

## Hurricane Dorian



## Dorian delivers a glancing blow

Coastal communities breathe collective sigh of relief

By Ron Hayes and The Coastal Star staff

Harry Woodworth built his house along the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach to survive a Category 3 hurricane.

He installed impact windows that could shield him and his wife from winds up to 129 mph.

But confronted with Hurricane Dorian, grinding away a mere 100 miles east of his Northeast 15th Place home, with winds threatening to remain Category 5, the retired Motorola project manager turned to his evacuation plan.

He filled the tank on his RV with enough gas to reach the Alabama state line.

And then he did the unthinkable. "I got nervous and put up shutters

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TOP: Debris washed up onto A1A in Manalapan as wind and rain from Hurricane Dorian exacerbated king tide effects. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

ABOVE: Delray Beach resident Michael Kanneli exits the beach at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton with his surfboard in two pieces thanks to the fierce waves spawned by the hurricane. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

## Delray Beach

### In midst of bankruptcy, iPic wins OK for restaurant

By Jane Smith and Mary Hladky

One week after iPic Entertainment filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, company founder and chief executive Hamid Hashemi stood before the Downtown Development Authority attempting to conduct business as usual.

Hashemi wanted the board to approve a restaurant on the third-floor terrace of his newest theater, which opened in downtown Delray Beach in March.

Board members peppered him with questions: Would the restaurant solve iPic's financial problems? Why was Hashemi backtracking on previous assurances that the theater would not have a restaurant? When would iPic move its headquarters from Boca Raton to Delray Beach as promised?

As he responded, Hashemi lamented the six years it had taken to complete negotiations with the city and build the theater, causing cost increases that contributed to iPic's financial woes.

"In 2013, when we signed up to do this project, it was a \$30 million project," he said. "Now it's a \$60 million project with 40 additional public parking spaces. We gave 8 feet of alley away."

"We gave and gave and gave. ... This has been the most disappointing experience of my life."

The DDA board approved iPic's restaurant by a 4-3 vote on Aug. 12 on the condition that iPic appear before another city advisory board to make sure its complex has adequate parking.

But even if other city boards and the See IPIC on page 12

## Along the Coast

### Old septic systems are entrenched in towns but face claims they pollute

By Rich Pollack

When it comes to sewage treatment in Florida, septic systems get no respect.

One of the most basic forms of treating sewage, septic systems have long been used in Florida, with estimates of close to 2.8 million systems statewide and more than 50,000 in Palm Beach County alone.

In the coastal areas of South Palm

#### After the flush

Pipes, pumps and the rising cost of wastewater disposal  
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Beach County, septic systems are common and used by the majority of single-family homes in Ocean Ridge, Manalapan and Gulf Stream.

As populations, especially in urban

areas, continue to grow, conventional septic systems are coming under fire from environmental advocates and others who say that nutrients found in water coming from septic tanks and going into the ground are creating ecological issues at an increasing rate.

"Septic systems leach into the ground water and surface water," says state Rep. Mike Caruso of Delray Beach, whose district includes much of the barrier

island in South Palm Beach County. "We're creating the perfect environment for blue green algae growth."

Caruso, a Republican, is so concerned that he teamed with Rep. Will Robinson, R-Bradenton, to introduce legislation last session that would have required routine inspections of septic tanks. The legislation died in committee.

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## Coastal Star



Debra Boyle, Ocean Ridge's first dedicated community policing officer, talks with Susan Ezekiel while on patrol. Ezekiel's dogs are Cody and Jessie. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## For Ocean Ridge officer, 'community' is first in her job title — and focus

By Margie Plunkett

The Ocean Ridge Police Department sent an SUV full of school supplies to children in the care of Palm Beach County in August, a delivery that included 150 book bags, binders, paper folders, glue sticks and composition books.

"We want to make sure children going back to school are successful," said Officer Debra Boyle, the department's community policing officer. "Every child needs to have a smile on their face regardless of their circumstances."

Boyle was the officer behind the department's successful community school supply drive that ended in early August. As community policing officer, she helps look out for Ocean Ridge residents. She's been with the department for 2½ years, but nobody knows her as Officer Boyle. "Everybody knows Debra," she says.

The 46-year-old Boynton Beach resident helps the community in many ways — checking on elderly people, setting up a CPR class. She might be out informing residents on how to stay safe entering their cars, or teaching them how to protect themselves against scams.

"I enjoy working with the residents and doing for the community," Boyle said. "I have a passion when it comes to children. I definitely love helping out — with the elderly, too. If they need something from across the bridge, I'll pick it up for them, or I'll transport them there."

Boyle was chosen as

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Ocean Ridge's first dedicated community policing officer, a position created last year with the goal of having "a true community partnership that makes folks not only feel safe and secure, but makes a difference in the lives of those we serve every day," explained Police Chief Hal Hutchins.

While police work keeps her busy, Boyle does have a life outside the job. She and her husband, Doug, have four children and two grandchildren. In her spare time, Boyle enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

Hutchins called Boyle a "passionate professional in her work and caring person who uses her passions to be a great police officer."

She is able "to bring people together and develop relationships, fixing little issues before they become larger. She is a true community ambassador."

Boyle was drawn to law enforcement by her desire to "give back to the community in a positive way," she said. She went to a law enforcement program in Athens, Georgia, and Florida's St. Petersburg College Law Enforcement Academy, where she was certified.

While in Georgia, she worked in the juvenile court system. It influenced her decision to conduct both the

most recent school supply drive and last year's Christmas toy drive on behalf of the children under county care.

"I felt this was the way to go because these kids are away from their families" or they're with their families but working through a plan with county supervision, she said. There are 1,600 to 1,700 children under Palm Beach County care, from birth through age 18, in situations including foster homes and group homes, according to Boyle.

"The donations were delightful" for the school supply drive, Boyle said. Those still wishing to give can look for the start of this year's toy drive in October.

Hutchins said the school supply and toy drives were Boyle's idea, along with coordinating beach cleanups conducted with Florida Atlantic University and the town's Garden Club. "I think her efforts were a huge success on many fronts," he said.

"She has helped raise awareness of the needs of some of our less fortunate community members. She has brought the community together for a common cause," Hutchins said. "Most importantly, she has built a network that opened a candid dialogue with a lot of residents, not just from Ocean Ridge, but from Briny Breezes, the County Pocket and other surrounding communities."

What's most significant to Boyle so far in her experience working in Ocean Ridge? "Just the love and support from the community," she says. "How everybody pulls together." ★

## Editor's Note

### Near-neighbor Bahamas needs all we can give, do

**O**h, Abaco. Beautiful, friendly, carefree Abaco. I'm sure there will still be sunrises and sunsets, but now there will be very little in between. Even the sandy beaches and crystal clear waters are holding horrors — the remnants of homes and dreams and loved ones whose bodies will never be found.

Jerry and I own a vacation cottage on Abaco. By the whims of wind and powers beyond comprehension, our tiny settlement saw little physical damage.

Our neighbors who remained are safe, but cut off by impassible roads. And as is the nature of Bahamians, they are feverishly seeking ways to help their friends, family and neighbors who have lost everything — all as they search for any news of people still unaccounted for.

The connection between Abaco and our South County area is strong. Many of you have second homes in the Bahamas. Maybe you keep a boat there, take your boat across the Gulf Stream to fish, or fly over to vacation when you can.

Marsh Harbour is only 180 miles away, after all, and it's less than 90 miles to Freeport: closer than Disney World, closer than Key West.

These really are our neighbors who are suffering under conditions we simply can't fathom. So what can we do to help?

Our friends at Pete's Pub in Little Harbour have posted the following organizations they've vetted (this is especially important in the Bahamas) for relief aid and assistance. I've added a couple more I know to be trustworthy.

You may have others you are planning to organize or know about that are already collecting items for relief. Feel free to send information on them to me and I'll post them on our website.

Once this first critical wave of relief arrives, the most important thing we can all do is not forget Abaco and Grand Bahama. Their economy is based almost exclusively on

### You can help

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- Ed Hinckley is accepting donations at his hanger at 2633 Lantana Road, Hanger 508, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33462.
- Neil Hingle, pilot, is accepting donations to fly over: 55 Pine Tree Lane, Jupiter, FL 33469
- Hope Town Volunteer Fire & Rescue: [www.htvfr.org](http://www.htvfr.org)

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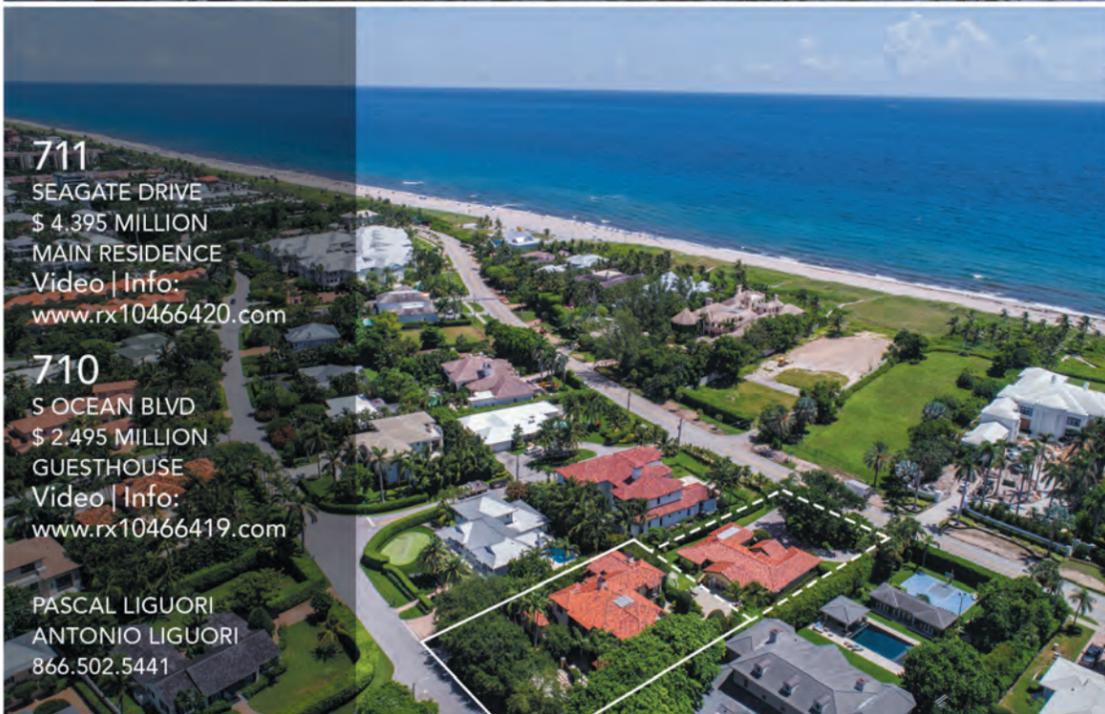


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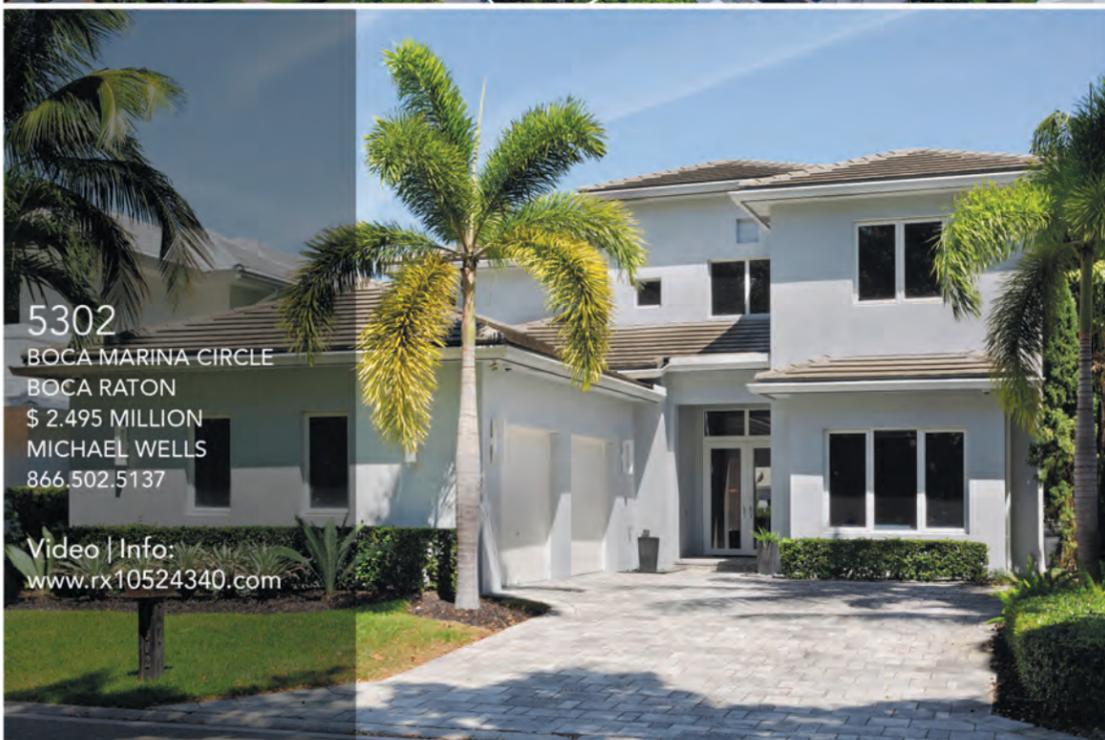
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## Gulf Stream

# Town acts to foreclose on house with \$1.89 million in code violations

By Steve Plunkett

A Place Au Soleil house that rang up \$1.89 million in code enforcement violations over the past 10 years is now the target of a foreclosure action by the town.

Gulf Stream officials hope to demolish the house, put in sod and a sprinkler system, and sell the parcel to someone who will turn it into a neighborhood asset.

“What we want there is to ensure that a home is built that is very attractive to Place Au Soleil,” Mayor Scott Morgan said as the Town Commission approved taking legal action Aug. 9.

Real estate broker Zac Mazur, representing the estate of deceased homeowner Richard Lavoie, said he had a contract to sell the property at 2775 Avenue Au Soleil for \$420,000 if commissioners would agree



Officials hope to raze this Place Au Soleil house and sell the land. Photo by Town of Gulf Stream

to reduce the lien. Potential purchaser Oceana Properties planned to renovate the house and offered to pay Gulf Stream \$20,000.

Lavoie's 10 heirs, mostly cousins, apologize on his behalf, Mazur said. “There isn't much

they could do to fix what's been done in the past, and they're just asking for, you know, as much leniency as possible,” he said.

Trey Nazzaro, the town's staff attorney, said an outside appraiser valued the property at \$610,000 in its current “very poor” condition and at \$760,000 if it had been kept in average shape.

Commissioner Donna White, who lives in Place Au Soleil, said the property had too many problems to repair.

“From what I've heard, the ceiling is broken — you know, down,” White said. “From my understanding of the condition of the house, I can't see any renovation. I think that they're going to have to take it down.”

Mazur said the planned renovations would substantially improve the property, which began receiving notices from the homeowner association in 2002 for having a dead lawn.

“There would be a new roof going on, there would be new windows. I mean, it would be renovated to, comparable to the rest of the community. I

would say perhaps that would probably be better than some of the homes that could use some updating over there,” he said.

But Morgan said Oceana's offer was far too little.

“Frankly I don't know that you could come up with a proposal that would be acceptable,” he said. “The offer of \$20,000 shows a lack of seriousness and encourages further delay in this process.”

Commissioner Joan Orthwein “wholeheartedly” supported Morgan's position. “It's been such a drag on this town for so long,” she said.

Lavoie died on March 4, lifting the homestead exemption on the property that had prevented Gulf Stream from foreclosing sooner. The home is the first thing people see after they pass the gatehouse to the community.

Nazzaro reviewed the history of the town's troubles with Lavoie for commissioners, noting that the file contained 150 pages of records. The Place Au Soleil Association complained in two 2002 letters

to Lavoie about his lawn and landscaping not being maintained. Lavoie testified at a special magistrate hearing in April 2005 that he had installed new sod and an irrigation system the week before, after receiving two letters from the town.

Gulf Stream sent a repeat notice of violation that August after the grass died again, and a month later a special magistrate fined Lavoie \$4,000.

A December 2005 letter noted code violations including “tall grass, dead trees, a pool that was completely black and a collapsed pool screen,” Nazzaro said. After two more letters and another special magistrate hearing, Lavoie cleared the debris and erected a temporary fence around the pool in April 2006.

In July 2006 he was fined \$200 for again neglecting his lawn. And in April 2009 Lavoie was fined \$500 a day, again over the status of the lawn and because the temporary pool fence had collapsed. His heirs notified the town the week before the Aug. 9 commission meeting that they had erected another temporary fence, Nazzaro said.

Lavoie also owned property in Massachusetts that commissioners said they will seek to foreclose on.

“I think this is one of the most egregious examples of a resident totally ignoring code requirements not just to the detriment of the town but more importantly to the quiet enjoyment of the residents of Place Au Soleil,” the mayor said. “And not doing this for just a period of months or a year but well over a decade and a half.”★

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## Australian pines safe from water main work

By Steve Plunkett

The water main along State Road A1A north of Golfview Drive can be replaced close to its current route without endangering Gulf Stream's signature Australian pines, engineers have decided.

Sira Prinyavivatkul, the project manager at Baxter and Woodman Consulting Engineers, told town commissioners Aug. 9 that the new pipe would not have to detour west to Gulfstream Road or Polo Drive to protect the tree canopy. “We understand that that's a significant feature to this town, and it's a historic, scenic highway,” he said.

The engineers coordinated with Gulf Stream's contract arborist, Jonathan Frank of the F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., and determined the water main should be kept at least three times the tree diameter away from the Australian pines horizontally and 2 to 3 feet below grade.

The estimated \$2.5 million

project will replace 3,100 feet of old 8-inch pipe with modern 12-inch pipe on A1A to improve water flow and avoid future expensive repairs. About 2,080 feet will be buried directly; the rest will go in by directional drilling. The existing pipe, made of brittle transite, or asbestos cement, is more than 50 years old and will be abandoned and filled with grout.

Gulf Stream replaced the A1A water main south of Golfview, which also serves Place Au Soleil, in 2006.

Baxter and Woodman expects to finish final construction drawings in December and have a contractor starting the job in April.

“It should be in the off-season and hopefully minimal disturbance to residents,” Prinyavivatkul said.

Along with the A1A portion, the firm proposes 8-inch mains instead of 6-inch pipe on 375 feet of Sea Road, 1,300 feet of County Road, 250 feet back on A1A north of County Road, and 2,000 feet on Little Club Road.

Prinyavivatkul said workers should finish 200 feet per day.

The town also hired Frank to trim some of the Australian pines, their first arborist care in three years. The maintenance will cost \$20,000. “These are the ones that we consider need the trimming, really, now. We've noticed some of the limbs falling, really around the area of the golf course where there's no homes that block the wind from the ocean,” Town Manager Greg Dunham said.

Meanwhile, Dunham reported, AT&T plans to finish its underground connections in the north end of town by December and to remove its overhead wires by the end of the year. Starting in October, Comcast customers will have to schedule an appointment to have their service transferred underground.

After both utilities have finished, Florida Power & Light will begin removing power poles. Mayor Scott Morgan predicted the last pole would be taken down in March. ★

## Boca Raton

# Train station talks sprout worries for gardeners, library patrons

By Mary Hladky

City officials need more detailed information from Virgin Trains USA before negotiations can begin on building a new station in Boca Raton.

City staff and Virgin Trains officials have held two meetings since the company notified the city in July that it wants a station in the city.

But while Virgin Trains has released a broad framework of what it will do and what it expects of the city, Boca Raton officials say they need more specifics.

Mayor Scott Singer said he expects Virgin Trains, formerly known as Brightline, to provide that information soon, and City Manager Leif Ahnell told City Council members at an Aug. 26 meeting that he anticipates Virgin Trains will make another presentation to them on Sept. 9.

"Brightline is still fleshing out their proposals," Singer said after that meeting.

Once it does that, "we will have another discussion at the City Council on their framework to figure out how we go forward and what direction we give, if any, to staff to keep the conversation moving."

Council members, who authorized the negotiations on July 22, and many residents are enthusiastic about a new Virgin Trains station in Boca Raton.

They say it would lure more corporations to set up headquarters in the city, raise property values, provide an alternative to clogged Interstate 95 and bring visitors to the city's cultural venues, restaurants and attractions.

But the devil is in the details, and seemingly straightforward matters are proving complicated.

For example, Virgin Trains wants to build its station on city-owned land along the Florida East Coast Railway tracks just east of the Downtown Library at 400 NW Second Ave. That location would cost the library most of its parking lot.

Virgin Trains has said it would also build a parking garage on the land, and library patrons would be able to park on the first floor of the garage free-of-charge. The library would lose no parking spaces.

Friends of the Boca Raton Library does not oppose a train station, but does object to losing the parking lot.

In an Aug. 16 letter to City Council members, the organization's board listed many concerns. It asked how the garage will be policed for safety, what will prevent train riders from using the parking spaces reserved for the library, whether the library would be easily accessible from the garage, and where library patrons will park during construction of the station and garage.

"We ask as you negotiate that we get to keep our parking lot," Friends of the Boca Raton Library board president Cyndi Bloom told council members on Aug. 27.

"Some of our demographic are afraid of going into a parking garage at night," she said of library users. "We are concerned about losing people not wanting to go there."

Board members also don't like the commercial and residential development Virgin Trains plans on some of the 4 acres of city-owned land that the rail service wants the city to donate.

"What would really rub salt into the wound is if any of that property would be used as residential," Bloom said. Giving

up the parking lot for residential development "would really hurt."

Council members tried to assure Bloom that solutions can be found, and stressed that negotiations haven't begun yet.

"We will encourage them to talk to you," said Andrea O'Rourke. "We hear you loud and clear."

Then there's the matter of the Junior League of Boca Raton's Community Garden, located east of the parking lot adjacent to the train tracks.

Virgin Trains has pledged to help it find a new home, and Singer has suggested several city-owned sites. Problem solved?

"I wish it was as simple as land," said Junior League president Cristy Stewart-Harfmann. "We have extremely passionate gardeners. They are really, really upset about this."

While it is possible to find a new location, it will take three to five years for the garden to grow back to what it is now, she said.

"We are going to be reaching out to the city and Brightline for funding," Stewart-Harfmann said. "We do not have the funding necessary to move it."

There are many more unresolved matters.

Deputy City Manager George Brown has said the project will require amendments to the city's comprehensive plan, creation of new zoning regulations, a development agreement and the conveyance of city land to Virgin Trains.

Asked what more information he needed from Virgin Trains, Brown indicated on Aug. 26 that the list is long. Two matters he cited were the nature and extent of its development plans on the city land and whether the company

wants the city to close any roads.

Virgin Trains is proposing to build and pay for the station while the city would pay for the parking garage. The city would also donate the 4 acres, build an elevated pedestrian bridge over Dixie Highway and provide shuttle service from the station to various locations in Boca Raton.

The company wants to place retail, apartments and possible co-working offices on part of the city land, development similar to what it has done near the Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach stations.

It would like to conclude negotiations with the city by year's end, with the station opening in late 2020.

"This Boca Raton station is a great opportunity for us," Ben Porritt, Virgin Trains senior vice president for corporate affairs, told *The Coastal Star* on Aug. 5. "It is an exciting market."

His company selected the city for a station because it is home to universities, about half of Palm Beach County's corporate headquarters and has a large number of downtown residents who would find the train a great amenity.

Virgin Trains, he said, is meeting a need for South Florida residents who commute to other cities to work or want to get to sports and cultural venues. "There is a tremendous demand for more transportation options in south Florida," he said.

By adding more stations, "we are trying to increase mobility. With that comes ridership," he said.

Virgin Trains' business model is to provide rail service between cities that are too far apart to make driving

convenient but too near each other to fly to.

Virgin Trains' primary passengers now are business people (including lawyers who need to get to meetings or courthouses in West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Miami), tourists, and people "who are interested in unique experiences" that include special events it hosts on the trains.

The Virgin Group, headed by British billionaire Richard Branson, announced in November a partnership with Brightline that included placing the Virgin name on the trains.

The partnership offers the company a cross-marketing opportunity with the Virgin Voyages cruise line that it is launching out of PortMiami and a Miami Virgin Hotel that is in the works.

The company is collaborating with tourism offices, convention and visitors bureaus and cultural institutions, including Discover the Palm Beaches, the Museum of Discovery and Science in Fort Lauderdale and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. At the Broward Center, for example, riders have received reduced ticket prices to performances and concerts.

It also is teaming up with companies such as FPL and Apollo Bank.

Riders also can experience diversions not typical of a train trip, such as when Spider-Man and Captain America entertained passengers through a partnership with the Museum of Science and Discovery.

"There is a tremendous interest in what we are doing," Porritt said. "There is a steady ramp up in ridership." ★

## South Palm Beach

# Long-awaited beach renourishment could take place in April

By Dan Moffett

With the help of next-door neighbor Palm Beach, the town of South Palm Beach has a chance to begin a beach renourishment project by early next year.

"I would imagine we'd probably plan on the month of April," Robert Weber, Palm Beach's coastal protection coordinator, told the South Palm Town Council on Aug. 13. "That's the furthest we could work before the beginning of the turtle season."

Palm Beach is scheduled to begin dredging sand in November to replenish the beaches in the southern end of the town. Weber said the plan is to bring the dredging off the coast of Phipps Ocean Park by March. From the park,

sand could be trucked the short distance into South Palm Beach to feed its eroding beachfront.

"I think that the project will take around three weeks to complete," Weber said, and he estimated that it might take as many as 1,000 truckloads to build up the South Palm shoreline.

Along with the new sand, the plan calls for restoring the town's dune line where possible by planting sea oats and other erosion-resistant species.

South Palm Beach Mayor Bonnie Fischer and Weber expect the cost of the project to run about \$700,000. The town already has the money set aside. It was to have been used for a beach stabilization project that would have installed concrete groins along the shoreline. But Palm Beach County officials

abruptly ended their support for the project earlier this year, saying it had become too costly and faced the threats of lawsuits from disgruntled neighbors to the south.

Because Palm Beach has been working with county, state and federal officials on renourishment efforts for the last two decades, no extensive permitting is required. The partnership benefits both towns: Palm Beach can reduce its costs by selling sand; South Palm can repair its beachfront by buying it.

The project still needs a number of important issues resolved in order to move forward:

- The Army Corps of Engineers must give its final blessing and then the go-ahead to get dredging started.

- Palm Beach must get satisfactory bids from two contractors, one for dredging and another for trucking.

- South Palm must negotiate easements from several condo associations to get access to the beaches for trucks and workers.

- Both towns must negotiate the details of an interlocal agreement to clarify the ground rules for the project.

- The storm season has to remain quiet so the dredging season isn't delayed and doesn't run into the turtle nesting season in May.

"I hope that everyone understands how lucky we are that Palm Beach is going to include us in this project," Fischer said.

**In other business**, the Town Council unanimously approved setting the tentative millage at

the full rollback rate of \$3.59 per \$1,000 of taxable property value.

The rollback rate is the millage level at which tax revenues remain flat compared with the last fiscal year. Property values in South Palm are up a healthy 5.57 percent over 2018. Even with the rollback, the town can expect to generate about a \$90,000 budget surplus because of spending cuts, most notably the upcoming switch to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for police services.

"We've been able to give taxpayers a break on their taxes for four years in a row now," Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb said. ★

## SEPTIC

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“We can’t continue the way we are,” Caruso said.

In fact, science and technology have helped make septic systems more environmentally friendly for decades.

“Septic systems get a bad rap because what we think about are conventional systems,” said Roxanne Groover, executive director of the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association. “We have gotten a lot better because people are working together to reach higher standards.”

Advanced systems have been developed to help reduce nutrients — including nitrogen and phosphorus — in the effluent coming out of septic systems. “We’re smarter now,” Groover said. “As we get smarter, we get more responsible.”

### Impact on coastal waters

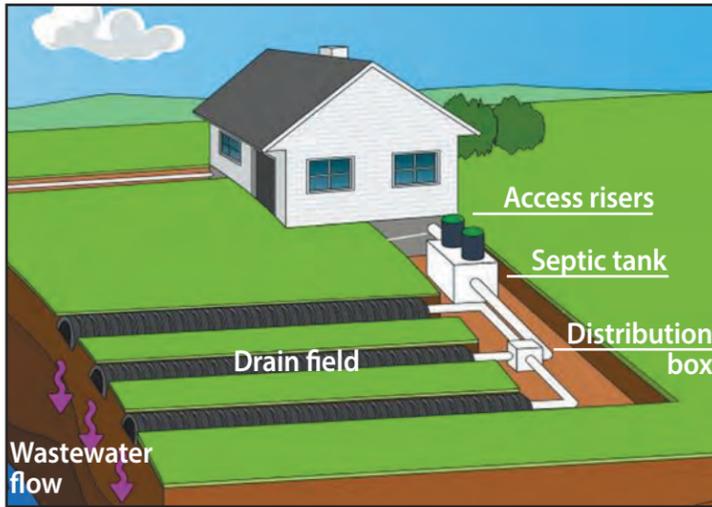
Still, older conventional systems are likely to be the most common in South Florida, and the often nutrient-rich effluent coming from those systems is having an impact on the marine environment, said Dr. Brian Lapointe, a research professor at Florida Atlantic University’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.

“We’re increasingly seeing problems in coastal waters that are the result of nutrient enrichment from human activity,” he said. “Sewage can be a major contributor to nutrient pollution.”

Both leaky municipal sewage systems and septic systems contribute to algae growth.

In the case of septic systems, effluent percolates through the soil and makes its way into groundwater, which then goes into canals. Water that is rich in nutrients, especially nitrogen, can feed the growth of blue green algae in waterways. It can also reach the ocean and feed the growth of red tides and brown seaweed, Lapointe said.

There was a small blue green



A typical chamber septic system is located near a residence. It uses a two-stage tank and solid pipes to distribute the waste to perforated pipes in a drain field that trickles wastewater into the soil. Access ports on top of the tank allow for periodic vacuum removal of waste solids as part of regular maintenance. **Rendering provided**

algae bloom in the Lake Worth Lagoon in 2016, and a brief flare-up of red tide occurred along much of the South Florida coast in 2018.

In a 2008 study reported in a paper produced by University of Florida IFAS Extension, researchers found that almost 40 percent of the state’s septic systems were located in coastal areas. Sandy soil in those areas allows for “rapid transport of contaminants into the groundwater,” especially during the rainy season when the water table is high.

“Everybody has been led to believe that all the nutrients are coming from farms,” Lapointe said. “There is more than 2½ times more nitrogen from sewage than from fertilizer going in the groundwater and feeding algae blooms.”

Although the scientific community agrees that nitrogen feeds algae blooms, skeptics question whether sewage is the primary source.

In addition to nutrients, conventional septic systems could be a source of fecal coliform bacteria getting into groundwater and estuaries, said Lapointe, who was the lead scientist on a fecal bacteria study in the mid-1990s at Jupiter Creek. The study, funded by the

Loxahatchee River District, led to the conversion from septic to sewer in that area.

Another study in an area near Florida’s Suwannee River, conducted for the Florida Department of Health and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration several years ago, found a significant reduction in fecal coliform bacteria in canals leading to the river once a regional treatment plant, which replaced onsite treatment systems, was built and operated. In the river, however, no significant reduction of fecal coliform was found.

Lapointe said there is evidence that fecal coliform bacteria is reaching coastal waters and the ocean, especially during periods of heavy rain when salinity — which the bacteria don’t like — is reduced.

Still, a spokesman for the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County said there is no link between beach closings and bacteria from septic systems that the department is aware of.

One of the challenges for people hoping to gauge the impact of nutrients and fecal bacteria from septic systems is that there is really no routine testing of effluent coming from conventional systems. Advanced systems, however, do often require additional oversight, including annual inspections.

“Testing for nitrogen, fecal coliform and other components is only done during special research projects, such as research projects performed by department staff, contractors for the department, or other researchers,” a spokesman from the Florida Department of Health wrote in an email.

There are special circumstances where water samples are required by the department of health and there are annual inspections required for commercial uses and in special cases. Routinely, however, the department inspects only the construction of new systems, existing system modifications and repairs and tank abandonment.

### Two types of systems

While septic systems are often painted with the same broad brush, the Florida Onsite Wastewater Association’s

Groover says that not all systems are the same and that many variables can determine the quality of effluent from those systems.

Essentially there are two types of septic systems, the conventional anaerobic system and the more advanced aerobic treatment system.

In the conventional system, wastewater from a home flows into a buried septic tank. In the tank, solids settle to the bottom. Bacteria that thrive without oxygen — anaerobic bacteria — inside the tank get to work on organic material in the liquid, breaking it down and producing the effluent.

The effluent then leaves the tank and is dispersed through pipes into a drain field. It then continues to percolate through a thin layer of bacteria that digest some of the excess nutrients as well as fecal coliform bacteria and viruses.

More advanced septic systems use oxygen to break down the organic matter in the tank. In these aerobic treatment units, wastewater from the home enters a tank where solids fall to the bottom. The remaining wastewater flows into a separate treatment unit where oxygen is added through an aerator. Strengthened by the oxygen, the aerobic bacteria break down the organic material faster and more effectively than in a conventional tank.

These systems are also more effective in removing nutrients, such as nitrogen, than are traditional systems because the effluent has less organic material. Different types of aerobic treatment systems are designed to meet even higher standards, with some using additional processes.

A homeowner who has an aerobic treatment system must get an operating permit from the state and have a maintenance contract with an approved company. In some cases, homeowners can be trained to do their own maintenance.

Aerobic treatment units are usually required of new-home builders who want to reduce the footprint of the system drain field, need a reduced setback, or want to build a larger home than the lot size would otherwise be allowed to support. Lab samples are required in these instances.

Aerobic treatment systems are more expensive than traditional systems. People in the business estimate the cost to be twice as much, somewhere around \$10,000 for products and installation. Costs vary depending on the system.

How well a conventional septic system works depends on variables ranging from the size of the property to the size of the home and the number of people living in it. Rural areas, where homes are spread far apart, may be better-suited for traditional septic systems than urban areas, especially those near water, where it’s important to make sure that the system is working properly.

Age is also a factor, with older systems more likely to fail

because of leaks in the septic tank or an aging drain field no longer allowing effluent to percolate through the soil.

“Just because you can flush, doesn’t mean your system is working and just because it’s working, doesn’t mean it’s treating properly,” Groover said.

### Mandate from the state

There are no state mandates for communities in Palm Beach County to use advanced aerobic systems with every new septic installation or to convert to centralized sewage treatment systems.

The state Legislature did, however, impose a mandate on the Florida Keys in 1999 — when every part of the Keys was required to have advanced wastewater treatment or the best available technology installed within 11 years. Septic tanks and cesspits were no longer acceptable.

The result was a series of regional plants as well as some municipal plants at a cost of about \$1 billion.

For the Keys, the mandate was as much about economics as the environment. With a tourist-based economy, improving near-shore water quality was essential.

To fund the project, the Keys looked to the federal government and the state, which both helped — though not as much as had been promised. Monroe County also used an infrastructure sales tax, in addition to assessments, to help cover the costs.

“It was absolutely the right thing to do,” said Kevin Wilson, an assistant Monroe County administrator. “It’s hard and expensive but it can be done. It just takes commitment and persistence.”

In a few other scattered areas of the state, homeowners are required to use advanced systems when replacing or installing new septic systems.

Groover says that she and her association are not averse to reasonable mandates, but says they need to be tailored to individual situations.

“One size doesn’t fit all,” she said. “You have to assess the needs of each community.”

Caruso, the state representative, says he believes there could be a statewide mandate within 10 years that could affect South Florida coastal communities. If so, he says, it would most likely have to be phased in over several years.

Standing in the way, however, could be a lack of political will, with legislators reluctant to pass bills that will financially burden their constituents and communities.

That reluctance, Caruso says, is why the septic tank inspection bill went nowhere. Still, he says, he plans to introduce the legislation again next session.

“We should no longer sit back and ignore science,” he said. “We as individuals can’t fix the sugar industry, we can’t fix the dairy industry and we can’t fix Lake Okeechobee. What we can fix is what’s in our own backyards.” ★

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## Ocean Ridge

# State requires small treatment plants to get regular oversight

By Rich Pollack

There was an audible gasp in the room when residents attending a meeting of Ocean Ridge's Septic to Sewer Citizens Advisory Committee last month heard that sewage effluent from one of the more than 14 "package plants" in town was going directly into the Intracoastal Waterway.

What most of those in the room probably didn't know is that the effluent meets very high state standards and the plant, like all other package plants in town, is closely monitored with testing and reporting required on a regular basis.

Package plants are similar to larger municipal facilities — but on much smaller scale. They are highly regulated, mostly onsite facilities that treat sewage coming from a condominium or multi-unit community.

While there is rarely testing of effluent coming from septic systems in single-family homes, package plants are continuously monitored.

At most plants, systems are checked for nutrient levels — such as nitrogen — and fecal coliform bacteria at least once

a month, says Gary Cook, owner of Aqua Data Inc., which services many of the small sewage treatment plants in Ocean Ridge.

Contractors like Aqua Data have certified operators visit the plants either five or six days a week — depending on the requirements from the Florida Department of Health or Florida Department of Environment Protection.

The operators take readings and fill out reports on a regular basis during a visit of 30 minutes or longer.

In the case of the effluent pumped into the Intracoastal, the sewage goes through the standard treatment process and is chlorinated to state standards. It is then treated again with another chemical to remove the chlorine before it is released.

Two of the plants that Cook's company services put treated water into the Intracoastal, but the majority put the treated effluent into drain fields where it percolates into the ground. One client used deep-well injection.

Deep-well injection of the treated effluent also occurs at

the Colonial Crown Manor Disposal Systems Inc. plant, the largest of the package plants in town.

Serving 290 units, the plant treats sewage from three communities — Crown Colony, Colonial Ridge and Ocean Manor. The plant, built in 1969, has a capacity of pumping 100,000 gallons a day and is operated and maintained by U.S. Water Inc.

In peak season it will treat about 65,000 gallons of sewage a day.

The expenses that come with maintaining older plants are passed along to residents as part of monthly fees.

Users of the Colonial Crown Manor package plant pay \$45 a month, but Ron Kirn, president of the association that oversees the plant, sees that dropping soon to as low as \$30 a month, thanks to changes in key vendors, tighter cost controls and a focus on keeping the plant running smoothly.

"We instituted preventative maintenance on key operational components, which reduces failures," he said. ★



Tana Callahan, who works with Howe Inc., the property manager at the Crown Colony Club in Ocean Ridge, checks on the package plant on the west side of the community. The treatment plant also serves Colonial Ridge and Ocean Manor. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

## Panel explores options for town-wide conversion to sewer system

By Rich Pollack

Along the barrier island, leaders in Ocean Ridge are trying to determine if it's time to seriously consider hooking up to the regional wastewater treatment facility, through neighboring Boynton Beach.

Most of the homes in town are either on septic systems or are served by package plants, which are small facilities that treat sewage from multifamily communities.

To figure out if it makes sense to connect to a regional system, Ocean Ridge has created a Septic to Sewer Citizens Advisory Committee. It is researching what exists in town and the experiences of other municipalities that have replaced septic systems with connections to regional facilities.

So far, 14 package plants have been identified in town.

The Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County is unable to provide an estimate of how many individual septic systems exist in Ocean Ridge and surrounding communities because some of those systems were installed more than half a century ago.

Department records, however, show that from September of last year until late last month, seven new septic systems were installed in Ocean Ridge. Four of those are advanced or aerobic treatment systems.

Although it is very early in the process, it is likely that

converting from septic to sewer in Ocean Ridge will be disruptive and costly — if it ever does happen.

During the committee's first meeting, in July, representatives from the city of Boynton Beach presented preliminary plans for what the conversion could look like.

To get sewage from the barrier island, Boynton Beach would install two large pipes under the Intracoastal Waterway.

In Ocean Ridge there would

be either a traditional gravity and force main system or a vacuum collection system. The latter would require vacuum pits possibly shared by homes and then several central vacuum tanks throughout the town.

With a traditional gravity and force main system, pipes would be run under the roadways and lift stations would be installed.

Boynton Beach in its preliminary proposal said the gravity and force main system

seemed to be the most cost effective for five condominiums south of Woolbright Road, while the vacuum collection system seemed the most cost effective for the remainder of Ocean Ridge.

For the five condominiums at the south end, based on conceptual plans, the cost is estimated at \$2 million with the gravity and force main system; and for the rest of the town, the cost is estimated to be a little over \$20 million.

There would also likely

be additional costs to homeowners, including connection fees and the expense of decommissioning existing septic systems.

To help with costs, the advisory committee is exploring what government or private grants might be available.

The advisory committee is scheduled to meet again at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 18 at Ocean Ridge Town Hall. ★

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## Ocean Ridge

# Commissioners approve buying body cameras for police

By Dan Moffett

Despite budget constraints because of long overdue infrastructure repairs, Ocean Ridge commissioners have decided to go forward with a plan to equip the town's police officers with body cameras at a cost of at least \$20,000.

"I think it's kind of like an insurance policy," said Commissioner Phil Besler. "In the long run, we're going to save it all on one case. Because if you've got the proof, then that person can't sue you."

The vote was 4-1 during an Aug. 5 commission workshop to put the cameras in the 2019-

2020 budget, with Mayor Steve Coz voting no. He argued that the cameras would have "unintended consequences" and interfere with community policing, straining relations between residents and officers.

Vice Mayor Don MaGruder gave his support with the stipulation that Police Chief Hal Hutchins educate the public on how the department would use the cameras, in particular when officers would activate them.

"The money was allocated for the body cameras but it's got an asterisk on it," Coz said. "We have to know how they turn on and off, and different

parameters that the chief is going to present."

The cameras got a lot easier for commissioners to afford when Briny Breezes rehired Ocean Ridge to do its policing, ending a three-year relationship with Boynton Beach. The contract, effective Oct. 1, will generate \$180,000 in revenue annually for Ocean Ridge.

In April, Hutchins told the commission he believed cameras were necessary to help clear "an air of distrust of the police" in the town. Hutchins said his officers "are not feeling well and safe in their job" and that all of them supported using the cameras.

Commissioners Kristine de Haseth and Susan Hurlburt also sided with the chief. Hurlburt said she believed the cameras would be "a positive for the town," and de Haseth said they would give police "a vote of confidence."

Even with the Briny contract, the town faces a budget deficit of about \$264,000 because of repairs and replacements needed to the stormwater drainage system.

The town's overall financial health is robust, however, with about \$4.8 million available in unassigned reserves, or about 63 percent of the annual operating budget needed to run

the town.

After a recent survey of salaries in local municipalities found Ocean Ridge dispatchers were underpaid, commissioners voted to raise the position's pay level by \$5,400.

The commission gave unanimous approval to a tentative tax rate of \$5.35 per \$1,000 of taxable value, the same as 2018. Because the town's property values rose about 6 percent over the last year, the same rate represents a higher bill for taxpayers.

The commission could still choose to increase the millage to as high as \$5.55 during a Sept. 9 budget hearing. ★

## Briny Breezes

# Ocean Ridge officers getting reacquainted with Briny

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge officially doesn't take over policing in Briny Breezes until Oct. 1, but already there are signs of change.

Chief Hal Hutchins told the Briny Breezes Town Council on Aug. 22 that residents would see his officers and Ocean Ridge patrol cars on their streets well before the takeover date.

Hutchins said the early presence isn't about trying to push out the Boynton Beach Police Department, which has served the town for the last three years. He said he wants

to ensure that all his officers — some of whom are new to South Palm Beach County — are familiar with Briny's layout and understand what the town expects from them.

"Ocean Ridge began orientation of officers because we want to have a smooth transition," Hutchins told the council. "When you see them, stop and say hello."

Hutchins also introduced the officer assigned to lead the community policing efforts in Briny. She is Debra Boyle, who came to Ocean Ridge in 2017.

The council unanimously

approved the police contract with Ocean Ridge. The agreement includes stipulations that the department will try to improve communications with Briny's corporate board.

Alderman Bill Birch told Hutchins it's important that he attends board meetings as well as council meetings. The chief said he intends to provide daily activity reports to the corporate office as well as to town officials.

### In other business:

- The council has scheduled a special meeting for Sept. 12. Beginning at 3 p.m., council members hope to hear from

representatives of C.A.P. Government of Coral Gables, the company that handles the town's permitting and code inspection work.

Town Manager Dale Sugerman and Deputy Clerk Maya Coffield have told the council of recurring errors and omissions in the paperwork C.A.P. submits, causing frustration and delays for contractors and homeowners trying to get projects done.

"They don't seem to have improved," Sugerman said of the problems, "and they have not gotten worse. They've stayed

as bad as they were all along."

Briny's contract with C.A.P. expires Sept. 30, and the council must decide whether to renew it.

- Immediately after discussing C.A.P., council members plan to look at ways to streamline the permitting process. Alderwoman Kathy Gross has proposed changing procedures to involve the corporate office earlier.

- At 5:01 p.m. on Sept. 12, the council is expected to give preliminary approval to the 2019-2020 budget. Final approval would come at the regular meeting on Sept. 26. ★

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## Along the Coast

# Blistered but fulfilled, friends finish PlasTrek 2019 in Tallahassee

By Ron Hayes

In the end they piled their trash on the steps of the state Capitol in Tallahassee.

Last February, Bryan Galvin quit his job as a lifeguard at the St. Andrew's Club in Gulf Stream, and on March 1, he and a friend, Heather Bolint, left Amelia Island, near the Georgia line, on a mission they called "PlasTrek 2019."

Armed with 300 burlap bags, a blue Dodge Dakota pickup, a canoe and a smartphone, Galvin, 28, of Delray Beach, and Bolint, 32, of Lake Worth, would trek the 1,200 miles of Florida's coast, picking up plastic litter along the sand. Bottles and bottle caps, straws, bags — whatever they found soiling our beaches.

They would photograph it, save it, store it, sort it, count it and, in the end, display it on the Capitol steps in a plea for the end of unsustainable plastics.

The plan was to reach Pensacola by mid-June.

But plans change. Plastic happens.

They started out averaging 15-20 miles a day, but once past Sebastian Inlet, nearing South Florida, the plastic waste increased and their progress slowed.

"This isn't a beach cleanup," Galvin proclaimed when the pair reached Gulf Stream on April 3, 34 days into the quest. "It's an awareness trek."

Their schedule had them at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton that evening. They made it as far as Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach.

A week later, they were five miles from the south end of Miami Beach and April 29 found them resting in Everglades City after an eight-day, 100-mile paddle through the Everglades.

By May 24, they'd reached Manasota Key, about 35 miles south of Sarasota, and on June 27 they were enjoying Santa Rosa Beach, 80 miles east of Pensacola.

They didn't make Pensacola by mid-June, but they made it.

"We finished on July 1," Bolint reports, "four months to the day after we started," and one day after she turned 33. "We drove to the very end of Fort Pickens and watched the sunset on the beach. It was one of the most beautiful we've seen in the entire four months."

Now they needed a break. Galvin came home to Delray Beach, while Bolint visited her father on St. Simons Island in Georgia.

Of the 300 burlap bags, they'd filled about 250, which were stored at the homes of friends and family in Melbourne, Jupiter, Delray Beach and Panama City.

Galvin guesstimated they had about 3,000 pounds of plastic trash.

They also had nearly 10,000 photos capturing each piece of



**ABOVE:** Heather Bolint of Lake Worth and Bryan Galvin of Delray Beach stand on the steps of the state Capitol in Tallahassee, where they obtained a permit to display the burlap bags holding some of the trash they found. The placard reads: This is Ocean Plastic. **RIGHT:** The two friends walked 1,200 miles around Florida's perimeter to raise awareness of plastic waste on the state's beaches. **Photos provided**



trash they found, sometimes group photos.

"When we upload them, we'll get a final count," he promised.

They wanted to display what they'd found on the Capitol steps in an unapologetic publicity stunt for the cause of clean beaches. Maybe the governor could drop by, along with some news media. For that, they'd need a permit.

"The lady was concerned that 3,000 pounds might damage

the historic steps," Bolint says, "but I assured her it would be all right, they were just plastic bottles."

The permit was issued for Monday morning, July 29.

Let the sorting begin.

"We ran out of time to count it all," Galvin concedes. Based on what they had counted, they'd found 55 categories of plastic waste, the top six being bottle caps and lids, bags, bottles, food wrappers and

containers, beach toys and straws.

"I went the entire trek trying to keep plastic-free," he says, "but it was impossible. Even the Whole Foods bags had little plastic windows in them."

On Sunday, July 28, Galvin and his brother Sean left Delray Beach in Sean's truck and trailer and retrieved the bags they'd left in Jupiter and Melbourne.

Bolint left St. Simons Island and headed for Panama City

to collect another load stored there.

She reached Tallahassee at midnight, the Galvin brothers arrived at 5:30 a.m., and at 9:30 they met at the Capitol.

"It took us about two hours to set it up on the steps, and I still had a pallet and a half we left behind in the truck," Galvin says.

"We didn't even get through half of it before reporters were showing up and people were taking pictures."

The governor didn't drop by, but the local NBC and ABC affiliates put them on local TV news, and *The Tallahassee Democrat* and Capitol News Service did stories.

In the end, their four-month, 1,200-mile, 3,000-pound PlasTrek collection sat on the Capitol steps just about two hours. Then they gathered up all those bags and stored them in a friend's barn stall in Tampa.

"It's not going to the landfill yet," Galvin says. "We hope to set it up in other places or maybe a little in each place, or several at a time."

Bolint is back in Lake Worth, still scoping out a new adventure.

"I've applied to work at a sustainability school in the Bahamas," she says.

Galvin is working at The Surf District, a surf shop in Delray.

And would they do it all again?

"No, I don't think so," Bolint says. "It was just getting really hot, and we were trekking in the middle of the day with the sun beating down on us, blistering."

She pauses. "Well, maybe if it was a different time of year."

Galvin is more amenable.

"It was hard," he concedes, "but I don't feel anywhere near done yet. Maybe the hiking part would have to be done differently, maybe with a team."

"But why would we stop? We need to solve a problem." ★

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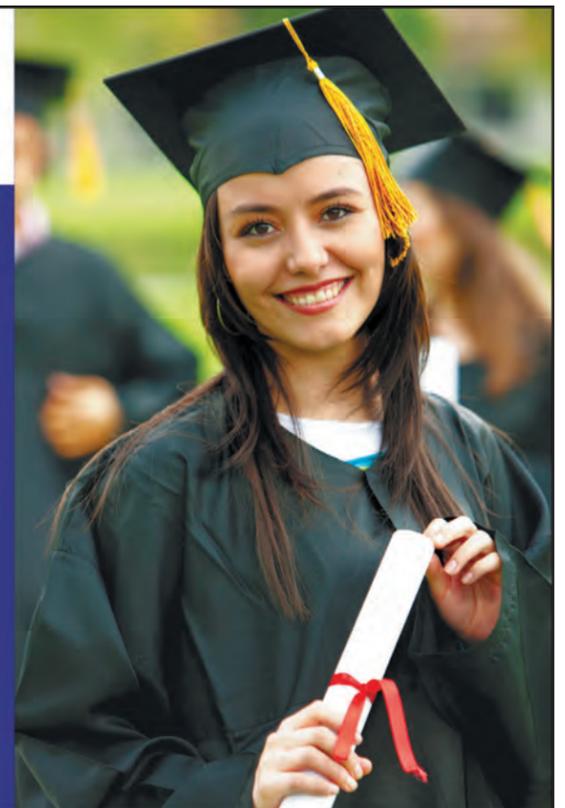
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## IPIC

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City Commission approve, that restaurant's opening and iPic's corporate office relocation are in doubt.

Seeking bankruptcy protection allows iPic to restructure its debt or find a buyer. If it's unsuccessful, the company could liquidate.

While iPic is searching for investors and buyers, it will ask a bankruptcy court judge at a Sept. 11 hearing to approve an auction of its assets.

It's not known if iPic will emerge from the process in a position to continue its expansion plans, refurbish existing theaters or absorb the cost of a corporate move.

But for now, iPic says its 16 theaters in nine states will continue operating and vendors will be paid.

In South Florida, other iPics are in Boca Raton and North Miami Beach. The company has planned to open iPics in Fort Lauderdale and Sunrise next year.

The Boca Raton theater and adjacent Tanzy Restaurant in Mizner Park opened in 2012. Unlike in Delray Beach, which gave incentives to build the theater, Boca Raton offered no incentives and the project was not controversial.

When iPic launched in 2010, it offered a new concept: luxury theaters with reclining seats, quality food and drinks brought to patrons, and pillows and blankets.

### Troubled waters

But in the years since, theater patronage has decreased nationwide as people opt to stream movies in the comfort of their family rooms. At the same time, larger theater chains copied iPic's dine-in option and reclining seats.

Trouble has been brewing at iPic for some time.

The company completed an initial public offering on Feb. 1, 2018, that raised \$15.1 million from shares priced at \$18.50,



Hamid Hashemi called delays in Delray Beach an important factor in iPic's financial trouble. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

far less than the \$30 million to \$50 million Hashemi hoped for.

In a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing earlier this year, iPic reported operating losses in 2017 and 2018 and said it expected losses to continue for the next several years as it continued building up to 25 theaters in the U.S.

Yet its officials were optimistic, with plans to build theaters in Saudi Arabia, which in 2018 announced it would allow commercial movie theaters to open for the first time in more than 35 years.

But iPic's financial problems worsened during the first quarter of this year, when revenues dropped to \$30.2 million compared to \$38.7 million for the first three months of 2018.

In a May 20 conference call with investors, Hashemi said company officials were "surprised" by the decrease. He attributed it to the lack of a blockbuster movie in the first quarter, the government shutdown in January that affected iPic theaters near Washington, D.C., and in the Northeast, and a brutal winter that kept audiences at home.

Warning signs flashed red when iPic missed a \$10.1 million interest payment due July 1 to the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama and the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama, which had lent iPic \$205 million.

In a July 26 SEC filing, iPic warned it might have to seek bankruptcy protection,

triggering a stock price plunge to just over \$1.

On Aug. 5, iPic did just that. The company's filing in Delaware bankruptcy court lists \$290.9 million in debt, mostly owed to the Alabama retirement systems, and \$157 million in assets.

A spokeswoman for the retirement systems declined to comment.

### Delisted and up for sale

iPic's stock was delisted on Nasdaq on Aug. 14, and it traded on the over-the-counter market at 45 cents per share as of Aug. 30.

iPic can keep going for now because the pension funds lent it an additional \$16 million to cover operating expenses and costs associated with its bankruptcy case.

The bankruptcy court proceedings are moving rapidly. A slew of motions filed by iPic will be heard Sept. 11. The company, which is seeking to sell to the highest bidder, has asked the court to approve an Oct. 17 asset auction and an Oct. 25 sale hearing to authorize the sale of assets.

iPic's hunt for investors and buyers is on. Its investment banker, PJ Solomon, has contacted 64 potential investors and buyers, of which 31 had signed nondisclosure agreements and six were negotiating agreements to see confidential company information, according to an Aug. 15 iPic filing in the bankruptcy case.

iPic has cited several reasons for its financial problems, including delays in building out its theater chain, the high cost of capital, and depletion of funds "before the company was able to reach critical mass."

But Hashemi pointed to the difficulties in building the eight-screen Delray Beach theater as a major issue for his company.

"Importantly, delays related to the Delray Beach location resulted in unforeseen costs and a significant slowdown in circuit-wide development and

new grand openings," he said in announcing the bankruptcy filing.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia pushed back against ideas that the city bears the blame for iPic's woes, and that iPic did all the giving in its dealings with the city.

"We gave as much as we could," said Petrolia, who has consistently voted against iPic's requests. In May, "my colleagues allowed (Hashemi) to regain the public terrace space to open a restaurant ... without giving back something to the public in return."

Former Mayor Cary Glickstein, who voted for iPic's waiver requests, believes the city is not responsible for the project delays.

"I think Hamid is cherry-picking his facts when blaming the city for the delays," he wrote in an email.

Glickstein did fault the way the land sale to iPic was handled. The city's Community Redevelopment Agency wrote the sale contract.

"The CRA — its board, executive leadership and attorney, as well-intentioned as they were — was not equipped to underwrite a project of this magnitude and complexity," he wrote. "Incomplete documents create ambiguity. ... A far more comprehensive contract could have reduced much of that."

The CRA approved the sale of prime downtown public land to iPic, the winning bidder, in 2013, but the City Commission didn't approve the project until 2016. Disagreements over building height, setbacks and parking contributed to the time lapse.

Even then, not all issues were resolved. Most recently, iPic asked to add the restaurant even though it had agreed earlier to use the space as a terrace open to the public.

iPic attorney Bonnie Miskel told the *Sun-Sentinel* in June that iPic was responding to public demand for a restaurant. The restaurant, she said, also would bring in revenue to help defray the cost of complying

with city demands that have led to a doubling of the initial cost of the project.

The project, now known as 4th & 5th Delray, was controversial. Some residents thought the project — which includes office space, retail and a parking garage just south of Atlantic Avenue between Southeast Fourth and Fifth avenues — was too big and would generate too much traffic.

But many city leaders liked the idea of a movie theater as a way to diversify an area dominated by restaurants and bars.

After lengthy delays, iPic closed on the sale of 1.6 acres, paying \$3.6 million in late April 2017. A few weeks earlier, a new entity called Delray Beach 4th & 5th Avenue paid \$2.3 million for .14 of an acre to provide a loading zone at the city's insistence.

The same day the 1.6-acre sale closed, Hashemi's Delray Beach Holdings sold the land to Delray Beach 4th & 5th Avenue. That entity's joint venture partner is Samuels & Associates of Boston and its investor partner is American Realty Advisors, based in Los Angeles. Hashemi retains a small stake.

Incentives given by the CRA to get the iPic deal done included paying iPic \$400,000 of taxpayer dollars to offset iPic's cost of providing 40 additional parking spaces in the garage. This ignored the CRA's rule that it not provide incentives to businesses east of Swinton Avenue.

The CRA also agreed to pay iPic \$75,000 annually for maintaining 90 public parking spaces in the garage.

In contrast to the drawn-out wrangling in Delray Beach, two Boca Raton City Council members recall no issues before iPic in 2012 to opened its ninth theater, in Mizner Park, where Hashemi already had an office. iPic replaced another theater that had closed.

"I think people were very happy to have a theater there, to have it revived," said council member Andrea O'Rourke, then president of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, who won election in 2017. "At the time, it was very exciting. It was the first theater like it."

"iPic wasn't just the cool new thing when they opened," said Mayor Scott Singer, first elected to the council in 2014. "They continue to be the cool new thing. I don't think anyone is doing it better than they are."

In 2000 Hashemi, then a Muvico executive, built the Palace 20 theater by the Boca Raton Airport.

iPic's landlord in Boca Raton is Brookfield Property Partners, the owner of Mizner Park. A Brookfield official did not return calls requesting comment.

A March loan modification agreement between iPic and the Alabama pension funds shows that the company was saving money by halting a planned \$4.1 million renovation of the Boca Raton theater. The money was to be used for operating expenses instead. ★

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Delray Beach

Delray Beach iPic incentives

The iPic movie theater sits just south of Atlantic Avenue, between Southeast Fourth and Fifth avenues. The downtown Delray Beach movie theater has received incentives from the city and its Community Redevelopment Agency.

DECEMBER 2013

iPic Entertainment wins the bid for 1.6 acres of public land for \$3.6 million. The property is part of the city's Community Redevelopment Area. The vacant land housed the city's library and Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. The property held nearly 100 free public parking spaces.

AUGUST 2015

After a city advisory board turned down iPic's waiver requests, the City Commission approves them for a building height above 48 feet tall and allowing a movie theater. The commission also ignored its own rule and gave away a north-south alley to the project.

Other waivers were given to allow the project to follow its own setback needs and to have darkened windows along Southeast Fifth Avenue, also known as Federal Highway.

In addition, city staff allowed iPic to use a shared parking plan for the garage, instead of following the rules that would require more parking spaces for the theater. iPic added only 211 spaces for its theater, instead of the 880 spaces required by the city's rules.

MARCH 2017

The city's CRA agrees to give iPic \$400,000 of taxpayer funds, ignoring its own rules of not providing incentives to businesses east of Swinton Avenue. The money was requested by iPic to offset the cost of providing 40 extra public parking spaces in the garage.

The CRA also agrees to pay \$75,000 annually for maintaining 90 public parking spaces in the garage. The amount will increase annually and be payable by the city after the CRA sunsets in 2040.

APRIL 2017

iPic needed eight deadline extensions to close the CRA deal on April 25.

The same day iPic purchased the land from the CRA, the property was flipped to a new entity, Delray Beach 4th & 5th Avenue LLC. Samuels & Associates of Boston is the managing partner and American Realty Advisors, based in Los Angeles, is the investor. iPic retains a small share through Delray Beach Holdings LLC.

The nearby Martini land — \$2.3 million for .14 of an acre for a loading zone — was included in the sale to Delray Beach 4th & 5th, making the total sale price \$5.9 million.

The parking and taxpayer incentive agreements are now held by the new entity.

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## Hurricane Dorian



ABOVE: A pedestrian crosses a flooded Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge during one of many feeder-band downpours. RIGHT: A sign of the times in the County Pocket.

### DORIAN

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on top of the impact windows.”

And then he took them down again and started cleaning the garage and porch.

“We really, really got lucky,” he said.

As did we all.

From South Palm Beach to coastal Boca Raton, as Hurricane Dorian sat on the Bahamas, residents and local governments did what they could to prepare for the worst, hoped or prayed for the best, and sighed with relief when the storm turned north.

“By the grace of God, we were spared,” South Palm Beach Mayor Bonnie Fischer said. “We should all count our blessings today. It could have been much worse.”

Despite Palm Beach County’s evacuation order, not everyone in town heeded the warnings.

“I know quite a few stayed,” the mayor said. “We’re going to get a better idea of the numbers later.”

Her initial impression was that beach erosion was minimal.

“From my overview I’d say we’ve done pretty well,” she said. “I don’t want to say we’re perfect until I can get out and see more.”

In Ocean Ridge, residents responded to the evacuation order promptly, said acting Town Manager Tracey Stevens.

“For the most part, our residents were cordial and understanding and made plans based on the information given,” Stevens said. “Therefore, evacuation went very well.”

Other than beach erosion, the town suffered no observable damage, she said.

Manalapan Town Manager Linda Stumpf said she hoped everyone did as well as her municipality did.

“We lost a palm tree on private property — that’s it,” Stumpf said.

Highland Beach lost a few tree limbs and had some minor street flooding, Police Chief Craig Hartmann reported. The storm, along with the normal king tide, sent water over the seawall to flood a parking lot across from the Delray Sands



resort but created no problems on the roadway, he added.

Flooding was common most everywhere.

On Marine Way in Delray Beach, Genie DePonte borrowed a neighbor’s kayak Sept. 3 to paddle down the street she’s lived on for 30 years.

“My boots are not tall enough,” she said. “The water is in my crawl space.”

Neighbors without a crawl space were no doubt flooded by the 3-foot flooding.

At the Atlantic Crossing

project at the corner of Federal Highway and East Atlantic Avenue, holes dug for an underground garage were filled to the brim, Delray Beach native John Miller noticed.

Even the mobile homes of Briny Breezes were spared wind damage and only inconvenienced by the waters.

“My sense is we came through it very, very well,” Alderwoman Kathy Gross reported. “We had minimal damage, mostly from king tide and storm surge.”

Streets flooded, Gross said, but no homes suffered water damage, and while some brave residents chose to stay in their mobile homes, most evacuated.

As Dorian skirted the coast on Sept. 3, surfers celebrated the waves.

In Boca Raton, parking is prohibited along State Road A1A, but cars lined the highway beside beachfront parks.

After finding the waves at Deerfield Beach “too much,” brothers Brandon and Nathan Sectaello found the shore at Red

LEFT: Spectators watch surfers battle the large waves spawned by Hurricane Dorian Sept. 3 at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton.

BELOW: The Meinbach and Sirhal families came to Lantana Public Beach on Sept. 4 in hopes of finding seaglass and shells that washed ashore from Dorian. However, all they found was a closed beach and limited view from the staircase.

Reef Park more approachable.

“It’s not too often they’re bigger than 3 feet,” Brandon said, eager to ride the 4- to 6-foot swells.

Boca Raton officials reported no damage and no power outages.

Gulf Stream Mayor Scott Morgan also said everything went “very well.”

“No incidents at all to my knowledge,” Morgan said.

By Wednesday, life was returning to normal.

“Lantana returned to 100 percent operation Sept. 4, including garbage and trash,” said Mayor Dave Stewart.

Apart from nuisance flooding and some minor damage to two boardwalk stairways, the town had no significant damage.

“We didn’t suffer any facility damage, infrastructure status is normal and all personnel are safe,” director of operations Eddie Crockett reported.

“Overall, we fared very well.” For two days that often felt like a week, coastal residents waited, and once the forecasters were proved right and the disaster that might have been had passed, life returned to normal quickly and residents were eager to celebrate.

At the popular Dune Deck restaurant in Lantana, owner John Calomiris took down the awnings, stored away the furniture and closed for two days.

“We are blessed on our side that nothing happened bad,” he said when the awnings were up again, the furniture back and diners dining.

“I got some holy water and sprinkled it into the ocean. I’ve done that every time a hurricane is close for the past 29 years,” he said. “And it works.” ★

# Hurricane Dorian



**ABOVE LEFT:** Crews from Asplundh Tree Experts were positioned in Gulf Stream and other coastal communities in advance of the storm to assist FPL in their recovery efforts. **ABOVE RIGHT:** In Boca Raton a homeowner on Lake Drive has a new and more powerful generator lifted onto his property prior to Dorian's arrival.



Delray Beach Detectives Lucas, left, and Suarez warn one of many surfers about the dangers of being out in the ocean on Labor Day. Surfers were told they could be arrested, but it did not seem to stop them from catching some waves brought in by Hurricane Dorian.

## We were well-prepared and fortunate in the end



Leigh McMorrow picks up a bottle of bleach and other floating items on Palm Drive in Briny Breezes. All of the roads on the west side of A1A experienced some degree of flooding.



**ABOVE:** Ocean Ridge police Lt. Richard Jones convinces a young resident that this was not the time for kayaking in the Intracoastal.



**LEFT:** Workers from Tuckers Tree Service remove debris that was caused by Dorian from a residence on Hypoluxo Island.

Photos by Jerry Lower, Rachel O'Hara and Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

## Boynton Beach

# Rain, construction bring parking woes to Riverwalk

By Jane Smith

The Prime Catch restaurant in Boynton Beach will close in September while Riverwalk Plaza's owner rips apart the parking lot to install underground utilities and trenches.

Flooding from heavy rains has exacerbated driving woes in the plaza during construction on ditches where stormwater and sewer lines will be placed.

"When it rains really hard, it affects us more," said Luke Therien, whose family owns Prime Catch. "The parking lot floods easily."

During September, the restaurant will do interior renovations. It will reopen in October "with our own beautiful new upgrades for the season," Therien said.

Drivers entering the plaza's parking lot from East Woolbright Road can't reach



Prime Catch plans to close and renovate for all of September as the ground level of the parking lot at River Walk is brought up by 18 to 24 inches to meet current code.

**Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

South Federal Highway restaurants and retailers. They are stopped by barriers placed by construction workers who are installing underground systems for water, sewer, stormwater, wastewater, electric and gas lines for the new apartment complex.

In addition, parts of the parking lot along South Federal and East Woolbright are being raised 18 to 24 inches

to accommodate exfiltration trenches to store runoff, said Gary Dunmyer, city engineer.

The South Florida Water Management District requires the trenches to sit above the water table, Dunmyer said. The trenches allow the runoff to ooze through a filter of rocks and enter the groundwater system. Excess water will flow out to the Intracoastal

Waterway.

Stephanie Setticas, who owns Josie's Ristorante with her husband, said traversing the parking lot is challenging during and after heavy downpours. "Customers are complaining about the difficulty in reaching our restaurant," she said.

Josie's plans to stay in its location, Setticas said, after it

could not reach an agreement with the plaza owner to buy out the remaining 10 years on its lease.

Isram Realty of Hallandale paid \$9.5 million for the aging center in March 2011 and paid \$500,000 extra for a vacant 3.2-acre parcel behind the center. In March 2017, Isram purchased 5.76 acres of mangroves directly south of Riverwalk, adjacent to the vacant parcel and sitting on the Intracoastal Waterway, along with a .13-acre strip of land that connects the vacant parcel to South Federal Highway.

The nearly 10-acre plaza sits at the southwestern base of the Woolbright Road Bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway. The plaza contained a Winn-Dixie grocery store that closed in January 2015.

That closing allowed Isram to redevelop the shopping center to include a 10-story apartment complex. In January 2017, a previous Boynton Beach City Commission approved the 326-unit project despite residents' objections to the height and mass at the base of the bridge.

Wells Fargo bank and Wendy's fast-food restaurant own their parcels in the plaza, along with Prime Catch.

Other tenants are Walgreens drugstore, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft store, Sushi Simon restaurant and Bond Street Ale and Coffee. The two restaurants had been in the Winn-Dixie building. They negotiated new leases with Isram and were moved into the renovated Walgreens building.

A new building on South Federal Highway, just north of Walgreens, will house two tenants.

One is Chipotle Mexican Grill, a fast-casual restaurant chain based in California. It will rent 2,326 square feet this fall, according to the Isram Realty website.

Isram is seeking a tenant for the remaining space.

For Bond Street, customers have complained about not finding a place to park, said owner Phil Van Egmond. "The owner took away about two-thirds of the parking spaces," Van Egmond said. "We have a very loyal base of customers who always find us."

The plaza owners are apologetic, Van Egmond said. "But what can they do?" he said. "It's a necessary evil for the new development."

The heavy rains have delayed the parking lot work, said Baruch Cohen, chief operating officer for Isram. He visits the project daily.

"We have to stop, cover up everything and then begin again," he said.

Most of the parking lot work will be finished by December, Cohen said.

In April, workers will start on the apartment building, which will be finished in two years, Cohen said. ★

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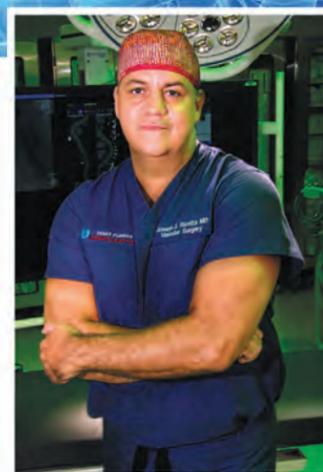
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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Paul Resnick

Three to five days a week, Paul Resnick leaves his sixth-floor condo in Highland Beach at about 6:30 a.m., grabs his bike and goes for a 30-mile ride with a small group of other bicyclists.

On the road Resnick fits right in, staying close with the group as it proceeds north to Lake Worth Beach before turning around and heading to a restaurant in Delray Beach for coffee.

It's when he takes off his helmet, however, that it's evident there's something different about Resnick — something that separates him from the rest of the riders.

"I'm the oldest in the group — by far," he says.

At 83, Resnick is at least 15 years older than any other of the riders, yet he has no trouble keeping pace.

That's not surprising considering that Resnick, a retired military man who spent four years in the Marines as a fighter jet pilot and another 29 in the Coast Guard, primarily as pilot, has always been devoted to exercising.

"It keeps me alive," said the father of two boys and a grandfather of four. "If I don't exercise, I feel sluggish."

A wrestler in high school, Resnick stayed in shape throughout his military career, running with others during his lunch break and finding time to play racquetball with his boss in the Coast Guard, an admiral who enjoyed the game.

In 1987, at 51, Resnick completed the New York Marathon, which he ran with his son Jeff, and qualified for the Boston Marathon. He never got to run in Boston, however.

A short time after the New York Marathon, Resnick went to a doctor for a knee injury and was advised to stop running.

That's when he started bicycle riding seriously.

A captain in the Coast Guard, who was the commanding officer of two air stations and the chief of search and rescue for the branch's Pacific area, Resnick retired in 1990. But he continued to ride even after he and his wife, Myrna, the love of his life who



Paul Resnick, 83, of Highland Beach, says he is at least 15 years older than anyone else in the group he joins for 30-mile bike rides at 6:30 a.m. several days a week. "If I don't exercise, I feel sluggish," says Resnick, a retired Coast Guard captain.

Tim Stepien/  
The Coastal Star

died two years ago, moved to Florida to be with aging parents.

A highlight of his bicycling came in 2010 when he joined an active duty Navy SEAL and two retired SEALs on a 3,300-mile ride across country over six weeks. He was 74.

The group, which raised money for the Navy SEAL Foundation, rode 90 miles a day five days straight before resting. They started out in California and ended their trek at the Navy SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce.

Last year, Resnick rode 192 miles in two days during the Pan-Mass Challenge, a bike hike through Massachusetts to raise money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Foundation.

Not bad for a guy in his 80s, who seems to be always on the move.

For Resnick, riding not only provides physical exercise, it also keeps his mind sharp and offers a chance to be with friends.

"Most importantly," he says, "I can eat whatever I want without gaining weight."

Making time for exercise is something he's done for most of his life and has become part of his routine.

"It's what I do," he says.

— Rich Pollack

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

**A.** I grew up in Brooklyn, attended New Utrecht High School and City College of New York. I graduated in 1956 with a BBA and majored in public accounting. It gave me a good background in business and a good sense for it.

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

**A.** I worked as a public accountant for a small firm for about one year before entering the military. I was four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, followed by 29 years in the Coast Guard with primary duties as an aircraft pilot. I retired as a USCG captain. I'm most proud

that there are at least a few people in this world that would not be here if it were not for me or my fellow Coast Guard people.

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

**A.** Look around, try things. Find what you are really interested in and what makes you happy. Money is not the most important thing in the world, just so long as you can live reasonably comfortably.

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

**A.** My wife, who died two years ago, and I moved from the San Francisco Bay area in 2003 to assist elderly parents and in-laws who were living in Century Village West Palm Beach. We found a condo in Boca Highlands that had everything we needed and wanted, especially the beach and beach club. As a former Coast Guardsman, we always lived near the water.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Highland Beach?

**A.** The small-town environment on the beach.

**Q.** What book are you

reading now?

**A.** I'm reading a James Patterson novel, *The First Lady*. I just finished a Jack Ryan novel. I like the series by Tom Clancy and his successor ghostwriters.

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

**A.** I'm not much of a music listener but prefer vocals by old-timers like Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Nat King Cole and such.

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

**A.** Do the right thing — or at least try to.

**Q.** Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?

**A.** My first real mentor was an accounting professor in college whose firm I took a part-time job with and then worked for full time until resigning to enter the military. There were two others in the military.

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

**A.** Kevin Costner — and only because of his role in the movie with Ashton Kutcher about the Coast Guard rescue swimmers.

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## Delray Beach



## School makeover

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic School in Delray Beach just finished a \$6.5 million renovation and addition to accommodate its ever-growing 360-student body. **ABOVE:** On the first day of the 2019-2020 school year Principal Vikki Delgado talks to students in the new science classroom. **RIGHT:** Sixth-graders play football during a PE class on the south side of the newly expanded campus.

Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



## Two options noted for addressing pension fund gap

By Jane Smith

In mid-August, Delray Beach commissioners learned the city has a 19.8 percent shortfall in funding the city's general employee pension fund.

Jim Smith, chairman of the General Employees Retirement Fund Committee, said the rate of return on investments will be reduced from 7.25 percent to 6.75 percent for the budget year that starts Oct. 1, and about \$570,000 extra will be needed above the \$2.3 million that was planned.

That's because investment returns are declining while costs are rising. For example, in addition to the 20 employees hired in the current budget year, people are living longer, Smith said.

"The oldest retired Delray Beach employee receiving general fund benefits is 102," he said. "She has received 479 payments over 40 years."

There are two ways to close that gap, Smith told commissioners. The first is to reduce payouts and the second is to increase employee contributions.

The statewide average employee contribution is 5.9 percent, according to a Leroy Collins Institute report published in May. Delray Beach general employees now contribute 3.05 percent, the report indicated. The report gave an A rating to the city's general employees fund.

The contract for the general employees is up in 2021. At that time, Neal de Jesus, interim city manager said, the commission could direct the city manager to negotiate for an increased retirement contribution from employees. But he suggested the City Commission should be prepared to give up something in exchange.

If the general employees choose to go with the Florida retirement system, they would pay 3 percent of their salaries but receive only half of the benefit amount that Delray Beach gives, Smith said.

**In other budget news,** de Jesus said the commission's desire to cut the tax rate slightly will keep the city's general fund reserves at 23 percent, down 2 points from the 25 percent goal. The proposed amount reserved is \$31.9 million. The amount that cities hold in reserve varies statewide. No set amount is required.

Staff was asked to cut departmental budget requests by an average of 2 percent.

Several capital improvement projects will now be paid using the penny sales tax dollars, said Missie Barletto, assistant director of Public Works. They include the design of the Thomas Street Stormwater Pump Station and parts of other projects.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia asked the city clerk to reconsider purchasing a piece of equipment that would allow more meetings to be streamed live. The encoder was pulled from the next year's budget because it cost \$58,000, said Katerri Johnson, city clerk.

The city decided to use a service to provide captions of its City Commission and Community Redevelopment Agency meetings, instead of buying equipment that would have to be replaced in three to five years, Johnson said.

As long as the equipment doesn't require additional software or other purchases, Petrolia wanted it for residents who can't come to the various advisory board meetings, such as the Historic Preservation and Site Plan Review and Appearance boards. The city was set to have a tentative budget hearing on Sept. 5 and a final budget hearing at 4 p.m. Sept. 17. ★

## Moving of palms, water creates din at Atlantic Crossing

By Jane Smith

When Delray Beach residents saw royal palms lying on the side of East Atlantic Avenue, they took to social media to bemoan the loss of the majestic palms.

"Just terrible," said a Facebook poster on Aug. 22. Several others thought the palms died from lethal bronzing. Others said the removal was "horrible."

But most of the palms still had their root balls.

Turns out the royal palms were moved to new locations in the city. Ten were replanted in Veterans Park and two on the grounds of the Old School Square campus.

The moving and replanting was done by Bermuda Landscaping, paid for by the developer of Atlantic Crossing, a 9.2-acre project at the northeast corner of North Federal Highway and East Atlantic Avenue. The palms were moved to make way for new underground wastewater lines, wrote Don DeVere, vice president of Edwards Cos., the Atlantic Crossing developer. His comments came via email from the project's publicist, Andrea Knibbs.

"The lines are being relocated from the interior of the eastern block to run parallel along Atlantic Avenue, then north along the boundary with Veterans Park," DeVere wrote.

Palm Trail resident Gayle Clark, who is also a residential Realtor, said the noise

is just "horrible. It goes 24/7 from the pump, the cutting of trees and paving over everything."

A nature lover, she was sad to see two, 40-foot-tall palms lying on their side without their root balls. "They were the most majestic," she said.

### Pumping will be ongoing

Another nearby resident, George Walden, said, "Here's what I don't understand: If you want to maintain the beauty and integrity of Delray Beach, who would build an underground garage at the water table and so close to the Intracoastal and think it's going to work?"

DeVere has said that after the garage is finished it will still need pumps and backup generators to use when the power goes out.

Atlantic Crossing has dewatering permits from the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

The Water District permit allows the contractor to dewater 12 feet below grade at the rate of 1.5 million gallons a day, or more than two Olympic-size swimming pools a day. That permit expires March 31, 2021. The project had not exceeded its sediment limits, called nephelometric turbidity units, in the past six weeks through mid-August. Its dewatering permit allows a maximum reading of 29 NTUs above the turbidity

level of the Intracoastal.

Turbidity measures how clear the water is.

John Miller, a former chair of the city's Historic Preservation Board and a secretary of the Delray Beach Historical Society, said the filtered water flowing into the Intracoastal at the eastern end of Northeast First Street looks dirty.

As a boater, he's concerned that the sediment will build up on the western side of the Intracoastal and have to be dredged.

DeVere wrote, "We've worked through the site preparation and excavation for the first section of the western garage and will begin the concrete form work and underground utility work within the first couple of weeks of September."

He projected that the groundbreaking for the first retail/office building at the northeast corner of Federal and Atlantic will take place by the end of 2019. The midblock of Federal will see the start of the luxury apartments by mid-2020.

"The western block is fully financed with a \$110 million construction loan and a \$45 million preferred equity investment," DeVere wrote. In January, Fifth Third Bank of Columbus, Ohio, lent the construction money. Pearlmark Real Estate Partners of Chicago made the recent investment.

The massive, mixed-use project will have 261 apartment, 91,000 square feet of office and retail space, 444 parking spaces and 82 condos. ★

## Delray Beach

# New city manager hails from Tamarac

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach City Commission chose Michael Cernech on Aug. 20 as the next city manager.

Cernech, 51, is the city manager of Tamarac, whose population is similar to Delray Beach's.



Cernech

"I liked the steady demeanor of Cernech," Bill Bathurst, deputy vice mayor, said a few days after the selection. "He's the right pick for Delray Beach at this time."

Commissioner Ryan Boylston agreed. "I picked him because I thought he was better for our staff and our residents," Boylston said about a week after the choice. "The staff includes police officers and firefighters."

In comments made after the public candidate interviews on Aug. 20, Boylston and Bathurst seemed to be leaning to another candidate, George Gretsas.

Bathurst pointed out the steadiness of Cernech compared with the high energy level of Gretsas, city manager in Homestead. "There's a lot going on there," Bathurst said about Gretsas.

Boylston described Cernech as a "prototypical city manager, but Delray Beach is not a prototypical city. It's historic, but it has a cutting edge. It has a downtown and a beach. Gretsas can handle that."

They also said they were not influenced by the heavy turnout of police the day before at the meet-and-greet event held at the Old School Square. Police also were present on Aug. 20 for the public candidate interviews, the one-hour break and the following meeting when the commission selected a city manager.

Police Chief Javaro Sims was at the Aug. 19 event along with a contingent that included Lt. Vinnie Gray. Gray said he attended as a member of the command staff. He is also a police union rep, who signed the three-year police union contract last year.

"We liked the gentleman from Tamarac," Gray said in late August. "Let's leave it at that."

As to the interest in the city manager selection, he said, "We're always there when a city manager is selected."

Tamarac is a racially diverse city, but it does not have the wide income swings of Delray Beach.

Situated in western Broward County, Tamarac is a bedroom community without a downtown, coastline or historic district. It doesn't have a commercial area or Community Redevelopment Agency district. The suburban community also

lacks its own police department.

Bathurst is not worried. He believes Cernech will pick up the skills easily.

Commissioner Adam Frankel also voted for Cernech. Frankel, who sat on the city's police pension advisory board from March, 2008 to June 2016, did not say which candidate he favored after the interviews.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia favored Gretsas, who has been Homestead city manager for nearly nine years.

Gretsas, 51, previously served as city manager of Fort Lauderdale for six years. While running Fort Lauderdale, he oversaw the largest capital improvement effort in the city's history at \$500 million, Petrolia said.

His contract was not renewed in July 2010 after he tried to make changes in the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

In 2009, "I was asked to negotiate with the police union and reduce its pension costs," Gretsas said during the candidate interviews.

After the contract was settled in May 2008, the police chief resigned. He was elected to the Fort Lauderdale City Commission in March 2009, creating a split commission with two who backed Gretsas, two who didn't and the mayor in the middle, according to the *Sun-Sentinel*.

A few months later, Homestead hired Gretsas by a unanimous commission vote of 7-0.

During the Delray Beach candidate interviews, Gretsas said one reason he applied was to shorten his commute from Fort Lauderdale, giving him more time to spend with his young daughter. He also pointed out that the recruiter contacted him about the opening.

"As a city manager, I'm disciplined about staying in my lane," Gretsas said. "You tell me what you want to do, and I will do it."

Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson voted for Joseph Napoli, who has been deputy city manager of Miami for 18 months. Napoli, 60, has worked on issues concerning homeless people and sea level rise while in Miami.

"I don't have an extensive background in city management, but I do have a broad background in leadership — clear, concise leadership," Napoli said during the candidate interviews.

During the following meeting, commissioners voted three for Cernech, one for Gretsas and one for Napoli.

Then they voted to negotiate with Cernech by a 4-1 vote, with Johnson against.

Cernech makes \$256,520 annually, plus benefits, in Tamarac.

Delray Beach advertised the city manager's job with a salary range between \$200,000 and \$270,000. ★

## Manalapan

# Town considers slight tax increase

By Stephen Moore

Manalapan Town Manager Linda Stumpf does not have all the figures to finalize the town's 2019-2020 budget, but she does have enough information to propose increasing the tax rate for residents by up to 3.7 percent over last year's rate.

The increase, which is scheduled to be finalized at the Sept. 18 Town Commission meeting, would place the tax rate at \$3.1412 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Last year's rate was \$3.03, and the rollback rate that would keep tax revenues flat year over year is \$3.02.

"There will be no raise at all" above the \$3.1412 proposal, Mayor Keith Waters said at the July 15 workshop meeting. "We can go down but cannot go up. We try to set the millage rate so it absolutely covers everything, but we don't know the final numbers yet."

"The only thing we are waiting on is the cost of our health insurance," Stumpf said.

In the June 26 budget workshop, Stumpf told the commissioners that the proposed budget was \$5.5 million, which is \$319,797 more than the previous year. Most of the increase comes from the police pension plan, additional police positions and other upgrades.

The commissioners discussed paying for the overage from the unassigned fund balance or increasing the tax rate. After the June meeting, Waters said, "I'd like for us not to raise the millage rate."

It was a unanimous decision during the commission's July 15 meeting to not use the reserves, or unassigned fund balance.

"We discussed it at the last meeting," Stumpf said. "The commissioners did not want to use the unassigned fund balance. They wanted to use the millage rate and keep the millage rate down."

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was published in the August edition with several errors. This is a corrected version.*

Based on last year's millage rate of \$3.03, the town's share of taxes on a \$1 million house would increase from \$3,030 to \$3,141.

### In other business:

• Sandra Foschi, the owner of the former BB&T bank building at 131 S. Ocean Blvd., will have to hold off on renovations until the commission removes a construction moratorium for Plaza Del Mar, the town's commercial district.

Foschi wants to open a day spa in the building. Stumpf said she can continue to do landscaping maintenance on the property but cannot move forward on overhauling the structure. The commission is expected to lift the moratorium by October.

• The building permit for the property at 1140 S. Ocean Blvd. expired July 10, and the permit extension request was denied. But the commission is giving the owner until Sept. 18 to bring the property up to the minimum standards of compliance by planting trees and shrubbery on the north side of the site. Commissioners want the homeowner to establish a buffer zone. Once that is done, the owner has to apply for another permit.

"On the north and south sides of the property, the contractor came in and took out a lot of shrubbery," Waters said, "and now there is nothing between the houses on the north and south of the permitted building. We are trying to be fair and what we don't want to do is put the property in position of starting over. It's been sitting there for two years. We just need to get them back up to speed. We need to get them to put the trees and shrubbery back." ★

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Lantana

# Council settles on asphalt for Nature Preserve, will revisit streetlights vote

By Mary Thurwachter

After a June 12 decision to use asphalt for the pathway at the Lantana Nature Preserve didn't sit well with several residents who voiced their concerns at subsequent meetings, the Town Council agreed to revisit the issue. But the outcome of a second vote in August had the same conclusion — asphalt.

The discussion over what material to use for the pathway has stretched almost two years — after Hurricane Irma severely damaged the shell rock path.

In May 2018, the town considered replacing the path with a concrete trail, a \$66,000 project that would be built over two years. But many residents said they weren't thrilled with the idea of a concrete walkway in a nature preserve. Others said the cost was excessive.

Since then, various ideas on material have been proposed, including paver stones, treated wood, shell rock and gunite, which is a mixture of sand, water and cement.

Budgetary constraints — due to an agreement made when the Nature Preserve was built in the late 1990s — limit the town to spending no more than the \$50,000 annual payment it receives from the Carlisle senior living facility next door. And that \$50,000 includes maintenance.

Asphalt, with an estimated cost of \$56,000, was the most affordable material considered. But some argued that asphalt, a petroleum product, would be environmentally harmful and not suitable for the 6½-acre park.

Council members argued that asphalt has changed in consistency and contains much less oil than it did years ago. They also noted that asphalt was used for paths in county parks.

Vice Mayor Malcolm Balfour said he found that asphalt was the recommended choice for the pathway in the original plans.

But Balfour's wife, Ilona Balfour, said there are other issues the town needs to be concerned about at the park.

"The Nature Preserve has been suffering from benign

neglect for some time," she said. "It's overgrown with weeds and invasives. There should be someone checking in regularly."

In other news, the council agreed to revisit its July vote to allow FPL to install 4,000-Kelvin streetlamps.

Council member Lynn Moorhouse said that since the vote was taken, he talked to residents and others who had done extensive research on the lights and they considered the 4,000Ks to be a poor choice.

"I met with a lot of people in town and I spent a good bit of time talking with Mike Bornstein, who went through this with Lake Worth," Moorhouse said, referring to the city manager for Lake Worth Beach. "Studies had been done by environmental groups. The bottom line is a light of that intensity does a lot of harm to humans, animals, flowers, fauna, you name it. It's not a good fit.

"I didn't have that information when we brought it up and voted for it. I'd like to bring it up at a future council meeting.

"There are some people who have expertise," Moorhouse said. "We got a one-sided story from FPL. We voted on it accordingly and it seemed good. There's another side to the story and it should be presented."

One resident who did extensive research on the subject is Media Beverly of Hypoluxo Island. She plans to share that information with the town when the matter comes up again on Sept. 9.

"I really do believe that had you been given all the information during the first meeting when FPL made its presentation that you really would have come to a different conclusion," Beverly said. "My research shows that the 4,000K lighting is nothing but detrimental and that anything below 3,000 would be acceptable."

Also coming up in September are public budget hearings at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and Sept. 23 in council chambers. The town set its proposed tax rate at \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the next fiscal year. ★

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## Delray Beach

# Second phase of work underway at beach

By Jane Smith

The second phase of the beach master plan is underway in Delray Beach.

The \$3.7 million project includes the design work; nautical fencing to protect the dunes; promenade lighting; roadway improvements at Gleason Street, Venetian Drive and A1A intersections with Atlantic Avenue; six renovated pedestrian crosswalks along A1A; and construction monitoring.

"We visited every business from the FEC railroad tracks to the beach to tell them about the work," said Aaron Cutler, vice president at Baxter & Woodman, hired to oversee the project.

Cutler apparently did such a great job that only four people came to the city's presentation July 31. They were a former mayor, the head of the Beach Property Owners Association, a jewelry store representative and the Downtown Development Authority executive director.

The work was supposed to start Aug. 12 at the Venetian intersection, but heavy rains delayed the onset by one week.

The Florida Department of Transportation owns Atlantic Avenue on the barrier island and won't allow

pavers in the roadway because they shift over time, said Isaac Kovner, city project manager. The pavers were removed, along with the lime rock underneath them. The lime rock was replaced, and a thin coating of asphalt was applied to allow traffic to pass.

This month, work crews plan to mill the street surface at the Venetian and Gleason intersections, then put down a 1.5-inch layer of asphalt. The asphalt has to cure for 30 days, Cutler said, before the crosswalk area will be painted brick red.

Then, white Thermoseal striping will be added to the crosswalk.

The area between the east and west crosswalks of the Venetian and Gleason intersections will be stamped in a herringbone-brick pattern to look like pavers.

Late last year, work on the Venetian and Gleason intersections was started, but it was paused to allow the work to be done in the off-season, said Gina Carter, city spokeswoman. The previous contractor was paid \$118,143.

"Weather is the only thing that can hold up this project," said Michael Boss, president of MBR Construction of Fort Lauderdale, the current contractor. He

predicted most of the project would be finished by Nov. 19.

Along the beach, pedestrian-height lighting that is amber-colored and shielded from the beach side will be added to the promenade, starting at Harbor Drive to Casuarina Road.

The lights will be on timers and most will go off at 10 p.m., according to Missie Barletto, deputy director of Public Works. The central part of the promenade, close to Atlantic Avenue, will be lit until 2 a.m.

Solar-powered bollards near the main pavilion at Atlantic will not be on timers, she said.

Florida Power & Light has seven red-hued LED lights to replace the white LED lights nearest Atlantic Avenue, on the west side of A1A, according to Nina Frick, an FPL spokeswoman. The city will be charged for the change.

Last year, FPL decided it wanted only its own lights on the light poles and gave the city two choices: white LED or red-hued LED lights.

The white lights can be lit from Nov. 1 through the end of February annually and then go dark from March 1 through Oct. 31 for the sea turtle nesting season. The red-hued ones are considered turtle-

friendly and can stay lit throughout the year.

The city chose the white lights, which were installed in January.

Meanwhile, FPL has been working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to gain approval for amber LED lights. The lights were approved by the state but failed one of FPL's field-worthiness tests, Barletto wrote in an email in early August.

"The light was sent back to the manufacturer to look at the issue that caused it to fail and I understand that they are doing additional testing now," Barletto wrote. "If they get an approved light, then we can again approach the commission to consider replacing the white lights along A1A with the new, approved, amber lights. There will be a cost associated with that decision for the city."

Delray Beach residents and business owners can call a special hotline number (833-335-7292) to ask about the second phase of the beach master plan. Another option is to look for updates on Twitter (@beachmasterplan) or Facebook (Beach Master Plan Phase 2). ★

## Free rides in electric cars return to downtown

By Jane Smith

Free rides in electric cars are returning to downtown Delray Beach.

Freebee vehicles are set to take to the streets in September, offering point-to-point service that starts or ends in the city's downtown core. BeeFree Holdings, based in Miami, operates under the Freebee name.

Because the city's Community Redevelopment Agency board members did not want advertising on the vehicles in the first six months, the CRA will have to pay \$90,000 extra for the six vehicles, which will cost \$401,560 annually.

The Freebee vehicle wraps will have four Delray Beach themes, said Ivan Cabrera, CRA project manager. All will have white lettering that says: Welcome to Delray Beach.

"Frogs will represent Frog Alley, pineapples for Pineapple Grove, the Crest Theatre building for Old School Square and palms for the beach," Cabrera said at the Aug. 13 CRA workshop.

Operating hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays through Wednesdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays.

Freebee rides serve only the CRA district.

That area has the interstate as its western boundary, the beach as its eastern one. It straddles Atlantic Avenue and goes north to Lake Ida Road and south to Southwest 10th Street.

On the barrier island the district covers two blocks north and south of Atlantic.

The limited coverage area concerns Shelly Petrolia, the CRA chairwoman.

"When the Downtowner operated, it served the Lake Ida area and the north and south areas of the beach," she said at the Aug.

13 workshop. Residents living there may be disappointed, she added.

Cabrera said the CRA staff would track the calls and let the CRA board know the results in six months.

In addition, the fixed-route, free service continues to serve the Tri-Rail station, west of the interstate, with a stop at the beach.

Its new route was to start Sept. 3.

The gas-powered minibus will go east on Atlantic Avenue to Swinton Avenue where it will turn north, then east on Northeast First Street and stop at the Old School Square garage. The vehicle will continue east on Northeast First and then turn south on Northeast Fourth Avenue and then east on Atlantic to the beach.

That route was selected to avoid the congested traffic of Atlantic Avenue.

The minibus has two vehicles, operated by First Transit. The first runs 6 a.m. through 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. The second vehicle runs 6:45 a.m. through 11:15 p.m. weekdays and noon to 11 p.m. weekends.

The white minibuses each have a blue wrap that depicts palms and white lettering that says: "Welcome to Delray Beach."

Riders using either transportation option can use the Freebee app for smartphones to call for a Freebee ride or find the schedule for the minibus.

The electric car and minibus services operate under the brand Connect Delray.

At the Sept. 10 CRA meeting, board members will decide whether they want to rebid the fixed-route portion to get electric-powered vehicles and will hear about an upcoming \$900,000 federal transportation grant and the types of vehicles it covers. ★

## Boca firm set to complete bid to buy Midtown Delray project

By Jane Smith

The controversial Midtown Delray project in Delray Beach may soon have a new owner.

The original investors, MGM Delray and Hudson Holdings, settled dueling lawsuits in July, allowing Pebb Capital of Boca Raton to resurrect its \$40 million bid for the 7-acre project.

Pebb Capital could take control of the project in October. Its principals have asked to meet with the city's Development Services staff, Delray Beach spokeswoman Gina Carter confirmed.

Pebb officials could not be reached to discuss their Midtown Delray plans despite numerous phone messages and an email request seeking a response.

Midtown Delray sits at the southwest corner of Swinton and Atlantic avenues.

The project approval came with several community requirements. One was for the developer to pay \$100,000 to establish historic preservation grants before receiving its first building permit.

The agreement also required the Midtown Delray developer to establish a jobs program that includes requiring subcontractors to hire local workers, provide mentorship opportunities for local workers, provide bonding assistance to small local companies and establish jobs fairs for the northwest and southwest areas of the city. The city manager must approve the jobs programs.

The development order expires on April 19, 2022, based on extensions granted for governor-declared emergencies for the opioid epidemic, Hurricane Maria in 2017 and the 2018 algae bloom.

In March, Hudson Holdings, managed by Steven Michael, sued partner MGM Delray, managed by Rick Marshall, over the proposed project sale to Pebb Capital. Hudson claimed the \$40 million price was too low.

MGM Delray — in a May counterclaim — estimated that Hudson's share was \$1.86 million if the property was sold for \$37.86 million. In addition, Marshall claimed to be the major investor of the \$26 million spent

buying the land.

Marshall, originally from Raleigh, N.C., but now living in Fort Lauderdale, declined to discuss the project's sale, saying "it's not appropriate for me to comment now."

Michael declined to reveal the amount his firm received to walk away.

Hudson Holdings has its office at 20 S. Swinton Ave. and will soon move. The exact date has not been determined, Michael wrote in an email response.

He also disagreed with Marshall's reason given in the counterclaim of why the project needed to be sold: Neither firm had the skills "to complete such an extensive redevelopment project."

Hudson, Michael wrote, "had a clear vision of how this project would be a center jewel on Atlantic Avenue ... [and] was quite capable of taking it to completion."

Midtown Delray was rejected twice by the city's Historic Preservation Board in 2017, primarily because the new three- and four-story buildings would appear massive compared with the one- and two-story historic structures.

Board members also did not like that the historic homes would be moved twice: the first time to make way for an underground garage and the second time to move back to their original locations on new foundations.

In addition, they didn't like that the lush landscaping would be stripped off the western side of a South Swinton Avenue block while the underground garage was built. The developer agreed to pay the city \$124,050 to compensate for tree removal, down from a \$139,800 price tag in December 2017 when the Historic Board reviewed the project.

Midtown Delray sits in the southern half of the Old School Square Historic Arts District. The area is designated a local historic district and on the National Register of Historic Places.

The development houses some of the city's oldest structures: Cathcart House and Sundry House, built in 1902, and the Rectory, built in 1912. ★

## Obituaries

### Betty Brown Van der Wolk

GULF STREAM — Betty Brown Van der Wolk, 89, of Gulf Stream and Osterville, Massachusetts, died Aug. 23 in Boynton Beach.

Betty Brown was born on July 18, 1930, in Fort Worth, Texas, where she spent her early life and later graduated from Texas Christian University. She was married in 1958 and had her first child a year later. A product of the Depression era and her Texan roots, Mrs. Van der Wolk lived with strength, determination and self-reliance.



Mrs. Van der Wolk enjoyed taking morning walks and was recognized for her long stride. She was a voracious reader of *The New York*

*Times*, commonly reaching for the Style section first and sharing articles of interest with family members. An avid entertainer, she orchestrated gatherings of all sorts, from the lavish dinner dance to luncheons by air or by sea.

Mrs. Van der Wolk possessed a mix of wit, grace and glamour — always elegantly dressed — and drew more than her fair share of attention when she entered a room.

Mrs. Van der Wolk will also be remembered for her quiet gestures of kindness. A dedicated wife and lovingly referred to as “Betts” by her husband, she and Jeff could often be found dining at one of the clubs with which they had affiliations, including The Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, The Wianno Club, and The Beach Club of Centerville, Massachusetts. She had also been a longstanding member of The Hyannis Yacht Club, The Gulf Stream Golf Club, and Society of the Four Arts.

Usually dining out and always the last to leave, Mrs. Van der Wolk liked to joke that she didn’t know where the kitchen was located in her house.

While Mrs. Van der Wolk will be sorely missed by many, all are reassured as she joins her husband for the last and final stop on what they referred to as “The Good Life Express.”

She is survived by her daughter, Hope Powell Van der Wolk of Santa Fe, New Mexico, her sons, Philip Jefferson Van der Wolk of Santa Fe and Peter Walton Van der Wolk of Richmond, Virginia, as well as seven grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her mother, Minnie Mae Brown, her father, Lawrence Walton Brown, her sister, Lucille Brown Williams, and her husband, Jefferson Feigl Van der Wolk, as well as by many of her dear friends.

The family will have a private burial in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, on Sept. 14. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Unity Church of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St., Delray Beach, FL 33444.

*Obituary submitted by the family*

### Frances Evelyn Nolte

OCEAN RIDGE — Frances Evelyn Nolte died in her home in New Branford, Conn., on Aug. 4 at the age of 93.

She was born in New York City on April 14, 1926, to Evelyn and Manfred Messner. She graduated with a bachelor’s in literature from Duke University, after which she worked at B. Altman & Co. and Condé Nast in New York City.



In 1951, she married Henry R. Nolte Jr., whom she met during their days at Duke.

“Sis” was a supportive and loving wife and mother who enjoyed painting, gardening, sailing and entertaining friends at their homes

throughout the years in New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, England, Connecticut and Florida. She loved traveling, playing tennis and golf with her friends and children and having wonderful family holidays in Michigan, Florida and abroad.

She was a supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Institute of Arts, Cranbrook Educational Community, the Society of the Four Arts and Planned Parenthood. She was a member of the Ocean Club of Florida, the Everglades Club and Gulfstream Golf Club.

She is survived by: brothers Warren and Robert Messner; son Henry Reed Nolte and daughters Gwynne Conn, Jennifer Stevens and Suzanne Saunders; grandchildren Diana Conn, Hannah, Emma and Henry Nolte, Suzanna and Alexandra Stevens, and Isabella and Ethan Saunders; daughter-in-law Leslie Nolte and sons-in-law Mark Stevens and Scott Saunders.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

*Obituary submitted by the family*

## Along the Coast

### Average premium for Citizens windstorm up 9.1 percent, now exceeds \$3,000

By Charles Elmore

A new state law billed as holding down home insurance rates won’t stop average premiums from breaking through the \$3,000 mark for the first time in Palm Beach County at a company important for coastal residents.

Increases approved by state regulators become effective Dec. 1 for state-run Citizens Property Insurance Corp., the second-largest insurer in the state and county. One area public insurance adjuster’s take in written comments to regulators: “Very concerned.”

For example, make it a 9.1 percent increase to an average of \$3,109 annually for Palm Beach County residents who buy Citizens coverage only for the windstorm portion of their policy. Many such customers live near the coast where storm risks are higher. That’s up from an average of \$2,851, calculations provided by the company show.

County homeowners buying full coverage from Citizens face an average hike to \$3,016 from \$2,901 for a standard policy known as an H03, according to company filings. That represents a 4 percent boost.

Individual policies differ and virtually no one pays the exact average, of course. Projections from the company can vary slightly from those of state regulators. Still, the bottom line remains higher costs ahead for most customers.

Citizens refiled 2019 rates to reflect passage of a state law this spring. Insurance industry officials say HB 7065 makes it harder for contractors, attorneys and others to inflate costs when consumers sign papers that let third parties take over control of insurance benefits for a claim. That’s known as “assignment of benefits.”

Supporters say the new law is designed to control abuses particularly prevalent in certain claims, such as water damage from a broken pipe. These are often the costliest kind of claims besides damage from hurricanes and other natural disasters, particularly if plaintiff attorneys take the cases to court. The costs are ultimately passed along to consumers through rates.

Passage of the law after seven years of legislative stalemate represents “a major step forward in our efforts to stem rising premiums caused by unnecessary litigation and assignment-of-benefits abuse,” Citizens President Barry Gilway said. “It is going to make a difference.”

Statewide, Citizens raised premiums 2.3 percent for H03 policyholders, compared to an 8.5 percent increase requested before the law. An original filing would have raised Palm Beach

**Biggest home insurers in Palm Beach County** Company and number of its local policies:

1. Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Co.: 86,355
  2. Citizens Property Insurance Corp.: 36,211
  3. FedNat Insurance Co.: 28,443
  4. American Bankers Insurance Co.: 21,513
  5. Homeowners Choice Property & Casualty Insurance Co.: 15,437
- Source: Florida Office of Insurance Regulation as of March 31, 2019

**Citizens’ insurance hikes in county**

Coverage/average annual premium after Dec. 1, 2019/current premium/% increase

Multi-peril homeowners (H03): \$3,016, \$2,901, 4%  
Wind-only homeowners (HW2): \$3,109, \$2,851, 9.1%

Multi-peril condo (HO6): \$1,043, \$976, 6.9%  
Wind-only condo (HW6): \$990, \$920, 7.6%

Source: Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

County HO3 rates more than 7 percent, with the final increase landing at 4 percent.

The effect is far less pronounced in “wind-only” policies, because full-service policies tend to have more claims affected by the new law. Increases for wind-only coverage remain at more than 9 percent in Palm Beach County, for example, even after the new legislation.

In addition, state law caps Citizens’ premium increases at 10 percent in any given year,

and company officials say they have pent-up rate need in parts of the state, including southeast Florida.

The law puts new restrictions on attorney fees and changes requirements for how insurance companies must be notified of lawsuits, among other changes. The law could face challenges in court.

Passage of the measure came over the objections of some legislators and professional groups that insurance companies wanted to get rid of rules that encouraged them to pay claims fully and promptly.

“This bill is designed to cure a crisis that has not been actuarially shown and does things that treat some vendors unfairly,” Democratic state Sen. Gary Farmer, an attorney whose Broward County district abuts Boca Raton, said during session debate.

Citizens had more than 36,000 policies in Palm Beach County as of March 31, the second-largest market share, according to state records. It continues to play a key role particularly for coverage near the coast, where many private carriers seek to limit their risk.

Some backers of the new law say they hope it encourages private insurers to write more policies in South Florida and increase competition, but that remains to be seen.

Residents such as Eli Casper of Highlight Realty in Boca Raton told regulators in written comments they opposed the rate increases.

“I am very concerned for myself and my fellow consumers,” Casper said. He said customers are already paying more money for less coverage and said he must “strongly recommend and request” no increase. ★



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Business Spotlight

# Longtime Sail Inn owner sells iconic pub to a former employee

Rick Jankee, who owned the **Sail Inn** in Delray Beach until Aug. 15, has sailed out, so to speak.

He talked to us briefly after a farewell thank-you party at the neighborhood bar at 657 George Bush Blvd.

"We are the oldest bar, 66 years, with the same name, same address," Jankee said. "No one comes close to our age and our history, our philanthropy and the camaraderie we've had during hurricanes, sickness, death, and I'm really proud of that."

Prior to owning the bar for 21 years, he was its manager for 10. The Sail Inn's former owner, Bobby DeMario, gave Jankee the opportunity to buy the bar, and Jankee decided the time

had come for him to do the same. Jankee's former employee Bastiaan Raams now owns the Sail Inn with Mike Holzied.

"I wanted them to work for themselves and own their own business," Jankee says. "Bastiaan worked for me for six years or so and he stepped up and I let him have it."

A bout with throat cancer last year was a wake-up call, he says. "That changed everything for me; it humbled me and I decided it was time."

His secret for longevity in the bar business? Fairness and consistency, he said.

Jankee says he plans to travel with his girlfriend, Kerri Hussey, help people out and do some charity work.

"I'll miss the good times,

though, the people, the camaraderie, and the quirky stuff I used to do," he says, recalling the fire truck, the short bus that won the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the mariachi band and the pony that he drummed up for birthdays.

Jankee promises not to be a stranger to the Sail Inn. He'll be back without the liability worries that come with bar ownership, he says. "I'm still only a block away. When in town, I'll pop into the bar if they'll have me."

**Dog Activity World** is open in Boynton Beach, just north of Home Depot, at 1510 SW Eighth St. The center, started by Hannah Wickins, offers resort-style daycare, a 160-foot-



Rick Jankee plants a kiss on Bastiaan Raams to celebrate the Sail Inn's transfer of ownership. Photo provided by Paul Collison

long running path with a mechanical rabbit or squirrel as a lure, boarding, training, photography and more. The dog daycare hours are: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 340-3740 or visit [www.dogaw.com](http://www.dogaw.com).

**The Club at Boynton Beach Assisted Living and Memory Care** community opens in September, right in the middle of hurricane season, but is prepared with a state-of-the-art generator to provide emergency backup power and climate control to residential apartments and common areas.

Because of Hurricane Irma in 2017 when several nursing homes and assisted living communities in Florida were without air-conditioning after the storm, former Gov. Rick Scott issued a mandate requiring that assisted living communities have at least 96 hours' worth of fuel and the capacity to cool 20 square feet per resident.

The Club, at 623 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, goes beyond the mandate's minimum requirements. The community has enough backup power to cool 64,313 square feet. Air-conditioning will be maintained throughout the entire building, private residential apartments and common areas. Daily operations will have enough energy to continue providing for residents to receive all of their nursing care, meals and activities without interruption.

"We designed our community keenly aware of the new mandate," said Oliver Von Troll, founder and owner of The Club. "But we weren't satisfied with simply meeting the minimum legal standards. The idea that our residents would have to squeeze into a single air-conditioned common area in the event of an outage just wasn't acceptable to us. So we've put in place a system that covers the whole building. Our residents can stay in their climate-controlled apartments if they choose, minimizing disruption to their daily routines."

Several Palm Beach County businesses have launched a new networking group, the **Boynton Beach Professionals**, which meets on the first and third Fridays of the month at 8 a.m. in Boynton Beach. It's set up as

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The legal and consulting firm **Erin L. Deady**, 54½ SE Sixth Ave., Delray Beach, has formed a new practice area, a title company for residential real estate transactions.



“This new area made sense for us as a way to expand our client services in the real estate industry,” said Deady, the firm’s president. “The fact that we are attorneys will give us a leg up since our experience allows us to look at the big picture for our clients.”

Co-Developers National Realty Investment Advisors and U.S. Construction have begun demolition work on the future site of **Ocean Delray** at 1901 South Ocean Blvd., previously the site of the Wright by the Sea hotel. The new development will have 19 residences, priced from \$5 million to \$10 million.

IMI Worldwide Properties, sales and marketing representative for Ocean Delray, has already sold 40 percent of the project, totaling \$45 million. For more information, contact 800-793-9783.

The **Delray Beach Housing Authority** received approval from the Palm Beach County Housing Finance Authority for a non-revolving pre-development loan of up to \$750,000 and a \$1.7 million revolving construction loan for Phase III of its Island Cove project.

The Phase III project, which will include nine buildings with six townhomes that will be offered for sale on Southwest Eighth Street and Southwest 12th Avenue, will cost approximately \$18.5 million. The \$750,000 loan will cover some of the costs of the architect, project manager, marketing, legal, survey and testing.

The \$1.7 million loan will cover the construction of one of the nine buildings. The revolving-construction amount may be increased by an additional \$1.7 million, subject to availability of funding. The project will provide “workforce for sale” housing.

The **Boca Real Estate Investment Club** will hold its annual Locals Night at 7 p.m. Sept. 12. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Gold Coast School of Real Estate, 2600 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Cost is \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, call 391-7325.

Boca Chamber’s **Pulse**,

business professionals under 40 years old, will host a lunch featuring Kevin Ross, president of Lynn University, at Wynham Hotel-Boca Raton, 1950 Glades Road / Wyndham Way, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Sept. 17.

Ross, the fifth president of Lynn University, took office in 2006, succeeding his father, Donald E. Ross, who founded Wilmington College before serving as Lynn’s president for 35 years. Non-members pay \$50 for the lunch.

For more information, contact Sarah Pearson at [spearson@bocachamber.com](mailto:spearson@bocachamber.com) or Chasity J. Navarro at [cnavarro@bocachamber.com](mailto:cnavarro@bocachamber.com) or at 395-4433.

In collaboration with FAU’s Jaffe Center for Book Arts and its exhibition *Building Stories: Alternative Storytelling*, the **Palm Beach Poetry Festival** is screening the film *Sita Sings the Blues*, an animated romantic comedy and musical interpretation of the Hindu epic poem *The Ramayana*, at 7 p.m. Sept. 26. It will be at The Jaffe Center for Book Arts, Florida Atlantic University Wimberly Library 3rd Floor East, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$10.

The Faulk Center for Counseling will host its **Community Impact Awards** reception and dinner at 6 p.m. Nov. 7 at Broken Sound Club. The event will be co-chaired by Eileen Sands and Lois A. Weisman.

This year’s honorees include Palm Beach Commissioner Robert Weinroth, recipient of the Advocacy Award; Dr. Virginia Crist, licensed marriage and family therapist, recipient of the Caring Heart Award; Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton, recipient of the Mental Health & Wellness Award; and Dr. Paul Peluso, chairman and professor, Department of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Florida Atlantic University, recipient of the Education Excellence Award.

The individuals and organizations are recognized for their support of the Faulk Center’s mission of providing free and low-cost mental health counseling services to uninsured, underserved and at-risk individuals of all ages.

Ticket price to attend the event is \$125 per person. For more information, call Ali Rubin at 483-5300 or email [a.rubin@faulkcenterforcounseling.org](mailto:a.rubin@faulkcenterforcounseling.org).

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## Boynton Beach



These five are among 180 new impact glass windows at the restored Boynton Beach high school. Photos by Rachel O'Hara/The Coastal Star

# Restoration of historic high school expected by November

By Jane Smith

The renovation of the historic Boynton Beach high school is nearly finished.

The restoration work will end in early November, city staff said in mid-August while giving a tour of the restored building.

Among the challenges to restoring the 92-year-old building were adding a sprinkler system and 180 impact windows. The frames had to be rebuilt to withstand the extra weight of the impact windows, said Andrew Mack, Public Works director.

A newly hired cultural events person will start in September, said Lori LaVerriere, city manager.

The new employee's first task will be figuring out the rental rates for the second-floor auditorium and other rooms. The city plans to begin taking deposits as soon as rental rates are set, including for weddings on the second floor.

"We need to start making money from this restoration," LaVerriere said.

Classes and rentals aren't expected to start until late spring 2020 — after the City Center next door is completed and a new parking garage is built. The City Center building will combine City Hall and the library and sits directly across Ocean Avenue from the high school. The city's Community Redevelopment Agency plans to move to the fourth floor of the City Center building.

The high school and City Center will be among the first to be finished in Town Square, a \$250 million, 16-acre project that will create a downtown for Boynton Beach.

The ground floor of the high school building will create "a nucleus of arts uses," LaVerriere said. The rooms will hold arts and dance classes, once held in the now demolished Civic, Madsen and Arts centers nearby. The classes are now scattered throughout the city in various park buildings.

Plans include two outdoor patios accessible from the first floor of the high school. On the west side, visitors will exit into Kapok Park with four exercise stations for use by older teens and adults. A small park for kids under 5 will also be on this side, along with a meditation water fountain.

Brides will be able to take



wedding pictures under the large kapok tree.

The east side will have a small patio for relaxing and a

playground for kids.

The high school's second floor, where the city expects to make the most of its rental



**TOP:** The southern yellow pine ceiling of the old high school gym is original, and the space will be rented out for concerts and other events. The building will be the city's cultural center.

**LEFT:** Nick Sacco, lead superintendent of the project for Straticon Construction, and Jess Brancaccio, director of sales and marketing, point out some details for the news media during a tour.

**ABOVE:** Of the two kapok trees on the property, this one on the west side of the school was preserved in place in what will be a park area. The other tree was moved across the street.

income, features a new roof, restored wooden trusses and a new hardwood floor. It can seat about 250 people at tables or 500 for concerts.

The high school has a warming kitchen on the first floor but not a full kitchen.

On the second floor, performers and brides will have a green room to use.

The high school was added to the city's list of historic places in February 2013. It was designed by prominent school architect William Manly King, who used features from the Mediterranean revival and art deco styles, according to the Boynton Beach Historical Society. ★

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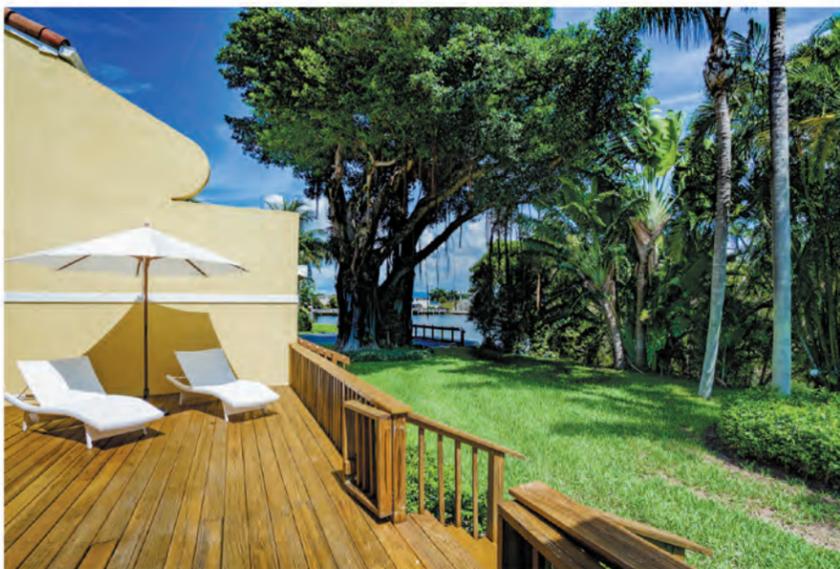
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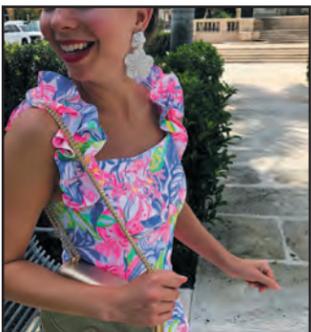
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Tim Quinn's mother, Christine, laughs as Quinn and Sayra Vazquez Brann prepare for Boca's Ballroom Battle at Fred Astaire Dance Studios of Boca Raton. The annual contest is Sept. 20 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

## Dancing for dollars

### Boca's Ballroom Battle: Dancing ability a plus, but fundraising a must

By Margie Plunkett

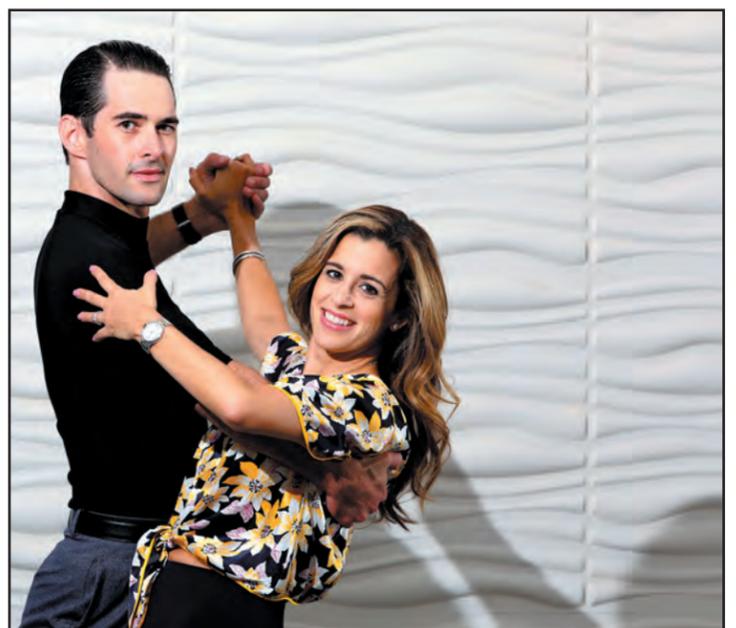
When dance instructor Sayra Vazquez Brann asked her student to demonstrate his normal dance move, Tim Quinn connected her with his New York designer friends on a FaceTime call. "They imitated my movements," Quinn recalls. Brann "was dying. I would literally stand in one place and kind of move my arm to hold my cocktail — and that was my dance move."

Quinn, a celebrity makeup artist with Giorgio Armani

Beauty, has since been practicing to compete in the 12th annual Boca's Ballroom Battle, a competition modeled after *Dancing with the Stars*. His Fred Astaire Studio dance partner, Brann, has been teaching him the steps, posture and attitude essential to the dance they'll perform at the Sept. 20 competition.

By July, Quinn had learned lunges and anticipated attempting a "somewhat terrifying" lift.

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Instructor James Brann and contestant Minelle Tendler prepare for Boca's Ballroom Battle. She said she 'grew up dancing salsa my whole life. So I feel pretty confident.'

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Philanthropy Notes

# Trolley ride to benefit Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum

Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys — where attendees visit various restaurants for dinner-by-the-bite — will take place from 6-11 p.m. Oct. 4, beginning and ending at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

The moveable feast benefits education programs at the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum while highlighting local dining establishments.

“We started this event to show off our beautiful and historic city,” Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum Executive Director Mary Csar said. “Not only is Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys a fun way to experience some of Boca Raton’s history, it’s a wonderful opportunity to learn about the future of our city by visiting a variety of destinations, including several restaurants, the Boca Raton Resort & Club and other local businesses.”

Tickets cost \$125. For more information, call 395-6766 or visit [www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org).

### Mounts benefit a success

More than 200 friends and supporters raised in excess of \$145,000 for Mounts Botanical Garden of Palm Beach County during its biggest annual fundraiser — the Spring Benefit.



Getting ready to celebrate: (l-r) Mary Csar, Dawn Zook, Hank Jawhari, Kathy Qualman, Violette Fairman and Michelle Es-saye make a toast in front of one of the trolleys at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photo provided

Proceeds will be used to enhance and expand the welcome center and gift shop.

The event featured an open bar, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction offering an array of rare and exotic plants.

Co-chairs were Polly Reed and Sandy Smith, and sponsors included Randell and Rebecca Doane, Peter and Linda Grauer and Raymond Tollman.

### Poetry Festival receives \$10,000 grant from NEA

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded an

Art Works grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the Palm Beach Poetry Festival in support of the 16th annual affair, set for Jan. 20-25, 2020, at Old School Square in Delray Beach.

The festival will feature top poets at public events that include discussions, interviews, readings, talks and workshops.

“Organizations such as the Palm Beach Poetry Festival are giving people in their community the opportunity to learn, create and be inspired,” said Mary Anne Carter, chairwoman of the NEA.

Added Susan Williamson, director of the festival: “We look forward to working with the arts endowment to finalize the grant paperwork and are appreciative of the agency’s support for this project.”

### New board members at Take Stock in Children

Take Stock in Children Palm Beach, a nonprofit that helps low-income, underserved youths escape the cycle of poverty, has two new faces on its board: Keith Oswald and Jessica Shapiro.

Oswald is the deputy superintendent and chief of schools in Palm Beach County, and Shapiro practices real-estate law at Gunster.

“Keith has been a longtime supporter of our program and was instrumental in assisting us initiate the Glades climate-change program and create a collaborative agreement among the Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the School Board of Palm Beach County,” said Nancy Stellway, the charity’s executive director. “Jessica will be an incredible asset to our organization with her experience in representing financial institutions and corporate clients.”

Both will help Take Stock

in Children Palm Beach expand the number of students served and improve college-completion rates.

### Italian Society says ‘until next time’

Il Circolo, The Italian Cultural Society, celebrated the close of its 43rd season during an event called Alla Prossima, which means “until next time.”

Members capped another successful year of opera performances, regional and specialty dinners, the first outdoor Italian Festival and its anniversary gala — the primary fundraiser supporting the society’s programs and scholarships.

Alla Prossima offered tastings of traditional dishes from Sardinia, fresh cheeses, a trio of desserts and wine. Live music and dancing wrapped up the evening at Sardinia Ristorante in Delray Beach.

The mission of the organization is to promote study in — and preserve the culture of — Italy.



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## BALLROOM

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“This is a whole lot different” from his previous moves, he said. “I have a lot more respect for dance — I didn’t realize how much work it is.”

Quinn is one of eight local residents chosen for the dance competition at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, which benefits the George Snow Scholarship Fund. The Boca Raton-based organization grants four-year college scholarships to students in Palm Beach County, as well as Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach high schools in Pompano Beach.

The fund has granted \$1.4 million in scholarships and support services this year and \$12.1 million worth since 1982. Boca’s Ballroom Battle is the largest of the fundraisers that benefit the scholarship fund.

Dancers are chosen for their ability to attract contributions as well as their potential in dance. They take group and private lessons at Fred Astaire Dance Studios of Boca Raton, and their dance partners are selected from the studio staff. At the end of the Battle, two winners are chosen — the man and woman who have brought in the most donations.

When Quinn was invited to compete, he thought of plenty of cons: his crazy travel schedule, time needed as his mother’s caregiver, and the nerve damage in his leg from a battle with cancer a decade earlier. He finally agreed to do it. But it was while attending the ESPYs in Los Angeles in July that he realized he could.

At the “Oscars of sports,” Quinn was inspired by men and women with major disabilities “who are megastar athletes. Here I’ve been for the last 10 years, because of the cancer treatment, thinking, ‘I can’t do that.’ Sometimes we limit ourselves in our own head,” he said. “These are people who haven’t let anything stop them.”

Ultimately, Quinn was really glad he agreed to compete. “I’m kind of sort of dreading it, but secretly I’ve always wanted to learn how to dance. So it’s kind of fun.” He was also moved by the “far-reaching impact” of the George Snow fund, the need for scholarship funds locally, and “how remarkable it is to change someone’s life.”

Another contestant, Dr. Minelle Tendler, who owns Tendler Orthodontics in Boca Raton, says dance comes naturally to her, but echoed Quinn on the effort involved. “I’m originally from Puerto Rico, so I love dancing, and singing and having fun. When they asked me would you be OK with the dance part, I’m like, ‘absolutely.’ But I’ve already done a few lessons, and let me tell you, it’s not so easy.”

Tendler says she has an advantage: She has good rhythm and “grew up dancing salsa my whole life. So I feel pretty confident.” But, she



Contestant Eddie Ventrice and instructor Sayra Vazquez Brann prepare for Boca’s Ballroom Battle to raise money for the George Snow Scholarship Fund. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

### If You Go

**What:** 12th annual Boca’s Ballroom Battle

**When:** 6-10 p.m. Sept. 20

**Where:** Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton

**Cost:** Tickets begin at \$185. Raffle tickets are \$100.

**Tickets:** [www.ballroombattle.com](http://www.ballroombattle.com)

adds, “Ballroom dancing is very different from what I’ve done. It’s more coordinated and strategic.”

The biggest challenge in the competition — and lesson learned — for Tendler is the fundraising.

“I’ve been a member of the Junior League for many years now. And I did a lot of charitable work back home in Puerto Rico, but this is totally different. It’s asking. Sometimes it’s hard to ask.

“That’s probably been the biggest lesson for me: You just have to overcome the initial fear and go for it,” Tendler said. “You ask and you shall receive. People donate. I keep getting surprised every day at all the people who want to support me and who already know of the George Snow Scholarship Fund. It’s been difficult, but eye-opening — and incredibly rewarding.”

Tendler says she has been a big supporter of the community, schools, her patients and all their teams. Now the table is turned. “I’m the community dancer, so all my employees, patients and parents are cheering me on. It’s a warm, fuzzy feeling to see that support in return.”

Contestant Eddie Ventrice,

a Boca Raton resident and managing partner of BV Group-UBS Private Wealth Management, describes his dancing ability as “not great.” He’s nervous at the prospect of performing in front of hundreds of people, but “I enjoy learning the dances,” he said.

That’s his favorite part of the competition. Least favorite? Finding the time to train and raise money.

The cause behind the dance competition — the support for students through the George Snow Scholarship Fund — “is something that I can relate to personally,” Ventrice says in a letter to donors and friends. “Being the first generation to attend college and coming from a family who struggled financially, I barely got by. I spent my college years working 30 hours a week, received financial aid and the maximum amount available in student loans.

“I have my dance shoes and I’m taking lessons,” Ventrice says, urging supporters to “please come out and have a good laugh at my expense at the Boca Raton Resort on Sept. 20.”

Other dancers at this year’s fundraiser: Margaret L. Blume, philanthropist; Jason Hagensick, president and CEO of the YMCA of South Palm Beach County; Fran Nachlas, RN, of the Boca Raton Outpatient Surgery and Laser Center; Diana Riser, president and co-owner of the Pace Branding & Marketing advertising firm; and Jody Saffert, director of organization development and effectiveness at Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

You can support your favorite dancer with donations at [www.ballroombattle.com](http://www.ballroombattle.com). ★

## Celebrations

### Summer Cinema

The Royal Poinciana Plaza, Palm Beach — July 14



Guests enjoyed a film screening of ‘Goldfinger’ al fresco style that featured special offers by plaza restaurants as well as a few surprises like beach blankets branded with The Royal logo and sips and snacks. Courtyard seating for the movie opened at 8 p.m., with showtime at 8:30 p.m. The event marked the second in the monthly series, the first of which was a showing of ‘The Secret Life of Pets’ presented in partnership with the Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Linda Stambaugh, Ronnie Serlin, Donna Kellman and Rosemary Clemens. **Photo provided**

### STEAM program reception

DeVos-Blum Family Y of Boynton Beach — Aug. 8



Campers showcased their artwork from the summer, which included creating sunsets using black glue and water color on canvas, creating animals in their natural habitats using shaving cream and construction paper, and creating miniature papier-mache hot-air balloons. The purpose of the STEAM program is to prevent the typical learning loss that occurs in June and July and engage children in fun, educational activities. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Family Y of Boynton Beach Director of Youth Development Katie McLaughlin, YMCA of South Palm Beach County board trustee Rich Mascolo, Caridad Center CEO Laura Kallus, and YMCA of South Palm Beach County Financial Development Director Kimberley Trombly-Burmeister. **Photo provided**

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Dining

# Wine Room on Atlantic Avenue taps local talent for staffing

It's old home week at **The Wine Room Kitchen & Bar** in Delray Beach. Diners who frequent Atlantic Avenue hot spots will recognize the pedigree of staffers at the newly opened place, which took over Caffè Martier's space in the Arcade.

John Bates, the general manager, is from the former 32 East, as is beverage director John Fitzpatrick. The chef, Blair Wilson, comes from the former Max's Harvest in Pineapple Grove. Jared Jenkins worked for nearby 50 Ocean, and Ana Malatesta comes from MIA out west. They are food and beverage managers.

The differences in this second version of the Wine Room, which began in Winter Park, are the full bars and the restaurant.

The focus here is as much on foods as wines, Bates said. "That's why we call it the Wine



The Wine Room Kitchen & Bar has two full bars to go with wine-tasting areas and a kitchen that lets the business 'stand alone as a restaurant,' says John Bates, the general manager. **Photo provided**

Room Kitchen and Bar.

"It needs to stand alone as a restaurant," he said. "The culinary end of this is great. The chef is doing a great job. He's put together a really good

menu."

Wilson is turning out dishes meant for sharing or grazing, such as hamachi crudo and several flatbreads. Bluefin tuna tartare, king crab terrine,

duck confit, and New Bedford scallops are menu items at present.

Vegans won't be left out or offered only salads and a plate of sautéed vegetables, he said.

"They're full composed dishes — a chickpea schnitzel with a roasted vegetable demi sauce that's been reduced and reduced to give it a lot of concentrated flavors," he said.

For vegetarians, a wood-fire roasted cauliflower is served with a goat cheese fondue, and a pine nut, kale and golden raisin agrodolce.

The concept for the original Wine Room, meant for tastings, began in Winter Park with a 230-bottle system. Owner Bruce Simberg created several rooms of machines where tasters use prepaid cards to pour from bottles that are nitrogen fed to keep oxygen at bay.

The Delray restaurant has a similar setup, with wines representative of the world's wine-growing regions and labeled extensively. Each is available by the bottle as well, Bates said, if a taster finds one he would like to take home.

The space hosts several venues. "It's like two full restaurants," he said. "There's a cheese and charcuterie shop that stands alone in the middle of the space. There's a full production kitchen that's serving lunch, brunch and dinner. I've got a rare room that holds 2,400 wines that all came from a private cellar that's carrying over half a million dollars of inventory.

"I've got a wine retail shop that's got 400 bottles. A dining room, and a private dining room."

Two full bars are stocked with high-end scotch and bourbon: a primary main bar with a living room social area and the original bar, left from years ago when the historic building was a speakeasy. It's been preserved and rebuilt. The room around it reflects the Prohibition-era secret club-like atmosphere.

From a 10-keg system at the bar, the staff will serve local craft brews, among others.

To attract a younger audience that favors the other end of the avenue, Bates said the restaurant is creating weekday promotions.

"We'll do Martini Monday with half off martinis and live jazz, we're doing a Draft Tuesday, and Wangry Wednesday — wangry is the feeling or showing of anger or irritability due to the lack of wine."

On Wednesdays, the wine machines are half price, and 230 wines are open in the machines to taste, he said. Drinkers choose the amount poured, so multiple tastings are possible. It's the same for happy hour, 3 to 6 p.m. daily.

There are eight tables outside and nine inside, along with the living room social space. "It's going to be interesting to see how people use the space," Bates said.

The Wine Room is meant to be inclusive. "You don't have to

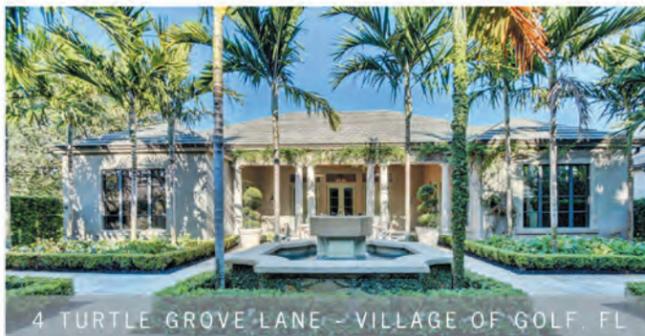
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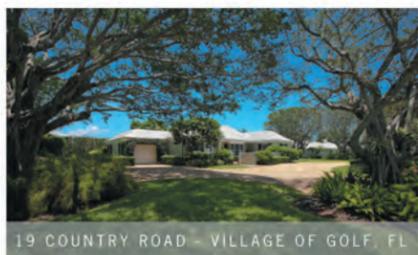
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be a wine person to come and enjoy this. You don't even have to drink alcohol," Bates said.

"The focus was really on being a great place to eat and being a great place to have a lot of selections of great quality wines, and being able to have multiple experiences, whether it's a grazing experience, or an experience that's full-on fine dining."

**The Wine Room Kitchen & Bar**, 411 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Phone 243-9463; [www.thewineroomonline.com](http://www.thewineroomonline.com). Open for lunch and dinner with brunch on weekends. Hours are Sunday 10 a.m. to midnight; Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight; Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

**Suzanne Perrotto** was frazzled, talking by phone about the opening weeks of her new Rose's Daughter Italian restaurant in Pineapple Grove.



Perrotto

A problem with the exhaust and hood system, as well as the gas lines, had her scrambling at the last minute before opening.

"I had made friends with the people who took care of the hood and exhaust. They have to be certified, of course, so not just any workers could work on it.

"They came right away. We had to move the 3,000-pound oven over to get to the lines."

So before Perrotto opened the doors to the public, "all those planets had to align," she said. The biggest challenge, however, was "100 percent new staff, and 100 percent new equipment."

Some of the employees had kitchen experience, and even classical culinary training, though not with the special

coal-fired oven. Others had no kitchen work under their belts.

"Thankfully, they have really good attitudes," she said, and "they all get along so well."

Hiccups with training on the special pizza oven brought in Roberto Caporuscio, a master of Neopolitan pizza, for more lessons with the tricky oven.

It's a lengthy process of proofing the dough and baking it next to hot coals in the special oven.

"They had the door open too long and they had the coals too cold," Perrotto said. It resulted in unevenly baked pizzas.

"I told them for every mistake they make, they're getting better. It's how you learn."

She's keeping the menu simple and not using much creativity just yet.

"I'm not that egotistical," she said. "I'm trying not to stress out the staff. I just want to create joy, definitely take the ego out of the food."

She has tweaked the menu only slightly, adding a couple of gluten-free pizzas. "I'm adding quinoa flour for protein but being really cautious," Perrotto said.

The chef/owner wanted to do a gluten-free pasta but was unsatisfied with the options of flourless noodles. She perfected the fresh pasta she served and uses a high-end cooker to get perfectly al dente results.

"I went to Bedner's Market and got all their baby yellow squash and zucchini, and we julienned them. It's our gluten-free pasta option, and people love it," Perrotto said.

The response from the neighbors and her customers from nearby Brulee has been "so humbling," she said, especially once they see the exposed kitchen and new design of the former Max's Harvest.

"Everyone is so excited

to see the openness. It's undisturbed all the way through (to the back patio). It's really what I said I wanted: people talking and eating. Sitting with total strangers and sharing. It's very communal."

A grab-and-go breakfast is proving to be a hit, too. A spinach and ricotta croissant that's made in house is one of the dishes she has kept simple. Special scones and pastries are served along with freshly squeezed orange juice and coffees.

She's dazed from long hours and the stress of the opening, but says she's thankful how well Rose's is doing so far.

"I can't tell you how humbled I am. As hard as it is to get up at 5 a.m. and stay till 2 a.m., to do all that, it's really tiring. But I can't wait to get in here.

"I'm not sure why I would deserve all this. I guess hard work does pay off."

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**In brief ...**

Sorry to see the closing of the **Fifth Avenue Grill**.

The 30-year-old restaurant had new owners as of a year ago, serving Delray diners steaks and seafood in an old-school setting that became a favorite of many.

One of the biggest questions upon its closing was, "Where will the Christmas decorations go?" The huge holiday light display will be taken over by a couple of local restaurants.

As for the old-style crisp service and expertly prepared filets and daily roasted prime rib? Into the memory palates. ...

**Lisabet Summa** had a new refrigeration system in



Summa

Elisabetta's — the lively month-old Italian spot in the former 32 East on Atlantic Avenue. "It

wouldn't work, they'd fix it, then something else would break," the chef/partner said.

The pitch on the floor to allow for drainage eventually was found as the culprit. Once that was corrected, all seems well.

The pizzas are popular items, from the special beehive wood-fired oven imported from Italy that both she and partner Louie Bossi are trained on.

The dough was tricky, however. Summa trained on it with master baker Daniel Leader of New York's Bread Alone fame and got more advice on how to avoid

overproofing the sourdough. "Our process is to let it sit an extra day," she said, but the temperature of the proofer that stalls rising had to be adjusted. The correct temp was achieved and now Summa is back with properly proofed dough balls. ...

The Boca Chamber's **Boca Restaurant Month** runs through Sept. 30 as an initiative to encourage local people to eat, stay and play.

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**Dining**

**Artful cuisine at Oceano Kitchen**

**The Plate:** Lemon meringue tart  
**The Place:** Oceano Kitchen, 201 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. Open for dinner Tuesday-Saturday. CASH ONLY. [www.oceanokitchen.com](http://www.oceanokitchen.com).

**The Price:** \$12  
**The Skinny:** Of all the towns and cities and restaurants across the country, Jeremy and Cindy Bearman chose Lantana's Oceano Kitchen as the place to create their culinary art.



The menu changes daily, so this Plate serves as something upon which you might feast at Oceano.

We'd dined on wood-fired pizza topped with mushroom, corn and three cheeses, the corn lending a sweet, earthy bite to the crispy crust of the pie, and rigatoni with a tender short rib ragu that had been cooked with red wine, tomato, garlic and parsley, before settling down to dessert.

Dishes here are designed for sharing, and this



lemon meringue tart was no exception.

The tarts consisted of creamy lemon mousse served in a buttery pate brisee. They were served with more meringues, surrounded with a pistachio milk crumb given a dollop of sour cream sorbet, making for a beautiful, cool end to a hot August evening.

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## Arts

## Young performers learn life on Broadway at Kravis

By Janis Fontaine

Tori Wheat would love to see her name in a Broadway Playbill one day, so she's taking all the steps she can to get there (practice, practice, practice), learning her craft, working her way up, pursuing her dream with the support of her "amazing family."

Over the summer, Tori, 14, of Boynton Beach, participated in The Broadway Artists Intensive, a three-week musical theater training program for students who plan to pursue professional careers in the performing arts. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week, students met with an all-Broadway faculty at the Kravis Center, where they were immersed in acting, voice and dance.

Exhausting? Yes, but that's OK for Tori, because, she says, "I want to do it all."

This was no summer camp. It was more than 100 hours of single-minded focus on acting, vocal and dance technique for the Broadway stage. The program was created by Jason Gillman, Jackie Bayne Gillman and Greg Graham, and its classes are taught by well-known performers like Annaleigh Ashford and Laura Bell Bundy.

Outside the classroom, Tori liked the more casual "talk-back" sessions with working professionals, where students learned how to cope with the auditions, rejection and pressure that are part of a performer's life.

They didn't sugar-coat the entertainment business, Tori said. "We heard from them what life is like and it's not easy," but they also told her, "Follow your dreams. You may go a long time without hearing anything positive, but if you believe in yourself, you will get there."

Trevor Wayne, 22, just



**ABOVE:** Former Gulf Stream School student Tori Wheat (center foreground) sings during a performance at the Kravis Center.

**LEFT:** Trevor Wayne is the center of attention during the same performance. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

attended his fifth intensive. He's working steadily, earning roles at local theaters such as The Wick in Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale's Broward Center. Wayne says the pros tell the

students they must always be learning and evolving and, he says, "I'm most interested in my weakness — dance."

Wayne says pursuing a thespian career requires

self-discipline, which means getting to acting classes, vocal lessons and master sessions in dance on time and on his own. He recently finished the core classes he needs for

his bachelor's degree, so he'll be juggling college classes with his other commitments. "You're supposed to always be challenging yourself. I've got the drive and I'm working on the technique," he says.

Tori agrees there's no substitute for hard work, but she is a go-getter and a former competitive gymnast. "I've always had a jam-packed schedule, so I have good time-management skills," she says.

As a student, Tori likes all her subjects but especially English, math, history and even Latin, and somehow finds time to be on a competitive cheerleading team.

"I really enjoy training," she says, but she also credits her family with providing support. She's thankful for her chauffeurs, mom Christina and dad Troy, for shuttling her to and fro, and for the support of her biggest fans, siblings Colin, 11, and Callie, 8.

Tori graduated from eighth grade at the Gulf Stream School in May and just attended freshman orientation at Saint Andrew's School. Overnight her class size jumped from 25 to 200, and it's a little overwhelming, she said. But with that change come new opportunities.

At The Broadway Artists Intensive, the pros gave her some good advice about taking on new things: "In most situations, everyone is in the same boat, so relax."

But most important, they said: "Don't pay attention to what's happening with others. You have your own path." ★

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# The Arts Paper

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## Art

# POINTS BEYOND

Artist maps the infinite through painstaking silverpoint

By Jan Engoren  
ArtsPaper Contributing Writer

What if Stephen Hawking had been an artist? What would his theories look like as physical representations of the universe and the cosmos?

Carol Prusa, a Boca Raton artist and professor of painting and drawing at FAU, just might have that answer.

In her new exhibit for the Boca Raton Museum of Art, *Carol Prusa: Dark Light*, curated by Kathleen Goncharov, the senior curator of the museum, Prusa invites viewers to honor the women astronomers who originally helped map the stars.

Following in the footsteps of American astronomer Maria Mitchell (the first woman elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in 1848, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in 1850), Prusa traveled to the Atacama Desert in Chile to experience the totality of the eclipse in August 2017 — a life-changing experience.

“Seeing a total eclipse for the first time, I was blown away by a euphoric feeling of floating,” Prusa remembers. “I was so moved that I literally fell backward.”

“When the shadow of the eclipse passed over, the world changed in a way I had never experienced. The sun became a sharp black disc, Venus popped out and the sky to my right was night and to my left it was day.”

It was this overwhelming feeling that compelled Prusa to create this body of work, and honor little-known women astronomers including Henrietta Swan Leavitt, Annie



Artist Carol Prusa works on a piece in her studio. Her works on display at the Boca Raton Museum of Art include *Cosmic Web*, 2018 (shown in ‘Points’ in this story’s headline) and *Nebula*, 2019 (in ‘Beyond’). Photos provided by the artist

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## Arts

# Cultural organizations look forward to bigger funding pie this year

By Christina Wood  
ArtsPaper Contributing Writer

When Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the state budget earlier this year, nonprofit arts and cultural organizations across Florida breathed a sigh of relief.

Making sure the arts receive their fair share of the pie is always an uphill battle. The moneys provided in the budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 weren’t particularly generous, but it was a big improvement compared to last year — when the Florida Legislature had slashed



Beryl

the health of the community,” says Sue Ellen Beryl, managing director and a co-founder of Palm Beach Dramaworks in West Palm Beach.

arts funding by some 90 percent.

“I think the cultural community really did a good job of making them understand that they needed to fund us and why it was so good — not only for

the economy but for the economy but for

They also did a good job of making legislators aware of the fact that because of the drastic cuts in 2018, Florida ranked 48th in the nation in terms of per capita arts spending, she says. Only Kansas and Georgia spent less.

Look at it this way: While Florida’s economy grew, even South Dakota, Idaho and Mississippi managed to spend more on art and culture.

At the time, Scott Maxwell of the Orlando Sentinel put it in perspective: “Arts and cultural grants dropped to 0.003 percent of the state’s \$88.7 billion

budget. That’s three one-thousandths of a percent ... during a year of record spending.”

### State funding by the numbers

Theaters, museums, dance companies, orchestras, arts education programs and other arts and cultural organizations in Florida receive funding through the state’s Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA), which offers several types of grants. The primary focus of

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**ABOVE LEFT:** Detail from Carol Prusa's *Dark Light (Elegy for Rebecca Elson)*, 2019, silverpoint, graphite, acrylic on wood panel. **ABOVE RIGHT:** *Luna (Guardian)*, 2017, silverpoint, graphite, acrylic on plexiglass circle. Photos courtesy of the artist

## PRUSA

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Jump Cannon, Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, Vera Rubin, and Jocelyn Bell Burnell.

Even as a young girl of 12, Prusa was consumed by eternal existential questions of who we are, why we are here and what our purpose is, she says. She remembers contemplating the Big Bang theory and wondering “how it could be that there was nothing before there was something.”

These questions are what intrigue her.

“I like the questions, not the answers,” she said in her studio on a recent rainy day.

Her studio is filled with large, dome-shaped globes and female-centric orbs reminiscent of eclipses, planets, black holes and eternity. Her work, like her studio, is composed entirely in grayscale.

Her use of the age-old technique of silverpoint and working in gradations of black and white creates juxtapositions between warm and cool and brings each piece to life. Prusa’s work embodies the hidden realities of our universe. Her work is at once ethereal, cerebral and otherworldly.

Prusa employs materials such as sculpted resin, fiberglass, metal leaf, LED lights, black iron oxide, titanium, and powdered steel, in addition to the silverpoint, a technique she studied in Florence, Italy.

The silverpoint stylus is a small stick of silver inserted into a wooden rod, similar to a pencil. Silverpoint drawings are created by making a mark on a surface with this rod or wire made out of silver. Prusa’s excruciatingly detailed patterns can require as much as 700 hours of work, and she credits her Calvinist upbringing for her strong work ethic and discipline.

Her works, many referencing Buddhist mandalas (Prusa studied Tibetan flower painting and Russian iconography), symbolize the relationship of human life to infinity.

Prusa began her artistic life after studying chemistry

and working as a medical illustrator. She realized that she didn’t want to make what other people wanted, so she earned her MFA in painting and drawing, after meeting an artist who fortuitously changed the course of her life.

She says she was “charged up” and immersed herself in her new passion, setting out to master the skills and techniques of the art world. She earned a bachelor’s in medical illustration from the University of Illinois, and an master of fine arts in painting and drawing from Drake University.

Fascinated by the world of physics, astronomy and the unknowability of the infinite, Prusa says her life’s work is to explore the greatest of mysteries and to make the unknowable a little more knowable.

She references women in science and astronomy who came before her and is propelled by popular physics: the Big Bang theory, the theory of everything (TOE), the theory of multiple universes and string theory, popularized by Hawking.

She keeps books such as *Mapping the Heavens: The Radical Scientific Ideas That Reveal the Cosmos*, by Priyamvada Natarajan; *The Quantum Labyrinth: How Richard Feynman and John Wheeler Revolutionized Time and Reality*, by Paul Halpern; *The Glass Universe*, by Dava Sobel, and a stargazing guide in her studio for easy reference and perhaps, inspiration.

Prusa lives with her partner Joseph Prusa, an applied mathematician and engineer.

“It’s possible you may be having a bad day in one universe, and a good day in another,” she says, provocatively. “The concept of time moves across possibilities.”

And while her thoughts and spirit might be headed heavenward, her lifeline is a terrestrial radio in her studio eternally tuned to NPR to keep her grounded.

She counts visual artist Ann Hamilton, mystic painter Agnes Martin, poet William Blake and American artist James Turrell among her influences.

### If You Go

**Carol Prusa: *Dark Light*** runs through Jan. 19 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. **Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu; noon-5 p.m. Sat & Sun. **Admission:** \$12; \$10 seniors, free to members and students **Info:** 392-2500 or [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org)

Prusa also pays tribute to the women who served as human computers at the Harvard Observatory in the 19th century, painstakingly analyzing the many glass photographic plates from observatories around the world to map the stars. The earnings of these women were substantially less than men in their field, and their efforts largely lost to history.

Among her many honors, Prusa was nominated by Judy Pfaff and chosen by the American Academy of Arts and Letters as one of only 40 artists to exhibit in the 2015 Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts in New York City.

In 2018, Prusa was exhibited alongside Sanford Biggers, Cauleen Smith, Josh Faught, and Lauren Kalman in *The Future of Craft* (curated by Shannon Stratton) at The Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

In addition to this year’s exhibition at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, in 2020 she will have a solo exhibit at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach.

Living a sustainable life (she drives a Prius), doing her civic duty, embracing friends and family and manifesting her best creative work, are all goals Prusa finds attainable in this universe.

Not didactic, she says, “People can take what they like from my work. It’s not my job to do good. My job is to create a vision that connects us all and connects us to the larger meaning of life.”

Stephen Hawking would approve.

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most arts administrators in Florida is the state's Cultural and Museum Grants program.

"The wonderful thing about that funding is that it's for general operating support," Beryl explains. Getting the money needed to mount a new show or exhibition is always exciting, but whether you're running a theater, a visual arts program or a history museum, you still need ink for your printer and someone to answer the phones. "So many other grants and funds go to specific programming, so we're very grateful for whatever we get."

Palm Beach Dramaworks is one of 52 organizations in Palm Beach County that will be receiving money for operating expenses from the state in fiscal year 2019-2020. Those grants add up to a total of \$1,281,994. Thirty-seven organizations in Broward County qualified for a Cultural and Museum Grant. Combined, they will be receiving \$1,096,650.

In addition, two Palm Beach County organizations qualified for Cultural Facilities grants: the Maltz Jupiter Theatre and the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. Each will receive \$500,000 from the state for major renovations. No Cultural Facilities grants were awarded in Broward County this year.

Six organizations in Palm Beach County will receive Culture Builds Florida grants, designed to fund specific cultural projects taking place within the upcoming year that not only support the mission of the organization but also further the state's cultural objectives. The grants range from \$9,500 for an arts program at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Lake Worth Beach to \$25,000 for a multicultural arts program at For the Children, also in Lake Worth Beach.

In Broward County, nine organizations received funding for their projects through Culture Builds Florida grants, including the Greater Caribbean American Cultural Coalition, based in Hollywood, and The Heartbeat Foundation, which will be presenting its annual Brazilian Festival in Pompano Beach.

### Highs and lows

Every year arts and cultural organizations submit their grant applications to the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs. DCA reviews the applications and recommends certain funding levels to the Legislature. In the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015, those recommendations were fully funded. That year, Florida ranked 10th in the nation in terms of per capita arts spending.

It's mostly been a downhill slide since then. By fiscal year 2017-2018, the Legislature provided only enough money to cover 51 percent of the funds recommended by DCA. Last year, less than 5 percent of the



Palm Beach Dramaworks on Clematis Street in West Palm Beach is one of 52 entities in the county that are receiving operating grants from the state this year. Photo by Picasa-Brantley Photography

recommended amount was budgeted.

"That 90 percent decrease severely affected many organizations," says Phillip Dunlap, director of the Broward County Cultural Division. "For some organizations, that was a huge percentage of their operating budget that just vanished. That affects real lives."

"We fight for every dollar and I think pretty much every organization does," says Jeff Rusnak, director of development at the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood. In some cases, deep cuts to funding impact programming. It could be the cost of an exhibition, a free family event or a couple of classes, he says. For many smaller organizations, those dollars would have gone to pay salaries.

In 2017-2018, Florida's nonprofit arts and cultural organizations were awarded a total of \$10,959,133. Last year, the total for the entire state was only \$1,106,249.

If you're a glass-half-full kind of person, you could say that figure more than doubled this year. The recently approved budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 includes \$2,393,394 for arts and culture. Realists, on the other hand, will point out that only about 38 percent of the \$6,347,740 recommended by the DCA for fiscal year 2019-2020 was funded by the Florida Legislature during the 2019 session.

Beryl admits the numbers still aren't close to previous funding levels, but she's not complaining. "We're so grateful that it was increased," she says. "This year that we're just ending, I think we got something like \$9,800 and next year we're getting \$45,000."

### Something to say

If anything positive can be said about Florida's unprecedented cuts in arts funding last year, it's that they served as a wakeup call to arts and cultural organizations across the state.

"I think a lot of effort was put in by a lot of organizations to be in more contact with state representatives to make sure that the arts weren't an

afterthought," Rusnak says.

Passage of the new state budget doesn't mean it's time to take a break from those advocacy efforts. "The conversation can't just happen one time of year; it can't just be around budget time," Dunlap says.



Lawrence

"It's an ongoing thing," agrees Dave Lawrence, president and CEO of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. "We're never done with advocacy."

Notes Dunlap: "If we're not getting into the constant habit of inviting legislators to

events, talking with them about why the arts are important, leveraging our board members, who are oftentimes business leaders and influential people within our community and may even be donors to [political] campaigns — if we're not involved in those kind of activities, then we're only talking to ourselves about why the arts are important.

"Preaching to the choir isn't going to get more money in the coffers to support arts and culture," Dunlap says.

Some have theorized that last year's cuts were due, at least in part, to the need to fund school security in the wake of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Experts agree,

however, that it shouldn't be an "either/or" argument.

Dunlap believes that comparing funding for the arts to funding for health care or education is unfair. "Those are false equivalents," he says. "You can't get into those comparative conversations. The arts are just as important."

Cities and communities across the country are in competition to attract businesses as well as the workforce needed to fill today's jobs.

"We need to make sure that our communities have all the possible amenities they need," Lawrence says. "It's about attracting and retaining talent. That's one of the things that all cities are fighting for right now — the best minds to come and work for them. So, if we want a creative workforce, we need to have a dynamic quality of life."

Wellness, education, sports, a vibrant nightlife, great food — and art and culture — are all part of the mix.

"Here in Palm Beach County, the arts generate \$633 million each year in economic activity. We employ almost 16,000 full-time equivalent workers in the cultural sector. So, it is an important part of our economy," Lawrence says.

Also, he notes, "there are countless studies about how important the arts and cultural sector is to education.

"They're never going to be easy arguments, but they're important arguments to make," he says.

## Theater

## Boca residents try their luck with new musical at The Wick

By Hap Erstein  
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Bonnie Logan and Richard Peshkin readily concede that they are novices when it comes to writing musicals, but that is what has occupied much of their time for the past two years.

If all goes well at their four-night premiere run beginning Sept. 19 at the Wick Theatre, their show — *Boca Bound: A New Musical* — may be bound for productions at regional theaters across the country.

Most musicals begin as adaptations of plays, novels or movies. *Boca Bound* began with an immobilizing mishap. In 2017, Logan took a bad spill and was laid up in bed at her Polo Club home, unable to move for months. Neighbor Peshkin, a retired physician and amateur songwriter, came for a visit and brought a couple of his newest tunes with him.

As he says of her, “I knew that she was funny, very articulate, she had a way with language and she’s bright. And I asked her, ‘Do you think you could come up with a plot to fit these songs into?’”

“I had never written for the theater,” Logan admits. “I loved the theater, loved telling stories, but what I realized was this was the opportunity I needed. And somehow I began to feel that I could do this. This was a tremendous opportunity for me after this horrendous thing happened to me.”

What began as a light-hearted look at country club life in South Florida gradually deepened into a tale about a successful New York lawyer named Nadine (Neva Rae Powers) who is forced to retire. Unexpectedly, she relocates to Boca where longtime friend Gert (Missy McArdle) lives. There Nadine begins a new life and faces her grown children,



Songwriter Richard Peshkin and playwright Bonnie Logan, neighbors in the Polo Club in Boca Raton, began collaborating on a musical after Logan was laid up in bed. Photo provided

whom she had neglected in favor of her career.

Peshkin recalls how much the show has changed since they began writing it.

“Many of the earliest songs had to do with country club things, like one about the general manager who was getting harassed by the members of the club. But we didn’t want to put down the people of the club. We have to live here, too. So we modified even the songs that we kept. You wouldn’t even recognize them from where they started.”

In April of last year, *Boca Bound* met its first audience, at a staged reading at the Polo Club. “It served a great purpose for us, because it showed exactly where we were hitting doubles and triples and where

we were striking out,” says Peshkin. “Afterwards, we got together and changed a lot of the emphasis of the show. It changed from a romantic show to one about relationships with children and best friends.”

Although they felt they were making progress, Logan and Peshkin realized they needed some professional assistance. “It’s hard because there is no blueprint when you’re writing a new original show,” Logan says. “The risk is just enormous. And we were getting frustrated.”

Then one night in January, while attending a cabaret performance at her club, she approached the pianist, Michael J. Moritz Jr., not knowing that he was a Tony Award-winning producer of *Hadestown* and an acclaimed music supervisor

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*Boca Bound: A New Musical*, will be performed Sept. 19-22 at The Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. (\$50-\$55; 995-2333)

and vocal arranger.

“I told him we were novices and didn’t really know what was going on,” says Logan, “but he said he was intrigued by our story. We got him the script and the music and within four days he agreed to work with us.”

While Moritz was working with Peshkin, showing him how his pop songs could become more theatrical, the show hit another crisis. It was becoming clear that the original director who signed onto the project was not up to the task and had to be let go. But serendipitously, Moritz knew of an ideal director, Chad Larabee, who specialized in shaping and staging new musicals.

“As I started talking with Bonnie and Rich about the piece, I was really drawn to the complicated relationship between the adult children and their parents,” notes Larabee. “And I also really loved that they’re presenting this view of retirement as an exciting time, full of the opportunity to have new experiences and to redefine yourself.”

But, he adds, the story was not being told as effectively as it could be. “A lot of things were said directly instead of revealed through action. Now I think we’ve gotten to a place where it’s going to feel more active, more realistic.”

“The first time I met Chad, he had the whole show charted out, each scene with all the plot points,” Logan recalls. “He taught me how to build the suspense. It was like having your own professor teaching

you exactly how to do it. That led to even more rewrites.”

Asked about Bonnie’s strengths as a writer, Larabee says she “brings her entire life and experiences into her writing. If something’s not working with her writing, she’s very open to making changes.” And of Peshkin, he comments, “He writes nice catchy material and he’s not afraid to go deeper, always ready to make changes. He wrote four different versions of the finale, and one song was rewritten three times.”

As they head into rehearsals for the Wick showcase, Logan and Peshkin expect more rewrites to be made, but they feel good about the show they now have.

“I think our show is highly accessible. We don’t talk down to the audience. We treat them with respect,” Peshkin says. “We’ve purposely tried to make the show very uplifting in every way. I think we’ve addressed our concerns about the show. There’s no telling how the audience will react to it but we’re confident.”

“Are the jokes funny? We’ll find out in rehearsals,” says Logan. “I’m concerned that we don’t disappoint everyone here. I was concerned that there would be naysayers, that they would be jealous. So far, that has not happened. A lot of people here are rooting for us.”

The day after the performances at the Wick, the cast and eight-piece orchestra go into a studio to record the score to market the show to prospective producers and regional theaters.

“Michael would ask me, ‘What do you want out of this? Are you looking for Broadway?’ I just want this, in our lives at this time, to be the most wonderful premiere anyone could ever have,” says Logan. “Then I want everyone to see it who can see it.”

## Book Review

## Gripping ‘Nickel Boys’ tracks racism’s long, ruthless reach in Florida

*The Nickel Boys*, by Colson Whitehead; Doubleday, 211 pp., \$24.95

By Bill Williams  
ArtsPaper Books Writer

Colson Whitehead won both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for his novel *The Underground Railroad*, a compelling story of slaves escaping from Southern plantations on a fictional below-ground train.

Now he follows that masterpiece with the story of a brutal boys’ reform school in the Florida Panhandle.

The central character is a black teenager named Elwood who is drawn to the non-violent



wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr. and dreams of going to college. However, one day he is given a ride in a car that turns out to be stolen. The fact of his

innocence makes no difference. As punishment he is sent to the Nickel reform school, a fictional stand-in for the real-life Dozier School for Boys in Marianna.

*The Nickel Boys* is based on real events. Troublesome black boys were quietly moved to a location at Dozier called The White House, where they endured beatings, torture and sometimes death.

There were no arrests and little public acknowledgment of the crimes against boys because of their skin color.

The segregated Dozier school opened in 1900 and finally was shut down in 2011. More than 40 bodies have been recovered. State and federal officials are continuing to investigate with

help from the University of South Florida. Journalists are tracking down survivors.

Whitehead is a fine writer. Much of the book’s wisdom, as in *The Underground Railroad*, lies between the lines.

Whitehead had no intention of writing another book on racism. He had never heard of the Dozier School for Boys, but quickly became intrigued.

The school was segregated. Whites had extra privileges and did not have to endure beatings, rapes and torture, as did blacks. The beating strap was three feet long with a wooden handle, and they called it Black Beauty.

Blacks were given used textbooks, passed down by whites who defaced pages with

slurs such as “Choke N----r” “You Smell” “Eat S--t.”

“Problem was even if you avoided trouble, trouble might reach out and snatch you anyway. Another student might sniff out a weakness and start something,” Whitehead writes.

The young inmates learned there are limited ways of getting out of Nickel. They can complete their sentences; a court might intervene; or a boy might die or run to freedom.

*Nickel Boys* serves as a potent reminder of the long history of slavery and the poison of hatred and racism still in evidence more than a century after the Civil War.

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## Reviews

Here are reviews of current and recent performances. For the full reviews, please visit [palmbeachartspaper.com](http://palmbeachartspaper.com).

### The Aristocrats (Funky Biscuit, Boca Raton, Aug. 15)

A longtime bastion for touring blues artists, and more recently for ones playing funk, the Funky Biscuit in Boca Raton recently instituted a welcomed series of notable jazz/fusion acts. Those include bands led by drummer Billy Cobham (on Sept. 22), guitarist Oz Noy (Nov. 5), and drummer Simon Phillips (March 26, 2020).

Jump-starting the procession Aug. 15 was a sold-out show by the trio The Aristocrats (guitarist Guthrie Govan, bassist Bryan Beller, and drummer Marco Minnemann). A veritable United Nations of fusion that formed in 2011, the British Govan, American Beller and German Minnemann delivered a blazing set of largely improvised instrumental mayhem.

The show occurred on the 50th anniversary of the first day of Woodstock, and the headliners practically played as many notes and beats over two-plus hours as the entire Woodstock lineup played over three days.

Their first selection, Minnemann's *Blues F\_\_\_\_\_ers* from the trio's self-titled 2011 debut, set the tone to expect the unexpected. "Thank you so much, Southeast Florida," Beller said afterward. "This is the first time we've ever played down here, and it's great to be at the Funky Biscuit for a sold-out show. Is it cool if we play some tunes from our new album, *You Know What...??*"

The positive response from the musician-filled, largely male crowd was predictably audible. The latest album's opening track, another F-bomb pun called *D-Grade F\_\_\_\_\_ Movie Jam*, was actually inspired by a Kentucky music critic's description of The Aristocrats' sound. Only partially accurate, the highly improvised, serpentine cut by Beller included intermittent cowbell parts by Minnemann — with the cowbell being hand-held by a roadie named Gino, whose name the crowd chanted in approval.

Throughout the night, Beller provided the glue that bonded his mercurial bandmates, downshifting his complex bass lines whenever necessary to avoid complete note-and-beat overkill. On Minnemann's *Get It Like That*, from the debut CD, the funk-inspired bass line anchored Govan's chicken-picking, wah-wah washes, and quotes of The Beatles' *Eleanor Rigby* and Pink Floyd's *Another Brick in the Wall*.

The drummer's unaccompanied middle solo eclipsed five minutes and boggled minds, including sections played only on



The Aristocrats played a rousing and unpredictable concert at Boca Raton's Funky Biscuit. Photo by Bill Meredith

his cymbals and even drumstick-on-drumstick, before he and Beller upped the unpredictability factor further by coaxing squawks out of rubber chickens over the microphones.

"We've been playing a lot of notes tonight," said Beller afterward, channeling Captain Obvious, "but is it OK if we chill out and play a sad song?"

*Last Orders*, Govan's finale on *You Know What...??*, featured him and Beller playing while seated. The slow, 6/8-timed piece showcased a restrained Minnemann taking a back seat to Beller's melodic soloing and the soulful tones of Govan.

Closing pieces featured The Aristocrats' whisper-to-scream dynamics and surf music elements, including on Beller's debut CD composition *Flatlands*. The track embodied everything about the limitless trio: Govan's underrated guitar heroics, the bassist's creative, bottom-heavy steadiness, and Minnemann's tornado-like drumming steering everyone into and out of danger.

In a world of processed, manufactured, cookie-cutter music, The Aristocrats are a welcome 180-degree turn, combining elements of every style and sub-genre. Their controlled chaos involves great risk, yet results in the reward of rare, high-brow improvisation with maximum unpredictability. — *Bill Meredith*

### After the Wedding (Opened Aug. 16)

Like the proverbial after-school special, the Lifetime Original Movie is an institution that is summarily dismissed by the film-critic intelligentsia. Never mind that most of us have never actually sat through one: to tarnish a major motion picture with a comparison to the network proffering weepies and you-go-girl triumphalism is to deem it unserious and inconsequential.

This is unfair — in an alternate universe, certain celebrated titles by Max Ophuls and Douglas Sirk could have been produced on a women's network.

All of that said, with its themes of maternity and mortality, writer-director Bart Freundlich's *After the Wedding* would have been catnip to Lifetime executives. This is a women's picture — more so than its foreign-language source material, Susanne Bier's superior, Oscar-nominated

2006 Danish drama of the same name — but it's the movie's reflections on a world divided by income and opportunity, not gender, that most resonate.

Michelle Williams plays Isabel, an American who has been living in, and running, an orphanage in India for 20 years. When she discovers that Theresa Young (Julianne Moore), a multimillionaire entrepreneur in New York, is interested in a potentially sizable donation to her cause, Isabel grudgingly flies to the States to seal the deal.

Isabel — selfless, monastic, accustomed to a life unshackled from materialism — is aghast at the luxury penthouse and other trappings enjoyed by the media magnate.

The disparity between First World comfort and Third World need fills the spaces between their interactions, and Freundlich's script occasionally underlines it for us, as when Isabel, explaining the rampant cases of child prostitution and malnutrition in India, is interrupted by Theresa's assistant, bearing urgent news of a potential shortage of lobster risotto at tomorrow's wedding.

Ah yes, the wedding: Theresa's daughter Grace (Abby Quinn) will tie the knot with Frank (Will Chase), an obsequious employee at her company. Nonetheless, no expense has been spared, and no decision about Theresa's philanthropy will be decided until after the wedding. Won't Isabel come to the ceremony?

Isabel, anxious to fly back to Kolkata, has barely agreed to attend before an elegant dress is delivered to her hotel, courtesy of Theresa. In an act of unobtrusive defiance, Isabel wears what she brought instead. Arriving late, she more resembles a specter than a guest — until she locks eyes with Theresa's husband, an artist named Oscar (Billy Crudup), and her long-buried past simmers to the surface.

The rest of *After the Wedding* is a spoiler minefield, with at least two revelations that qualify as monumental. To Freundlich's credit, both are effectively surprising.

What lifts the film above its Lifetime script is the quality of the performances, particularly from Moore and Williams. These smart, calculated actors have created characters that reside, like all of us, not in simple black-and-white binaries but in smudges of gray. — *Palm Beach ArtsPaper Staff*

## Arts Calendar

Note: Events are listed through Oct. 4, 2019, and were current as of Aug. 28. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

### ART EXHIBITS

**Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens:** Open by appointment only through Oct. 1. 832-5328 or [www.ansg.org](http://www.ansg.org).

**Armory Art Center:** Opens Sept. 7: New & Now, an exhibition of work by new faculty members. Through Oct. 25. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. \$5, non-members. 832-1776 or [www.armoryart.org](http://www.armoryart.org).

**Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Through Oct. 10: Beyond the Cape! Comics and Contemporary Art, an exhibit that shows how comic books have influenced contemporary artists; Contemporary Sculpture: Sam Anderson and Michael Dean, works by the American and British artists; Carol Prusa: Dark Light, graypoint works by the FAU professor; through Jan. 19. Admission: \$12, seniors \$10, children 12 and under, free. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Closed Mondays and holidays. 392-2500 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**Cornell Art Museum:** Through Oct. 6: Seven Solos, site-specific installations commissioned for the museum's recently revamped space. Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. Closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. Admission: \$8; \$5 seniors and students with ID; free for veterans, children under 12, and Old School Square members. 243-7922 or [www.oldschoolsquare.org](http://www.oldschoolsquare.org).

**Cultural Council of Palm Beach County:** Opens Sept. 6: Palm Beach State College Faculty, an exhibit of works by 18 artists teaching at the five campuses of the community college. Through Nov. 9. Galleries at the council offices in Lake Worth are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; free admission. 471-2901 or [palmbeachculture.com](http://palmbeachculture.com).

**Flagler Museum:** Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 Sundays. Closed Mondays and holidays. Admission: \$18. 655-2833 or [flaglermuseum.us](http://flaglermuseum.us).

**Lighthouse ArtCenter:** Opens Sept. 3: Tattoo: The Renaissance of Body Art, featuring works by Ed Harley, Sailor Jerry and other inkmasters from across the country. Through Nov. 2. Admission: \$10 for adults, free for members and children 12 and under. 10 am to 4 pm. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 746-3101 or [www.lighthousearts.org](http://www.lighthousearts.org).

**Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens:** Museum tickets: \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$9 for children and college students. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. 495-0233 or [www.morikami.org](http://www.morikami.org).

**Norton Museum of Art:** Through Sept. 17: Small Worlds: Five Centuries of European Prints and Drawings, 40 works from the museum's collection by artists from Dürer to Picasso; Coming Soon: Film Posters from the Dwight M. Cleveland Collection, billed as the largest-ever exhibition of posters from this source, more than 200 in all from Casablanca to Barbarella, through Oct. 29; See and Be Seen: Picturing Notoriety, images of celebrities from the 19th to the 21st centuries, through Oct. 22. Who? A Brief History of Photography Through Portraiture, the inaugural installation in the Norton's new photo gallery includes 60 photos from the 19th into the 21st centuries; through Nov. 26. Admission: \$18, except Friday and Saturday, when admission is free; hours: 10 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; 11 am to 5 pm Sunday; 10 am to 10 pm Fridays. 832-5196 or [www.norton.org](http://www.norton.org).

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saturday, Sept. 21-Sunday, Sept. 22  
**Lynn Philharmonia:** Conductor Guillermo Figueroa picks up the violin to solo in the *Reverie et Caprice* of Berlioz; also on the program is the *Horn Concerto No. 1* of Strauss, with soloist Hugo Valdeverde Villalobos, and the *Fifth Symphony* of Sergei Prokofiev. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4 pm Sunday, Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, Boca Raton. For tickets (\$35-\$50), call 237-9000 or visit [www.lynn.edu](http://www.lynn.edu). Sunday, Sept. 22

**Delray String Quartet:** Now in residence at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, the foursome opens its five-concert season with guest violist Chauncey Patterson, who joins the group for string quintets by Mozart, Brahms and Max Bruch. 3 pm, St. Paul's. Tickets:

\$20, available only at the door on the day of the concert. Visit [maspconcerts.org](http://maspconcerts.org) for more information.

**Sara Daneshpour:** The Israeli pianist performs the First Piano Concerto of Chopin, with guest pianist Tao Lin filling in for the orchestra. 4 pm, Boca Steinway Gallery, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$25. 573-0644 or [pianolovers.org](http://pianolovers.org).

### FILM

Friday, Sept. 6

**Aquarela:** Viktor Kossakovsky's documentary takes a close look at water in its many forms, and its often-destructive power. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or [fau.livingroomtheaters.com](http://fau.livingroomtheaters.com).

Friday, Sept. 13

**Edie:** An English widow decides to ignore her daughter's wish that she enter assisted living and instead goes to the Scottish Highlands to climb Mount Sulliven, a dream she held with her late husband. With Sheila Hancock and Kevin Guthrie. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or [fau.livingroomtheaters.com](http://fau.livingroomtheaters.com).

Friday, Sept. 21

**Downton Abbey:** The movie about the fictional great English house of the Crawley family that had to be made because the rabid PBS fan base for TV series just couldn't get enough. It's 1927, and King George V and Queen Mary are stopping by for a visit at Downton. With Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery, Dame Maggie Smith and all the other familiar cast members. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or [fau.livingroomtheaters.com](http://fau.livingroomtheaters.com).

Friday, Sept. 28

**Judy:** Renee Zellweger does a star turn as Judy Garland, down on her money and luck in 1968, and looking to revive her fortunes in work and love by taking a five-week gig at the Talk of the Town in London. With Rufus Sewell and Jessie Buckley. Living Room Theaters, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or [fau.livingroomtheaters.com](http://fau.livingroomtheaters.com).

### JAZZ

Friday, Sept. 6

**Tom McCormick:** The saxophonist, a veteran of South Florida's jazz scene, brings his smooth jazz mashup style to the Arts Garage. 8 pm, Arts Garage. Tickets: \$35-45. 450-6357 or [artsgarage.org](http://artsgarage.org).

Friday, Sept. 20

**Magela Herrera:** The Cuban-born flute virtuoso, composer and bandleader appears with her quintet. Expect a mix of originals and jazz and Latin favorites. 8 pm, Arts Garage. Tickets: \$30-40. 450-6357 or [artsgarage.org](http://artsgarage.org). Saturday, Sept. 28

**Loston Harris Trio:** The jazz pianist has held a steady gig at New York's Carlyle Hotel for two decades and has played and toured with Wynton Marsalis. 8 pm, Arts Garage. Tickets: \$40-50. 450-6357 or [artsgarage.org](http://artsgarage.org).

### POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, Sept. 6

**Peter Frampton:** The British guitarist and singer is on his farewell tour. With Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening. 7:30 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$22. Visit [livenation.com](http://livenation.com) for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 12

**Cat Power:** The Atlanta-born singer-songwriter known as the queen of sadcore. 7 pm, Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets: \$32.50-\$35. Visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) or [jointherevolution.net](http://jointherevolution.net) for more information. Saturday, Sept. 14

**Chris Young:** The Tennessee singer and songwriter got his big break by winning Nashville Star in 2006. With Chris Janson and Locash. 7:30 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$33. Visit [livenation.com](http://livenation.com) for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

**Meek Mill:** The controversial Philadelphia rapper arrives on his *Legendary Nights* tour. With Future, YG, Mustard and Megan Thee Stallion. 7:30 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach. Tickets start at \$33. Visit [livenation.com](http://livenation.com) for more information.

### THEATER

Thursday, Sept. 19-Sunday, Sept. 22

**Boca Bound:** A new homegrown musical by Bonnie Logan and Richard Peshkin about a woman in midlife who tries to put together a more fulfilling future during a stay at a friend's house in Boca. At the Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. 995-2333 or [thewick.org](http://thewick.org).

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## On the Water



Angler Doug Sarmousakis holds what remains of a kingfish that was mostly eaten by a shark during the Aug. 10 Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament. Photo provided by John Miller

### Sharks frustrating anglers by eating hooked fish

Sharks are lingering around fishing boats and eating hooked fish from lines along the coast of Palm Beach County — a familiar problem for South Florida anglers that many captains say is worse this summer than in years past.

Several tournament fish were lost to sharks during the Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament, held Aug. 10.

"It was clear that local populations of sharks were celebrating Shark Week," tournament chairman Tim Knapp wrote in his summary of the tournament. "Numerous anglers reported donating their fish to the sharks as they were being reeled in."

John Miller said his fishing team caught a bull shark and lost a nice kingfish to another shark off Manalapan during the Gerretson tournament.

Capt. Chip Sheehan of Chips Ahoy Charters in Boynton Beach said sharks have been "out of control" in the waters off Boynton Inlet. Sheehan also reported losing half of a large kingfish to a shark during a tournament.

Sea Mist III drift boat Capt. Ryan Carr said the sharks have been stealing fish from his customers' lines all year. In the past, they seemed to disappear for a few months and return.

Carr said the sharks seem to be most problematic for anglers right in front of Boynton Inlet and north of the Lake Worth Beach pier.

"I won't even go to my big mutton (snapper) spots right now because I don't want to feed them to the sharks," Carr said.

Capt. Tony Coulter, a veteran dive charter operator, said he has seen more than the usual number of lemon and hammerhead sharks in

the waters off Boca Raton and Delray Beach this summer.

"We had a thresher shark hanging around for a few weeks here in Boca as well," Coulter said.

Florida Atlantic University shark researcher Stephen Kajiura said there were more blacktip and spinner sharks moving along Palm Beach County beaches this year than in the previous two years, possibly because of cooler winter weather.

But the number of those smaller sharks is still down from eight years ago, Kajiura said.

Mote Marine Lab spokeswoman Stephannie Kettle said Mote could not confirm the species of sharks that are eating hooked fish or estimate whether South Florida's shark population is growing based on anglers' reports.

"It's important to remind readers that sharks and anglers both want the same thing: tasty fish," Kettle said. "Sharks follow where the food goes, as do fishermen."

In the Bahamas, a vacation turned fatal for 21-year-old Jordan Lindsey, a California college student who was bitten by a shark June 26 while snorkeling near Rose Island.

In Florida waters, 26 species of sharks are protected, meaning they must be released.

To protect sharks (and beach swimmers), the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission requires anglers targeting sharks from shore to take an online class and obtain a shore-based shark fishing permit.

The new shore-based shark fishing rules include a prohibition on removing any protected shark from the water,

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mandatory use of non-offset circle hooks and a prohibition on chumming the water from beaches.

To take the free shark-education course and obtain a shore-based shark fishing permit, go to [www.myfwc.com/sharkcourse](http://www.myfwc.com/sharkcourse).

**28.4-pound mahi mahi wins Gerretson tournament**

Joe Cozzolino of Delray Beach and his fishing team aboard Anticipation won this year's Mark Gerretson tournament with a 28.4-pound dolphinfish (mahi mahi).

Cozzolino said he and his fishing team ran way offshore looking for dolphin. On the way back toward land, they spotted two small sargassum patches holding dolphin in about 500 feet of water off Palm Beach.

None of the dolphin around the floating weed mat was large enough to hit a live goggle-eye, Cozzolino said. But after they fished the spot for a while, the tournament-winning big dolphin finally came along and hit a goggle-eye.

Cozzolino said his team's dolphin, caught by Chris Shores, also won the Mariner's Cove tournament that day because he registered for both tournaments.

Team Getting' Jiggy won top kingfish in the Mark Gerretson tournament, at 25.4 pounds. Sheehan on Chip's Ahoy won the mystery fish division with a 23.4-pound blackfin tuna.

No wahoo came to the scale in the tournament, which attracted 19 boats and was based at Veterans Park in



Angela Garber stands beside Jim Gerretson as he weighs a 14.3-pound kingfish that earned her the prize for top lady angler at the Mark Gerretson Memorial tournament. Jim is the brother of Mark, who died in 2005. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Delray Beach.

This was the 25th year for the tournament created by Delray Beach resident and fishing fanatic Mark "Rock" Gerretson, who died in 2005. Proceeds from the tournament support several causes, including the Delray Beach Police Department's annual holiday toy drive and scholarships for Atlantic High School students.

**Blackfin tuna update**

State regulators approved a draft rule in July that would create a recreational bag limit for blackfin tuna.

The proposed daily limit:

two blackfin tuna per angler or 10 per boat, whichever is greater.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has proposed extending the blackfin tuna bag limit into federal waters (more than 3 miles off Florida's east coast).

FWC commissioners are expected to hold a final public hearing on the blackfin tuna bag limit during their Oct. 2-3 meeting in Cape Canaveral.

**Coming events**

**September:** Snook season opened Sept. 1 on Florida's east coast and remains open

through Dec. 14. To be legal to keep, a snook must measure between 28 and 32 inches in total length. Bag limit: one snook per person. A Florida saltwater fishing license and snook permit are required, unless you are exempt. Details at [www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater](http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater).

**Sept. 14-15:** Florida Marine Flea Market and BBQ Festival featuring boats, fishing gear, marine art and barbecue, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Admission \$10. Youths 12 and under free. Call

954-205-7813 or visit [www.flnauticalfleamarket.com](http://www.flnauticalfleamarket.com).

**Sept. 19:** Coastal Conservation Association Florida South Palm Beach County Chapter banquet and auction, 6-10 p.m., Seagate Country Club, Delray Beach. Tickets \$140 or \$270 per couple. Call Rebekah Bourque at 676-5265.

**Sept. 21:** X-Generation Anglers for Soldiers KDW fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin, wahoo, blackfin tuna, bonito, mutton/yellowtail snapper and cobia. Captain's meeting and final registration 5-8 p.m. Sept. 20 at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. Weigh-in 1-4 p.m. at Sailfish Marina. Awards luncheon 3 p.m. Sept. 22 at Sailfish Marina. Entry fee \$350. Call 577-0706.

**Sept. 28:** Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the classroom building next to the boat ramps, Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Fee \$20. Register at the door. Call 331-2429.

**Tip of the month**

Develop a plan for securing your boat before a hurricane approaches Florida. Tips on where and how to secure a boat and a hurricane preparation checklist can be found at [www.boatus.com/hurricanes](http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes).

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**Outdoor Calendar**

Note: Events are current as of 8/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**SEPTEMBER 7**

**Saturday - 9/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. 8-11:30 am. Free. [jefflev02@gmail.com](mailto:jefflev02@gmail.com)

**9/7 - Restoring the Gold Coast Kickoff Event** at Delray Beach Municipal Beach, A1A at Nassau St. Learn about restoring coastal biodiversity, plant native coastal plants, remove invasive plants, pick up trash. Tools, gloves, materials, light refreshments provided. Wear closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, hat. Check in at gazebo. 9 am-noon. Free. RSVP: 305-304-6610; [regionalconservation.org](http://regionalconservation.org)

**9/7 - Tram Tours of the Marsh** at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 10216 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th 1-2:30 pm; M/W/Th/Sat 10-11:30 am. \$5/automobile; \$1/pedestrian. Reservations: 733-0192; [loxahatcheefriends.com](http://loxahatcheefriends.com)

**9/7 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**9/7 - Sea Turtle Talk** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**SEPTEMBER 8-14**

**Sunday - 9/8 - Luna's Birthday Party** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Luna swims back from the ocean to celebrate her birthday with all her friends! Visit with Luna, puppet show, crafts, games, cake, more. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Noon-4 pm. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Tuesday - 9/10 - Guided Nature Walk** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly

garden, coastal hammock, mangroves, to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T/Th 11 am-noon. Free. 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Lantana Beach Clean up** at 100 N Ocean Blvd. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. 585-8664; [nshawah@lantana.org](mailto:nshawah@lantana.org)

**9/11 - Beach Treasures** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Saturday - 9/14 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 am-noon. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**SEPTEMBER 15-21**

**Sunday - 9/15 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 6-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 8/18. 9-11 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Thursday - 9/19 - Early Birding with AI** at

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native and migratory birds from an experienced birder. Binoculars recommended. Meet on the nature center front porch. Age 10+; children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 10/25. 8:30-10 am. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Saturday - 9/21 - 2019 International Coastal Clean up** at multiple locations in Palm Beach County. Coordinated by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. The world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Check website for locations/times. Free. Registration: 686-6646; [keeppbbeautiful.org](http://keeppbbeautiful.org)

**9/21 - International Coastal Clean up** at Spanish River Park, 3001 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children under 18 must participate with an adult. 8-11 am. Free. Registration: 544-8606; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**SEPTEMBER 22-28**

**Sunday - 9/22 - Intracoastal Adventures: Equinox Canoeing** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 8-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6-7:30 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Wednesday - 9/25 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club** at 201 5th St. Speaker Charile Levine: Interpreting Sea Surface Temperatures to Improve Your Offshore Catch. 7 pm. Free.

832-2137; [westpalmbeachfishingclub.org](http://westpalmbeachfishingclub.org)

**Saturday - 9/28 - Sea Angels Beach Clean up** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; [seaangels.org](http://seaangels.org)

**9/28 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddle Boarding** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 12-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 5/25. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**SEPT 29-OCT 5**

**Tuesday - 10/1 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen, discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. 1st T 7-9 pm. Free.

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## Religion Notes

# Love music? St. Paul's programs let you learn, perform

St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Delray Beach is inviting people who love music to join one of its musical programs. Opportunities are available for young people and adults, and participation is open to people of all faiths who share a love of music. Rehearsals begin soon. Programs include:

The chorister program includes the Cherub Choir, Jubilate Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir. The Cherub Choir is a pre-reading choir for children ages 4 through 6. Kids must be available to participate in sets of four weekly rehearsals, with a performance for the 5 p.m. Saturday Illuminated Worship service at the end of each set.

The Jubilate Youth Choir is for ages 6 and older, and it performs monthly during the academic year for the 10 a.m. Sunday service and at special events using the Royal School of Church Music "Voice for Life" curriculum. It rehearses from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, followed by family dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir is for teens through adults, sings weekly at the 10 a.m. Sunday liturgy and for Choral Evensong and Lessons and Carols services. Music reading skills are helpful. Rehearsals

are 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Sundays.

St. Paul's also offers opportunities for teenage and adult instrumentalists. A teen ensemble made up of guitars, percussion and piano, the Illumineers, performs jazz- and rock-based music to support the casual atmosphere of the Illuminated Worship service, at 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Palm Beach Recorder and Early Music Society meets on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to performers of period instruments and vocalists.

St. Paul's also offers musical instruction for children and adults through group and private lessons, including Gracie's Little Groovers, a parent/child music and movement class led by Gracie Schreffler on Thursday mornings. Instructor Myngoe Brashears will offer private lessons on Mondays.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is at 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Contact Dr. Paul Cienniwa, director of music ministries, at drpaul@stpaulsdelray.org or 278-6003; or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

### 5K run to benefit CROS Ministries

CROS Ministries' annual

Hustle2EndHunger 5K takes place Oct. 5 at John Prince Park, 4759 S. Congress Ave. in Lake Worth.

All proceeds support CROS Ministries' mission to serve hungry people in Palm Beach and Martin counties by distributing food at eight pantries, serving a hot meal through the Caring Kitchen, offering a summer camp with lunch, a snack, and breakfast as needed, and recovering fresh produce at local farms.

Packet pickup starts at 6 a.m. The race starts at 7 a.m. The fee is \$40 plus a \$3 registration fee, which includes T-shirt, chip, bib and medal. Registration closes at noon Oct. 4. There's also a walk beginning at 8:15 a.m. A recognition ceremony takes place immediately after the race.

Register at [www.crosministries.org/hustle2endhunger](http://www.crosministries.org/hustle2endhunger) or [runsingup.com/Race/FL/LakeWorth/Hustle2EndHunger5K](http://runsingup.com/Race/FL/LakeWorth/Hustle2EndHunger5K).

Volunteers are also needed. Contact Jody Young at [jyoung@crosministries.org](mailto:jyoung@crosministries.org).

### Boca Helping Hands seeks Thanksgiving volunteers

It's not too early to start thinking about Thanksgiving dinner, especially if your plans include giving back to the community.

Boca Helping Hands feeds hungry people every day and uses volunteers for almost everything it does. BHH distributes more than 70,000 pantry bags each year at three Palm Beach County locations and serves over 55,000 hot meals annually, six days per week, plus BHH sends weekend meals home with elementary school students via the BHH Backpacks Program.

Although Helping Hands would love for volunteers to commit more time, here are five other ways you can help hungry people this Thanksgiving:

- Host a food drive at your home or office. Ask friends and neighbors, coworkers and clients to help you fill a box with canned goods and donate it to the food pantry.

- Volunteer for the Thanksgiving Box Brigade and Turkey Distribution Day at Boca Helping Hands' Remillard Family Resource Center, 1500 NW First Court, Boca Raton. Volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 18 to hand out boxes, each with all the fixings, plus a turkey and a roasting pan — everything needed to make a Thanksgiving dinner at home — to several hundred families that registered.

- Volunteers are needed from 1 to 4 p.m. Nov. 18 for the

Boynton Beach Thanksgiving Box Brigade and Turkey Distribution at First Baptist Church of Boynton Beach, 301 N. Seacrest Blvd. Families that registered will drive through the parking lot to pick up their boxes with everything they need to cook Thanksgiving dinner at home.

- On Nov. 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, Boca Helping Hands volunteers are needed to hand out dinners donated and prepared by the Boca Raton Resort & Club to registered families. The event takes place at Boca Glades Baptist Church, 10101 Judge Winikoff Road, in the parking lot.

- Boca Helping Hands volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving Day to help distribute meals prepared by the Addison at the First Baptist Church of Boynton, to registered families.

Boca Helping Hands is at 1500 NW First Court, Boca Raton. To volunteer or make a donation, call 417-0913, ext. 202, or email Karen Swedenborg at [karen@bocahelpinghands.org](mailto:karen@bocahelpinghands.org). For more info, visit [www.bocahelpinghands.org](http://www.bocahelpinghands.org).

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## Finding Faith

# 5 things you may not know about Rosh Hashana

As the Jewish High Holy Days approach, we offer four places to commemorate the somber day and five things you may not know about Rosh Hashana.

- The name Rosh Hashana isn't in the Torah. The Torah calls it "a day of shofar blowing." The name Rosh Hashana appeared in the second century. Rosh Hashana literally means "the head of the year," but the notable day is also called The Day of Sounding, The Day of Remembrance, The Day of Judgement and The Day That Lasts Longer Than a Day.

- Jewish holidays are almost all one day, but Rosh Hashana is two days. Blame it on the moon. A person had to report that he had witnessed the moon rising before the holiday could start. It's tough to know (or it used to be) when exactly that would happen. So people guessed with a little buffer on the front end and set the holiday over two days.

- The concept of atoning for sins is central to Rosh Hashana. Think back to the first time man had to atone for breaking one of God's commandments. It is as old as we are. Scholars say the first Rosh Hashana happened in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve begged God's forgiveness for

eating the forbidden fruit.

Some scholars say the fruit in their story wasn't an apple but a pomegranate. So much for Pom Wonderful and health nuts.

- Rosh Hashana isn't celebrated so much as observed. Rosh Hashana is really a very personal time, a time of deep thought, contemplation and self-review of our lives. People also look forward and make plans to do better in the coming year.

- Ducks should love it. There's a tradition of casting bits of old bread into bodies of water. The bread symbolizes bad deeds we want to absolve. We all have sins we'd like to see drowned in a pond, river, lake, puddle.

Rosh Hashana is a very cerebral event. It's about quietly contemplating our place in the universe, creating our personal "mission statement," and wiping the slate clean for the new year.

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### Where to go

Most of the Days of Awe during Rosh Hashana are spent in the synagogue, with fasting and prayer a focus at home as well. Here are four places you can attend services. Many require a ticket or reservation, so call first or go online.

#### CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

2200 Yamato Road, Boca Raton; 241-8118; [www.cbiboca.org](http://www.cbiboca.org)

- Erev Rosh Hashana — 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29
- Rosh Hashana first day, Monday, Sept. 30 — services 8:30 a.m., noon; 3:15 p.m.; Tashlich service, 4 p.m.
- Rosh Hashana second day, Tuesday, Oct. 1 — 10 a.m., Shabbat Shuvah
- Friday, Oct. 4 — 6:15 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 — 9 a.m.
- Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre, Tuesday, Oct. 8 — 7:30 p.m.
- Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Oct. 9 — morning service, 8:30 a.m.; noon; 2:45 p.m.; children's service, 3:15 p.m.; afternoon Minchah service, 4:30 p.m., followed by Yizkor, Neilah and the sounding of the shofar.

#### TEMPLE BETH EL

333 SW Fourth Ave., Boca Raton; 391-8900; [www.tbiboca.org](http://www.tbiboca.org)

- Rosh Hashana services — 8 p.m., Sept. 29.
- Congregational worship service at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30, led by Rabbi Greg Weisman, Rabbi Jessica Mates and cantorial soloist Michelle Cohen.
- Tot and youth program — 10 a.m. for children age 18 months to second grade while parents attend services. Registration required.
- Congregational worship service — 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 30, at FAU, led by Rabbi Dan Levin and cantor Lori Brock.
- Family participation service — 2 p.m., for families with children ages 8 to teenage, led by Rabbi Jessica Mates.
- Tashlich — 4 p.m.; meet in front of

Temple Beth El to walk to a nearby stream as a community to cast off sins.

- Second day congregational worship service — 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1.
- Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre — 8 p.m. Oct. 8, led by Rabbi Jessica Mates, Rabbi Greg Weisman & cantorial soloist Michelle Cohen
- Kol Nidre — 8 p.m. Oct. 8 at FAU. Led by Rabbi Dan Levin and Cantor Lori Brock.
- Congregational Morning Worship Service at 10 a.m. Oct. 9 at FAU. Led by Rabbi Jessica Mates, Rabbi Greg Weisman and cantor Lori Brock
- Congregational worship service — 10 a.m., Oct. 9, led by Rabbi Dan Levin and cantorial soloist Michelle Cohen. Tot and youth program at 10 a.m. for age 18 months to second grade.
- Young children's service — 2 p.m. for families with kids age 8 and younger.
- Community Yizkor service — 3:30 p.m., open to the community, led by Rabbi Jessica Mates and cantorial soloist Michelle Cohen.
- Family participation service — 2 p.m., Oct. 9. Recommended for families with children ages 8 to early teens as an alternative to the congregational morning service. Led by Rabbi Greg Weisman.
- Afternoon service, Yizkor and Ne'ilah — 3:45 p.m., Oct. 9, led by Rabbi Dan Levin, Rabbi Greg Weisman and cantor Lori Brock.

#### THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY

9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton; [www.jewishboca.org](http://www.jewishboca.org)

- Rosh Hashana services with Rabbi Josh and Simone Broide will take place at the Zinman Hall on the campus of the of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County. All seats are \$25.
- The Alalu Family Rosh Hashana services — 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29.
- Morning service — 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 30.
- Levine Family Yom Kippur services — Kol Nidre, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8.

- Yizkor — 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9.

#### Temple Beth Shalom of Boca

19140 Lyons Road, Boca Raton, 483-5557; [www.templebethshalombocaraton.org](http://www.templebethshalombocaraton.org)

- Rosh Hashana Erev — Sunday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.
- First day — Monday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.; Tashlich, Mincha and Ma'ariv — 5 p.m.
- Second day — Tuesday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.
- Yom Kippur, Oct. 8 — Mincha — 6:15 p.m.; Kol Nidre — 6:30 p.m.
- Yizkor — 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Oct. 9; Mincha, Neila and Ma'ariv — 5 p.m.; shofar blowing — 7:10 p.m.

#### TEMPLE SINAI PALM BEACH COUNTY

2475 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 276-6161; <https://templesinaipbc.org/>

- Erev Rosh Hashana dinner — 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29
- Erev Rosh Hashana — 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29.
- First day services with Tashlich — 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 30.
- Family and children service with Tashlich — 2 p.m.
- Second day service — 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1. Open seating.
- Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre service — 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8
- Yom Kippur service with Yizkor — 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9
- Family and children service — 1:30 p.m.
- Community Yizkor service — 4 p.m.
- Afternoon and Neilah service — 5:15 p.m.

Tickets are required for some services, available online or call 276-6161, Ext. 123.

## Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### SEPTEMBER 7

**Saturday – 9/7 – Catholic Grandparents Meeting** at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. 1st Sat 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

**9/7 - Saturday Shabbat Service** at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat 10 am. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

### SEPTEMBER 8-14

**Monday – 9/9 - Legion of Mary** at St. Mark Catholic Church Chapel, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8 am Mass every M. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**9/9 - Monday Morning Women's Bible Study** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10-11:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

**9/9 - Women's Bible Study** at Seacrest Presbyterian Church Conference Room, 2703 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-5633; seacrestchurch.com

**9/9 - Rosary for Peace** at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

**Tuesday – 9/10 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer)** at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelay.org

**9/10 - Lessons in Truth Workshop** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Greg Barrette, Senior Minister. 7-8:15 pm. Free/free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**9/10 - St Mark Bible Study** at St Mark Catholic Church St Clare Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee/free-will offering for study guide. Register: 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**9/10-11 - Handbells & Chancel Choir** at First United Methodist Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. Handbells every T Sep-Mother's Day 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir every W Sep-May 6 pm. Free. 954-947-1951; fumcbb.com

**Wednesday – 9/11 - Basic Catholicism with Fr. Dan** at St. Mark Catholic Church St John Paul II Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every W after 8 am Mass. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**9/11 - Centering Prayer** at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300A S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 9:30 am. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

**9/11 - Bible Study** at First United Methodist Church, 101 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 11 am. Free. 732-3435; fumcbb.com

**9/11 - Wonderful Wednesdays** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

**9/11 - Rector's Bible Study** at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup/salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**9/11 - A Taste of Judaism ... Are You Curious?** at Temple Israel, 1901 N Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Modern Jewish take on spirituality, values, community. Dynamic, interactive; all are welcome. Held again 9/18 & 25. 7-9 pm. Free. RSVP: 833-8421; temple-israel.com

**9/11 - The Bishop's Bible Study** at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7:15 pm. Free. 265-

1960; stmaryanglican.com

**Thursday – 9/12 - Prayer Circle** at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

**9/12 - Men's Fellowship** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

**9/12 - Women's Bible Study Group** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

**9/12 - Blue Mass** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Honors law enforcement, fire rescue, first responders from federal, state, and local jurisdictions. 7 pm. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

**Friday – 9/13 - Women's Bible Study Group** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**9/13 - Couples' Bible Study Group** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Childcare available upon request. Every F 6-9 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

**9/13 - Erev Shabbat Service** at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

### SEPTEMBER 15-21

**Wednesday - 9/18 - Love and Awe in the High Holy Days** at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm wine & cheese pre-omeg; 8 pm program; dessert reception follows. Free. RSVP: 391-8900; theboca.org

**Thursday – 9/19 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology** at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Th 7 pm. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org

**9/19 - Interfaith Cafe** at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Speaker Rev. Greg Rapier, Associate Pastor First Presbyterian Church of Delray: So ... What Isn't Sacred? 7 pm. Free. 702-0245; meetup.com/interfaith-café

**Friday – 9/20 - Parents of St. Gregory's** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents w/ children age 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. 3rd F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**Saturday - 9/21 - Selichot with award-winning Composer and Performer Noah Aronson** at Temple Beth El, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Spiritual journey with Rabbi Dan Levin before the High Holy Days; begins under the three Tapestries of Love in the new welcome center lobby. 7 pm. Free. RSVP: 391-8900; theboca.org

### SEPTEMBER 22-28

**Sunday - 9/22 - Annual Partners "Town Hall" Breakfast** at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. 10 am. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad/partnersbreakfast

**Tuesday - 9/24 - The Healing Journey** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Greg Barrette, Senior Minister. 7-8:15 pm. Free/free-will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Thursday - 9/26 - Raising Dough and Raising Kids: High Holy Day Challah Bake for Preschool and Religious School Parents** at Temple Beth El Beck Family Campus, 9800 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. Free. RSVP required: 391-8900; theboca.org

discounts, adoption incentives, gifts. 10 am-4 pm. Free/admission & parking. 472-8845; countdown2zero.org

### SEPT 29-OCT 5

**Sunday - 9/29 - Blessing of the Animals** at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 3-6 pm. Free. 732-3060; stjoesweb.org

**Saturday - 10/5 - 1st Annual Barkfest** at Mizner Park Dog Park, 751 Banyan Tr, Boca Raton. Food vendors for pets & pet parents, mobile grooming station, pet adoptions, canine performers, DJ, costume contest. Dogs must be leashed. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 367-7073; myboca.us/specialevents

**10/5 - 20th Annual Blessing of the Animals with Rev. Laurie Durgan** at Unity of Delray Beach Gazebo, 101 NW 22nd St. 10 am-noon pm. Free will offering. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**10/5 - Annual Blessing of the Animals** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Children's Garden, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 4-5 pm. Free. 278-6003; stpaulsdelay.org

## Paws Up for Pets

# Rescue group to treat pet lovers to a double dose of goodness

Sure, some dogs fetch the TV remote. And some cats come when you call them by name — at their self-decided pace. But no matter the age, breed or species, scientific studies continue to confirm that companion animals can be good for your soul and your funny bone.

So, it is fitting that a hard-working nonprofit rescue group named the Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue is about to treat you to a double dose of pet goodness.

Mark your calendars — twice. First up, head to the Boca Lago Country Club on Oct. 4 to “Laugh Your Tail Off” — a comedy benefit dinner show featuring Glenn Miller, “Master of Comedy Hypnosis.” Then, head to the Lake Worth Beach at 10 a.m. Oct. 6 with your well-mannered pet (or his photo) to participate in the annual Blessing of the Animals performed by Michael King, a minister.

“We are hoping to reach pet lovers and decided that October is the best month to do these events,” says Tracy Green, in charge of social media for this rescue group. “My rescued dachshunds are Gracie and Wee George. They are a bit naughty but beautiful. My dogs truly have a blessed life and I love them very much.”

She is teaming up with Janet Diamond, a retired teacher, who has been involved in animal rescue for more than a decade. She now returns to schools throughout Palm Beach County to give presentations on rescue pets and work with job coaches on helping students earn community school credit for learning pet care skills.

“We are a small but mighty nonprofit and we know these events will help rescue animals,” Diamond says.

The all-volunteer animal rescue is named in honor of Justin Bartlett, a lifelong animal lover who died at age 24 in an automobile accident in 2008. The all-foster-based rescue was formed in his name in 2012 and now has expanded to include the Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital in Royal Palm Beach. Since opening in 2015, this nonprofit hospital has treated more than 28,000 animals and offers low-cost spay/neuter surgeries.

Headlining the dinner show on Oct. 4 is Miller. I caught up with him as he was heading into a Petco store in Boca Raton to pick up fliers about the show to distribute. The store is also posting the flier in the store and online.

“I am a huge animal lover, crazy nuts for animals,” he declares. “My wife, Wendy, and I have three rescues: Shevva Ellen, Jack and Murray. The best people in the world are dogs.”

Miller explains the first pet's name: “My wife decided she should have two v's and a middle name.”

Miller, 69, has made a career as a radio deejay, cruise ship art auctioneer and television show scriptwriter, but found his true calling as a stand-up comedian. His specialty?

### Details about the two pet events

Registration is required to attend the fundraising events to benefit the Justin Bartlett Animal Rescue. You can get more details by calling 795-9999 or emailing peter.torres40@gmail.com or visiting www.justinbartlettanimalrescue.org.

- Laugh Your Tail Off dinner show Oct. 4: Tickets are \$75 and include complimentary valet parking, two drinks, dinner and Miller's comedy show. The event will take place from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at the Boca Lago Country Club, 8665 Juego Way, Boca Raton. You can also book your reservation through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/laugh-your-tail-tickets-65114800120?aff=ebapi>.

- Blessing of the Animals event Oct. 6: Bring your well-mannered leashed pet to be blessed at the beach at Mulligan's Beach House Bar and Grill, 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth Beach, at 10 a.m. Admission is \$25 and that includes a brunch. Register early as seating is limited. Here is the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blessings-of-the-animals-tickets-56157073318>.

Hypnosis. He got his training at the American Institute of Hypnotherapy in Irvine, Calif., and he is a certified member of the National Guild of Hypnotists. In his private practice, he helps people in one-on-one sessions to lose weight, stop smoking, overcome a fear of flying and more issues.

But his mission on Oct. 4 is to recruit people from the audience and hypnotize them on stage.

“We plan to do some silly acts, maybe hypnotizing them to be dogs meeting each other for the first time or becoming Victoria Secret models and strutting to the music,” he says. “I rely on body language to tell who is really under and who is not hypnotized. For those, I gently put my hand on their shoulder and thank them for coming up, tell them to open their eyes and invite them back to the audience to join their family and friends.”

Playfully, I asked Miller if he would ever want to hypnotize people so that they would adopt dogs, cats and other homeless animals.

“Unfortunately, you will not do anything under hypnosis that you wouldn't do awake, but I would love that superpower,” he said. “It would mean that there would eventually be no more homeless animals, and wouldn't that be wonderful?”

Arden Moore, founder of FourLeggedLife.com, is an animal behavior consultant, author, speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor. She hosts Oh Behave! weekly on PetLifeRadio.com. Learn more by visiting [www.ardenmoore.com](http://www.ardenmoore.com).



## Pet Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### SEPTEMBER 8-14

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Beginner Dog Obedience Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every W through 10/16. 6-7 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**Saturday - 9/14 - Puppy Kindergarten Class** at Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd. Every Sat through 10/19 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$95/resident; \$117/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

### SEPTEMBER 22-28

**Saturday - 9/28 - 6th Annual Countdown2Zero Adoption Event** at South Florida Fairgrounds East Expo Center, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Presented by The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation; organized by Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League & Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control. Special



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## Health & Harmony

# A few tips to keep you cool during the sweltering season

Fans twirl on the sidelines and from ceilings, supporting the work of A-list air conditioners that chug, chug, chug 24/7. We have breathable clothing, wicking fabrics and cooling towels for our necks. There are nerdy misting water bottles and geeky wearables like Embr Wave bracelets, touted to help you feel 5 degrees cooler at the touch of a button.

We have all this and more and yet sometimes, it is still not enough — especially come September. By now, we've had it with the heat and the humidity.

Northern friends and family yammer on about fresh apples, the first crisp-air mornings and forecasts for optimum leaf-peeping. Here, we're studying cones of uncertainty and wondering, in language often NSFW, when is it ever going to cool down?

Nine months into the Florida year, staying cool is a mental game. An attitude adjustment. It's the harmony, in Health & Harmony. And it's in that spirit that we offer these keep-your-cool ideas:

### Vitamin sea

Add Jay Magee to mad dogs and Englishmen, the only two groups Noel Coward believed were foolish enough to brave the midday sun. The quasi-official "Chairman of the Beach" is found most days,



Bright, happy colors can have a cooling effect, Kathie Orrico says. 'It's hard to feel miserable when you're smiling.' Photo provided

from noon to 4, at Oceanfront Park with a group of semi-regulars.

"The best way to beat the heat is to sit down by the water, have a good umbrella and bring water. A nice breeze doesn't hurt," the Ocean Ridge resident says. "We are rarely hot at the beach, maybe once in a blue moon. There's usually a nice sea breeze off the water and it's pretty comfortable. I always have a couple of bottles of frozen water that I end up

drinking during our stay. To be honest, the only time I usually go in the water is during my morning swim. I just don't go in during the afternoon. Crazy, huh?"

### Retail therapy

When you experience heat-induced ennui, shopping lighter and brighter may lift the spirits.

"Nothing cools you down like bright, happy colors," says Kathie Orrico, "because it's hard to feel miserable in the

heat when you're smiling." She and sisters Casey and Colleen are the joy-sparkers behind the C. Orrico boutique on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

"Dresses are our No. 1 go-to for summer," she says. "Put them on and you're done, you're chic. Bohemian off-the-shoulder is popular in tropical prints. I can't tell you how many girls come in for that look because they think that's what Stevie Nicks would wear, or Linda Ronstadt. If you're timid about color, add a splash of color with hoop or beaded earrings and you're rockin'."

Guys are jazzing it up, too. At FSB Mens on Ocean Avenue in Boynton Beach, proprietors Giovanni Marquez, his wife, Grace Marquez, and his sister, Gloria Ciongoli, offer a color palette that includes French blue, Amalfi yellow and tea green.

"How you beat the humidity in South Florida is cottons, or linens," Giovanni says. "And now, what they're doing with the cottons, is they might give you a 97 percent cotton and they'll give it like a 3 percent stretch fabric. This way, the garment is going to move with you as well, and it's nice."

(Comfort is another cooling coping mechanism.)

### Supplemental hydration

Staying hydrated is one of our most important jobs as heat-beaten Floridians. "Drink more water than you're used to — and don't wait until you're thirsty," the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges.

There are lots of suggested ways to calculate how much water you should drink. The best idea is to ask your doctor.

When you're fully hydrated and looking for a recommendation for a late-summer cooler, ask a beer maker. We asked Justin Rick, head of brewing at Saltwater

Brewery in Delray Beach.

"People tend to enjoy refreshing beers with a lighter taste, light body, lighter color, and lower ABV during the summer," he says, referring to alcohol by volume. "Our most popular summer beer is Passion Pit, a 4.2 percent fruit ale made with real passionfruit. It is light, drinkable, with a slightly tart, slightly fruity flavor that isn't overpowering."

Autumn beers drop in October, when fall seems a notch, maybe two, closer to reality.

### Soul survival

Air-conditioned homes, cars, offices, malls, movie theaters ... really, what are we even complaining about? September may not be the best month to spend outdoors, but it's a great time to get outside ourselves.

Become a mentor and inspire children from underserved communities at the Milagro Center in Delray Beach. And watch them inspire you.

Sign up for a training session at the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County to learn how to help adults and children improve their reading skills. You can also volunteer to read to a preschool or kindergarten class.

Call 211 Palm Beach (or visit online) to find out more about the Sunshine Daily Telephone Reassurance program, and how you might volunteer.

Drop off water and snacks to the men and women who labor outside, rain or shine. Pay it forward. Pay it backward. (Let's make that a thing.)

Joyce Reingold writes about health and healthy living. Send column ideas to joyce.reingold@yahoo.com.



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## Health Notes

# FAU's White Coats-4-Care raises more than \$185,000 for class of 2023

**White Coats-4-Care**, FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine's principal scholarship fundraising event, raised more than \$185,000 to "dress and equip" the incoming class of 2023 and fund scholarships.

Several donors increased their annual gifts.

The initiative, developed nine years ago and co-chaired each year by Bonnie and Jon Kaye, has raised more than \$600,000 since its inception.

Supported by honorary co-chairs June and Dr. Ira Gelb, the planning committee had Melissa Azrack, Robin Bresky and Dr. Kenneth Bresky, Phyllis and Dr. Michael T.B. Dennis, Dr. Joanna and Bryan Drowos, Beth and Dr. Kenneth Garrod, Bonnie Halperin, Arlene Herson, Beth Johnston, Dr. Allen Konis, Deborah Leising, Loretta Litten, Elizabeth and Dr. Stuart Markowitz, Francine and Dr. Nathan Nachlas, Lynn and Dr. Joseph Ouslander, Constance

Scott and the Hon. Thomas Scott, Robin Trompeter, and Dr. Thomas L. and Eugenia Tzikas.

**Jerry Fedele**, retired president and CEO of Boca Raton Regional Hospital and a resident of coastal Boca Raton, has a new position: an executive adviser at Blue Sea Capital, a West Palm Beach private-equity fund that invests in health care, aerospace and manufacturing start-ups.

"Although I've retired from the hospital, I couldn't go from 100 mph to nothing," Fedele said. "The role will allow me to stay engaged on a part-time basis in meaningful work while stepping back from the 24/7 demands of a hospital president and CEO. I am excited about this position that will draw on my industry and legal experience while providing me with new learning opportunities in the private-equity industry."

Six **Baptist Health South Florida** hospitals, including Bethesda Hospital East and Boca Raton Regional Hospital, earned a total of 32 high-performing awards spanning 14 types of care in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ratings. That made Baptist Health the most honored health care system in South Florida.

Categories were gastro-enterology and GI surgery, geriatrics, neurology and neurosurgery, orthopedics, pulmonology and lung surgery, urology, abdominal aortic aneurysm repair, heart bypass surgery, heart failure, colon cancer surgery, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hip replacement, knee replacement and lung cancer surgery. Also, six Baptist Health Centers of Excellence, including Lynn Cancer Institute and Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute, were recognized as high performing.

In July, a team of physicians performed the first transcatheter aortic valve replacement at **Bethesda Heart Hospital**. The minimally invasive procedure was performed on a 79-year-old woman from Delray Beach, who was out of bed within 12 hours and went home the next day.

In July, Healthgrades named **Delray Medical Center** a 5-star recipient in the hysterectomy category.

For the January 2020 **Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure**, discounted registration fees are available through October, \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth. To register, visit [www.komensouthflorida.org/race](http://www.komensouthflorida.org/race).

Send health news to [Christine Davis at cdavis9797@gmail.com](mailto:ChristineDavis@cdavis9797@gmail.com).

## Health Calendar

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### SEPTEMBER 7

**Saturday - 9/7 - Fitness @ Sanborn: Yoga Class** presented by Yoga Journey at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Every Sat 9-10 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**9/7 - Boot Camp for New Dads** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Veteran dads (with their babies) tell how they made it through the first months of parenthood. 9 am-noon. \$25/at the door. 369-2229; bootcampfornewdads.org

**9/7 - Kemeti Yoga** at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Calming, therapeutic yoga. Bring yoga mat, water; wear comfortable clothing. Every Sat 9:30-11 am. \$10/person. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**9/7 - Adult Tai Chi Class** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

**9/7 - Yoga Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M-Sat 9:30-11 am. 5 classes \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; 10 classes \$130/resident, \$162.50/non-resident; 20 classes \$240/resident, \$300/non-resident. 477-8727; myboca.us

**9/7 - Judo Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm mixed ages & ranks, 8-9 pm advanced; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/7 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. 1st & 3rd Sat 10 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/7 - Fitness @ Sanborn: Tai Chi Class** presented by Happy Tai Chi Boca Raton at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am class. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**9/7 - Zumba Class** at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**9/7 - Aikido Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Explore effective, non-violent methods of conflict resolution. Every Sat 12:30-2:30 pm. Per month \$25/resident; \$31.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/7 - Chair Yoga** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 1 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**9/7 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. Held again 10/5. 2:30-4:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**9/7 - CA (Cocaine Anonymous)** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**9/7-8 - Yoga Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat/Sun 9:30 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

### SEPTEMBER 8-14

**Sunday - 9/8 - Yoga in the Park (Gazebo) Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every Sun 10-11 am. Per class: \$10/resident; \$11/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/8 - Childbirth Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10 am-5 pm. \$50/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**9/8 - Conversations That Matter: Alzheimer's and Related Disorders** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. Free/online ticket required. 392-2500 x103; bocamuseum.org

**9/8 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous)** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**9/8 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**Monday - 9/9 - Circuit Training** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am or 9:30-10:20 am. 1 class \$12-\$15; 4 classes \$40-\$50; 8 classes \$70-\$88; 12 classes \$100-\$125, 15 classes \$125-\$156. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

**9/9 - Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. W 6-7:30 pm or M 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/9 - Chair Yoga** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Mindfulness meditation followed by chair exercises. Adults. Every M through 12/30. 3:30-4:30 pm. \$8/class. 477-8814; myboca.us

**9/9 - Surgical Weight Loss: The Next Step to a Healthier You** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2nd M 5:30 pm. Free. 853-1600; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**9/9 - Yoga at the Library** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/9 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care and Comfort** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Diapering, feeding, bathing, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm. \$10/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**9/9 - Traditional Yoga** at First Presbyterian Church Boynton, 235 SW 6th Ave. Certified instructor. Padded floor. M & W 6:15 pm. \$8/class. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

**9/9 - Men's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/9 - Zumba Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M through 11/25. 7-8 pm. \$50/10-weeks. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/9 - Basics of Baby Care** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Care for your newborn, taught by a registered nurse. 7-9 pm. \$40/couple. Register: 955-4468; brhh.com

**Tuesday - 9/10 - Women's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/10 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon-1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

**9/10 - The State of Regenerative Orthopedics 2019** at Hagen Ranch Road Library, 14350 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach. Presented by Marc Matarazzo, M.D., Bethesda Hospital East. 2 pm. Free. 894-7500; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**9/10 - Zumba Gold** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 50+. Th/F 9:30-10:30 am, T 3-4 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/nonresident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Tai Chi Class** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress, attention skills. Every T Beginners 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6-7 pm; Advanced 6:30-7:30 pm. 8 classes \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/10 - Zumba** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Every T 6-7 pm. \$50/12 classes. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - LGBTQ+ Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Joint program w/Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services. Separate groups held simultaneously: Adults; Friends & Family. Every T 6-7 pm. Free. Register: 483-5300 x116; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/10 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Yoga Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Age 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class \$10/resident; \$15/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/11 - Tai Chi Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 9-10 am. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**9/11 - Mindful Meetup Luncheon Lecture: Reset, Renew and Recharge for the Season** at Royal Palm Beach Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W Maya Palm Dr, Boca Raton. Part of Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute Peaceful Mind Peaceful Life Series. 11 am-1:30 pm. \$125. 955-7227; brhh.com/WIEvents

**9/11 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/11 - Chair Yoga** at First Presbyterian Church Boynton, 235 SW 6th Ave. Certified instructor. Strength & balance. Every W 4:30 pm. \$8/class. 732-3774; fpcboynton.com

**9/11 - Japanese Karate Shito Ryu** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Ongoing class based on Japanese Martial Arts style Shitoryu. Adults. Every W/F 6-7 pm. Monthly \$120/resident, \$150/non-resident; \$35/gi. 367-7035; myboca.us

**9/11 - Divorced and Separated Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**9/11 - Family and Friends** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Held again 9/18 & 10/2. 6-8 pm. \$25. Register: 955-4468; brhh.com

**9/11 - AA Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7:30 pm LGBTQ; 8 pm Men's meeting. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Thursday - 9/12 - Joint Journey** at Bethesda

Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery for total joint replacement. Every Th 10 am. Free. 737-7733; arianea@baptisthealth.net

**9/12 - Yoga Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Th 5:30 pm. \$5/class. 588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**9/12 - Moving Beyond Grief & Loss: Grief Support Group** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Th 6:30-8:30 pm through 10/31. Free/free-will offering. 379-8153; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Friday - 9/13 - Mobile Health Clinic** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Provides medical and behavioral health services to the homeless and underserved adult patients in the community, with or without insurance. 2nd & 4th F 9 am-4 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**9/13 - Stretching The Mind, Stretching The Body** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Vamps, Arnis (hip circle), hand movements. Adults. Every F through 12/27. 1-2:15 pm. \$7/class. 477-8814; myboca.us

**9/13 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brhh.com

**9/13 - Parent Lecture: Connecting through Creative Art Therapies** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Helps parents manage everyday issues surrounding kids with autism and related disorders. 5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**9/13 - Open AA Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Saturday - 9/14 - One Day Childbirth Preparation Class** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Rd. Couples prepare for the birth of their first child: discuss birthing options, practice birthing skills. Held again 10/5. 9 am-4 pm. \$125/couple. Register: 955-4468; brhh.com

**9/14 - Yoga re-stART** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30-11:30 am. \$15. 330-9614; artswarehouse.org

### SEPTEMBER 15-21

**Tuesday - 9/17 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHLinc.org

**Wednesday - 9/18 - Online Living: Health Research** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Thursday - 9/19 - Total Hip and Knee Replacements** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by S. Richard Zavoyski, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery; part of Ask the Physician Lecture Series. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**9/19 - Project C4OPE: A Forum Series for Families in the Opioid Crisis** at Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Presented by Hanley Foundation, Project COPE (Connect for Overdose Prevention and Education) designed to connect people in our community who share the experience of a loved one who has died of opioid overdose, survived an overdose, or are at a high risk for overdose. 3rd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope

### SEPTEMBER 22-28

**Tuesday - 9/24 - Knowing the Ten Signs of Alzheimer's** at West Boynton Branch Library, 9451 S Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. Presented by The Alzheimer's Association; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program. 2 pm. Free. 734-5556; publicrelations@bhinc.org

### SEPT 29 - OCT 5

**Monday - 9/30 - Weight Management: Food Portion vs Serving Size** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Nicholas Mosakowski, RDN, LDN; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program. 3 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**Wednesday - 10/2 - Hands Only CPR Training** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Alzheimer's Resources from The Volen Center** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Mental Health Awareness** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 2-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Finding Relief for Common Foot & Ankle Conditions** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 4-5 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Achieving Your Optimal Health, One Healthy Habit at a Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 10/3 - Chair Yoga** at West Boynton Branch Library, 9451 S Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. Professional instructor. Presented by Bethesda Hospital East. 2 pm. Free. 734-5556; publicrelations@BHLinc.org

**10/3 - Smart Homes for Health** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**Saturday - 10/5 - Welcome New Baby! Sibling Class** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn about their new role, the new baby joining their family. Decorate a onesie for new little brother or sister, celebrate with a birthday cupcake. Age 2-6; must be accompanied by parent. 10-11:30 am. \$10/parent & child; additional siblings \$5/each; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**10/5 - Adult Tai Chi Class** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every Sat intermediate 9:30-10:30 am; beginner 10:45-11:45 am. Per class \$15/resident; \$17/non-resident. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

**10/5 - Conscious Aging for a Happy Life** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/5 - What's the Deal with a Plant-Based Diet?** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/5 - Reduce the Stress of Caring for Your Aging Parents** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of annual Health & Wellness Week series. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

## Tots &amp; Teens

# Safety advocate donates helmets to lacrosse team

For kids who play sports, back-to-school means back to the playing fields. When the girls' lacrosse team at St. Joseph Episcopal School in Boynton Beach takes the field, the players will sport new protective headgear donated by Head Injury Treatment Corp, a Delray Beach-based nonprofit.

Bill Dorton, a personal trainer from Delray Beach, co-founded HiT Corp in 2018. Dorton sustained as many as eight concussions when he played football in middle and high school. He suffered from post-concussion syndrome, a constellation of symptoms of neurological damage usually resulting from repeated concussions.

For 15 years Dorton suffered, but he hid his condition from most people until about a year ago when he was treated at the Plasticity Brain Centers in Orlando. Instead of taking drugs to mask symptoms as doctors had given him for years, he had an extensive week-long course of therapy. In response he founded HiT Corp with Jarrett Solimando and Brad Chapman to raise money to pay for other PCS patients to get treatment.

A concussion is a type

## If You Go

**The inaugural HiT Corp 5K Relay Race:** 7:30 a.m. Sept. 21, Anchor Park, South Ocean Boulevard at Casuarina Road, Delray Beach. \$40 per team. Register team of three at [www.runsignup.com/hitcorp](http://www.runsignup.com/hitcorp).

of traumatic brain injury that occurs when the brain gets sloshed around inside the skull. It doesn't take a catastrophic blow to cause brain tissue to stretch and cells to bruise. Because the brain is the body's control center, damage to it can cause chemical and metabolic changes within brain cells, causing a plethora of symptoms.

Dorton's symptoms were debilitating. For 15 years he had headaches, nausea, insomnia, memory issues, confusion and loss of focus, but he kept working: "No matter how bad you're feeling you can't let your client know. That's an important hour to them so I got good at hiding my symptoms."

Matthew Antonucci, a chiropractic neurologist and co-founder and president of Orlando's BPC, says his



Bill Dorton, co-founder of Head Injury Treatment Corp in Delray Beach, speaks to students at St. Joseph's Episcopal School about sports-related head injuries. Photo provided by Carol Cunningham

team uses cutting-edge technology to isolate and identify the part of the brain that isn't working properly. Then the team develops a comprehensive rehab plan specific to that person, using treatment such as oculomotor training, chiropractic and physical therapy, speech and occupational therapy, and vestibular rehab to improve balance.

For Dorton, 33, the work included exercises to strengthen the connection between his eyes and his brain. Dorton describes the breakdown as "My eyes were telling my brain that my head was sideways."

Concussions can be difficult to diagnose because everyone's symptoms are different. There's no "classic presentation" or blood test or biomarker that can determine if a concussion has occurred.

The smartest treatment

involves taking measures to avoid injury in the first place.

Dorton, a friend of St. Joe's coach Kristina Bosch, was surprised to learn that helmets were optional for middle-school lacrosse teams (except goalies). "Helmets optional," Dorton knew, was antiquated thinking. Scientific American reported that one in five student athletes will suffer a concussion this year, and females produce symptoms that are greater in number and severity, take longer to recover, and result in worse outcomes than males, but males are more likely to hide an injury.

On Sept. 6, HiT Corp planned to present St. Joseph's lacrosse team with 26 shiny, logoed helmets, plus two goalie helmets, one for every player. Dorton says the money is well spent, but what he would really like to see is the rules changed so helmets are

required.

On Sept. 21, to mark the first anniversary of the founding of HiT Corp and to support National Concussion Awareness Day, the nonprofit will hold a 5K relay race at Anchor Park in Delray Beach.

Teams of three compete, with each person running just over a mile, Dorton said, so it's a great bonding experience. Funds raised will support HiT Corp's primary promise to help people who need but can't afford treatment.

For more information about Dorton or HiT Corp, visit [www.hitcorp.org](http://www.hitcorp.org).

For information on St. Joseph's Episcopal School, visit [www.sjsonline.org](http://www.sjsonline.org).



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## Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### SEPTEMBER 7

#### Saturday - 9/7 - Philanthropy Tank

**Program Contest** via web application. Create an organization/charity/cause that addresses community issues; application deadline 10/4. Individual or team; must live in Palm Beach County or be enrolled in a Palm Beach County school. Grades 8-12. Free. [philanthropytank.org](http://philanthropytank.org)

**9/7 - Group Swim Lessons** at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1-4 & adult classes. Every Sat through 10/26 7:45 am (adult), 11 am, noon & 1 pm. Per session: \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; [myboca.us](http://myboca.us)

**9/7 - Sensory Saturdays: Special Exploration Hours** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. For families affected by autism spectrum disorder. No heavy crowds; softened general lighting, decreased noise level/visual stimulation on interactive exhibits wherever possible. 1st Sat 8-10 am. \$8.50/adult; \$7.50/senior; \$6.50/child 3-12; free/child under 3. 832-1988; [sfscenter.org](http://sfscenter.org)

**9/7 - Sensory-Friendly Saturday** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; [scienceexplorium.org](http://scienceexplorium.org)

**9/7 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, respect; participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades, statewide special events. Middle/high school/college students. T/Th 6-8 pm; Sat 9 am-1 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com)

**9/7 - Diaper League Sports** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fundamentals of various sports w/guidance of recreation staff: T-ball, football, basketball, soccer. Mandatory parent participation. Age 3-5. Every M/Th 6-7 pm & Sat 9-10 am. \$20/8-week session. 243-7356; [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com)

**9/7 - Little Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 10/5. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations:

544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**9/7 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/7 - smART: Dubuffet Designs** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups; focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org)

**9/7 - Group Swim Lessons** at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Adults Level 1, 2, 3 & 4. Every Sat through 10/26 10:15 am (adult), noon & 1 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; [myboca.us](http://myboca.us)

**9/7 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark T-Sat 10:30 am, Sun 1:30 pm; Alligator W/Sat 1 pm; Stingray T-Sun 2:45 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; [sandowayhouse.org](http://sandowayhouse.org)

**9/7 - Drop-in Craft** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free w/paid admission. Register: 742-6780; [schoolhousemuseum.org](http://schoolhousemuseum.org)

**9/7 - C-kids: Chabad Kids Club** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Age 3-12. Every Sat 10:30 am-noon. 394-9770; [bocabeachchabad.org](http://bocabeachchabad.org)

**9/7 - Story Time** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Stories, songs, fingerplays parents and children enjoy together. All ages. T-Sat 11 am. Free w/paid admission. 368-6875; [cmboca.org](http://cmboca.org)

**9/7 - Science Stories** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; [scienceexplorium.org](http://scienceexplorium.org)

**9/7 - Nature Detectives** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-7 w/an adult. Held again 10/5. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. Reservations: 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**9/7 - Family Fun: Magatama** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free w/ museum admission. 495-0233; [morikami.org](http://morikami.org)

**9/7 - Code Palm Beach: Intermediate Coding**

**Course** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Volunteer-led, community-based programming class. Parents stay with children; participants expected to attend all 4 classes. Age 6-14. 1 pm. \$100/4-week session. Registration: 832-2026; [sfscenter.org/code-palm-beach-intermediate](http://sfscenter.org/code-palm-beach-intermediate)

**9/7 - Snake, Owl & Alligator Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Alligator W/Sat; Snake Th; Owl F 3:15-3:30 pm. Free. 629-8760; [pbcnature.com](http://pbcnature.com)

### SEPTEMBER 8-14

**Sunday - 9/8 - The Art of Nature** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**9/8 - Jr. Shark Biologist** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-12. W 3:15 pm; Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; [sandowayhouse.org](http://sandowayhouse.org)

**Monday - 9/9 - Tales for Tadpoles** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Music/movement rhymes. Age walking-24 months. Every M 10:45 am. Free. 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/9 - Baby Bookworm** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Held again 9/16 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7852; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/9 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Endless Energy** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-9 1-2 pm; age 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; [scienceexplorium.org](http://scienceexplorium.org)

**9/9 - Homework Assistance** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Grades K-12. Every M-F during school year 2-5 pm. Free. 243-7194; [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com)

**9/9 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginner 2** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-6. Every M through 9/30 3-4 pm. \$80/resident; \$93.75/non-resident. 347-3950; [sugarsandpark.org](http://sugarsandpark.org)

**9/9 - Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. After-school program introduces kids to cooking fundamentals, nutritional basics, cooking, food safety. New recipe each week. Age 7-10. Every M through 10/28 3:30-5 pm. Free. 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/9 - Intermediate Coding for 7-11s** at Boca

Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Students must have been in a previous Beginning Coding class to enroll. Every M through 9/23 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/9 - My First Book Club for 4-6s** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Discuss beginner reader books; do fun activities related to the books. Child attends independently. Every M through 9/23 3:30-4 pm. Free. Register: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/9 - Behind the Scenes** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Focus on lighting design, sound engineering, producing, prop design, directing, stage management, more. Age 12+. Every M through 11/18 4:30-6 pm. \$99/month; \$297/full course. Limited enrollment: 272-1281; [delraybeachplayhouse.com](http://delraybeachplayhouse.com)

**9/9 - Intermediate Coding for 12-17s** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Students must have been in a previous Beginning Coding class to enroll. Every M through 9/23 4:30-5:15 pm. Free. Enrollment: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/9 - Bright & Smart Pre-Robotics** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Work in teams, build/program robots using special edition Lego bricks & specialized curriculum. Age 5-7. Every M through 10/28. Trial class 9/9 only; fee applied to full registration cost if you register for entire session. 5:30-6:30 pm. Trial \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident; full session \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 347-3900; [sugarsandpark.org](http://sugarsandpark.org)

**9/9 - Teen Game Night** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. Every T 6-7 pm. Free. 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/9 - Brain Bits** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Hands-on family time; creativity, collaboration, play in 3D printing lab. Age 5+. Every M 6 pm. Free. 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**Tuesday - 9/10 - Miss Marcia's Music Program** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Interactive story time. Age 2-3. Held again 9/24. 10-10:30 am. Free. 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/10 - Toddlers Tales** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age up to 3 years; children must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 9/24 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/10 - Sensational Story 'n More** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5.

Every T 10:30 am. Free w/paid admission. 742-6780; [schoolhousemuseum.org](http://schoolhousemuseum.org)

**9/10 - Daggerwing Visits the Library: Frogs and Toads** at West Boca Branch Library, 18685 N State Rd 7. Live animal ambassadors. Age 5+. 3:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 470-1600; [pbcnature.com](http://pbcnature.com)

**9/10 - Kidokinetics** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. New sport each week. Soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball, more. Every T through 10/22. Age 3-5 3:45-4:30 pm; age 2-4 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$84/resident; \$105/non-resident. 954-385-8511; [kidokinetics.com](http://kidokinetics.com)

**9/10 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/10 - Teen Book Club** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Every W through 9/25 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/11 - Tiny Tots Storytime** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 0-4. Every W 11-11:30 am. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; [sandowayhouse.org](http://sandowayhouse.org)

**9/11 - Little Makers: Squishy Circuits & Ozobot** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 6-8. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**9/11 - Spanish Storytime** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 0-5. Every W through 12/11 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/11 - Page to Stage** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Create a play from scratch, write, audition, cast star, direct, more. Age 12-18. Every W through 11/20 4:30-6 pm. \$99/month; \$297 full course. Limited enrollment: 272-1281; [delraybeachplayhouse.com](http://delraybeachplayhouse.com)

**9/11 - Podcasting with Adobe Audition** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Teens. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**9/11 - Youth Archery Class** at Meadows Park Tennis Court, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton Skill development, paper target practice. Age 8-13. Every W through 10/16 6-7 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; [myboca.us](http://myboca.us)

**9/11 - Delray Divas Step Teams** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized,

structured step team performs at local events & statewide competitions; reinforces role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. Every M/W 6-8:30 pm. Yearly \$30/resident; \$40/non-resident. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**9/11 - The Fire Within by Chris d'Lacey** part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 9/12 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages; 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**9/12 - Knitting Club** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Age 7 to adult. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**9/12 - Project Fashion & Sewing** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 8-15. Every Th through 10/10 5-6:30 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**9/12 - Create It @ Your Library** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**9/12-13 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Karate & blend of other combat martial arts. Age 9 to adult. Every Th/F 6-7 pm. Per month \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident; \$25/one-time uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**Friday - 9/13 - First Fridays Preschool Program: My First Experience as a Drop of Water** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get ideas, create characters, find new stories to tell. Age 3-5. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**9/13 - Animal Encounters** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**9/13 - Catherine Strong Girls Club** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Designed to boost confidence, morale, provide positive guidance. Program provides volunteer opportunities, etiquette, personal hygiene training, open discussions, educational guest speakers, health & fitness awareness, arts & crafts, excursions, refreshments. Age 6-18. 2nd F 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 243-7194; mydelraybeach.com

**9/13 - Eyes to the Skies** with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium Starlab Planetarium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 7:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**Saturday - 9/14 - Expedition: Science Playground** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Put on your thinking caps, join us for a closer look at the scientific principles found in our inclusive Science Playground. Age 5+ with parent/guardian. 2nd Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**9/14 - Portuguese Bilingual Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**9/14 - Animal Trivia** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Age 5+. 10:30 am. \$3. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**9/14 - Are You Ready for College? SAT/ACT Exam Prep** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Monthly college readiness workshop presented by Scholar Career Coaching. Grades 9-12. Every 2nd Sat 2-4 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**9/15 - Frankenstem (G)** presented by Bright Star Theatre at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 11 am & 2 pm. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

**Monday - 9/16 - Oh Baby** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. Every M 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**9/16 - Story Time with FAU Football Players** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, action songs. Children all ages accompanied by an adult. 4:15 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Tuesday - 9/17 - "A" is for Alphabet Art** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Story time with music, puppets, movement, felt boards, fingerplays. Age 2-3. Held again 10/1. 10-10:30 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**9/17 - Mother Nature & Me: Outdoor Explorers** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Age 2-5 w/ guardian. 10:30 am. \$4/child; Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**9/17 - BeTeen the Lines: A Readers Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 1st & 3rd T 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 819-6405; delraylibrary.org

**Wednesday - 9/18 - Homeschool Workshops: 'Mazing Mammals!** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 3-5 2-3 pm; age 9-12 2-3:30 pm; age 6-8 2-3:30 pm. \$5/member; \$3/sibling member; \$8/non-member; \$6/sibling non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**9/18 - Booktastic Book Club: Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Free copy of book upon registration. Age 7-8. Child attends independently. Registration: 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/18 - Creative Portrait Photography & Lighting** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/18 - Tween Library Lab: Kitchen Science Experiments** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 9/19 - Pre-School Code-A-Pillar** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 4+. Every Th through 10/10 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**9/19 - Teen Tech Lab Series: DJ Workshop** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Friday - 9/20 - Tot Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Crafts, snacks, indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Age 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**9/20 - Friday Night at the Museum** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes, hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Age 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**Saturday - 9/21 - Code Palm Beach Workshop** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Learn further how to code in the world of technology. Age 7-17. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 425-8918; sfsiencecenter.org/code-palm-beach

**9/21-22 - Science Demonstrations** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science-inspired stories. Age 7 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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**Sunday - 9/22 - Sunday Family Movie: How to Train Your Dragon 3** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am & 2 pm (sensory friendly). \$1 admission includes popcorn/beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**9/22 - 2nd Birthday pARTy** at ArtNEST, 2275 S Federal Hwy #340, Delray Beach. Live art demonstrations, kids' art activities, face painting, light treats, more. Family fare. 2-5 pm. Free. 562-8897; artnestdelray.com

**Monday - 9/23 - Beginning Acting Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 8+. Every M through 12/2 4:30-5:30 pm. \$195/session; \$185.50/sibling. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Tuesday - 9/24 - Improv Fun for Kids Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 10-14. Every T through 12/3 4:30-5:30 pm. \$195/session; \$185.50/sibling. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**9/24 - GEMS Club: Superhero Spectacular** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. 5-7 pm. \$7/advance; \$9/at the door. Register: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gem

**9/24 - Intermediate Acting Class (Act II)** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 10+. Every T through 12/3 5:30-6:30 pm. \$195/session; \$185.50/sibling. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**9/24 - Anime Night** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-17. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Wednesday - 9/25 - Musical Theatre Voice for Kids Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 8+. Every W through 12/4 4-5 pm. \$195/session; \$185.50/sibling. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**9/25 - Photoshop Level 1** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/25 - Musical Theatre Performance Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 8-15. Every W through 12/4 5-7 pm. \$265/session; \$238.50/sibling. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Thursday - 9/26 - Youth Makers: Sphero & littleBits** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Saturday - 9/28 - 3D Printing Workshop** at Stiles-Nicholson STEM Education Center (across the parking lot from the South Florida Science Center), 4800 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Age 8-15. 9 am-noon. \$45/per session. Registration: 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org

**9/28 - Monthly Programming Class** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In partnership w/Code Palm Beach introduces students to computer coding technology. No experience necessary. Bring laptop or one will be provided. Age 6-14. 4th Sat 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

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**Sunday - 9/29 - The Science of Nature** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$8/non-member. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**9/29 - S'more Science** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Campfire program in the garden amphitheater w/a yummy treat. Different topic each month. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 5-6 pm. \$3/member; \$5/non-member. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**Monday - 9/30 - Playground Playdate** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs, enjoy free kids' activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**Tuesday - 10/1 - Group Swim Lessons** at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2, Parent & child & Preschool Level 1 classes. Every T/Th through 10/24 3:15 & 4 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 544-8540; myboca.us

**10/1 - USCA Cheerleading** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Tiny Stars age 4-6. Every T through 10/29 4:30-5:30 pm. \$50/resident; \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**10/1 - Tween Anime Night** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**10/1-2 - Explorium Science Squad: In The Dark** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Kids explore, experiment, try something new every month. T age 5-6 w/ parent; W age 7-9. Both days 4-5 pm. \$10/resident; \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**Wednesday - 10/2 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginner 2** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-6. 3-4 pm. M only 10/7-28 \$80-\$93.75; W only 10/2-30 \$100-\$117.50; M/W 10/2-30 \$146.25-\$182.80. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**10/2 - Group Swim Lessons** at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Level 1 & 2, 3 & 4. Every W/F through 10/25 3:30 & 4:30 pm. Per session \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 393-7851; myboca.us

**10/2 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Intermediate** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 7-12. Every W/F through 10/30 4-5:30 pm; W only 10/2-30 \$125-\$156.25; F only 10/4-25 \$100-\$125; W/F 10/2-30 \$180-\$225. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**10/2 - Photoshop Level 2** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Age 13+. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**10/2 - The Mix: An Activity Night** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 10/3 - Mori Stories: Kamishibai Folktales - George's Journey** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 1 pm. Free w/museum admission. 495-0233; morikami.org

**Friday - 10/4 - Rhythmic Gymnastics** at Sugar

Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Every F through 10/25. Beginner 1 age 4-5 3-4 pm \$80-\$93.75; Intermediate age 7-12 4-5:30 pm \$100-\$125. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**10/4 - Eyes to the Skies** with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium Starlab Planetarium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot weather permitting. Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Age 8+ (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). 7 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**10/4-6 - Little Shop of Horrors** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/20. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. Call for pricing. 447-8829; solchildren.org

**Saturday - 10/5 - Sensory-Friendly Saturday** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Explore the museum in sensory modified setting with sound/light adjustments. 1st Sat 9-10 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**10/5 - smART: Golden Geometrics** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups; focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. \$5/family; free/member. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

**10/5 - Science Stories** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. Age 5+. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**10/5 - Multiples & You: Casting Your Self Portrait** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Salsa Nights is a structured and progressive program, designed to take a beginner to a Salsa Star. Age 16+. Every Sat through 11/16. Noon-3 pm. \$150. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

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## Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### SEPTEMBER 7

**Saturday - 9/7 - Pickleball** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave. M-F 8 am-9 pm; Sat 8 am-6 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night play lights. Monthly pass available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**9/7 - Grooming the Garden** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Assist weeding/pruning select areas of the Garden. No RSVP or experience required. Bring sunscreen, hat, gloves, water. 1st Sat 8:30 am. Free/member. 233-1757; mounts.org

**9/7 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. M/W/F/Sat 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/7 - League of Women Voters Cool Topic Discussion: Spotlight on the School District of Palm Beach County** at STEM Education Center, 4802 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Speaker Dr. Jeraline M. Johnson, Director, Department of Choice and Career Options, The School District of Palm Beach County. 9:45-11:30 am. Free. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpsc.org

**9/7 - The Writer's Studio** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

**9/7 - Ride & Remember Bus Tour** departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour; focus on 5 historic districts. Every T/Th/Sat 10 am. \$35. Reservations: 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

**9/7 - Croquet Lessons** at The National Croquet Club, 700 Florida Mango Rd, West Palm Beach. Every Sat 10 am-noon. Free. Reservations: 478-2300; nationalcroquetclub.com

**9/7 - My Lovely Wife by Samantha Downing** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/7 - Improv Drop In** at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Newcomers/advanced players. Great for actors, artists, stand-up comedians, accountants, everyone in between. Every M Improv Drop In 7-9 pm; every W Improv Games Drop In 7-9 pm; every Sat Drop In 11 am-1 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; themprovu.com

**9/7 - Inventors Society of South Florida** at Ligi Tool & Engineering, 2220 SW 15th St, Deerfield Beach. 1st Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. 213-6581; 954-486-2426; InventorsSociety.net

**9/7 - Biennial Faculty Exhibition** at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/26 during regular hours. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/artsandletters/galleries

**9/7 - Pickleball** at Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd St. M-F 9-11 am; F 6-8:30 pm; Sat 1-4 pm. \$3/resident; \$4/non-resident; \$1/add for night play lights. Monthly passes available. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**9/7 - Michael Godard Exhibition** at Wentworth Gallery, Town Center Mall, 6000 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 6-9 pm. Free. 338-0804; wentworthgallery.com

**9/7 - STEM Innovation Awards 2019** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Recognizes individuals, corporations, educators, scientists, non-profit organizations who have been distinctive partners in advancing STEM Education locally. Cocktail reception, dinner, music, science demonstrations, award ceremony. Business casual. 6-9 pm. \$75/person; \$500/table of 8. Register: 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org/STEM-Awards

**9/7 - Studio 54 Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm dancing. \$15 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/7 - Sofia's Hope: 3rd Annual Denim & Diamonds** presented by R2 Unified

Technologies at Boca Lago Country Club, 9665 Juego Way. Benefits Sofia's Hope patient and family programs and the 2019-2020 research grant to the University of Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine & Biomedical Sciences and the John R. Oishe Children's Hospital. 7-11 pm. Tickets start at \$130. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

**9/7 - Lynn Wind Ensemble Concert: Celebrating 20 Years** at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$10. 237-7000; lynn.edu/events

**9/7 - The Caribbean Chillers: Seaplanes, Sailboats, and Songs** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/7 - When She Had Wings by Susan Zeder** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 9/29. Sat/Sun 3 pm; Sat 7:30 pm. \$20/adult; free/child under 18 w/adult admission. 297-3020; fau.edu/theatrelab

**9/7-30 - Flavor Palm Beach** at various restaurants throughout Palm Beach County. Benefits Meals on Wheels Palm Beaches. Participating restaurants present specially priced 3-course meals for lunch & dinner. Check website for participating restaurants. \$20-\$45+ tax/gratuity. flavorpb.com

### SEPTEMBER 8-14

**Sunday - 9/8 - Bridge Duplicate** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Every Sun 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; myboca.us

**9/8 - ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge** at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. M-Th 12:30 pm; F 12:15 pm; Sun 1 pm. \$12/includes lunch. 276-8071; templesinaipbc.org

**9/8 - Grandparents Day** at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Families tour Whitehall w/activity guide for kids, enjoy family-friendly activities in the Kenan Pavilion. Create a family tree, create a scrapbook page to commemorate the day, be interviewed by your grandchild, write a postcard to send to your family, have a family photo taken in front of Railcar No. 91. 3-5 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

**9/8 - The Neil Zirconia Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7 pm show. \$32/dinner + tax & tip; \$10/bar seating. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/8-9 - Auditions: Inspecting Carol** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Prepare 2-minute comedic monologue; may be asked to read from script. Performance schedule 11/14-12/1. 7 pm. Free. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Monday - 9/9 - Pickleball** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton & tennis. Adults. T/Th 10 am-1 pm; M/W/F 9 am-noon. \$5; \$50/30-visit pass. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**9/9 - Socrates Cafe** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

**9/9 - Senior Bingo** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults age 50 & up. M/W 10:30 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**9/9 - Learn English at the Library** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 8-week introductory session of English for Speakers of Other Languages. Every M through 9/30 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/9 - Mah Jongg/Canasta** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Ongoing weekly sessions. Light snacks served. Players are required to bring their own Mah Jongg sets or Canasta cards and trays. Every M 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$20/at the door. 367-7035; myboca.us

**9/9 - Meet the Computer: Meet Your Mouse** at Delray Beach Public Library,

## Municipal Meetings

**9/9 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com.

**9/9 & 23 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org.

**9/10 - South Palm Beach** - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com.

**9/10 & 24 - Boca Raton** - Second and fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us.

**9/13 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 4 pm. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

**9/17 - Boynton Beach** - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org.

**9/17 & 10/1 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

**9/26 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

**10/1 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us.

100 W Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/9 - Workshop: Drawing in Metalpoint** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Four-session workshop held again 9/10, 12 & 13. 1-4 pm. \$100/member; \$120/non-member. 832-5196 x1146; norton.org

**9/9 - Empowerment Zone** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Resume/job/computer assistance. Every M/Th 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**9/9 - Intermediate Italian** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every M through 9/23 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/9 - Advanced Squares** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18 & up. Every M 2-4 pm. \$6. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

**9/9 - Mandala & Meditation Workshop** at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 5-8 pm. \$40/person; \$60/2 people. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

**9/9 - PowerPoint Level 1** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/9 - Beginner's Italian Night Session** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every M through 9/23 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/9 - Playhouse Actors' Workshop** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Focus on audition technique, monologue work, scene study, comedic timing, character analysis, more. All skill levels and experience. Age 18+. Every M through 11/18 6:30-9:30 pm. \$99/month. Limited enrollment: 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**9/9 - Monologue and Cold Reading Class with Elizabeth Dimon** at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. 8-session class M through 10/28 7-8:30 pm. \$160. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

**9/9 - Scotty Dog Squares Dance Club** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. All skill levels welcome. Age 18 & up. Every M 7-9 pm. \$6. 865-2611; boynton-beach.org

**9/9 - Bike Nite** at Tilted Kilt Pub & Brewery, 3320 Airport Rd #1, Boca Raton. Held by Fury Road Riders; benefits Natural High, national non-profit organization dedicated to inspire youth to discover their natural high, have a reason to say no to drugs/alcohol. Tilted Kilt donates 10% of food bill to Natural High. Every M 7 pm. 504-3310; furyroadrc.com

**Tuesday - 9/10 - Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. Representatives available 2nd T 9 am-noon. Free. Appointments suggested: 655-8944; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Pickleball: Advanced Play** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm. Monthly pass \$20/resident, \$30/non-resident; per day \$3/resident, \$4/non-resident. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Drawing with Charcoal and Pastel: For the True Beginner** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T through 10/8 9:30-11:30 am. \$110/resident; \$137.50/non-resident. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/10 - Meet the Computer: Keyboard & Typing** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Chess Club** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Age 18 & up. Every T/F noon-4:30 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

**9/10 - Getting Started with Facebook Groups & Pages** at Boca Raton Public Library,

400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/10 - Socrates Café** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/10 - Modern Line Dance Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through modern music, dance. Age 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Book of Mark** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Books from the Shelves of History - Small Lessons on Big Ideas Series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Word Level 1** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. Held again 10/2. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Ukulele Jam** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Teens & adults. 5-7:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Cocktails in Paradise** at Cafe Boulud, 301 Australian Ave, Palm Beach. Presented by The Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/member; \$35/non-member. Registration: 832-4164; hspbc.org

**9/10 - Art Crew** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Every 2nd T. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$5/non-member. 330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**9/10 - It Takes Two** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 9/24 6 pm dinner; 8 pm dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/10 - Pinochle** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th 6-9 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/10 - Dark At The Crossing by Elliott Ackerman** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Tuesday Evening Book Discussion Group. Adults. 2nd T 6-7 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - OneDrive Level 1** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/10 - Interactive Acoustic Music and Art In The Park** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. 2nd T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Foreign Film Series: 3 Idiots (PG-13)** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/10 - Adult International Folk Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every T (except 2nd T) 6:30-9:30 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 913-475-1112; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - Open Play Basketball 30 & Over** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Every T 7-8 pm. Free. 243-7000 x5001; mydelraybeach.com

**9/10 - All Arts Open Mic Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/10 - Blue Tuesdays** at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Host Famous Frank Ward. Every T 8:30-11:30 pm. Free. 278-3364; bostonsonthebeach.com

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson/lecture, emphasis on composition/drawing, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing w/class critique. Age 18 & up. W 9 am-noon or 1-4 pm. Monthly \$35/resident; \$38/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/11 - Family Promise of South Palm Beach County** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Provides housing assistance for children and families who

have become temporarily homeless. Adults. Counselors meet w/clients by appointment only every W 9 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/11 - Beginner's Italian Day Session** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every W 10:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/11 - Meet the Computer: Computers 101** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse & Keyboard. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/11 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club: Meet Representatives Tina Polsky & Mike Caruso** at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$35/member or first-time guest; \$55/non-member. 620-8888; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

**9/11 - Socrates Cafe** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/11 - Scrabble for Experienced Players** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeach.us

**9/11 - Beginner's Spanish** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every W 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/11 - Texting and Messaging Apps Part 2** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/11 - Excel Level 1** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/11 - Bingo** at Temple Sinai Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. \$2,500 in prizes every week. Every W 5 pm doors open; 6 pm early bird; 6:30 pm first game. \$15. 276-6161 x128; templesinaipbc.org

**9/11 - Digital Storytelling** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 9/25 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/11 - An Evening with Ann Bocock** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/11 - Delray Beach Orchid Society** at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 6:30 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

**9/11 - The Playwriting Process** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Write a 10-page play, workshopped throughout the course, performed at the end of the course by Playhouse academy actors. Age 18+. Every W through 11/20 6:30-9:30 pm. \$99/month. Limited enrollment: 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Thursday - 9/12 - Quilters** meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 115 N Federal Hwy. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the library. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

**9/12 - Adult Multimedia Class** at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Discover new techniques in watercolor, pastel, acrylic; learn design/composition. Every Th 10 am-noon. Per class \$25/resident; \$31/non-resident. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

**9/12 - Knit 'N Purl** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. Held again 9/26. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/12 - Meet the Computer: Organizing & Managing Your Files** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/12 - Adult Acrylics Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Basic acrylic painting techniques for beginners; instructor available for advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Age 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class \$10/resident; \$12/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/12 - Senior Bridge** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th noon-4 pm. Annual fee \$15/resident + \$1/game; \$25/non-resident + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/12 - Build a Website with HTML-2** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/12 - Resume Workshop** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Th through 9/26 2-4 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/12 - College Night** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Annual event: fun interactive activities, cool happenings. 5-7:30

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**9/12 - The Next Generation Road Rascals Car Show** at Lake Worth Casino Building & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. 2nd Th 6-9 pm. rstarr2010@gmail.com

**9/12 - Night Line Dancing Class** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 10/31. Beginner 6-7 pm; Beginner & High Beginner 6-8 pm; High Beginner 7-8 pm; High Beginner & Intermediate 7-9 pm; Intermediate 8-9 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

**9/12 - Unbound World Book Club: A Brightness Long Ago** by Guy Gavriel Kay at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/12 - Boca Raton Orchid Society** at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Romina Gazis-Seregina: Orchid Diseases. 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free/member & 1st-time guest. 810-6547; brosonline.org

**9/12 - Adult Tango Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every Th 7:50-10:50 pm. \$15/resident; \$16/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**Friday - 9/13 - Supervised Bridge Play** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. John Black. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10 am-noon. \$10. 393-7807; myboca.us

**9/13 - Smart Home ft. Alexa** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Appy Hour class series. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/13 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Age 50 & up. Every F 10:45 am-1:15 pm. Per class \$5/resident; \$6/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**9/13 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel Toastmasters Club** at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. \$12/lunch or \$5/soft drink; cash only. 742-2121; billgovetostmastersclub.com

**9/13 - Beginner's Laptop & Internet** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/13 - Discover Studio Open Lab: Facebook** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/13 - Adult Coloring Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every 2nd F 1:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/13 - iPhone/iPad Basics** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/13 - Curator's Conversation** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 5-10 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

**9/13 - Sushi & Stroll Summer Walk** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink, a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances (first-come/first-served, additional \$3). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$6-\$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

**9/13 - Joey Dale Oldies Night** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every F 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/13 - Laser Shows** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 2nd F 7 pm. \$10/advance; \$12/at the door. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

**9/13 - Castoffs Square Dance Club** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Basic modern western square dancing. Every F 7-9:30 pm. \$6 at the door. 731-3119; boynton-beach.org

**9/13 - West Coast Swing Dance Class** at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Instructor John Grassia. Singles & couples welcome. Every F through 8/16 7:30-9 pm. \$50/resident; \$63/non-resident. 367-7035; myboca.us

**9/13 - Screen on the Green** at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd, Lake Worth. See a different movie every month. Every 2nd F 8-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

**9/13 - Bluesman Ray Cashman** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/13-15 - The Rocky Horror Show** at the Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 9/22. F-Sun 7 pm; F/Sat 10:30 pm; Th 8 pm. \$15-\$45. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**9/13-15 - Man of La Mancha** presented by MNM Theatre Company at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Runs through 9/29. Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 1:30 pm. \$65. 832-7469; mnmtheatre.org

**Saturday - 9/14 - Hillsboro Lighthouse**

**Tour** meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Visitors park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/from lighthouse only by tour boat provided by South Florida Diving Headquarters. First boat departs 9 am. Last boat returns 3 pm. USCG regulations require closed-toe flat shoes w/ rubber soles to climb lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult and a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 9 am-3 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

**9/14 - Florida Authors Academy Has Talent!** part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. Register: \$25/participant; free/spectator. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**9/14 - Blogs 101** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/14 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth & Lantana** conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. 2nd Sat year-round, rain or shine. Check website for available dates. 11 am. \$53-\$60/adult; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family.) Reservations required: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**9/14 - All About Apple Devices** presented by Palm Beach Phoenix Apple User Group at Fire Station No. 2, 4301 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Discuss anything related to Apple products. First meeting free; yearly membership required to attend other meetings (\$48/year). 2nd Sat noon-2 pm. 336-0119; pbphoenix.org

**9/14 - iMovie Magic** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/14 - WeinFest** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. 5-7 pm tasting. \$35/advance. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

**9/14 - Fusion Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/14 - Free Comedy Show** at Capital One Cafe, 330 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every 2nd Sat 7-7:45 pm. Free. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

**9/14 - Sick Puppies** at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 9/21 & 28. Showcase 7:30-8:30 pm \$10/online, \$15/at the door; Improv Comedy Show 9-10 pm \$15/online, \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

**9/14 - Country Concert Series: Walker Montgomery** at Tin Roof Delray Beach, 8 E Atlantic Ave. 8 pm. \$5/advance; \$7/at the door. 265-5310; tinroofdelraybeach.com

**9/14 - Divas on Stage: Greatest Songs of All Time** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**9/14 - The Joe Cotton Band** at The Delray

Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**9/14 - Cortadito** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**SEPTEMBER 15-21**

**Sunday - 9/15 - 6th Annual Boca Photo** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Join Allan Pierce, instructor and professional photographer; informal discussions/workshops on photography led by advanced Art School students. 10 am-1:30 pm. Free. 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

**9/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month: POEMAS** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by National League of American PEN Women Boca Raton Branch. Poets Richard Blanco, Clarisa Estes Pinkola, Caetano Veloso. Alberto Rios. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/15 - Friends Speaker Series: Anne Goldberg** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**9/15 - Music in the Museum: David Block, Piano** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Improvisations based on artwork in the Museum. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**9/15 - The Sunday Sleuths Book Club: Whiteout** by Ken Follett at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**9/15 - UB40 featuring Ali Campbell and Astro With Shaggy** presented by Live Nation at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. No outside food, beverages, chairs, pets. 5:30 pm doors open; 6:30 pm concert. Tickets start at \$29; VIP packages available. 393-7890; myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

**9/15 - The Whitestone Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**Monday - 9/16 - Song of a Captive Bird** part of Women's Perspective Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/16 - Brain Training Apps** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/16 - Online Living: Battle of the Browsers** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/16 - PowerPoint Level 2** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & PowerPoint Level 1. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/16 - Zentangle Workshop** at Art-Sea Living, 112 S Federal Hwy #7, Boynton Beach. 6-8 pm. \$25/person, \$40/2 people. 737-2600; artsealiving.com

**Tuesday - 9/17 - NOSH! Hispanic Heritage Month: Paella** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/17 - Online Living: Look It Up Online!** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0194;

delraylibrary.org

**9/17 - A Closer Look: Mirror of Venus by Eileen Cowin** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery, focus on an individual artwork, then move to the Museum Theater to explore the work's cultural contest. Held again 6 pm 9/20. 1 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

**9/17 - Learn a New Language** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/17 - Word Level 2** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Word Level 1. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/17 - Donna Shelley and the Rhythm Chicks** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm showtime/dancing. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/17 - Microsoft PowerPoint Lecture** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/17 - OneDrive Level 2** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & OneDrive Level 1. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/17 - Florida Native Plant Society** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Joint meeting with Sierra Club. 3rd T 7 pm. Free. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

**9/17 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 8 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

**Wednesday - 9/18 - 5th Annual Saluting Branches: Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance** at South Florida National Cemetery, 6501 State Road 7, Lake Worth Beach. Participating companies honor veterans by donating tree care at veteran properties. 8:30 am. 844-922-1151; salutingbranches.org

**9/18 - League of Women Voters Hot Topic Luncheon: State of Palm Beach County Schools** at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd. Speaker Dr. Donald Fennoy, Superintendent of Palm Beach County Schools. 11 am doors open; 11:30 am lunch/program. \$35. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpubc.org

**9/18 - Texting and Messaging Apps Part 3** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/18 - Excel Level 2** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Excel Level 1. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/18 - Are You Being Heard: Political Participation and the 1st Amendment with Ana Navarro-Cardenas** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of One-Time Event Series at FAU Osher Lifelong Learning Society. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35/advance member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest at the door. 297-3171; fau.edu/divdept/lifelong

**9/18 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton** at Pavilion

Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 3rd W 5:30 pm. \$30. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

**9/18 - Community Cabaret** at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, stand-up comedians; performers must register in advance. 7:30 pm. \$5. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org

**Thursday - 9/19 - Online Living: Online & Mobile Banking** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/19 - Build a Website with HTML-3** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/19 - Tomorrow's Researchers** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of FAU Research in Action series. Adults. 2-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/19 - Nine & Wine Kick Off Party** presented by South Florida Science Center at Palm Beach Par 3, 2345 S Ocean Blvd. Women's Golf Clinic, pre-golf cocktails, wine reception, awards ceremony. 4 pm. \$150/twosome; \$300/foursome; \$35/reception only (7:15-8:15 pm). 832-1988; sfscenter.org

**9/19 - Meet the Artist: Chauncey Patterson, Principal Viola** at Palm Beach Symphony, 400 Hibiscus St, Suite 100, West Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. \$50. 281-0145; palmbeachsymphony.org

**9/19 - Biennial Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception** at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/artsandletters/galleries

**9/19 - New Art Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception** at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Exhibition runs through 10/26 during regular hours. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 297-2661; fau.edu/artsandletters/galleries

**9/19 - 3rd Thursday Art Meets Music** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd Th 7 pm. Free. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/19 - Country Concert Series: Palmalee** at Tin Roof Delray Beach, 8 E Atlantic Ave. 8 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. 265-5310; tinroofdelraybeach.com

**Friday - 9/20 - Coaching the Mature Driver** at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 St. Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Designed for insurance reduction. Bring lunch/beverage. 9 am-3 pm. \$20/check made payable to DOTs. Register: 732-1416; 512-6407

**9/20 - Discover Studio Open Lab: Genealogy** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**9/20 - Online Living: Social Media** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/20 - iPhone/iPad Intermediate** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: iPhone/iPad Basics. Adults. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/20 - Friday Night Dinner Party** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Held again 9/27. 5 pm doors open; 6-8 pm dinner. \$10/guest admission; \$12/dinner; \$20/guest admission & dinner. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

**9/20 - Ladies Night Out** at South Florida

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**9/20 - 12th Annual Boca's Ballroom Battle** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Benefits George Snow Scholarship Fund. Cocktail reception, dance showcase, after party. Summer cocktail attire; jackets for gentlemen. 6-10 pm. Tickets start at \$185. 347-6799; ballroombattle.com

**9/20 - The Victory Dolls: I Left My Heart at the Stage Door Canteen** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**9/20 - Off the Ave Stand Up Comedy Show** at Improv U, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every 3rd F 9:30-11 pm. \$10. 844-561-4242; theimprovu.com

**Saturday - 9/21 - League of Women Voters Orientation Meeting for New Members** at Palm Beach State College, Center for Bachelors Programs Building Room CBP-103, 4200 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Learn about immigration, the environment, the census, health care, voting rights, national popular vote, gun safety, affordable housing, other issues. 9 am registration. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. RSVP: dkostrub@aol.com; 852-0496; lwvpubc.org

**9/21 - Butterfly Garden Workshop** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Friends of Daggerwing. 10-11:30 am. \$3/non-member. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**9/21 - Workshop: Photomontage Film Posters** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 10 am-1 pm. \$15/member; \$20/non-member; \$5/student. 832-5196 x1146; norton.org

**9/21 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach** conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. 4-hour tour includes bus/walking tour, food sampling, visits to historical/cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. 3rd & 4th Sat year-round rain or shine. 11 am. \$53-\$60/adult; free/child under 18 (max 5 children per family.) Reservations: 638-8277; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**9/21 - 2019 Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. One free ticket per email address. Noon-5 pm. Free w/ticket. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**9/21 - Billy Elliot The Musical** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Sat through 10/26 4 pm. \$25.50/adult; \$15.50/student. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**9/21 - Cachet Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 8/13, 17 & 27. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm music. \$10 cover. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**9/21 - Honor Flight Southeast Florida Operation Homecoming** at Palm Beach International Airport 2nd Level Concourse A/B. Welcome home 80 WWII, Korean, and Vietnam war veterans from their Honor Flight in Washington DC. 7:35 pm. Free. 523-8187; facebook.com/honorflight

**9/21 - The Victory Dolls: I Left My Heart at the Stage Door Canteen** at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$45. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

**9/21 - Garage Queens and Kings Competition** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd Sat July-Sep 8-10 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/21-22 - Exotic Plant & Orchid Sale & Indoor Arts & Craft Fair** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 563 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun 9 am-3 pm. \$10/non-member; free/child 12 & under. 233-1757; mounts.org

**9/21-22 - 25th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival** at 330 E Atlantic Ave. Over 100 craft booths. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

**9/21-23 - 3rd Annual USTA Sunshine State Open** at Delray Beach Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr; Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave; Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr; Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. The best juniors in the country compete in Boys' & Girls' 12s & 14s age division. All starting times posted online. Doubles and singles format. 8 am matches begin. Free/spectator admission. Schedules/draw information: 330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/sunshine-state-open

## SEPTEMBER 22-28

**Sunday - 9/22 - Fruhschoppen** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111

Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. No t-shirts or shorts. 4th Sun Jan-Sep 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free admission, all items a la carte. 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

**9/22 - Tom Swayzee & His Polecats** at Boca Raton Shrine Club, 601 Clint Moore Rd. Presented by Hot Jazz & Alligator Gumbo Society (HAGS). 1-4 pm. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. 954-651-0970; hagsjazz.com

**9/22 - Joey and the Paradons Sock Hop Thursday** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm showtime/dancing. \$10/includes house drink. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**Monday - 9/23 - In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson** part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/23 - Hack Proof Yourself: Online & Personal Information** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. Held again 2-4 pm 10/3. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/23 - Incorporating Kindness: How to Transform Your Business for Good featuring Alex Price** at The Social House, 512 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25-\$35. 279-2970; milagrocenter.org/kindness

**9/23 - PowerPoint Level 3** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & PowerPoint 1&2. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/23 - Voces: Adios Amor, The Search for Maria Moreno** at Palm Beach State College Conference Center, 4200 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Hosted by South Florida PBS in partnership with Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County. 6 pm reception; 7 pm screening; 7:30 pm reflection. Free. RSVP: wpbt2.org/events

**9/23-24 - Auditions for Cabaret** at MNM Theatre Company, 100 NW 11th St, Boca Raton. M 3-9 pm; T noon-8 pm. Schedule an audition appointment: mnmtheatre.org/audition

**9/23-11/29 - Language Classes** at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Continuing ed, non-credit, all levels. American Sign Language, Arabic, French, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Tatar, Turkish. \$300/course; \$30/parking permit; textbook additional if required. Register: 297-3860; fau.edu/artsandletters/ilcl/continuing-education

**Tuesday - 9/24 - Friends Book Club** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**9/24 - Hack Proof Yourself: Managing Your Digital Afterlife** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/24 - Google Email, Drive & Apps** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/24 - Beowulf** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Books From the Shelves of History - Small Lessons on Big Ideas Series. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**9/24 - Word Level 3** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Word Level 1&2. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/24 - Last Tuesday Jam Session** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Last T 8 pm. Free/performer; \$5/patron. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 9/25 - Hack Proof Yourself: Password Managers** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard & Computers 101. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/25 - Excel Level 3** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: Mouse, Keyboard, Computers 101 & Excel Level 1&2. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/25 - 40 for the Family Event** at Winehouse Social, 104 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Family Promise of South Palm Beach County. Wine tasting, artisan hors d'oeuvres. 5-7 pm. \$40. 265-3370; familypromisepb.org

**9/25 - Poetry Open Mic on the Avenue** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4th W 6-7:30 pm. Walk-in poets accepted as time permits. Free. Reserve a spot by 5 pm 9/24 by email: mykal.banta@delraylibrary.org; 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**Thursday - 9/26 - Hack Proof Yourself: How to Stop Robocalls** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/26 - Photoshop II** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free.

393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/26 - Musical Theatre Voice Class for Adults** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every Th through 11/7 4:30-5:30 pm. \$225/session. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**9/26 - Comedian Jimmy Shubert** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Minors under 21 with parent/legal guardian. 5 pm doors open; 6:30 pm show. \$20-\$25. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**9/26 - Professional Networking with Social Media** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/26 - Movie Screening: Sita Sings the Blues** at The Jaffe Center for Book Arts, Florida Atlantic University Wimberly Library 3rd Floor East, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of Palm Beach Poetry Festival. Admission supports the work of producer/director Nina Paley. 7 pm \$10. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

**9/26 - 3rd Annual Alumni Concert** at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$15. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

**9/26 - Mod 27** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$15. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Friday - 9/27 - The Regency Book Club: Vanity Fair, Pt. 1** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/27 - 60 Interview Tips in 60 Minutes** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/27 - iPhone/iPad Advanced** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Prerequisite: iPhone/iPad Basics & Intermediate. Adults. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**9/27 - Art After Dark/Drew Tucker: Caught in a Cabaret** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 5-10 pm. Free. 832-5196; norton.org

**9/27 - William Kent Krueger** speaks and signs his book *This Tender Land* at Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore, 104 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**9/27 - Country Concert Series: Spencer Crandall** at Tin Roof Delray Beach, 8 E Atlantic Ave. 8 pm. \$5/advance, \$7/at the door. 265-5310; tinroofdelraybeach.com

**9/27 - Here Comes The Sun: The Music of The Beatles** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$50. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**9/27-29 - Uncle Vanya by Anton Chekhov** at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theater, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 10/6. Th/F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$22. 297-6124; fauevents.com

**Saturday - 9/28 - Fabulous Crotons of Florida** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Led by Mark Peters of Peters Crotons & Cordylines. 10-11 am. \$45/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**9/28 - First Time Home Buyers Workshop** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**9/28 - Palm Beach Poetry Festival 10th Annual Open Mic** at St. Pat's Pub, 1600 E Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach. In partnership with 100 Thousand Poets for Change. 3:30 pm \$Free. 868-2063; palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

**9/28 - 2019 Golden Bell Battle of the Bands** at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Boca Raton. 7-11 pm. \$40-\$75. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

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**Sunday - 9/29 - Rosh Hashana begins**

**Monday - 9/30 - Absolute Beginner's Guide to Computers and the Internet** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/30 - Jump Start Guide to Decluttering** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**9/30 - Tools & Tips for Meatless Mondays** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**Tuesday - 10/1 - Morning Muffins & Mysteries: The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle** by Stuart Turton at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**10/1 - Boca Raton Garden Club** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Officers' installation luncheon. Every 1st T 1 pm. Free. 395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

**10/1 - Memoirs of the Soul** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Learn how to record the voyage of your life. Instructor Dr.

Rachel Panton, Writing My Life Memoirs, LLC. Adults 35+. Every T through 10/22 6:30-8 pm. \$40/resident; \$50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**10/1 - Comedy Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 10/2 - Japanese Traditional Music: Intermediate Koto Class** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every W through 11/6 (no class 10/9) 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**10/2 - Entertainment on the Go: Downloadable Books & Magazines** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**10/2 - 8th Annual Senator Philip D. Lewis Center Luncheon** at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11:30 am-2 pm. Tickets start at \$100. 355-4663; homelesscoalitionpb.org

**10/2 - The Institute for Learning in Retirement: Meet the Instructors** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes led by university professors, retired professors, community activists, professionals committed to sharing their knowledge. 1 pm. Free. 883-0999; iliretirement.org

**10/2 - Mac 101** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Introduction to Tinkercad** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**10/2 - Salsa Nights** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Salsa Nights is a structured and progressive program, designed to take a beginner to a Salsa Star. Age 15+. Every W through 12/4. 7-8 pm. \$108. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Thursday - 10/3 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Floral Class** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Th through 10/24 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$55/member; \$60/non-member. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

**10/3 - Entertainment on the Go: Streaming Video** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**10/3 - Twitter** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**10/3 - Photosop I** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/3 - Norton Cinema: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 2-3:20 pm. Free w/admission. 832-5196; norton.org

**10/3 - National Night Out** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Hosted by Delray Beach Police Department & Delray Citizens for Delray Police. The community and law enforcement come together to take a stand against crime. Family fun, live music, K-9 demonstrations, food trucks, more. 6-9 pm. Free. downtowndelraybeach.com/events

**10/3 - Poetry Open Mic Night - Speak Courage to Power: In Honor of Bullying Prevention Month** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$5. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**10/3-4 - Boca Screening: Art21 Contemporary Artists** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 6-7 pm; F 2-3 pm. Free w/admission. RSVP: 392-2500 x213; bocamuseum.org

**10/3-6 - Sister Act The Divine Musical Comedy** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 10/20. Sat/Sun 2 pm; Th-Sat 8 pm. \$29-\$68/preview night; \$40/opening night; \$29-\$35/regular show; \$65-\$75/dinner & show package. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Friday - 10/4 - Sumi-e Ink Painting Class** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every F through 10/25. Floral 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Landscape 1:30-3:30 pm. \$55/member; \$60/non-member. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

**10/4 - Computer Basics: Files & Folders** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**10/4 - Entertainment on the Go: Streaming Music** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**10/4 - Scan & Organize Your Family Photos** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/4 - Opening Reception: Milieu Art Exhibit** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray

Beach. Runs T-Sat noon-6 pm through 10/27.

6-8 pm. Free. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**10/4 - First Friday Art Walk** at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Visit current exhibits, then make your way to other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

**10/4 - Film Series: Fireworks, A film by Akiyuki Shinbo & Nobuyuki Takeuchi** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. In Japanese, subtitled in English. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm film. \$5/member; \$7/non-member. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

**10/4 - Free Friday Concert: Simply Tina** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets. No pets or outside food/beverage. Weather permitting. 6 pm gates open; 7:30 pm concert starts. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoosquare.org

**10/4 - Selwyn Birchwood** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday - 10/5 - Hustle2EndHunger 5K Run/Walk/Family Fun Day** at John Prince Park, 4759 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. Benefits CROS Ministries. Rain or shine: 6 am register; 7 am run start; 8 am recognition. Collect pledges. \$40/runner; pledges/walker. 233-9009; crosministries.org

**10/5 - Grooming the Garden** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Volunteers new to gardening or with a certified green thumb invited to assist weeding/pruning select areas of the garden. No RSVP or experience required. Bring sunscreen, hat, gloves, water. 1st Sat 8:30 am. Free/member. 233-1757; mounts.org

**10/5 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill/practice. Age 18 & up. M/W/F/Sat 9 am-noon. Annual fee \$15/resident; \$20/non-resident. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**10/5 - Community Open House** at Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, 253 Barcelona Rd West Palm Beach. 10 am-6 pm. Free. 832-5328; ans.org

**10/5 - League of Women Voters Cool Topics: Local Impacts of Global Climate Change** at Hyatt Place, 104 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Expert panel. Part of RISE: A Climate and Art Weekend. 10 am-noon. Free; free parking Old School Square Parking Garage. RSVP: 968-4123; lwvpubc.org

**10/5 - Japanese Traditional Music: Beginners Koto Classes** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Sat through 11/16. Beginners II 10:30 am-12:30 pm; Beginners I 1-3 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**10/5 - The Mother-In-Law by Sally Heworth** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Pre-registration & valid Delray Beach Library card required: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**10/5 - Blogs: Preparing to Launch** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**10/5 - 8th Annual Side-by-Side Festival for String Orchestra** at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Talented high school students perform side-by-side with members of FAU Symphony Orchestra under direction of Dr. Laura Joella. 7 pm. 297-3000; calendar.fau.edu/arts

**10/5 - Roman Street** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$45. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**10/5 - The Mersey Beatles: Four Lads From Liverpool** at Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$39-\$55. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

**10/5 - First Nighters** at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hobnob w/performers; have your photo taken w/the stars. Follows performance of Bee Gees Gold: The Tribute. 9 pm. \$20. 237-7750; lynn.tix.com

**10/5-6 - Bee Gees Gold: The Tribute** at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$50-\$70. 237-9000; lynn.tix.com

**10/5-6 - Calendar Girls** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 10/20. Sat/Sun 2 pm; W-Sat 8 pm. Check website/call for tickets: 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**10/5-6 - Flamencas en la Luz (Flamencas in the Light) (G)** presented by Clarita Filgueiras-Flemenco Puro at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$30

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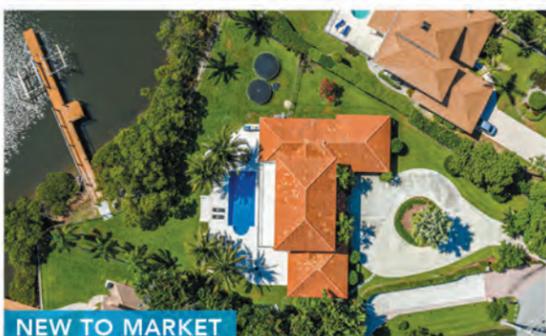
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