a mayor who reaches out and works with various community leaders to resolve issues, to come up with practical solutions and to find ways to bring closure to items that seem to never get closed."

### Candidate forums

**Who:** Candidates for mayor and City Council Seat A  
**When:** 7 p.m. Aug. 9 (all candidates), Municipal Building, 6500 Congress Ave., hosted by the Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations

6 p.m. Aug. 17 (council candidates), Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., hosted by *The Boca Raton Tribune*

6 p.m. Aug. 24 (mayoral candidates), Community Center, hosted by *The Boca Raton Tribune*

# Boca Raton

## Three vie for Council Seat A

A special election for Seat A on the Boca Raton City Council will take place Aug. 28. The qualifying candidates are Kathy Cottrell, Tamara McKee and Andy Thomson. Scott Singer was forced to resign the seat in mid-May to run for mayor. According to City Clerk Susan Saxton, because this is a special election to fill a vacant seat, the initial term for Seat A is through only March 2020. The winner can then run for two more consecutive terms. The salary for council members is \$28,000.

— Steven J. Smith

### SEAT A



**Kathy Cottrell**

**Personal:** 60; B.S. in news editing and reporting from the University of Florida;

master's degree in public policy and administration, Cal State University at Long Beach; master's degree in organizational psychology and a PhD in organizational psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology; Boca Raton resident for 30 years; married, no children.

**Professional:** Over the past 15 years, she has served as a senior organization development consultant with Fortune 500 companies Tenet Healthcare Corporation, Raytheon Company and Walt Disney World.

**Political experience:** None.

**Positions on issues:** Advocates for responsible growth, ensuring school safety and addressing school overcrowding, infrastructure, traffic congestion.

**Quote:** "I've been very involved in my community on various boards and panels and have actively participated in City Council meetings for the past several years. I have also been a lifelong volunteer in various capacities. There are hundreds of issues the council has to address. In addition to my interest in our city's growth, infrastructure and traffic issues as well as the concerns I have for school safety and overcrowding, I want to say that these are things residents are speaking to me about when I'm having conversations with them. I think I am the most qualified for this position, based on my background and experience, having worked with large companies my entire life."



**Tamara McKee**

**Personal:** 48; Bachelor's degree in history, cum laude, Florida

International University; Boca Raton resident for 20 years; divorced, four children.

**Professional:** Spent the last 35 years as an actor, producer and branding professional. Clients include Netflix, JetBlue and Procter & Gamble.

**Political experience:** None.

**Positions on issues:** Wants to bring improved transparency to city leadership; advocates for smart growth, multi-pronged traffic solutions and sustainability, especially as to how it relates to flooding in town.

**Quote:** "Boca Raton is a city with a world-class brain and a small-town heart. When I am a City Council member I will serve to protect our quality of life, be fiscally lean and restore trust in our city leadership. I am a proven leader on a city and state level, working on behalf of elders, consumers and residents. I'm the candidate who has served our city for the past 20 years in our schools and nonprofits. I have more experience than all the other candidates combined. I have a 100 percent attendance record in my eight years of public board service. I get things done."



**Andy Thomson**

**Personal:** 35; B.S. in electrical engineering from Georgia

Tech, J.D. from University of Miami; Boca Raton resident for two years; married, three children.

**Professional:** Business litigation lawyer with Baritz and Colman.

**Political experience:** No political offices held, but has served as a board member for the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency since 2016. Was also vice-chair for Boca Raton's Education Task Force as well as a board member of the Boca Raton Community Advisory Panel.

**Positions on issues:** Wants to alleviate traffic congestion in Boca Raton and overcrowding in the schools; wants to make sure first responders have all the necessary resources and training; favors preservation of beaches and parks; endorses keeping taxes low.

**Quote:** "I am a big believer that elected officials are elected to represent all of their constituents — not just their neighbors and friends, but everyone. It's my pledge to represent all 90,000 people in Boca. I believe strongly that we are one city with one voice. That's how I plan to govern."

### Council contributions

**Kathy Cottrell's** total minus a \$25,000 self-loan was \$14,708 as of June 30. Her contributors include Library Advisory Board member Betty Grinnan (\$100), Wildflower activist Nancy Hendrey (\$500), philanthropist and candidate Al Zucaro's spouse, Yvonne Boice (\$200), Parks and Recreation Advisory Board member Dennis Frisch (\$100), Beautification Advisory Board chairwoman Jo-Ann Landon (\$50), Riviera Civic Association President Kevin Meaney (\$99) and frequent BocaWatch contributors Katie Barr (\$200) and Jack McWalter (\$250). Cottrell is endorsed by City Council member and former BocaWatch editor Andrea O'Rourke and she introduced Zucaro at his inaugural campaign fundraiser.

**Tamara McKee's** war chest minus a \$23,000 self-loan was \$7,600. She has donations from McWalter (\$50), architect Derek Vander Ploeg (\$250), ex-husband and former Boca Raton High School Principal Geoff McKee (\$510) and two-time council candidate and lawyer Frank Chapman (\$1,000), whose complaints led to the criminal charges against then-Mayor Susan Haynie.

**Andy Thomson** has \$31,593 in contributions not counting a \$20,000 self-loan. Donors include Vander Ploeg (\$500), law firm Dunay, Miskel and Backman (\$1,000), former City Council member Al Travasos (\$225), Marine Advisory Board Chairman Gene Folden (\$300), city activist Judith Kaye (\$250), lawyer and School Board member Frank Barbieri (\$500), Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District Chairman Robert Rollins (\$100), architect Douglas Mumshaw (\$250), Downtown Advisory Board member Peg Anderson (\$100), Habitat for Humanity President Randy Nobles (\$50), the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's political action committee (\$1,000) and former Mayor Susan Whelchel's son, John Jr. (\$500).

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Gulf Stream resident Kevin Anderson acknowledges the crowd after he outlasted John Isner 26-24 in the fifth set of a Wimbledon semifinal that was the second-longest match in tournament history. Anderson went on to his second runner-up finish in the past four Grand Slam events. AELTC photos by Thomas Lovelock and Joe Toth

## Tennis

# Anderson aims for U.S. Open title after run to Wimbledon final

By Steve Pike

Kevin Anderson has been on the doorstep of winning two of the past four professional tennis Grand Slam events — the 2017 U.S. Open and the 2018 Wimbledon Championships. But each time the door slammed shut.

Anderson, a 32-year-old resident of Gulf Stream, finished second to Rafael Nadal in New York and to Novak Djokovic last month at Wimbledon.

Back in Gulf Stream with his wife, Kelsey, following his Wimbledon run, Anderson discussed his plans to finally knock down the door.

He beat top seed Roger Federer in a five-set quarterfinal and outlasted John Isner in a historic six-hour, 36-minute semifinal, which ended 26-24 in the fifth set.

“I think my game is definitely there,” said Anderson, who planned to return to the court for the summer hard-court season at the Rogers Cup starting Aug. 3 in Toronto. “I’m on the right path and as I keep learning how to handle these big moments, I think I will become more comfortable as well. I am going to keep looking forward — winning one of the Slams is a huge goal of mine.”

Anderson’s Wimbledon run moved him to No. 5 in the ATP world rankings — the highest of his 11-year pro career and the highest of any South African-born player since Kevin Curren rose to No. 5 in 1985. Eric Sturgess and Cliff Drysdale were ranked No. 4



Kevin Anderson (right) holds the plate awarded to the Wimbledon runner-up as he stands with champion Novak Djokovic during the trophy ceremony. The result gave Anderson a career-high No. 5 world ranking as he prepares for the U.S. Open.

during their careers, but that was before the official ATP world rankings.

“Achieving a top-five ranking has been a big milestone for me,” said Anderson, who has dual U.S. and South African citizenship. “It makes me the highest ranked South African man in the open era of tennis, which means a great deal. I have a huge amount of respect and have always looked up to Wayne Ferreira, Johan Kriek and Kevin Curren, who were some of the best players in South African history. I’m honored to be in

such great company in terms of my ranking and tennis achievements.”

Anderson’s defeat of Federer, in which Anderson was down two sets and faced a match point before winning 13-11 in the fifth, set up the semifinal vs. Isner. Each man was near exhaustion before Anderson became the first South African to reach a Wimbledon men’s final in 97 years.

Following the match, the second-longest in Wimbledon history, Anderson, Isner and three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe were among those who called for a

change in the rules to prevent such long final sets. Isner also played the longest match, a 70-68 victory over Nicolas Mahut in 2010 in 11 hours, five minutes over three days.

Does Anderson believe Wimbledon will seriously consider their remarks?

“I think in some aspects, yes, because it happened in the semifinals as opposed to the first round,” Anderson said. “On the other hand, John’s previous marathon match lasted almost twice as long as this one and they didn’t consider a rule change.

“Obviously it’s been spoken

about, but at the end of the day there’s a lot of history with playing the long fifth set. On the plus side, my match was something that will definitely go down in the history books.”

With the U.S. Open set to start Aug. 27, Anderson is primed for more history.

“My results at Wimbledon this year were further confirmation that my game is good enough to compete at the best level,” Anderson said. “I’ve had that belief already, but now it has come down to believing and performing against the best players on the biggest stages in the world.” ★

10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Chris Warren

One of the eight contestants in Boca's Ballroom Battle has two daughters enrolled at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Rachel is 20, and Grace is 19. The contestant's 14-year-old son, Christopher, attends St. Andrew's School.

Higher education comes at a high price, and that is one of the reasons Chris Warren, dad to all three, agreed to participate in the George Snow Scholarship Fund benefit.

"It's a great cause," said Warren, a founding partner of Lawless, Edwards & Warren Wealth Management. "I'm able to provide an education for my children, my parents provided an education for me, and if I can help some other kids get to school, wow, that's awesome."

Warren, a graduate of Michigan State University, does not like the spotlight. He would rather let his actions speak to who he is and what he is about — a financial planner helping clients reach their goals and discovering what is important to them.

"I said no last year, and Tim came back," said Warren, referring to the nonprofit's president, Tim Snow. "Saying no again would be me just chickening out."

So in the spotlight he will be during the *Dancing With the Stars*-style fundraiser, set for Sept. 14 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

He will cut the rug with seven other contestants — Samir Changela, Nancy Dockerty, Matthew Maschler, Cristina Mata, Jamie Rosemurgy, Tracy Tilson and Joseph Veccia — in the quest for the coveted Mirror Ball trophy.

"I do like to dance, but it's not like I've done anything like this before," Warren said. "I feel like I have two left feet."

What is the 55-year-old's game plan?

"I'm going to try to have my routine down cold, but you know, prayer — practice and prayer," said Warren, who bikes, runs, swims and practices yoga. "The physical part of this is not the issue — it's more the repetition of learning my routine and then making it look good."

— Amy Woods

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

A. I grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. Went to Michigan State University. Great education. Great place to grow up.

Q. In what professions have you worked, and which ones make you the proudest?

A. Started a landscape business in high school. Grew it to 80 clients. Started my career as an auditor for Domino's Pizza, then assistant controller in Pompano Beach. Wanted to start my own business, so I got



Chris Warren practices with dance partner Loreta Kriksciukaiyte, owner of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Boca Raton. Warren will be one of eight contestants in the annual fundraising event benefiting the George Snow Scholarship Fund. Photo provided

If You Go

**What:** Boca's Ballroom Battle  
**When:** 6-10 p.m. Sept. 14  
**Where:** Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 E. Camino Real  
**Cost:** \$100  
**Information:** 347-6799 or scholarship.org.

into the wealth-management space 29 years ago. Along with my partners, I have built a successful business providing great service and value to our clients/friends.

Q. What advice do you have

for young adults selecting a career today?

A. Where you start is not where you will finish. Take a chance. Don't be afraid of failing, and work to find your passion.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club?

A. We had a growing family and needed a bigger home. Royal Palm is a great quality neighborhood.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club?

A. My office is just across Federal Highway. I love being

east — easy access to the beach. So many reasons.

Q. What books are you reading now?

A. Elon Musk: *Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future*. He's a very impressive / driven guy. *The One Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results*. A great book about the importance of focus. Also *He's Not Lazy: Empowering Your Son to Believe in Himself*.

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

A. I like all types of music. Classical helps me relax.

Also I like rock 'n' roll, blues, bluegrass, etc.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires you?

A. Two: Never give up. The Lord is my shepherd.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life — individuals who have inspired your decisions?

A. My mom and dad.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, whom would you want to play you?

A. Matt Damon. Mark Wahlberg is pretty cool, too. Clint Eastwood?



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# IGUANAS

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Commission, he pleaded for help.

“Very simply said, we need an efficient, effective and inexpensive way to eliminate this non-indigenous reptile,” he told commissioners. “There is an epidemic of iguanas in the town.”

McAndrew is one of dozens of residents who have pleaded with the town’s administration for anti-iguana assistance. Ocean Ridge commissioners are listening and are considering a plan to hire an iguana contractor. Only a few South Florida communities have dared to take on the reptiles directly, so expectations are measured.

“You can’t use the word ‘eradication’ because by all accounts they can’t be eradicated,” said Town Manager Jamie Titcomb. “But they can be controlled.”

Beyond Ocean Ridge, complaints about iguanas are rising with their population. The reptiles relieve themselves on Manalapan’s boat docks, stop traffic on A1A in Gulf Stream and startle power walkers in South Palm Beach.

According to the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the first known sighting of a feral iguana in Florida occurred in Miami-Dade County in 1966. But the species was flourishing throughout Central America and the Caribbean several centuries before.

Exactly when the critters migrated as far north as Palm Beach County is a matter of some dispute. Most wildlife officials believe it probably was the late 1990s.

Today, iguanas range at least as far north as Pasco County on the West Coast and St. Lucie County on the East. There is not even a guesstimate as to how many are here. The state has collected data on them but hasn’t tried to count them.

The collective opinion among the experts is that iguanas are here to stay and it’s up to the human population to adjust to them — like the other non-native invaders: lionfish, pythons and discourteous motorists from the Northeast.

## Some killed by the cold

“Every species has its pros and cons,” says Carol Lyn Parrish, a public information coordinator with the state commission. “They’re fully established now. The only real predator is really another iguana, or a person.”

There is one other serious threat to iguana expansion: cold



A large orange-colored male is surrounded by a trio of younger iguanas near Lake Ida in Delray Beach. The iguanas likely are part of a colony. Females in a colony, usually at the same time, lay about 50 eggs once a year. **Michelle Quigley/The Coastal Star**

## Iguana facts and curiosities

- State wildlife officials insist that the feces of the green iguana (binomial name *Iguana iguana*) are grotesque and messy but not particularly disease-ridden and generally no worse than your dog’s waste.
- Confronted by humans, an iguana will nearly always choose flight over fight. Wildlife experts say they know of no reports of iguanas attacking humans or pets.
- Charges that they kill native lizards or other wildlife are unfounded. Iguanas are herbivores.
- Many animal experts claim iguanas have good memories. For example, if you scare one sufficiently with a blast from a water hose, it will remember the horror and is unlikely to return to your yard again.
- Is it legal to kill and eat iguanas? Yes, if they’re killed humanely. Properly prepared, iguana meat tastes something like a blend of chicken and gator. In Latin America, iguanas are known as *gallinas de palo* (tree chickens) and commonly enjoyed for dinner.
- Do manmade iguana repellents work? Hard to say. A range of products, from granules to liquid sprays, can be found online. Some reports suggest that hanging CDs or other shiny discs at strategic spots scares iguanas away because of the reflective surfaces.

**SOURCES: Veterinary and wildlife organizations**

weather.

During the winter of 2009, an extended cold snap killed untold thousands, sending frozen lizards falling out of trees like autumn leaves. But temperatures have to fall into the 30s for days, and that hasn’t happened since.

Two decades ago, state officials and animal advocates were OK with disposing of iguanas by trapping and freezing them. But then research suggested that dying in a freezer was a painful death and animal ethicists protested.

Today, veterinary and wildlife organizations agree the accepted method for killing them is with blunt force trauma to the head. It could be a blow to the brain with a shovel, or a shot with pellet gun, or penetration with a captive bolt livestock pistol.

The preliminary plan in Ocean Ridge is to hire a

contractor who will use pellet guns and trapping to at least put a dent in the population. Two contractors, Iguana Control Inc. of Fort Lauderdale and Wildlife Removal Services of Boca Raton, have submitted bids for the work.

## Debate on what to do

The rapid growth of iguana populations across the state is putting local leaders in a conflicted place, testing the boundary of how far government should be expected to go to solve constituents’ problems.

In Ocean Ridge, commissioners have debated whether iguana control should be the town’s responsibility or that of individual residents and homeowners.

Commissioner Steve Coz said during a June budget workshop that he worried the commission was becoming “a big HOA for



As if taunting a resident’s attempts to eliminate it, this iguana perches on a trap. **Photo provided by Jimmy McAndrew**

the town.” Coz said the town didn’t spend any money to remove whiteflies from anyone’s property during infestations years ago. Why should it be different with iguanas?

He argued the town shouldn’t go forward with plans to hire contractors. Homeowners should step up.

“We’re like an HOA and taking personal responsibility away from everyone,” Coz said. “I find it peculiar because we’re such an independent community.”

Dozens of residents have petitioned the town to act, however — among them former Commissioner Zoanne Hennigan. She told the commission the problem is more than any one homeowner can handle.

“I have iguanas not only in my backyard but in two vacant houses on either side of me that are like iguana breeding grounds,” Hennigan said. “Even if I spend the money to trap them at my home, the two vacant houses next to me are not going to spend any money to do that.”

She said that, unlike whiteflies or no-see-ums, iguanas affect every property in town and raise public health

concerns.

“It’s a townwide issue,” said Hennigan. “They bring salmonella bacteria when they poop. They poop all over your deck and your lawn. They’re more than just a nuisance. They’re a health hazard.”

(Wildlife officials dispute that assertion, saying it’s no worse than pet feces.)

Commissioner Kristine de Haseth said if the town does nothing it runs the risk of costing homeowners down the road: “Eventually it’s going to be a property value issue.”

Mayor James Bonfiglio has proposed setting aside \$16,000 to hire a contractor for a six-month period to remove iguanas from the town’s public areas and then evaluate the progress or lack of it.

A majority of commissioners agreed — but with reservations.

“You’re not going to get rid of them overall,” Vice Mayor Don MaGruder said.

Titcomb drew a parallel between the iguanas of Ocean Ridge and the pythons of the Everglades.

“They weren’t anybody’s problem,” he said, “until they were a problem that had grown exponentially.” ★

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## Boca Raton

# Downtown post office will stay where it is

By Steve Plunkett

The city's downtown post office is staying put, postal officials announced July 5.

The U.S. Postal Service told Boca Raton in February that it had been unable to get a new long-term lease on the facility at 170 NE Second St.

James and Marta Batmasian bought the site, which has housed the post office for decades, in 2013.

"The Postal Service and the landlord have since been able to come to a long-term agreement to stay at the current location," Tom Samra, the agency's vice president of facilities, wrote Mayor Scott Singer.

Postal spokeswoman Enola Rice confirmed July 31 the new lease had been signed.

Terms of the agreement were not announced, but Samra said his agency has canceled its proposal to relocate the facility.

"This is the final decision of the Postal Service with respect to this matter," Samra wrote.

Singer called it "a great outcome," ending months of concern for city officials and downtown businesses and residents. "I'm glad the Postal Service listened," he said.

Residents crowded a room in the Community Center Annex on March 29 to plead with postal officials not to relocate the downtown office, saying it was part of the city's history. The lease was set to end July 13.

Damian Salazar, a USPS real estate specialist, said at that meeting the agency wanted a lease for at least 10 years with three five-year renewals.

James Batmasian, who attended the gathering, told Salazar that was the first he had heard about the Postal Service wanting a longer lease and offered on the spot to redo a four-year lease he and his wife negotiated in September.

In his letter, Samra noted that his agency receives no tax dollars to support its work.

"To be self-sustaining, the Postal Service must make decisions that ensure it provides adequate and affordable postal services in a manner that is as efficient and economical as possible," he wrote. ★

## Council, Beach & Parks plan tax rates close to those of past year

By Steve Plunkett

City residents will see fractional decreases in property tax rates but will pay slightly higher tax bills if tentative rates win final approval.

City Manager Leif Ahnell advised City Council members to set the tentative property tax rate for both the operating budget and debt service at \$3.6787 per \$1,000 of taxable value, down from the current \$3.6788 per \$1,000.

"Taking direction from our goal-setting session in the spring, we are not recommending this year an increase in the tax rate for next year," Ahnell said at the council's July 24 meeting.

But the rate, if approved, will be advertised as a 4.83 percent increase in taxes — the operating millage is going from a rollback rate of \$3.3093 to \$3.4690. That increase is offset by a drop in debt service from 22.45 cents per \$1,000 to 20.97 cents.

Homeowners will also pay \$10 more for fire protection if Ahnell's recommendation to raise the fire fee to \$135 from \$125 is approved. The first public hearing on the tax rate will be 6 p.m. Sept. 13 at City Hall.

Boca Raton's tax base rose 6.32 percent this year, to \$23.9 billion. Meanwhile, the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District is contemplating keeping its tax rate steady at 91.47 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. The district's first public hearing on its budget will be 6 p.m. Sept. 6 at Sugar Sand Park.

**In other City Council business,** Ahnell said there was no room on the November ballot for a proposal to change residency requirements for council and mayoral candidates.

"We'll bring it back to you in the fall for your consideration," Ahnell said. ★

## Highland Beach



**ABOVE:** Former Vice Mayor Bill Weitz and Town Commissioner Elyse Riesa get into a shouting match at a special meeting July 30 called to interview job candidates for town manager. **BELOW:** Police Chief Craig Hartmann walks with Weitz out of the commission chambers. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



## MELTDOWN

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walked alongside him.

"This is probably why one of the candidates didn't show up," Mayor Carl Feldman said. "Because he watched the tapes and saw this dissension."

Weitz accused commissioners of micromanaging and being power hungry.

"They just demonstrated why you'll never be able to stay in the job," he told Thomas Bradford and Barry Feldman, the two remaining candidates in the audience.

The meeting ended after less than an hour, with Colin Baenziger of the search firm Colin Baenziger and Associates resigning and commissioners agreeing to call off interviews of the two candidates.

"I feel we wasted an entire month and didn't get the candidates we were looking for," said Commissioner Elyse Riesa. "Our whole goal is to get the best candidates every way we can, and we can't do that with just two people."

Feldman and Vice Mayor Alysen Africano Nila also were concerned with the search.

"I think this whole system is screwed up," Feldman said. "It's not being handled properly."

Baenziger, recognizing waning support, decided it would be best for his firm to withdraw.

"When you lose the confidence of two commissioners it makes it

difficult to go forward," he said. "It's better for them to pick a new firm and proceed."

Baenziger, whose firm had a \$26,500 agreement with Highland Beach, said he would work with the town on payment.

He said his firm has withdrawn from agreements only twice before during its 20 years in business and it has negotiated to get paid for the phases of the process it has completed. Baenziger said the firm completed three of five phases outlined in the agreement.

The withdrawal of the search firm and the decision not to meet with Bradford and Feldman, who came prepared for interviews, left commissioners scrambling.

The day after Baenziger's withdrawal, commissioners agreed to each provide Thrasher with the names of two candidates, either from the list the search firm provided or elsewhere.

Thrasher will contact each to see if they're interested in the position and the town's Police Department will do a preliminary background check. Candidates will then be invited for an interview.

Both Bradford and Feldman said they are still interested in the job. The two were among five finalists the search firm recommended from an initial list of more than 70.

Bradford served as town manager in Palm Beach for three years and was the village manager of Tequesta.

Barry Feldman, no relation to the mayor, served as town manager of West Hartford, Conn., for more than 20 years before serving as chief operating officer at the University of Connecticut for seven years.

Two other finalists selected by the search firm were eliminated by a commission vote, while the third, Ryan Fabbri — the former town administrator in Pawleys Island, S.C. — withdrew the day before the scheduled interviews.

Baenziger said Fabbri was in town during the weekend before the meeting and met with the vice mayor during his visit.

That surprised other commissioners, who said they weren't given the chance to meet with Fabbri over the weekend.

"I think all five of us should have been given the opportunity to meet candidates," Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman said.

The town has been without a permanent manager since May 1, when commissioners unexpectedly and without explanation voted 3-2 to fire Valerie Oakes. Thrasher, a former Gulf Stream manager, was hired May 21 on an interim basis for 90 days.

Baenziger said time constraints limited his ability to provide more candidates. He said his contract provided him with direction, but he began hearing conflicting requests from commissioners.

"We felt we didn't know what to do," he said. ★

## Along the Coast

# Sargassum surge viewed as disaster in Caribbean

By Cheryl Blackerby

A natural disaster has hit the Caribbean. Barbados has declared a national emergency, and the sprawling St. James Club resort in Antigua has been forced to temporarily close its doors and direct guests elsewhere. Marine experts are looking at damaged coral reefs and sea turtle mortalities.

And Puerto Rico has another emergency on top of last year's catastrophic hurricane damage.

In a region with its share of hurricanes, active volcanoes and earthquakes, the Caribbean has a new problem, one never seen before 2011 — sargassum.

The seaweed is being dumped by ocean waves on some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and it's arriving faster than it can be removed. It's clogging waterways, shading coral reefs and killing marine mammals that drown underneath its thick mats stretching for miles.

And this is happening in a region that generally has very little seaweed.

Sargassum has always been in Florida, the Bahamas and other islands. But scientists are alarmed at research that shows the seaweed piling up on shores since 2011 is not the same plant as that in the past, which arrived at predictable times of the year from the Sargasso Sea. This new species is coming from the south near Brazil and is quickly spreading on ocean currents that are deviating from normal patterns.

The Caribbean islands worst hit are Barbados, Guadeloupe, Antigua and Martinique.

Mexico's Riviera Maya is also seeing massive amounts of seaweed.

Residents, hotel employees and military personnel are being called on to clean the beaches by rake and wheelbarrow to preserve sea turtle nests and the area's famous white sand.

Beyond the beaches, the bigger picture is even worse: Satellite imaging shows the seaweed growing and spreading over a swath of ocean from Brazil to West Africa and north to Florida, a new and troubling phenomenon.

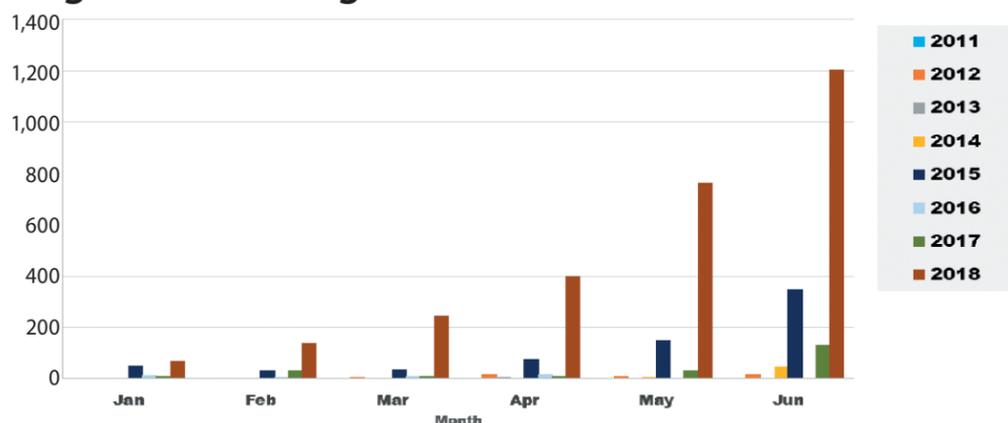
"We saw it for the first time in 2011. It was really bad in 2014 and 2015. This year is the worst, with no end in sight," Dr. Hazel Oxenford, professor of fisheries and marine ecology at the University of the West Indies in Barbados, said in late July.

"It's essentially a natural disaster with long-term effects on fisheries, coral reefs and sea grasses. We're looking at some significant problems," she said.

Marine scientists were surprised by this seaweed, which hadn't been seen in the Caribbean in the past. Researchers at first assumed it had drifted south from the Sargasso Sea in the North Atlantic, where the open-ocean seaweed is generally found. But



### Sargassum coverage in Caribbean Sea



The monthly mean coverage area of sargassum in the Caribbean in square miles has grown at an alarming rate since 2011, the first year of records. The 2011 amount was insignificant, but the sargassum in June 2018 would cover half of Palm Beach County. Records weren't available past June. SOURCE: University of South Florida College of Marine Science



satellite imagery and ocean current data showed an unusual stretch of sargassum off the coast of Brazil.

Dr. Jim Gower, a remote-sensing expert with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Institute of Ocean Sciences, tracked the sargassum and by 2013 he had reached a conclusion: Satellite observations showed the seaweed event of the summer of 2011 "had its origin north of the mouth of the Amazon in an area not previously associated with sargassum growth. ... By July it had spread to the coast of Africa in the east and to the Lesser Antilles and the Caribbean in the west," he said in a report published in *The Journal of Remote Sensing Letters*.

Dr. James Franks, a fisheries biologist, and his colleagues at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory came to the same conclusion about why a once seaweed-free part of the ocean is now filled with seaweed. Tracking the seaweed mass-blooming events back in time showed its path from the tropical Atlantic east of Brazil.

"Invariably, in all of those

instances, it tracked back to the tropical region (Brazil). None of it ever tracked northward into the Sargasso Sea," Franks told *Science Magazine* in June 2018.

In the Caribbean, islanders were stunned and bewildered by the piles of sargassum as much as 6 feet high dumped on their beaches. They hoped it was a one-time event, but that wasn't the case.

Sargassum, which is essential for sea turtle hatchlings that ride the ocean currents on the nutrient-rich mats in the first few years of their lives, is now a danger to turtle hatchlings on land, where the seaweed smothers nests and poses obstacles on their beach path to the ocean.

"The Barbados government declared an emergency and is using military personnel to help. Removing it requires a tremendous amount of manpower. They are using appropriate methods, not machinery but rakes, to preserve turtle nests and sand," Oxenford said.

In the ocean, turtles and marine mammals can't surface and may drown under the thick

### Dealing with sargassum

The Antigua Hotels and Tourist Association and the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association have released a guide for residents and hotels dealing with the sargassum crisis.

#### Some of the suggestions:

- Leave or bury the sargassum on the beach.
- Use rakes and wheelbarrows to gather and transport the sargassum, being careful not to disturb sea turtle nests.
- Incorporate sargassum into landscaping after it's cleaned of sea salt. It provides a nutrient-rich source of compost, fertilizer and weed control.
- Eat it. After it is thoroughly cleaned, it can be cooked in lemon juice and coconut milk: "The most popular preparation is a quick fry, followed by simmering in water, soy sauce and other ingredients."

seaweed, a new species that has larger blades than seaweed usually seen in the Sargasso Sea.

"We have had a few mortalities (of turtles) this year," Oxenford said. "But we have very active conservation groups that are helping."

She and other scientists are studying the sources and causes of this new sargassum, which has marine researchers scrambling to understand it.

"It's a new source of sargassum. It's not from the Sargasso Sea, but from Brazil and West Africa. It's coming at the whim of the ocean currents and trade winds, which normally have a pattern," she said.

Ocean currents are deviating from normal, another mystery that is alarming scientists.

"There's been tremendous variation in the ocean current patterns," Oxenford said.

No one knows with certainty what is causing the massive seaweed bloom, but there are educated guesses.

"The causes run a whole gamut, with a combination of higher water temperatures caused by climate change,

higher nutrient levels, and pollution from deforestation and industrial development," Oxenford said.

The one bit of good news is that the sargassum is piling up on the windward side of the islands, and most hotels in the Caribbean are on the calmer leeward side. Hotels have temporarily closed — this is the second time since 2011 that the St. James Club has closed (from July 1 to Oct. 1 this year) because of seaweed — but luckily the sargassum hit at a time when Caribbean hotels traditionally close for renovations.

To make matters worse for the big resorts on the windward side, most are located on bays and coves, which quickly get choked by the seaweed piling up in the waterways and blocking passage for boats.

No one can predict how long this seaweed event will last or how bad it will be in the future.

"We're not going to get it stopped in a hurry. It's a long-term problem. It would be like stopping hurricanes," Oxenford said. "We have to learn to adapt." ★

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## South Palm Beach

# Elevation issues may limit Town Hall renovation

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach council members considered some ambitious plans to renovate or replace Town Hall during the last year — but it may be that their options are more limited than first thought.

Town Manager Mo Thornton says an architect hired to review the condition of the aging building is concerned that it may not have sufficient elevation to comply with today's flood plain standards. If the structure is sitting too low, in other words, renovation might not be feasible. The only option would be to demolish and replace it.

"We're waiting to get the results of an elevation survey," Thornton said. "Then we'll know for sure whether the building is renovate-able or not."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has revised elevation building standards to improve resistance to storm surge and flooding. If the Town Hall doesn't meet the standard, renovation could require raising the entire structure to comply with building codes and insurance requirements.

"That would be too costly to do," Thornton said.

The council hired North Palm Beach architect John Bellamy in June to review previous proposals for the building. Thornton gave Bellamy high marks after working with him in her last job as manager of Atlantis. She said she expects to have a report from Bellamy before September.

"I'm confident he can tell us what's possible and what it will take to get it done," she said. The Town Hall was constructed 42 years ago originally as a public safety building and has undergone multiple repairs and

additions. Last year the council unanimously rejected as too costly and extravagant a \$6 million proposal from another architect to replace the hall with a five-story building.

**In other business:**

- Town Clerk Maylee DeJesus resigned in July to take a position as deputy city clerk in West Palm Beach.

DeJesus came to South Palm Beach in January 2016



DeJesus

from Palm Springs, where she served eight years as assistant deputy clerk. In 2017, DeJesus was named president

of the Palm Beach County Municipal Clerks Association.

Thornton said the town has begun advertising for a new clerk and is looking for candidates with financial backgrounds. The job pays about \$55,000 per year. The town also is continuing its search for a new police chief and has received several dozen responses from qualified applicants, Thornton said.

- After months of debate, the council unanimously agreed on how much to fine violators of a new ordinance that prohibits dogs on the beach. Police will give first offenders a written warning, and then all subsequent offenses will draw fines of \$100 each.

Mayor Bonnie Fischer had objected to a previous proposal that would have fined repeat offenders as much as \$250 for each violation. "I think that is just too high," she said.

- The council's next regular meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 21. The meeting was postponed to accommodate vacations and ensure a quorum. ★

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## Ocean Ridge

# Lucibella says August trial will show his innocence and police officer guilt

By Steve Plunkett

As his trial date nears on felony charges stemming from a 2016 shooting incident at his house, onetime Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella proclaimed his innocence and renewed his attacks on how Ocean Ridge police treated him.

"I look forward to a public airing of the facts, including the fact that I was not intoxicated, never fired a weapon and never assaulted either of the two able-bodied officers who broke three of my ribs AFTER slamming me, face-first, into the pavement," Lucibella said in a written statement to *The Coastal Star*.

He and his defense attorney, Marc Shiner, went to court July 20 to renew Lucibella's demand for a speedy trial, which they originally filed in March. The case was docketed for a calendar call Aug. 20.

"OK, so a demand for speedy trial was filed, this case is already set for trial, I believe it's set within the window," said Circuit Judge Daliah Weiss, who left the Aug. 20 court date as set.

Lucibella is charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence, both felonies, and firing a weapon while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor. He has pleaded not guilty.

After the hearing, Shiner said he refiled the demand for speedy trial to ensure that Weiss knew the timeline of the case. Judges at a calendar call hear the cases of people who are in jail first, then move to the oldest cases, he explained.

He said the trial might not begin for a week or two after the calendar call. "Nothing's certain in the courthouse," Shiner said.

Lucibella was arrested Oct. 22, 2016, after Ocean Ridge police went to his oceanfront home to answer neighbors' reports of hearing gunfire. They confiscated a .40-caliber

handgun and found five spent shell casings on the backyard patio.

He and a police supervisor, Lt. Steven Wohlfiel, were both on the patio and "obviously intoxicated," the officers said. Both men denied firing the gun. Officers later determined the seized gun was Wohlfiel's.

Lucibella resigned his vice mayor and town commissioner positions Dec. 7, 2016.

His trial was first scheduled for April 2017 but was postponed to July 2017, then October, then this April and now August after Shiner and Assistant State Attorney Danielle Grundt needed more time to question witnesses and then Shiner hurt his leg. Weiss is the third judge on the case, following routine reassignments of Judges Charles Burton and Meenu Sasser.

"These charges were leveled, and then doubled, in an effort to hide the abuses of power by these officers and their Chief," Lucibella said in his statement. "I look forward to demonstrating that the Chief of Police involved himself in this investigation after admitting he'd been drinking so heavily that night, his wife had to drive him to the police station."

The State Attorney's Office declined to comment on Lucibella's remarks.

Chief Hal Hutchins said Lucibella's statements mostly repeated claims he and Shiner have made all along.

"They're entitled to say whatever they like," Hutchins said. "We should let the criminal justice system do its job."

Early on, the chief said he had some wine with dinner that Friday night and had his wife drive to avoid even a suggestion of DUI.

Nubia Plesnik, one of the arresting officers, is privately suing Lucibella over injuries she says were a result of the incident. ★



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## Highland Beach

# Town sets new rules to avert construction-activity disruptions

By Rich Pollack

For years, residents living on several of Highland Beach's side streets have been complaining about noise, debris and traffic problems — all the result of new construction in their communities.

Efforts to resolve some of the issues are underway following the adoption by the Town Commission of a tough new construction ordinance and a "construction site management" handbook.

"Residents will now be able to go about their daily lives without having to worry about whether or not they'll be able to exit their driveways," said Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman, a resident of the Bel Lido neighborhood, where most of the complaints originate. "They'll be able to live in their homes and enjoy peace and quiet."

The new ordinance, combined with the handbook, prohibits work on construction sites on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and prohibits work on those

sites after 5 p.m. Previously, work was permitted on Saturdays and until 6 p.m.

In addition, the ordinance — which applies to the entire town — prohibits workers at new construction sites from arriving earlier than 30 minutes before 8 a.m., when work is allowed to resume, and 30 minutes after 5 p.m., when work must end for the day.

Efforts to ensure residents on side streets — including Tranquility Drive — are not disturbed are also included in the new ordinance, which prohibits "noise that tends to annoy the community."

Loud music — in fact, any music — is also prohibited.

"It shall be unlawful for the contractor or the contractor's employees or agents to play music at any time at the construction site," according to the ordinance.

One of the biggest complaints from Bel Lido residents was obstructed access to their homes due to parking of construction vehicles and workers' own vehicles.

Bel Lido resident Mayde Weiner told commissioners that years ago parking was controlled on the street, but over time vehicles began crowding the streets, making it difficult for residents to get in and out of the community and even blocking garbage trucks from getting through.

"We went from strict controls to a complete free-for-all," she said.

Under the new ordinance, all vehicles associated with construction must be parked on the site or at an alternate location. The ordinance also spells out that alternate sites must be approved by the building department and Police Department. To be fair, the commission agreed to provide a six-week grace period before implementing the ordinance on existing sites.

The construction management plan, which addresses many of the same issues as the ordinance, will apply only to projects permitted after its adoption. Also, it requires companies with projects valued at more than \$10,000 to post a

damage bond.

Violations of the ordinance or the rules spelled out in the handbook could result in fines, while violations of the handbook rules could also result in a stop-work order or a revocation of building permits.

Commissioners agreed that effective code enforcement would be needed to ensure companies follow the new rules.

"The major problem is that we don't have a code enforcement officer," Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker said.

The outside firm that provided building inspection and some code enforcement services, SAFEbuilt, has been under fire by commissioners and recently gave its 90-day termination notice. The town plans to create its own building department and is conducting searches for several positions, including a code enforcement officer.

Gossett-Seidman said the town will continue to look at disruption caused by construction. ★

## Obituary

### Devinder 'Dave' Maraj

By Rich Pollack

HIGHLAND BEACH — In the world of high-level professional sports car racing, few were as well respected — and feared by



competitors on the track — as Devinder "Dave" Maraj.

The founder and driving force behind highly regarded Champion Racing,

and the owner of Champion Porsche in Pompano Beach, Mr. Maraj guided his race team to victory from the mid 1990s to the late 2000s in some of the most competitive and challenging races in the world, including the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

That win, in France in 2005, marked the last time an American team won the grueling endurance race.

So when word of Mr. Maraj's sudden death late last month began circulating among those in the auto world, disbelief set in and then quickly turned to shock and grief.

"Dave's professionalism and demand for excellence was in a league by itself," said Scott Atherton, president of the International Motor Sports Association and someone who knew Mr. Maraj well professionally. "He was the benchmark example of a team owner and competitor."

Mr. Maraj, 65, who lived in Highland Beach, was discovered in the water near the Boca Raton Resort and Club by Boca Raton police divers early on Sunday, July 22, after friends had reported him missing. Boca Raton police are investigating his death as an accidental drowning.

Although Mr. Maraj — originally from Trinidad — had folded the racing team in 2008, he continued to operate Champion Porsche, which grew to be the largest-volume Porsche dealership in the world. Mr. Maraj had previously owned a Broward County Audi dealership.

"Dave was a great man to deal with," said Cliff Ray, auto show coordinator for the South Florida

Automobile Dealers Association, of which Mr. Maraj was a member for about 20 years. "He was always cordial and kind."

In recent years, Mr. Maraj had traded his love for auto racing into a passion for sailing, according to Atherton. Still he linked the two together, naming his racing sailboat 24 Heures, or 24 Hours in French.

Atherton said there was a common denominator between Mr. Maraj's success in auto racing as well as in business.

"Dave's greatest strength was his ability to surround himself with outstanding people who knew how to get things done," he said.

While the 24 Hours of Le Mans may have been Champion Racing's greatest accomplishment, it was just one of many victories for the team, which raced for more than a decade.

Champion Racing won the American Le Mans series championship in 2003, 2004 and 2005, racing as an independent team, frequently competing against teams run by manufacturers, which had greater resources. The team, later racing under the Audi Sport North America name, won two more times.

"Dave's team was always the one to beat on the global scale," Atherton said. "Champion was the one everyone measured against."

Very detail oriented, Mr. Maraj was known as a no-nonsense kind of owner, both with the team and the dealership.

"With Dave, nothing was left to chance," Atherton said. "He was the most intense — and quietest — competitor I ever dealt with."

Atherton said his organization provided decals that paid tribute to Mr. Maraj with his name and favorite saying, "One Last One," for teams to place on their cars during a recent race.

"Dave was held in the highest regard possible," he said. "He passed way too soon."

Memorial services were held July 27 at Glick Family Funeral Home in Boca Raton.

### Slight tax rate boost considered; options being explored

By Rich Pollack

Faced with a probable 8.6 percent increase in fees for fire service provided by a neighboring community, Highland Beach commissioners set a tentative maximum operating tax rate of \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value, slightly higher than the current tax rate of \$3.07.

Still, commissioners are optimistic they can hold the tax rate steady, using additional cuts to the \$12.18 million operating budget and taking money from reserves.

"The budget was put together with very conservative numbers," said Commissioner Elyse Riesa. "As we go into budget workshop meetings, we will be studying it on a line-by-line basis and making necessary changes to make sure we get back to the current rate."

Commissioners are hoping to find some savings in what they pay Delray Beach Fire Rescue to staff their fire station and provide fire and emergency medical services.

Delray Beach recently sent Highland Beach information that the estimated cost for next year's service would be about \$4.2 million, up from \$3.9 million.

Other factors affecting the tax rate include plans to hire a full-time environmental consultant for an estimated \$100,000, adding a part-time accounting clerk, and reclassifying a part-time maintenance worker to full time.

Should the commission choose to keep the tax rate the same as this fiscal year, it would mark the first time in four years the operating tax rate has not dropped.

Helping to offset additional costs is a 3.63 percent increase in the town's total taxable value, bringing it to near \$2.49 billion. That translates into about a \$664,000 increase in revenue if the tax rate remained the same.

In addition to the increase in the fire service fee, Highland Beach will be paying Delray Beach close to \$70,000 to provide police dispatch service, putting both police and fire first responders on the same frequency. Previously, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office provided dispatch service for Highland Beach.

The estimated increase in fire service fees from Delray Beach came as a shock to some Highland Beach commissioners — even though they were initially mistakenly told the increase would be almost double that amount — and has led the town to take a

look into starting its own fire department.

"We can't go on like this every year," Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker said.

Vice Mayor Alysén Africano Nila said she discovered that similarly sized Lighthouse Point in Broward County has its own fire department, and she suggested the town's financial advisory board do some preliminary research into the feasibility of starting a department in Highland Beach.

"Obviously, it's feasible for a small town to have its own fire department," she said.

Financial advisory board members, meeting late last month, reviewed the numbers provided by Delray Beach and decided to bring the matter back to commissioners to determine if a task force to do a financial analysis would be preferred.

Under a current interlocal agreement signed two years ago, Delray Beach provides staffing for Highland Beach's fire station as well as a fire truck and a rescue wagon. The vehicles will be purchased from Delray Beach in about eight years for \$10.

In return, Highland Beach pays for the staffing and benefits of the fire department employees assigned to the station, which is owned and maintained by the town.

Meeting with Highland Beach commissioners late last month, Delray Beach Fire Chief Neal de Jesus pointed out that salaries for the staff at the Highland Beach station increased almost 8 percent while overtime increased nearly 55 percent.

The pay raise, Delray's fire chief said, was the first increase for staff in the city's collective bargaining unit in 12 years.

De Jesus also told Highland Beach commissioners that numbers provided to the town are only an estimate that will be "trued up" after the end of fiscal year.

"The estimate is the best we can do coming into this," he said.

The chief repeatedly offered to meet with commissioners individually so he could answer any questions.

"I want this to be a relationship we're all happy with," he said. "I believe there is true value in the service we provide."

Highland Beach has scheduled budget workshops on Aug. 6 at 11 a.m., Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. and Aug. 29 at 1:30 p.m. In addition, public hearings on the budget are set for Sept. 6 at 5:01 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 5:01 p.m.

The budget must be adopted by the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1. ★

## Along the Coast

# Changes in water services included in new Boynton budget

By Jane Smith

Barrier island residents may see some water-related changes starting in October after Boynton Beach passes its \$91.1 million budget.

Condo residents of four complexes south of Woolbright Road in Ocean Ridge will be part of a \$400,000 request to study how their aging septic systems can connect with Boynton Beach's wastewater system, according to Joe Paterniti, interim utilities director.

Paterniti made his department's budget presentation July 17 at the Boynton Beach budget workshop.

The force main would go under the Intracoastal Waterway to serve condo communities along State Road A1A, Paterniti said.

The complexes involved are Ocean Ridge Yacht Club, Crown Colony Club, Colonial Ridge Club and Turtle Beach Club.

In addition, Boynton Beach has developed a master plan for its water reuse system,

said Colin Groff, assistant city manager who used to be the utilities department director.

About 60 big water customers indicated they are interested in having the reuse water to use for irrigation, Groff said. Most of these are on the west side of the Intracoastal, he said.

Two likely clients on the east side of the ICW are golf courses at The Little Club in Gulf Stream and the St. Andrews Club in Boynton Beach.

"Between October and January, we'll contact them

again to make sure they are still interested," Groff said.

The reuse irrigation pipes would be installed under Federal Highway to coincide with the Florida Department of Transportation's repaving project, he said at the July 17 budget workshop.

The pipes would then cross under the Intracoastal at the Boynton Beach-owned Jaycee Park.

The two golf courses may have to wait a year to get the reused water.

"We may have to build a

pump station on the west side of the Intracoastal to supply condo complexes in Boynton Beach that want to have the reuse water for irrigation," Groff said.

The four-year project is estimated to cost \$8 million, Groff said.

Boynton Beach also is proposing a 2.2 percent rate increase for its water customers in Ocean Ridge, Briny Breezes and the County Pocket. That increase also will take effect in October. ★

## Boynton Beach

# City asks for patience as it moves essential services

By Jane Smith

Boynton Beach residents and others using city services will have to be patient for the next two years while the city builds out its Town Square complex.

Civic buildings, including the City Hall, Public Library and Fire Station 1, will be demolished and staff will work out of different locations around town.

The library is closed and will reopen 9 a.m. Aug. 13 in a shared space with the Congregational United Church of Christ at 115 N. Federal Highway. The city's Community Redevelopment Agency purchased the church building that originally was a bank and a nearby parking lot in the spring.

The city recently agreed to hire Jade Communications of Boca Raton for \$25,878 to upgrade the Wi-Fi capabilities at the temporary library site.

"People will have to be patient and pay attention where they are going," said Colin Groff, assistant city manager in charge of Town Square. "We will put out notices wherever we can — social media, in utility bills, signs at the site."

The city held a plant giveaway at its already closed Civic Center on July 19. The cuttings came from plants around the City Hall, Civic Center and the library.

About 150 people came to the plant giveaway, said Eleanor Krusell, city spokeswoman.

The remaining plants around city buildings will be replanted elsewhere around Boynton Beach — medians and parks, Krusell said.

With its private development partner E2L Real Estate Solutions, Boynton Beach hopes to create a new downtown in the 16-acre area, bordered by Boynton Beach Boulevard on the north, Northeast and Southeast First Streets on the east, Southeast Second Avenue on the south and Seacrest Boulevard on the west.

Private development will include apartments, restaurants

and a hotel in the \$250 million project. The city's share is about \$118 million.

The historic high school renovations will be complete in March, Groff said. But it won't be able to hold city recreation programs until the City Center complex is finished in early 2020, he said.

"There won't be more than 40 parking spaces available until the new garage, part of the City Center complex, is ready," Groff said. People can still rent out the second floor for banquets and weddings, he said, but they must provide offsite parking.

### City Hall move: September

City Hall staff will move over two weeks in mid-September to Quantum Park, Groff said. City Hall will reopen Sept. 24 at 3301 Quantum Blvd.

The City Commission, CRA meetings and other city advisory board meetings will be held at the City Hall Commission Chambers during August. In September, they will move to the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse at 2240 N. Federal Highway.

Fire Station 1, which also serves Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes, will divide its staff and vehicles between Fire Station 4 on South Federal Highway and Fire Station 5 on High Ridge Road.

"We will be the last to leave," said Fire Chief Glenn Joseph. The departure time will be in mid-September. One lieutenant and two firefighter/paramedics with a rescue vehicle will work out of the South Federal Highway station, he said.

About 70 percent of the emergency calls are medical, Joseph said. The fire truck and three staff members (lieutenant and two firefighter paramedics) will work out of Fire Station 5.

Joseph expects the response times to increase by 30 seconds. His team will monitor them and if they rise over 1 minute, the team will look for space east of Interstate 95. Joseph knows it won't be easy to find a building big enough to house the fire truck. ★

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## Business Spotlight

# Hotel developer Kolter Hospitality to bring headquarters — and jobs — to Delray

**Kolter Hospitality**, the company developing the new **Courtyard by Marriott**, will move its headquarters from West Palm Beach to Delray's **Pineapple Grove District** next summer. That news, announced by Kolter President **Scott Webb** after ground was broken for the hotel in July, is expected to bring 50 jobs, along with another 60 needed to run the Courtyard by Marriott, in addition to the 75 to 125 construction workers needed to build the hotel.

The Courtyard by Marriott, at 135 SE Sixth Ave., will be Kolter's second hotel in town, joining Hyatt Place. It is scheduled to be completed by September 2019.

"We see the value of investing in Delray's economy and we are once again demonstrating this commitment," Webb said. "The interesting thing about the hotel business is, we are not competitive with the local economy, but rather more symbiotic in nature. This hotel will put, on average, about 175 people every day out into the community looking to eat and shop, and this, in turn, will create even more jobs for Delray."

According to Kolter's website, the hotel will have 150 guestrooms, 2,000 square feet of meeting space, a rooftop pool and parking.

**Jeb A. Conrad** started



**Conrad** work as the new president and CEO of the **Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce** in May. Previously, he was the president of the Bloomington

Chamber of Commerce in Indiana. Conrad, a graduate of Indiana University School of Business, held leadership roles at Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance and Indianapolis Economic Development. He also worked for Simon Property Group and the Indianapolis Water Co., both based in Indianapolis.

During the second annual **Downtown Delray Beach Summer Sidewalk Sale**, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 25-26, shops and galleries will offer savings and a chance to win a "Summer Fun Delray Beach" prize package. For details, visit [DowntownDelrayBeach.com/SidewalkSale](http://DowntownDelrayBeach.com/SidewalkSale).

As it does each August, the **Boca Chamber** is facilitating community-building events during **Boca Chamber Festival Days 2018**. Events pair the chamber's for-profit members with nonprofit members. Held at various locations in South Palm Beach County, wine tastings, museum visits, cocktail parties, pizza tossing, bowling, and a karaoke contest will raise money and awareness for nonprofit members. To take part, visit [bocaratonchamber.com](http://bocaratonchamber.com) and click on events, then choose community events from the drop-down menu. Navigate to August for a full list.

The **Boca Chamber Education Foundation's Young Entrepreneurs Academy** is enrolling students in grades 6-12 through Sept. 14. During the 25-week curriculum, students will work with leaders of industry, community members and educators to develop life skills, generate business ideas, conduct market research, write business plans and launch

their own companies. The program culminates with a shark tank-style event where students will pitch their ideas to a panel of investors and ask for funds to support their business ventures. For more information, go to [bocaratonchamber.com/yea](http://bocaratonchamber.com/yea).

Ranked from nearly 14,000 U.S. real estate sales associates, a handful of local agents made "The Thousand" list, which is compiled by **Real Trends**, an online real estate research and consulting firm, done in partnership with *The Wall Street Journal*. For individual agents to be ranked, they must have closed 50 sides of a transaction or \$20 million in closed sales volume in 2017.

**Paul Saperstein** of **Re/Max Advantage Plus** of Boynton Beach closed 137 sides, and was ranked 198. For volume, **David Roberts** of **Royal Palm Properties**, Boca Raton, was ranked 34, with a volume of almost \$189 million in closed sales. **Pascal Liguori**, an agent with **Premier Estate Properties**, Delray Beach, was ranked 45, with a closed sales volume of \$167.759 million.

For team rankings, the team must have closed 75 sides of a transaction or \$30 million in closed sales volume in 2017. Boca Raton's **Premier Estate Properties** team, **D'Angelo/Liguori**, with **Carmen D'Angelo**, **Gerard Liguori** and **Joseph Liguori**, ranked 241 with a closed sales volume of \$126.11 million.

Gail Adams Aaskov, broker of **Ocean Ridge Realty**, has moved her office to 326 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. Her real estate office had been a fixture in Ocean Ridge since 1981. Agents **Maria Carrasco**, **Christiane Francois**,

## Hotel groundbreaking 135 SE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach — July 19



**TOP:** Dwarfed by construction cranes already on the job site, city and county tourism officials joined representatives from Kolter Hospitality and KAST Construction for a groundbreaking to celebrate the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Delray Beach. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**  
**ABOVE:** The 150-room hotel will have 2,000 square feet of meeting space and a rooftop pool and should open by September 2019. **Rendering provided**

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More than 300 guests attended the opening of the new **Movie Bistro Restaurant and Bar** in May. Following complimentary cocktails and appetizers, guests attended a complimentary movie on

**Cinemark Palace 20 and XD’s Premier** level. **Movie Bistro**, a full-service restaurant at Cinemark Palace 20 and XD, 3200 Airport Road, Boca Raton, offers lunch, dinner, happy hour and dessert, whether diners plan on going to movies or not.

The second annual **Culinary Job Fair** is set for 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at **Benvenuto Restaurant** in Boynton Beach.

It’s the brainchild of **Sherry Johnson of the Secret Garden**, a culinary business development center.

Sponsored by the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, the city of Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County, PNC Bank, Community Action and PBC Career Resource Center, it’s meant to help anyone looking for a job in hospitality. That includes chefs, front- and back-of-house workers, prep cooks, stockers, deli specialists, nutritionists, bartenders and dishwashers.

The list of vendors participating is available online at [cccgb.org/culinary-job-fair](http://cccgb.org/culinary-job-fair).



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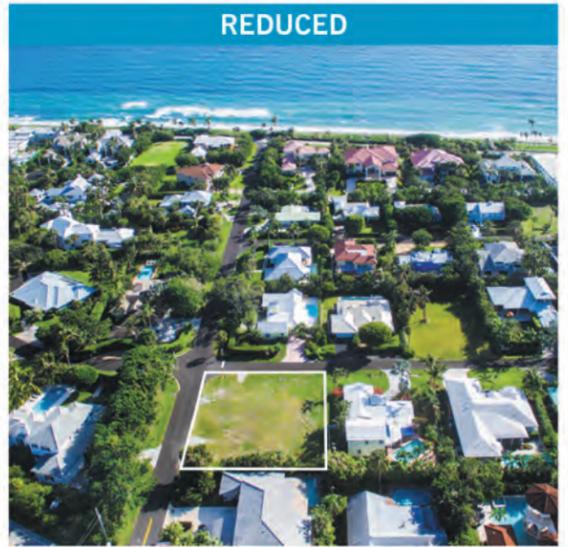
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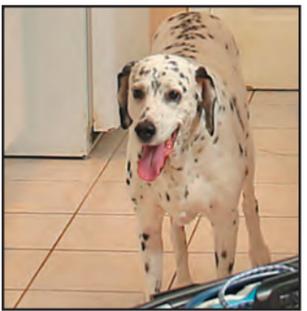
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## Around Town



Ryan Spaargaren, co-founder and chief financial officer of the Downtowner, cruises past the Silverball Museum as he demonstrates one of the six-seat electric vehicles the company uses to transport riders in Delray Beach. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

# Delray's Downtowners

Longtime surfer friends expand free shuttle service to other cities, states

By Emily J. Minor

Apparently, these millennials didn't get the memo. Aren't 30-somethings supposed to be living in basements somewhere — well, rooms in Florida, maybe — tallying college debt, asking for Mom's meatloaf?

Not this group.

Instead, these surfer-dudes-turned-entrepreneurs, who six years ago started the Delray Downtowner, a free electric-car taxi service that shuttles riders around downtown and slightly beyond, are all about business models and out-of-state pitches and cash-flow charts.

And, yes. They still surf.

"Everyone's using us," says CEO Stephen Murray, who helped launch Delray Downtowner after getting a degree in psychology from the University of Tampa.

"Kids are using us. Babysitters are using us. Parents are using us."

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The company includes (l-r) Stephen Murray, co-founder and CEO; Chairman Bill McCauley, who gave financing and advice; and Mike Monaco, chief technology officer.

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Chairman Bill McCauley displays the Downtowner motto in the company's Delray Beach office. The company, which includes Mike Monaco (left) and Stephen Murray, has offered rides in the city for six years. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## DELRAY

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The brains — and the muscle — behind the business, which has now expanded to Utah, Colorado and a few other Florida cities, are these high school friends who for years hung out surfing behind Bill McCauley's Delray Beach oceanfront home.

"They grew up here," says McCauley, who ran a Boca Raton hedge fund company for 17 years. "They were all like my sons. They kept their surfboards at my house."

So, when the guys went off to college and came back all educated, McCauley made them an offer. "I'm happy to help you and mentor you," he told them, "if you come up with a good idea."

Next thing McCauley knew, bam. Electric vehicles it was. McCauley's son, Morgan, part of that initial surf club, opted for another career route.

Let's say it's hot and your feet hurt and you're headed from your cute house on Banker's Row to Atlantic Avenue for dinner. Order a ride with the Downtowner. The free app is renowned for its simplicity. "We never tell anyone we don't have a driver," Murray said.

Murray is chief executive officer; his team includes Travis Gleason, chief operating officer, and Ryan Spaargaren, chief financial officer. They later met Mike Monaco, now the company's chief technical officer and the guy who created the Downtowner app. Monaco wasn't part of the childhood gang, but he's a dude nonetheless.

Hiring Monaco "was a real turning point for the company," Murray says.

At the beginning, after meeting up with city officials and impressing the powers-that-be, Murray says they were all doing ... everything.

"It was pretty intense," Murray says. "We were constantly driving the vehicles and answering the phones. It was crazy."

These days, the Delray Downtowner team can hire drivers. The business model is surprisingly simple. Income comes from ads on

the carts. There's no fee for riding; drivers work for tips. McCauley says tips for a short ride average \$10, but "that certainly varies." All pickups are scheduled through the app.

Murray says they're all making "a comfortable living."

With several years of success behind it, the team started expanding. And the Downtowner has tailored each expansion to the area served.

In Tampa, it is using full-size electric cars — Teslas and Chevy Volts. In Aspen, Colo., the company uses electric carts. "They call them buggies out there," McCauley says. For the fleet in Park City, Utah, the team has invested in more spacious vehicles.

And in Kimball Junction, Utah, the city is simply using Monaco's app to run its own fleet of municipal vehicles.

"In each of those cities, we have a manager, a bunch of cars and a bunch of drivers," McCauley says. In Colorado, they might have to make room for snow skis. In Delray, there has to be room for beach coolers.

Stephanie Immelman, executive director of the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative, says the ride system boosts Delray's already groovy image.

"We love them," she says. "We've worked with them from the very beginning and they're a massive help to us."

Immelman says she uses the Downtowner to show off her city. "So when we have 10 people from the U.K. who are tour operators and are here looking, they've never let us down," she said. "We can rely on them on a moment's notice."

Murray, 31, says a lot of people warned him against starting a business with a batch of good friends. But he said it's one of the company's greatest attributes.

"There's kind of a general feeling that you don't do business with your friends, but I've found it to be quite the opposite," Murray said. "If you're good enough friends with someone, that brings it to a heightened level of honesty."

"We're like brothers, and we're having a lot of fun." ★

## Philanthropy Notes

### Junior League of Boca Raton names coordinators for volunteer luncheon

Pat Thomas has been named honorary chairwoman, with Nikki Stelzer as event chairwoman, of the Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon set for Nov. 16 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club.

Thomas has a long history with the league and was named Woman Volunteer of the Year in 1999. This year's luncheon marks the event's 31st anniversary.

"Our Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon spotlights not only the Junior League of Boca but the entire nonprofit community," league President Renata Sans de Negri said. "It is remarkable to see the difference we are making as female volunteers in the community."



Himmelrich



LaTour

### Food Bank names board members, officers

The newest members of the Palm Beach County Food Bank's board are Shelly Himmelrich, Shandra Stringer and the Rev. Cecily Titcomb. Officers for the 2018-19 season are Chairwoman Marti LaTour, Vice Chairman and Secretary Mark Busse and Treasurer Bill Kramer.

LaTour said she is pleased to lead the board and congratulated the newly elected members.

"We have an important mission to alleviate hunger in Palm Beach County," she said. "Working with a dedicated board and staff, we will continue the high level of service provided by the agency, as well as to fulfill other areas of unmet needs related to hunger in Palm Beach County."

### Homebound seniors receive emergency kits

Volunteers from Florida Power & Light Co. joined forces with Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches and Eastpointe Country Club to provide hurricane emergency kits to 250 homebound seniors.

The kits contain three days' worth of food and one gallon of water.

"These hurricane emergency kits are particularly important to our clients since homebound seniors often find themselves without adequate food supplies in the aftermath of a storm," said Pamela Calzadilla, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches.

"Thanks to the support of our partners, we are able to ensure there is food in each of our clients' homes in the event of an emergency."



(l-r) Pat Thomas, Nikki Stelzer and Junior League President Renata Sans de Negri are planning the Nov. 16 event. **Photo provided**

### Fashion show benefits Achievement Centers

Local and national sponsors came together for the 10th-annual Proper Affair fashion show and raised more than \$52,000 for the Delray Beach-based Achievement Centers for Children & Families.

The event featured a silent auction, complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and special performances by the center's dance troupe and drumline. Proceeds support programs that help hundreds of boys and girls ages 1 to 18 and their families.

### Quantum Foundation invests in county's health

The board of trustees of the Quantum Foundation has approved eight new grants totaling more than \$800,000 to Palm Beach County nonprofits. The grants come on the heels of eight additional grants totaling \$1.6 million awarded earlier in the year.

The foundation's mission is to fund initiatives that improve the overall health of the community. In its two decades of grantmaking, it has distributed more than \$125 million to hundreds of local organizations.

The recent recipients were: Center for Child Counseling; The Lord's Place; Florida Atlantic University; Palm Beach State College; Achievement Centers for Children & Families; Gulfstream Goodwill Industries; Children's Bereavement Center; YMCA of South Palm Beach County; The Spot (Vita Nova Village); South Florida Science Center and Aquarium; Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County; Community Health Center of West Palm Beach; Susan G. Komen South Florida; Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches; Holy Ground Shelter for Homeless; and 211.

### Dollars 4 Tic Scholars' program raises \$5,400

Comedy, magic and mind reading by illusionist Gary Goodman comprised a trifecta of entertainment during Triple

Threat!, the annual scholarship fundraiser for Dollars 4 Tic Scholars.

Dollars 4 Tic Scholars is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting college students and summer campers who have Tourette syndrome. The event took place at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach and included an educational component called Tourette Syndrome Mythbusters, plus dinner, raffles, video messages from scholarship recipients and a silent auction. More than \$5,400 was raised.

"I love being able to come up with fun events, such as our choice of Gary Goodman, to not only entertain but to raise awareness of Tourette syndrome in a fun way," Dollars 4 Tic Scholars co-founder Kelsey Diamantis said.

### FAU launches program for student activism

Florida Atlantic University's Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters launched a program for high school students titled "The Barb Schmidt Fellowship: Cultivating Community Involvement, Activism and Social Change."

Students will earn six college credits through weekend workshops during the 2018-19 school year. There also is a \$1,000 stipend for students who successfully complete both semesters. The goal of the program is to provide future leaders with a platform to develop the skills and knowledge needed to initiate, execute and sustain a social movement.

"We have all been inspired by what youth leaders are doing to make our world a better place," said Michael Horswell, dean of the College of Arts and Letters. "We want to support the work being done by facilitating students' growth in community engagement and social-change efforts."

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## Celebrations

### Women Build

Delray Beach — May 10-12



More than 125 women teamed up to raise \$208,000 for the Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County's initiative. Many of the volunteers went above and beyond their personal fundraising goals of \$1,000 to underwrite the cost of construction materials for the home being built for the partner family. Those who raised the most money were recognized with gifts at the Pink Hammer Awards Reception. Mary Sol Gonzalez, the top fundraiser with more than \$20,000, received a pair of pink sapphire-and-diamond earrings. **TOP:** Terry Fedele is part of the crew painting the exterior. **INSET:** (l-r) Bonnie Kaye, Kari Oeltjen and Alisa Cohen are part of the team. **Photos provided by Carlos Aristizabal**



### Literacy Coalition reception

Blume Literacy Center for Education, Training and Outreach, Boynton Beach — June 20



The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, celebrating the fifth anniversary of its Blume Literacy Center for Education, Training and Outreach on the Brenda and C.P. Medore Campus in Boynton Beach, welcomed donors to the 12,000-square-foot building. The center has enabled the coalition to expand education, training and outreach programs for children and adults and bring leaders together to share resources, exchange ideas and support literacy initiatives. 'We are grateful to the many supporters who helped make the dream of a permanent home for literacy in Palm Beach County become a reality,' coalition CEO Kristin Calder said. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Bettina Young, Brenda Medore, Ann Hammer, Laurie Gildan, Gale Howden, Bernadette O'Grady, Margaret Blume, Maggie Dickenson and Calder. **Photo provided**

### Make-A-Wish

Boca Beach Club, Boca Raton — July 21



Naomi Hied, 8, of Homestead, was granted her wish at the Boca Beach Club by Make-A-Wish Southern Florida to meet and swim with mermaids. Naomi has been in and out of hospitals because of a blood disorder. Friends and family joined in the festivities. **ABOVE:** Mermaids Caroline Simmel (left) and Kaelyn Tharp join Naomi in the pool. **Photo provided**

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## Dining

## M.E.A.T. founder works to open Union 27 in downtown Boca

**G**eorge Patti is on the move — literally. Bouncing between M.E.A.T. in Boca Raton and the one in the Keys, he now has a third spot in Boca Raton he's working on feverishly to pull together before September.

"Rent," he explained of the rush, "there's a monthly rent."

The new **Union 27** — representing a union of cultures, and 27 for Florida's spot on the statehood chart — is the work in progress in the former **13 American Table** on Palmetto Park Road.

"A lot of people on the street are already asking about it," he said. "It's been a year coming. There are all these high-rises going up around us. There's going to be an extra 20,000 people here. I don't know where they'll park, but you really don't have to drive within a 2-mile radius here. You've got everything right here."

Patti is executive chef and the "sweat equity" in the multi-partnered restaurant, which has been gutted and completely redesigned.

He describes the cuisine on the new menu as seasonal and artisanal: "We'll try to do as much as possible from the area, but we know the limits of what's available realistically."

He has a menu worked up — subject to change, he says — that includes starters of shrimp with jalapeño cream and grits with manchego cheese, and a roasted gulf oyster with blue crab, olives, kale and mascarpone.

Entrees are a whole fried fish — yellowtail or hogfish, or pan-seared snapper with mango-datil pepper relish. A filet with Pumphouse Coffee rub is for steak lovers, and the menu has chicken, pork, vegan and vegetarian dishes as well. Patti mentioned sprouts and cauliflower with a sprinkle of maple sugar, tossed in a lemon aioli with fried capers.

He said he doesn't want anything "out there" on the menu, nor a description that must be deciphered by a server.

"I did all that. Diners want approachable foods today," he said. "Simple and seasonal."

Working with him as general manager is **Krystal Kinney**. She comes from the Deerfield Beach restaurant **Chanson** at the boutique **Royal Blues Hotel**.

Patti hopes to open in late August or possibly early September. "September is a good time to open, shake things out and get ready for the season," he said.

Union 27 will be at 451 E. Palmetto Park Road.

A host of Boca restaurants are gearing up for September, marking the **2018 Boca Restaurant Month**, now in its second year.

Final participants weren't in as of press time, but several have signed on as repeat or



A burger from The Locale in Boca Raton. Photo provided



Uncle Tai's has closed after more than 30 years in Boca Raton. Photo provided

newcomers to the program. Diners who go to the listed restaurants get a choice of a special prix fixe menu offering three-course meals from \$36 to \$40. (Tax and tip not included.) Lunches, if offered, are three courses for \$21-\$25.

It's a chance for diners to try new restaurants, and for new restaurants to introduce themselves to the community. One of the recently opened is **The Locale**, which took over the **Little Chalet** spot on South Federal. The casual spot encourages diners to stretch their culinary chops with Latin-inspired foods familiar to most Americans.

A Brazilian-born restaurateur offers empanadas, croquetas, patatas bravas, coconut ceviche or octopus plantains — fried green plantains with sliced octopus and avocado salsa — as but a few of many starters.

Pizzas, salads, sandwiches and tacos also are on the menus. Picanha steak — the rump cut specialty of Brazilian steakhouses — is served with farofa, a toasted cassava flour mixture, and chimichurri sauce. A bucatini is made with untraditional yellow chili sauce, with a choice of protein, onions and tomatoes.

**Ouzo Bay**, a sophisticated Greek kouzina, is among several choices for Mediterranean food lovers. Go here for octopus carpaccio, a mezze sampler, keftedes sto fourno (lamb meatballs), or shrimp saganaki.

Another choice is **Sardinia**, making waves with critics. Not technically in Boca Raton, it has become a local favorite for its sizable menu of Mediterranean dishes with Old World flair.

What to look for? Foods you don't see elsewhere: animelle (veal sweetbreads with pancetta, sage and Brussels sprouts) and veal tonnato (tuna, anchovies, mayo and capers).

It's a sharing kind of place: A mozzarella bar has choices of six cheeses and seven sides; a salumeria has a list from which to choose three for a plate to share. There are four paellas, 11 pastas, pizza selections and a long list of meats and fish.

Expect lines at **Ramen Lab**, a hip restaurant that's cousin to one in Delray Beach. It's from the family of owners who run **Lemongrass Asian Bistro**, a familiar chain around South Florida.

Homemade ramen noodles and dumplings are prepared by the moms and grandmothers of the staff. Slurpy bowls of noodles, with a variety of protein and broths, are mix-and-match; try the Chasu pork belly or Korean short ribs atop the Shoyu ramen. There's a menu of extra toppings. Try the Bao Bros buns off the tapas menu — again with choice of stuffings. Don't miss the pan-seared gyoza (lobster and shrimp or traditional pork favorites).

Other restaurants participating include **Apeiro**, **Boca Landing**, **Brio Tuscan Grille**, **Café 5150** in the Marriott, **Henry's**, **Louie Bossi's**, **Kee Grill**, **Matteo's Trattoria**, **Max's Grille**, **Prezzo**, **Rocco's Tacos**, **Ruth's Chris Steak House**, **Saiko-I**, **Seasons 52**, **Tanzy** at **iPic Theater**, **Tap 42**, **Temper Grille**, **The Melting Pot** and **True Food Kitchen**. For a complete list of restaurants and menus, go to [www.bocarestaurantmonth.com](http://www.bocarestaurantmonth.com).

**Uncle Tai's Hunan Yuan**, a mainstay in Boca Raton for 32 years, closed last month.

Two of its biggest fans were on hand for the last meal served July 21.

"How can you quote me crying?" said **Steven Abrams**, Palm Beach County commissioner and longtime fan of owner Howard Tai's cuisine.



Tai

"The mayor [Scott Singer] and I interrupted the diners for a toast to Howard and to commemorate the final meal. We both thanked **Howard Tai**, not just for a lot of great food but a lot of great memories," Abrams said.

The restaurant serving Hunan Chinese food meant a lot to the community — many of whom have ties to New York. Uncle Tai's came on the scene in the late 1980s offering the experience of a New York Chinatown restaurant just as Boca was gaining a reputation for better restaurants. Uncle Tai's opened near Max's Grille.

"My favorites? Crispy beef, but I could say something about everything on the menu. I was more of the shrimp and black bean sauce — or wait, the duck ... oh, it's all good food," Abrams said.

A potential rent increase that was substantially higher than the current one was allegedly proposed by the landlord. Tai was ready to retire anyway, Abrams said, so the restaurant was closed.

"I'm a Philly guy, and we survived the closing of Horn & Hardart, and I guess other cities survive iconic restaurants closing. Life goes on, but the pressure is on to find a new Chinese restaurant."

It was the only one Abrams visited, he said. "It was really a place where a lot of families had special occasion dinners and brought out-of-town guests. It was a big part of the community."

Another longtime favorite, **Henry's**, on Jog Road at Morikami Park Road, has changed hands. **Burt Rapoport** has enough on his plate, he said, and after a 17-year run, it's time to let it go.

"I felt I couldn't do that much more to build sales. I got it to a point where it kind of reached a plateau," he said.

Rapoport is well known in the area for collaborations with **Dennis Max**, as well as his own restaurants, including **Deck 84** in Delray Beach, **Burt and Max's** in Delray Marketplace and **Max's Grille**.

It's his latest project that brought him to sell Henry's. "I was about to start getting involved in Max's Grille. I recently took it over. Someone made me a nice offer on Henry's. I accepted."

The duo behind the **Kee Grill** now will run Henry's — and they're keeping it pretty much intact, Rapoport said.

"The guys who bought it are

keeping the entire staff, keeping the menu like it is. I don't think there are going to be any major changes," he said. "They're keeping the name — everything will be seamless just as when they bought the Kee Grill."

He's bittersweet about it. "I kind of thought I'd have Henry's forever, but you can't be married to a business."

At Max's Grille, he will implement his style of management and change the menu to lighter dishes and more healthful ones, taking off some that are not selling.

"The menu's been the same for so long, it's time for a change," Rapoport said.

He'll also implement an all-day menu instead of separate lunch and dinner lists. "We'll have lunch specials, 12 items for \$12, that include a beverage."

Look for more vegan dishes, an updated brunch menu and more sharing items.

"With our outdoor bar, we get a lot of groups who come in, sharing items to have a good time," Rapoport said.

Other restaurants in the works for the guy who never stops? Rapoport laughs.

"I'd never say no, but I just want to focus on what we're doing and improve it. I can't believe Max's Grille has been there 27 years."

It's a keeper, he thinks.

In brief: You can still get in on **Delray Restaurant Week**, which runs through Aug. 7. A number of restaurants in the downtown area are participating in the dine-out plan. Go to [www.downtowndelraybeach.com/restaurantweek](http://www.downtowndelraybeach.com/restaurantweek). ...

**Max's Harvest** in Pineapple Grove closed last month.

**Dennis Max** and **Burt Rapoport** opened the farm-fresh cuisine restaurant with partner **Fred Stampone** eight years ago. An explosion of restaurants and bars along Atlantic Avenue has changed the dynamics of the food scene there, but Max said the restaurant had run its course. "The restaurant market has gotten older, and they're not being replaced by younger ones. I'm not sure what they want," he said. The property may or may not become another restaurant, he said. ...

**MIA Kitchen and Bar** in west Delray has closed. Owners **Blake** and **Anna Malatesta** said it was a difficult decision to shut the doors of the contemporary casual they conceived and built. It opened in fall 2017.

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**Theater**

## Mockingbird's timeless trill

### Play's themes resonate with young actors at Maltz

By Janis Fontaine  
ArtsPaper Contributing Writer

It's not much easier to talk about race today than it was in 1960 when Harper Lee's acclaimed novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* was published — let alone in 1930s rural Alabama, where the story is set.

But conversations must be had. To jump-start those dialogues, a group of young professionals at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre are producing the play based on Lee's book as their summer production.

Called the Youth Artists' Chair, the free summer mentorship program matches teens and young adults, ages 12 to 28, with industry professionals for one-on-one training at the state's largest regional theater. Some also are enrolled in the theater's two-year Professional Training Program, a combination of arts education and stage experience that prepares young adults for a career in theater.

These young thespians are juggling rehearsals with extra academics, family commitments, and part-time jobs, but some gathered on a cloudy Wednesday afternoon for a roundtable discussion about *To Kill a Mockingbird's* major elements: Life during the Great Depression and the treatment of blacks in the Jim Crow South.

"Race in the time period," said Frances Weissler, 21, of Jupiter, who is directing the show.

The story is simple enough: In 1932 in Maycomb, a small, worn-out (fictional) town in Alabama, a white attorney and widowed father of two young children is drawn into the middle of a racial feud when the court assigns him to defend a black man accused of raping a white woman. The mild-mannered father/lawyer (Atticus Finch), a staunch believer in justice, makes a valiant stand against racism when he argues in court that Tom Robinson

has been falsely accused.

The story has become a minor classic of American literature, in part because of its film version, which was released at Christmas in 1962 and subsequently won three Academy Awards, including best actor for Gregory Peck, who played the principled Finch. It routinely makes best-of-cinema lists, including at the American Film Institute, where it tops the list of great courtroom dramas.

The Maltz players hope the performance will inspire people to have conversations about race — whether around the dinner table, at bridge club, or after church. They believe now is a time ripe for change.

Alexander Goodwin-Elam, 14, of Jupiter, who plays Jem, Finch's young son, is one thoughtful young man playing another. He says today's youths are more racially enlightened than earlier generations.

"We as youths see differently. We're more evolved," he said. "The youths are calling out the older generation."

One purpose of art is to open doors for discussions, and *To Kill a Mockingbird* specifically provides the impetus for a discussion about race. "We in the theater always say we need to have the uncomfortable conversations," said co-producer Madeline Gilbert, 20, of Jupiter.

But conversations about race certainly make people uncomfortable, "so no one is having these conversations," said Léandre Thivierge, 16, of West Palm Beach, who portrays patriarch Atticus Finch.

Léandre has given the demanding role some thought. He said the way society talks about race is still "closeted" — people have feelings about race that "they don't say out loud. Their fear to speak makes it hard. But

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Melanie McDonald, 12, portrays Scout in the Maltz Jupiter Theatre's summer production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Photo by Jen Vabinder

**Opera**

## Aria-filled summer nights await in West Palm Beach

By Dale King  
ArtsPaper Contributing Writer

Summers are usually fairly quiet for the Palm Beach Opera, much less hectic than the regular season that will launch in December with a rising-stars concert followed by three mainstage productions of works by Verdi, Mozart and Johann Strauss II.

But this summer, the company is making its presence felt with a new series called Summer Opera Nights in an unusual venue: the Elizabeth

Avenue Station in the developing West Palm Beach Warehouse District.

"As part of our ongoing commitment to engage our community and reach new audiences, particularly in our off-season, we're introducing this series to share the experience of live opera in a relaxed, accessible environment," said Managing Director David Walker.

The first show of three took place July 27. It starred bass-baritone Neil Nelson, and included operatic selections

as well as games, refreshments and the camaraderie of other opera-friendly folks.

Similar events, also featuring Nelson, will be held Aug. 24 and Sept. 28, both Fridays, and at the same boutique venue. The four-hour window will allow time for music and games by alternating the two genres. One of the games includes a trivia contest based on opera selections in movies.

Nelson, a Jamaican-born singer who grew up in New York and has a degree from the New England Conservatory of

Music in Boston, performed selections from Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, Bizet's *Carmen* and Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

In the upcoming season, Nelson will sing the role of Porgy during appearances with the South Florida Symphony at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale and at the Adrienne Arsht Center in Miami. In addition to appearing with Palm Beach Opera, Nelson has

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Bass-baritone Neil Nelson will sing during Summer Opera Nights. Courtesy of Palm Beach Opera



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Members of the Maltz's *To Kill a Mockingbird* production. Photo by Jen Vasbinder

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we're starting to come out of the closet now."

So what kind of conversations should we be having?

"We should have every kind of conversation. Every single notion, idea or thought should be discussed freely and openly," co-producer Jonathan Aviv, 28, wrote in an email.

"I feel like it's a difficult issue *because* we don't talk about it," Gilbert said. "Even if we don't agree, we need to listen to each other. The most important part is that it needs to be a true conversation, meaning that we listen to the people around us and try to understand where the other person is coming from. You don't have to agree to listen. The only way to have a more accepting and compassionate world is to listen and educate."

The production offers its members a lesson in cooperation. They're also learning that there is value in the diversity of the team — that you don't want 10 people just like you — and to embrace, not denigrate our differences.

"What surprised me most about the play is how much its themes and messages resonate with our modern-day society, and how many lessons it can teach to those who pay attention," Aviv said.

Gilbert agreed: "The problems of almost 100 years ago are still in the world today. Racism, human rights, gender equality." Paraphrasing the Rev. Martin Luther King's quote that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," she said, "Injustice for one is injustice for all," and sounded ready to fight.

"By fighting our common ignorance and jealousy, we push for equality and honesty in our society — and that is worth fighting for," Aviv said.

The role of Tom Robinson, unjustly accused of the rape of Mayella Ewell, is played by 21-year-old Jawan Hayes of

**If You Go**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* plays at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road  
**Tickets:** \$25 adults, \$20 children  
**Info:** [jupitertheatre.org](http://jupitertheatre.org) or 575-2223.

**Jupiter.**

"In the 1930s, it was very hard for a black African-American, male or female, to be a free citizen if they were accused of something they didn't do. Tom Robinson was a great man and model citizen and didn't deserve to die," Hayes wrote in an email. His character is a personification of Atticus Finch's mockingbird — a harmless creature that does only good.

But racism isn't just classifying people based on ethnicity; it's also believing that there is an inherent superiority of one race over another.

"We need to just stop judging people as a whole," said Jem's portrayer, Goodwin-Elam. "I don't want to have my looks define me."

The youngest cast member, Melanie McDonald, a Tequesta 12-year-old who plays Scout, Finch's daughter, said, "We should not discriminate against other people because of what they look like. I think we should have conversations about all races being equal."

Léandre said society has made steps forward, but "the progress is largely illusion."

Aviv says to take a step back: "The troubles we cause ourselves and the divisions we create are illusions."

Director Weissler says the group has been given a privilege to tell this story, but people have to listen. She looks forward to the day when people truly get the message, though in many places they haven't yet.

"If that were true, we wouldn't need to do the play anymore," she said.

**'To Kill a Mockingbird' Cast and Crew**

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## OPERA

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sung with Boston Lyric Opera, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Berkshire Opera, Orlando Opera, The New York Harlem Opera Theater and the Tartar State Opera Theater in Kazan, Russia.

The opera singer said he is “glad to be part” of the summer series. “I appreciate the chance to bring my spin and my background to this audience,” Nelson said.

He thinks Palm Beach Opera is smart to offer shows in the off-season. “A lot of things in Florida are open only in season. But there is an off-season crowd, and I feel it’s a good thing to engage the community,” he said.

Nelson said he also enjoys performing close to home during the warm weather. A resident of Broward County with his wife, two daughters and a dog, the opera star is normally on the road during most of the year, traveling to shows nationally and internationally.

Palm Beach Opera officials said the Summer Nights programs are divided up so visitors can enjoy the games as well as music by Nelson, accompanied by pianist Anna Fateeva.

“Through diverse programs like Summer Opera Nights, we strive to create interest in the art form, bring new people to the opera and leave a lasting impact on Palm Beach County,” said Walker. “Palm Beach Opera is dedicated to producing live opera at an international standard of



West Palm Beach's Elizabeth Avenue Station is the setting for Summer Opera Nights events. **Courtesy of Palm Beach Opera**

excellence, and to enriching the life of the communities it serves with a diverse offering of educational programs.”

Walker said August and September programs will feature different opera-based trivia games along with live music and refreshments, though specifics have not been worked out yet. Children can also get temporary tattoos and take part in interactive craft stations.

The opera company isn't the only cultural organization to set foot in the artistic quarter being developed just south of downtown West Palm Beach. The Norton Museum of Art, closed until early 2019 for completion of a \$100 million renovation, has set up programs in the Grandview Public Market, situated in the heart of the reviving urban mecca. A popular food hall was opened at that venue in February when Grandview joined the complex's Elizabeth Avenue Station artisan retail shops.

“Summer Opera Nights is a great opportunity to visit West Palm Beach's up-and-

### If You Go

Palm Beach Opera will host **Summer Opera Nights** at Elizabeth Avenue Station, West Palm Beach, from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 24 and Sept. 28. **Tickets:** \$10 adults, \$5 students. Includes one complimentary drink; members of Palm Beach Opera Young Friends receive a second drink for free. **Info:** pbopera.org or 833-7888.

coming Warehouse District and experience opera in a casual setting,” Walker said, adding that a food truck will be on site.

The programs this year are being sponsored by Olive and Michael Schaeffer, loyal Palm Beach Opera subscribers and patrons. They have been attending performances and events, and serving as members of the Hospitality Committee, for the past four seasons. The Schaeffers live year-round in West Palm Beach.

## News Briefs

### Cultural Council, partner create Arts Accelerator

LAKE WORTH — The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County and the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the University of Maryland have launched a year-long training and consultation program for 10 cultural nonprofits in Palm Beach County.

Called the Palm Beach County Arts Accelerator, the program will focus on 10 institutions preparing to undertake major fundraising efforts: Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, Boca Ballet Theatre, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Center for Creative Education, Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, South Florida Science Center and Aquarium and the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches.

A mix of in-person training and one-on-one consultation will ready participants to implement their efforts while maintaining organizational stability. The free program is underwritten by gifts from The Donald M. Ephraim Cultural

Leadership Fund and Suzanne L. Niedland.

### Plumosa pupil receives gift of cello, lessons

BOCA RATON — Ten-year-old Aidan Lucero, a cello student at Plumosa School of the Arts in Delray Beach, has received a Carlo Lamberti Sonata cello in three-quarter size, along with free semi-monthly private instruction from Manuel Capote, music education and community outreach coordinator at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton.

The Elmar Oliveira International Violin



Aidan Lucero with his new cello and violinist Elmar Oliveira. **Photo provided**

Competition, in partnership with SHAR Music and Plumosa, surprised Aidan with the donation during a special presentation in June at the Nat King Cole Generation Hope Summer Strings program at Lynn's Wold Performing Arts Center.

Originally from Hollywood, Aidan has been a student at Plumosa for six years. He began studying the cello in third grade. This fall, he will attend Bak Middle School of the Arts with the goal of attending the Dreyfoos School of the Arts in West Palm Beach.

### FGO director Danis bound for California

DORAL — Susan T. Danis, general director of Florida Grand Opera for the past six years, is leaving the company Oct. 12 to become CEO of the La Jolla Music Society and The Conrad Presbys Performing Arts Center in San Diego.

Outreach director Justin Moss, a 25-year veteran of the company, will serve as interim general director.

“This was not a decision I took lightly,” Danis said. “I am very proud of the opera we created and the impact FGO has had on the community.”

— ArtsPaper staff reports

Cat Greenfield, Don Noble, Tom Lubben and Joshua Lubben in *Woody Guthrie's American Song*. **Photo by Alicia Donelan**



## Reviews

Here are edited reviews of current performances. For the full reviews, please visit [palmbeachartspaper.com](http://palmbeachartspaper.com).

### Woody Guthrie's American Song (Palm Beach Dramaworks, through Aug. 5)

Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, champion of the underclass and the union movement, was a genuine poet, though he was never comfortable with that label. He wrote simple, hummable songs that celebrated this nation, but as the Great Depression consumed the country and exposed economic inequities, his tunes took on a tone of angry protest and confrontation.

That journey to his political awakening is well captured in *Woody Guthrie's American Song*, an occasional biographical revue chock-full of his folk tunes, familiar and not.

The show, originally conceived and adapted by Peter Glazer, has been kicking around since 1988 and was first produced locally by Florida Stage in 1994.

With its themes of haves and have-nots, the Palm Beach Dramaworks revival certainly seems to speak directly and pointedly to the Trump era. But it is appealing even to the apolitical, because of the extraordinary musicianship and vocal skills of the five-member cast and three-member backup band. Each is accomplished on a variety of instruments, from guitars to banjos, mandolins to fiddles, and the occasional harmonica and bass.

Tying the musical numbers together is a sketchy narrative of Guthrie's life, from his roots in Oklahoma to his migration westward in search of the illusory promise of prosperity in California, then back across the country to his final years as a troubadour in New York. The men in the cast share the Guthrie mantle, telling his history in first person. Jeff Raab talks about Guthrie in his formative years, then gives way to Sean Powell, who takes us on Guthrie's boxcar journey beyond the Dust Bowl, but not escaping poverty. The third narrator is Don Noble as Guthrie in his latter years, up to his death from Huntington's disease at 55.

If the women do not exactly become Guthrie, they are integral to the fabric of the show, and Cat Greenfield and Julie Rowe harmonize soulfully on such songs as *Worried Man* and *Ludlow Massacre*.

But the discovery of this

production may be The Lubben Brothers — Joshua, Michael and Tom — local triplets who infuse the band with astonishing, though low-key, virtuosity.

Directing the production is Bruce Linser, who molds the ensemble into evocative stage pictures — a moving freight train, a migrant camp, a Bowery bar — that help the narrative arc.

The second act largely gives up on the Guthrie biography, settling instead for a jam session in that Bowery bar. But when the songs themselves have so much drama, little theatrical construct is needed. And when the audience is cajoled into singing and clapping along, it's further proof that Guthrie's musical output from a bygone era still lives with vitality today.

— Hap Erstein

### Eating Animals (opened July 27, Lake Worth Playhouse)

Based on Jonathan Safran Foer's 2009 best-seller about factory farming, this activist doc is chock-a-block with sobering facts and righteous indignation, delivered in part by its narrator, Natalie Portman, and in part by its well-curated interviewees, each of them a microcosm for the countless victims of agribusiness. Director Christopher Dillon Quinn intersperses these stories of human shrapnel with animal-advocacy talking heads armed with trailer-ready bromides about our “mercenary” relationship to animal suffering. This is certainly the objective of *Eating Animals* — to reduce the number of people doing what the title says. To support its cause, it contains more than its share of the inevitable nauseating, numbing footage shot clandestinely from Big Ag's fortresses of torture and confinement, from still photos of animals who have been “raped to death,” as one activist bluntly phrases it, to videos of cows with bloated, bleeding, pus-filled udders. The movie is undeniably persuasive.

But will *Eating Animals* preach to anyone other than the converted? Skeptical carnivores are unlikely to respond to Portman's strident, essayistic narration, which belongs in another movie. If he really wanted to open the minds of meat and dairy's most prized consumers, Quinn would have been wise to set that commentary aside, and just let his wounded subjects do the talking, instead of a member of the Hollywood elite.

— Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff

## Community Theater

## Boynton Beach community playhouse in search of new home

By April W. Klimley

It's been two months since the Boynton Beach Playhouse moved from the Madsen Center, its home for six years. Despite seasons of sold-out performances and robust community applause, the playhouse has yet to find new digs.

The Madsen Center is one of the city-owned buildings being demolished to make way for Town Square, a 16-acre project that will include, among other things, a combined City Hall and library building, a parking garage, the historic high school and the Schoolhouse Children's Museum.

But will the move from Madsen mean curtains for the playhouse?

"If someone doesn't step up, we won't be around any longer," said Peter Pagliaro, who founded the theater company 26 years ago in West Palm Beach.

At first, it was called "Stage Left Theatre." The name change came a few years ago when those in charge thought it had found a permanent home in Boynton Beach.

Today, Pagliaro is sorely disappointed. He says the theater company left West Palm Beach on the promise that Boynton Beach would give it a place in the new development "that was supposed to be like CityPlace" after tearing down its whole three-block center city. That hasn't happened.



A scene from the Boynton Beach Playhouse's production of *Cliffhanger*. The theater needs new headquarters after the Madsen Center closed to make way for Town Square. Photo provided

"Peter was surprised by the lack of support," says Bob Geller, an actor who was in *Murder at the Howard Johnson's*, the theater company's last show in March. "Peter spoke to government [officials], but the interest level just didn't seem to be there."

Pagliaro echoes that sentiment.

"We went in front of the City Commission," he said. "They had no idea what it meant to have a performing arts theater. We are a draw for the restaurants and other businesses."

But a lack of appreciation of the arts is not the only issue. The real causes of the theater's homelessness may center on requirements — and the theater's financial model.

The playhouse needs about 3,000 square feet to function, and it keeps its sets up for the entire run of a show, usually several weeks. This set

requirement just couldn't be accommodated by a number of potential venues.

The old high school, which is being renovated and will be part of the new Town Square, will be used for classes and entertainment, and perhaps eventually functions connected to the hotel that the city hopes will be built downtown.

"City buildings are multipurpose buildings," said Colin Groff, assistant city manager in Boynton Beach. Groff was the main negotiator in the theater's search for a new home. However, discussions with the Woman's Club also crumbled because of the duration of weeks that the company needed to keep up its sets.

The second factor is finances. The playhouse was paying \$1 a year for the Madsen Center and is now looking for another venue with only nominal rent. The virtue of this model was that it

kept ticket prices low — about half that of other community theaters, where tickets start at \$40, while Equity theaters such as The Wick in Boca Raton charge \$75 per ticket or more.

"Our mission is keeping our shows affordable for all," said Pagliaro. "Our tickets run from \$18 to \$25 a show, so everyone can attend our shows." All actors volunteer their time.

In addition to its five-month "season," the playhouse has traditionally produced a children's theater performance in the summer, which adults could attend for free, while kids paid only \$3.

But the city's focus is elsewhere. "The city needs tax revenue," said actor Geller, who is an accountant by day. And the developers participating in Boynton Beach's redevelopment focus on every penny and their immediate return on investment.

Profits have never been a

goal of the playhouse financial model, nor has it attracted a large amount of government arts financing.

The playhouse did apply for grant money, according to Pagliaro, when it saw this situation developing. "But to get it you have a lot of cash on hand, and the playhouse didn't have that," he said. "Sad to think that way; we've operated for 26 years without that."

The playhouse may also be suffering from lack of visibility among wealthy patrons, even though its patrons have come from around the county. "When you look at the demographics, a large portion of the audience has been retirees on a fixed income," Groff said. "So Peter has been caught between a rock and a hard place."

Finally, there is the Boynton Beach real estate boom. It has benefited the city but perhaps negatively impacted the playhouse, Groff says. Many older buildings that might have been available for a nominal fee have been demolished to make way for new residential or multiuse complexes such as Villages at East Ocean, Ocean One, 500 Ocean and Riverwalk Plaza.

"We would love to have a theater in Boynton Beach," Groff said. "But to keep it affordable, they can't afford market rates."

"So we will keep looking," Pagliaro said. "We just haven't found anything yet."

## Arts Calendar

Events are listed through Aug. 31 and were current as of July 28. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales.

## ART EXHIBITS

**Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens:** Main gardens are open 10 am-4 pm. W-Sun. \$10, \$8 students. 832-5328 or ans.org

**Armory Art Center:** 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 am-2 pm Sat. Free admission. 832-1776 or armoryart.org

**Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Through Oct. 21: *Nomadic Murals*, contemporary tapestries and carpets by artists such as William Kentridge, Kiki Smith and Kara Walker; *Lisette Model: Photographs from the Canadian Photography Institute*, images by the Viennese-born street photographer best-known for ability to capture human peculiarities. \$12. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; 10 am-8 pm first W; noon-5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or bocamuseum.org

**Cornell Art Museum:** Through Sept. 23: *Flora*, contemporary artworks inspired by the god of springtime and flowers. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. \$5. 243-7922 or oldschoosquare.org

**Cultural Council of Palm Beach County:** Through Aug. 18: *Educators and Artists*, a group show of works by faculty members of the Dreyfoos School of the Arts, on its 40th anniversary. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth open 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com

**Lighthouse ArtCenter:** Through Aug. 11: *Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead*, a collection of 100 works by five prominent children's illustrators, accompanied by a temporary community art installation in which Lighthouse students will use STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) techniques to create 2-D and 3-D art.

\$10 adults, \$5 students over 12. 10 am-4 pm. M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101 or lighthousearts.org

**Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens:** Through Aug. 10: *Seven Types of Humor in Japanese Paintings*; works from the 17th-century Edo period, when the Shogunate's repressive rule fostered an outpouring of humor. Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm. T-Sun. 495-0233 or morikami.org

**Palm Beach Photographic Centre:** Opens Aug. 25: *22nd Annual Members' Show*, featuring the work of 70 photographers, judged by Scott McKiernan, head of the Zuma press agency. Through Oct. 27. Free admission. 10 am-6 pm M-Th, 10 am-5 pm F & Sat. 253-2600 or workshop.org

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, Aug. 19

**Mei Mei Luo and Paul Cienniwa:** The Chinese-born violinist and the new director of music at Delray Beach's St. Paul's Episcopal Church launch the 31st season of St. Paul's concerts with a violin and harpsichord concert featuring sonatas by Bach and Handel, as well as works by Alan Hovhaness and the contemporary American composer Karl Henning. 3 pm, St. Paul's. Suggested donation: \$20. 278-6003 or music.stpaulsdelray.org

**Asiya Korepanova:** The Russian-born pianist returns to Abram Kreeger's Piano Lovers series with the Beethoven *Appassionata* Sonata and Brahms's *Paganini Variations*, among other works. 4 pm, Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. Visit pianolovers.org for tickets, which are \$25 before the concert and \$30 at the door.

## FILM

Friday, Aug. 10

**Puzzle:** Marc Turtletaub's 2018 remake of

an Argentine film about a woman in her 40s with a husband and kids who finds a break from her deadening domestic routine when she gets a jigsaw puzzle as a gift. With Kelly MacDonald and Irrfan Khan. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com

**Custody:** Xavier Legrand's 2018 thriller about a divorced couple who battle over custody of their young son; his mother thinks her ex-husband may be abusive. With Denis Ménochet and Léa Drucker. In French with English subtitles. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com

**Friday, Aug. 17**  
**McQueen:** A documentary by Ian Bonhôte about the British fashion designer Alexander McQueen, who upended the world of couture in memorable fashion before his tragic suicide in 2010. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com

**Friday, July 31**  
**The Bookshop:** Isabel Coixet's film of the lovely Penelope Fitzgerald novel about a woman in a British town in 1959 who opens a bookshop, thereby running afoul of the local arts doyenne. With Emily Mortimer, Bill Nighy and Patricia Clarkson. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com

## JAZZ

Saturday, Aug. 4

**Fanni Sarkozy:** The expert young Hungarian pianist and singer has won major jazz awards in her home country; she's accompanied by trombone, bass and drums in this concert. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$35-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org

**Saturday, Aug. 18**  
**Rotem Sivan Band:** The Israeli guitarist has been heard in jazz concerts around the world; he's here with bassist Haggai Cohen

Milo and drummer Colin Stranahan. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$30-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org

**Friday, Aug. 24**  
**Tal Cohen:** A fine young Israeli-born pianist who moved to Australia as a teenager. 8 pm, Arts Garage, Delray Beach. \$35-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org

## OPERA

Friday, Aug. 24

**Summer Opera Nights:** Palm Beach Opera's new summer series of concerts and games at the Elizabeth Avenue Station in West Palm Beach features bass-baritone Neil Nelson. 6 pm to 10 pm. \$10. 833-7888 or pbopera.org/events/operanights

## POPULAR MUSIC

Saturday, Aug. 4

**Miranda Lambert:** The Texas country singer, on The Bandwagon Tour with Little Big Town. With Turnpike Troubadours. \$34.25 and up. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

**Sunday, Aug. 5**  
**Vans Warped Tour:** The 2018 version of this durable multiple-band event features a host of younger acts in an all-day event that starts at 11 am. \$55. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

**Janet Jackson:** The youngest member of the Jackson family arrives in South Florida for her State of the World Tour. 7 pm. American Airlines Arena, Miami. \$25.95 and up. livenation.com

**Thursday, Aug. 9**  
**Imagine Dragons:** The immensely popular Las Vegas quartet ("Believer") appears on its Evolve World Tour. With Grace VanderWaal, the 14-year-old ukulele-playing singer phenom. start at \$35 and up. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

**Friday, Aug. 17**  
**Wiz Khalifa:** The cannabis-loving rapper,

appropriately enough out on his Dazed and Blazed Tour. With Rae Sremmurd, Lil Skies and O.t. Genasis. \$35 and up. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. livenation.com

**Friday, Aug. 17-Saturday, Aug. 18**  
**Shakira:** The Colombian singer and songwriter, back on the road after a hiatus for vocal rest. 7:30 pm both shows, American Airlines Arena, Miami. \$76.50 and up. livenation.com

**Saturday, Aug. 25**  
**Jeff Beck, Paul Rodgers and Ann Wilson:** A guitar legend is joined by two of the most distinctive singers of the 1970s. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. \$25 and up. livenation.com

## THEATER

Opens Friday, Aug. 3

**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown:** Clark Gesner's 1967 musical based on Charles Schulz's popular comic strip. Through Aug. 19 at the Sol Theatre, Boca Raton. \$20. 447-8829 or solchildren.org

**Through Sunday, Aug. 5**  
**Woody Guthrie's American Song:** Peter Glazer's revue of two dozen songs by the Dust Bowl balladeer and political activist. With Julia Rowe, Cat Greenfield and Don Noble, directed by Bruce Linsler. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. 514-4042 or palmbeachdramaworks.org

**Through Sunday, Aug. 12**  
**I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change:** Joe DiPietro and Jimmy Roberts's off-Broadway 1995 smash about relationships and the dating life. At the Kravis Center's Rinker Playhouse; 832-7469 or kravis.org. Saturday, Aug. 11

**To Kill a Mockingbird:** The stage version of Harper Lee's classic 1960 novel, performed by students at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre. 7:30 pm. \$25 adults, \$20 children. 575-2233 or jupitertheatre.org

## Religion Notes

### St. Joseph's Episcopal plans session on centering prayer

The Rev. Wendy Tobias, associate priest at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach, will present an Introduction to Centering Prayer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18.

"We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words, but this is only one



Tobias

expression," Tobias explains. "In centering prayer we rest in the presence of God beyond thoughts, words and emotions. In this prayer method, we cultivate a deeper relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship."

Centering prayer is more meditative than active prayer. Its goal is to quiet the mind so God's voice can be heard, according to Tobias. Rather than asking for what we want, the prayer asks what God wants for and from us. "Our only intention in centering prayer is to consent to God's presence and action within us," Tobias said.

The workshop will offer time for conversation and lunch. Bring your own bag lunch. Drinks and fruit will be provided. Cost: \$10 suggested donation. St. Joe's is at 3300 S. Seacrest Blvd. Call 732-3060 or visit stjoesunplugged.org.

### Advent Lutheran offers opportunities for growth

Advent Lutheran Church is accepting reservations for a Women's Sea Side Retreat Sept. 28-30 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton at the Deerfield Beach Resort and Spa. Registration is open through Aug. 26 after church services and online at [www.adventboca.org](http://www.adventboca.org).

Also registering at Advent Lutheran is Pastor Andy Hagen's Irish Adventure 2019. Travel with the pastor and his wife, Susan, on a trip to Ireland from April 25 to May 4. The trip includes visits to Belfast, Dublin and the Dingle Peninsula. Kiss the Blarney stone, see the Book of Kells, sip Guinness, dine in a castle and play golf. For details, visit [adventboca.org](http://adventboca.org).

### St. Vincent programs registering now

St. Vincent Ferrer is offering two multiple-week programs beginning in August, as well as a one-night marriage seminar. For information about programs at St. Vincent, call 665-8566 or visit [stvincentferrer.com](http://stvincentferrer.com)

A 14-week Grief Share support group begins Aug. 4 and meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday in the conference room. The group

will offer compassion and comfort to those grieving the death of a loved one. Call 921-5693 or visit [stvincentferrer.com/griefshare](http://stvincentferrer.com/griefshare)

Faith on Fire programs help parishioners connect with their fate. The next program is Course 1, Introduction to the Bible, and it meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 20, 27, Sept. 10, 17, 24, and Oct. 1 in Kellaghan Hall. The registration fee is \$10. Course textbooks are additional. Contact Deacon Bob Laquerre for more information and to register at 276-6892 or email [associate@stvincentferrer.com](mailto:associate@stvincentferrer.com)

Family Life Ministries and An Empowered Life Inc. present the Empowered Marriage, a seminar set for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 28 to help strengthen faith-based marriages. Jeanine Mannweiler, a Delray Beach-based licensed therapist, will teach. A \$25 donation per couple is suggested. RSVP to 702-8271.

### St. Paul's music programs

Music at St. Paul's returns in August and continues with programs throughout 2018. Concerts take place at 3 p.m. Sundays at the church, located at 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Many shows include pre-concert discussions at 2:30 p.m. A \$20 suggested donation is asked, but shows are free for those 18 and younger. The announced August and September programs are:

**Baroque and Beyond** — Aug. 19. Violinist Mei Mei Luo and harpsichordist Paul Cienniwa, who is director of music ministries at St. Paul's. There will be a pre-concert conversation with composer Karl Henning at 2:30 p.m.

**Chopin and the Americans** — Sept. 16. The Delray String Quartet performs with pianist Jure Rozman with a pre-concert lecture with Cienniwa.

For future programs and more information, visit [music.stpaulsdelray.org](http://stpaulsdelray.org).

### St. Mark Parish Picnic

The annual St. Mark Parish Family Picnic takes place 1-4 p.m. Aug. 12, after the noon Mass. Tickets are \$15. Children 5 and younger are admitted free. A cash bar, music and activities are planned. Tickets are on sale in the parish office and will be for sale after Mass Aug. 4 and 5. For more information, call 734-9330.

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## Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### AUGUST 4

**Saturday - 8/4 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting** at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; [diocesepb.org](http://diocesepb.org)

### AUGUST 5-11

**Monday - 8/6 - Legion of Mary** at St Mark Catholic Church Chapel, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every M. Free. 734-9330; [stmarkboynton.com](http://stmarkboynton.com)

**8/6 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 276-6338; [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com)

**8/6 - Women's Bible Study** at Seacrest Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; [seacrestchurch.com](http://seacrestchurch.com)

**8/6 - Rosary for Peace** at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; [stvincentferrer.com](http://stvincentferrer.com)

**Tuesday - 8/7 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer)** at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; [stpaulsdelray.org](http://stpaulsdelray.org)

**8/7 - Lunch and Learn: Entering the High Holidays inspired by Rabbi Alan Lew's book This Is Real And You Are Completely Unprepared** at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Bring lunch; drinks provided. Held again 8/14, 21 & 28. Noon-1 pm. Free. 391-8900; [tbecoca.org](http://tbecoca.org)

**8/7 - Rector's Bible Study** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T 10:30 am; Th 7-8:30 pm. Free. 276-4541; [stpaulsdelray.org](http://stpaulsdelray.org)

**8/7 - St Mark Bible Study** at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee/free-will offering for study guide. Register: 734-9330; [stmarkboynton.com](http://stmarkboynton.com)

**8/7 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology** at The Biergarten, 309 Via De Palmas #90. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 1st T 7 pm. 395-1244; [fumcbocaraton.org](http://fumcbocaraton.org)

**Wednesday - 8/8 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study** at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson & Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; [stpaulsdelray.org](http://stpaulsdelray.org)

**8/8 - Centering Prayer** at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; [stjoesweb.org](http://stjoesweb.org)

**8/8 - Bible Study** at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; [fumcbb.com](http://fumcbb.com)

**8/8 - Wonderful Wednesdays** at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com)

**8/8 - Rector's Bible Study** at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup & salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; [stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://stgregorysepiscopal.org)

**Thursday - 8/9 - Prayer Circle** at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; [trinitydelray.org](http://trinitydelray.org)

**8/9 - Men's Fellowship** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free.

276-6338; [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com)

**8/9 - Women's Bible Study Group** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 395-1244; [fumcbocaraton.org](http://fumcbocaraton.org)

**Friday - 8/10 - Women's Bible Study Group** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; [stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://stgregorysepiscopal.org)

**8/10 - Couples' Bible Study Group** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 6-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; [fumcbocaraton.org](http://fumcbocaraton.org)

### AUGUST 12-18

**Thursday - 8/16 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology** at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Th 7 pm. 395-1244; [fumcbocaraton.org](http://fumcbocaraton.org)

**Friday - 8/17 - Parents of St. Gregory's** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents w/children

age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; [stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://stgregorysepiscopal.org)

**Saturday - 8/18 - An Introduction to Centering Prayer** at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks provided. 10 am-4 pm. \$10 suggested donation. 732-3060; [stjoesunplugged.org](http://stjoesunplugged.org)

### AUGUST 19-25

**Monday - 8/20 - Faith on Fire: Introduction to the Bible** at St. Vincent Ferrer Kellaghan Hall, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Year 1, Course 1 of Faith on Fire series; 6 classes per course. 8/20 & 27, 9/10, 17 & 24; 10/1 7-9 pm. \$10/registration fee; \$10-\$20/textbook each course. Register: 276-6892; [stvincentferrer.com](http://stvincentferrer.com)

### AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

**Tuesday - 8/28 - The Empowered Marriage** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Faith-based marriage workshop presented by Jeanine Mannweiler, LMHC, NCC. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$25/couple suggested donation. RSVP: 702-8271; [empoweredlifetherapy.com](http://empoweredlifetherapy.com)

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## Health & Harmony

# More folks finding out strolls at Morikami can lift spirits

If you were lucky enough, the best way to stroll the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens would be with Wendy Lo. She is such a good advocate for the gardens' Stroll for Well-Being program that she was awarded one of the Heroes in Medicine awards by the Palm Beach County Medical Society Services earlier this summer.

She's the first to point out that she is not a doctor but the Morikami's curator of education.

It was the medical professionals at Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing who designed a 2006-2007 study that showed that walking in a garden — in this case, the Morikami's gardens — helped relieve mild to moderate depression in older adults who had experienced bereavement or trauma.

Then, when Lo joined the Morikami nine years ago, she started spreading the word about the stroll, not only in Palm Beach County and South Florida but among her colleagues at museums and gardens all over the country, several of which have started similar programs.

Participants in the Stroll for Well-Being are asked to stroll in the 16-acre Japanese gardens at least twice a week and participate in three support groups during a six-week term. They receive a free one-year Morikami membership and an illustrated guide to using the garden. They can also use pages in the guide to record their thoughts about the stroll.

"The stroll has touched and transformed many lives over the years," said Lo, who says she still can get teary-eyed when she sees how people respond, especially combat veterans.

In addition to her role as project director of the Stroll for Well-Being Program,



Wendy Lo (r), curator of education for the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, walks with Pat Liehr, associate dean for nursing research and scholarship at FAU. They say the Stroll for Well-Being has medical benefits in easing trauma. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

she oversees the docent program and manages classes, lectures, workshops, programs and adult outreach.

On a recent afternoon, she folded a large kimono after a long day of children's programs and admitted that she could use a quiet stroll herself.

Asked by a family to take their photo, she made sure that the museum building was properly framed in the background and told the family, "Say sushi!"

Then she moved into her role as interpreter of the gardens' charms, pointing out that they were designed with local plants wherever possible, carefully manicured in classic Japanese style.

Although it is not immediately obvious to the casual eye, she said, every turn, every branch, every rock, every gate or bridge in the garden was placed to allow people to feel a part of the larger world around them.

At key points, there is even a calculated addition of nothingness.

"You can see how the trees have been trimmed to emphasize ma, or empty space," said Lo, stopping at a sculpted royal poinciana.

One of the stroll's most enthusiastic proponents is Pat Liehr, associate dean for nursing research and scholarship, who worked on the 2006-2007 FAU study.

She emphasizes that whatever healing properties a stroll through the Morikami or any other beauty spot may have, they are supplementary. Everyone who joins the six-week stroll was channeled there through counseling programs.

"We tend to get a lot of Vietnam veterans who are still struggling," said Liehr. "The walk isn't the only thing they're doing, but on the stroll we let nature take its course, literally."

Like Lo, Liehr has spent time in Japan. She describes what is called "forest bathing," using a natural environment to cleanse the spirit and help heal trauma.

One of her doctoral students is using a small farm in Battery Park in New York City to study

nature immersion in an urban setting.

FAU's Nursing College is known for integrative approaches to health and medicine, so the collaboration with Morikami came naturally. However, although the idea of using a public garden or a museum to improve physical and mental health may seem obvious, it has only recently caught on, in part because of Lo's efforts, said Liehr.

"There is a real interest in broadening the meaningfulness of museums," said Liehr. "It makes them more relevant when they can contribute to community life. Morikami has stepped up in that way. It's a really special place."

For anyone who wants to experience the Morikami in a more therapeutic way, Liehr offers an easy way to make the transition: "Identify a bench that is in a spot that can soothe you. Give that bench five or 10 minutes of your time. Bring your awareness to whatever sights and sounds are around you. Just stop and be there."

For more information about the Stroll for Well-Being program, call 495-0233 or visit [www.morikami.org/for-adults/special-programs/stroll-for-well-being/](http://www.morikami.org/for-adults/special-programs/stroll-for-well-being/). Sign-up details for the fall (October-December) and winter (January-March 2019) sessions were posted there in July.

Lona O'Connor has a lifelong interest in health and healthy living. Send column ideas to [Lona13@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lona13@bellsouth.net).



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Health Notes

# Clinical trial uses engineered polio virus to treat brain tumors

Researchers at **Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Marcus Neuroscience Institute** are investigating the effectiveness of using an engineered polio virus, PVSRIPO, in the treatment of patients with aggressive brain tumors. "When induced at the tumor site, it directly kills tumor cells and elicits inflammatory events that engage the immune system," said Dr. Sajeel Chowdhary, the Neuroscience Institute's director of neuro-oncology and sub-investigator for the study.

In the past, therapy for patients with brain tumors was impeded by the blood-brain barrier, which blocks chemotherapy agents from reaching tumor sites. Breaching that barrier through neurosurgical technique is a turning point.

"Through the use of micro catheters under MRI guidance and using a technique called convection-enhanced delivery, we can now bypass the blood-brain barrier and deliver the therapeutic agent, such as PVSRIPO, to the tumor site," said Dr. Frank Vrionis, director of the institute and principal investigator for the trial there.

The procedure is minimally invasive and usually requires a one- to two-day hospitalization. Cancer patients interested in participating in the trials can contact Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Clinical Research Center at 955-4800 or the Marcus Neuroscience Institute Research Office at 955-5784.

**Dr. John Roberts** was appointed to the medical staff of the Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute and BocaCare Physician Network

at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. A board-certified thoracic surgeon, he earned his medical degree with honors

from Yale University and his master's of business degree at Auburn University.

His postgraduate training included an internship and residency program in surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and he completed an additional residency in cardiothoracic surgery at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Roberts served as the chief of general thoracic surgery at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He was also an instructor of surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital and an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Vanderbilt School of Medicine.

Roberts was selected by his peers to the "Best Doctors in America" list from 2003 through 2018.

Delray Medical Center now offers patients with coronary artery disease the newest-generation **Abbott XIENCE Sierra** heart stent. It is specifically developed for complex cases such as patients with multiple or totally blocked vessels, which now account for up to 70 percent of cases.

"This new, less-invasive technology could offer hope for improved quality of life for patients who have very limited options today," said Mark Bryan, medical center CEO. "This procedure can help extend lives and improve outcomes for those who are suffering from heart disease."

New features of the stent include a thinner profile, increased flexibility, bigger lengths and small diameters.

**Bethesda Hospital East** was recently granted American

Association of Blood Banks accreditation for transfusion services.

Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained assessors and establishes that the level of technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by AABB.

This accreditation program contributes to the quality and safety of collecting, processing, testing, distributing and administering blood and cellular therapy products. It assesses the quality and operational systems in place within a facility. The basis for assessment is compliance with AABB standards, Code of Federal Regulations and other federal guidance documents.

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# Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## AUGUST 4

**Saturday - 8/4 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Tai Chi Class** presented by Kung Fu & Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy. 8 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**8/4 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class** at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**8/4 - Qi Gong** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

**8/4 - Adult Aerobics** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. T/Th 6-7 pm; M/W/Sat 9-10 am. Monthly pass \$74-\$90/resident, \$80-\$98/non-resident; unlimited classes \$110/resident, \$120/non-resident. 734-2306; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Yoga Class** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. M-Sat 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

**8/4 - KemetiC Yoga** at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

**8/4 - Tai Chi/Chi Kung/Meditation Class** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Judo Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm mixed ages & ranks, 8-9 pm advanced; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/4 - GriefShare** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 14-week biblically-based support group. Every Sat through 11/3 10 am-noon. Free. 276-3892; stvincentferrer.com

**8/4 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. 1st & 3rd Sat 10 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/4 - Baby University for Expectant Parents** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Continental bagel breakfast; diaper swag bag for each couple. 10 am-1 pm. \$30/person. 923-9635; bocaVIPpediatrics.com

**8/4 - Capoeira Fitness** at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Age 12 & up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**8/4 - Zumba Class** at South Beach Park

Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**8/4 - Chair Yoga** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.or

**8/4 - Parent Training Workshop: Postural Training and Incorporating Yoga in Your Daily Life** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Presented by Little Champs Therapy & Yoga. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**8/4 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous)** at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**8/4-5 - Yoga Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

## AUGUST 5-11

**Sunday - 8/5 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/5 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous)** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Monday - 8/6 - Fitness on the Beach at Delray Beach** at Lifeguard stand North I across from the Marriott at 10 N Ocean Blvd. Bring a towel, plenty of water, a can-do attitude. Age 18+. M/W/F 7:30-8:30 am. \$10/class. 502-523-0284; mydelraybeach.com

**8/6 - Circuit Training** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am or 9:30-10:20 am. 1 class \$12-\$15; 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

**8/6 - Yoga Class** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 9:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

**8/6 - Stretch** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. M/W 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Registration: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

**8/6 - Tai Chi for Beginners** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every M 10-11 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/6 - Yoga Class for Seniors** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

**8/6 - Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. W 6-7:30 pm or M 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/6 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, muscle strength. Every M 11:30 am-12:30 pm; W 2-3 pm. 1st class free; 8 classes \$32/resident, \$40/non-resident; 16 classes \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**8/6 - Exercise Class** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

**8/6 - Yoga at the Library with Jenny Broomell** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/6 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet, interact w/fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment/management of myeloma. 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938; 637-4682; myeloma.org

**8/6 - Delray Medical Center Class: Deep Brain Stimulation for Movement Disorders** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Speaker Dr. Arif Dalvi discusses the treatment for movement disorders including Parkinson's & dystonia.

2 pm. Free. Registration: 498-4440; delraymedicalctr.com

**8/6 - Men's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/6 - Yoga Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

**Tuesday - 8/7 - Women's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/7 - Yoga with Cara** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. Every T 10-11 am. \$15/class; \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**8/7 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Held again 8/21. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHInc.org

**8/7 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

**8/7 - Zumba Gold** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am; T 3-4 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Tai Chi Class** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every T Beginners 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6-7 pm; Advanced 6:30-7:30 pm. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/7 - AI-Anon 12-Step Study** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Wednesday - 8/8 - Yoga** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/8 - Tai Chi Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**8/8 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/8 - AA Big Book Study** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**8/8 - Zumba** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Every W 6-7 pm. Daily rate \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/8 - Divorced and Separated Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/8 - Family and Friends** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 8/15 & 8/25 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com

**8/8 - Food Addicts Anonymous** at The Crossroads Club Room E, 1700 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 680-0724; foodaddictsanonymous.org

**8/8 - Tai Chi Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every W 6:10-7:10 pm beginners; 7:10-8:10 pm intermediate. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/8 - AA Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7:30 pm LGBTQ; 8 pm Men's meeting. Free. 276-5796;

unityofdelraybeach.org

**8/8-9 - Soulcore** at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Bring floor mat/optional hand weights. Every W 6:30-7:30 pm & Thu 8:30-9:30 am. Free/donations accepted. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**Thursday - 8/9 - Chair/Yin Yoga Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Th 4-5 pm. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**8/9 - Yoga Class** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Th 6:30 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

**Friday - 8/10 - Buggy Stroll Program** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Designed for mothers to get adequate exercise alongside their toddlers. Every F 9-10 am. Free. 243-7000 x5251; mydelraybeach.com

**8/10 - LGBTQ Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program w/Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Age 18+. Every F Noon-1:15 pm. Registration: 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/10 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

**8/10 - Open AA Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Saturday - 8/11 - Super Siblings Class** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$10/parent & child; additional siblings \$5/each. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**8/11 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. 2-3:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

## AUGUST 12-18

**Sunday - 8/12 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$50/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

**Monday - 8/13 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5:30 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**8/13 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care and Comfort** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Diapering, feeding, bathing, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

**Tuesday - 8/14 - Breastfeeding: Health Benefits for Mom and Baby** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Certified lactation consultant teaches expectant parents about benefits of breastfeeding. 6-8:30 pm. Free. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**Friday - 8/17 - Heart Health Screening & Stroke Assessment** at Delray Medical Center Emergency Center, 6250 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Tests for blood pressure, BMI, cholesterol. Blood draw method; results mailed in 3-4 weeks. Fasting not required but recommended for better results. Free. Registration: 498-4440; delraymedicalctr.com.

**8/22 - Class: Yoga, Meditation and Mindfulness** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

## AUGUST 19-25

**Saturday - 8/25 - Boot Camp for New Dads Class** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center, 800 Meadows Rd. 9 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brhh.com



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## Outdoor Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### AUGUST 4

**Saturday - 8/4 - Boardwalk Tours** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**8/4 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Held again 9/1. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

**8/4 - Tram Tours of the Marsh** at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th 1-2:30 pm; M/W/Th/Sat 10-11:30 am. \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; loxahatcheefriends.com/events/events.shtml

**8/4 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**8/4 - Sea Turtle Talk** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**8/4-5 - 8th Annual Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby & Festival** presented by Whole Foods Market at Loggerhead Marinelife Center, 14200 US Hwy 1, Juno Beach. Live music, lionfish tastings, filleting/dissection demonstrations, games, bounce house. Sunrise Sat/Sun competition; noon-1 pm Sun catch scoring; noon-4 pm Sun festival. \$120/derby team; \$20/VIP access. 305-852-0030; reef.org

### AUGUST 5-11

**Monday - 8/6 - Regular Spiny Lobster Season Opens**; remains open through 03/31/19. Myfwc.com

**Tuesday - 8/7 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Members' Photo Sharing Program & Ice Cream Social** at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301

## Launch for kayakers with disabilities

Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, Boynton Beach — July 13



Boynton Beach showed off its latest effort to help people with disabilities with its EZ Kayak Launch at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park on the Intracoastal Waterway. The EZ Kayak Launch, which provides a lift in and out of the water, cost \$58,870 to purchase and install. Boynton Beach received \$28,500 through a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails grant. The balance was paid through the city's Park Impact Fund. **ABOVE:** Wayne Carrels, Parks and Recreation crew leader, demonstrates how to use the launch. **Photo provided**

Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm doors open/refreshments; 7 pm program. Free. 755-777-9660; auduboneverglades.org

**8/7 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen, discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 1st T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; bfc.org

**8/7-8 - Guided Nature Walk** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along the Ashley Trail, 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves, to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. T/W 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**Wednesday - 8/8 - Lantana Beach**

**Cleanup** at 100 N Ocean Blvd. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. 585-8664; nshawah@lantana.org

**Saturday - 8/11 - Birds & Breakfast** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour w/a naturalist. Age 9+. 9 am. \$3. Reservations required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**8/11 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 am-noon. \$15/member; \$22/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**8/11 - Seining the Lagoon** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd,

Boca Raton. Explore grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old Sneakers or water shoes only. Age 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 2 pm 8/25. 3 pm. \$7/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations/pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

### AUGUST 12-18

**Wednesday - 8/15 - Beach Treasures** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search

for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**Friday - 8/16-18 - Fins & Fairways Team Tournament** benefits youth fishing programs & marine conservation. Th 8/16 6 pm Team Captain's Party at West Palm Beach Fishing Club, 201 5th St; F 8/17 6 am start at any inlet, 2 pm weigh-in at Rybovich, 4200 N Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach; F 8/18 7 am Team Golf & Awards Lunch at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd, Lake Worth. \$600/4-person team. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

### AUGUST 19-25

**Saturday - 8/19 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 12-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**Wednesday - 8/22 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club** at 201 5th St. Capt. Ray Rosher: Find & Catch Dolphin. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

**Saturday - 8/25 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

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**Sunday - 8/26 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$30/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**Thursday - 8/30 - The Night Stalkers** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 9+. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. RSVP required: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

## On Vacation

The Coastal Star fishing and boating columnist Willie Howard is taking the month off. His column will resume in September.



Willie Howard is a freelance writer and licensed boat captain. Reach him at tiowillie@bellsouth.net.



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## Tots &amp; Teens

## Samaritans365 clubs teach children to be kind, giving

By Janis Fontaine

The adage “Children learn what they live” is at the core of the Boca Raton-based nonprofit Samaritans365, a group that introduces kids to community service.

“I wanted my children to live in a community where people are nice to each other,” founder Laura Reiss said. Instead of simply wishing and hoping, she decided to help build it.

In 2008, the mother of three young daughters, then 4, 5 and 7, was asked to join the PTA at Sunrise Park Elementary, the school her children attended. She agreed, with the condition she could start a free, after-school club that would bring in representatives from local philanthropic groups to teach the kids about helping others and supporting the No. 1 tenet: Kindness matters.

The ultimate goal? A new generation of kind-minded humans whose actions would inspire others to do what they were doing: To be Samaritans 365 days a year.

There were 35 kids in that first club.

“The children were thirsty for it,” Reiss said. But the transformation reached beyond those kids, to their parents, the teachers and staff — and the other children.

To Reiss, the kindness contagion proved “the conversation was working.”

The program works like this: Ambassadors are trained to lead and help clubs. They arrange for speakers to come in and



Children in Samaritans365 help local charities and encourage kindness. Photo provided

talk to kids about programs on which they’re working. The kids who are inspired volunteer to help, which is great because nonprofits can always use extra, enthusiastic hands and hearts.

For some kids, it might be an animal charity that needs help cleaning kennels. For others, it might be feeding homeless people.

“We can provide a plethora of opportunities,” Reiss said.

In the 10 years since Reiss started Samaritans365, she built it from one group in one school in western Boca Raton to more than 90 kindness clubs in eight states, with more than 350 trained ambassadors, and thousands of Samaritan members. The groups are mostly independent, but they do get training and some support from Samaritans365.

By 2014, the program had grown so much that Reiss created the Samaritans365 Foundation, committed to starting a kindness conversation in every school and community in the world.

As the organization has grown, so have the financial demands, Reiss said. And of all the challenges, money is the one that always makes managing an organization difficult.

“As we grew, I thought love and kindness and plenty of volunteers would sustain us,” Reiss said.

The problem, she says, is that people prefer to financially support the fun and pretty stuff: the parties and the highly visible activities. But paying for background checks, website upgrades and insurance isn’t glamorous enough to attract

charitable dollars.

When the organization was smaller, it was easier to handle. Today it has a fundraising team and writes for grants. That is paying off: Samaritans365 recently received \$142,000 from the state. Reiss plans to use the money to build kits to support the success of the clubs.

During the summer, Samaritans365 does kindness programming at summer camps. Children have helped make sandwiches at Boca Helping Hands and helped organize the warehouse at Forgotten Soldiers Outreach.

Piper Fults, a mother of three daughters, ages 5, 9 and 12, has been a Kindness Ambassador at Del Prado Elementary, her middle daughter’s school, for two years. She got involved at the request of her daughter and

leads the group with some of the teachers. There are so many kids wanting to get involved, they’ve had to split the group in two, doing third grade for half the year, and fourth and fifth grades the other half.

Fults says her involvement with Samaritans365 has changed her as a person. “It feels so good,” she said. “My eyes weren’t open to it, but my kids’ eyes are.”

Fults says her parents were charitable, giving money to organizations they supported, “but not doing.” The girls carry kindness kits in the car, with a toothbrush and paste, soap, and the like. When they see a homeless person, the girls ask Fults to stop the car so they can give him or her a kit.

“I love it that they do it,” Fults said. “They’re so kind.”

But it’s not all about kids giving back. It’s also about the kids who need help. The adult volunteers interact with underprivileged children once a month with the purpose of bringing happiness and fun while instilling the values of kindness, compassion, and gratitude.

They do everything from reading stories to hosting a carnival with jugglers and clowns, games and treats. One month, the kids decorated “goodie boxes” for soldiers.

Kindness matters is the message, the mantra and the name of the global movement that Reiss wants to use to light the world.

For more information, visit [www.samaritans365.org](http://www.samaritans365.org). ★

## Tots &amp; Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 2/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## AUGUST 4

**Saturday - 8/4 - Sensory Saturdays: Special Exploration Hours** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. For families affected by autism spectrum disorder. Experience exhibits without heavy crowds; softened general lighting, decreased noise level and visual stimulation. Every 1st Sat 8-10 am. \$8.50/adult; \$7.50/senior; \$6.50/child 3-12; free/child under 3. 832-1988; [sfsciencecenter.org](http://sfsciencecenter.org)

**8/4 - Palm Beach County Homeschool Expo** at Palm Beach Atlantic University Greene Complex, 1100 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations. 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Free. [pbhomeschoolexpo.com](http://pbhomeschoolexpo.com)

**8/4 - Diaper League Sports** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fundamentals of various sports w/guidance of recreation staff (T-ball, football, basketball, soccer). Mandatory parent participation. Age 3-5. Every M/Th 6-7 pm & Sat 9-10 am. \$20/8 week session. 243-7356; [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com)

**8/4 - New Nature Play Pavilion** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Hands-on interactive natural play space in the Florida Wetlands area; engages children all ages in imaginative, creative outdoor play. Daily 9 am-4:30 pm. \$22.95/adult; \$20.95/seniors 60+, \$16.95/child 3-12 yrs; free/child under 3. 547-9453; [palmbeachzoo.org](http://palmbeachzoo.org)

**8/4 - Patch Reef Jr. Tennis Tournament** at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Age 12 & under. 9 am. \$35/resident; \$43.75/non-resident. Entries due 2 days before each tournament begins: 367-7090; [patchreefpark.org](http://patchreefpark.org)

**8/4 - Sensory Saturday** at Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in a sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat

9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; [scienceexplorium.org](http://scienceexplorium.org)

**8/4 - Spirit of Giving’s 10th Annual Back to School Dash: Putting Kids First** at Village Academy, 400 SW 12th Ave, Delray Beach. Students select backpacks and grade-appropriate supplies, uniforms, shoes. Haircuts, physicals, health screenings. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 9 am-3 pm. 385-0144; [spiritofgivingnetwork.com](http://spiritofgivingnetwork.com)

**8/4 - Tiny Toes Ballet/Tap Class** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Age 3-7. Every Sat 9:30-10 am. \$10. 394-2626; [showtimeboca.com](http://showtimeboca.com)

**8/4 - smART: Hard-Edge Painting** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org)

**8/4 - 3D Design & Printing Showcase with ALLAXIS 3D Printers** at Stiles-Nicholson STEM Education Center, 4800 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 8-15 10 am-1 pm. \$45/person. Registration: 832-2026; [sfsciencecenter.org](http://sfsciencecenter.org)

**8/4 - Little Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**8/4 - Tot Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Age 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; [sugarsandpark.org](http://sugarsandpark.org)

**8/4 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; [myboca.us/957/Library](http://myboca.us/957/Library)

**8/4 - Spanish for Kids** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn Spanish through interactive games & activities, learn about the culture of

Spanish-speaking countries. All levels. Age 5-12. Every Sat through 9/8 10:30-11:30 am. \$105/resident; \$131/non-resident. 367-7035; [myboca.us](http://myboca.us)

**8/4 - Drop-in Craft** at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Held again 8/11, 18 & 9/1. 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; [schoolhousemuseum.org](http://schoolhousemuseum.org)

**8/4 - Story Time** at Boca Raton Children’s Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. T/Th/F 11 am & 3:30 pm; Sat 11 am. Museum closed 8/19-27. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; [cmboca.org](http://cmboca.org)

**8/4 - All Art Class** at Boca Raton Children’s Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 2-9. Every F/Sat 11:30 am. Museum closed 8/19-27. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; [cmboca.org](http://cmboca.org)

**8/4 - Saturday Funday** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sensory projects, arts & crafts, friendship building, music & movement, yoga, interactive games. Children w/special needs welcome. Activities led by therapists of My Florida Therapy. Age 3-15. 1:30-4:30 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; [myfloridatherapy.com](http://myfloridatherapy.com)

**8/4 - Family Date Afternoon: Movie Time: Sing (PG)** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; [myboca.us/957/Library](http://myboca.us/957/Library)

**8/4 - Jr. Shark Biologist** at Sandway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. W/Sun 3:15 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; [sandwayhouse.org](http://sandwayhouse.org)

**8/4-5 - You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 8/19. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$20/person; \$15/age 11 & under. 447-8829; [solchildren.org](http://solchildren.org)

## AUGUST 5-11

**Sunday - 8/5 - COBRA Minis Football** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 4-5. Every Sun through 9/23

10-10:45 am. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; [sugarsandpark.org/cobra](http://sugarsandpark.org/cobra)

**8/5 - Chicken Little: An Appalachian Musical Jamboree (G)** at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 347-3948; [willowtheatre.org](http://willowtheatre.org)

**8/5 - Science Make & Take** at Children’s Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912; [scienceexplorium.org](http://scienceexplorium.org)

**Monday - 8/6 - Oh Baby** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. Every M 10 am. Free. 266-0798; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**8/6 - Tales for Tadpoles** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Music/movement rhymes. Age walking-24 months. Every M 10:45 am. Free. 266-0798; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**8/6 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Louie** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grade K-5. Every M through 8/27: 8/6 1:30-2:30 pm; 8/13, 20 & 27 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; [myboca.us/957/Library](http://myboca.us/957/Library)

**8/6 - Rhythmic Gymnastics** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every M through 8/27. Beginner 1 age 4-5-4-5 pm; Beginner 2 age 5-6-3-4 pm. \$70/resident; \$87.50/non-resident. 347-3950; [sugarsandpark.org](http://sugarsandpark.org)

**8/6 - Brain BITS: Build-Innovate-Tinker** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Hands-on family time filled with creativity, collaboration, play in 3D printing lab. Age 5+. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0798; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**8/6 - Fencing/Epee Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Introduction to fencing; learn skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. Beginner M/F 7-8:15 pm \$100-\$125/monthly; intermediate/advanced M/W/F 7-10 pm \$135-\$168.75/monthly. 954-854-7843; [sugarsandpark.org](http://sugarsandpark.org)

**8/6-10 - Crazy Games Club** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Age 6-12. M-F 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$195/resident; \$244/non-resident. 367-7035; [myboca.us](http://myboca.us)

**8/6-10 - Fab 5 Days of Summer Camp** at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Field trips, crafts, games, sports. Pack lunch & snack daily. Age 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$130/resident; \$163/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650; [boynton-beach.org](http://boynton-beach.org)

**8/6-10 - Basketball Camp** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Led by experienced high school coaches. Age 6-15. M-F 9 am-3:30 pm. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident; \$25/additional recreation hours 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Registration: 742-6550; [boynton-beach.org](http://boynton-beach.org)

**Tuesday - 8/7 - Turtle Tales** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-3 (must be accompanied by an adult). Every T 10 am. Free. 266-0798; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**8/7 - Mother Nature & Me: Polar Party** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; [pbcnature.com](http://pbcnature.com)

**8/7 - Sensational Story ‘n More** at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children’s books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Held again 8/14 10:30 & 11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; [schoolhousemuseum.org](http://schoolhousemuseum.org)

**8/7 - Back to School Health Fair** at FoundCare, 2330 S Congress Ave, West Palm Beach. Free immunizations, school supplies. Bring immunization records. 1-6 pm. Free. 432-5849; [foundcare.org](http://foundcare.org)

**8/7 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Chico** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grade K-5. Every T through 8/28: 8/7 1:30-2:30 pm; 8/14, 21 & 28 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; [myboca.us/957/Library](http://myboca.us/957/Library)

**8/7 - Group Swim Lessons** at The Swim

Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1&2. Parent & child & Preschool Level 1 classes. Every T/Th through 8/30 3:15 & 4 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

**8/7 - COBRA Minis Basketball** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 3-5. Every T through 9/18 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

**8/7 - Anime Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Episode ratings PG to PG-13. Age 9-14. Every 1st & 3rd T 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

**8/7-9 - Sensory Art for Tots** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 1-4. Every T/W/Th 11:30 am. Museum is closed 8/19-27. Per session \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**Wednesday - 8/8 - 7th Annual Back to School Splash** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Weather permitting. Water slides, games, giveaways, prize drawings, more. Food available for purchase. Age 5-12. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

**8/8 - The Science of Magical Mixtures** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Slime, Gak, Floam & More: Explore the science behind how/why they work; then get busy making them. Age 3-7 yrs. 10:30-11:15 am. Per class \$5/member; \$6/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/8 - A Summer of Studio Ghibli Films: Pom Poko (PG)** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Held again 2 pm 8/11. 11 am. \$5 w/ paid admission; free/child 3 & under; summer pass \$20/6 films w/paid admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

**8/8 - Teen Water Balloon Drop** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Celebrate the end of summer! Teams work together to construct a device to safely drop a water balloon from the roof to the ground without breaking. Age 13-17. 2-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**8/8 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. Every W through 8/29: 8/8 2-3 pm; 8/15, 22 & 29 3-4 pm Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**8/8 - The Art of the Book** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. One author/illustrator at each class; children create their own art in the style of the featured book. Age 3-7 yrs. Held again 8/15. 2-2:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/8 - A Summer of Studio Ghibli Films: Whisper of the Heart (G)** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Held again 11 am 8/11. 2 pm. \$5 w/paid admission; free/child 3 & under; summer pass \$20/6 films w/paid admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

**8/8 - Podcasting Classes** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Thursday - 8/9 - Exhibits ALIVE!** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Held again 8/16. 10 am-noon. Free w/ paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/9 - Little Explorers** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2-5, must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**8/9 - Special Guest Drop-In: Ocean Lifeguard Squid** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/9 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Stella** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. Every Th through 8/30: 8/9 2-3 pm; 8/16, 23 & 30 3-4 pm Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/9 - Yoga Fun for Everyone** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/9 - Knitting Club** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Museum closed 8/19-27. Free w/museum admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/9 - COBRA Minis Football** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-5. Every Th through 9/20 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

**8/9 - Chess for Kids** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about the pieces, how to set them up, move them, interrelate them, do check/checkmate moves. Age 4-12. Every Th through 9/30 4:30-

5:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

**8/9-10 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate & blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7 pm. Per month \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**Friday - 8/10 - Survivalist!** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Learn about tracking, orienteering, reading the woods. Wear closed-toe shoes. Age 9-14. 10 am. \$10. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**8/10 - Fabulous Fun Friday: Down by the Beach** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/10 - ArtXplorations!** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-7. Held again 8/17. 2-4 pm. \$4/museum member; \$5/non-member + admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/10 - Animal Encounters** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Meet one of our resident animals, learn about behaviors/characteristics with our naturalist. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**8/10 - Eyes to the Skies** with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**Saturday - 8/11 - Back to School Bash** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Free backpacks filled with school supplies, food, live music. Free. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 243-7000 x5250; mydelraybeach.com

**8/11 - Expedition: Science Playground** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Join us for a closer look at the scientific principles found within our inclusive Science Playground. Age 5+ with parent/guardian. 2nd Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**8/11 - Luna's Birthday Party and Story Contest Announcement** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Butterfly Garden, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Celebrate Luna the sea turtle ambassador, find out winner of Luna's story contest. Fun, festivities, treats. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am-noon. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**8/11 - Intro to Archery** at Daggerving Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Bow & arrow safety, how to properly use equipment, practice on the range. Age 8+. 10:30 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**8/11 - Family Fun: Hachimaki Headband Craft** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

**AUGUST 12-18**

**Sunday - 8/12 - Sunday Family Movie: Lego Ninjago Movie** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am & 2 pm (sensory friendly). \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**Monday - 8/13 - First Day of School: Palm Beach County Schools**

**Tuesday - 8/14 - Daggerving Visits the Library: Snakes** at Glades Road Branch Library, 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. Special program, live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 482-4554; pbcnature.com

**Thursday - 8/16 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Friday - 8/17 - Lil' Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Explore, develop important readiness skills. Age 2-5 yrs. 10:30-11:15 am. Per class \$4/member; \$5/non-member + admission. 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Saturday - 8/18 - Code Palm Beach Workshop** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Learn how to code, develop websites, apps, programs, games, explore technology in an informal/creative environment. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

**8/18-19 - Science Demos** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**AUGUST 19-25**

**Sunday - 8/19 - Back To School Bash** at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 4-8 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumbocaraton.org

**Monday - 8/20 - Baby Bookworm** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Every M through 9/24 (closed 9/3) 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/20 - My First Book Club** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Discuss beginner books; do fun activities. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every M through 9/24 (closed 9/3) 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/20 - Tennis Whiz Kids** at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Key elements (space, object, people, brain, body, movement) combined in every on-court session. Age 3-5 (age 5 w/no experience). Every M through 9/24 4-4:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**8/20 - Tennis Fundamentals** at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Smaller courts, shorter racquets, slower-moving/lower-bouncing balls. Every M through 9/24. Age 5-8 4:30-5:15 pm \$48-\$60; age 9-12 5:30-6:15 pm \$60-\$75. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**8/20 - Karate** at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Basics of traditional karate: socialization skills, self-discipline, confidence, respect, staying physically and mentally active. M/W/Th through 9/27. Beginner age 5-15 5:30-6:30 pm; intermediate age 5-15 6:30-7:30 pm; adult age 16 & up 7:30-8:30 pm. \$99/resident; \$124/non-resident. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

**Tuesday - 8/21 - Dance Trends Youth Dance Program** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn discipline/art of dance. T/W/Th/Sat through 10/13. Class times/prices vary by age/style. 542-0215; dancetrendsboynton.com

**8/21 - Toddler Tales** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age up to 3 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 9/25 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/21 - Mother Nature & Me: A is for Alligator** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**8/21 - 3D Printer Club** at Delray Beach Public

Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 7+. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**8/21 - Group Swim Lessons** at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be potty trained. Age 3 & older; Level 1. Every T/Th through 9/13. 4, 4:30, 5 & 5:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

**8/21 - BeTeen the Lines: Just Fly Away by Andrew McCarthy** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

**8/21 - Girls Who Code Club** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Wednesday - 8/22 - Stroller Daze** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age-appropriate science crafts, storytelling, fire truck exploration, planetarium, live entertainment, more. Food available for purchase. Age 5 & under w/parent or guardian. 9 am-noon. \$8.50/adult; free/child. 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

**8/22 - 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Simple games, crafts, stories & music. Age newborn to 4½. 10 am-noon. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**8/22 - Group Swim Lessons** at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be potty trained. Age 3 & older; Level 1. Every W/F through 9/14 4, 4:30, 5 & 5:30 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

**8/22 - Tween Explorers: Tween Night Kick-Off** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Thursday - 8/23 - Create It @ Your Library: DIY Locker Decorations** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Friday - 8/24 - Annual Pirates & Princesses Party** at Patch Reef Park Pirates' Cove Playground, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All pirates, swashbucklers, princesses, parents invited to walk the plank, dig for treasure, more; water play area. Age 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 367-7035; myboca.us

**Saturday - 8/25 - Story Time with Nature: Water & Wetlands** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts, stories, other nature-related themes. Age 4-10. 10 am. \$2. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**8/25 - Florida Animals** at Daggerwing Nature

Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Meet live animals that can be found right here in Florida! Learn how they are adapted to survive in the many habitats found in our home state. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**AUG. 26-SEPT. 1**

**Sunday - 8/26 - Religious Education Registration** at St. Vincent Ferrer Rectory Conference Room, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Grades 1-9. P.R.E.P. Non-Sacramental Year \$100/single student, \$150/multiple students same family; Sacramental Year 2nd & 9th Grades \$160/student, \$220/multiple students same family. 276-6892; stvincenferrer.com

**8/26 - Hebrew School** at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave, Boca Raton. Grades K-7. 10 am-12:30 pm. \$885. 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.com/hebrewschool

**Tuesday - 8/28 - GEMS Club: Digging for GEMs** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. 5-7 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Registration: 370-7710; sfsccenter.org/gem

**Wednesday - 8/29 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment: stories, music, movement. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 9/26 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Thursday - 8/30 - Black Panther (PG-13)** part of Teen Movie Night at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**Friday - 8/31 - Surf Party at the Library** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Games, live demos, special StreetWaves movie premiere, themed refreshments. Program followed by Surf sessions w/free lessons on 9/1 at the beach. Age 4-24 years. 3:30-5 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**8/31 - Teen Drum Circle** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**8/31-9/2 - Annual College Dance Fair** at Boca Ballet Theatre's Countess de Hoernle Center for Dance, 7630 NW 6th Ave, Boca Raton. High school dance students & their parents network/navigate the college dance world. Topics include admission requirements, audition advice, more. Rising high school juniors & seniors. F 6:15-8 pm; Sat 9:30 am-7 pm; 9:30 am-5 pm. \$199. Register: 995-0709; collegedancefair.org.

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## Paws Up for Pets

# Veterinarian's house calls relieve stress on pets, owners

Is there a veterinarian in the house? That question is asked by more and more pet owners for a variety of reasons.

And it is why Dr. Steve Teisch left a steady gig as a veterinarian in a clinic to make house calls full-time to dogs, cats, birds, lizards, pot-bellied pigs and, yes, even a couple of camels in Palm Beach County.

"I started part-time making house calls about 10 years ago for additional income," says Teisch, who operates All About Town Pet House Calls. "Now, it is beyond full-time and I need to hire another veterinarian."

Each morning, Teisch and Chris Griffin, his head veterinary technician, hop in Teisch's blue Mini Cooper and go to houses, apartments, condos and even assisted living areas to treat pets on their home turf.

He represents a new breed of veterinarians in Palm Beach County and across the nation who recognize the need to provide care for far too many pets that never put a paw inside a veterinary clinic.

Especially frightened felines. "We see a number of cats whose owners can't get their cats into carriers or the car to take



**LEFT:** Steve Teisch, center, and his technician, Chris Griffin, make a house call in Boynton Beach to perform an annual checkup on Shada Overton's 13-year-old dalmatian, Hannah. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star.** **RIGHT:** Teisch's client Elizabeth Ackerly of Ocean Ridge and her cat, Lily, who prefers not to travel in a car. **Photo provided**



them to a veterinary clinic," Teisch says. "And we make house call visits for some dogs who get carsick every time they get into a car. We see all age groups from all socioeconomic levels. The more people hear about house call veterinary care, the more people want it."

Elizabeth Ackerly of Ocean Ridge first met Teisch years ago at a dance class. In between dance steps, she discovered he was a house call veterinarian.

"My cat, Lily, hates to go

in the car, so having Dr. Steve come to my home is just the best," says Ackerly, a retired commercial airline pilot. "He was just here a few days ago to treat Lily for an allergy. He comes in wheeling a big toolbox full of instruments and medications and then places a towel on the dining room table and does his examination on Lily."

Ackerly guesses Lily is about 15 or 16 years old. Lily may not rush up to greet Teisch when he

arrives, but she maintains her composure during examinations and treatments.

"Most animals do not like going to the vet, and many people do not want to have their pets go through the trauma of the car ride, the lobby and the exam room," says Ackerly. "Dr. Steve has a very good tableside manner with Lily. He is very sweet to her, scratches her ears and makes her feel loved during the house call visit."

One of Teisch's clients is Pippi, the resident cat that roams inside *The Coastal Star* office.

"I just was there at the newspaper office to give Pippi her annual visit and she is all healthy," Teisch says. "She is a good kitty and a real news queen."

Teisch maximizes space in his car to bring his veterinary supplies, including a portable X-ray machine. Tapping into the client's home Wi-Fi, he can retrieve the pet's cloud-stored medical records quickly on his laptop. He is in the process of obtaining an ultrasound machine and plans to perform therapeutic laser treatments in homes. On rare occasions, he

will perform spays and neuters and other surgical procedures in an office he rents in Lantana.

What you won't see him do is swap his Mini Cooper for a mobile veterinary van.

"The veterinary clinic on wheels concept is not what we do," he says. "We make house calls. We are not interested in driving up in a van, parking it in a person's driveway and bringing the pet into the van for examinations or treatments. We feel it is much more comfortable for the pet as well as the owner to treat inside the comfortable, familiar setting inside the home."

In-home dentistry is growing in popularity among his clients. Depending on the size of the pet, Teisch sedates the pet and performs the dental procedure on kitchen islands, dining room tables or the floor. Once teeth are cleaned and, if necessary, a tooth or two is extracted, he wakes up the pet slowly and safely with a reversible sedation medication.

He recently cleaned the teeth of a 10-year-old mixed breed dog named Pixie who had receding gums and a deep dental pocket that needed to be treated. Within 20 minutes of waking up after the procedure, Pixie was relaxed and ready for a nap.

Another major reason people seek house call veterinary care is for euthanasia. Also, owners with multiple pets don't relish the idea of booking multiple trips to the veterinary clinic.

"The multiple pet household — that's where a house call practice really shines," says Teisch. "Instead of making multiple trips to the vet office, I come to you and take care of all the pets in one appointment."

The majority of pets he treats are cats and dogs, but he provides medical care for a number of pot-bellied pigs as well as rabbits, lizards, birds and snakes. A recent house call request came from a person who owns a pair of camels.

"Fortunately, I have some knowledge of camels, as one of my professors at Colorado State had llamas and I got to work with him," says Teisch, whose service covers Palm Beach County and northern Broward. "Camels are similar to llamas. The two camels I am caring for here are good-natured."

To learn more about Teisch, visit [www.allabouttownpethousecalls.com](http://www.allabouttownpethousecalls.com).

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## Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### AUGUST 4

**Saturday - 8/4 - Pickleball** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave. M-F 8 am-9 pm; Sat 8 am-6 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night lights. Monthly passes available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. M/W/F/Sat 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Pickleball** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton and tennis. Adults. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8:30 pm. \$5/person; annual pass \$130/resident, \$165/non-resident. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**8/4 - Summer Safari Savings** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Buy any full price daytime admission, get Summer Safari Savings card for free unlimited return daytime visits through 9/30. Cards are non-transferable, adults must show ID matching the name on the card. Open daily 9 am-5 pm. \$22.95/adult; \$20.95/senior 60+; \$16.95/child (3-12); free/toddler 0-2. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/4 - Workshop: Writing: It's a Business** part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/4 - The Writer's Studio** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

**8/4 - 3D Printing Project** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 9/1. 10 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/4 - Adult Art Class: Freestyle Saturdays** at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. All mediums, styles, levels welcome. Every Sat 10 am-noon. \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**8/4 - Croquet Lessons** at The National Croquet Club, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Every Sat 10 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 478-2300; nationalcroquetclub.com

**8/4 - Blankets & Bear Hugs Volunteer Day** at Child Rescue Coalition, 4530 Conference Way S, Boca Raton. Family-friendly event; assemble care packages for rescued children. Presentation to local law enforcement follows. Pizza lunch provided. 10 am-12:30 pm. Register: 208-9000; 501auctions.com/bbh

**8/4 - Warehouse Market** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. All ages. 10 am-3 pm Free. 330-9614; artwarehouse.org

**8/4 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark T-Sat 10:30 am, Sun 1:30 pm; Alligator W/Sat 1 pm; Stingray T-Sun 2:45 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**8/4 - Car Wash** at Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Proceeds go back to local community children for back to school give-a-way. All ages. Noon-4 pm. \$5/cars, \$7/SUVs & trucks. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Inventors Society of South Florida** at Ligi Tool & Engineering, 2220 SW 15th St, Deerfield Beach. 1st Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. 213-6581; 954-486-2426; InventorsSociety.net

**8/4 - Pickleball** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. M-F 9-11:30 am, Sat 1-4 pm. Daily: \$3/resident, \$4/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Black Movie Experience (BMX): 20 Feet From Stardom** at Williams Cottage, 170 NW 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 1st Sat 1-4 pm. \$10. 279-8883; spadymuseum.org

**8/4 - Opossum, Snake, Owl & Alligator Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center,

11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Opossum W 3:15 pm; Snake Th 3:15 pm; Owl F 3:15 pm; Alligator Sat 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**8/4 - Khris Royal & Dark Matter** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$20-\$35. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**8/4-5 - Coppelia** at Spanish River Community High School Countess de Hoernle Theatre, 5100 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$40. 995-0709; bocaballet.org

### AUGUST 5-11

**Sunday - 8/5 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Beginners Class** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (8/5 & 19); individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**8/5 - Bridge Duplicate** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Every Sun through 8/26 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

**8/5 - European Tea Dance** at Goldcoast Ballroom, 1415 Lyons Rd, Coconut Creek. Black tie & cocktail dress preferred. 1:30-4 pm. \$24/includes tea, coffee, gourmet slice of cake. RSVP: (954)979-0770; www.goldcoastballroom.com

**8/5 - Lecture: A Race For Survival - The Journey of Sea Turtle**

**Hatchlings** at Manatee Lagoon, 6000 N Flagler Dr. Speaker Anthony Planas. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 626-2833; visitmanateelagoon.com

**8/5 - Monthly Social: Mingle with Singles** at Lake Worth Art League, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. 1st Sun through 10/7 3-5 pm. \$5/member; \$7/non-member. 586-8666; lwartleague.org

**8/5 - Fusion Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm dancing. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**Monday - 8/6 - Senior Bingo** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/6 - Monday Morning Muffins & Mysteries: Persons Unknown by Susie Steiner** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/6 - Music Streaming & Downloads** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/6 - Google Trilogy Part 1: Google Mail** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/6 - Exhibition Opening: Midsummer Party - John Boone** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-8 pm. \$25/non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**8/6 - Bike Nite** at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders; benefits Natural High, a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high so they have a reason to say no to drugs and alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

**8/6 - Improv Drop In** at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Fun games, exercises designed for newcomers & advanced players. Great for actors, artists, stand up comedians, accountants, everyone in between. Every M/W/Th 7-9 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

**8/6-7 - Auditions for Young Frankenstein** at Lake Worth Playhouse,

## Municipal Meetings

**8/6 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgefiorida.com

**8/7 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

**8/7 & 21 - Boynton Beach** - First and third Tuesdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

**8/10 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

**8/13 & 27 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

**8/21 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

**8/21 - South Palm Beach** - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

**8/23 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

**8/28 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesdays at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

713 Lake Ave. Possible callbacks 7 pm 8/8. Please prepare 16 bars of a song in the style of the show. Production dates 10/4-21. 7 pm. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Tuesday - 8/7 - Pickleball: Advanced**

**Play** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$15/resident, \$20/non-resident; 3-month pass \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; 6-month pass \$60/resident, \$70/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Nosh! Learn to Cook While Having Fun** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10-11 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/7 - Chess Club** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F noon-4:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

**8/7 - Socrates Café** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm; 8/14 &

21 at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd due to election. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/7 - Modern Line Dance Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through modern music/dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Secret Garden's 2nd Annual Culinary Job Fair** at Benvenuto, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. In partnership w/the City of Boynton Beach, Boynton Beach CRA, Community Action Program, Palm Beach County, CareerSource Palm Beach County. 2-6 pm. Register: 206-4471; ccgbb.org

**8/7 - 7th Annual FondueRaiser** at The Melting Pot, 5455 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 50% of all food/ drink sales + 100% of signature Ribbon-tini drink sales benefit Lynn Cancer Institute's League of Ribbons. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 4:30-10 pm. 997-7472; bocaratonchamber.com/events

**8/7 - 35th National Night Out** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Crime & drug prevention event; meet police, firefighters, commissioners.

Activities, music, food, entertainment. 6-10 pm. mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Pinochle** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th 6-9 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/7 - It Takes Two** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 8/21. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm dancing. \$10/ includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/7 - Open Play Basketball 30 & Over** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every T 7-8 pm. Free. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Soul Line Dancing** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18+. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$6/person. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**8/7 - Blue Tuesdays** at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Hosted by Famous Frank Ward. Every T 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

**Wednesday - 8/8 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Age 18 & up. W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$40/resident; \$45/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/8 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club** at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Jeremy Ring. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

**8/8 - Socrates Cafe** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/8 - Adult Coloring Club** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Use our coloring sheets or bring your own. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

**8/8 - Class: iWatch, iPhone and Siri** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**8/8 - 8th Annual White Coats-4-Care** at Florida Atlantic University Stadium Delray



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Acura Club, FAU Boulevard, Boca Raton. Benefits medical student scholarships. 5:30-7:30 pm. Contact for invitation: 297-4452; fauf.fau.edu/whitecoats

**8/8 - Caribbean Dramin'** at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Be Like Brit and Simplify Partner; benefits outreach work in Haiti. Part of Boca Chamber Boca Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20/includes drinks & appetizers. RSVP: belikebrit.org/caribbeandreamin

**8/8 - Delray Beach Orchid Society** at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 6:30 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

**Thursday - 8/9 - Adult Multi Media Art Class** at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Water colors, pastel, acrylic; learn design/composition. Age 18+. Every Th through 8/30 10 am-12:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**8/9 - Knit 'N Purl** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. Held again 8/23. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/9 - Adult Acrylics Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners; also available for instruction to advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/9 - Red, White & Blue: Summer Chefs Series** at Renato's, 87 Via Mizner, Palm Beach. Exclusive 3-course luncheon, intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**8/9 - Senior Bridge** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/9 - Concert: Sunnyside Swing** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

**8/9 - Feed Your Funny Bone** at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Night of comedy; hors d'oeuvres/drinks combine philanthropy and fun; benefits Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25. RSVP: 852-3336; ralesjfs.org/funnybone

**8/9 - Clematis by Night** at Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. Weekly concert series features a different act each week. Every Th through 8/30 6-10 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

**8/9 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show** at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstarr2010@gmail.com

**8/9 - Boca Raton Mayor and City Council Seat A Candidate Forum** at Boca Raton Municipal Building, 6500 Congress Ave. Sponsored by Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations. 7-9 pm. Free. federationofbocahoa.com

**8/9 - Discover a New Listening Experience: Rap: The New Frontier** at

Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/9 - The Female Persuasion by Meg Wolitzer** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Novel Idea Book Club. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**Friday - 8/10 - Supervised Bridge Play** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. John Black. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; myboca.us

**8/10 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/10 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club** at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink; cash only. 742-2121; billgovetoastmastersclub.com

**8/10 - Creative Arts School: Expressive Figure Drawing** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Explore shape, gesture, color, rhythm, space. 1-4 pm. \$109. 403-2958; oldschoolsquare.org

**8/10 - Karaoke Ice Cream Party** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**8/10 - Care-a-o-ke** for A Cause at Strikes @ Boca, 21046 Commercial Trail. Sing Your Heart Out to show you CARE. Benefits caregiving youth in your community. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$10. Register: gerry@aacy.org

**8/10 - Friday Oldies Night with The Joey Dale Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 8/24 & 31. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/10 - Laser Shows** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 2nd F 7 pm. \$10/advance; \$12/at the door. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

**8/10 - Screen on the Green: The Last Jedi (PG-13)** at Waterfront Commons, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. Family friendly. 7 pm. Free. 822-1515; wpb.org

**8/10 - Summer in the City Concert Series: Turnstiles: Billy Joel Tribute** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chairs for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 393-7890; mizneramp.com

**8/10 - The Norman Jackson Band** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$20-\$30. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday - 8/11 - Hillsboro Lighthouse**

**Tour: National Lighthouse Preservation Day** meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Visitors park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/from

lighthouse is only by tour boat. First boat departs 9 am. Last boat returns 3 pm. USCG regulations require closed-toe flat shoes w/rubber soles to climb lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult & a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 8:30 am-4 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

**8/11 - Keys to Landscaping Success: Top Tips for Community Associations and Homeowners with Laurie**

**Albrecht** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Find out the right ways to water / fertilize your plants, cope with common pests, prune plants, prepare for storms. Series continues 8/18 & 25. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbccgov.org

**8/11 - Ride & Remember Bus Tour** departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour; focus on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat 10 am-noon. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**8/11 - Workshop: Just the Facts, M'am** part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Eliot Kleinberg. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/11 - The Perfect Mother by Aimee Molloy** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/11 - Food Truck Safari Night** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 4:30-9 pm. \$7.95-\$11.95/adult; \$4.95-\$8.95/child 3-12 yrs; free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/11 - 2018 Miss Oktoberfest Pageant and Coronation Gala** at the American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lantana. Eight finalists compete for title. Special emcee, Bavarian music, celebrity judges, dinner and dessert. 5 pm/doors open, 6-7:45 pm/serving line, 8 pm/pageant. \$30/advance, \$40/door. Cocktail attire or German tracht. 967-6464; americangermanclub.com

**8/11 - Alyssa Maxwell** speaks and signs her book *Murder at Ochre Court* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/11 - Summer in the City Concert Series: The Symphonia, Boca Raton** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs, blanket; chairs for rent \$5. No outside food/beverage. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. Free. 393-7890; mizneramp.com

**8/11 - All Ages Family Comedy Show** at Capital One Cafe, 330 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every 2nd Sat 7:30-8:30 pm. Free. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

**8/11 - Julius Sanna Quartet** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/11 - Sick Puppies Comedy Show Improv** at Center Stage Performing

Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Every Sat 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online; \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

## AUGUST 12-18

**Sunday - 8/12 - St. Mark Parish Family Picnic** at St Mark Catholic Church Parish Center, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Cash bar, fun, music, more. 1-4 pm. \$15/person; Free/child under 5 (shares with adult). 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**8/12 - Ballet: Don Quixote** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Arts Dance Generation in conjunction w/ CuBallet premiers Act II of Swan Lake plus a mixed bill of contemporary & modern ballets. 5-7:15 pm. \$30. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**8/12 - Discover Opera: Verdi and Wagner: Universal Works of Art** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**Monday - 8/13 - First Day of School: Palm Beach County Schools**

**8/13 - 5th Annual Boca's Got Talent** at Hyatt Place Boca Raton, 100 E Palmetto Park Rd. Benefits Faulk Center for Counseling. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$25/includes 1 drink, appetizers, entertainment, networking. 493-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/13 - Downton Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 2nd M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

**8/13 - Google Trilogy Part 2: Google Drive** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/13-14 - Auditions for Church & State** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Actors asked to bring one headshot and resume. Callbacks 8/16 if needed. Production dates 10/18-28. 7 pm. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**8/13-14 - Auditions for Agatha Christie's A Murder Is Announced** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Tuesday - 8/14 - Sharpen Your Mind with Brain Training Apps** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/14 - Sniff and Sip with doTERRA** at Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, 1841 S Federal Hwy #402, Delray Beach. Benefits 4KIDS. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$55. Doterrasniffandsip.eventbrite.com

**8/14 - Cachet Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 8/28. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm music. \$10/includes first house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/14 - The Cathedral By The Sea by Idefonso Falcones** part of Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/14 - Photo Salon** at Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Every 2nd T 6:30-8:30 pm. \$10/donation. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**8/14 - A Summer Soiree with Jill & Rich** at Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Part of Kretzer Piano Music Foundation's Music for the Mind Concert Series. 7 pm. \$50/VIP pre-show meet & greet/concert; \$10/adult; \$5/student. 748-0036; kretzerpiano.com/KPMF

**8/14 - Shine: Open Mic Showcase** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-11 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 8/15 - Senses of Cinema Presents Film for Thought Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 18+. Every W through 9/12 10 am-12:45 pm. Per class \$12/resident, \$15/non-resident; full session \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**8/15 - Art Appreciation with Joan Lipton, PhD: Prominent International Women Artists, 18th-21st Centuries, from Europe, Asia, Russia, and Latin**

**America** at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of Campus on the Lake lecture series. 11 am-4 pm. \$60/includes lunch. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**8/15 - League of Women Voters Hot Topic Luncheon: In Your Backyard with West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoi** at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd, Atlantis. 11 am registration; 11:30 am-1 pm lunch. \$25/advance; \$35/at the door. 968-4123; lwvpubc.org

**8/15 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club: Meet the Candidates 2018** at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker Jeremy Ring. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

**8/15 - Literary Lectures: Margaret Drabble** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/15 - Class: Social Media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**8/15 - Movies with Mykal: The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948 NR)** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/15 - Back the Blue** at Ouzo Bay, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Boca Raton Police Foundation. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$30-\$40/standard admission; \$45-\$55/VIP includes Clyde Mays tasting experience & one hand rolled cigar. 988-1711; bocaratonpolicefoundation.org/events

**8/15 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton** at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 3rd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

**8/15 - Introduction to Tinkercad** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/15 - Highland Beach Coastal Democratic Club** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 3rd W 6:30 pm. Free. 272-6280

**Thursday - 8/16 - Powerful Tools for Caregivers** at Mid-County Senior Center, 3680 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth. Facilitated by Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services. Study materials including *The Caregiver Help-book* provided. Every Th through 9/20 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 357-7135; pbccgov.org

**8/16 - Food, Fashion & Fundraising with Tracy Tilson** at Burton's Grill & Bar, 5580 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Benefits George Snow Scholarship Fund; supports Tracy Tilson & Boca's Ballroom Battle. 6-8 pm. \$25/includes appetizers, 2 drinks. scholarship.org/tracy

**8/16 - Joey and the Paradons** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 7:30 pm 8/19. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/16 - Interfaith Cafe: Admissions of a Juvenile Court Judge** at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Speaker Judge Ron Alvarez. 7-9 pm. Free. 330-0245; meetup.com/Interfaith-Cafe

**8/16 - Onyx: Indigo Dreamers & Carolena** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Friday - 8/17 - Battle of the Bartenders** at Boca Raton Marriott, 5150 Town Center Circle. Benefits Best Foot Forward. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. \$25-\$30. 5:30-7:30 pm. RSVP: 470-8300; bestfoot.org

**8/17 - 3rd Annual Dude Night! With The Big Lebowski** at Crest Theatre, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Snack/draft beer station. Costumes encouraged; prizes awarded at intermission. 7 pm doors open; 9-11 pm program. \$20/VIP; \$8/general. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

**8/17 - Elaine Viets** speaks and signs her book *Ice Blonde* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com



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**8/17 - Eric Steckel** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$20-\$30. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/17-18 - 5th Annual Delray Beach Retailers Summer Clearance Sale** at The Seagate Hotel Reef Ballroom, 1000 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Multiple vendors. 10 am-6 pm. Free admission. 655-4940; theseagatehotel.com

**Saturday - 8/18 - All About Trees: Palms and Their Care with Laurie Albrecht** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbcgov.org

**8/18 - Big Fall Kickoff** at Peter Blum Family YMCA (6631 Palmetto Cir S, Boca Raton) and DeVos-Blue Family YMCA (9600 S Military Tr, Boynton Beach, 738-9622). Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. Activities may vary by branch location. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 395-9622; ymcaspbc.org/bigfallkickoff/

**8/18 - Fearless Writing: A Stress-Free Workshop** part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Elizabeth Sims. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/18 - Smart Digital Assistants for Your Home** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/18 - Guided Tour of Historic Boca Raton Resort & Club** at 501 E Camino Real. Presented by Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. 1.5-hour walking tour follows the resort's evolution; includes Addison Mizner's story, his architectural inspirations, remarkable furnishings. Not recommended for children under 12. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. Held again 8/25. 2-3:30 pm. \$15/non-members; \$10/members; \$11/valet fee. Registration: 395-6766 x 307; bocahistory.org

**8/18 - Summer Concert Series: Yvette Norwood-Tiger Jazz Ensemble** at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 6:30 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$20/person. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

**8/18 - Drum Circle** at Veterans Park Gazebo, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 3rd Sat 7-10 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/18 - So-Flo Tap Festival** at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Legendary performers. 7:30 pm. \$24.75. 868-3309; duncantheatre.org

## AUGUST 19-25

**Sunday - 8/19 - Breakfast & Bingo** at Temple Sinai, 4275 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 9:30 am. \$20. 276-6161 x133; templesinaipc.net

**8/19 - Exotic Pet Amnesty Day** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Surrender exotic pets; no penalties for unlicensed or illegal exotic pets. See live exotic animals up close, talk to experts about being a responsible pet owner. Surrendered pets will be adopted out the same day. Adopters must pre-register at MrFWC.com/Nonnatives. Open to the public (entry to center is not included). 10 am-2 pm. Free. 888-483-4681; myFWC.com/Nonnatives

**8/19 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Intermediate Class** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. 2 lessons/month (8/19 & 26); individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**8/19 - Concert: Baroque and Beyond** part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2:30 pm pre-concert lecture; 3 pm concert. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 276-4541; music.stpaulsdelray.org

**8/19 - Sunday on the Waterfront: Headspace: Tribute to the 1990s** at Meyer Amphitheatre, 105 Evernia St, West Palm Beach. Family friendly. 4-7 pm. Free.

822-1515; wpb.org

**8/19 - ChildNet's Bingo & Beer Bash** at Barrel of Monks Brewing, 1141 S Rogers Circle Suite 5, Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit ChildNet whose mission is to protect abused, abandoned, neglected children in the local community. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 4:30-6:30 pm. \$20/online; \$25/at the door; includes 1 drink & 2 bingo cards; additional cards \$5. RSVP: 352-2500 x2459; childnet.us

**Monday - 8/20 - Margarita Monday** at Rocco's Tacos, 5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Benefits KidSafe Foundation. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance; \$35/at the door. 237-3004; kidsafefoundation.org/roccos

**8/20 - Google Trilogy Part 3: Intro to Google Apps** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**Tuesday - 8/21 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

**8/21 - Florida Native Plant Society** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Annual plant swap. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

**Wednesday - 8/22 - Cruise on Land** at Acts, Inc./St. Andrews Estates South, 6045 S Verde Tr, Boca Raton. Authentic food from exotic ports around the world. Benefits Acts' Samaritan Fund. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20. Register: 954-864-2404; delia.goldberg@actslife.org

**8/22 - West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Club** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 12+. 4th W 6:15-6:45 pm. Special Interest Group; 7 pm meeting begins. Free. 309-7272; ki4nuv@yahoo.com; sfsccenter.org

**Thursday - 8/23 - Red, White & Blue: Summer Chefs Series** at Palm Beach Grill, 340 Royal Poinciana Way #336, Palm Beach. Exclusive 3-course luncheon & intimate conversation. 12:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**8/23 - Hook, Wine & Sink** at Mizner Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Twin Palms Center for the Disabled. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 6-9 pm. \$60/advance; \$75/at the door; includes all food and drinks. 391-4874; twinpalmscenter.com

**Friday - 8/24 - Coaching the Mature Driver** at St Mark Catholic Church St. Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Possible insurance reduction after successful completion. Bring lunch/beverage. 9 am-3 pm. \$15/payable to DOTs. 732-1416; stmarkboynton.com

**8/24 - Opening Reception: 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition** at Palm Beach Photographic Center, 415 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Exhibition runs through 10/27. 6-8 pm. Free. 253-2600; fotofusion.org

**8/24 - All Arts Open Mic Night** at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every 4th F 8-11 pm. \$5. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

**Saturday - 8/25 - Common Pest Problems in the Landscape: Caring for South Florida Lawns with Laurie Albrecht** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 9 am-12:30 pm. \$5/person. Register: 233-1759; csmith5@pbcgov.org

**8/25 - Workshop: Everyone Judges a Book by Its Cover** part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Instructor Victoria Landis. 10 am. Registration: \$25. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/25 - Open House** at Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Visit art studios, see demonstrations, meet teachers, light refreshments. 1-4 pm. Free. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**8/25 - National Organization for Women: Vote for Women's Lives** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Panel discussion: What Does Feminism Mean Today? Guest speaker Palm Beach

County Mayor Melissa McKinlay. 2-4 pm. Free. 888-394-0004; pbcnow.org

**8/25 - Roar & Pour 2018: A Night at the Zoo** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, food for purchase. 4th Sat May through Aug 4:30-9 pm. \$9.95-\$14.95/adult; \$6.95-\$11.95/child 3-12; free/under age 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/25 - Wine & All That Jazz** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Benefits Golden Bell Education Foundation. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 7-10 pm. Tickets start at \$65. 395-4433; wine-and-jazz.com

**8/25 - Drunk Shakespeare** presented by Outre Theatre Company at The Irishmen Pub, 1745 NW Boca Raton Blvd. 8 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/students. 954-300-2149; outretheatrecompany.com

**8/25 - Guitar Shorty** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/25 - Sick Puppies Comedy Open Improv Jam** at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 11 pm-midnight. Free. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

## AUG. 26-SEPT. 1

**Sunday - 8/26 - Fruhschoppen** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. No t-shirts or shorts. 4th Sun 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free admission. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

**8/26 - 13th Annual Bowling for Bread** at Strikes @ Boca, 21046 Commercial Tr. Benefits Boca Helping Hands. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 2-5 pm. \$50-\$600. 417-0913 x 202; karen@bocahelpinghands.org

**Monday - 8/27 - Shadow Child by Rahna Reiko Rizzuto** part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/27 - Taste of Italy** at Steve's Wood Fired Pizza, 9180 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Benefits United Way of Palm Beach County. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$30/advance; \$40/at the door; \$10/child 12 & under. 375-6679; martinabrief@unitedwaypbc.org

**Tuesday - 8/28 - Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate part of Book Club discussion by Friends of Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/28 - Red, White & Brew** at Connected Warriors, Inc., 4950 Communications Ave #115, Boca Raton. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. Ships donated coffee and candy to Service members in the Middle East. Suggested donations: MMs, K-cups, other coffee/candy. 954-278-3764; connectedwarriors.org/RWB

**8/28 - VIBE: Delray's Hottest Jam Session** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5/person. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 8/29 - Class: Password Managers** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**8/29 - Lip Sync Battle** at Blue Martini, 6000 Glades Rd, Suite C-1380, Boca Raton. Benefits Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$35/advance. 213-8209; natkingcolegenerationhope.org/events

**Thursday - 8/30 - Apps for Personal Productivity** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us/957/Library

**8/30 - Throwback Thursday** at Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery, 3320 Airport Rd, Suite 1, Boca Raton. Benefits Trustbridge Foundation. Part of Boca Chamber Festival Days. 5:30-8 pm. \$35. RSVP: 416-5037; trustbridgefoundation.org

**8/30 - Canvas & Cocktails** at Old School Square Studio 6, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Create art; enjoy wine, craft beer, signature cocktail. Every last Th 7-9 pm. \$36/includes materials & one drink ticket. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

**Friday - 8/31 - An Evening with Anders Osborne & Mike Zito** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Adults 21 & over only. 5 pm doors open; 9 pm show. \$45-\$70. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**8/31 - Opening Reception** at Artists' Guild Gallery, 2910 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Wine/dessert. 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877; bocaguild.com

**8/31 - D.J. Demers** at Hyatt Place Delray Beach, 104 NE 2nd Ave. Part of Delray Beach Summer Comedy Series. Benefits Sandoway Discovery Center if tickets purchased on eventbrite link. Hotel parking not available; use street or garage parking at displayed rates. Age 18+. 7:30 pm. \$20-\$35. 274-7263; eventbrite.com/e/delray-beach-summer-comedy-series-tickets-45541372471?discount=SANDOWAY

**8/31 - The Pixels: Retro 80s Experience** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday - 9/1 - Save the Jaguar 5K Run/2018 Big Cat Race Series** at Palm Beach Zoo & Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2nd of 3 runs. No strollers, rollerblades, skateboards, bicycles, etc. permitted on racecourse. Registration includes zoo admission + 3 1/2-price friend/family discount coupons.

6-7 am packet pick-up/registration; 7:30-10 am race. \$40/adult; \$25/student. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**9/1 - Black Movie Experience (BMX): Moonlight** at Williams Cottage, 170 NW 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 1st Sat 1-4 pm. \$10. 279-8883; spadmuseum.org

**9/1 - Wine Pairings: Artisanal Cheeses** at Hyatt Place Boca Raton/Downtown, 100 E Palmetto Park Rd. 7-9 pm. \$30/advance. 954-410-3177; info@savorourcity.com

**9/1 - The Chris Thomas Band: Sinatra to Soul** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/1 - D.J. Demers** at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center South Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of Summer Comedy Series. 8 pm. \$23-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

**9/1-30 - Boca Raton Restaurant Month 2018** at multiple locations. Multi-course prix-fixe lunches/dinners, culinary events, more. \$21-\$40/person + tax/gratuity. Reservations: bocarestaurantmonth.com

**9/1-30 - Flavor Palm Beach** at various restaurants throughout Palm Beach County. Benefits Palm Beach County Food Bank. Specially priced 3-course meals for lunch/dinner. Check website for participating restaurants. \$20-\$45 + tax/gratuity. Flavorpb.com

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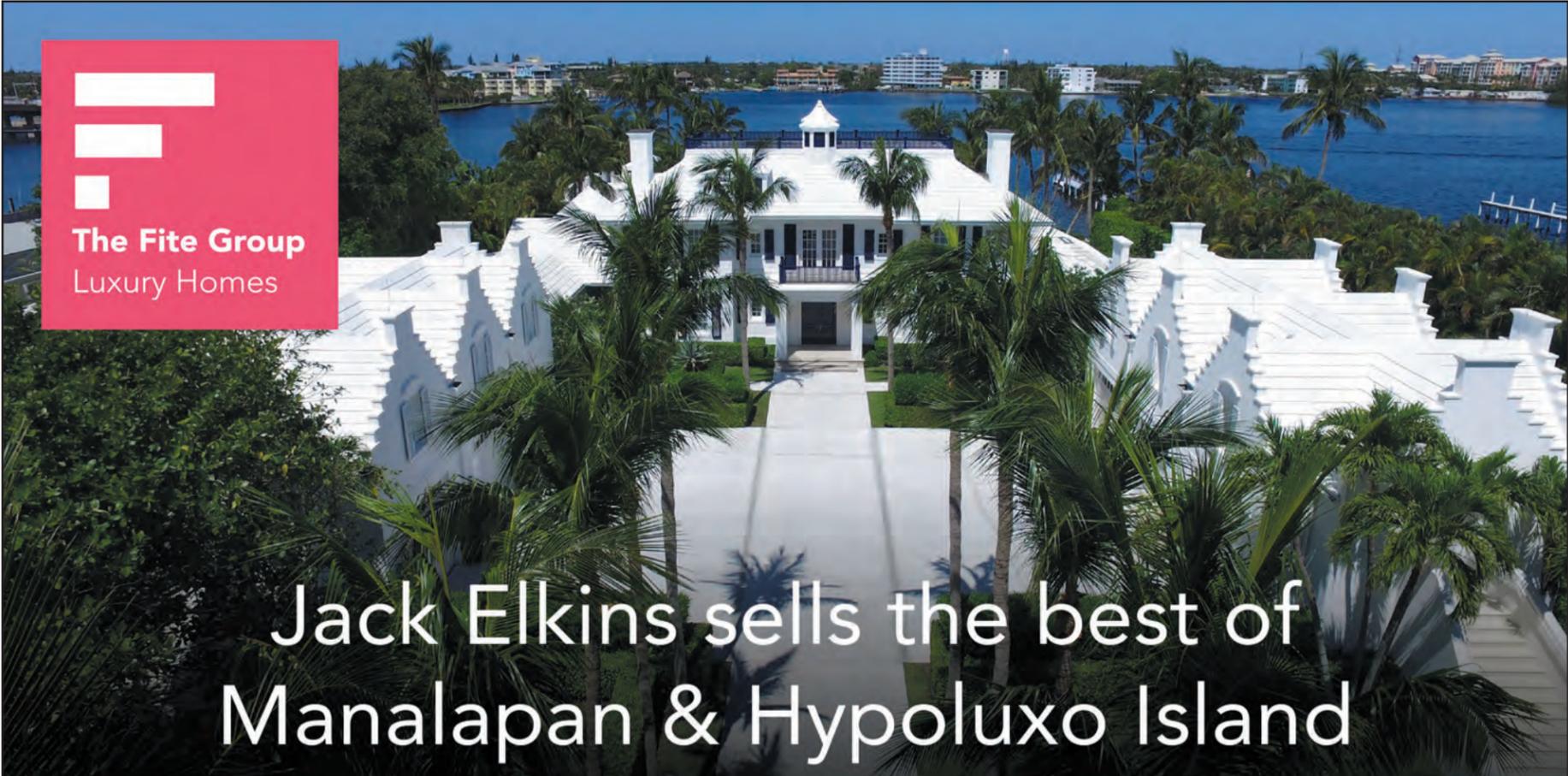
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