

## Celebrating our history



Busch's original location, on Ocean Boulevard north of Woolbright Road, was transformed from a roadhouse to a restaurant in 1952. The restaurant served its last lobster in 1992. **Vintage postcard courtesy of the Lambrakis family**

## Old Florida lives on in misty memories of Busch's



By Ron Hayes

Nostalgia's funny that way.

You start out reminiscing about someplace specific. A seafood restaurant, maybe, and the she-crab soup you loved there.

The drinks at the bar while you waited for a table.

The show tunes you sang around the piano after a few of those drinks.

And the next thing you know, it's not just the old Busch's Seafood Restaurant you miss, but a whole other time and place. Back when you could still call mahi-mahi "dolphin" and not get picketed by PETA. Back when Old Florida wasn't so crowded, and

you weren't so old.

For more than half a century, Busch's was the only restaurant along A1A between Palm Beach and Delray Beach. A third of a mile north of Woolbright Road on the east, the white sign with the big red lobster in the black top hat was a landmark. You couldn't actually see the ocean from the dining room at 5585 N. Ocean

Blvd., but you could smell it, and you could taste it.

Stone crabs for \$8.50. She-crab soup, \$3 a bowl.

Busch's served seafood, they mixed drinks, they sang songs — they made memories.

The seafood, drinks and songs are gone now. But, oh, the memories!

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## Talented youth



Christian Miller and Patrick Nichols, at home on North Atlantic Blvd in Hypoluxo Island. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

## Surfing: It's all in the family — and the neighborhood

By Tim O'Meilias

North Atlantic Drive has earned a new name. Call it Pipeline Point or Cutback Court or, simply, Surfers Street. But never Wipeout Way.

The northern end of Hypoluxo Island juts into the Lake Worth Lagoon like one of those giant, foam "We're #1" fingers. For good reason. Three of the best young surfers on the Eastern U.S. seaboard live within a long paddle of each other on North

Atlantic Drive.

"It's pretty crazy," said Christian Miller, 16, who finished second in the Junior Men's division at the Eastern Surfing Association championships at Cape Hatteras, N.C., last month. The 42nd annual event attracted 500 of the East Coast's best surfers.

"It's just a lot of talent," said 15-year-old Patrick Nichols without a trace of bravado. Facts are facts. Nichols won his longboard (9-foot

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### At home with music

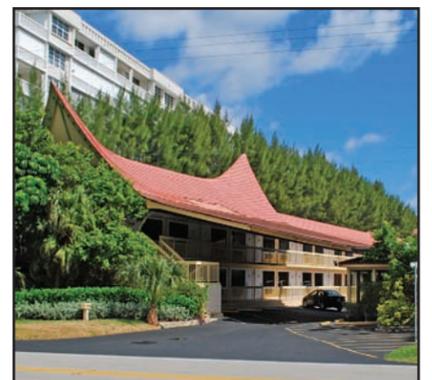
Anthony Arcaini, 14, takes a break from practicing piano. The Manalapan teen, who conducted this summer in Europe, also is a composer who has played for royalty. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

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Coastal Star



Susan Mullin hosts a meeting of volunteers for this year's trunk show benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs. The event will be held Dec. 2-3 at the new Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

Editorial

What a difference a year makes

Last November, my husband and I bucked the trend of Web-based news delivery and published the inaugural edition of *The Coastal Star*. We delivered 6,000 copies of our hyper-local, free-distribution newspaper to homes and businesses along the coast. Since then our circulation has grown to 7,500, and this November we are proud to publish a *Coastal Star* with 32 pages plus a 32-page *Palm Beach ArtsPaper* insert. Between the two publications, we are delighted to have advertising support from over 90 local businesses.

We've also expanded the number of communities we report on and continue to offer freelance opportunities to some of the best newspaper journalists and advertising sales and design people in South Florida. We are proud to be working with these talented individuals and thank them for their hard work — at startup-level pay.

As fast as things have been changing for our publication, the pace of change along our coast has been slow. That's not necessarily bad.

But as our snowbird residents begin to return, it seems like a good time for our readers to shake the sand from their flip-flops and get active in shaping the direction

of our coastal community.

First we need to end the tired "us vs. them" rhetoric that still lingers from the collapsed sale offer for Briny Breezes. Each of the towns along A1A has common concerns and should be engaged in vital and open discussions for betterment of the area as a whole.

Delray Beach is providing an example of how this can be done, by inviting the entire city for a workshop on beach area improvements later this month.

As we work toward common goals, we should keep in mind that bridges connect more than just roads and what may be in the best interest of our neighboring cities to the west may not feel like positive change to those of us across the bridge. We can't afford to be surprised by what happens along the Federal Highway corridor — an area we depend on for essential services.

So, let's keep our minds open, stay focused on the future and make sure we're all still living (and working) in our version of paradise come next November.

— Mary Kate Leming, editor



A friend for Boys and Girls clubs

Susan Mullin of Gulf Stream is the kind of friend any head of a non-profit organization would love to have. She raises lots of money and doesn't need any direction.

"She's been phenomenal," said Mary O'Connor, president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County.

Each year, Mullin stages a trunk show in Delray Beach that has, over the years, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Boys and Girls Clubs. "She has the ability to surround herself with strong committee members.

"She takes an event and just makes it happen," O'Connor said. "I know it will be well-

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organized and well run."

O'Connor's organization has 13 clubs throughout Palm Beach County. They serve 7,500 youths a year, some 2,000 youths on a daily basis.

The Delray Beach club is one of the largest in the county and annually is among the largest contributors to the county group.

Mullin's work has not gone unnoticed in other circles. Last month, she was one of five "Women of Grace"

honored for her work for the Boys and Girls Clubs by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation.

The foundation honors women who have "contributed remarkable volunteer service to local organizations."

This year's trunk show benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs will be held Dec. 2-3 at the new Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach. A preview party will be held on Dec. 1.

"I'm fortunate to count her among my friends," O'Connor said of Mullin. "Susan's events are essential to what we do."

Susan Mullin was nominated to be a Coastal Star by Delray Beach resident Kari Shipley.

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## Local voices

## Marketing efforts paying off for downtown Delray Beach

By Marjorie Ferrer

Thanks to a four-sided collaboration, Delray Beach can point with justifiable pride to a documented boost for downtown businesses: Retail sales volume increased 48.7 percent from 2003 to 2008 and, during that same period, food and beverage sales were up by 41.5 percent.

That's a combined additional sales volume of nearly \$87.6 million, according to Florida's Department of Revenue.

When I reported our success at the annual conference of the International Downtown Association, people were flabbergasted. Delray Beach is gaining worldwide attention

as having a downtown that works!

The process started in 1998, when the Downtown Development Authority, the city of Delray Beach, the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce launched a comprehensive retail cluster study for downtown. The

study, under the direction of consultant H. Blount Hunter, defined boundaries of the downtown area (I-95 to A1A), and subdivided it into eight clusters.

By documenting and understanding the mix and types of downtown businesses, we were able to: structure an effective promotional program incorporating an aggressive schedule of special events; develop an ongoing media presence locally, regionally and beyond, as well as a dedicated downtown Web site; and become active in influential organizations such as Visit Florida and Palm Beach County's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Delray Beach's unique Downtown Marketing Cooperative relationship with the DDA, the city, the CRA and the Chamber of Commerce is crucial to the comprehensive marketing and promotional program. Here's a strong collaborative effort where the individual members park their egos at the door and just come in and get to work for the good of the downtown.

Every partner plays a crucial role:

- The Chamber helps business grow with a variety

of programs, networking and more;

- The CRA facilitates development of new commercial tenants and directly assist in redevelopment to encourage economic growth;

- The city provides assistance in planning, setup, maintenance and police and fire support at events, including the Clean and Safe initiative; and

- The DDA is the funding arm for the cooperative marketing programs.

While the economic picture has become a bit gloomier since the sales figures were posted, collaboration and optimism remain strong in Delray Beach. We're all in this together. The advisory groups are working together very well to produce a stronger, more successful collaborative effort than we could achieve working individually.



Marjorie Ferrer is the executive director of the Downtown Marketing Cooperative and Downtown

Development Authority. More information is posted on [DowntownDelrayBeach.com](http://DowntownDelrayBeach.com).

## Letters to the Editor

## State's action can change beach rights

Regarding Kelly Wolfe's article on beach usage rights in the October issue of *The Coastal Star*, let me add: The line of mean high water is the point of demarcation between public beach usage and private land, but over a 19-year period (Florida Statue Chapter 177.27(14)). Nineteen years. Not today's tides.

By Florida law and by the Florida Constitution (and federal law and English Common Law), this includes the forces of sand gain (accretion) and sand loss (erosion), such as from tides or hurricanes, over those 19 years. These are so-called ambulatory boundaries. Public and private property can change under these boundaries. By Florida law then, the line of mean high water and the boundaries of private property/public usage could potentially be up next to A1A or down in the surf, if you include the loss and gain of sand over the last 19 years.

But it is not that simple. When the state helps to repair a beach — such as beach renourishment in Ocean Ridge — then the state can set a fixed erosion control line to be used instead of the mean high water line. The state can

potentially claim for itself and the public all the new sand thus accreted; this has yet to be fully constitutionally challenged.

Again, depending where this line is set, the public usage rights could encompass the whole beach up to A1A. Especially if the erosion control line was set years ago, when the ocean almost touched our current dunes.

My guess is that, due to beach improvements made by the state, the public has much more beach than the private landowners.

The fundamental thing is that beach public usage rights are part of the U.S. Public Trust Doctrine. This states the beaches (tidelands) were given by the federal government to the states to be held in trust for public usage.

The Public Trust Doctrine is a big deal and is part of our post-revolutionary federal government's passing of property rights to the states. States like California and Texas are very proactive in guaranteeing public beach access and usage rights. Florida has been less so.

Finally, public beach access is part of federal doctrine. The U.S. Coastal Zone

Management Act of 1972, as well as federal subsidies for beach renourishment and federal money for flood insurance, all have binding clauses that give the public certain beach access and usage rights. For example, if Ocean Ridge accepted federal money for its beach renourishment, then the private property owners have to accept these provisions.

Other ways the state takes beach property and sets up fixed boundaries is through retreat from the shoreline and the coastal construction control line.

Don Gentile — County Pocket

**Editor's note:** On Oct. 5, Surfrider Foundation entered an *amicus curiae*, or "friend of the court," brief in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection vs. Stop the Beach Renourishment case that is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case will determine the constitutionality of Florida's beach management program with regards to the judicial takings doctrine, and fundamentally will decide when the beach belongs to the public or whether it is private land after beach renourishment has occurred. The high court is scheduled to hear this case Dec. 2.

## Hayes and Coastal Star inform and entertain

Ron Hayes' well-researched article about South Florida author Theodore Pratt, in the September issue of *The Coastal Star*, was certainly a worthwhile read. When the paper wrote about the Barefoot Mailman last year, I purchased a used copy of Mr. Pratt's book by the

same name and enjoyed the fictitious adventure along the coast from Lake Worth to Miami thoroughly. I have now added the other two books in the so-called "trilogy" and it is fun to read about "Old Florida" in the South Florida landscape, as we know it today.

Your readers should know that while Mr. Pratt's books are out of print, many of them are available through amazon.com, used and inexpensive.

Thank you, Ron, and thank you, *Coastal Star*, for your always entertaining and informative features.

Paul Ruopp — Briny Breezes

## Clarifications

In the October issue of *The Coastal Star*, a story about final approval of municipal tax rates said Delray Beach Commissioner Adam Frankel supported the proposed tax rate of 7.38. Although Frankel said he supported a 7.3833 millage rate during a Sept. 10 vote on first reading, he noted his personal view that the figure would likely be lower by the final vote and he wanted to explore more budget cuts and use of reserves. At the commission's Sept. 22 meeting, Frankel moved to adopt the final 7.19 millage rate, explaining it was a compromise from his initial goal for a millage rate under 7.0.

I would like to explain my comment, which was accurately reported in your October issue, regarding finalizing town budgets.

The mention of an "increase of about 7 percent" referred to the \$5.50 per \$1,000 assessed value tax rate the Town Commission was working with at the beginning of the final budget meeting. The actual final rate of \$5.40 is almost a 5 percent

increase over the previous year's tax rate of \$5.15.

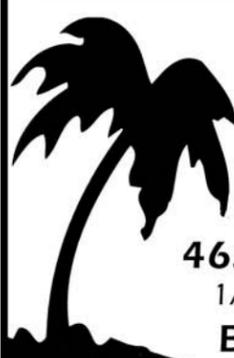
I apologize for any confusion.

I also want to applaud the work of the Ocean Ridge town commissioners and staff for a good job in achieving a reasonable tax rate. Although it is an increase, it is far less than the rollback rate of \$5.90 (an increase of 15 percent.)

Terry Brown — Ocean Ridge Town Commissioner

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Gulf Stream

Town opposes Intracoastal master plan

By Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream is following the town of Palm Beach's lead in opposing certain actions of the Intracoastal Waterway master plan, both deeming some items in the plan "a wasteful and unnecessary expansion of government."

"I think this is something we want to be proactive on," said Gulf Stream Mayor William F. Koch Jr. during the October commission meeting. Commissioners agreed to authorize a letter from Koch to the county opposing parts of the plan.

The master plan, put together by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, covers 43 miles of Intracoastal and more than 1,000 waterway-related businesses, homes and residential neighborhoods, recreational and eco-

tourism opportunities, and connects 23 of the county's 38 municipalities. The plan lays out a vision, goals and methods of reaching the goals, and guides such areas as economics, transportation, environment and land use.

The town of Palm Beach's letter opposed items including: The creation of an Intracoastal Waterway commission to oversee plan implementation; a planning analysis to further evaluate the Lake Worth "Jewel Cove" marina village concept; the identification of street-end park opportunities, and regulations for establishment and maintenance; development of a public access program for spoil islands and development of a storm-water utility that would cover properties within a half mile of Intracoastal shores.

Gulf Stream opposes the same items as Palm Beach,

Except for Jewel Cove which is a project unique to Palm Beach and Lake Worth.

The Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization has adopted the plan, and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is finalizing small changes, said Kim Delaney, TCRPC growth management coordinator. It's been presented to the county, the Marine Industries Association and the Florida Intracoastal Navigational District.

The plan is advisory, providing recommendations to towns, which can decide whether to implement them, Delaney said, adding the Intracoastal Commission is a marketing entity, not a regulator.

The plan is a roadmap to anyone who wants to implement those projects, said Randy Whitfield, director of the county Metropolitan Planning Organization. "It is a basis for how what you're doing will fit in with the overall plan."

Gulf Stream Town Clerk Rita Taylor said that, as in all plans, towns have a period of time in which to respond in favor or opposition. She also pointed out that the Florida Intracoastal Navigational District owns two parcels in Gulf Stream that are spoil islands and could be developed.

"It's best to bring attention before it's too late," said Tom Bradford, deputy town manager of Palm Beach. Palm Beach copied its letter to the county, MPO and TCRPC and the mayors of every municipality that abuts the Intracoastal. "It's not that all the things are bad things, but that they're already being done. Why add more potential cost?"

**In other business:**

- Commissioners voted to add a 10 percent utilities tax to electric and gas, a move that would increase town revenue by \$160,000 annually, bolster reserves and slip in ahead of a possible ballot initiative that could cap municipal revenue. The tax, which is on actual electricity, not add-ons such as fuel charges, wouldn't go into effect until April.

- The town pushed through ordinances on first reading to prohibit firing a firearm and to regulate use of PODS and other on-property portable storage. Both ordinances will be the subject of public hearings and final votes at the November meeting.

- Commissioners also worked through an ordinance regulating the use of golf carts as transportation within the town, which will be up for discussion at a public hearing and preliminary vote in November.



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## Along the Avenues



A crowd browses at Treasure's 4 Charity's re-opening in Delray Beach's Pineapple Grove on Oct. 14. Operated by more than 100 volunteers, the shop celebrated with neighbor-businesses, Christina's Restaurant and From Roehm with Love. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

## Wine, lobster and song in Delray

**Dave Spitzer** spent 40 years in the hospitality industry — working for Hilton hotels, owning a restaurant in Woodstock, Ill., and running Mike Ditka's Da Coach restaurants in the Windy City. But about 10 years ago he moved to Delray. He considered a move into a franchise, but what he really wanted was to be his own boss.

"The idea of becoming a small town merchant in this beautiful area was very enticing," Spitzer said. "This opportunity presented itself, so here we are!"

The opportunity is **Old Vines, Wine & Spirits**, just east of the bridge at 900 E. Atlantic Ave., and while Spitzer considers it a "work in progress," his program is ambitious.

"We pride ourselves on searching out good values that you won't find at the big-box stores," he said. "We're all about special orders."

Tastings are a must and Spitzer has a hot one Nov. 12 that will feature wine and art. Delray artist **Salvatore Principe** also is a vintner. He'll sign bottles of his own wine from Argentina. And Dave will be there with a good word and an open ear.

"I'm here every day and talk to everyone who comes in to try to learn what's going to work best," he said, "whether it be wine, spirits, beer, gourmet cheeses or cigars."

Typical Thursday night (Oct. 22) at **Boston's on the Beach** — good crowd to hear Breeze, the incredible cover band; baseball, football and soccer on the dozens of TVs, lots of clams being fried and beer being poured. Upstairs, a few hundred invited guests chomped on stone crab and shrimp and, since it was the big party in the beachside bar's 30th anniversary week, two birthday cakes.

"It's been wild," general manager **Mark DeAtley** said while doubling as Breeze's soundman. "But it's been great."

Entertainment included **Matt "Guitar" Murphy** and a one-time reunion by **The Groove Thangs**, plus

a release party for a special 30th anniversary double CD featuring acts that helped shape Boston's musical identity. The title: *One More and I'm Outta Here*. Proceeds benefit the Delray police.

"We live just up the road in Gulf Stream," said **Sally Burns**, who stopped by with husband, **Bob**. "We love coming here, because it's fun and nobody cares how you look or what you wear. And we can sit outside and see the ocean. It's the only place around where you can do that."

The west end of Atlantic also has more Down East flavor with the arrival of **Linda Bean's Perfect Maine Lobster Roll**. The airy eatery at Second Avenue opened a few weeks back, but Linda came down for the Oct. 22 grand opening. She's the granddaughter of Maine outfitter L.L. Bean. Delray is her second venture outside Maine.

The showcase dish is a lobster roll: a quarter-pound of claw meat (no tails) on a soft bun, with a secret herb topping, a little mayo, bread-and-butter pickles (no dills please!) and crunchy chips on the side. The price is

\$15.50, but Bean notes, none is fresher. She flies it in daily from Maine. Also on the menu: shrimp, crab, stew and chowder, hot dogs, salads, sandwiches, Maine-made beer and sodas, wine and desserts, including Maine Wee Whoopie Pie.

Why Delray? Well, she found a lot of New Englanders who made the area home, and Grandpa spent his golden years in Deerfield Beach.

The new **Omphoy** luxury hotel and spa is taking a deliberate approach. Executive Chef **Michelle Bernstein**, the 2008 James Beard Award winner, continues to tweak the menu.

We hear that one change already is in place: Papyrus plants have been added to the reflecting pool at the entrance. Because it is rimless, a couple of souls didn't realize the surface wasn't solid and fell in.



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## Delray Beach

### Input sought for beach area plan

By Margie Plunkett

A residents group and Delray Beach government are collecting community thoughts early in November on a master plan for the beach area, to guide its design in the future.

The Nov. 7 charrette is for all city residents. "We hope to get something on paper that is a vision of what the whole community would like to see, not just the beach-area people," said Andy Katz, a member of the board of trustees of the Beach Property Owners Association. "The beach is a very public place and everyone in the city should have input into it."

The BPOA, Delray Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency are sponsoring the session. And Cambridge architect Perry Neubauer will lead the sessions; he helped with similar sessions for the tennis center, Old School Square and the library.

The Beach Area Master Plan is intended to enhance the look of the beach area, establish "a sense of community through design, reflect the character of the beach neighborhood and complement the natural environment," according to organizers. Other areas of the city have their own plans, including Pineapple Grove, but the beach plan will reflect the area.

The charrette — an information-gathering session from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the first Saturday in November — will cover subject areas including maintenance, landscaping, replacement and upgrades, future improvements and new features.

**WHAT:** Beach area master plan charrette, or information-gathering session

**WHEN:** 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 7

**WHERE:** Delray Beach Marriott Residence Inn, 1111 E. Atlantic Ave., at Seabreeze Avenue

**WHO:** All city residents are invited.

Areas of focus will include the Ocean Boulevard/A1A sidewalk, lighting, public amenities and parks as well as other streetscape elements.

Design is characterized by elements such as trash cans, park benches, the gazebo and even the shower, Katz explained. Whether routine replacement of trash cans is necessary or the entire beach area must be rebuilt after a hurricane, the master plan guides the style. "When trash cans need to be replaced, we'll know what we want to see go there," Katz said.

The plan is a guide to follow when key beachfront decisions must be rendered, according to the organizers.

A plan will be written from the ideas gathered at the charrette and presented to commissioners. The plan can accomplish many items through the normal course of expenditures on maintenance or landscaping, but other areas could benefit from grants and county and state funds.

"It just seems strange for what we consider the crown jewel that brings people here not to have a master plan," Katz said. ✧

## Briny Breezes

### Water rates up for more discussion

By Margie Plunkett

Armed with history and a 1926 plat map, Briny Breezes Mayor Roger Bennett appealed to Boynton Beach to extend lower, resident water rates to the town that he said is "technically an extension of Boynton Beach."

Briny Breezes' water charges rose 51 percent when Boynton Beach boosted water rates earlier this year, compared to the 25 percent increase in residents' rate, which Ocean Ridge pays, Bennett said during his presentation to Boynton Beach commissioners. The rationale behind the difference, he said, is that Ocean Ridge was once a part of Boynton Beach.

"The plat map shows Briny Breezes was at one time part of Boynton Beach," Bennett said, and it, too, should be assessed the lower rate.

The history was more complicated than that, according to Boynton Beach City Manager Kurt Bressner. Ocean Ridge was a part of Boynton Beach until the 1920s or '30s. Boynton Beach fell into hard times, and Ocean Ridge struck a deal to pay a portion of the city's debt and in exchange would become its own town. That's when the agreement setting the inside water rates took place. "It was essentially a divorce decree — and they got custody of the inside rates," he said.

Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor raised the point that the city raised the rates to cover debt costs and is still hearing from residents feeling the pinch — even though the city later lowered rates by 7 percent.

Commissioners also have to consider the precedent that would be set if they granted Bennett's request: Others charged the outside rates, including condominiums, would want the lower, inside rate as well. About 42,000 water users pay the outside rate, they said.

Bennett also pointed out that Boynton's water is delivered through three Briny Breezes meters, that Boynton Beach doesn't have to read each resident's meter or send a separate bill. Briny Breezes does that. Boynton Beach does read and bill Ocean Ridge residents. Boynton should take into consideration its labor costs are lower for Briny Breezes, Bennett argued.

When Boynton commissioners compared Briny Breezes to other trailer parks that are billed the outside rates, Bennett reminded them that Briny Breezes is not a trailer park, it's a town. Earlier the mayor had quipped that before the deal to sell the town, its "opulent neighbors" north and south called it a trailer park, but now it's a "quaint South Florida village."

In the end, Boynton tabled a decision on Bennett's request until its second meeting in November to allow Bressner to assess the impact of changing the rates. The city manager said he would prepare a comparison of current inside and outside rates using Briny Breezes' 2009 water usage figures during the peak season, when the population swells to an estimated 1,100 from about 400 in the summer. ✧

Mary Kate Leming contributed to this story

## Boynton Beach

### Boynton discussing where or if, new City Hall could be built

By Thomas R. Collins

The City Hall and police station in Boynton Beach might be about to move farther away from the coast, leaving the traditional downtown area.

Three developers' proposals call for moving city operations west of I-95 near Congress Avenue. Only one would keep it in the downtown area near Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway.

Where to put the City Hall and police station — and it's possible that only a new police station will be built — is raising questions about how important a city hall is to a downtown and where the future heart of the city will be. A meeting on the topic is scheduled for Nov. 3.

Whether a new complex is built at all is up in the air. City commissioners have agreed, at least initially, to put it on the March ballot, letting voters decide whether to issue bonds for the project, which could range in price from \$30 million to more than \$50 million. But they haven't yet taken a final vote on that.

The plan now is for commissioners to choose one of the options proposed by developers and then put it on the table for voters, City Manager Kurt Bressner said.

The only eastern proposal,



The towers of Marina Village are seen in the background of Patrinely Group's proposed development at the northeast corner of Federal Highway and Ocean Avenue.

from Plantation-based Patrinely Group, includes two options: a 117,000-square-foot combination City Hall and police station at the northeast corner of Federal Highway and Ocean Avenue or just City Hall there and a new police station on Northeast Ninth Avenue, the city's current public works site.

It also includes provisions for refurbishing the old high school building and redeveloping the existing City Hall site.

But it doesn't include a cost estimate, which was requested in the city's RFP.

Another option is for a complex at Congress Avenue and Old Boynton Road, put forward by Atlanta-based Sembler Company, for either \$32.4 million or \$50.5 million,

depending on whether both the police station and City Hall are built or just the police station.

Another calls for a complex at Gateway Boulevard and High Ridge Road for either \$38.3 million or \$23.6 million.

Both of those options include a lease option.

And another proposal, from developer James Comparato, calls for the police station to go into 67,000 square feet of raw space that already exists in Renaissance Commons at Gateway Boulevard and Congress Avenue. The cost would be \$12 million but doesn't include the likely millions the city would have to spend to outfit the space.

Whether the eastern proposal will stay in the running remains to be seen.

City staff has labeled it "non-responsive."

"That's going to be a decision of the City Commission," Bressner said.

Mayor Jerry Taylor said he would "have a problem" considering that proposal.

"How would I base my decision?" he said.

He said that moving the City Hall from the downtown doesn't mean it is no longer the heart of the city. He said he'd be inclined to have the City Hall and police station "wherever you get the best deal."

Commissioner Jose Rodriguez, who represents the district where the current City Hall sits, said taking away City Hall would kill businesses in the downtown. "It would be ludicrous to think we would

move X number of employees west to Congress and expect them to survive," he said.

Plus, he said, keeping City Hall in the east is called for in the downtown master plan.

He downplayed the importance of having a cost in the proposals, since there were few specifications in the city's RFP, making it hard to get at a realistic price. "I had developers call me and say, 'We can't bid on this because we have no specs,'" he said.

Commissioner Marlene Ross, whose district would get City Hall were it to move west, said she hasn't decided and "I'm eager to see them all."

Residents have different points of view, she said. "Some of them feel strongly that City Hall could be anywhere in the city and some of them are committed to the original downtown," she said.

One who is committed to the original downtown is Barbara Ready, who leads a group trying to preserve the old Boynton high school.

City Hall, she said, would anchor the downtown, acting as a visible marker that the traditional downtown is the city's main gathering place. "There's something to be said for having a beautiful, dignified City Hall that you can point to with pride in the downtown." ✧



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## Our History

**RIGHT:** Lucy Bergman not only ran Busch's as a restaurant with a bar and package store, she was also a supporter of Claude Kirk for governor.

**BELOW:** Bergman (left) says that singer Kate Smith was such a frequent customer that the two became good friends. Photos courtesy of Lucy Bergman



# Busch's defined coastal dining for decades

## BUSCH'S:

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"It was sort of like the restaurant version of Cheers," remembers Ava Van de Water, a Palm Beach native who discovered Busch's in the early 1970s. "You hoped you wouldn't get your table right away, because you wanted to wait at the bar and listen to the piano music and chat with Liam and Jerry, the bartenders. The veal Oscar was fabulous. I remember my sister ruined that for me when she told me what veal was made from."

But while Busch's had veal Oscar, fine wines and piano music inside, the exterior was far more humble.

"We were just an old wooden building," Lucy Bergman says. "I called it a saloon."

In 1952, a New Jersey family bought the former roadhouse and named it for the Sea Isle City hotel and restaurant founded in 1882 by their grand father. George Busch was never as famous as his brother Augustus, who went into the beer business with a fellow named Anheuser, but he knew seafood.

The Busches owned Busch's until 1960, when Bergman bought it.

"I had no desire to be in the restaurant business," she'll tell you now. "I was 26. My parents had left me a little money, and my husband at the time talked me into buying it."

### From roadhouse to celebrity hangout

For the next 16 years — except for a couple of months when Busch's became The Brown Jug, and failed miserably — Bergman owned Busch's. And Busch's owned Bergman.

"I never got any sleep in those days," she recalls. "When I started, there were some very tough years, then the word spread."

The lobsters were flown in live from Maine in lots of 30, twice a week. The Icelandic lobster tails came twice a year, 1,500 pounds at a time. The Key lime pie began closer to home — from lime trees in Bergman's backyard.

First the locals came. Then the snowbirds went home and told their northern neighbors. Eventually, the celebrities arrived.

Benny Goodman was the Pompano Almondine Salad with blue cheese dressing and two Cutty Sark's.



Bergman

Joan Rivers was a combo platter.

Kate Smith, the big woman with the bigger voice, was such a regular that Bergman and she became friends.

"She was a wild driver," Bergman recalls. "And she always parked in No Parking zones. She'd make me wait and she said, 'If a policeman comes, tell him it's Kate Smith's car and he won't give you a ticket.'" Bergman, on the other hand, says she had no special relationship with the law.

"I never gave them free food out the back door, but they'd drive the drunks home. And late at night they'd drive me to the bank with the deposits."

Suddenly, she laughs. "I was attacked once by a woman in a wheelchair who came at me swinging her cane. She'd found one of our matchbooks in her husband's jacket and thought he was having an affair with me."

She shakes her head. "Well, he was having an affair. But it wasn't with me."

### New owner adds that touch of Greek

And then, in March 1976, Bergman sold Busch's to Bill Lambrakis, whose restaurant experience until then had consisted of owning a Burger Chef and a Dunkin' Donuts up home in Asbury Park.

"I'd seen hamburgers coming across the counter, but I wanted to see lobster tails," he says.

Lambrakis added a touch of his Greek heritage to the menu — more sauteed dishes, more pasta, a Greek fisherman's platter.

"The entire time I went there, they always had the same special, Grouper Agliolio," remembers Valerie Koz, whose wedding rehearsal dinner was held at

Busch's in 1987. "Every time you went there, that was the special."

She laughs. "We thought it must be the world's biggest grouper."

Lambrakis relaxed the jacket-and-tie rule, but kept "no shorts." No exceptions.

When baseball legends Dom DiMaggio and Ted Williams arrived in shorts, he turned them away. DiMaggio was gracious, he recalls; Williams was insulted. But they went home and changed.

And the celebrities kept coming, among them Connie Francis, whose manager called ahead to say the singer didn't want to attract attention.

"She showed up in a bright red cocktail dress with a big red hat," Lambrakis laughs. "Didn't want any attention."

As he reminisces, the stories tumble out, one after the other.

The drunk lady hugging the commode.

The choking victim, flat on her back in the middle of the dining room, waiting for paramedics while the pianist played *Isn't She Lovely*.

The two old men fighting at the bar. "The hearing aid flew this way, and the dentures were going that way."

### Eventually, time ran out

In the early days, Lambrakis says, you could set your clock by the clientele. The old folks who wanted fried food came early; the lobster lovers waited until seven-thirty or eight.

And then the clock ran

down.

In 1976, the same year Lambrakis bought Busch's, the Ocean Ridge Town Commission re-instituted a 1969 ban on commercial property and set a deadline of 1996. Lambrakis sued, but the ban was upheld in 1981. He could have stayed four more years, but on May 9, 1992, Busch's served its last lobster.

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"The restaurant business is a tough business," Lambrakis says, "but those were the most pleasant years of my life, because I'd got what I always wanted, my own restaurant."

Both Lucy Bergman and Bill Lambrakis had owned Busch's for 16 years.

Bergman moved to Lake Tahoe, Calif., for five years, then returned and became a receptionist for U.S. Trust Co. in Palm Beach. She retired in 2002 and lives in Boynton Beach.

Lambrakis toyed with the idea of reopening Busch's in a former bank building on Federal Highway in Boynton Beach, or perhaps at Congress Avenue and Woolbright Road, but neither plan took root.

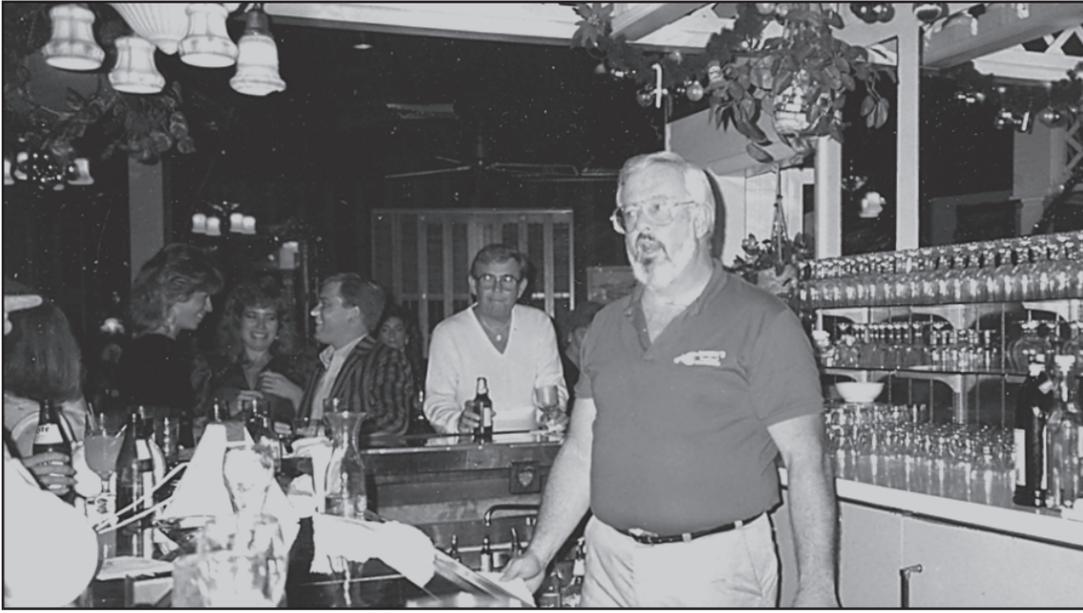
He's retired now, too, and lives, like Bergman, in Boynton Beach, with Chris, his wife of 51 years.

He sold the rights to the restaurant's name to businessman Ron Branscombe, who opened a new Busch's in Jupiter and another beside the Intracoastal Waterway in Delray Beach. Those are now closed as well.

### Alive now only in memories

But for old-timers, Busch's had to be in Ocean Ridge to be the real Busch's. That's the





Bartenders Jerry Mangles (above) and Liam Wood (inset below) were able to remember patrons' favorite drinks from one season to the next. 1989 file photos by Jerry Lower

## These bartenders kept it flowing

All the Busch's regulars knew Jerry and Liam, the bartenders, and no one seemed to know their last names.

"Jerry Mangles and Liam Wood," says Bill Lambrakis. "They could remember the drinks when people left for the season, and the first time they came back, that drink would be on the bar, and on the house."

Jerry Mangles came to

Busch's from Taboo, the Palm Beach restaurant. Liam was a friend of Jerry's.

When Busch's closed in 1992, both men moved on to the Fifth Avenue Grill in Delray Beach, reports Lambrakis.

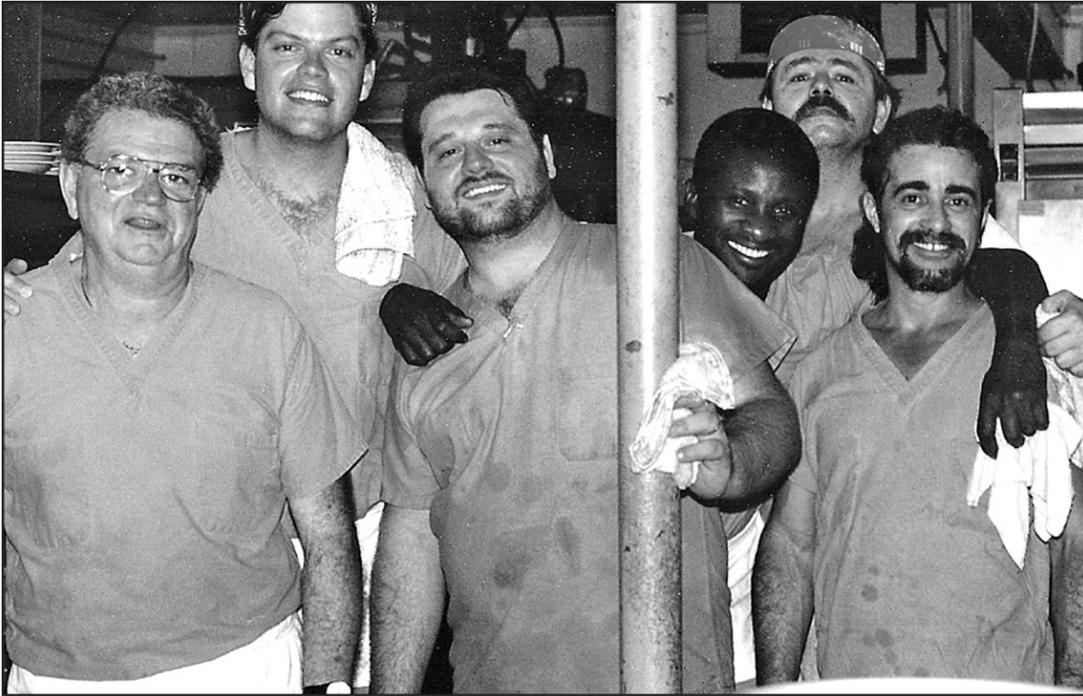
"Jerry married a nurse from the Boca Raton hospital. He's had some health problems, but he's alive and kicking."

Liam Wood eventually



settled in North Carolina, where he went into the mortgage business.

"I talked to him recently," says Lambrakis. "He's doing well. Got two kids and a nice wife, and I believe he still bartends on the side."



ABOVE: In addition to serving hundreds of meals a night for decades, Busch's provided many jobs for local cooks, bus boys and waitresses.

LEFT: Bill and Lucy Lambrakis received a painting of their restaurant on the night the business closed.

Photos courtesy of the Lambrakis family

Busch's Seafood Restaurant they talk about when they talk about Busch's, and that's the one they miss.

Barbara Gellner was a young teenager when she moved to Delray Beach in 1966 and first ate at Busch's.

The food was a little pricey for the time, she seems to recall, and everyone dressed up to go there. The hostesses wore evening gowns.

Or at least that's how she remembers it.

"Oh, I know everything

changes," she sighs, "but how many Starbucks does Delray Beach need? I miss the days of being able to walk downtown and know every shop owner.

"I wish Old Florida would come back."



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LEFT: Patrick Nichols, competing in the longboard division. CENTER: Christian Miller took second in the Jr. Men division. RIGHT: Luke Marks turned 11 while competing at the event. Photos by Tom Warnke

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## SURFING:

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surfboard) division.

"It's kind of weird," said Luke Marks, who finished second in the Menehune final (that's the 11-and-under group for you Barney's). He turned 11 during the event.

Of 18 Palm Beach County surfers in the competition, only the Hypoluxo trio made the finals. Nichols and Marks were chosen for the ESA All-Star team, which will compete around the country in the next year. Miller has been on the all-stars for four years and decided against a fifth.

All three found wave riding the same way: Surfing runs in their families. Christian's dad is Jim Miller, a well-known surfing name on the East Coast and still a competitive surfer. But young Miller didn't take it up until he was about 9, after dabbling in baseball.

Nichols picked it up when he visited his New York uncles for the summer when he was 7. Marks was 5 when he and his dad, Darren, sampled the waves together.

"I loved it," said Marks. "Having fun out in the water. Doing tricks. It's just fun." He is, he says, a better surfer than his father.

Miller and Nichols are good friends, hanging out at one another's houses. Until this year, Marks tagged along.

Although they still own their house on North Atlantic Drive, the family of seven moved to Melbourne Beach recently.

The trio have amassed chestfuls of medals and closets full of trophies traveling to Puerto Rico, Peru, Nicaragua, California, Hawaii and every surfing beach up the East Coast. All three have an array of surfboard, clothing, sandal and equipment sponsors to help pay their way to contests.

"I love the adrenaline you get from surfing," Nichols said, "the feeling you get from nose riding — riding the waves."

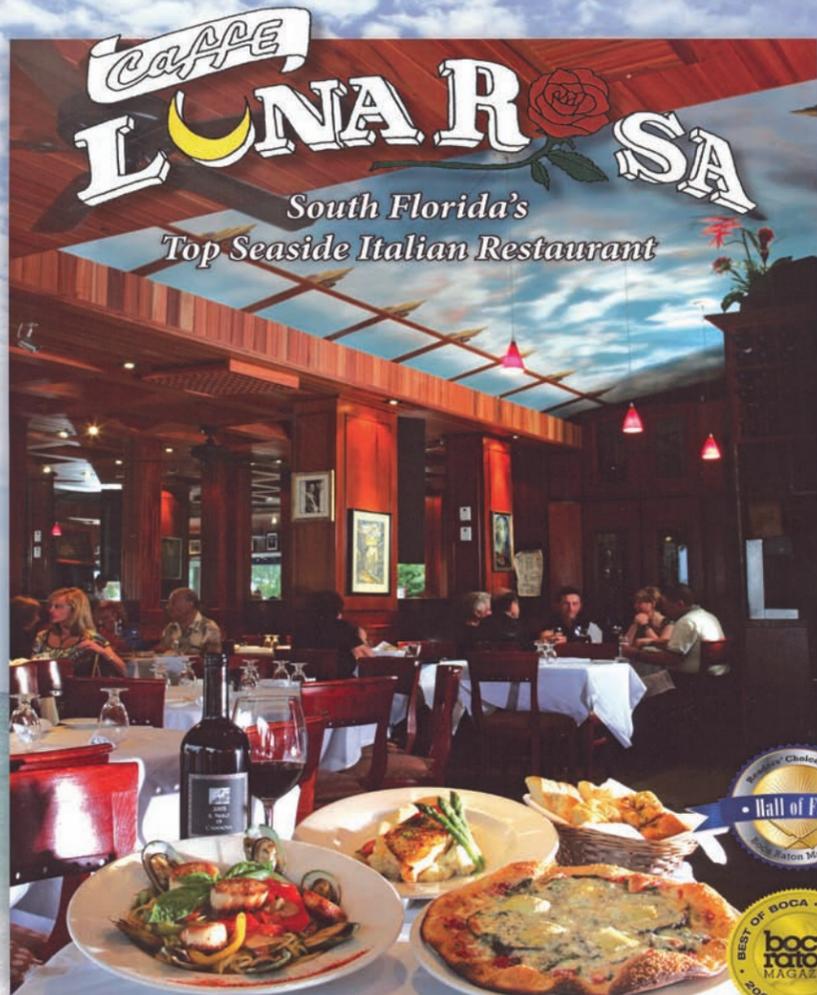
When they aren't competing, they often surf where they started at Lantana and Lake Worth beaches. The younger boys have dreams of making a career of wave-riding.

Miller is taking a step back from competition. "Since I did so well (at Cape Hatteras), it's kind of a farewell for me. I'm taking a new path in my life.

I want to get more serious with the Lord and with my girlfriend," he said.

But he's not leaving surfing for fun. "I like how surfing can get your mind off all the stress in the world," he said. "How relaxing it is."

(For more information about the local ESA chapter, visit [pbc.surfesa.org](http://pbc.surfesa.org))



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## Talented Youth

# Talented teen 'only wants to be with the music'

By Emily J. Minor

His mother knows when he's up to something.

He's up later, perhaps past 11 or so on a school night, and he's distracted at the dinner table — if he appears at all.

He abandons the computer and the soccer ball and small talk on the ride to school.

And she hears that piano, the one in his upstairs bedroom, the faint tinkle of the keys keeping her motherly ears in the ready position when perhaps she'd much rather be falling off to sleep.

He's totally on a different planet," says Rebecca Arcaini. "Everything makes me crazy."

Anthony Arcaini might be just 14 years old. But he is One Of Those Kids who has a purpose and holds promise and, quite possibly, already knows what he wants to do with his life.

Indeed, there's a very good chance that he's already doing it.

Arcaini — an eighth-grader at Gulf Stream School — is a pianist and a conductor who composes music. Amazing music. But the beautiful thing about this boy is you don't need season tickets to the symphony to appreciate what he creates.

Any goofball can tell you it's magnificent.

"It's what I'm going to be doing for a living," he says.

Arcaini's mother is German and Austrian. His father, Tonio, is Italian and works mostly overseas. His great-great-great grandfather composed church music. His great-grandfather was a professor of the cello. Yet neither of Anthony's parents plays an instrument.

But there it was, always, the Steinway piano in the hall of whatever house they were calling home. Anthony says he was 5 years old when he played for the first time.

And his mother knew.

It wasn't going to be chess. It wasn't going to be karate. It wasn't going to be Little League baseball that would keep her son grounded.

It was going to be music, amazing music, full of stories and emotion.

He was 9 years old when he wrote his first piece, inspired by the woods outside his grandmother's home in Tuscany. Anthony, his brother and his two sisters spend most summers overseas with their parents.

"It's like a forest," he says, about the grounds around his grandmother's house. "That's what we call it."

And he heard a call in the forest and then the animals, running, and his mind went to work. And once they were home, young Anthony



LEFT: Anthony conducting this summer at a concert in Bologna, Italy. LEFT: He played a solo version of the Monaco piece for Prince Albert II of Monaco, while accompanied by his parents, Tonio and Rebecca. **Family photos**

composed his first piece, The Beautiful Garden, on the family's small Steinway. It was dedicated to his grandmother.

Since then, he's continued with everything that makes Anthony Anthony. He speaks three languages fluently: English, German and Italian.

He's half-fluent in Spanish and French and his Russian is getting better. He likes to play soccer and tennis and the occasional round of golf with his father.

But, mostly, it is the music. "When he is writing the music he only wants to be with

the music," says his mother.

He's now studying with a prominent conductor at the University of Miami, and has two renowned mentors overseas — one Italian, one Russian. Over the summer, he performed two concerts: one in Bologna, Italy, to benefit

the survivors of the April earthquake. The other was before Monaco's Prince Albert II, who was the first to rise for the standing ovation. (Then he walked right over to shake Anthony's hand.)

Perhaps it is because of all of this — not to mention Arcaini's mop of curly hair — that the Italian press has taken to calling him "the new Mozart."

This bothers the young musician.

"He's like ...," says Arcaini, unable to finish even a short sentence about the great Mozart.

After all, right now Anthony Arcaini is simply Anthony Arcaini — a kid who goes to school, squabbles with his siblings, and keeps his mother awake at night creating beautiful music when he very well should be sleeping.



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## In Court

### Couple's lawsuit claims retaliation against family

By Tim O'Meilia

Backwash from the convictions of two Delray Beach priests continues to roil waters at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church as a couple sued parish officials Oct. 13, claiming their two children were expelled from the parish school in retaliation for their questioning of school finances.

Longtime parishioners Paul and Michele Maresca of Boynton Beach said their children, Michael, 11, and Danielle, 7, were expelled, Michele was banned from substitute teaching and the couple was prohibited from volunteering at the school.

The suit alleges that their questioning of the need for a 20 percent tuition hike in light of a supposed \$4 million school endowment, restitution paid by the errant priests and paid insurance claims led to their being ostracized.

"We sought answers and reassurance. We got resistance and retaliation," Paul Maresca said in a statement.

The suit does not name the parish, school or the Roman Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach but instead names the church pastor, the Rev. Thomas Skindeleski; the school principal, Vikki Delgado, and the parish administrator, John Krolikowski, all of whom Maresca said "conspired to retaliate against our family."

In a statement, diocese

spokeswoman Alexis Walkenstein said the tuition dispute "unfortunately has been blown out of proportion and many of the facts pertaining to this dispute are simply false."

A financial statement released by the parish shows a \$2 million endowment and that school operations lost \$533,000 last year. Walkenstein said none of the endowment money was recouped from losses in the cases of former pastors John Skehan and Francis Guinan.

Skehan and Guinan were convicted earlier this year of grand theft. Skehan, 81, is serving 14 months for spending more than \$100,000 on homes and trips to Ireland. Guinan, 66, is serving four years for taking up to \$100,000 to spend on gambling, trips and a female acquaintance.

In a letter to parishioners after the priests were arrested, Skindeleski wrote the school had "big endowments" because that money had not been lost.

The decision to raise the tuition from \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually was agreed to by three parish finance, school and parent organizations, Walkenstein said, and the increase was explained to parents at a Home and School Association meeting and in papers sent home with students. Tuition for two-child families increased from \$6,700 to \$7,500. ✪



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Along the Coast

Fans say plan to close Post Office is just (coco)nuts

By Mary Thurwachter

Close the Lantana Post Office? Now that's just nuts — or coconuts, in this case.

So say town leaders and about 150 fans from Lantana and surrounding communities who convened for a rally in the parking lot between the post office and the library Oct. 21.

To deliver the punch, fans of the Ocean Avenue post office sent more than 500 coconuts to Postmaster General John E. Potter in Washington, D.C.

Lantana Mayor David Stewart and Town Manager Mike Bornstein were among the first to donate money toward mailing the large, oval seeds to D.C. Others carried coconut messages into the post office one by one, paying \$4 and up to deliver them.

"We really couldn't use taxpayer money to mail them," Stewart said.

Those who preferred a more traditional form of support helped the cause by adding signatures to petitions and filling out comment cards.

Debbie Fetterly, spokeswoman for the United States Postal Service for the South Florida District, said that of the 13 locations in South Florida considered for closure, there's been more local interest expressed for the Lantana office than any other. Nationwide, 371 locations are being studied.

While some questioned the use of coconuts, Bornstein, also known as the Barefoot Mailman re-enactor, said the method has a historical base.

"Sometimes friends of the Barefoot Mailman would pay the postage on a coconut and he would be obliged to carry it on his journey, a six-day roundtrip, barefoot walk between Palm Beach and Miami on the beach."

Town officials thought the tie to the Barefoot Mailman story would be a unique way to express their feelings to the postmaster general, Bornstein said. Other dignitaries at the rally included County Commissioners Shelley Vana and Steven Abrams, along with mayors and representatives of neighboring towns that use the Lantana Post Office, including Hypoluxo, Atlantis, Manalapan and South Palm Beach. Santa Claus, in suspenders and white-fur-



Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein speaks at rally in which patrons mailed coconuts to the postmaster general to protest a plan to close the Lantana Post Office. Photo by Jerry Lower

fringed red shorts, was there to lend his backing, too.

Good wishes came from the sky as well, from an airplane pulling a banner that read "We are nuts about our Lantana PO." Abrams added "they'd have to be nuts to close this post office."

Lantana council member Elizabeth Tennyson said she's never been to the post office when there wasn't a line. "It's the heart of our downtown."

But Stewart acknowledged it would be tough to make the branch look profitable. "The numbers don't look good and we know the postal service is trying to run a profitable service," he said. But, he added, "We've got a group of elderly people who use the post office. Having to travel to another city to mail letters and packages and pick up certified mail, etc. will be a tremendous inconvenience to our residents and business owners."

Fetterly said no matter what the U.S. Postal Service decides, the branch will be open through the holidays.

In the meantime, fans of the Lantana Post office are keeping their fingers crossed.

And Postmaster General Potter has to figure out just what to do with all those coconuts.

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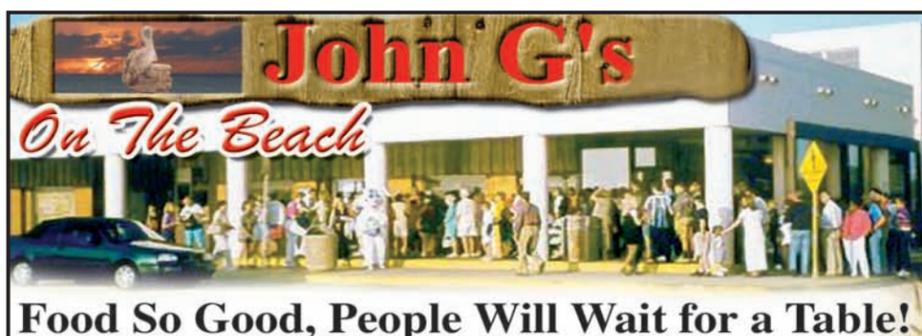
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There, at mile 11, marathoners turn and head back through Lantana on Federal Highway. The Old Key Lime House and the Friends of the Nature Preserve will host "wacky water stations," according to Ilona Balfour, who said they'll compete race-wide in a contest to be named the wackiest station.



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## Delray Beach

# Proposed water rates would serve a dose of reality

By Margie Plunkett

Bigger water users in Delray Beach will pay more after commissioners signed off on a rate restructuring designed to encourage conservation.

Commissioners adopted an ordinance to adjust residential, nonresidential and irrigation rates at their Oct. 20 meeting. Under the rate changes, 75 percent of users will pay less for water, Richard E. Hasko, director of environmental services, said. Anyone who uses less than 32,000 gallons a month will see a reduction, he explained, adding: "That's a lot of water."

The rate restructuring wasn't intended to boost revenue — it's revenue neutral — or to punish waste, he said.

"It's not an issue of people wasting water," Hasko said. "The shallow aquifer is limited and finite. There's growth in the municipalities now and the future. We are capped at how much we can take out of the aquifer. The only way we can meet future need is a combination of conservation and alternative resources." The primary alternative is the reclaimed water system the city is working to expand for

landscape use.

The new rates also aren't based on demographics, he said. Still, barrier island properties in Delray Beach and Gulf Stream — where lots tend to be larger, have more landscaping and be more heavily irrigated — could be among those who feel the impact. "It's targeted to reward low water users and send a realistic economic message to high water users," Hasko said. "We're not telling them they're wasting water, but they have to reduce their use. That's the situation we're in now."

He also told commissioners that they need to acknowledge they'll be looking at a proposal for permanent water restrictions for landscape use. "It's not going to be any more than three days a week," Hasko said.

Hasko's explanation followed a public hearing in which one resident who spoke didn't think it was fair. "If you use more water that doesn't mean you waste more money," she said, noting that she has a well. "In this economy, you may not be able to spend \$4,000 to change out and get a pump."

Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos also took

exception, remembering the night last week he woke up to find his yard on fire, believed to be started by dry landscaping — the result of reducing his irrigation to one day a week — in combination with the landscape lights. "People are going to go to extremes to save this water," he said. "They're not wasting it, they're just watering their lawns."

But proponents were plentiful. Commissioner Fred Fetzer said, "We need to work on educating our residents to conserve." And Commissioner Adam Frankel said, as he's become acquainted with the green task force, he's changed his thought that it's an unfair penalty. When a family sees a big spike in their bill, they have to make some changes, he said.

### How it works:

The proposed commodity charge increases from the existing rates as the volume of water used rises. For instance, users of up 3,000 gallons currently pay \$1.75 for each 1,000 gallons used. Under the proposal, up to 3,000 gallons of use monthly is included in the base charge. And residents who use 4,000 to 12,000 gallons month would pay

\$1.25 per 1,000 gallons, still lower than the existing fee.

But as usage increases, the price under the proposal exceeds the existing price. By 26,000 gallons, the user under the restructured rate is paying \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons, compared with \$2.32 under the existing rates. Both

schedules top out for 51,000 gallon-plus users, with the proposal at \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons compared with \$2.65 under the existing rates.

The irrigation rate rises to \$2.43 per 1,000 gallons under the proposal.



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### Green markets offer fresh-picked fare

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#### Delray Beach Green Market

- In the street on Southeast Fourth Avenue, just south of East Atlantic Avenue
- Opens Oct. 31, and continues Saturday through spring, 8 am-1 pm.
- A number of activities held here throughout the year — including a doggie Easter bonnet contest and a chili cook-off — make this an event market. Produce, seafood, plants and prepared foods are sold.

#### Ocean Avenue Green Market/East

- 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach, at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum
- Opens Oct. 31, continues Saturdays through spring, 8 am-1 pm.
- A café each Saturday serves a number of full breakfasts here; fresh produce, and sales of prepared and bottled foods support local food entrepreneurs who are always on site to chat.

#### Ocean Avenue Green Market/West

- Boynton Mall south parking lot, along Old Boynton Road, 801 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach
- Open Oct. 31, Saturdays through spring, 8 am-1 pm.
- A carryover from the east market, food entrepreneurs will offer prepared and bottled foods, fresh produce and plants at this new market that eventually will become year-round and indoors.

#### Oceanside Farmers Market

- On J Street, between Lake and Lucerne avenues, downtown Lake Worth
- Open year-round, 8 am-1 pm Saturdays.
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Fall is brought to the South Florida Thanksgiving table by using tropical colors and textures. Arrangement provided by From Roehm With Home Interiors. Photo by Tim Stepien



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## Thanksgiving

# Falling in love with Florida

By Jan Norris

Fall leaves, acorns and pumpkins all scream fall — but beautiful as they are, they're as meaningful for South Floridians as wool underwear. For Thanksgiving this year, we asked a local florist well-versed in tropical displays to bring fall to the turkey table in a centerpiece for us — without maple leaves.

Joseph Roehm of Delray Beach's From Roehm With Love shop, newly located in Pineapple Grove, was thrilled with the assignment and went to work "without thinking," he said.

"I just do it instinctively. I really don't think too hard." For our centerpiece, Roehm stayed within the fall palette — deep reds, bright yellows and oranges, wine-tinged magentas — using tropical flowers and plants.

"I wanted to think architecturally, not floral. Northern flowers are softer, while Southern and tropicals are architectural in shapes," he explained.

### Pick from your garden

Think outside and in the garden to find items for your perfect fall Florida centerpiece.

Here are some ideas:

- Sea grape leaves and berries
- Crotons
- Coral vine
- Shrimp plant
- Chenille plant
- Orchids
- Heliconia
- Protea
- Sunflowers
- Ginger blooms
- Bird of paradise
- Pineapples
- Bromeliad blooms
- Datura
- Palm tree husks
- Date palm berries
- Driftwood pieces
- Conch and olive seashell

Lobster claw heliconias — bright orange and yellow with green stems — are tall. So is the king protea, the giant sunburst-shaped bloom with

deep reds, pinks and purples set against the deep green stem. Cymbidium orchids, in magenta with deep wine spots and orange throats or bright yellow with magenta throats, are a "hard" flower Roehm likes to work with. "There are so many color choices there," he said.

Crotons are a natural: The bush so common to South Florida backyards is full of fall colors, no matter which variety you choose — flat or corkscrew, huge tobacco leaf or little dwarf plant. Rust, magenta, sunset-orange and yellow and spots of green make them an all-in-one plant choice. A full vase of these leaves with a few sea grape greens would be the simplest of arrangements that could work beautifully. Roehm suggests raiding the backyard or the beach for finds to build a South Florida fall centerpiece.

"A beautiful piece of driftwood could make a great base for an arrangement. Stagger candles and some floral pieces around it. It would be perfect," he said.

## Keep these rules of design in mind

A few basic floral design rules to keep in mind:

Make the arrangement proportionate to your space; it should neither overwhelm nor look lost on the table. If you plan to keep it on the table during meals, make sure there's room for glassware and serving pieces.

Wash or wipe plants well to prevent any bugs from traveling indoors awith you.

Pick in early morning for next-day or same-day arrangements, and give plants plenty of water, keeping them cool.

An arrangement doesn't have to be perfect — nature isn't perfectly symmetrical — but show off each blossom or leaf to its advantage.

Less is more: Quit before you think you have enough in your vase or bowl.

If you aren't confident enough to build your own arrangement, Roehm will take orders for Thanksgiving arrangements until Nov. 24, for the last delivery Thanksgiving eve.

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South Palm Beach

# Hotel plan meets with surprise rejection

By Tim O'Meilia

For the second time in two years, the South Palm Beach Town Council rejected a plan to replace the two-story Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn — the town's only business — with a luxury 10-story hotel.

The 3-2 vote on Oct. 21 surprised most of the nearly 200 residents packed into the council chambers and a nearby lobby, since most speakers favored the plans for the hotel and the council had previously backed the proposed change in the town's comprehensive plan by the same margin.

The swing vote was Councilman Joseph Flagello, who voted in June to send the project for review by state planning officials.

"I'd love to see this project in the spirit of the code: six

stories with one story of parking for seven stories. I'm not against changing the code," he said. "The scope of the project has to fit within the residential character of the town."

He lamented how the issue had divided the town. He said he was cursed at as he left the council chambers.

The vote effectively kills the hopes of the Paloka family, which bought the two-story, 45-year-old Hawaiian Inn and its oceanfront Tides bar and restaurant five years ago.

In 2007, they applied for a 16-story condo-hotel, scaled it back to 14, but were unanimously rejected by the council. The Palokas declined to comment after the 2 1/2-hour meeting.

Mayor Marty Millar and Councilman Brian Merbler

voted for the hotel. Vice Mayor Charles McCrosson and Councilman Don Clayman joined Flagello in opposing it.

"It was too close," Clayman said of the proposed 10-foot setback from the property line. "This is a residential town and we want to keep it residential town. No doubt this would have been the start to more commercial."

Thirty-six people spoke, more than two-thirds arguing that the change would upgrade the looks of the town and add tens of thousands of dollars in much-needed property tax to the town budget.

"Why are we against them turning a caterpillar into a butterfly which in time will elevate the value of our property and bring in taxes to the town?" asked resident Sandra von Triffon.

"It's revenues, it's jobs, it's beautiful," said Robert Lamelas. Opposition came from neighboring condos, the Horizons East and the Tuscany, and from South Palm Beach Preservation Inc., whose members wore powder blue T-shirts which read "Take Back South Palm Beach."

"It would be the tallest building in town, have 99 units on one acre and have 74 percent lot coverage, double what's allowed now," said attorney Neil Schiller, representing the Tuscany. "Will it cause flooding on A1A or beach erosion? We don't know because we haven't seen their proposal. It opens the door for future commercial use in town."

The town's current comprehensive plan allows only 60-foot-tall buildings although previously built

condominiums are up to nine stories. It also allows only residential uses. The motel is classed as non-conforming and cannot be expanded or rebuilt unless the plan is changed.

"Your grandiose plans are not for such a small property," said Louise Bronstein, who lives next door to the motel.

**In other business:** The town council revised its 10-year contract for fire-rescue service Oct. 27 to allow Palm Beach County to bill property owners directly beginning in 2010.

The change will remove the \$1.1 million fire-rescue cost from the town's budget. Instead, homeowners will be billed separately on their annual property tax bill. The fire-rescue tax rate of \$3.50 per \$1,000 of taxable property value will not change.

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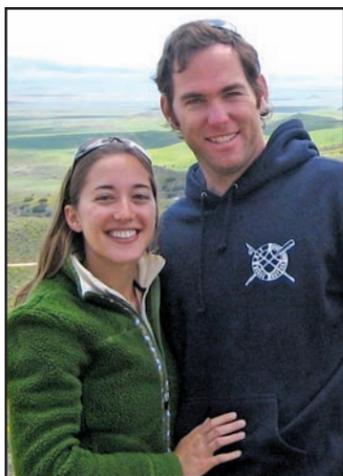
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### Alexandra Brown and Michael Bell

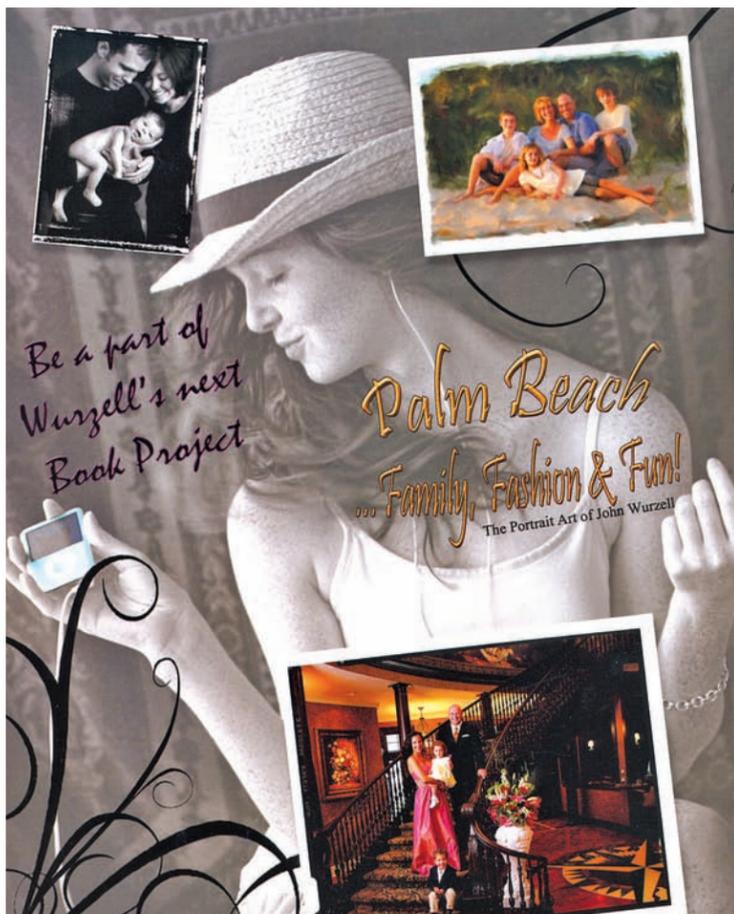
Alexandra Brown, a daughter of Lucy and Terry Brown of Ocean Ridge, is engaged to Michael Bell of California. The couple met while working on a coastal marine fishery conversation project in Moro Bay, Calif.

Brown attended local area public schools, including Citrus Cove Elementary and Congress Middle School, graduating from the Atlantic High School International Baccalaureate program with high honors. She attended the University of Miami on a merit scholarship, completing her bachelor's degree in marine science, after which she earned a master's degree in environmental science and management, with a specialty in coastal resources conservation, from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2008. She is now completing a year-long NOAA fellowship in Washington, D.C.

Her mother is a circuit court judge in Palm Beach County and is to officiate. Her father is retired from a management job in Florida state government. Ms. Brown's interest in marine science began when she was a child serving as a volunteer in the Sea Turtle Conversation Program, monitoring sea turtle nests on the beaches of Ocean Ridge.

Bell works in the field of conservation for The Nature Conservancy. He is employed as the marine project director for the Central Coast Groundfish Project at the California Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The project has been recognized in national and international media as a promising innovative approach for reforming fisheries to sustainability. He came to the California program in 2003 after serving as the director of protection for the Conservancy's New Jersey program. Previously, he was producer and host of a local television show in Steamboat Springs, Colo.; before that, he served in the Peace Corps in Uruguay. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. He lives and surfs in Los Osos, Calif.

Bell is the son of Mary Foxwell of Wall, N.J., who works as a child learning disabilities specialist. His father, now deceased, was a practicing attorney and a municipal judge for more than 30 years in Cranford, N.J.



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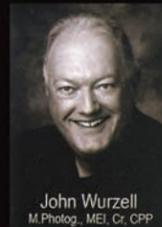
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# Hypoluxo Island

## Oyster reef project planned for next month

By Margie Plunkett

Volunteers will gather along the Lantana Nature Preserve shore on Hypoluxo Island in December with nets in hand

not to fish, but to build an oyster reef.

Intended to attract juvenile fish and to provide other environmental benefits, it will be the first restoration

project of its kind for Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resource Management.

Lantana, ERM and the West Palm Beach Fishing

Club will build the oyster reef on a tentatively scheduled day in mid-December. The groups plan to truck 24 tons of fossilized shells to Bicentennial Park that day, which volunteers will use to fill 1,000 to 1,600 nylon mesh bags measuring about 3 feet by 8 inches and weighing 25 pounds.

The bags will then be trucked to the Lantana Preserve shoreline, where they'll be placed under the mangrove canopy to create the reef.

The fossilized shells, which are 7,000 to 9,000 years old, are only the beginning of the reef. "They're the next best thing to shell you would find in a restaurant," said ERM's Ginny Powell, who presented the plan to Town Council at its Oct. 12 meeting. The bags, which will be covered at high tide, but visible at low tide, provide a hard surface that allows the young oysters — or spat — floating in the lake a place to attach. Lake Worth has about 4.2 acres of oysters at its center.

In addition to creating an environment for fish and invertebrates to live and feed in, oyster reefs also provide food for wading birds. And adult oysters contribute to clear water — one adult can filter up to 50 gallons of water a day, according to the ERM — that can benefit the murky Intracoastal waters.

While the oyster reef restoration project is the first for ERM here, a different project was done under docks in the Loxahatchee River, Powell said.

Lantana Town Council voted unanimously at its meeting to proceed with the project. "We have a lot of people interested in this project and anticipate there's going to be good participation," Powell said.

Once the county receives a permit for the project, it will make the event date definite.

The ERM held a successful test day to run through the process of bagging the fossilized shells. Fourteen volunteers completed 350 bags of shells in 2.5 hours. "It's a tough job," Powell said, "and it might need several layers of workers."

Residents raised some questions at the Town Council meeting about the project's environmental impact. Richard Slosberg and council member Elizabeth Tennyson were concerned about nylon mesh issues, including pollution, entanglement risks and biodegradability. And resident Malcolm Balfour, who supported the project, said while the oysters will clean the Intracoastal during dry season, nothing will clear up the waterway when the C-51 canal dumps into it during rainy season.

Tom Twyford of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club countered that the state Department of Environmental Protection would not have approved the project if it had concerns.

Dr. Lynn Moorhouse helped move the project along, telling his fellow council members that in his experience, artificial reef projects are very difficult to do, so the town should move ahead now while there is momentum.

Despite the concerns, Ilona Balfour, a director of the Nature Preserve board, hopes the reef will enhance the preserve. The county has no plans to harvest the oysters to claim their traditional loot: pearls. "We told them since it's right in our backyard, we're going to have first dibs on the pearls," Balfour said.

Mary Kate Leming contributed to this story.

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## Ocean Ridge

# Library stays, and so does the county tax

By Margie Plunkett

The Palm Beach County Library System closed the book on Ocean Ridge's request to opt out of the library taxing district because it has its own community library.

Ocean Ridge's pitch was the first of its kind, according to Library Director John J. Callahan III, who turned the town down in a July letter that said the volunteer library with donated books doesn't have a separate town allocation and its services don't meet Florida Public Library Standards. "It came up once before as an inquiry, but this is the first one that formally asked to withdraw," Callahan said.

The town's move was an attempt to save residents money: "The library tax is a very healthy tax," said Town Manager Ken Schenck, adding the bid may not be over yet. "We haven't necessarily given up."

In total, Ocean Ridge residents will pay about \$361,422 in taxes to the library district in the 2009/10 budget year, based on the town's aggregate taxable value of \$727.2 million and the

library district's tax rate of \$0.497 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A resident whose home had a taxable value of \$200,000 would pay \$99.40.

Other municipalities, including Delray Beach and Boca Raton, aren't in the county library district, their own libraries pre-dating the county system, Callahan said. Gulf Stream is among that group. The original requirement said cities could opt out if they provided library service, according to Callahan. "They didn't have certain restrictions you had to follow in the way you operated it," said Rita Taylor, Gulf Stream town clerk. She noted, however, that Gulf Stream also had a budget line item for library expenses.

Before a community can sever ties to the county library system now, it has to offer library services that meet state standards. The state requires that libraries have a degreed library staff, have a facility open at least 40 hours a week, provide reciprocal lending, have an annual budget and provide access to materials on the Internet and databases available on the Florida Electronic Library, among

other things.

Ocean Ridge Commissioner Lynn Allison was among those who visited area libraries before agreeing to establish a library because it would be an asset to the

town as well as provide a tax advantage. "It's beautiful," Allison said of the resulting library, organized by the Ocean Ridge Garden Club and citizens. But the rules concerning the tax advantages

either became more stringent or the organizers didn't know about them, she said. Even if it isn't a tax benefit, Allison said, "we'll continue to have our library. It's a benefit to our citizens." ✧



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## Changes afoot for Police Dept.

The Ocean Ridge Police Department is two officers stronger, and back to full staff, but more changes are in store come spring with the planned retirement of Chief Edward Hillery.

Hillery is expected to retire as of April 1, Town Manager Ken Schenck said, adding that the chief hasn't yet officially submitted his intent. Schenck plans to recommend Lt. Chris Yannuzzi as Hillery's successor, whose appointment is subject to approval by town commissioners.

"He's proven himself well-qualified, made good changes in the Police Department," Schenck said. "Why go to the expense and time of advertising when we have someone in house?"

Hillery, nearly 70, has been with a police department since age 22 in New Jersey. "I'll miss the people. I've kept a younger mental attitude by working," he said.

After retirement, he said, he plans to keep working on his boat, play golf and take up artwork.

The two new officers bring experience and are a good fit with the force in Ocean Ridge, Hillery said. And bringing the department up to staff means "we can be more flexible, using less overtime," the chief said.



Mollica



Giardino

Officers Vincent Mollica and John Giardino were approved conditionally by town commissioners in October. Both bring experience from the Northeast and have satisfied the remaining required conditions, which included results of medical and psychological exams.

Mollica, a West Palm Beach resident, retired from the New York City Police Department as a narcotics detective after 16 years. He

has a bachelor's in criminal justice and received Florida law enforcement equivalency training through Broward Community College.

Giardino of Palm Beach Gardens retired after 20 years as a Massachusetts state trooper. He has a master's degree in education, a bachelor's in sociology and an associate's in criminal justice. His Florida law enforcement training comes from Palm Beach Community College.

The two were chosen from 16 submitted applications.

The officers fill one spot left vacant after a recent termination and one that had been frozen. The new hires, who started Oct. 13, bring the Police Department staff up to 15 people, according to Schenck.

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10 Questions

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Stacey Dowdle

Stacey A. Dowdle is all heart. She is, after all, vice president of the Palm Beach chapter of the American Heart Association.

But the Delray Beach woman is so much more than that. She's a wife, a mother, an avid runner and a young professional who was honored this year as an Athena Award finalist for actively engaging in the promotion of women in leadership roles.

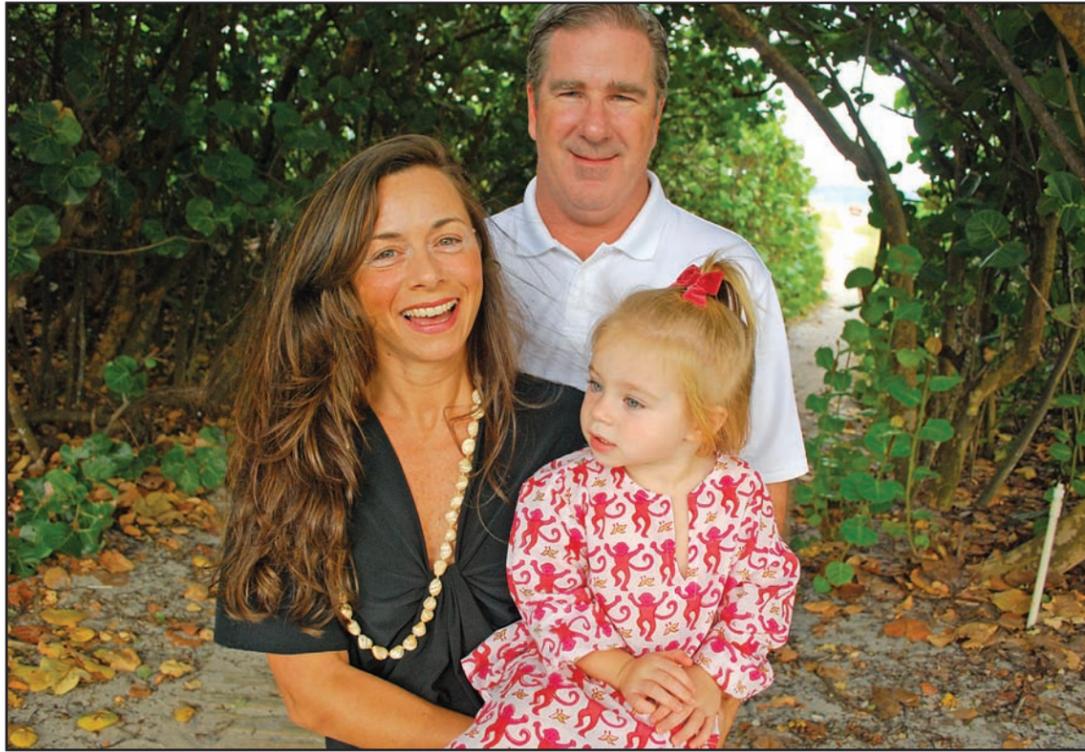
She serves on a host of boards, including the Association of Fundraising Professionals for Palm Beach County, Planned Giving Council of Palm Beach County, Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County and The Crossroads Club Inc.

Her volunteer commitments include the Delray Beach Historical Society, Naoma Donnelly Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, the Delray Beach Drug Task Force and the Women's Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County.

She is a member of The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches and listed in the 2009 "Who's Who" in Business" directory. She was nominated for the 2010 international board of directors for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, dedicated to advancing the field of philanthropy across the globe.

On the weekends, you might find her building sandcastles on the beach with her 23-month-old daughter, Delaney, and her husband, Dan.

"My daughter inspires me that anything is possible," she said. Dowdle's birth mother, who had fled Cuba when she was 7, died when Dowdle was



Stacey Dowdle with her daughter Delaney and husband, Dan, at one of her favorite places, the public beach in Delray Beach just south of Atlantic Avenue. Photo by Jerry Lower

9 months old. The nuns at the hospital took care of her until Dowdle was adopted by a couple from New York.

"My [adoptive] mother was my first mentor," Dowdle said. "She steadfastly stands on a sound belief system of faith, honesty and courage."

And so does Stacey Dowdle. — Mary Thurwachter

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

**A.** I grew up on Long Island, about 35 miles east of New York City. My primary school years were in the Sachem School District. I went on to the University of Rhode Island to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology. I attended Nova Southeastern and have slowly been working toward a master's degree in psychology.

I believe I was fortunate to have been put in the

path of extremely dedicated educational instructors and teachers. They were probably the first group of professionals to demonstrate passion and commitment. I participated in athletics throughout my entire formal education experience, and believe that afforded me another area to experience commitment and dedication through hard work.

**Q.** What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

**A.** My first job was at Newport Hospital, in Newport, R.I., on their social services team. I went on to change careers twice over the next 20 years.

I have been in fund raising for the institutional pension-fund sector in New York City, and now in the nonprofit world. I'm most proud of the

nomination to Association of Fundraising Professionals International Board of Directors and the Athena Award nomination.

**Q.** As the vice president of Palm Beach for the American Heart Association, what do you see as the toughest challenges your organization will face this coming year?

**A.** All of us in the nonprofit world have been given a unique opportunity to demonstrate our ability to meet the climate we are in.

We owe our constituents, donors and volunteers a "clear path" to continue to support the important work we do on a daily basis. At the Heart Association, one of my most pressing challenges is to continue to educate the public and the private sector that heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women over the age of 25 in the United States, and that we

need more dollars dedicated to research in women's heart health.

**Q.** Tell us a little about your volunteer work. Why is it important to you?

**A.** It is important to me to be a part of the fabric of the world I live in and to model that for my daughter.

It is my belief that I was not supposed to survive the death of my biological mother. And once I moved through the pain of those details, I made a commitment that the life I was given is a fleeting moment in time, and I have a responsibility to donate my life back to others in need.

**Q.** What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?

**A.** My strongest piece of advice to people selecting a career is to find a mentor whom you can define a career path with based on your dynamic skill set.

Know yourself, and be willing to remain teachable. Importantly, know what you are not good at, and what generates passion in you. When you are passionate about what you do, you can move mountains.

**Q.** How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?

**A.** I moved to Delray Beach in 1998 during a very difficult time in my life, and owe our City by The Sea a debt of gratitude for being a part of my healing.

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

**A.** Gospel music is so moving to me, and there is a local radio station that plays great Sunday Gospel. ... I particularly love the Rolling Stones when I am running, which is my way of relaxing.

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

**A.** "A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination." — Nelson Mandela

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

**A.** Hmm, not sure. Maybe Sandra Bullock, she is so real.

**Q.** Who or what makes you laugh?

**A.** My daughter makes me laugh; my life makes me laugh. It took me along time to learn that we have to have humor!

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## Manalapan

### Better measure of sand pumping sought

Manalapan Town Commission delayed authorizing Taylor Engineering to research equipment to measure the sand pumped by the Boynton Inlet transfer plant after a \$15,000 estimate came in higher than expected.

The plant pumps sand from north of the jetty in Manalapan southward to Ocean Ridge to help battle erosion. The amount of sand pumped has been measured by physical surveying,

pump-motor specifications and hourly pumping rates, according to Manalapan. But with the county's reconstruction of the sand plant, Manalapan wants a more reliable way to measure.

The issue will be discussed again at the Nov. 17 commission meeting.

Sand transfer plant construction is running about a month behind schedule, according to coastal geologist Tracy Logue of the Palm Beach County Department

of Environmental Resource Management. By the end of October, the plant's barrel tile roof was awaiting installation. The motor and pump were installed, but electrical work and the control panel were among the work in progress.

Workers were preparing to install the concrete cap on the sea wall at Bird Island and to start construction on the south jetty Nov. 2. The jetty will be closed to fishing for up to four months.

— Margie Plunkett

## Boynton Beach

### Perpetual motion keeps money flowing and children's museum going

By Linda Haase

The cry went out, "Save the school."

Boynton Beach city officials got the message loud and clear, and today the two-story 1913 elementary school building is the thriving, award-winning Schoolhouse Children's Museum.

As the museum enters its ninth year, the staff, like the children who visit, is in perpetual motion looking for new ways to educate and enthrall visitors.

The museum, recently chosen the best museum in South Florida in Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks Contest for the second year in a row, has found its niche with home-schoolers, elementary students and the pre-school set. It has, say observers, been more of a success than expected.

"It has been a huge success from Day 1. The attendance was double what we expected the first year," says Ocean Ridge resident Barbara Traylor, who was involved in petitioning to save the school where her mother taught first grade. The nonprofit museum, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, features interactive exhibits on Florida history, natural history and science, and offers pre-school programs, story hours, enrichment classes for home-schoolers, family fun days and a summer camp.

The staff has put a special emphasis on making the museum accessible to all and offers a Free Family Night once a month. It also wants to add an outreach program to bring the museum to classrooms in schools, says Kelsey Harris, the museum's operations director.

New exhibits and programs, including a 92-gallon saltwater aquarium and a junior toastmasters class, have been added. Everything here is designed to bring history to life. And to teach children.

"You need to know where



Shannon Shiell of Delray Beach comforts her daughter Lauren after she was startled by some frightening ghouls at the 3rd Annual Spooky Schoolhouse Carnival Oct. 16. The new "Haunted Schoolhouse" evening entertained more than 450 parents and children. Photo by Jerry Lower

you've been to know where you are going," says Ocean Ridge resident and founding board member Ken Kaleel. "It was important to save history to appreciate what is going on today."

Keeping history alive isn't cheap. The museum depends on a \$230,000 annual infusion from the city, along with money from fundraisers and other venues to keep it going.

The third annual dinner dance, Sept. 11, netted \$27,000 for the museum and brought in a record number of participants, says Harris. "For that to happen is a good sign that the community still loves the museum very much and wants it to continue. We have become a regional attraction and the crown jewel of family learning and fun in the area."

Another sign of support came from Boynton Beach City Commissioners Woodrow Hay and Marlene Ross, who each gave the museum \$1,000 from their community investment funds in September.

The last fundraiser of the year, a fashion show, luncheon and trunk show fundraiser, featuring the latest season of Lilly Pulitzer's children and adult fashions, will be held Nov. 6 at Quail Ridge Country Club.

"The future of the schoolhouse is grand. It is such a diamond in the city's

downtown area," contends Craig Clark, the director of the Boynton Beach library and a member of the museum's board of directors. The library partners with the museum, often collaborating on programs. "It's a win-win for both of us," says Clark.

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# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/23. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## OCTOBER 31

**Saturday - 10/31 - Boynton Green Market Season Opener** - now at two locations: Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave. and Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress. 8 am - 1 pm. 752-8598.

**10/31 - Delray Greenmarket Opening Day** - new downtown location in the street on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. Trick or treat at the market. 8 am - 1 pm. 276-7511.

**10/31 - Walk for Lupus Now** - Fundraiser for The Lupus Foundation of American is held at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach: 8 am with the 2.2 mile walk at 9 am. 279-8606.

**10/31 - Not So Scary Halloween Party** - at the Sandoway House Nature Center. Trick or treating and Halloween creature crafts, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 10 am - 4 pm. \$4 / ages 3 and older; free/children 12 and under dressed in a halloween costume. 274-7263.

**10/31 - Downtown Lake Worth Halloween Events** conclude with three stages of music, arts and crafts vendors, costume contests, face painting and more. 10 am - 10 pm. Free. 951-4915 or www.halloweenstreetscene.com

**10/31 - Halloween Fair: Celebration of Generations** is held on the Delray Beach Historical Society Grounds, 3 N.E. 1st St. Face painting, games & prizes, Kindermusik Program and more. 11 am - 3 pm. Free - donations welcome. 243-2577.

**10/31 - Halloween Parade & Kids Fest** - Trick or Treat the merchants on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, then gather on the grounds of Old School Square for costume judging. Sponsored by the Noontime Kiwanis of Delray Beach. Parade begins at 1:30 pm and moves from the southeast grounds of Old School Square east to Veterans Park where ice cream will be served to all costumed children. Kids Fest is held at Veterans Park, 1-4pm. 276-6537.

**10/31-11/1 - Orchids on the Square** continues at Old School Square Gymnasium, N. Swinton Ave. and NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Annual show and sale of the Delray Beach Orchid Society. \$5. 573-4244 or 573-3460.

## NOVEMBER 1-7

**Sunday - 11/1 - Exploring Children's Classics through Piano Duets** will be presented by Marcio Bezerra at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/1 - "Fearless Color"** an exhibit opening by Manalapan resident Beverly Myers is held at the South Palm Beach Town Hall commission chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 2-4 pm. Free. After opening, exhibit can be seen by appointment. 588-8889.

**11/1 - "The Vatican and the 'Final Solution': Have Recent Popes 'Owned' Catholic Guilt?"** is presented by Kevin Madigan of Harvard Divinity School in the Senate Chambers of the Student Union Building on FAU's Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Rd. Discussion follows. 2 pm. Free. 297-3020.

**11/1-12/11 - 2nd Annual Toys for Tots Drive** is held by the Boynton Beach CRA and the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County. Donate new, unwrapped toys at the Boynton Beach City Library, Chamber of Commerce, Schoolhouse Children's Museum or CRA offices. 742-6246.

**Monday - 11/2 - Quilting Bee** - twice monthly quilting class is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Offered again on 11/16. 10 am. Free. 266-9490.

**11/2 - Baby Care Prenatal Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Three-hour class includes ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-being, plus car seat safety, childcare, coping skills and more. 5-8 pm. \$35. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

**11/2 - Footprints in the Sand: The Barefoot Mailman** exhibit continues with a storytelling program featuring Michael Bornstein, Town Manager of Lantana as the Barefoot Mailman. Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6397.

**11/2 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 54, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach** meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy. 8 pm. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 703-3844.

**Tuesday - 11/3 - Busy Fingers Crafts for Adults** - Meets every Tuesday at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. every Tuesday from 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6240.

**11/3 - Family Storytime** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. Held again 11/10, 11/17, 11/24. 10-10:45 am. 742-6380.

**11/3 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** are held daily, T-Sat, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins

at 10:30 am. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

**11/3 - Drop-in Craft Day** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Make an original art project. Materials provided. Grades k-5. 4-5 pm. 742-6380.

**11/3 - Heart Symposium - "Understanding Cholesterol: Facts, Myths, Conspiracies and Lies"** - presented by Steven Borzak, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**11/3 - Yoga Kids** for ages 5-12 begins at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Bring own towel and fitness mat. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. Class runs until 12/15. 742-6650.

**11/3 - Power Yoga** is held on Tuesday evenings at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Class runs through 12/15. 5:45-6:45 pm. \$78/resident, \$98/non-resident. 742-6650.

**Wednesday - 11/4 - Senior Flu & Pneumonia Immunizations** are offered at the Boynton Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. 10 am-noon. Shots are free for those with Medicare Part B. \$25/flu, \$40/pneumonia with cash payment. 742-6570.

**11/4 - Families Reading Together Kick-Off** at the Boynton Beach City Library. Mayor Jerry Taylor reads *From Head to Toe*. Ages 1-5. 11 am-12:30 pm. 742-6380.

**11/4 - The Greatest Generation in a Good War?: A New Look at Wartime America** - Lecture by Thomas W. Zeiler of the University of Colorado, Boulder is held in the Live Oak Pavilion of the Student Union Building of FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Rd. 3:30 pm. Free. 297-2816.

**11/4 - Life on the Rocks** is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the rocks and sea life during low tide at Red Reef Park. Ages 10-adult. An adult must sign-up and participate with children. Reservation and prepayment required. 3-4:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-members. 391-8110.

**11/4 - Adult Literacy Class** is held at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Wednesdays through 11/11. 6-7 pm. \$40/residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7356.

**11/4 - Teen Gaming** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Event held again 11/25. 6-7:30 pm. 742-6380.

**11/4 - Tertulias en Espanol** - Spanish Conversation Club at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Offered again 11/18. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/4 - Elaine Viets** speaks and signs her new book, *Fashion Hound Murder* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**Thursday - 11/5 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters** meet every Thursday from 9-11:30 am at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Free. 742-6390.

**11/5 - Two by Two Storytime** is held for little ones 24-35 months at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 11/12 & 11/19. 10-10:45 am. 742-6380.

**11/5 - Dance to Your Own Beat** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 1-5 join in dancing and movement. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 742-6380.

**11/5 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library** brown-bag program for women, features *Writing Your Way to a Better Life - The Journalution Revolution*, based on the insights of Sandy Grason. Noon-1:30 pm. Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 266-9490.

**11/5 - After the Rain** - Book discussion by author Mort Zakarin at the Boynton Beach City Library. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**11/5 - Read with Hogan the Reading Dog** at the Boynton Beach City Library. All ages. 4-5 pm. Also held 12/12 & 12/19. 742-6380.

**11/5 - Jonas Brothers: The Concert Experience** is shown at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. for grades 6-12. 6-7:30 pm. 742-6380.

**11/5 - One Hundred Years of Sharing Paradise** - Observers of local history discuss Yamato, the pioneering colony of Japanese settlers that once existed between Boca Raton and Delray Beach. Held at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Speakers include Dorothy Patterson of the Delray Beach Historical Society, Sally Ling, author of *Small Town, Big Secrets*, and Tom Gregersen, Morikami Museum Cultural Director. \$10/non-members; \$7/members. 7:30 pm. Advance registration required. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**11/5 - Palm Beach at 100** is presented at the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. Enjoy cocktails and the best of Palm Beach County's local-grown cuisine at "The Hut." 6-8 pm. \$100 (includes inscribed edition of *Palm Beach at 100*). 832-4164.

**11/5 - TAISHI Presents: Sushi and Sail** - Taishi welcomes guests aboard the Lady Atlantic at Delray Beach's Veteran's Park, 802 N.W. 1st Street, Delray Beach. Boarding: 6 pm, departure:6:30 pm. \$40/non-Taishi members; \$25/Taishi members. Tickets must be pre-purchased. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

**11/5 - American Elf Training Academy** is held for kids and adults at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Ave., Boca Raton. Training provided by the American Health Association. Learn how to dress as elves and deliver gifts to nursing homes and daycare centers. 6:15-7:15 pm. Training held again 11/12. 361-9091.

**11/5 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium** - presented by Miguel Lopez-Viego, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. Held again 12/3. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

**Friday - 11/6 - Discover Your Inner Artist through Water Media** begins at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Discover proper brush and stroke techniques, learn design and composition with emphasis in water color painting. 9:30 am-noon. \$55/resident, \$69/non-resident. 742-6650.

**11/6 - 1st Annual Fashion Show, Luncheon and Trunk Show** - The latest season of Lilly Pulitzer's child and adult fashions will be shown at Quail Ridge Country Club, 3715 Golf Road, Boynton Beach. Proceeds benefit the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. 10 am-1 pm. \$50. RSVP: 742-6785.

**11/6 - Pre-K Make & Take: Native American Headbands** - Kids and their families learn about Florida's first people at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**11/6 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra** - Dance to music from the '20's, '30's and '40's at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Held every Friday through 12/18/2009. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4 at the door. 742-6240.

**11/6 - Alzheimer's Symposium** presented by Arden Court Alzheimer's Assisted Living & Brainworks featuring Dr. Mark Brody & Dr. R. Watson at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**11/6 - Free Family Night** at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Discover Florida's pioneer past. 5-8 pm. Free. Offered again 12/4. 742-6785.

**11/6 - Form and Function** opens at Clay-Glass-Metal-Stone Gallery with wine and cheese reception, 605 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 6-9 pm. 215-205-9441.

**11/6 - Karen Kendall and Randy Rawls** will speak and sign their new books, *Take Me For a Ride* and *Jingle Bell, S.I.* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**11/6-8 - 20th Anniversary Chris Evert/ Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** - Chris Evert is joined by renowned athletes and celebrities to support programs that assist children and families who are at risk due to alcohol and drug addiction. 10/6: Tennis and lunch with Chris, 10/7: Pro-Celebrity Gala at the Boca Raton Resort & Club with headliner Natalie Cole, 10/7&8: tennis with celebrities at Delray Beach Stadium and Tennis Center, plus activities for children. Tickets: 394-2400.

**Saturday - 11/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Holiday Food Drive** - Beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Bring non-perishable Thanksgiving food for the Community Caring Center in Boynton Beach. Meet in the lower parking lot. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

**11/7 - "Experience Freedom, Compassion and Unity through Forgiveness"** - Workshop teaches practical exercises to help access the pathway to forgiveness of ourselves and others. 9 am-3 pm in the Senate Chambers of the Student Union Building on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Rd. \$10 (includes lunch). 297-2337.

**11/7 - Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Program Showcase** - An all-day family celebration featuring coastal marine education programs at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 9 am-4 pm. Free; donations welcome. Reservations required. 391-8110.

**11/7 - Fall Plant Sale** is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Over 80 vendors showcase an assortment of quality plants and goods. Sat: 9 am-5 pm, Sun: 9 am-4 pm. Free/Members, \$5/non-members. 233-1757.

**11/7 - Child Safety Prenatal Class** is a one-day weekend class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to eight years old and how you can assist in an emergency. No discounts or certification are given for this class. 10 am-noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Payment must be made before class. Offered again 12/5. 369-2229.

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## Municipal Meetings

**11/2 - Ocean Ridge** - first Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda available at [www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com)

**11/3, 11/17 & 12/1 - Delray Beach** - first & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

**11/9 & 11/23 - Lantana** - second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at [www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org).

**11/13 - Gulf Stream** - second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

**11/17 - Manalapan** - fourth Tuesday (moved up for Thanksgiving) at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at [www.manalapan.org](http://www.manalapan.org).

**11/17 - South Palm Beach** - fourth Tuesday (moved up for Thanksgiving) in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 pm. Agenda available at town hall.

**11/19 - Briny Breezes** - fourth Thursday (moved up for Thanksgiving) at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at [www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com](http://www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com).

**11/7 - Japan Through the Eyes of a Child** - Is a new permanent installation at The Morikami Museum & Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Experience the bullet train, an elementary school, a street of shops and a Japanese house. T-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Free/children 17 and under on opening day. Regular admission: \$12/adults; \$11/seniors; \$7/children 6-17 and college students; Free/children under age 6. 495-0233

**11/7 - Play with Paint!** begins for young artists ages 4-8 at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Saturdays, 12:15-1:30 pm through 12/19. Be prepared for messy painting fun. \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident. 742-6650.

**11/7 - "Chef's Brigade" Charity Golf Tournament** to raise money for the South Florida Chapter of the ALS Association will be held at The Breakers Rees Jones Course, 1550 Flagler Parkway, West Palm Beach. 12:30 pm. \$125 or \$500/foursome. Includes beverages, light snacks and reception. The Chef's Brigade was established in 2002 in honor of Matthias Radits, former executive chef of the Breakers resort who passed away in 2006 at the age of 52 from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. 659-8434.

**11/7 - Abby Arrington** speaks and signs her new book, *Precession* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790.

**11/7 - Gala 100th Anniversary Celebration** is held by the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Program includes "Highlights of a Century" in words, music & costumes. 6:30 pm/reception, 7:15 pm/dinner. \$65. Jacket required. 369-2300.

**11/7 - Drag Me to the Ball 2009: Behind the Velvet Rope** is hosted by Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast at The Omphoy Ocean Resort, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. 7-10 pm. \$150 or \$275/couple. 472-9966.

**11/7-8 - Annual Holiday Bazaar** will be held at Ascension Catholic Church Family Center, 7250 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Over 30 vendors plus raffles, food and more. Sat.: 9 am-3 pm, Sun: 8 am-2 pm. 997-5486.

### NOVEMBER 8-14

**Sunday - 11/8 - 25th Anniversary Celebration** - Celebrate 25 years of the pastorate of Dr. Ted Bush at the first Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Free. 11-Noon. 276-6338.

**Monday - 11/9 - Great Books** readings and discussions meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 11/23. 10 am-noon. 742-6380.

**11/9 - Great Documentaries Film Series** - *The Fog of War* by Errol Morris at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/9 - Palm Beach Sports Social Club** holds coed indoor dodgeball, kickball and volleyball programs at the Delray Community Center Gym, 50 N.W. First Ave. Dodgeball: 7-9 pm on 11/9 & 11/16, Kickball: 7-9 pm on 11/11, Volleyball: 1-3 pm on 11/14 & 11/21. \$10/session. 860-3748.

**11/9 - Weird Florida** - *Palm Beach Post* writer and author Eliot Kleinberg will discuss *Weird Florida* at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**Tuesday - 11/10 - Tots in Tune** - Enjoy music, movement, crafts and stories at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 9 am. Five-week class. Ages 22-29 months. Pre-registration required. \$21/resident; \$26/non-resident. 742-6650.

**11/10 - Coffee & Crayons** - Enjoy music, movement, crafts and stories at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Five-week class. Ages 30-35 months. Pre-registration required. 10:30 am. \$25/resident; \$32/non-resident. 742-6650.

**11/10 - "Down East Maine"** - presented by photographer Stuart Freedman at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/10 - Games @ Your Library** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. K-5 play favorite video games. Held again 11/24. 4-5 pm. 742-6380.

**11/10 - Evening Book Group** - *In the Name of Salome* by Julia Alvarez is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/10 - Pajama Storytime** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 (plus siblings) listen to stories, sing, dance and make a special craft while in their pajamas. 7-8 pm. 742-6380.

**11/10-20 - Group Swimming Lessons** are offered at Denson Pool at Wilson Park, 225 N.W. 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Youth weekday classes are held T-F, 2:30-3 pm/3-3:30 pm/5-5:30 pm/5:30-6 pm/6-6:30 pm. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6645.

**Wednesday - 11/11 - Veterans Day**

**11/11 - Veterans Day Storytime and Letter-writing** is a special storytime hosted by local veterans. Write postcards to troops deployed overseas. Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free with museum admission. 742-6782.

**11/11 - Boynton Beach Veterans Day Program** is held at Bicentennial Park, 300 block of N. Federal hwy, and N.E. 3rd Ave., Boynton Beach. Consul General of France in Miami, Gael de Maisonneuve presents the French Legion of Honor to selected veterans who served in France in World War II. Ceremony also commemorates the Meuse Argonne Offensive of WWI with a permanent monument. 11 am. 276-1796.

**11/7 - Veterans Day Service** - Join Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4141 as they pay tribute to our soldiers at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st Street, Delray Beach. Free. 11 am. 276-9529.

**11/11-15 - "World of Jewtopia"** South Florida debut - Record-breaking off-Broadway show debuts at the Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Wed.: 2 & 8 pm; Thurs. and Fri.: 8 pm; Sat.: 2 & 8 pm; Sun.: 2 & 7 pm. \$42. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

**Thursday 11/12 - Knit 'N Purl** - twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Offered again 11/19. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/12 - WXEL Golf Classic** is held at Trump International Golf Club, 3505 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Golf scramble, cocktail hour, live and silent auctions, plus award reception and dinner. Noon. \$100-375. 737-8000.

**11/12 - The Quality of Your Thoughts Determine the Quality of Your Life** - presented by Elke & Benjamin Malley at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/12 - Recognizing Diabetes and What to Do About It** is presented by Janice S. Plaxe, D.O., at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**11/12 - New Moon Party** - celebrate the opening of the new *New Moon* movie at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Activities include vampire bite tattoos. Come in costume. Light refreshments. Grades 6-12. 6-7:30 pm. 742-6380.

**11/12 - Writers Corner** is a free manuscript critiquing by published authors held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6:30-8 pm. 742-6380.

**11/12 - "A Stake in the Future"** will be held to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, 255 N.E. Mizner Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton. Open bar, food stations, valet parking, plus live and silent auctions. 7 pm. \$200. 954-739-5006.

**11/12 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$5. 742-6240.

**Friday - 11/13 - 22nd Annual Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon** by the Junior League of Boca Raton is held at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. 10:30 am. \$85-175. 620-2553.

**11/13 - Pre-K Rhythm & Rhyme: Symphony of the Americas** - Master musicians play classic children's songs at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Special guest will be a cellist! Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-Noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**11/13 - Jack Miller Forum Lecture** - "Negative Ads: Implications for the Future of American Democracy" with David Niven of

Wright State University is presented in the Student Union Building on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Rd. 3 pm. Free. 297-3212.

**11/13 - Celebrating US! Photographs of Presidential Inaugurations & Historic White House Moments** - Grand opening exhibit at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Pre-opening VIP reception 5:30-7 pm, \$125. Presidential photographers David Hume Kennerly and Robert McNeely will attend. Free public opening: 7-8:30 pm. 276-9797.

**11/13-14 - Annual Holly Days Bazaar** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Free. 9 am-3 pm daily. 276-6338.

**11/13-15 - The Grand & Re-Grand Opening of The Ocean Avenue Shops of Lantana** is held 9 am-9 pm along Ocean Ave. Entertainment, special sales, door prizes and raffles, food and wine samples 5-9 pm at 18 participating shops. Meet and greet artists at Uniquely Yours Gallery. 352-226-6711

**11/13-15 - 5th Anniversary France Cinema Florida** - French film premieres with English subtitles at Sunrise Cinemas, 301 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Opening night 11/13 at 7 pm, closing night 11/15 at 9:20 pm. Opening and closing films \$12; \$10 all others; seniors & students \$8/movie and \$7 for children 12 and under. 395-7077.

**Saturday - 11/14 - The Pursuit of Happiness... an Exploration** is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 9 am-1 pm. \$15 per person, pre-registration required. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/14 - Skate Clinic** is held at "505" Teen Center & Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Clinic includes drinks, snacks and contests. Skaters must provide own skateboard, helmet and pads. 9 am - 1 pm. \$20. 243-7158.

**11/14 - Ride & Remember Historic Tours** are offered by the Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. 10 am - noon. \$12/members, \$15/non-member. 274-9578.

**11/14 - Open House at Fire Station 3** is held at 651 Linton Blvd., Delray Beach. Meet firefighters and view fire fighting equipment housed at the station. 10 am-1 pm. 243-7400.

**11/14 - Lantana GreenFest 2009** is held at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cr. Sustainable living sessions, entertainment from Rod MacDonald and Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, free food and family fun. 10 am-4 pm. Free. [www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org).

**11/14 - 1st Annual Trunk Show to benefit AVDA** (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse) is held at Ellie's 50's Diner Flamingo Room, 2410 N. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Local vendors display clothing, jewelry, artwork and more. 11 am - 3 pm. 276-1570.

**11/14 - Former Vice President Al Gore** speaks on the climate change crisis and environmental sustainability at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 433 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by Green Solutions. 5:45-7:15 pm. [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com).

**11/14&15 - Artists in the Park** is held at Veterans Park, 802 N.E. 1st Street, Delray Beach. 10 am - 4:30 pm. 732-4945.

**11/14&15 - Delray Beach City Golf Championship** is held at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. 36-hole competition open to men, women and amateurs is flighted by handicap, age and gender. \$75-\$95: price covers range balls, rounds, cart, lunch and Sunday awards event. 8 am-3 pm. 243-7380.

**11/14-17 - ITC Pre-Qualifying Wildcard Tournament** for the International Tennis Championships will be held at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 301 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. 8 am-5 pm daily. 330-6000.

### NOVEMBER 15-21

**Sunday - 11/15 - 25th Anniversary Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Open House** - is held at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Noon-4 pm. Free with reservations. 391-8110.

**Monday - 11/16 - Afternoon Book Group** - *1919 Misfortune's End* by Paula Phelan is discussed at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**11/16 - Minor League Mom** book discussion with author Pamela Carey at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**11/16 - Tune Up Your Attitude** - presented by J.C. Stern, Hospice of Palm Beach County at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

**11/16 - Artists of Palm Beach County** closing reception at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Artists and writers speak about their work. 6-8 pm. Free. 588-2006.

**11/16 - Gold Medal Wine Tour** is presented at MB's at The Omphoy Ocean Resort, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Taste wines from the 2009 American Fine Wine Competition. 6-10 pm. \$125. 504-8463.

**11/16 - Oil & Acrylic Painting for Adults** - Four-week class is held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 6:30-9 pm. \$38/residents; \$48/non-resident. 742-6650.

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**Tuesday - 11/17 - Introduction to Ayurveda - Science of Daily Living** - presented by Chaya Sharon Heller at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.  
**11/17 - Children's Author/Illustrator** - Meet local author Dennis Johnson and illustrator Sherrie Tengbergen at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. *The Tree That Went Sailing* will be read by Mr. Johnson dressed as "the Tree." Grades k-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6380.  
**11/17 - Romantic Love & Self Love** - presented by Dr. Matthew Anderson at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.  
**Wednesday - 11/18 - Baby & Me** - Enjoy crafts, music and creative play at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 4-week class. Ages 12-22 months. Pre-registration required. 9 am. \$17/resident; \$21/non-resident. 742-6650.

**11/18 - Homestead Exemption Outreach** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Copy of deed and proof of residency required. 11 am-noon. 742-6380.  
**11/18 - Turkey Olympics** are held for grades 6-12 at the Boynton Beach City Library. Teens stuff a paper turkey and play turkey games. 6-7:30 pm. 742-6380.  
**11/18 - Adult Pottery** - Five-week class at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. 6:30-9 pm. \$38/resident; \$48/non-resident. 742-6650.  
**11/18 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting** - Five-week class at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 6:30-9 pm. \$38/resident; \$48/non-resident. 742-6650.  
**11/18 - Adult Ballroom Dance** - Six-week class at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 pm/beginners and 8:45-9:45 pm/intermediates. \$35 residents; \$44 non-residents. 742-6240.

**Thursday - 11/19 - Understanding Other Cultures - The Tortilla Curtain** by T. Coraghessen Boyle is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.  
**11/19 - With Honors** - Film is presented as part of Hunger & Homelessness Week at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.  
**11/19 - Twilight Book Discussion** - Grades 6-12 discuss the book *Twilight* and movie *New Moon* at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Limited to 15 participants. 6-7 pm. 742-6380.  
**11/19-21 - Christmas by the Sea: An Old Fashioned Holiday Craft Show** features holiday decor, handcrafts, jewelry, quilts, paper goods and more. Old School Square Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Thursday: 4-9 pm; Friday: 9 am - 8 pm; Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm. Free. 369-1176.

**Friday - 11/20 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Waffle Day** - Kids and families make tasty faces using waffles at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus museum admission. 742-6782.  
**11/20 - Support the Troops Fun-Raiser** is held at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Live music, drinks and raffle. Bring items to ship to our soldiers overseas. 278-1700.  
**Saturday - 11/21 - 23rd Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk** - Annual event benefits the Keith Straghn Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving Drive at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Donations of canned goods accepted. Registration: 6 am; Race: 7:30 am. \$30/runners; \$25/walkers. 243-7277.  
**11/21 - International Coastal Cleanup 2009** is held along Ocean Ridge Beach in

two locations: Thompson/Old Ocean Blvd. and Beachway/Old Ocean Blvd. 8:30-10 am. Coordinated by the Ocean Ridge Garden Club and Penny Kosinski. 239-2468.  
**11/21 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class** is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Expectant parents learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. \$25. Payment required before class date. 369-2229.  
**11/21 - Narrated Bus tour of Historic Delray Beach** is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. Tour visits 10 historic sites. Departs at 11 am from the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. \$10/adults & seniors, Free/teens and children under 18. Offered again 11/28. 243-2662.  
**11/21 - Hohner's Heroes** - Harmonica trio performs at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.  
**11/21 - Tellabration: A Nationwide Celebration of Storytelling** is held at The Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. Enjoy an evening of adult storytelling by local and regional storytellers. 7:30 pm. \$7. 347-3900.

**NOVEMBER 22-28**

**Sunday - 11/22 - Stories for the Little Ones** - Local storytellers share stories with puppets and props at The Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Tr., Boca Raton. 11 am. \$1. 347-3900.  
**Monday - 11/23 - Astronomy Night** - Look at our galaxy through telescopes (weather permitting) or view a slide show on the birth and death of stars at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Fee is \$3, reservations required. 274-7263.  
**Wednesday - 11/25 - Turkey Tales & Thanksgiving Craft** - Grades k-5 listen to Thanksgiving tales and make a special turkey craft at the Boynton Beach City Library. 2-3 pm. Free. 742-6393.  
**11/25 - Movie Day at Your Library** - Watch *James and the Giant Peach* (PG) at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Grades k-5. 3:30-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.  
**Thursday - 11/26 - Thanksgiving Day**  
**Friday - 11/27 - Outdoor Games** and activities at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-Noon. Free with museum admission. 742-6782.



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Rev. Aaron Janklow of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach gives an individual blessing to Kimberly Viscocky's pet goat, Spot. While the majority of the 83 pets who took part in the "Blessing of the Pets" worship service were dogs, there were also turtles, caterpillars and a ferret. More than 120 parishioners and their guests participated in the Oct. 25 celebration. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

**Saturday - 11/28-29 - 10th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Thanksgiving Weekend Art Fest** - Arts & crafts, sculptures, paintings, jewelry, pottery and more in Pineapple Grove, 200 N.E. 2nd Ave. 10 am-5 pm daily. Free. (954) 472-3755.

#### NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 5

**Sunday - 11/29 - Ice Cream Social** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 2-4 pm. Free. 588-8889.

**Tuesday - 12/1 - Tea & Chi Quong** - presented by Randy Eady at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**12/1 - Preview Cocktail Reception for the 7th Annual Holiday Trunk Show** benefiting the Naoma Donnelly Haggin Boys & Girls Club is held at the new Seagate Hotel and Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 6 - 8 pm. \$75 includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets available at the door. 683-3287.

**12/1-1/3 - Sandoway's Holiday House Celebration** begins. Enjoy festive nature decor provided by the Poinciana Garden Club. 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. T-Sat: 10 am-4 pm, Sun: noon-4 pm. 628-2538.

**12/1-3/28 - Pinball Palooza: The Art, The History, The Game** exhibit celebrates pinball machine's from the 1930s to the present. Includes vintage machines from a private collection. Exhibit at Cornell Museum, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. T-Sat: 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Sun. 1-4:30. \$6/general admission, \$4/seniors & students, Free/members and children under 13. 243-7922.

**12/1 - Ice Age Exhibit** opens at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. See over 100 Florida fossils. Exhibit runs until 1/31. \$4. Museum hours. 274-7263.

**Wednesday - 12/2 - Heart Symposium - Arteriosclerosis & Cardiovascular Diseases** - presented by Michael L. Metzger, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**12/2&3 - 7th Annual Holiday Trunk Show benefiting the Naoma Donnelly Haggin Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach** is held at the newly opened Seagate Hotel and Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Check out the new hotel, spa and restaurant and a one-of-a-kind shopping experience with 40 vendors offering a variety of holiday gift items. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 683-3278.

**Thursday - 12/3 - Lighting of the Famous 100-foot Christmas Tree** - An evening of festivities include the arrival of Santa Claus at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 5 pm. Entertainment begins at 6 pm. 279-1380, Ext. 3.

**12/3 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue** is held along Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Open house for restaurants, galleries and shops. Live entertainment. 6-10 pm. 279-1380.

**Friday - 12/4 - Annual Chamber Golf Classic** is held at Delray Beach Golf Club & Restaurant, 2200 Highland Ave. Breakfast at 7 am. Lunch follows tournament. 279-1380, Ext. 22.

**12/4 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Candy Necklaces** - Kids make their own candy

necklaces at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

**12/4 - Wild Night Out** is a networking benefit for the Sandoway House Nature Center. Cranes Beach House Hotel and Tiki Bar hosts hors d'oeuvres, tropical drinks and live music. Free/members, \$15/other. RSVP: 274-7263.

**12/4-20 - Fallen Angels** (a comedy by Noel Coward) is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th Street. 2 pm/matinees on Sat. & Sun, 8 pm/T-Sat. 272-1281, Ext. 4.

**Saturday - 12/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup Toy Drive** - Beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Collecting new unwrapped toys for the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

**12/5 - Jeff Markowitz** speaks and signs his new book, *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Murder* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

**12/5 - Boynton Beach Holiday Extravaganza** starts with the city's 39th annual Holiday Parade at 5 pm (travels north on Federal Hwy from SE 12 Ave to Ocean Ave.), Tree lighting ceremony at 6:30 pm (Schoolhouse Children's museum), and free concert on Ocean Ave. with Grammy Award winning "Queen of Disco", Gloria Gaynor at 7 pm. Food and beverages available. No pets. 742-6246 or www.boyntonbeachcra.com.

## Obituary

### Lucy Linn Stewart

DELRAY BEACH — Lucy Stewart, a 37-year resident of Delray Beach and an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the community died peacefully at her home on Oct. 14. She was 96.



"Everyone knew Lucy," said Patsy Westall, the daughter of Helen Toal, one of Ms. Stewart's

longtime friends. "If there was a need, there was Lucy. I believe that one of the hardest parts of her decline over the last few years, both emotionally and physically for her, was not being able to serve. It was how she defined herself. Even as I visited her in this last year, she would always say 'I wish there was something I could do for you.'"

Originally from Salisbury, N.C., Ms. Stewart attended the Women's College, now the University of North Carolina

Greensboro, where she received her teaching degree. She taught elementary school in Salisbury and married Sam Stewart, her husband of 40 years, in 1944. The two moved to Delray Beach in 1972 and were members of the The Little Club in Gulf Stream, where Ms. Stewart continued to play golf until she was 90. Ms. Stewart was preceded in death by her husband in 1984.

Ms. Stewart was a member of St. Paul's for over 30 years. She was an avid member of the Episcopal Church Women, an advocacy group who sought to have the voices and concerns of women heard both in the community and within the Episcopal Church. When Patsy Westall moved to Delray six years ago to care for her mother, it was Ms. Stewart who recruited her to the ECW.

"When I moved here, Lucy became an active part of my life," said Ms. Westall. "She told me that I needed to be a member of the ECW, and then

told me what time she was going to pick me up."

Said St. Paul's Rev. Kathleen Gannon, "She preached with her actions and not her words. She had a servant's heart and a demonstrative leadership quality."

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her two sons, Samuel E. Stewart Jr. of Villanova, Penn., and his long time companion, Despina F. Page, and Richard L. Stewart of Penfield, N.Y., his wife, Lin, and their two daughters, Heather Stewart of Atlanta and Rebecca Stewart, a student at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Friends were invited to attend a memorial service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach on Oct. 24.

*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Lucy Stewart to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33444 for their outreach programs.*

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## InterFaith21

# One year of helping families is cause for celebration

By C.B. Hanif

Unite 21 interfaith congregations in Delray Beach, Boca Raton, and Boynton Beach to address homelessness among children and families, and you have Family Promise of South Palm Beach County.

Coming soon is a celebration of the nonprofit organization's first year of advancing faith-based social service.

"What really intrigues me is the interfaith nature of Family Promise," said board member Michael Diamant.

He's also chairman of the "Bring the Children Home" benefit to aid local homeless families, Nov. 5 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art.

"The Family Promise focus on families with children, and the interfaith aspect, yields benefits to the community as a whole, far beyond addressing the problem of homelessness," Diamant said.

That particular aspect — the distinctive response to temporary homelessness for families with children — began 21 years ago in New Jersey with founder Karen Olson. Family Promise now is in 39 states with 148 affiliates, and has another under development in North Palm Beach.

Olson saw the need to help the needy, and also a way to help congregations of all faiths keep their promises to help by networking their resources and contacts to assist with housing, jobs, counseling, training, etc.

A result here is 10 host congregations provide shelter and meals, for a week on a rotating basis, for up to four families in difficult times. Other congregations provide other support.

The program isn't designed to deal with chronic homelessness, said Kokie Dinnan, executive director. "We are primarily focused on children that have become homeless, and their families that have sustained themselves in life for the most part, but been impacted by some sort of circumstance whether it be illness, or divorce, or loss of job."

The average week begins on Sunday with volunteers packing and trucking the supporting equipment over to the next congregation.

During the week, families rise in the morning for the van ride to the remodeled former convent donated by St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach. That Day Center is their home address, where they shower and do laundry, have storage for their basic needs, and a phone number.

From there, children take buses or walk to school. Parents go to work, hunt for work or work with counselors. In the evening, families return to the host congregation.



Fadina Middleton and her son Jakob enjoy time together while staying at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Boca Raton. Photo by Jerry Lower

### If You Go

**Bring the Children Home**  
**What it's about:** Benefit to aid local homeless families.

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 5, 6-8 pm.

**Where:** Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton

**Cost:** Admission is \$25 for the benefit that will feature music by students of the Pine Crest School, silent auction, raffle, food and beverages. Guests include Palm Beach County Commissioner Jeff Koons and Boca Raton Mayor Susan Whelchel.

**Contact:** 561-265-3370, Ext. 103, or [www.FamilyPromiseSPBC.org](http://www.FamilyPromiseSPBC.org).

Dinnan — a former teacher — said to make a week happen takes anywhere from 50 to 70 volunteers at that congregation.

"Hosts use their church or synagogue — We don't have any mosques yet, but we'd like to." Depending on the facility, a congregation "may use sliders that divide the parish hall into four segments, so that each family has privacy for the week that they're there. Some places use their Sunday school classroom."

With referrals coming from social service agencies as well as individuals, the hope is for more host congregations, Dinnan said. "We have probably 50 families right now on our wait list, which is sad to say. Because there are a lot of families with mothers and children sleeping on the beaches and in parks."

Fadina Middleton might have been among them. She arrived in West Palm Beach on May 11 from Delaware, with her 3-year-old son Jakob, and fumbling with her luggage, promptly lost all her money.

"The plan was to come here, make a new life," said the Philadelphia native. "Find an apartment, pay for it six months in advance, and find a new life through acting and modeling. But it all crashed

when I lost my money."

Someone at the Salvation Army on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard told her about Family Promise. "I came here, interviewed and I was accepted." Jakob now attends Youthland Academy in Delray while she looks for work.

While "angry at myself for putting myself in this situation," she said, "I just have to take the way my life is, and make it better. I still want that luxury house and car and nice job. I just have to work at it. I've been on so many job interviews — Miami, Miami Beach, Boca, Deerfield, I don't care where's it at. I just have to try extra hard."

And when she gets there, does she see herself giving back?

"I know I will. I asked Miss Kokie's permission when I ever appear in a magazine can I mention Family Promise, do I have permission to do so? I'm trying every magazine they have here in Florida to see if I can just be in it or on the cover and talk about Family Promise."

Middleton may get to pose with Family Promise founder Olson, who will be here Nov. 5 for the affiliate's first anniversary.

"We think it is time for a celebration," said event chairman Diamant, "because we've been fortunate enough to help a number of families in this relatively short time, graduating several families to where they've been able to go out and get back on their feet, have some type of housing, have a job, have a plan to get back on a better financial foundation."

"We really want to show that as a local community this is an issue we feel strongly about, passionately about, and that we believe we can make some steps to impact," he said. "It is a celebration of what we've been able to do in a year, and a call to action, and hopefully it will extend to other people."

The call to action "is to raise awareness, get people to donate time and money, and make access to their contacts. We want people to know that this is a grassroots local response to an increasing problem in Palm Beach County, one of the most wealthy counties in the nation, yet there is no official county-based homeless shelter."

Having united congregations of varied faiths, Family Promise already has demonstrated how the whole can be larger than the sum of its parts.



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## Paws up for Pets!

# In life and death, feline friend teaches lesson

Fifteen years ago, my co-worker Diego brought an itty-bitty calico kitten into the newsroom at the *Sun-Sentinel's* office in Delray Beach. Diego knew I was looking to adopt a kitten and he found this one dodging cars on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami.

You know what happened next. Naturally, I took one look and became smitten by this kitten. On the spot, I dubbed her Callie. OK, not so original for a calico, but the name just fit.

She was so tiny that she could fit in a food bowl but so agile that she could scale my drapes in less than three seconds. Not being weaned completely, she needed bottle feeding and lots of veterinary visits to ensure she was growing at a healthy pace.

Through the years, Callie served as my one constant during life's milestones. She has been by my side during three career changes, eight relocations, five other pets and, yes, a handful of personal relationships.

For the past decade, she has gamely joined me when it was necessary to have a feline sidekick during speaking events and book tours. She flew with me to New York City, never emitting a single mew during the flight for a three-day media blitz for my book, *The Cat Behavior Answer Book*. She happily perched on her favorite



Callie pokes her head out the carrier after receiving a senior wellness exam at the vet clinic in 2007.

blanket inside the docked Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif., while I delivered a "why-cats-do-what-they-do" speech to members of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. She has tolerated curious children at elementary school assemblies and welcomed the arrival of my 60-pound dog, Chipper without a single hiss.

At age 12, Callie conquered feline hyperthyroidism thanks to radioactive iodine treatment that necessitated her being quarantined at the veterinary hospital for a week. I kept tabs on her by viewing Web cam images on my computer. I jokingly called her "Rally Callie" because she seemed to bounce back from various ailments during her senior years.

Recently, however, Callie's rapid weight loss and sudden refusal to beg for her favorite treat prompted the visit to my veterinarian. Tests, including an ultrasound, verified the diagnosis.

My 15-year-old calico was dying from a fast-growing mass in her pancreas. I took a pass on exploratory surgery, but all signs pointed to pancreatic cancer. Yep, the same disease that claimed the life of actor Patrick Swayze.

Now what?

"Let's give her medicine to try to stimulate her appetite and give her some subcutaneous fluids to address her dehydration," said Mary Gibbs, DVM, a veterinarian who has cared for Callie for nearly a decade.

How long does Callie have?

"Days, maybe weeks. It's hard to say," replied Dr. Gibbs. "At this point, let's keep Callie comfortable. She will let you know when it's time."

In her dying weeks, I opted to pay tribute to Callie, and to help others coping with ailing pets, by creating a 10-part video series on YouTube called *Callie's Ninth Life*. The episodes capture Callie's momentary appetite revival and her playfully positioning herself in front of my computer monitor to get me to stop typing the final goodbye in the vet exam room, with her pet pals

Murphy, Cleo and Chipper present.

Callie taught me many life lessons, including to be candid, to live in the now and to greet each morning with a full-body stretch.

Her final lesson: our departed pets are gone but never forgotten.

To watch this series, please go to: [www.youtube.com/user/ArdenMooreKnowsPets](http://www.youtube.com/user/ArdenMooreKnowsPets).



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