

## Along the Coast

# Hot! Hot! Hot!

Buying 'frenzy' strains supply of coastal homes

By Charles Elmore

A year after the coronavirus pandemic began to trigger lockdowns and states of emergency, what once seemed to forebode an uncertain pause in home sales has instead

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transformed coastal Palm Beach County into one of the hottest markets in the nation. Corcoran Group agent Steven Presson

said he cannot remember anything like it.

"It's a frenzy at the highest level," Presson said. "Buyers right now are scratching and clawing for inventory."

A vast Ziff family estate on the market for six years in Manalapan sold for a reported \$94 million in March, heralded as a record for

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Steven Presson (right), a Realtor with the Corcoran Group, shows a property on Hypoluxo Island to Brian Mock in March as Douglas Elliman agent Tonja Garamella listens from the top of the stairs. The Mocks, from Newport Beach, California, plan to move to the area and were viewing the home with friends who recently moved to Hypoluxo Island from California. The house was listed at \$4.95 million. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

## Delray Beach

# Fire chief to Highland Beach: Stay with us

Delray would lose station, millions if partnership ends

By Rich Pollack

After listening to Delray Beach's fire chief spell out a lengthy list of benefits Highland Beach receives under its fire-rescue contract and warning that canceling the agreement could be detrimental to residents, most town leaders agreed keeping Delray is the preference — if only it were affordable.

With the current price tag hovering above \$5 million a year and projected to reach north of \$6.5 million by 2027, however, town leaders say the agreement is unsustainable and are strongly considering the possibility of starting a town-operated fire-rescue department.

"It appears we're looking at three strategies," Mayor Doug Hillman said. "First in my opinion would be to stay right where we are, but it's a finance issue."

During a presentation in March, Delray Beach Fire Chief Keith Tomey reminded town commissioners that their residents are receiving what he called the "gold standard" of care from

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## Delray Beach

# Team of police, citizens viewed as epitome of service to homeless

By Rich Pollack

They are people many choose to look past and not see. And those who do see homeless people scattered throughout Delray Beach tend to look away.

Yet over the last four years a growing number of caring people have been looking out for others who call Delray Beach home — even if they have no permanent place to live.

Most visible among those who work closely with the city's homeless people are members

of the Delray Beach Police Department's community outreach team. It includes two police officers and Ariana Ciancio, a licensed mental health counselor who serves as the city's service population advocate.

Behind them — and less visible — is an informal circle of representatives from social service and other organizations who have made it possible for the city to offer service unmatched by any other community in Palm Beach County and perhaps South Florida.

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James McCray, part of the homeless task force in Delray Beach, cuts the hair of Thomas Germaine near the shower truck that is parked behind St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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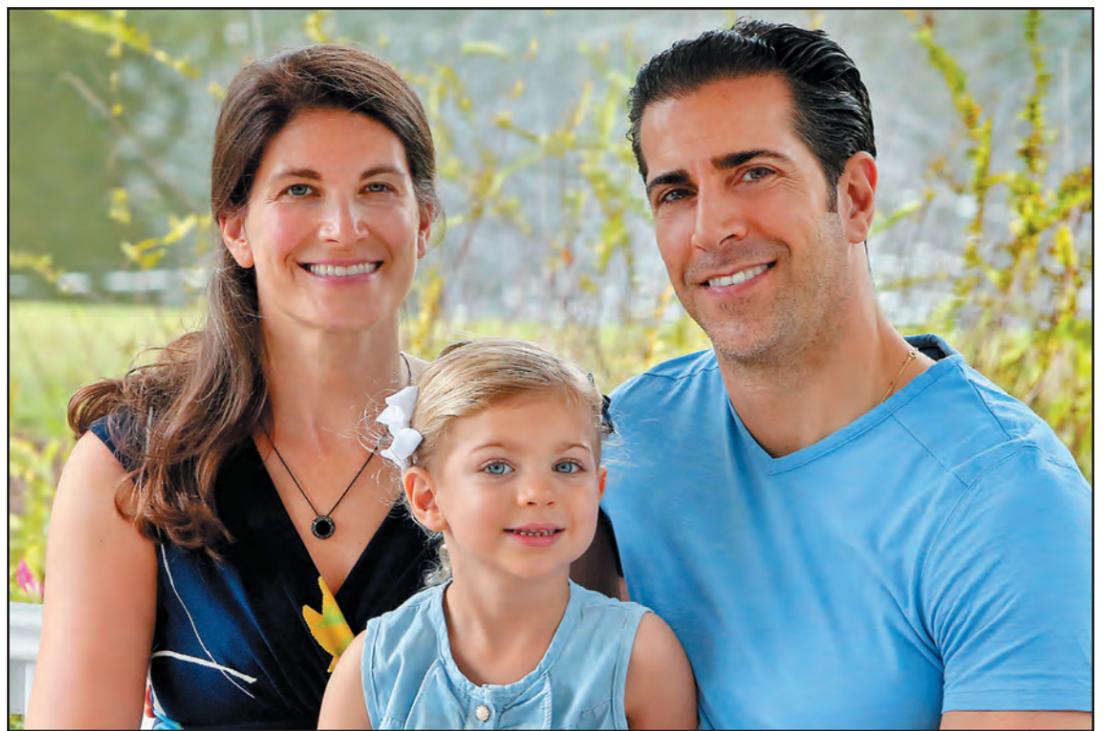
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## Coastal Star



Stacey Roselli runs the Reading Village for children with dyslexia. She lives in Delray Beach with her husband, Giovanni, and their daughter, Juliet, 3. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Delray woman's center helps children with dyslexia learn to read

By Brian Biggane

Stacey Roselli didn't have to look far for potential clients when she opened the Reading Village for children with dyslexia and other language-based problems in Delray Beach in 2014. Seven years and hundreds of success stories later, her center and its program have become an unqualified success.

Roselli, 43, earned a psychology degree at New York University and spent 12 years at the Windward School in Westchester, primarily using the highly regarded Orton-Gillingham approach to learning, which explicitly teaches students the connections between letters and sounds, using sight, hearing, touch and movement.

"I'm so fortunate that when I was young someone told me about it, and that's all I knew on how to teach reading," she said. "When I went to NYU the administrators said, 'I'm sorry, we don't do it like that.' I was like, 'So why did I spend all that money?'"

Roselli's instincts and experience led her back to the Orton-Gillingham approach, and she hasn't looked back.

The Reading Village, which serves students from kindergarten to high school, is "so close to bursting, which is a great problem to have. But it's also sad, because a lot of children need the help."

Roselli and her husband, Giovanni, a fitness educator and presenter, were still in the process of relocating to South Florida in 2014 when a woman who had heard about her Windward experience asked if she could teach her dyslexic child to read.

"From there, the lawyer of that family said, 'Can you work with our children? We have four who are dyslexic.'"

"And then another mom

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knew someone. So it's been so awesome that I've been able to help so many kids, and never had to advertise."

Dyslexia is a neurobiological learning disability characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.

Roselli has co-opted a couple of her longtime associates, Andrea Kaminsky and Ruthanne Mahoney, both career-long educators, to work with the children, as well as four more women who are helping her create reading games, to form a seven-person staff.

"So, it's 11:30 at night and we're Zooming each other making sure we're ready for the next day. So the Village is no longer just Stacey; it's all of my teammates, and I'm really, really happy," she said.

Roselli sees the Reading Village as more of a "center" than a school, with much of the teaching done out of members' homes. Even so, she said, her program has generated so much interest that she has started working virtually with teachers from local schools to help them work with students facing similar challenges.

"It's so they don't have to come to me," she said. "The whole idea is for them to stay in their classroom and get the education they need, without having to spend time after school."

While the Reading Village is very 21st-century in its approach, it is not unique. The Bilgrav School in West Palm Beach also specializes

in students with dyslexia, and there is another such school in south Miami.

The information in the field is constantly expanding, so Roselli has her own village as a member of the International Dyslexia Association and a core group of educators she knows from her time in New York and Connecticut.

"It's really about sharing knowledge," she said. "There are people who say they have the background to do this — maybe they take a two-day workshop and say they're trained, but they're not. You need experience and you need a mentor. That's one person trying to help conquer dyslexia, and that's very hard. So I suppose we are a little unique."

Roselli is also somewhat unusual in that she has spent her entire 20-year teaching career in that one discipline.

"It gives you an understanding, and you can kind of predict the errors children are going to make."

The testimonials on thereadingvillage.com overflow with praise for both Roselli and her program.

Susan R. writes that she and her son Josh came across Stacey after he had finished the first grade: "We had nowhere else to turn and we didn't know what to do. He started working with Stacey through the summer and it was a life-changing experience for all of us."

While her work keeps her busy, Roselli does have a robust family life with Giovanni, whom she met at the gym, and their daughter, Juliet Rose, 3.

"My family is a big part of who I am," she said. "I love to cook, and love to go to the beach. If I'm not working, I'm exercising, cooking and with my family." ★

## Editor's Note

### Enjoy wonders of spring, but mind turtles on beach

The light falls differently once the clocks change. It's brighter, easier, more transparent.

Increasingly the drawbridges are in the up position and the tops are down on the rental convertibles cruising on A1A.

After a year of living oh-so-very-cautiously, it's promising to see neighbors with a rebounding willingness to wave hello. We still stay safe, of course, but at least we can once again share a greeting.

Maybe that's because March and April are our kindest months. Light breezes, lingering evenings, soft sweaters around chilly shoulders. Spring.

If you are new to our coastal area and just settling into your just-purchased home, be sure to absorb this season with all your senses — marvel at the colors of the sunrise and sunset, listen to the warblers in the hedges, smell the frangipani blooms as they burst open on barren tree limbs, taste the season's first strawberries, feel cool sand on your feet.

Soak it in. Soon these sensual pleasures will vanish into flickering heat waves, wilted linen and the ceaseless thrumming of air conditioners. As quickly as spring is gone, summer slogs along. Rain and thunder, closing shutters, monitoring the cones of uncertainty.

But even within the weight of a South Florida summer, there's a stillness that will beg you to wander to the ocean's edge. There, deep at night, female sea turtles lumber ashore to lay their eggs, leaving behind heavy tracks pressed into the sand as they return home to the sea.

March 1 was the official beginning of turtle nesting

season. A few have already made it ashore to continue their ancient ritual of renewal. By the end of summer, hundreds will have arrived.

If you want to observe this amazing natural wonder, please check with one of the local nature centers for do's and don'ts. Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton is an especially useful resource: [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org).

Please welcome our nocturnal visitors by turning out the lights. The ones that shine directly on the beach, of course, but also the porch lights and landscape lights that contribute to the constant urban glow that disorients these majestic reptiles and their hatchlings.

As the mother turtles come ashore they are on a single-minded mission and can get tangled or trapped in anything they encounter on their way up the sand. Please pull your furniture and recreational gear off the beach and fill any holes you dig in the sand — this is important once the thousands of little ones begin to hatch and make their way to the water.

And please, no balloons. When these escape your celebration they end up in the ocean as enticing — but deadly — morsels for our aquatic friends.

As you roll out the welcome mat for the new homeowners in our neighborhoods, please keep in mind the summer visitors who need our beaches for their species to survive.

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— Mary Kate Leming, Editor



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## Highland Beach

## 3-year-old homicide unsolved; related cases slog through courts

By Rich Pollack

The apartment on the third floor of the Penthouse Highlands condominium where the body of 85-year-old Elizabeth “Betty” Cabral was found with her throat cut three years ago this month remains empty.

Some furniture is inside and there are signs that investigators have given the condo a



Cabral

thorough going over, looking for evidence everywhere including in drainpipes under sinks.

The electricity remains on, paid for now by the condominium association, as does the air conditioning in order to keep mold and mildew from forming.

Though detectives from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office are continuing to piece together evidence in the case, Cabral's death — only the second known homicide in Highland Beach's 71-year history — remains the town's only unsolved murder.

“The Sheriff's Office has kept us updated and the case remains under investigation,” said Highland Beach Police

Chief Craig Hartmann, whose department turned the case over to sheriff's detectives after handling the initial call. The detectives have not commented publicly about the investigation.

Two related cases are wending through the courts, slowed by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and in at least one of the cases by turnover of prosecutors and by the difficulty of contacting witnesses in other parts of the country.

In probate court, attorneys for Cabral's niece Teresa Regan hope a judge will soon determine who will be awarded legal ownership of the estate, which includes the third-floor apartment and other assets.

In another part of the courthouse, the criminal court case against David Del Rio, the financial adviser for Cabral and her husband, William, who died in 2017, is slowly proceeding.

Del Rio is charged with 72 counts of grand theft and exploitation of the elderly, with prosecutors contending that he siphoned nearly \$3 million from the Cabrals over six years.

Arrested in September 2018, Del Rio was released on bail of more than \$450,000 in January 2019 with the condition that he remain under house arrest and avoid contact with members of

the Cabral family.

Like many of the pending criminal cases in Palm Beach County, Del Rio's case has been slowed by the pandemic.

But a number of other factors have kept the case from moving forward more rapidly.

So far, no trial date has been set but Del Rio's attorney Michael Salnick believes the case could go before a jury sometime this fall.

“There have been a lot of things going on that have caused the delay but I think we're in the homestretch,” he said. “We just have a lot to do and we're doing it. No one is unnecessarily delaying the case.”

Salnick says it's not unusual for a case this serious to take years of preparation before it is ready for trial but agrees with Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg, that COVID has been a factor.

Edmondson said courts are just beginning to address what amounts to a more than a year's worth of backlog of cases.

The Del Rio case has also seen a changeover in prosecutors, again not that unusual according to Edmondson, and involves witnesses outside of the state.

“There have just been a lot

of depositions to take,” Salnick said.

While prosecutors have contended that Del Rio took advantage of his business relationship with the Cabrals and used their trust to pilfer money from bank accounts, Salnick has argued that all the transactions were above board.

During a bond hearing in 2018, Salnick argued that the Cabrals gave the money to Del Rio willingly and presented witnesses who said Betty Cabral thought of him as a son.

It was while investigating Cabral's death that detectives uncovered financial information that led to the theft charges against Del Rio.

Cabral's body was found on April 30, 2018, by a Highland Beach police officer doing a safety check after her car was found abandoned in Pompano Beach.

As transplants from Cambridge, Massachusetts, Betty Cabral and her husband retired to Highland Beach in the mid-1990s and were well liked by their neighbors in the condominium community across from the ocean.

Major crimes are rare in Highland Beach, a town that has a full Police Department with officers routinely on patrol. Highland Beach has

repeatedly been rated among the top 10 safest cities in Florida by organizations that conduct ratings.

Highland Beach's only other confirmed homicide occurred in 1994 when Richard P. Ramaglia, 49, was fatally stabbed in his home in the 4000 block of South Ocean Boulevard.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's deputies later arrested Mary Juhnke, 23. Juhnke told detectives an argument over whether she should have an abortion led to the stabbing. Juhnke later pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 17 years in prison in December 1994. ★

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## Gulf Stream

# Decade-long project to bury utilities within a month or two of finish

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream's long-awaited project to rid the town of telephone wires and poles is stumbling toward the finish line.

"I'm happy to say that AT&T has completed their — what they describe in their industry as — wrecking their old infrastructure," Town Manager Greg Dunham told town commissioners on March 12.

Dunham said one house on Polo Drive still needed new conduit installed, which he expected would happen before the end of the month.

"That means everyone else has been connected," he said.

Voters approved the plan in a referendum on Feb. 7, 2011, and were originally told the work would be done by fall 2012. Single-family homes were billed \$15,200 while condo owners paid \$8,500.

The latest delay popped up last May when AT&T walked off the job in a contract dispute. The phone company wanted \$1.2 million to complete the work; the town said it owed only \$400,000.

Gulf Stream filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in June. After going through mediation, both sides agreed in January to a payment of \$695,000.

Cable TV provider Comcast told Dunham it will wreck its remaining infrastructure in the first two weeks of April. Customers who have not scheduled appointments to connect to the new system will lose programming then.

Dunham has been updating Florida Power & Light to make sure its teams are ready to swoop in.

"We're hopeful," Mayor Scott Morgan said, "that sometime in May — or June at the latest — that the poles should be removed and all lines removed."

### Subdivision approved

Also at the meeting, commissioners gave their first of two approvals for land-use and zoning changes for the Bluewater Cove addition to Place Au Soleil. The subdivision's 14 new single-family homes will generate \$140,000 in town property taxes; the Gulf Stream Golf Club, which currently owns the acreage, pays only \$471 a year.

Cary Glickstein, president of Ironstone Development Inc., told commissioners he was unable to incorporate the 2900 Avenue Au Soleil parcel, which separates the new subdivision from the rest of Place Au Soleil, into his plans.

"Both transactional uncertainties and engineering complexities were unfortunately too much to overcome," he said.

Assistant Town Attorney

Trey Nazzaro said Glickstein and the town had been discussing his proposals for "well over a year, maybe closer to two years."

The original pitch was for multifamily townhomes, Nazzaro said. Glickstein's team said the town's code would have permitted 22 units on the new street instead of the now-planned 14.

**In other business,** commissioners:

- Denied a request from James Cacioppo for permission to install a four-post boat lift 16.5 feet closer to his southern lot line. The resident had argued the required placement nearer the center of the property spoiled his view of the canal.

William Weiss, his

neighbor to the south, wrote to commissioners "to express in the strongest terms possible" his objection to Cacioppo's request.

Cacioppo previously ruffled feathers along Polo Drive by taking more than three years to build his house.

- Unanimously approved a resolution condemning bills in Tallahassee that would preempt a local government's ability to enforce building design elements such as exterior color and architectural styling of windows on homes.

"You can see for a town like Gulf Stream, this would really gut our code," Dunham said. "This would really strike at the heart of why Gulf Stream is so beautiful." ★

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## Delray Beach

# City sends brochure to residents explaining reclaimed water use

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach in March sent a letter and color brochure to coastal residents explaining how the city's reclaimed water program works — more than a year after the program imploded and nearly prompted a citywide boil-water order that could have lasted for months.

The city mailed letters to single-family homeowners and condominium associations explaining what reclaimed water is and how it can be used safely. The letter states that reclaimed water is “for irrigation purposes ONLY.”

A trifold brochure, “Reclaimed Water (reuse) System and Cross-connection Program,” was attached to letters sent to reclaimed water customers citywide.

“Water use studies reveal that up to 70% of the water flowing to meters monthly is used to maintain landscape and grass,” according to the brochure. “Using reclaimed water conserves valuable potable water resources.”

The brochure also explains that reclaimed water “is highly treated and

disinfected wastewater.”

The letters also gave residents the option of signing up for reclaimed water updates.

Meanwhile, state regulators still are reviewing the origins of mistakes in the reclaimed water program. The city may have to pay almost \$3 million in fines for violations of the law.

A draft Jan. 7 memo from the state Department of Environmental Protection to Delray Beach interim City Manager Jennifer Alvarez called the violations “willful or intentional in nature.”

City staffers had known for more than 12 years what was needed to implement a safe reclaimed water project, according to July 2008 letters between the city's Utilities Department and Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County.

Most of the possible fines stem from the lack of adequate backflow prevention at 581 homes and condo associations. The health department issued a memo that proposed to fine Delray Beach \$5,000 for each site, or a total of \$2.9 million.

The city has hired an environmental law firm to represent it should it contest the fine amount, as well as a public relations firm to counter some of the most outrageous social media and political postings about the program. All questions from the media must go through the firm.

Backflow devices prevent reclaimed water from contaminating the drinking water supply, but a lack of oversight and improper hook-ups allowed the recycled water to penetrate the drinking water in some homes and condos.

“The most recent version of the memo was sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on March 15 and comments were received from FDEP on March 17,” Alexander Shaw, spokesman for the Florida Department of Health in Palm Beach County, wrote on March 24 in response to questions from *The Coastal Star*.

The health department is reviewing and revising the penalty memo, addressing the FDEP comments, according to Shaw.

“The department does not know when the penalties memo will be finalized. It is a process ... without a fixed time limit,” Shaw wrote.

The department has been investigating the city's reclaimed water program for more than a year. On Jan. 2, 2020, a South Ocean Boulevard homeowner called the department to say she was not adequately informed about a cross connection found during December 2018 in her neighborhood.

Delray Beach was forced to turn off its reclaimed water system in February 2020 to avoid a citywide boil-water order triggered by the resident's complaint. The system was turned back on in phases, with 90% of the barrier island service restored by the end of June.

In the past year, the city has spent slightly more than \$1 million to bring its reclaimed water program back into compliance.

Delray Beach can contest the findings of the civil fines after it receives them. ★



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## Delray tries to expand its use of wastewater

How close is Delray Beach to meeting the state law to reuse more of its wastewater flows by 2025?

“I’m confident that we can meet the 2025 deadline to reuse 3.9 million gallons a day,” Hassan Hadjimiry, the city's Utilities Department director, said March 24 in response to a question posed at the virtual meeting of the Beach Property Owners' Association.

The city currently reuses nearly 3 million gallons a day through its reclaimed water system, Hadjimiry said. Reclaimed water is partially treated wastewater that is usable for irrigation only.

Two reclaimed water projects are planned for the mainland east of the interstate, Hadjimiry said. The first will bring reclaimed water to City Hall on Northwest First Avenue and the surrounding areas.

Next year, plans call for reclaimed water to be installed at the Plumosa School of the Arts, a public school on South Seacrest Boulevard.

The 2025 goal of using 60% of wastewater became state law in July 2008. Delray Beach and Boynton Beach jointly operate the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Prior to April 2009, the plant routinely dumped treated wastewater into the ocean through a 36-inch outfall pipe in Delray Beach.

The plant now is restricted to using the outfall pipe during heavy rains, for testing its pumps and from unknown “plant upsets.”

— Jane Smith

## Boynton Beach

# Construction of apartment tower in Riverwalk Plaza to start in April

By Jane Smith

The owner of Riverwalk Plaza in Boynton Beach plans to start building its 10-story apartment complex in late April.

“We have the main contractor on board and hope to get the subcontractors in the next few weeks,” Baruch Cohen, chief operating officer of Isram Realty, said March 22. “We also need to finalize the financing.”

Construction is expected to take two years.

Last June, Cohen had predicted a Sept. 1 construction start. “It’s not delayed,” he said then. “We will have permits in the next few weeks.” That Sept. 1 start date came after an April 2020 date when the apartment construction originally was anticipated to begin.

The primary building permit is ready to be picked up, according to Michael Rumpf, the city’s development director. It contains all the sub-permits, such as electrical, plumbing and structural, needed to start the vertical construction, Rumpf wrote March 23 in an email.

The city will hold a preconstruction meeting with Isram in early April to discuss workers’ parking and the movement of large trucks, along with the inspection process.

Boynton Beach does not require developers to file a construction worker parking plan, Rumpf wrote.

If a parking plan or strategy is needed, “then it must be found acceptable before impacts are realized,” Rumpf wrote.

“A construction project is monitored closely by city staff, and the city is quick to respond to and resolve problems or complaints experienced during the process.”

Riverwalk Plaza sits at the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Woolbright Road.

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 Intracoastal Waterway bridge.

Isram Realty, based in Hallandale Beach, paid \$9.5 million for the aging center in March 2011.

The nearly 10-acre plaza contained a Winn-Dixie grocery store that closed in January 2015.

That closing allowed Isram to redevelop the location into an apartment complex. The company claimed the change was a better land use for the waterfront site.

Isram has built two Federal Highway buildings on the site, which now house a Chipotle’s fast-casual restaurant and a Starbucks Coffeeshouse location.

Isram renovated another building that contains a Walgreens drugstore, Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft store, Sushi Simon restaurant and Bond Street Ale and Coffee.

At the same time, Isram had to update the underground utilities, fix the drainage for the complex and raise the parking lot.

Initially, Isram had wanted to use part of the western parcel of the two it owns to the plaza’s south side for a construction staging area. But that no longer is possible, Cohen said last June.

Because the parcels contain mangroves, their use must be approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Isram sought the permit in December 2017. The permit application

was made public in January 2018.

On June 9 of last year, Isram supplied additional information to the Army Corps. The project was still being reviewed in late March, according to the Army Corps spokeswoman in Jacksonville.

Isram plans to donate the eastern parcel, about 5.8 acres along the Intracoastal, to Boynton Beach.

Isram will have to build around Josie’s Ristorante, whose owners have a long-term lease that expires in 2026 and could not reach a buyout deal with the plaza’s owner.

“We will work around them,” Cohen said. “There will be some interruption but not much.” ★

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## Air Force drone discovered at dawn

Hammock Park, Ocean Ridge — March 19

Ocean Ridge Police Officer LeQuandra Beckford was one of the first responders on the scene after a 20-foot-long Air Force practice drone washed ashore. Moments after this photo was taken, the beach was evacuated until the drone was determined not to have live ammunition. By afternoon, it had been removed from the beach, waiting for the Air Force to pick it up.

According to *The Air Force Times*, the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group flew the target drone from Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City over the military's testing ranges in the Gulf of Mexico. That means it was likely carried by the Gulf Stream about 500 miles from where fighter jets shot it down, around the southern tip of Florida, and up to its final resting spot. Its journey may have lasted two or three months.

First Lt. Savannah Bray, Air Force 53rd Wing spokeswoman, said: 'Sometimes, like in this instance, weather, waves or other circumstances prevent our boats from being able to recover the drones, and they can wash up on shore. The situation isn't dangerous nor entirely uncommon.'

Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



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## Along the Coast

### \$50 million en route for pandemic rescue

By Mary Hladky

Southeastern Palm Beach County cities and towns are likely to receive a total of almost \$50 million from the nearly \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill approved by Congress on March 10.

The massive American Rescue Plan earmarks \$130.2 billion for local governments nationwide. Half the money goes to counties and half to cities.

Boca Raton stands to receive \$11.22 million, Delray Beach \$13.24 million and Boynton Beach \$14.91 million, according to estimates released by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

Briny Breezes can expect \$240,000, Gulf Stream \$410,000, Highland Beach \$1.65 million, Lantana \$5.29 million, Manalapan \$200,000, Ocean Ridge \$820,000 and South Palm Beach \$620,000.

Palm Beach County's share is \$290.3 million.

But the money isn't pouring in yet.

Municipal leaders as of March 26 were awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on how the money can be used and how they will submit eligible expenses.

The Treasury Department is required to send out 50% of municipal allocations within 60 days of the bill's enactment. The second half will come about one year after the first disbursement.

Municipal leaders are thrilled that they will be compensated for expenses they incurred during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I'm pleased that Congress recognized the great need

of cities for assistance in responding to the pandemic," said Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer. "This act recognizes that cities like Boca Raton are on the front line of response and they should be reimbursed for our contributions to our public safety and recovery efforts."

The pandemic put a strain on city budgets and many dipped into reserves to cover unexpected costs.

One of the biggest was overtime paid to police, fire-rescue and other essential personnel filling in for co-workers who contracted COVID-19 or had to quarantine when they were exposed to someone with the illness.

Cities lost revenue from typical sources such as user fees when people opted to shelter in their homes to stay healthy. They had to pay substantially more for personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves for employees and enhanced sanitation procedures.

Unexpected expenses included setting up inoculation sites in January when some cities received small allocations of vaccine from the county office of the Florida Department of Health.

Boynton Beach and Boca Raton spent city funds to give grants to small businesses struggling to stay afloat during the pandemic.

Before the bill was passed, cities were entitled to some relief from the 2020 federal CARES Act. Boca Raton, for one, received nearly \$900,000.

Once municipalities receive guidance from the Treasury Department, they will make decisions on how to spend the

federal money.

Boynton Beach has started the process. City Manager Lori LaVerriere told city commissioners on March 16 that she has formed an internal work group and will bring spending recommendations to the commission on April 6.

The Briny Breezes Town Council told Town Manager William Thrasher on March 25 to investigate how much the town might be eligible to receive and if it could be used to replace some problematic water mains.

Municipal leaders already have a general idea what they can use the money for because it is outlined in statutory language. The bill is intended to be flexible and gives governments until the end of 2024 to spend the money.

It allows cities and towns to use the funds to cover costs incurred responding to the public health emergency and to replace tax dollars lost during the pandemic.

It also supports economic recovery by allowing cities and towns to provide financial assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, and to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality.

They also can make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure, according to the house oversight committee.

The Treasury Department will send the money directly to cities with populations of at least 50,000. For smaller cities and towns, the money will go to the state to distribute. ★

Jane Smith, Mary Thurwachter and Dan Moffett contributed to this story.

## Ocean Ridge

# 3 of options for mayor job are old hands

By Dan Moffett

The Ocean Ridge charter says the Town Commission must select a mayor and vice mayor during its first regularly scheduled meeting after the municipal election.

That assignment is more interesting than usual this time, with the April 5 meeting, because three of the commissioners have served as mayor before and offer different perspectives on how to guide the town's future.

Kristine de Haseth, the incumbent mayor, won re-election to the commission on March 9 with a 16-vote advantage over political newcomer Carolyn Cassidy, who finished third in the four-way race for two seats. Another political newcomer, John Kramer, finished fourth.

Geoff Pugh, who was the town's mayor for six years until resigning from the commission in 2018, led all candidates in the race with 440 votes, or 34% of those cast.

Steve Coz, the incumbent vice mayor, was not a candidate in this election. He served as mayor for two years until de Haseth took over in 2020.

The other commissioners, Susan Hurlburt and Martin Wiescholek, also didn't run in March and last year voted for de Haseth over Coz for mayor.



Ocean Ridge swore in its newly elected commissioners March 15. **ABOVE:** Geoff Pugh, who received the most votes, attended with his wife, Lisa, daughter, Alexis, and son, Jon. **LEFT:** Kristine de Haseth, who won re-election by 16 votes, attended with her son, Ryan. **Photos provided**

They also have sided with her on most commission votes.

Both Pugh and Coz have criticized the direction of the commission under de Haseth, saying it passed too many ordinances and complicated the lives of property owners and contractors. Pugh said the town is meddling too much in the landscaping choices of individual homeowners and losing sight of more important issues such as increasing property values. Coz has said new ordinances such as the one that restricts artificial turf lawns

infringe on homeowners' rights.

De Haseth disagrees, saying Ocean Ridge property values have kept rising and new ordinances were necessary to preserve the town's character.

"I have proven my leadership over less than three years by effective and empathetic leading during unprecedented times," de Haseth says. "I have proven my fiscal responsibility by holding the tax rate steady and building reserves for the town and instituting a five-year capital improvement plan." ★

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## Boynton Beach

# Developer blames parking garage delay on lawsuit

By Jane Smith

Town Square in Boynton Beach has new municipal buildings, a renovated historic high school and a new fire station. But the lack of parking garages makes the area appear unfinished.

Boynton Beach has been waiting for nearly two years to have garage parking for 465 vehicles, promised by JKM BTS, its Town Square private partner. While the city waits for the garages — estimated to cost \$34 million — construction costs are rising by an estimated 5% annually, according to analytics on EdZarenski.com. The website provides in-depth analysis on the economics of construction.

In late November after more negotiations seemed fruitless, Boynton Beach sued JKM BTS, asking a judge to decide whether the city had met its obligations under a March 2018 developer's agreement and can sever that relationship.

JKM built the Cortina apartment buildings and a dog park west of the interstate in Boynton Beach.

Boynton Beach sold 7.68 acres to JKM affiliates in three parcels for \$10 each in 2018. It also gave JKM nearly \$2 million in cash for development costs and redid the streets in the entire Town Square area — including new water and sewer lines, storm drainage and buried power lines.

To its credit, the firm did supply 301 surface parking spaces on the land it received from the city, as required in the March 2018 developer's agreement.

Those spaces are used during the day by the city, Community Redevelopment Agency, the Schoolhouse Children's Museum and library workers. Customers doing business at City Hall and visitors to the museum and library also use the parking spaces during the day.

"Negotiations between the city, potential workforce housing developers and separately with JKM have taken place," read a written update by John Markey, a JKM principal, presented at the March 16 City Commission meeting.

"Pending litigation has negatively affected the prospects of obtaining any project construction financing."

Commissioner Justin Katz contradicted Markey by saying no workforce housing negotiations are taking place. He was backed up by the city manager.

"The financing fell apart years before COVID and the litigation was filed," Katz said at the meeting.

In mid-March 2020, Boynton Beach and cities worldwide shut down to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Markey finally appeared virtually at the second City Commission meeting in July, saying he and his wife had stayed home for a few months to avoid catching COVID-19. He missed four months of virtual meetings, even though Katz had asked for monthly updates.

The south garage received a building permit on Sept. 5, 2019, and was supposed to be finished by June 5, 2021, Colin Groff, then assistant city manager, said during the July 21 Town Square update. The north garage was estimated

to be finished by Dec. 5, 2021.

But no work on the garages has begun.

"The timelines are completely gone," Markey said at the July 21 meeting.

He asked for taxpayer dollars from the city's Community Redevelopment Agency to help underwrite the private portion of Town Square.

Katz said "absolutely not" to that, pointing to the low cost of the properties, the \$2 million in cash and the redone streets. Developers normally would do road improvements on their own.

### History of the deal

Boynton Beach signed a developer's agreement with Markey in March 2018. The agreement detailed what the city was supposed to do and the obligations of Markey's affiliates that had been set up individually for each project.

The financing mechanism changed from having the city set up a community development taxing district to serve the area's long-term needs to an outside nonprofit that specialized in public/private partnerships and could issue the Town Square bonds quickly.

The \$78 million in bonds were issued by Community Facility Partners of Minnetonka, Minnesota, in July 2018. But the nonprofit could not finance private projects, Markey found out in the fall of 2018. That left him scrambling for financing for the two projects.

As of June 30, JKM had spent nearly \$5.8 million on development costs of the three parcels, Markey said at the Sept. 1 commission meeting.

The three parcels that Markey's firm purchased for \$30 in September and December 2018 were appraised at \$19.7 million in May 2018. That was several months before the old City Hall and library were demolished to make way for Town Square.

The city agreed in December 2018 to remove its right to repurchase the land after JKM said it needed that clause lifted in order to gain construction financing.

Both City Attorney James Cherof and Markey declined to explain their reasoning, citing the lawsuit.

But official county real estate records do not show a construction loan taken out by JKM on the Town Square parcels.

On Dec. 28, 2018, a \$3.5 million letter-of-credit was lent by City National Bank of Florida, secured by the three Town Square parcels. That loan was satisfied on Feb. 7, 2020.

Another \$5.5 million "bridge" loan was given by BI 58 LLC on Dec. 23, 2019. The Miami-based partnership specializes in short-term financing for commercial real estate projects. JKM paid off that loan on Dec. 17, 2020.

In the fall of 2019, Markey said, city staff was working toward becoming a co-guarantor of the garage loans that would be financed by Iberia Bank. Then the city decided that was too risky, he said, without owning the land.

In February 2020, the city talked about borrowing \$34 million to build the garages by agreeing to "pre-buy" them.

Then, Markey said, the finance world shut down because of the pandemic. ★

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## Manalapan

### Town commissioners appoint Deese to seat

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan had no contested races in the March municipal election, but begins April with a new mayor pro tem and new commissioner.



Deese

John Deese was unanimously appointed to the Town Commission during its March 23 meeting, replacing Jack Doyle, who decided not to seek another term after serving since 2017.

Deese, 63, who has owned a home on Spoonbill Road in Manalapan for five years, has been a member of the town's pension board since 2019. He is president and board director of Guardians Credit Union in West Palm Beach.

"Based on the very good work he's been doing on the pension board, it's a natural progression for him to be considered for this commission seat," Mayor Keith Waters said in supporting Deese's appointment to the at-large position.

Taking over the mayor pro tem role is Stewart Satter, a 17-year resident of Manalapan who joined the commission in 2019.

Waters says he hopes this commission can begin mapping out the conversion the town must make from septic tanks to municipal sewers, an

undertaking the mayor says will take years to complete. That planning was stalled last year by the coronavirus pandemic.

All commissioners serve two-year terms.

#### In other business:

After three years of negotiating, Town Manager Linda Stumpf said Hypoluxo has accepted an appraisal price of \$900,000 to compensate Manalapan for its network of utility pipes and bring an end to the two towns' long-running water contract.

The last detail of the separation was determining the value of Manalapan's infrastructure that delivers water to the western neighbor.

Hypoluxo originally submitted an appraisal of \$490,000 for the pipes, and Manalapan countered with \$1.2 million. A third appraisal came in at \$1.3 million, forcing the three appraisers to confer with each other and arrive at the \$900,000 figure.

"It's a good number for everyone," Waters said. "It allows us to move on to the next chapter."

The commission hopes that chapter is securing new customers for Manalapan's water plant. Hypoluxo has signed a long-term deal with Boynton Beach utilities to provide service to its 550 households. ★



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## Briny Breezes

# First town charter approved

By Dan Moffett

Briny Breezes voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum in the March 9 municipal election that gives the town its first formal charter.

The vote was 96 to 8, a 92.3% endorsement of the new rules for governance.

The approval is the culmination of a long, often difficult process that went on through most of 2020. A citizens charter committee worked for six months developing the changes, and then it took several meetings of the Town Council to get the referendum on the ballot.

Because no candidates or other issues were contested, Briny had to pay the cost of a special election. A \$2,000 grant from the political action committee People for Common Sense reduced those costs, and county election officials agreed to work with the town on minimizing expense, holding the cost to \$1,448, according to Town Clerk Sandi DuBose — a relief for council members who worried the price tag could have been several times higher.

Besides outlining relatively minor procedural and administrative rules, the charter defines the job of town manager and makes the Briny clerk an appointed position, not elected.

Alderswoman Sue Thaler, who was unopposed in the March election, was the council's choice to fill the role of president again.

"I'm happy to volunteer, but would love to see somebody else want the position," Thaler said.

She joined the council's 4-0 vote, with Chick Behringer absent, to appoint her to the job she has held for seven years.

**In other business:**

The council scheduled a special meeting for 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, to consider second readings of two ordinances — one sets new guidelines for using a magistrate to resolve code disputes, and the other concerns the town's long-term water supply plan.

Council members told Town Manager William Thrasher to research collaborating with the corporation to resolve the town's water main issues, and to explore "piggy-backing" with an existing contract the town

of Gulf Stream is using to hire a contractor. Thrasher said that last year, during a six-month period, there were three water main breaks on Mallard Drive, and he warned of a possible wider problem throughout the town: "We don't know if the other water mains might start going out, too."

Town Attorney Keith Davis told the council he has revised a draft of an ordinance to update sign code language. Davis said the proposed language "is as close as I can get it" to mirroring sign rules enforced by the corporation. A first reading of the proposed ordinance could come at the council's next regular meeting, on April 22. ★

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## REAL ESTATE

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the town.

Home sales doubled in Ocean Ridge in February compared to the same month a year earlier, even as the inventory of available properties dropped almost 40%, according to data cited by real estate firm Douglas Elliman.

“Homes are getting sold literally the minute somebody finds out about them,” said



Coz

Val Coz, the company's Delray Beach-based senior director of luxury sales.

Luxury home sales in Palm Beach County surged 115% in the fourth quarter of 2020 compared to the same period of 2019, the largest increase in any major U.S. market tracked by Seattle-based real estate brokerage Redfin Corp. It marked the biggest jump since Redfin began crunching such data in 2013, company officials said.

Sellers were also getting more money for their homes, with luxury home sale prices in the market rising 14% in the fourth quarter of 2020 compared to a year earlier, the report found.

The area's “high-end housing market has experienced explosive growth” as affluent New Yorkers and others have flocked to the sunny region “in search of more space and lower taxes while working remotely during the pandemic,” according to Redfin's report.



Steven Presson shows a property in March on Hypoluxo Island to Paul May, who recently moved to Lantana from California. Presson said there is such a limited inventory of homes that this home had been shown 32 times since it was listed for \$4.95 million a month before. That is the typical number of showings for a two-year period. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

In this case, “luxury” means homes with market values in the top 5% of the county. They had a median sale price of \$1.8 million. The fervor extends to other segments of the market as well, though with a little less intensity on each rung down the price ladder. Purchases of the least expensive homes have dropped off slightly.

Sales of “expensive” homes in the county — the 30% of homes with the next-highest market values after luxury homes — increased 38% and had a median sale price of \$500,000, Redfin reported. Mid-valued home sales jumped 26% and had a median cost of \$285,000. Sales of “most affordable” homes, those with market values in the bottom 5% in the county, decreased 10%, with a median cost of \$56,000.

More than half of Redfin.com home searches in Palm Beach County came from outside the county during the fourth quarter, with Cook

County, Illinois, and Kings County, New York, the leading places of origin.

Wall Street firms expanding their presence or considering doing so in South Florida have included Goldman Sachs, Virtu Financial and Elliott Management, Redfin noted.

Palm Beach County's red-hot numbers continue in 2021, with January producing luxury-home sales 88% above the same month of 2020 and February 70% more, according to Redfin.

One of the few factors slowing down the pace is that the inventory of available homes near the coast is running thin.

For three recent sales in Manalapan, Hypoluxo Island and Ocean Ridge, Presson said, he never quite made it through the traditional process of putting the homes on the market and waiting for offers. Buyers were already at hand.

“Little niche beach communities like Ocean Ridge,

Gulf Stream and Hypoluxo Island are in more demand than ever as many of today's buyers are attracted to small beach communities with low density and smaller number of residents,” he said.

A buyer from Connecticut, shut out in previous deals, made an offer above the asking price in order to secure one property, Presson said.

South Florida always had weather going for it, along with no state income tax, he said. But the pandemic brought new dynamics. It pressed the fast-forward button for many wealthy buyers who had been thinking of it as some balmy destination in the future.

In addition, as working from home became increasingly common in the COVID-19 era, some executives began to see fewer reasons not to move themselves or their companies if they could.

“Instead of waiting until later, now they know there's an

urgency to get it done,” Presson said. “It's a crazy time.”



Mullin

Demand is clearly outpacing supply, said Michael Mullin III, an agent for William Raveis who specializes in luxury

properties in Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Ocean Ridge and Manalapan.

Rentals have been hard to find and prospective buyers who hoped to visit in person have often found homes snapped up before they can arrive, he said. Recent sales have included a \$9.3 million property in Gulf Stream, he said.

The motivations of individual buyers can vary, but many sales seem driven by “major-city flight,” Mullin said.

All of it is pushing price tags higher. In February, the median sales price for single-family homes in South Palm Beach County increased 25% to \$475,000 compared to the same month in 2020, according to Martin Group Real Estate, citing data from BeachesMLS. New listings decreased by more than 20% as inventory grew more scarce.

Look at Ocean Ridge. Coz said 10 February sales there represented a 100% increase from the same month of 2020, while March's pending sales pointed to more in the pipeline.

“I just sold one home in Ocean Ridge to a buyer from New York who hasn't even seen it,” Coz said. ★

## Delray Beach

### City pays \$2,000 fine, agrees to improve care of water tanks

By Rich Pollack

Delray Beach has agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine issued by the state health department after investigators found the city failed to clean water storage tanks every five years, an issue that may have led to sediment filtering into drinking water in March 2020.

In a March 26 letter sent to the Florida Department of Health, interim City Manager Jennifer Alvarez said the city would pay the fine for the failure to clean the tanks, as well as keep accurate maintenance records and make improvements to ensure compliance with state regulations.

“As you are aware, the city remains committed to maintain transparency and accountability, and takes all regulatory compliance requirements very seriously,” Alvarez wrote in a letter to Jorge Patino, the health department's local environmental administrator for water programs.

In his letter to Delray Beach Utilities Director Hassan Hadjimiry, Patino cited the storage tank cleaning issues and said the city failed to keep adequate required records of maintenance issues such as water main flushing.

He also said the city didn't do a

good job of regularly opening and closing water line valves.

In responding, Alvarez said that storage tanks — and the clear well, which also holds treated water — have been cleaned and that a new division has been created to ensure maintenance is done properly and on time.

“Under the newly created Environmental Resources Compliance Division, the city has implemented a regulatory compliance tracking calendar to actively monitor the submittal due dates of all future compliance reports,” she wrote.

A series of system failures last year led to sediment that had gathered at the bottom of the city's north storage tank — possibly for decades — being released into the drinking water sent to many of the city's utility customers.

Although not a serious health issue, the sediment caused a discoloration that led to complaints from residents.

An investigation by the health department led to the fines — \$1,000 for failure to clean tanks, \$750 for poor record keeping and \$250 for “expenses the department incurred investigating the matter.”

A check from the city was issued and submitted with Alvarez's letter. ★

## Boca Raton



### A man and a movement

When City Council member Andy Thomson launched 2020 with a New Year's resolution to jog more frequently, he noticed litter everywhere along the streets. Water bottles, plastic straws, candy wrappers, and later on, face masks and disposable gloves. “It really bugged me,” he said. “Once you see the trash, you can't not see it.” That spurred Thomson to bring a bag with him so he could pick it up as he ran. But as so often happens with New Year's resolutions, his jogging sessions dwindled over time. He needed to impose some discipline. That led to another resolution: In 2021, he would jog every street in the city — all 475 miles — and pick up trash along the way. “This gave me the discipline to make it happen,” said Thomson, who now typically jogs 3 to 4 miles four days a week. He charts his progress on his “Run the City” website, where people can volunteer to join the effort, and on Facebook. As of March 23, he had run 100.5 miles and picked up 260 pounds of trash, including 308 pieces of personal protective equipment. The discarded masks and gloves bother him the most. Thomson estimates he finds about three along every mile he runs.

**ABOVE:** Thomson, with children Henry and Maddie, says his effort to pick up trash has expanded into spotting other problems such as potholes and listening to the concerns of residents he encounters. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Manalapan



The lushly landscaped 15.65-acre Ziff estate and the sanctuary known as Bird Island are located just north of the Boynton Inlet. The mature landscaping is the result of decades of work in native plant restoration and conservation efforts. A golf practice area is on the east side of A1A. [Google Map image](#)

# Town sees internet magnate Clark as Ziff estate rescuer

By Dan Moffett

Billionaire internet entrepreneur James Clark is on the verge of becoming the favorite son of Manalapan, where his stature has risen in recent days.

“We will welcome him with open arms,” said Mayor Keith Waters. “We’re looking forward to getting to know the family. They will get a warm greeting from Manalapan, that’s for sure.”

Why such an outpouring of affection?

Clark, a founder of Netscape and a half-dozen other influential tech companies, is widely believed around Manalapan to be the mystery buyer who paid \$94 million last month for the storied Ziff estate.



Clark

Waters and other town residents say they are delighted that Clark is taking over what many

townspeople believe is Manalapan’s signature property.

A lush, 15.65-acre estate that stretches from the Atlantic to the Intracoastal Waterway at Manalapan’s southern entrance, the Ziff land is an exceedingly rare remnant of Florida’s distant past.

“I don’t know anything like it on the East Coast,” Waters said. “It is certainly unique.”

Until recent weeks, Manalapan had resigned itself to losing the property to development. A year ago, Ziff family heirs petitioned the Town Commission to divide the estate into four lots to expedite sales. Commissioners grudgingly said yes.

The family had tried for six years to sell the estate as a whole, first listing it for \$195 million, then steadily dropping the price to \$115 million last year with Sotheby’s International Realty. There were no takers.

Then abruptly on March 8, an entity called The 2000 S. Ocean Trust appeared on Palm Beach County courthouse records, showing a deed transfer on the



The view of the Ziff estate that most people see is of the tree canopy over State Road A1A. The estate straddles the highway. [Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star](#)

land for \$94.17 million, along with a separate recording of a \$200,000 sale for nearby, uninhabited Bird Island. Because commissions and other costs often are omitted from courthouse filings, it is likely the total sale price was over \$100 million.

Someone like Clark is exactly what people in Manalapan were looking for — a single buyer who takes on the whole Ziff property, someone who appears intent on living there, and above all, someone who isn’t a developer.

“The buyer doesn’t want his name disclosed right now,” said a person close to the Ziff family. “That’s what they’ve told us. But we understand the estate won’t be divided.”

Selling the land as a whole negates the agreement the commission made with the Ziffs last year to subdivide it, and anyone who makes that happen is going to be very popular in Manalapan.

“We were caught totally by surprise,” Town Manager Linda Stumpf said. “No one saw it coming. But commissioners are extremely pleased to have a sale like

this — whoever the buyer is.”

Multiple sources in Manalapan identified Clark as the buyer but declined to comment until the deal goes public. Neighbors and officials say they’ll wait.

West Palm Beach attorney Ronald Kochman is listed as the trustee for the sale. Kochman declined to discuss Waters’ comments about the buyer or other details of the sale: “We do not comment to the press,” he said in an email to *The Coastal Star*.

Waters said the town had heard from “a couple developers” in recent months who were interested in building separate projects. He says he believes Clark intends to maintain the property as a family residence.

The hope is the striking canopy of trees draping over State Road A1A will continue to grow there too.

“We are very, very happy to have this kept as a single property,” Waters said. “It is unique to the character of our community. As far back as I remember coming to Florida, I remember driving through that canopy.”

Clark, 77, is no stranger to big-ticket deals. He sold a 5-acre ocean-to-lake estate in Palm Beach for about \$90 million in 2018 after originally listing it with Sotheby’s for \$137 million two years before. A relatively quiet off-the-market transaction, it was — like the Ziff deal — minimally recorded in public records.

Waters said he has “crossed paths with Clark” several times in the past and believes the new relationship between him and the town “will work out very well.” Manalapan, the mayor said, “is a little quieter option than Palm Beach.”

Besides founding Netscape and helping to develop its web browser, Clark had a hand in the development of myCFO, WebMD and Silicon Graphics Inc. Forbes magazine lists his net worth as \$3.4 billion. He is married to Kristy Hinze Clark and has four children.

The Ziff estate has 1,200 feet of ocean beach and another 1,300 feet along the Intracoastal. It has a main house, a guest house, manager’s house and two ocean cottages — totaling some 33 bedrooms, 34 bathrooms, 13 powder rooms — with a couple of golf holes. It was originally known as Gemini — Latin for “twins” — because its layout spans both sides of A1A.

Publishing magnate William B. Ziff Jr. and family bought the estate in the 1980s and have preserved a botanic garden with 1,500 species of tropical trees and plants. For a time decades ago, it was considered the most expensive residence in the country.

“No one is going to feel sorry for our family,” Dirk Ziff, heir to the estate and eldest of the three sons, told the Manalapan commission a year ago, lamenting the difficulty of finding a single buyer and requesting permission to divide the property. “We’ve tried really hard to sell it.”

“We’re uncomfortable coming forward. We want clarity. We want resolution,” said the 56-year-old scion. “There’s an economic reality here that I’m not ashamed of.” ★



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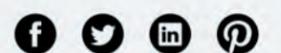
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## Delray Beach

# Election returns mayor, other incumbents to commission dais

By Jane Smith

The new Delray Beach City Commission will look like the previous one with the three incumbents returned to their seats in the March 9 municipal elections.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia and commissioners Adam Frankel and Ryan Boylston were sworn in on March 25.

Petrolia, who raised \$137,992.90 as of March 4, beat challenger Tracy Caruso by just 365 votes, or 3 percentage points. The mayor lost at the polls by 588 votes but won overall when the mail-in votes were counted.

Caruso raised \$212,495 for her mayoral run. That amount is believed to be an all-time high for a Delray Beach mayoral candidate.

"The close election says a lot about the current mayor. It shows that her support is narrow and thin," Caruso wrote March 22 in response to *Coastal Star* questions. "And, as I've said previously, I hope she'll learn and grow from the underwhelming win and change her governing and divisive style."

Caruso's campaign was helped by the Progress for Delray Beach political action committee, based in St. Petersburg.

Even though the new PAC was behind a robocall wrongly accusing Petrolia of being involved with a Feb. 23 boil-water advisory on the barrier island and sent more than 12 negative mailers bashing Petrolia, the PAC shows no contributions or expenses in January or February 2021.

Reached by phone on March 20, Mike Ridenour, the PAC's chairman and treasurer, said, "No comment at this time."

State election rules, which govern PACs, call for monthly contribution and expense reports filed on the due date of the following month.

If false or no monthly reports are filed, the rules on the state website say both the

committee and its treasurer could be fined up to \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures for the period covered by the late report.

Any allegations that rules may have been violated should be directed to the Florida Elections Commission, Mark Ard, a Florida Department of State spokesman, wrote in an email on March 29.

The number of negative campaign mailers affected the mayor's race, Petrolia said. "People tend to believe it after a while and don't bother to look into the issues," she said.

Caruso, though, denied the connection. "My campaign didn't coordinate with any other political committee," she wrote.

Petrolia said on March 21 that her top issues will be the recovery from the year-old coronavirus pandemic and how the lost businesses will reshape downtown; a new water treatment plant that can reduce the number of pharmaceuticals in the system and address how to clean the pipes that carry water to each residence, and selection of a new city manager.

The incumbents were also re-elected in the two commission races.

Frankel, who raised \$72,440, beat challenger Price Patton by 1,109 votes, or 9.2 percentage points. Patton, who called himself a seasoned but fresh voice, raised \$51,085.

A criminal defense attorney, Frankel is serving his second stint on the City Commission. Most of his contributions were from developers and political action committees.

Patton, a veteran journalist, has served on two city advisory boards. He helped to found *The Coastal Star* and took a leave of absence while he was campaigning. Patton ran a



Petrolia



Frankel



Boylston

grass-roots campaign.

Frankel said on March 22 that his top issues are sensible growth downtown and keeping the height limit, cleaning up blighted neighborhoods such as Osceola Park, supporting the public safety officers, and getting a city site for COVID-19 vaccinations. He also wants to see how

the ordinance prohibiting aggressive panhandling works because he championed it.

Boylston easily defeated challenger Mitch Katz in a rematch from 2018. Boylston raised \$79,609 from a variety of donors and beat Katz by 2,491 votes, or 20.8 percentage points.

Boylston, who runs a marketing company, won at the polls on election day and from mail-in ballots.

Katz, who works for a private higher education company, raised \$27,137.

Boylston listed his top priorities on March 24 as using the \$13.24 million the city will

receive from the American Rescue Plan for businesses and the city's youth; financing infrastructure work such as a new water treatment plant and improving city streets; and the selection of a new city manager. He hopes that interim manager Jennifer Alvarez will apply for the position.

**In other news**, city commissioners picked a new vice mayor and deputy vice mayor at the March 25 swearing-in ceremony.

Shirley Johnson was named vice mayor and Frankel was named deputy mayor. Each will serve for one year. ★

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## Clarification

A story about the city of Delray Beach limiting rooftop uses in single-family neighborhoods might have been unclear. The new height limit does not include the 7-foot-tall foundation required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Florida Building Code for barrier island residences.

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**HOMELESS**

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“Delray Beach as a municipality is doing more and having more success than any other city in the county,” says Ezra Krieg, a longtime advocate for homeless people in Palm Beach and Broward counties and chair of the Delray Beach Homeless Initiative Task Force.

Delray Beach’s homeless community recently came into focus as the City Commission debated a revised aggressive panhandling ordinance that critics say targeted people without permanent addresses. Although some expressed differing opinions on the impact of the ordinance, which passed by a 4-1 vote, they agree generally on how well the homeless population fares in Delray Beach.

**Haircuts, showers**

Homeless people can take advantage of a twice-a-week shower truck, get their clothes washed, their hair cut and receive medication and other medical services. Meals are available five days a week and groceries are available for people who have ways to prepare them.

“There’s an entire system that supports a homeless individual or homeless families with compassion and dignity,” says Maura Plante, the founder of Living Hungry, which provides meals to homeless students and needy families in Palm Beach County and helps provide food for people in eight other Florida counties.



That effort is led by the task force, a well-organized collaboration of agencies and individuals that meets monthly — virtually during the pandemic.

A key member of the task force and one responsible for many of the services that set Delray Beach apart is the Interfaith Committee for Social

Services, which provides the shower truck as well as clean clothing. The organization also helps the task force connect homeless community members with medical and mental health resources.

Another key provider of services is the Caring Kitchen, run by CROS Ministries, which offers meals five days a

**ABOVE:** A homeless client heads inside the truck to take a shower behind St. Matthew’s. The showers are offered on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**LEFT:** Delray Beach’s community outreach team includes (l-r) Officer Matt Warne, service population advocate Ariana Ciancio and Officer Damien Ferraiolo.

week at two alternating mobile locations.

“Delray Beach is the envy of other cities,” Plante said. “There is no other city in Palm Beach County that has a set of active collaborators like this working together. It’s actually inspiring.”

Offering services is one thing. Getting people to use them is quite another.

**Police outreach team**

That’s where the Police Department’s community outreach team of Ciancio and Officers Damien Ferraiolo and Matt Warne come in. Along with intern Hulda Augustin, a social work student at Florida Atlantic University, the team helps homeless people get through a system that can be filled with red tape, especially when no permanent address is available.

Getting a Florida identification card or renewing a driver’s license, for example, can be nearly impossible for someone without a permanent address or without access to a computer or phone.

“We help navigate resources and remove barriers,” Ciancio says.

The team from the Police Department also helps provide transportation to emergency housing in West Palm Beach when and if it is available.

That’s a big if, but thanks to the city’s strong relationship with Palm Beach County’s homeless outreach team, Delray Beach has had success finding emergency and permanent housing for people living on the streets.

In one week in February, the city’s team placed six people in emergency housing, a major accomplishment considering that just 220 beds are available in shelters run by the county. The 2021 total through mid-March was 25 people placed in emergency housing.

**Annual count is 80-100**

Reducing the number of people living in Delray Beach without permanent housing is a key goal, and there is hard evidence that what the team is doing is working.

Each year the city, usually along with Palm Beach County, does a Point In Time homeless count that provides information that can be used to determine service needs.

In 2018, volunteers and city staff members identified 110 homeless people in the city. In 2020 that number had dropped to 91. The 2019 number, 72 homeless people, is generally discarded by Ciancio because bad weather on the day of the count kept the number artificially low.

This year’s count, which took place in late February, showed 81 unsheltered people in Delray Beach, a vast majority of them men. Among the 81 were six veterans.



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**Ciancio** serve in a role unique in South Florida, she has interacted with about 800 homeless individuals. Just over 130 of those people, she says, are now “off the street.”

Although some prefer to be homeless, others have reconnected with family members and have left Delray, thanks to Ciancio and the team.

She also tells about someone she knows as Frank, whose underlying substance abuse issues led to his being homeless for years.

Ciancio met with him 34 times between May 2019 and April 2020 before he agreed to undergo an assessment to see if he qualified for emergency housing.

Eventually, Frank was able to get a driver’s license, a job and an apartment — something he says would not have been possible without Ciancio’s help.

In a recent text to Ciancio, Frank let her know how much he appreciated the support he received and how much he appreciated the work she does with others.

“You have breathed life back in to many people, where there was no hope and I would like to

say thank you,” he wrote. “May you continue on your quest to help others, with success by your side.”

Ciancio was grateful for the note but not surprised.

“I get a lot of those,” she said.

For Ciancio, Ferraiolo and Warne, the key to success is building trust through compassion while at the same time making sure rules are followed.

The members of the team know most of the homeless regulars in the city by name and it’s not unusual for Ferraiolo to make rounds to make sure they’re doing OK.

He also is there to help ensure Ciancio’s safety and to use his authority as a sworn police officer when needed.

**‘I never give up on them’**

Persistence is perhaps the long suit for the team members, a trait that makes Delray Beach an attractive spot for homeless people.

“Everyone in most of these people’s lives have given up on them,” Ciancio said. “I never give up on them.”

Like she was with Frank, Ciancio is tenacious when it comes to providing services, even with people who want to continue their lifestyles.

“I never go away,” she said. “I’m always here and I always let people know I’m here to help.” ★

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**FIRE**  
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his department under a 10-year contract extension that expires in 2026. The fire-rescue partnership between the municipalities dates to 1993.

“For Delray Beach firefighters there is no line separating Delray Beach and Highland Beach and I urge you, I actually beg you, do not create one,” he said. “Doing so would be to the detriment of your residents and at their expense. You’re asking them to accept a lower standard of care and service.”

“I know it’s cliché but as fire chief for the residents of Highland Beach, that worries me greatly to the point where it keeps me up at night.”

Hillman and other commissioners agree that the service the town receives is top-notch but they are still seriously investigating other options.

One would be for the town to create its own public safety department, with the possibility of a chief overseeing both the police department and a fire-rescue department operating out of the station next to Town Hall.

A third option, listed in a consultant’s report, would be to use a hybrid solution with the town contracting out emergency medical service, but that appears to be a long shot due to stringent restrictions and regulations established by Palm Beach County officials.

“The bombshell is what I heard about a county ordinance that only government agencies can respond to 911 calls,” Commissioner John Shoemaker said.

Town Manager Marshall Labadie clarified that there don’t seem to be actual legal restrictions preventing the town from outsourcing rescue services but there are other obstacles.

“It appears the practicality of implementing it may not be feasible,” he said.

Under the contract between the two municipalities, Delray Beach provides service to Highland Beach by staffing the station there with the town covering the cost of 22.5 firefighters and paramedics. The agreement also provides Highland Beach with all the resources of the Delray Beach department, from backup

apparatus to maintenance and fire inspection services, since Delray considers Highland Beach to be part of its overall service area.

As it moves forward, the town appears to be focused on dissecting the current contract and looking for areas that could be adjusted should both sides agree to renegotiate.

“Of course we’d still like to work something out with our partners,” Hillman said.

Delray Beach might also see benefits in retaining an agreement with the smaller coastal community.

If Highland Beach started its own station, Delray Beach would lose the \$5 million to \$6 million in annual revenue and the ability to use the apparatus and staff working out of the town’s station for calls within its city limits.

The study from Matrix Consulting showed that the station, Station 116, responded to calls within Highland Beach an average of 678 times per year and responded to calls outside of the town 677 times per year.

Apparatus from Delray Beach responded into the town about 139 times per year.

Asked by Shoemaker if Delray Beach would provide mutual aid to Highland Beach if the town had its own fire department, Tomey said that is uncertain.

“We would have no obligation to provide mutual aid to the town,” he said, adding that other neighboring fire departments might feel the same way. “You would have to be able to reciprocate what we provide you.”

The Matrix report showed that after startup costs of about \$4 million over three years, Highland Beach would be able to operate its own station for about \$2 million less than what it would pay Delray — in part by having four fewer people assigned to the station than are there now.

Tomey, however, listed a series of equipment and operational costs not included in the consultant’s estimates, ranging from costs of training and testing to costs of cardiac monitors and extrication equipment.

Moving forward, Highland Beach commissioners will look at issues such as whether Delray Beach has billed the town correctly in the past, whether the city had not met parts of the contract, and whether it had returned the proper amount of medical transport fees to the town.

In addition, Shoemaker will work with Matrix to identify what items should be included should a new contract be negotiated.

“We very much look forward to sitting down with your folks and working something out,” Hillman said.

While Tomey did not address revisiting the contract, he did say that he would meet individually with the five Delray Beach city commissioners to discuss the Highland Beach agreement. ★

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Lantana

# Former police commander triumphs over 21-year mayor

By Mary Thurwachter

Former police commander Robert Hagerty ousted incumbent Mayor David Stewart, who has held the office for 21 years.

Voter turnout was low. Only 1,439 of Lantana's 7,362 registered voters cast ballots in the March 9 election. Hagerty brought in 59.76% (860) of the total votes compared to Stewart's 40.24% (579).

Awaiting the final results with supporters at Lantana Pizza on election night, Hagerty said he didn't want to comment until the votes were certified. Reached by phone days later, Hagerty said that "based on the outcome of the election, people were certainly in favor of a



Lantana police and others applaud while listening outside the council chambers March 22 as Robert Hagerty is sworn in as mayor. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

change." He said he could not speculate on whether any one thing led him to victory.

"I'm still kind of in shock that I was able to unseat a 21-year incumbent, but I'm looking forward to serving the people of Lantana and moving forward in a positive manner."

Stewart kept his remarks short. "Congratulations to Mr. Hagerty," he said after the election. But Stewart threw what he called a "celebration of appreciation party" for devoted supporters on March 13 at the Dune Deck.

"These were people who



mayor's office. He promised to bring "more effective and compassionate leadership, a stronger focus on public safety, realistic visioning and appropriate beautification efforts."

Stewart, 67, an air-conditioning consultant, campaigned on his record of fiscal responsibility, building up the town's reserves, his institutional knowledge, relationship-building skills and having served as president and an active member of the Palm Beach County League of Cities for two decades.

He said he kept taxes low and services high.

Stewart has lived in Lantana for 43 years. ★

# Town manager resigns to take another job on new mayor's first night

By Mary Thurwachter

There were cheers as Lantana's new mayor was sworn in on March 22, later followed by tears as the announcement was made that Deborah Manzo, the town's manager, was resigning to become the administrator of Okeechobee County.

Some of those tears came from Robert Hagerty, the new mayor himself.

Hagerty supporters filled the council chambers and, due to coronavirus limits on the crowd inside, some of them had to settle for outdoor seating. They gave him enthusiastic applause. But after reading Manzo's letter of resignation at the end of the meeting, Hagerty became emotional.

"She started here in 2012," he said, "the same year I was promoted" to police commander. "All I can say is thank you for all your dedication, thank you for your mentorship and your friendship. I wish you all the best."

A teary-eyed Manzo said her last day would be June 19 — 90 days from the date she tendered her resignation.

"We will miss Debbie, but I'm also very happy for her," said Town Attorney Max Lohman, who made the announcement of Manzo's impending departure. "It's a fabulous opportunity and it would be selfish of me to say 'how dare you leave?'"

In her resignation letter, Manzo wrote that she had "gratitude and mixed emotions" about leaving.

"Over the past nine years, I have spent the majority of my time devoted to the town of Lantana, its citizens, town officials, staff and affiliates of Palm Beach County government. I am so



Manzo

thankful for the opportunity that Lantana provided me," she wrote. "I always want to leave my employer in a better place

than when I arrived and through working with the wonderful staff, I think I have achieved that goal."

Manzo, who has more than 35 years' experience working in municipal government, accepted the town manager position in 2012 at an annual salary of \$97,476 and, with glowing performance reviews over the years, she leaves making \$159,000.

Manzo previously was the assistant city manager in Greenacres. ★

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## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Max Beverly

A handwritten letter Max Beverly received recently came as a big surprise.

More than 50 years ago, Beverly was a probation officer in the Palm Beach County system when he came across one troubled teenager who piqued his interest.

“One of the reasons I had a special relationship with him was, unlike most of them, a lot of his issues were not of his own making,” said Beverly, a resident of Lantana’s Hypoluxo Island.

“He came from an incredibly dysfunctional family,” Beverly recalled. “He really didn’t have the chance to be a normal kid because of all the dysfunction in his family. Most of the families I dealt with were a little dysfunctional, but his was off the charts. And he went through a lot of emotional and physical abuse because of that.”

At one point, Beverly pulled the young man aside and asked him a question: Don’t you want to contribute something to society?

“And that stuck with him,” Beverly said. “He ended up with a master’s degree in math, then went into computer programming.”

In short, he turned his life around, and the letter the successful, now 72-year-old California man wrote made it clear to Beverly that he deserves at least part of the credit.

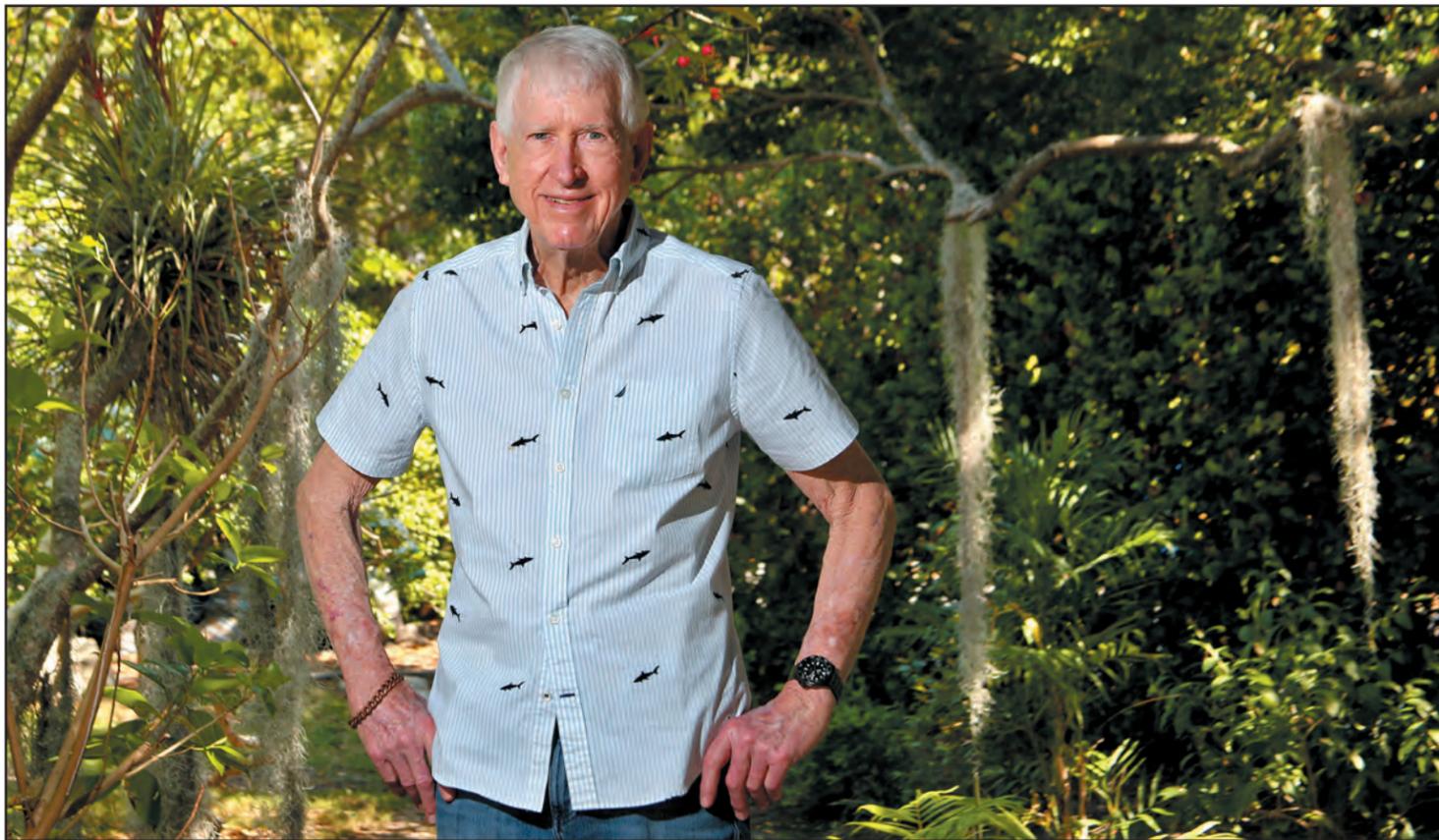
“I called him a couple days later and we talked for about two hours,” Beverly said. “So, it was good for both of us.”

Beverly, who spent his entire career in public service and much of it with people who have been on the wrong side of the law, said such gestures are not all that unusual.

“I’m proud of the fact I’ve had a number of kids — when they were adults — thank me for what I did for them, both when I was a probation officer and later when I developed treatment programs.”

Beverly is equally proud of the Highridge Family Center, a residential treatment program he designed and a program he created. The West Palm Beach center was dedicated to him in 2002, recognizing Beverly for his 40 years of service and his “commitment and significant contributions to the youth of Palm Beach County.”

Also of note is his achievement in making Palm Beach the first county in the



Max Beverly of Hypoluxo Island had a career helping young people — as a counselor, detention service director and administrator of Palm Beach County’s Juvenile and Family Court. He also served as the county’s youth affairs director and became its first director of Justice Services. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

state to offer professional counseling for patients who were in drug treatment programs.

“Before that it was ‘arrest them and hold them.’ They would get schooling, and have to follow certain rules, but there was no counseling. I brought that in when I started running the facilities. It made a huge difference.”

Beverly, 82, was born and raised in Pahokee in the 1940s and ’50s. He says the impoverished town that struggles so much today was nothing like the Pahokee he knew.

“When I was growing up it was a produce community,” he said. “My dad was a produce broker. We grew corn, cabbage, bell peppers, cucumbers. There were a lot of small farmers who did very, very well, and the town was very vibrant, with car dealerships, a theater, restaurants — we had everything.”

“But when Castro took over, Big Sugar came in, took over the Glades and destroyed the economy, because that was the end of the small farmers who supported the community.”

“The landowners became people who lived somewhere else and didn’t care about the community. And we didn’t have the pollution, because they

weren’t burning the sugar cane.

“The lake was clear; the Corps of Engineers hadn’t destroyed it yet. You could look down from your boat in 6, 7 feet of water and see the bottom. It was a beautiful place to grow up.”

Now retired, Beverly still enjoys an active life with his wife, Media, including boating, fishing, scuba diving and gardening.

— Brian Biggane

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

**A:** I grew up in Pahokee and graduated from Pahokee High School in 1957. My early life was a mixture of hard work (I was a Boy Scout and earned Eagle Scout status at age 13), football, hunting, fishing, scuba diving and travel.

In 1967, I obtained a B.A. degree in psychology and philosophy from Wake Forest University and then returned to Florida to obtain a M.Ed. in human behavior from FAU in 1967, while in night school. I was always influenced by a strong work ethic and an active healthy outdoor lifestyle. I was taught to study and question all sides of any issue before acting.

**Q:** What professions have you worked in? What professional

accomplishments are you most proud of?

**A:** In 1962, I became a juveniles counselor for the Palm Beach County Juvenile and Family Court and later served as the director of detention service, administrator of the Juvenile and Family Court, and ultimately director of youth affairs for Palm Beach County for over 40 years.

After retiring, I was asked to return to become the first director of Justice Services for Palm Beach County and served in that capacity until 2010.

**Q:** What advice do you have for a young person seeking a career today?

**A:** Always keep up with the latest developments in your field, be innovative and invest at least 30% of your income for your future.

**Q:** How did you choose to make your home in Hypoluxo Island?

**A:** My wife, Media, and I grew up in Old Florida and were hoping to recapture that again when we discovered Hypoluxo Island more than 30 years ago. Its beauty and tranquility are second to none, with friends and neighbors who are the backbone of our beautiful “neighborhood” community.

**Q:** What is your favorite part about living in Hypoluxo Island?

**A:** The Old Florida ambience and beauty, the many trees and birds, the animals, the foliage, and the water are all a daily gift that bring peace and serenity to one’s soul.

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

**A:** *Tales of Old Florida*, by Frank Oppel & Tony Meisel. I love reading about what Florida was like in the frontier days and especially the untouched beauty of our state during those years.

**Q:** What kind of music do you listen to when you want to relax? When you want to be inspired?

**A:** I like to listen to soft rock to relax and Yanni to be inspired.

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

**A:** Dr. Warren Tatoul was my mentor until he passed away in 2017. We were the best of friends and he was like an older brother who always encouraged me to do more.

**Q:** If a movie were to be made about your life, who would play you?

**A:** James Arness, who played the sheriff on *Gunsmoke*. He came from a frontier area, like I did, and approached life like I did. Took everything with a grain of salt and saw which way everything was going before he acted. He was ahead of his time that way.

**Q:** Who/what makes you laugh?

**A:** I’m always amused by people’s behavior and, of course, the antics of my Maltese, Bentley, who always make me laugh. ★

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## South Palm Beach

# Town to return \$455,000 in sewer charges to residents

By Dan Moffett

A county inspector general's audit has concluded that South Palm Beach improperly billed its residents for \$170,072 in sewer rate increases during a three-year period beginning in October 2016.

The Palm Beach County watchdog, in a report released on March 22, found the town did not adequately notify the water customers of rate increases and did not inform them of the annual meeting during which hikes were considered.

The problems arose during a four-year period in which South Palm Beach went through a succession of four town managers — before the hiring of current manager Robert Kellogg, who took over in 2019.

In reviewing its sewer billing, the town uncovered another \$285,431 in improper charges from 2018 to 2020. All told, the town will refund roughly \$455,000 to customers through credits on their sewer bills this year.

"The mayor and council feel strongly about maintaining transparency," Kellogg said. "That's why we're returning the additional charges after 2019."

The inspector found "no indication of willful misconduct," but did cite relatively minor deficiencies in the town's overall financial operations that resulted in another \$34,000 of sloppy or ill-advised practices.

Residents can expect to see credits to their sewer bills for the next year. The biggest return goes to The Barclay condominiums for \$48,465, to be divided among its residents. An individual homeowner could expect to get back anywhere between roughly \$230 and \$500.

The town has promised to tighten its financial management and accounting. The IG report, which was the result of a routine audit, said the town's staff "has been proactive and has already taken corrective action on a number of items."

### In other business:

• On March 9, the Town Council decided to move the public comment period at meetings from the beginning of the agenda — where it has been for the last five years — to near the end.

The vote was 3-2. Mayor Bonnie Fischer, Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb and Councilman Ray McMillan backed the move. Councilmen Bill LeRoy and Mark Weissman voted no.

"If people come to the meeting and have something to express, they don't have to

sit through the whole meeting to express it," Weissman said in expressing his dissent. "Plus, we have the time to respond to them."

LeRoy argued that members of the public can shape the course of a meeting if they are allowed to speak early on.

"They can influence us at the beginning," LeRoy said. "At the end, they're just grading us and that does nobody any good."

Fischer said the public has ample opportunity to comment during the meeting as individual agenda items come up for debate and voting. "I ask for public comments after each action item," Fischer said. "That's when they can really discuss what's going on."

• "It's a go for April," Fischer said of the town's dune stabilization project.

The council voted 5-0 to transfer to the town of Palm Beach the existing easements from a previous proposed beach project with Palm Beach County. That plan to install groins along the town's coastline was abandoned two years ago because of rising cost estimates and the objections of neighboring communities.

The new, less ambitious project calls for partnering with Palm Beach to truck in dredged sand and fortify the town's damaged dune line. The price tag is between \$700,000 and \$900,000, and work should be completed within a month.

Fischer and council members praised Kellogg for getting the easements from condo dwellers and making the transfer to Palm Beach happen. ★

## Boynton Beach



Some city leaders say residences should be part of the CRA land at issue (in red) because that would provide more customers for businesses. Coastal Star map

## Downtown restaurants, stores preferred over more condos or apartments, survey says

By Larry Barszewski

Boynton Beach residents and business owners prefer to see restaurants and retail stores built on a prime downtown site owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency, a recent survey says.

Far fewer think apartments or condominiums belong on the land on the west side of Federal Highway between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard.

Those sentiments conflict with proposals made last year by private developers pushing their own visions for the 2.6-acre property to the north of Hurricane Alley Raw Bar and Restaurant.

Four of the six unsolicited proposals received by the CRA featured residential components of between 220 and 243 units on its property, purchased for \$3 million in 2018. Those proposals also contained a mix of other uses, including commercial, retail, office, a parking garage and open space.

City commissioners have high hopes for the property they're getting set to market to would-be developers. While they requested the survey, they are not wed to all its findings. The commission, acting as the CRA board, plans to solicit new proposals from developers in April.

"I fundamentally believe that the project will be more successful with residential because it will be more economically viable and it will bring more traffic — foot traffic — to the downtown," Commissioner Justin Katz said during the CRA board's March 9 meeting. "It's good for business. It's good for safety. You know, more regular people walking around the streets keeps people who are up to no good away. So, I just, I think that it needs to be mixed use."

Commissioners are not only concerned about what's included in a future development, but how it looks. Vice Mayor Ty Penserga said he would give extra consideration for innovative architectural features such as rooftop restaurants and bars. Commissioner Christina Romelus is also seeking a "wow" factor.

"I want to incentivize whoever will be coming in here to, one, not give us a mediocre product but to give us the best of the best product, because I think this is, again, like the entrance to the eastern side of the downtown," Romelus said. "I want this to be a destination location."

Katz said any development needs to expand the alley behind Hurricane Alley, turning it into a wider plaza and walkway that would also have outdoor café seating.

"To me, that is a plaza that could draw people," Katz said. "The space needs to be bigger than what developers might want to make it."

Commissioners decided in December not to go with any of the unsolicited proposals received until they — with community input — developed their own ideas for the site's future. As part of that effort, the CRA conducted an online survey from February into March that received 507 responses.

### The survey results show:

- When given multiple options for elements they would like to see in a future development, 78% of respondents included restaurants, 70% included retail, 39% included office space and only 32% selected either condominiums, apartments or both. And 12% favored none of the choices.

- Less than half — 49% — were interested in a hotel on the site and 53% were OK with either a grocery store or corporate headquarters there.

- The most desired elements were public parking (81%) and larger-than-required open spaces (80%). Some 53% said they wouldn't mind paying to park there for special events or during

high-traffic times.

- If residential units are built on the site, only 28% favored having a mix of units that would be affordable to a range of income levels.

- There was support for tying transportation uses to the site, with 72% in favor of it having mass transit, rail or ride-sharing amenities. Those could include a bus or train station, or spots for Uber pickups and drop-offs and for bicycles. Commissioners hope to secure a Brightline passenger train station at or near the site.

After reviewing the survey results, commissioners had different perspectives on the best uses of the land. While Romelus supported a residential element and didn't want a hotel on the property, Commissioner Woodrow Hay was just the opposite.

Hay said a hotel made sense because of the site's proximity to Interstate 95. He thought it would attract people attending events as far away as Delray Beach and Boca Raton because "there are never enough hotels." Hay also said there are plenty of other areas for residential development in the city instead of downtown.

Mayor Steven Grant said he was fine with not having residential and instead focusing on the restaurant, retail and office components that scored higher on the survey.

The CRA staff is going through the commission's comments to put together a request for proposals that the commission is expected to vote on in April.

What ends up being built may be more heavily influenced by what developers say is financially feasible. Even when a project is selected for the 115 N. Federal Highway site, that's not a guarantee of what's to come.

Commissioners don't have to look any farther than across Federal Highway from the property, where a vacant lot sits where a major mixed-use residential development — Ocean One Boynton — received site plan approval in 2017. Its developer now says the original plan "is not economically feasible" and, along with a venture partner, is "considering other alternatives" to move forward, according to Bonnie Miskel, an attorney for the developer.

For the 115 N. Federal Highway project on the west side of Federal, Grant would like to see some missing adjacent parcels included in the development. He is most eager about having the Boardwalk Italian Ice & Creamery site in the final project because of its frontage on Federal Highway.

The Boardwalk property is owned by Davis Camalier, who happens to be the developer of the stalled Ocean One project. That was also on the March 9 CRA agenda, seeking a time extension on its commitment to begin construction of a tree-lined public plaza on its property.

Camalier doesn't want to spend money building a plaza — designed to run along Boynton Beach Boulevard east of Federal Highway — that may have to be ripped up and relocated depending on how the development plan changes.

Camalier offered to pay the city \$10,000 to receive an extension on the plaza's construction, although commissioners in February said they wanted a \$20,000 payment for a six-month extension. Grant said he was concerned going with the higher dollar amount might create bad blood that would make negotiations more difficult to acquire Camalier's Boardwalk property.

In the end, commissioners stuck with asking for \$20,000 to approve a six-month extension to Sept. 16. They requested Camalier respond to the offer before the CRA board's April meeting. ★

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## Obituaries

## Howard Schnellenberger

By Brian Biggane

BOYNTON BEACH — Howard Schnellenberger, the last surviving member of the coaching staff of the Miami Dolphins' 1972 perfect season and the architect of the Miami Hurricanes' 1983 national championship,



died March 27 at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. He was 87.

Mr. Schnellenberger, who spent most of the past 20 years residing with wife, Beverlee, in Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach, revived moribund programs at both Miami and the University of Louisville before capping his career as the Owls football founder and first coach at Florida Atlantic University.

"Even though he never changed, he was always smiling in his heart," Beverlee said in a statement released by FAU. "We loved all the moves and challenges. I will miss his warm heart, his warm hands and his soft kisses."

Born on March 16, 1934, in Saint Meinrad, Indiana, Mr. Schnellenberger moved to Louisville with his family at a young age and played football, basketball and baseball at Flaget High School, where he was a teammate of future Green Bay Packers star Paul Hornung

and earned a scholarship to Kentucky.

He was an All-American tight end at Kentucky under Blanton Collier, then played two years in the Canadian Football League before beginning his coaching career as an assistant to Collier. He then moved on to work under Bear Bryant at Alabama, where he was responsible for recruiting Joe Namath and was part of three national titles for the school.

Mr. Schnellenberger then took his talents to the NFL, first as an assistant under George Allen with the Los Angeles Rams from 1966-69. He then was hired by Don Shula as offensive coordinator with the Dolphins in 1970. Two years later the Dolphins went 17-0, becoming the only NFL team to ever go undefeated.

He was hired as head coach of the Baltimore Colts in 1973, but after a falling-out with owner Robert Irsay returned to the Dolphins from 1975-78 before taking over the Hurricanes, a program in such dire straits there had been talk of dismantling it just a few years before.

Recruiting talent that had previously headed off to places such as Penn State, Michigan and Notre Dame, Mr. Schnellenberger promised a national title and delivered one in his fifth season.

After a brief fling with the USFL, Mr. Schnellenberger

was lured by Gov. John Y. Brown and other civic leaders to Louisville to try to rescue another sad-sack program. By year six he had the Cardinals in the Top 15 in the polls with a 10-1-1 team that beat Alabama in its bowl game.

The only blemish on his coaching career was 1995 at Oklahoma, where his team went 5-5-1 and he and Beverlee were viewed as outsiders before the two sides agreed to part ways.

Mr. Schnellenberger returned to South Florida and was hired by FAU President Anthony Catanese to build the foundation for the football program. After a search he decided to take the coaching job himself to prepare for the team's 2001 debut season.

FAU defeated Memphis in its first appearance in a bowl game in 2007, becoming the youngest program to play in a bowl. Mr. Schnellenberger stuck around through 2011, then spent his remaining years as an indefatigable ambassador for the program.

Along with Beverlee, Mr. Howard is survived by son Tim and wife, Anyssa; son Stuart and wife, Suzie; grandson Joey and wife, Kristie; grandson Marcus and wife, Rachel; granddaughter Teather and husband, David; and great-grandchildren Tyler, Lacie and Harper Ann.

He was preceded in death by son Stephen, who died in 2008, and a great-grandson, Angel, who died in 2020.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks contributions be made to the Schnellenberger Family Foundation in Delray Beach or the Howard Schnellenberger Endowed Scholarship Fund at FAU.

A celebration of his life will be held at FAU on a date to be announced.

## James Frederick Many

OCEAN RIDGE — James Frederick Many, a former resident of Ocean Ridge, recently joined the more than 500,000 Americans who have lost their lives to the coronavirus. A COVID-19-related cardiac arrest took Mr. Many's life on Feb. 16. He was 83.

Born in 1937, Mr. Many served in the Airborne Early Warning Squadron Four for the U.S. Navy's North Atlantic fleet. He later enjoyed a career as a commercial airline pilot, including working for Modern Air, National Airlines, Pan American and United Airlines.

Mr. Many served as the flight engineer for the Lisa Marie.

For always "taking care of business" safely and professionally flying the Lisa Marie, Elvis presented Mr. Many with a gold "TCB" pendant and chain. Mr. Many said Elvis dropped the chain over his head, snagged it on his ear, tugged it into place and said, "Now it's all shook up!"

When Elvis died, Mr. Many and the crew flew the Lisa Marie with Priscilla Presley, actor George Hamilton and other close friends of Elvis back to Memphis for the funeral.

A few weeks after that, Mr. Many returned to commercial aviation.

It was on a flight to Rio de Janeiro that Jim met his future wife, Connie Persall.

Mr. Many retired from UAL having earned certifications as flight engineer, pilot or captain on every type of jetliner that he flew. His favorite was the Boeing 747.

Family, friends, aviation, boating and building homes filled his active life. Building homes on spec in boating communities led Mr. Many to build his dream home in Ocean Ridge. The serenity of the quaint but opulent boating and beach community was ideal.

The couple left their beloved Ocean Ridge for a one-story home in Stuart after Mr. Many's knee replacement surgery.

With Jim at the helm of their sturdy Tiara, Wings, the couple loved boating and exploring the waterways of Stuart.

Mr. Many is survived by his wife, Connie E. Persall; sister, Susan Miller; son, Dale; granddaughter, Oaklee; plus nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces and cousins. A true gentleman, he will be remembered, loved and missed by family and friends.

A memorial and military honors service will take place at 12:30 p.m. April 26 at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, 5525 U.S. Highway 1 North, Mims. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

*Obituary submitted by the family*

## Cheri Billingsley Jones

OCEAN RIDGE — Cheri Billingsley Jones of Ocean Ridge died March 24, six years after a breast cancer diagnosis. She was 73.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, Earl Jones, her daughter Wendi (Gregg) Zukoski, her stepchildren, Jolie (Jimmy) Callus and Sam Jones, her mother, Lois Billingsley, her sisters, Vicki (Mike) Scruggs and Debbi (Jack) Welch, and her grandchildren Emili (Caitlyn) Zukoski and Ryan Callus.

Also surviving are six nieces and nephews and eight grandnieces and grandnephews. She was predeceased by her father, Owen T. Billingsley.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on April 16, 1947, Mrs. Jones was raised in Delray Beach and was graduated from Seacrest High School in 1965. She worked for IBM as an executive secretary in Boca Raton until her retirement in 1988.

Mrs. Jones was a gentle yet strong woman who never failed to make those around her feel loved. She filled rooms with joy and humor and was a friend to anyone fortunate enough to meet her. Mrs. Jones will be remembered for her love of butterflies; may they always remind us of the sweet soul she was.

Per Mrs. Jones' wishes, her ashes will be spread along her favorite coral reef, off the shore of Ocean Ridge, where she and Earl lived for the past 40 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Obituaries

# Anthony Downes Edgeworth

BOYNTON BEACH — A friend once observed to photographer Anthony Edgeworth, “I own practically every golf book there is, and none of them really capture the singular spirit of place that makes the great clubs and courses special.”

Mr. Edgeworth, by then an established lifestyle photographer, pondered this remark and acted on it. Over the course of three decades beginning in 1999, he was photographer, creative director and publisher (in collaboration with writer John de St. Jorre) of a series of books now indispensable to any golf library.

Mr. Edgeworth died March 15 with his daughter, Salome Schuttler Anheuser Edgeworth, granddaughter, Lilly Schuttler Ripley, and son-in-law Mika Michaels, of Gulf Stream, by his side at home. He was 84.

“What made Tony’s work unique,” said another good friend, writer Michael M. Thomas, on learning of Edgeworth’s death, “was that he understood these places and their courses from the inside. He himself was a member of several of them, and that gave him insights into their character that enabled him to get it right.”

Born April 21, 1936, in Dover, Delaware, Anthony Downes Edgeworth was educated at the Canterbury School and the University of Virginia, and served in Berlin with the U.S. Army.

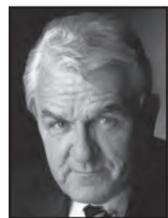
Mr. Edgeworth studied photography with Pete Turner in New York. In the 1970s he had a photography studio on Fifth Avenue and 33rd Street where he did his magazine and advertising work — which appeared in *Esquire*, *Town & Country*, *New York*, *Paris Match*, *Fortune* and *Travel & Leisure*, among others.

From the early 1980s to 2019, Mr. Edgeworth published 14 photography books. *The Guards* (Crown Publishers, 1981) won him the Order of the First State from then-Gov. Pete du Pont of Delaware.

Some of his course books are *Legendary Golf Clubs of Scotland, England Wales & Ireland* (1999); *Legendary Golf Clubs of the American East* (2003); *Legendary Golf Links of Ireland* (2006); *Legendary Golf Clubs of the American Midwest* (2013); and *The Deepdale Golf Club* (2019).

A memorial celebration was held at the Quail Ridge Country Club on March 27.

Obituary submitted by the family



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## Business Spotlight

# Delray Beach bike shop welcomes third generation

It's time to introduce the third generation of Richwagens, owners of Richwagen's Bike & Sport. Welcome 8-month-old Ava, daughter of the store owner Albert Richwagen and his fiancée, Lisa Napolitano. As far as biking is concerned, it's never too young to start.

"I've put Ava on the seat of a bike, and she'll be riding a tricycle before she can walk," Richwagen said.

Albert Richwagen represents the second generation in his family business, which his father, Robert, founded 60 years ago. Albert and his mother, Bertha, took over in 1988, after Robert died.

In its fifth location — a 3,000-square-foot store at 298 NE Sixth Ave. in Delray Beach — the business has seen some changes over the years.

A little history: Robert, who learned machine work in high school and during World War II, was a welder at the Boston shipyard. After moving to Delray Beach, he took his skills and ingenuity and applied them to products for his new store, where he sold go-karts and Vespa scooters. A man on the move, so to speak.

"In the 1960s Gidget days, he started shaping surfboards, and then, noticing the number of retirees, he designed a three-wheeled bicycle for adults," Albert Richwagen recalled.

And things continue to evolve.

"Now, people are loving electric bikes," Albert Richwagen said. "That side of the business has grown 150% during the pandemic, and kids' bike sales have exploded, too. The sale of kids' bikes had dropped steadily over the last 10 years. But when gyms, pools, tennis courts and playgrounds closed during the pandemic, family biking really took off."

The Richwagen store closed its doors at the start of the pandemic, but offered curb service. It is fully open again. And, by the way, Bertha, 83, misses working there, Albert says.

"She stopped because of the pandemic, but she would be there every day, if she could."

Two local Delray Beach businesses have sold recently and merged with bigger companies.

On March 11, **Delivery**

**Dudes**, a food delivery service, sold its assets to the publicly traded company, **Waitr**, for \$23 million. While customers will still visit **DeliveryDudes.com**, use the **DeliveryDudes** app, or call 561-900-7060 to place an order, they may notice improvements that should make the service even better, said founder **Jayson Koss**.

"Delivery Dudes has historically been the underdog in the delivery space, with very limited resources," he said. "Teaming up with Waitr will give the Dudes access to a wide range of resources including, but not limited to, tech resources, marketing reach and more."

Koss, along with his team, will remain at **Delivery Dudes** for the foreseeable future.

On March 9, **Architec**, a Delray Beach-based company that designs and manufactures product lines for kitchens, was acquired by **Bradshaw Home**, a national designer and marketer of kitchenware and cleaning products for an undisclosed price. **Architec** President **Jenna Sellers Miller** is joining **Bradshaw Home's** product development and brand marketing department.

Kathleen Sellers, Jenna's mother, started a lawn and garden company in 1988, "with plant stands and things like that," Miller said. "Then I moved home after living in Los Angeles, and in 2000, we started **Architec**, this new division with a single product, an innovative (nonslip) cutting board. We went off to trade shows, and we were picked up by **Linens 'N Things** and **Bed, Bath & Beyond**, then we knew we had something."

**Architec** markets five brands: **Architec**, its flagship line of food prep products; **Ecosmart**, food prep products made from eco-friendly materials; **Homegrown Gourmet**, products for growing, serving and storing homegrown produce; **Madeira**, premium food prep products; and **TSP**, **Totally Sweet Products** for baking and decorating enthusiasts.

"Under the **Bradshaw** umbrella of brands, our future is brighter than ever and I'm pinching myself that I will be joining the **Bradshaw** team, which means I'll get to take part in their future success," Miller said.

**Architec's** design and



Bertha Richwagen, Lisa Napolitano, 8-month-old Ava Marie Richwagen and Albert Richwagen inside Richwagen's Bike & Sport in Delray Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

business office is at 350 SE First St., Delray Beach, and **Architec's** staff of 10 will continue to work from there.

"Our mission is to support the economic vitality of downtown Delray Beach and we are excited that two of our homegrown companies are benefiting from their success," said Laura Simon, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority.

Real estate sales have been especially hot this season, crowned locally by the \$94 million sale of the Manalapan Ziff estate. Although it was not as huge for the town, a recorded \$26.2 million mid-March sale of an ocean-to-Lake Worth Lagoon estate at **1560 S. Ocean Blvd.** was significant. The owner was Sarah & Co LLC, managed by Jiri Radoch, CEO of **KKCG**. The buyer is listed in public records as S. Ocean 1560 LLC, a Delaware corporation.

On 1.4 acres, the seven-bedroom, 11,197-square-foot, three-story estate includes an oceanfront cabana and, on the Intracoastal side, a dock with a boat lift. It connects to the oceanfront through a tunnel under South Ocean Boulevard. The seller paid \$16.4 million for the property in 2013 and renovated it throughout the years. It was built in 2011.

According to **Realtor.com**, the property hit the market in December 2020 for \$27.5 million, listed with **John O. Pickett III** and **Cathy Casella** of Brown Harris Stevens. **Chris Leavitt** of Douglas Elliman represented the buyer.

In a March transaction worth \$20.4 million, Jean C. Thompson of Dallas sold her estate at **1960 S. Ocean** in Manalapan to **1960 South Ocean**, a Florida limited

liability company. The property is on 3 acres adjacent to the Ziff estate.

**Steven E. Presson** of the Corcoran Group was the listing agent. In 2018, Thompson, manager of **CTRE13 LLC**, purchased the property for \$13.5 million at auction, when it was owned by William T. Gerrard.

A vacant 1.46-acre oceanfront property at **1260 S. Ocean Blvd.**, Manalapan, was sold by **1260 Manalapan Properties, LLC**, managed by Tonio Arcaini, to **1260 S. Ocean LLC**, managed by Manalapan Mayor Pro Tem Stewart A. Satter. The \$15.45 million sale was recorded on March 18. Arcaini bought the property in 2009 for \$6.8 million. In a private listing, Premier Estate Properties agent **Jim McCann** represented the seller. **Pascal Liguori** of Premier Estate Properties represented the buyer.

A seven-bedroom, 14,808-square-foot estate at **3715 S. Ocean Blvd.**, Highland Beach, sold for \$21,576,050 on March 10. The sellers were David and Shannon Rae Willens. The buyer was Eric D. Moskow, trustee of the Eric D. Moskow Trust. David Willens is founder and chairman of Sage Dental. Moskow is a health care investor.

The estate, with 120 feet on the ocean, features a living green wall with more than 1,800 plants along the entrance and indoor foyer, its own cell tower, an infinity pool, and interior walls finished in imported basalt lava stone, a transparent wine showcase cellar, two kitchens, a home theater, and gaming spaces.

The buyer was represented by **Senada Adzem**, an agent with Douglas Elliman.

Representing the seller were **Gerard Liguori**, **Carmen D'Angelo Jr.**, and **Joseph Liguori**, brokers/owners of Premier Estate Properties, which reported \$343 million in sales in January and February 2021.

**Brandon** and **Jolee Pellegrino** sold a seven-bedroom estate, with 13,184 total square feet, at **4101 S. Ocean Blvd.**, Highland Beach, to Joshua Memling Golder. The sale price was \$17 million, according to public records dated March 13.

Built in 2018, the estate has a movie theater and 300-gallon aquarium.

**Brandon Pellegrino** is the chief investment officer at Boca Raton-based Naso Capital Management. **Devin Kay** and **Nick Malinosky** of Douglas Elliman brokered the deal.

Charles and Ann Talanian sold a five-bedroom, 10,086-total-square-foot waterfront home at **225 W. Alexander Palm Rd.**, Boca Raton, to Steven and Tracy Angeli for \$12.51 million, according to public records dated March 18.

Charles Talanian is the president of C. Talanian Realty, a Boston-based company, according to its website. Steven Angeli is senior managing director and equity portfolio manager at Boston-based Wellington Management Co., according to an SEC filing.

The Talanians purchased the property for \$3.5 million in 2019, records show, and built a new house. According to **Realtor.com**, **Marcy F. Javor** with Signature One Luxury Estates represented the sellers, and **David W. Roberts** of Royal Palm Properties represented the buyers.

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**Tiffany Palagonia**, a Century 21 agent in Glen Head, New York, sold a six-bedroom, 11,068-total-square-foot waterfront home built in 2018 at **261 W. Alexander Palm Road**, Boca Raton, to the Jag Realty Trust, with Laurie J. Hall as trustee. The \$11.025 million sale was recorded on Feb. 25.

Some amenities include a club room, bar, second-floor living room, dock, and a putting green. Palagonia bought the home in August 2020 for \$9.4 million. David W. Roberts of **Royal Palm Properties** represented buyer and seller.

Top performers from Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Manalapan were among the honorees as **Douglas Elliman** announced winners of its **Ellie Awards**, which honored the firm's top agents for 2020.

The top 10 teams for Florida by gross commission income included the Senada Adzem team (No. 4), and the Randy Ely and Nick Malinosky team (No. 7). The Pinnacle Club Award winners, presented to Florida agents and teams that made more than \$1 million in 2020, included the Adzem team; the Cotilla, Beresh, Gerow luxury team; the Scott Gordon team; and the Randy & Nick team.

Nationwide sales for Douglas Elliman in 2020 totaled \$29.6 billion, and the firm was responsible for 46,303 sales and rental transactions. The Florida brokerage closed just under \$7

**Ribbon-cutting for coffee shop**  
Boca Raton Innovation Campus — March 18



A ceremony was held for Marcel Brewer's Coffee Shop and Lakeside Patio, the latest amenities at BRIC, the former IBM campus. The patio features a 50-foot model of the first IBM keyboard. The coffee shop's name pays homage to the architect who designed the IBM complex. Angelo Bianco, managing partner of Crocker Partners, which acquired the property in 2018, addresses guests including Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke; Troy McLellan, president and CEO of the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce; and City Council member Andy Thomson. **Photo provided**

billion in total sales for 2020, up 32% from the previous year.

**Daniel A. Hostettler** is the new president of the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**.



A veteran of the hospitality industry, Hostettler was previously president and group managing director of Ocean House Management Collection's five New England properties. Those include Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and

Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, Rhode Island.

As president of Boca Raton Resort & Club, Hostettler will continue his role as North American president of Relais & Châteaux. He is also a member of the Cornell Hotel Society, a trustee of the Culinary Institute of America, and a visiting professor at Johnson & Wales University in North Miami.

Hostettler will oversee all aspects of the Boca resort, including a renovation launched in September. Highlights include a collection of restaurants and bars; a new 4-acre lakefront area with cabanas, four

pools and a lazy river; and the reconfiguration and renovation of the tower.



Kendall



Vaughan

Following a nearly nine-month national search, the board of directors for the **Palm Beach County Food Bank** has named Boynton Beach resident

**Jamie A. Kendall** as its CEO. In addition, longtime fundraising professional **Ellen Vaughan** of Delray Beach was appointed as director of development and philanthropy.

The Boca Raton-based **Florida Peninsula Insurance** announced the retirement of its co-founder and CFO, **Francis L. Lattanzio**, who will remain with the company as a consultant. **Gary Cantor** replaces him. Cantor, also a co-founder of the company, served as executive vice president since 2005.

The Festival Management Group, producer of the **Delray Affair**, has secured a location to hold the annual art show this year, which will be called **Affair of the Arts**. Scheduled for April 9-11, it will be held on the north side of the **Boynton Beach Mall**, 801 N. Congress Ave., offering free parking as well as a larger footprint that allows for social distancing.

CDC coronavirus safety protocols will be implemented, and masks are required.

There will be more than 500 art-and-crafts exhibitors and a beer and wine garden. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.



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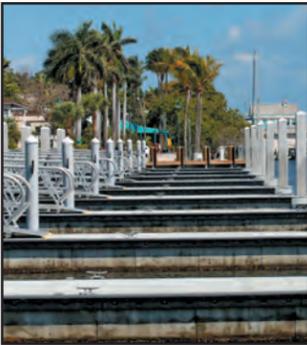
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## Paws Up for Pets



Wellington residents Mark Harris and his friend Millie Moy (far right) walk his dogs, Big Buster, a goldendoodle, and Bolt, a Maltese, through Mounts Botanical Garden on a Sunday afternoon. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

# Every dog has its day

By Arden Moore

Canines and their humans can savor the beauty of Mounts Botanical Garden the second Sunday of each month

Yes, it is true that dogs do dig daily routines. They do like predictability. But I bet many of our canine pals are getting a bit bored by being taken for daily walks at the same time, same place and same duration.

Dogs need and deserve opportunities for new places to sniff and survey. And with spring in full bloom, let me recommend you take your dog for an adventure-filled leashed walk at the Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach.

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# Shelter to honor its pet parents, raise funds for veterinary clinic

By Amy Woods

Bark & Brunch — an inaugural event that Tri-County Animal Rescue plans to cultivate — will honor three devoted “pup moms” for their support of the no-kill shelter.

The outdoor fundraiser will be May 2 at The Addison in Boca Raton, with proceeds going to a medical fund that subsidizes veterinary services at the Lois Pope Pet Clinic.

In situations like the coronavirus pandemic, “the animals are the last to be taken care of,” said Andrea Kline, one of the honorees. “A lot of people have to abandon their animals because they can’t afford to take care of them. Somebody’s got to rescue them, and we’re there to do that.”

Kline has four adopted dogs from the shelter: Harry, a 1-year-old mutt; Charlie, an 8-year-old bichon frise/Havanese mix; Duncan, a 10-year-old Yorkshire terrier; and Lucky, a 12-year-old shih-tzu.

“I’m totally devoted to Tri-

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**What:** Bark & Brunch

**When:** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 2

**Where:** The Addison, 2 E.

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**Cost:** \$225

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[www.tricountyanimalrescue.com](http://www.tricountyanimalrescue.com)

County,” Kline said of the shelter, based in west Boca Raton. “It’s important to me that we fund the medical center as well as the shelter.”

Also being honored is Constance Scott.

“I want to bring attention to Tri-County,” said Scott, who adopted Gigi 2, a 6-year-old Maltese/poodle mix, from the shelter. “They always need money. They’re always rescuing dogs from all over the country. This is a facility that has a gold heart. What an event like this does is it shines a bright light on what we’re trying to do.”

The third honoree, Marta Batmasian, said the nonprofit



(l-r) Constance Scott with Gigi 2, Marta Batmasian with Tamar (a dog gifted to her by her son), and Andrea Kline with Duncan, Harry and Charlie. Photo provided by Kaye Communications

has suffered — as have many others — because of the global pandemic, prompting board members to develop alternative events with built-in safety

guidelines in an attempt to make up for not being able to have the annual Doggie & Kittie Ball.

“It was hard work to build

this clinic,” Batmasian said of the facility that debuted in July 2019. “We are trying to keep the doors open, but the budget keeps on going up.” ★

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Philanthropy Notes

‘Build Your Way’ theme gives Habitat volunteers safe options

While the world continues to be upended by COVID-19, Habitat for Humanity South Palm Beach County’s partner families — who had been struggling prior to the pandemic — are facing more challenges while waiting for their homes to be built.

That is why this year’s Women Build event, set for May 5-8, is presented with a “Build Your Way” theme. Forewomen will raise hammers, roofs and, most important, money to help hardworking, low-income homeowners-to-be.

The initiative has expanded to four days, up from three, and offers volunteers multiple options to contribute to the cause. They can join a crew at a construction site, receive a DIY kit with instructions at home or commit to a later date to participate.

“We know it has been a gut-wrenching year for everyone, yet as we continue to work through it we have all been greatly inspired by exceptional acts of kindness and generosity given to those struggling in our community,” Co-Chairwoman Robyn Raphael-Dynan said.

“The 2021 Women Build offers yet another heart-warming opportunity for women leaders to give a hand up, not a handout, to hardworking, low-income families in our community who are in critical need of decent housing.”

For more information, call 561-819-6070, ext. 208, or visit [www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org](http://www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org).

Cultural Council fund supports arts organizations

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County has awarded \$186,191 to local arts organizations through a new grant program that was created using a portion of the county’s allocation of federal CARES Act money.

The Palm Beach County Cultural Resiliency Fund was developed to provide direct relief to arts organizations affected by the coronavirus pandemic. A total of 15 nonprofits received money.

“As attention turned to addressing the global pandemic, many local cultural organizations lost significant income from donors, corporations and



(l-r) Daughters Lindsay Raphael and Robyn Raphael-Dynan return again to build alongside their mother and Co-Chairwoman Beverly Raphael Altman. Photo provided

foundations as well as ticket sales,” said Dave Lawrence, the council’s president and CEO. “Thanks to the support of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Tourist Development Council and County Administrator Verdenia Baker, the Palm Beach County Cultural Resiliency Fund supported recovery efforts throughout Palm Beach County.”

“Receiving this grant was a lifeline — it was what we needed to keep going and pay our performers,” said Elizabeth Dashiell, co-producer of the Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, one of the recipients. “Last year, we all learned that the arts are vulnerable, but they’re also vital.”

Elizabeth Smart headlines ‘No Excuse for Abuse’

The Ferd & Gladys Alpert Jewish Family Service’s “No Excuse for Abuse” event, the annual signature program of the agency, took place virtually featuring abduction survivor Elizabeth Smart as the keynote speaker.

Ilene Goldstein, Diann Mann and Judith Rosenberg served as event co-chairwomen, Peter and Barbara Sidel emceed, and Susan Shulman Pertnoy interviewed Smart.

“The 17th annual ‘No Excuse for Abuse’ virtual evening presented us with the unprecedented opportunity of raising awareness of the uncomfortable topic of domestic abuse with people who may not have been able to attend our event in the past,”

CEO Marc Hopin said. “We adapted our signature event this year much like we have with all of the vital programs and services we provide, laser-focused on continuing to improve the lives of individuals and families facing challenges.”

Also at the event, the winners of the “No Excuse for Abuse” poster/poetry contest were announced. Submitted by Jewish students, the entries focused on the topics of bullying, teen dating abuse and emotional, verbal and physical abuse.

Retired doctor takes helm at Quantum Foundation

The Quantum Foundation has named Dr. Gerald O’Connor as its new board chairman.

O’Connor, a retired physician, will occupy the position for two years, leading Palm Beach County’s largest health care funder.

“Our board and staff are seen by the community as thought leaders in the health care space — tackling big issues facing Palm Beach County while always being there for those working on a grassroots level, since we know that is where a community’s health often happens,” O’Connor said. “I am passionate about helping people, and my experience as a physician will bring a unique perspective to the board chair position.”

“We are looking forward to having Dr. O’Connor as Quantum Foundation’s board chair,” President Eric Kelly said. “His passion for helping people and his community involvement makes him an asset to our foundation, and he is a true leader who will guide us through the upcoming years to help make health equity happen.”

Y helps South County kids be safe around water

As part of its commitment

to reduce drowning rates and keep children safe in and around the water, the YMCA of South Palm Beach County will provide scholarships for swim instruction and water safety to youths from underserved communities.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the second-leading cause of death for children ages 14 and younger.

“Educating children how to be safe around water is just as important as teaching them to look both ways before they cross the street,” said Libby Moon, the Y’s drowning-prevention coordinator. “The Y teaches children of all ages and backgrounds that water should be fun, not feared, and this practice not only saves lives, it builds confidence.”

In addition to acquiring water-safety skills, children can increase their physical activity by learning to swim, and the group settings aim to teach them life lessons such as sportsmanship.



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## Celebrations

### Old Bags Luncheon

The Colony Hotel and Worth Avenue, Palm Beach — March 12

The question was never whether there would be an Old Bags Luncheon, it was how. The creative minds at the Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County delivered something so special that more than 60 local businesses joined in as partners. Highlights included a spectacular silent auction of designer handbags and a sold-out luncheon. Proceeds will benefit the agency's mental health services. **RIGHT:** Cheryl Lindsay and Diana Maune. **Photo provided**



### Women's History Month

Saks Fifth Avenue, Boca Raton — March



In honor of Women's History Month, Saks Fifth Avenue recognized Impact 100 Palm Beach County with three installations in its Boca Raton store to showcase the female-led nonprofit. 'We are so honored to have supporters like Saks Fifth Avenue Boca Raton to help us get our message out into the community,' said Kathy Adkins, Impact 100 president. 'We strive to connect, engage and inspire women to improve our community by collectively funding impactful \$100,000 grants to nonprofits in our area that are dedicated to addressing the challenges facing our community. The more members we have, the more grants we can give to nonprofits in southern Palm Beach County.' **ABOVE:** (l-r) Nicole Mugavero, Kathryn Gillespie, Adkins, Saks store manager Heather Shaw, Marilyn Swillinger and Lisa Warren stand by one of the installations. **Photo provided**

### Loop for Literacy

Palm Beach County — March



The 11th annual Loop for Literacy raised a record \$80,000-plus to help fight illiteracy in Palm Beach County. More than 250 donors and 300 bicyclists, runners and walkers participated in the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's fundraiser. Participants could pedal, run or walk in the time and place of their choice. **LEFT:** (l-r) Holly Mattson, Stephanie Kahlert, Debra Ghostine, Joumana Dagher, Patricia Knobel and Sandra Awaida. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Susan O'Connor, Rosie O'Connor and Ghostine. **Photos provided**

## Pay it Forward

### APRIL

#### Friday - 4/9 - The Lord's Place's Sleepn for SleepOut, a virtual event.

Listen to uplifting stories of perseverance and courage from formerly homeless clients and participate in new activities while getting ready to go to sleep in a backyard tent, on the porch or in the living room. 6 pm. Free. 578-4928 or sleepouttlp.org.

#### Sunday - 4/11 - Boca Ballet Theatre's Affair en Blanc Spring Fundraising

**Event** at a secret location. Don all-white attire and bring chairs, tables and place-setting décor to compete for prizes for best-dressed costume and most-unique tablescape. 5:30 pm. \$50. 995-0709 or one.bidpal.net/affairenblanc/welcome.

#### Monday - 4/19 - Palm Beach Symphony's 19th Annual Gala: Sustaining the Note, a virtual event.

Celebrate the magic of music with special guests, entertainment, an online auction and a livestreamed Masterworks concert. 6 pm. \$50. 281-0145 or palmbeachsymphony.org.

**Sunday - 4/25 - National Society of Arts and Letters' Florida East Coast Chapter's Star Maker Awards** at The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Honor Boca Ballet Theatre's co-artistic directors, Dan Guin and Jane Tyree, as well as Broadway legend Avery Sommers, all of whom will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. 6:30 pm. \$250. 391-6380 or nsalfloridaeast.org.

**Tuesday - 4/27 - Place of Hope's Angel Moms Brunch and Benefit** at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus, 21441 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Join the festivities under a tent to support programs that serve foster children and those who have aged out of the foster-care system as well as hear from abduction-victim-turned-survivor-turned-activist Elizabeth Smart. 10:30 am. \$150. 483-0962 or placeofhoperinker.org.

### MAY

**Sunday - 5/2 - Tri-County Animal Rescue's "Bark & Brunch"** at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy an open-air meal and festivities for dog moms and their fur babies to help generate proceeds for the shelter's medical fund. 11 am-2 pm. \$225. 482-8110 or tricountyanimalrescue.com.

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Dining

# Delray food hall gears up for opening

More than 20 vendors will debut at the Delray Beach Market when it opens April 24. A mix of local entrepreneurs and out-of-towners has been chosen by the Menin Development management team to cook up a variety of foods at the 150,000-square-foot food hall.

Bright, colorful stalls will feature foods ranging from Japanese fusion (Tekka Bar) with sushi and ramen, to Virginia countryside barbecue (Surry Co. Smoke House). A hand-tossed New York pizza stall (Salvo's) will share the hall with a bakery (Lovelee) and seafood market/takeout (Tip to Tail from Third Wind Seafood).

Diners will find an eclectic menu at the Modern Rose, based on the restaurant of the same name in Deerfield Beach.

Co-owner Emilio Dominguez calls it a "unique cafe concept." It's a modern tea shop, coffee shop and organic sandwich and salad spot.

"We focus on the experience," Dominguez said. "We are very cognizant of engaging all the senses."

Plating and presentation are as important as the quality of

the foods, he said. "It's about the visual. We are creating an experience for the guest."

The spacious interior of the hall is boho, beachy and bright, with living plants supplying green areas. It's a contrast to Dominguez's establishment, which features antiques for sale and a cozier atmosphere. But he says the prospect of warm, welcoming interactions and eye-appealing foods will attract customers to the shop.

He also emphasizes fresh and local foods.

"We shop every single day," he said. "We buy all local, and all fresh daily."

Specialties will include modern matcha of different flavors and colors; a coffee selection using shade-grown, locally roasted beans freshly ground; and an avocado toast bar with a variety of fresh toppings.

Organic egg sandwiches, several Argentine empanadas, and pastries will be sold on an all-day menu, he said. Grab-and-go items include Fropro plant-based protein bars, produced in Fort Lauderdale. Local and clean-green products figure heavily in the



The mezzanine is one place to sit after you buy from one of the two dozen stalls at the Delray Beach Market. It is also intended as a space for meetings and private parties. **Rendering provided**

ingredients.

Dominguez is enthused about the potential of the food hall, a way to introduce his menu to a wider audience.

The food hall opening was good timing for him and his wife, he said. "We had been looking for properties in Delray and this popped up."

Jessie Steele, whom people may recognize from his stints as chef at Dada, and Death

or Glory, will oversee two kitchens in the hall: Roots and IncrediBowl.

"To be clear, I'm just the chef," he said. The owner, a local female entrepreneur, wishes to stay out of the limelight.

Roots is a plant-based concept with all house-made foods, he said.

"Our tag line for it is 'healthy eating can be easy,

delicious and fun.' The goal is to appeal to everyone — not just vegans. Our dishes are going to be takes on regular dishes, but with all plants. There is no animal product of any kind here."

He and his small staff will make all of the meat substitutes, he said.

An example is a riff on fish and chips, made with a hearts of palm mixture resembling



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a fish patty, fried, and special french fries. Another is the reuben sandwich, made with jackfruit, brined as corned beef, colored pink with beet juice and stacked on a sandwich with tofu cheese. "It's really good," Steele said, and intended to satisfy people missing regular corned beef.

A favorite creation is "bacon-cheese-fries," he said. The "bacon" bits are cashews prepared with a smoky additive, and sprinkled over the fries with dairy-free cheese. "The idea is to get people excited about plant-based eating."

IncrediBowl is a 180-degree turn from Roots. It offers a build-your-own bowl meal, with chef-crafted bowls on the menu as an option. Rice, cauliflower rice and two salad choices are bases for proteins, toppings and a plethora of sauces.

"The fresh, house-made toppings that are not standard are what sets us apart," Steele said. "It's not just a plain tomato, but a marinated one. We'll have pickled red onions, garlic mushrooms, things like that to add flavor."

Proteins include steak, chicken and shrimp, which he'll get from the neighboring seafood stall, Tip to Tail.

He says he's excited to be part of the market after a reluctant first impression.

Menin "approached me with this at the beginning a couple years ago, and I said hell no. I didn't want to get involved in a food hall."

Steele had a year off, after the coronavirus pandemic shut down the city's restaurants and put plans for new ones on hold. The company came back around, offering again last year, this time with a slightly different concept fleshed out.

"I met with them, heard them out and saw the concept. I liked it, and agreed. I think they're doing it right. Everyone is on the same page. There's lots of camaraderie," Steele said.

The downtown location is key, he said. "I think it's going to do well. They have a huge audience in Delray that loves food."

Other food booths include Big T's Deli, a sandwich shop; Cellar & Pantry, for wine, cheese and charcuterie; County Line Southern Fried Chicken, featuring Southern comfort foods; Bona Bona, a specialty ice cream booth; Dad's Favorite, a burger shop; Delray Craft and Alpine 210 Sausage, a craft brew and sausage bar; Ferdos Grill, a place for Mediterranean and Middle Eastern favorites; Guaca Go, a guacamole bar; Sorella's, a fresh pasta maker; Tanuki, serving Pan-Asian and Hawaiian sweets and savories; Tiffin Box, a build-your-own meal spot; and Vote for Pedro New York, a Mexican cantina.

Nomad Surf Shop, next to Briny Breezes, will have an

outlet in the market as well. The market includes a main full service bar, Central Bar, and a large space on the mezzanine for classes, community meetings, or private parties.

*Delray Beach Market, 33 SE Third Ave., Delray Beach. Phone 561-562-7000; www.delraybeachmarket.com. Scheduled to open April 24.*

**Eric Baker** always wanted to do a Jewish deli. The chef/owner at Rebel House in Boca Raton brought his vision to life in **Uncle Pinkie's Market and Deli**, taking advantage of the coronavirus pandemic.

"We had this private dining room next door. With COVID, it wasn't being utilized," he said.

He set up the counter-serve deli there, and uses the Rebel House kitchen to service it.

"They're open opposite hours, so it worked out great.

We've only been open a couple weeks, and we're still trying to figure out the most optimal way of staffing two concepts. It's tricky, but I think we've found our groove," he said.

"I was very against a traditional Jewish deli," he said. "Their menus are massive."

He worked around it by taking the most popular dishes and putting his own stamp on them.

"There's a big focus on homemade and really good ingredients. We pay tribute to tradition, with a focus on my techniques and quality ingredients," Baker said.

On the menu are a truffle knish, noodle kugel and rugelach.

Instead of a giant breakfast menu, the deli has an all-day one. "We focus on breakfast sandwiches — egg, pastrami, salami — and variety breads: a Kaiser roll, bagel, mahala bun. We make bagel sandwiches

with smoked fish, smoked trout and salmon," Baker said.

"We have chopped liver, matzo ball soup, salads, of course, sandwiches. We make everything — we make our own corned beef, roast beef, and pastrami, all the coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni salad."

He'll keep the autonomy between the two restaurants, he said. The new one is small, only a few tables, though outdoor seating shared with Rebel House is available. All those old photos on the wall? They're Baker family portraits going back generations.

As far as other new ventures, "I'm done for this year. Hopefully there will be something new next year. I'm still young," he said.

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Hannah Arnst strolls the garden with Buddy, her Siberian husky. Photo provided



Michelle Keba walks her dog Noelle, a 4-year-old black Lab, through the Mounts Botanical Garden. The dog Sundays will continue through September, with the next one scheduled for April 11. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

**PETS**

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to help you remember: every second Sunday of the month. That is the time when this 14-acre botanical garden permits well-mannered dogs to accompany their people for walks.

Upcoming Dogs Day in the Garden dates are April 11 and May 9 (Mother's Day). The garden is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for kids ages 5 to 12 and no charge for garden members.

Hannah Arnst, who lives in nearby Flamingo Park, treated Buddy, her Siberian husky, to a garden sniff and walk and is planning to return.

"We had a blast," says Arnst, who is the communications manager for the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. "There was a nice, light breeze and we even met another husky on the path. Buddy seemed to really like the butterfly garden area."

The garden's dog event supplemented her efforts to exercise Buddy and stay safe during the pandemic.

"He needs lots of exercise and we have a large backyard for him to run around, but we would do our best to try to walk him in the evening in



Mark Harris, Millie Moy and their canine friends encounter Tito, a 2-year-old English bulldog, being walked by Nicole Jaeger of Boynton Beach, her mom, Loren Sheldone of Lake Worth, and grandmother Gloria Sheldone of Delray Beach.

our neighborhood," says Arnst. "The garden invite offers Buddy and other dogs a nice change of scenery. For us, it was a great chance to reconnect with nature, turn off our cellphones and enjoy each other's company."

Melissa Carter, the Delray Beach woman in charge of marketing at Mounts, reports

that this monthly event is so popular that it will continue through September.

"We estimate that there is one dog for every three visitors coming here," she says. "When this pandemic hit, Mounts Botanical Garden is a safe place to be. We keep the day low-key: one dog per person, no tents, no vendors. We are finding that

people are happy, taking photos and having an enjoyable family day with their dogs."

Within Mounts are 25 themed gardens with more than 2,000 species of tropical and subtropical plants.

At best guess, Carter says, canine favorites include the Sun Garden of Extremes (full of succulents), the Herb Garden for Well Being (with an array of herbs, including Cuban oregano), the Color and Shade Island (filled with bromeliads and ferns), plus the Great Lawn near the koi-filled lake.

"There is always something new blooming here," says Carter. "There are lots of winding paths and this is a walk that is mentally and physically beneficial to people and dogs."★

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*. See [www.ardenmoore.com](http://www.ardenmoore.com).



**Garden rules**

To make your outing safe and fun, heed these rules:

- Dogs must be on leashes no longer than 6 feet. No retractable leashes.
- One dog per person only. If you have more than one dog, bring a friend who can walk your second dog.
- Dogs must be up-to-date on their rabies vaccinations.
- Pack water and treats and spare refuse bags.
- No dogs are allowed in plant beds or in the lake.
- Mounts is at 531 N. Military Trail, north of Southern Boulevard in West Palm Beach.
- Call 561-233-1757 or see [www.mounts.org](http://www.mounts.org).

**Keep pets away from dangerous plants**

With more dogs enjoying outings and more south Floridians tending to their gardens, I reached out to a leading veterinarian for safety advice. Dr. Justine Lee is double board-certified in toxicology and emergency medicine. She offers this advice for homes with cats and dogs:

"No fresh-cut flowers or bouquets of flowers in the house," says Lee. "If you can't confidently identify *Lilium* or *Heimerocallis* species — or what we call 'true lilies' — then it is a big no-no. When in doubt, take pictures of your plants and call an animal poison control to be safe."

Some plants, if ingested by pets, can cause vomiting or diarrhea or, worse, seizures and death. In South Florida, these five plants rank as most dangerous to pets:

- Azaleas
- Oleander
- Sago palm
- Lilies
- Bulb plants

For a complete list of unsafe plants for pets, visit the ASPCA poisonous plants webpage at [www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants](http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants). The center's toll-free number is 888-426-4435, and the center is staffed 24 hours a day by board-certified veterinary toxicologists.

Lee offers these five safe plants if you have cats or dogs:

- Spider plant
- Wandering Jew
- Jade plant
- Christmas cactus
- Bromeliads

"These plants are in my house," says Lee. "Keep in mind that the majority of plants are relatively safe, but when in doubt, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for lifesaving information."





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## Theater

# All about Emily

Dramaworks returns, virtually, with Dickinson show 'Belle of Amherst'

By Hap Erstein  
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

There are two plays that feature Emily Dickinson, and by early April Margery Lowe will have played the reclusive poet in both.

Three years ago, the area actor appeared at Palm Beach Dramaworks in the world premiere of *Edgar and Emily*, Joseph McDonough's fanciful and improbable meeting of Dickinson and Edgar Allan Poe.

Lowe returns to the character April 2-6 in the better known *The Belle of Amherst*, William Luce's one-woman play, a virtual co-production between Dramaworks and Coral Gables' Actors' Playhouse.

Although both theaters remain closed because of the coronavirus pandemic, they have remained active with play readings designed for streaming into their patrons' homes. *The Belle of Amherst* takes that idea one step further, a full production filmed on PBD's mainstage, directed by the company's producing artistic director William Hayes, without the presence of an audience.

Then, for \$30, the production can be viewed at the ticket buyer's convenience any time between April 2-6. Proceeds will benefit both not-for-profit theater companies, which have been earning no income while their stages have remained dark.

Patrons who subscribed to the 2020-2021 season of either company and did not ask for a refund, rolling over their subscription to the 2021-2022 season, get to watch *The Belle of Amherst* free of charge.



Margery Lowe follows up her recent performance as Emily Dickinson in Palm Beach Dramaworks' 'Edgar and Emily' with Dramaworks' upcoming virtual production of 'The Belle of Amherst.' Photo provided

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## Art

# Norton explores Black experience in 'Art Finds a Way'

By Sandra Schulman  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Pulling from a deep collection and even deeper current events, the Norton's curator Cheryl Brutvan has amassed a stellar exhibit of works from African-American artists.

In *Art Finds a Way*, she builds on some of the buzziest names the Norton owns — Nick Cave's zany tribal Space Suits, Mickalene Thomas's hyper decorative collage paintings — and adds in some that will be new to viewers.

Taking up three large rooms on the ground floor of the Norton, *Art Finds a Way* works in tactile ways by partnering lightboxes with tar paintings, tapestry with metallic sculpture, and video with nylon flags. From the darkest paths of Black history to the pure poetry of a garden, the art here casts a wide net over the collective experience.

One of the most powerful works is by art star Kara Walker, whose tapestry reproduces an etching



'Opportunity,' by Hank Willis Thomas. Photo provided

from an 1863 issue of the newspaper *Harper's Weekly* that documents the burning of a "colored orphan asylum" that followed a mob riot in New York during the Civil War.

Over the tapestry she has pasted a large felt silhouette figure of a tormented woman, holding a braided

noose with a bow. The contrast of the sepia fabric and the jet-black felt is jarring, the intricate image of the flames rising above the small rioting figures gives an overwhelming sense of danger and despair. Walker has made a career of reviving the cut-out silhouette; it works here to powerful advantage.

Los Angeles-based Calida Rawles merges realism with poetic abstraction through watery, immersive paintings. In *Guardian*, a woman in a white dress floats in clear water. Her head is unseen above the water line but her body is reflected above her in a nifty trick of perspective. It has a dreamy quality, her hands holding down her billowy white dress in a fluid modesty. She's not wearing a bathing suit, so is this baptism?

The title, *Guardian*, makes a case for a water goddess. Rawles employs water as multifaceted material to portray womanhood, tranquility,

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'Guardian' by Calida Rawles is part of the 'Art Finds a Way' exhibit at the Norton Museum of Art. Photo provided

# DICKINSON

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“It’s a thank-you for having trust and confidence in our organizations,” said Hayes and Actors’ Playhouse’s artistic director David Arisco in a joint statement.

*The Belle of Amherst* was first performed in 1976, with five-time Tony Award-winner Julie Harris originating the role of Dickinson. The play makes use of the poet’s work, diaries and letters to recollect her encounters with the significant people in her life — family, close friends and acquaintances.

In selecting this play, the two artistic directors noted the poet’s growing popularity, due in large part to the series *Dickinson*, a coming-of-age story with a contemporary sensibility, featuring Hailee

## If You Go

*The Belle of Amherst* may be streamed anytime April 2-6.  
**Tickets:** \$30  
**Info and tickets:** palm beachdramaworks.org or 561-514-4042, ext. 2

Steinfeld and streaming on Apple TV+.

As to the casting of Lowe in the Dramaworks-Actors’ Playhouse co-production, Hayes said, “Having seen Marge embody Dickinson in a very different play, and having developed a professional bond over 15 years and numerous productions, I know she has the range, the skill set, and the artistry to pull this off brilliantly.”



Margery Lowe rehearses a scene from ‘The Belle of Amherst,’ a co-production of Palm Beach Dramaworks and the Actors’ Playhouse in Coral Gables. Photo provided

## News Briefs

### Disney offers free ‘Newsies’ presentation to schools

WEST PALM BEACH — In an effort to keep Palm Beach County youths engaged in the arts, Disney and the Kravis Center are offering students in grades six-12 free access to a performance of the Broadway musical *Newsies* this month.

The 2011 Alan Menken musical was drawn from the 1992 Disney film, which explores the feisty young people who pulled off the newsboys’ strike of 1899 in New York.

The show will be available to county classrooms through April 30. Access is free, but registration is required. Palm Beach County educators may call 561-651-4251 or email pino@kravis.org with questions.

### Composer Zwilich’s quintet featured on Grammy winner for chamber music

POMPANO BEACH — The Pacifica Quartet of Chicago has won the 2021 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music/Small Ensemble Performance with a recording featuring a work by South Florida composer Ellen Taaffe Zwilich.

Zwilich’s Quintet for Alto Saxophone and String Quartet is featured on *Contemporary Voices*, the Pacifica’s winning recording. The record also features works by two other women, American composer Jennifer Higdon, and Israeli-American Shulamit Ran.

All three women also are past winners of the Pulitzer Prize in music.

Indiana University saxophonist Otis Murphy was the soloist in Zwilich’s quintet. The recording was released on Cedille Records.

Born in 1934, Zwilich grew up in Miami and was the first woman to win a doctorate in composition at the Juilliard School. She lives part-time in Pompano Beach.

### FAU architecture school gets \$500K for fellowships

BOCA RATON — Florida Atlantic University’s School of Architecture has received a \$500,000 gift to establish a fellowship in health care building and design, the college announced last month.

The Ponte Health Fellowship will allow an FAU student beginning in 2022 to become an intern with Ponte Health under the direction of founder Tabitha Ponte, who graduated from FAU’s architecture school in 2008.

FAU students will help develop the Ponte Health “vertical medical city” in Orlando. The high-rise complex will allow residents to maintain healthy lifestyles as they age. Ponte Health is planning to build similar complexes in Tampa and Miami.

For more information about FAU’s School of Architecture, visit fausa.fau.edu.



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Reviews

**Blackberry Smoke** (Abacoa Amphitheatre, Jupiter, Feb. 25)

Occasionally, a band or artist defies genre categorization by appearing on a multitude of Billboard charts. And many — like Atlanta-based Blackberry Smoke, which entertained a COVID-be-damned capacity audience at the Abacoa Amphitheatre on Feb. 25 — emerged from Georgia.

Blackberry Smoke formed in 2000, and initially consisted of vocalist/guitarist Charlie Starr, guitarist/vocalist Paul Jackson, bassist/vocalist Richard Turner and drummer and brother Brit Turner before, like another Georgia-spawned '90s musical blender in the Black Crowes, the band added a keyboardist in Brandon Still to round out its sound in 2009.

Of the quintet's dozen-plus studio and live releases, *Holding All the Roses* (2015) reached No. 1 on Billboard's U.S. country chart; *Like An Arrow* (2016) topped both the American country and U.K. rock charts, and *Homecoming: Live in Atlanta* (2019) landed atop the U.S. Americana/folk chart.

The band played selections from all, plus its latest release, *You Hear Georgia*.

Augmented by new touring members in guitarist/mandolinist Benji Shanks and percussionist Preston Holcomb, its seven-piece lineup offered a prolonged test to the limits of Jupiter's notorious noise ordinance restrictions.

Entering to the strains of the Rolling Stones' "Slave," the band displayed its retro influences on its sleeve, and opening selections "Nobody Gives a Damn" (from 2018's *Find a Light*) and "Payback's a Bitch" (*Holding All the Roses*) displayed the full spectrum of the hard-to-categorize jam band.

Starr's charismatic voice and presence are reminiscent of Black Crowes frontman Chris Robinson, and his guitar interplay with Shanks and Jackson (and vocal harmonies with the latter) echoed former Allman Brothers members. Both songs, like much of the band's catalog, were similar mid-tempo stompers made to appeal to larger outdoor crowds.

"Good One Comin' On" (2009's *Little Piece of Dixie*) and



Bassist Richard Turner (l-r), guitarist Charlie Starr, percussionist Preston Holcomb, drummer Brit Turner, guitarist/mandolinist Benji Shanks, keyboardist Brandon Still, and guitarist Paul Jackson of Blackberry Smoke. Photo by Regina Campbell

"Pretty Little Lie" (2012's *The Whipporwill*), also animated the crowd, which knew the lyrics and sang along.

Less a country act than an Americana one with that genre's additional nuances, Blackberry Smoke appeals to fans of those styles, plus rock and blues devotees, without getting labeled sellout pop artists masquerading as country stars.

The audio sameness was broken by the *You Hear Georgia* cut "Hey Delilah," a funky, Little Feat-like number featuring a drum-and-percussion introduction by Brit Turner and Holcomb, strong rhythmic accompaniment by Richard Turner, and biting slide guitar playing by Shanks. "Sleeping Dogs," from *The Whipporwill*, featured a spacious, acidic intro and midsection, plus a snippet of a cover of Tom Petty's "You Don't Know How It Feels."

The homage continued with an acoustic reading of Petty's "You Got Lucky," plus a chorus of fellow Peach State act R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion," that featured Shanks on mandolin. Two tracks from *The Whipporwill*, "Ain't Got the Blues" and "One Horse Town," then incited more sing-alongs.

"Thank you for singing so beautifully tonight," Starr said. "We haven't heard that in a long time, and we've missed it oh so much." — *Bill Meredith*

**Palm Beach Symphony** (Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, March 21)

It was strange walking into the 2,000-seat Dreyfoos Hall, where only 75 people sat distanced, wearing masks. The perfectly planned event, complying with CDC rules, led to a perfect afternoon concert.

It was a concert without a symphony, featuring two pieces for the excellent string section of the orchestra and one of

the world's greatest pianists, Vladimir Feltsman, who defected to America in 1987 from the Soviet Union.

The two string pieces were by American composers: David Diamond's *Rounds*, written in 1946, and George Walker's *Lyric for Strings*, also from 1946. In Diamond's *Rounds*, the first violins attack with a bright opening themed round, followed by violas, 2nd violins, cellos and basses, joining in one by one. This leads to the adagio, a lachrymose longing theme, beautifully played. The spirited performance showed the bright rich quality of the orchestra's singing strings.

In the Walker piece, the strings shone again. Beginning softly, the music's lyricism moves slowly onward with a lovely ethereal quality, ending all too soon.

Feltsman played Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 27 (in B-flat, K. 595). The orchestral introduction to the concerto showed what a refined body of players was now emerging under Gerard Schwarz since he became their conductor. Feltsman entered dramatically, playing Mozart's sweet and cheerful music so delicately. The cadenza was superb. The second movement, Larghetto, was played by soloist and orchestra like a poem to peace and tranquility. A sublime performance by everyone of Mozart's last piano concerto.

The concert closed with Stravinsky's *Pulcinella Suite*. The 1923 suite was based on music by the Baroque composer Pergolesi and others of the period.

Again we heard more refined playing from the Palm Beach Symphony, including lovely flutes, muted horns, singing strings and a droll duet for trombone and bassoon. — *Rex Hearn*

ART

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otherworldliness.

A more masculine concept of the Black art experience is found in Hank Willis Thomas's *Opportunity*, a fiberglass sculpture of an arm in the process of either catching or throwing a football. The bronze metallic gleam shines.

Other powerful works include a gender/race mashup in Nina Chanel Abney's *Strut For Noah*, and a small but powerful photoshopped image of black children with a moving truck by Robert Pruitt.

Brutvan makes the case for the exhibit in a statement posted on the Norton website: "This exhibition, in part, presents art by Black artists — most of which was created before this summer — revealing racism, violence against Black bodies, and

If You Go

*Art Finds a Way* runs through May 30 at the Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Daily capacity is limited; reservations are required. Admission: \$18; \$15 for 60 and older; \$5 students; free for members, kids 12 and younger, first responders. Info and tickets: 561-832-5196; www.norton.org

legalized discrimination practiced in America that have been for too long an experience for too many," she writes.

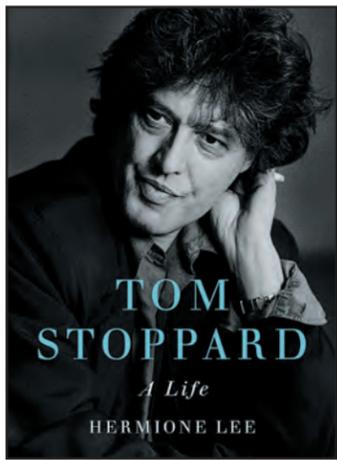
"Using personal stories, this country's history, as well as popular culture and fictional narratives, Black artists ask us to consider this reality through their artworks: art finds a way to make us think, feel and act."

Books

# Magisterial (and literally weighty) bio expounds on life of playwright Stoppard

**Tom Stoppard: A Life**, by Hermione Lee. Knopf, 896 pp., \$37.50.

**By Hap Erstein**  
ArtsPaper Writer



One of the most memorable days I ever spent in a theater was when I saw all three parts of Tom Stoppard's *The Coast of Utopia* at New York's Lincoln Center, a cumulative 8½ hours of pre-revolution Russian history and philosophy.

True, I grasped only a fraction of the heady, hyper-articulate content of the play, but what an exhaustive and exhausting experience that day in 2007 was.

Exhaustive and exhausting is also an apt description of *Tom Stoppard: A Life*, the new 896-page biography by Hermione Lee. Previously, the main concern upon encountering a Stoppard play was that your brain would explode. Now, picking up this fascinating, well-researched and thoughtful tome, you risk getting a hernia.

By a widely held assessment, Stoppard is the greatest living British playwright, and I would delete the qualifier "British." He made his entrance onto the world stage in 1966 at age 29, the youngest writer to have a play premiere at the National Theatre, with *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, his cheeky takeoff of *Hamlet* as seen from the viewpoint

of its two most expendable characters.

His latest and perhaps last play — the man is 83, after all — is *Leopoldstadt*, a consideration of Jewish identity through the lens of a multi-generational Austrian family.

Although Stoppard strongly identifies with Great Britain, he was actually born in Czechoslovakia. As biographer Lee details it, he was born Tomas Stráussler in 1937 into a secular Jewish family that fled the Nazis to Singapore when he was only 18 months.

The Japanese invasion there sent the Stráusslers scurrying to India with 4-year-old Tomas in tow, but minus their father, who was killed by an attack on his exiting ship. When his mother remarried a British Army officer named Stoppard, the now-8-year-old lad moved

again to England.

Although he never attended college, he has a wall's worth of honorary degrees. His work brims with cerebral ideas as well as pucky wordplay.

Still, he has been on the receiving end of his share of criticism, chiefly that his plays lack sufficient emotion and his writing reflects an inability to understand women. Both charges are vehemently disputed by Lee, who makes no pretense of objectivity in her biography.

We get enormous doses of both the public and the private Stoppard. Lee summarizes at length many of his plays and makes insightful connections among them. In between, she pries into his three marriages, as well as his longtime affair with actress Felicity Kendal.

In contrast to, say, Harold Pinter, a friend of Stoppard's and fellow cricket enthusiast, whose plays reflect the view that less is more, Stoppard's work takes the opposite position — that more is more.

Many is the time that I have attended a new Stoppard play and wished my seat were equipped with a pause button, so I could consider and savor the ideas and bon mots pouring out over the footlights.

And so it is with Lee's encyclopedic biography, written proof that more can be more.

Arts Calendar

*Editor's note: Events are listed through May 7 and were current as of March 28. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales unless otherwise specified. Those attending live events must adhere to CDC regulations for coronavirus prevention.*

ART EXHIBITS

**Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens:** Through June 30: *Artists at Home*, images of artists in their studios; *War and Peace*, sculpture by Edwina Sandys; *The Ostrich*, sculpture by Bjorn Skaarup. 10 am-4 pm W-Sun. Members free, adults, \$12; seniors, \$8; children/student, \$5. 561-832-5328. Info@ansg.org. **Armory Art Center:** Facial covering and temperature check required for admission. \$5, non-members. 9 am-4 pm M-F, 9 am-2 pm Sat. 832-1776 or armoryart.org. **Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Through May 30: *Paul Gervais: Face and Forms*, works by the American artist and writer; through Sept. 5, *Glasstress Boca Raton* showcases more than 30 international artists who have created works in glass in collaboration with the master glass artisans at Berengo Studio on the island of Murano in the Venetian lagoon; *An Irresistible Urge to Create: The Monroe Family Collection of Florida Outsider Art*. \$12, seniors \$10, children 12 and under, free. 10 am-5 pm T/W/F; 10 am-8 pm Th; noon-5 pm Sat & Sun. 392-2500, or bocamuseum.org. **Cornell Art Museum:** Through April 30: *See Art. Be Happy:* Works by Takashi Murakami, and pieces by Alex Beard, The Boca Ballet Theatre, Sally Cooper, Michelle Drummond, Jill Hotchkiss, Tyler Levitez, Pablo Picasso, Jonathan Rosen, Sonya Sanchez Arias and Brenda Zappitell. Curated by Melanie Johanson. \$8; \$5 seniors and students; free for veterans, children under 12 and members. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. 243-7922 or oldschoosquare.org. **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County:** Through May 28: Biennial 2021, a juried exhibition featuring work by professional Palm Beach County artists. This year's Biennial was curated by Aldeide Delgado, founder and director of Women Photographers International Archive. Noon-5 pm T-F and first Sat. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

**Flagler Museum:** \$18. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat, noon-5 pm Sun. 655-2833 or flaglERMuseum.us.

**Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens:** Follow CDC guidelines. \$15, \$13 seniors, \$9 children and students. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 495-0233 or morikami.org.

**Norton Museum of Art:** Through June 13: *Celebrating the Norton: Eighty Years* features a selection of acquisitions and archival materials telling the story of the Norton Museum; through May 30, *Art Finds a Way*; through May 16, *George Cohen: Artist of the Chicago Avant-Garde*; through May 9, *Jose Alvarez: The Krome Drawings*. Call 832-5196 or visit www.norton.org.

**Society of the Four Arts:** Through May 2: *Fiori*, works on a floral theme by glass sculptor Dale Chihuly, in the Sculpture Garden. Through Aug. 31: *Charles and Jackson Pollock – Virtual Exhibition Tour*. Admission to the Pollock exhibit is \$10; 10 am-5 pm M, W-Sat; 1-5 p.m. Sun. 655-7226 or fourarts.org.

**South Florida Science Center and Aquarium:** Through April 11: *Real Bodies: The Exhibition*, an examination of mysteries of human anatomy, exploring the body through physiology, culture and emotion. \$17.95 adults, \$13.95 ages 3 to 12, \$15.95 ages 60-plus. sfsciencecenter.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Wednesday, April 7  
**Liederabend:** Members of the young artists' corps at Palm Beach Opera offer this art song recital featuring works by Schubert, Schumann, Debussy and Richard Strauss. 6:30 pm, National Croquet Center, West Palm Beach. \$25 per seat, sold in

groups of two to four. Currently sold out, but call 833-7888 to check. Saturday, April 24

**Master Choral of South Florida:** Brett Karlin's big community choir offers a livestreamed concert of songs with hope and optimism as the theme, ranging from Rachmaninov to Gershwin to John Williams, as well as *As Long as We Are Here*, composed for the group by the young American composer Jake Runestad. Available for 30 days by buying a \$20 ticket at www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org. Sunday, May 2

**The Symphonia:** Trumpeter Jeffrey Kaye solos with the Boca Raton-based chamber group in a concert in the Grand Oasis Ballroom of the Boca Raton Marriott. Works by Baldassare, Handel and Purcell are on the program, along with Gustav Holst's *St. Paul's Suite*, all conducted by Alastair Willis. Performances at 2 and 5 pm. \$75. 561-376-3848 or email info@thesymphonia.org. Seating will be assigned.

POPULAR MUSIC

Sunday, April 10  
**Dailey & Vincent:** The celebrated bluegrass duo is joined by Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers for the Flagler Museum's annual April concert of Bluegrass in the Pavilion. 3 pm, Flagler Museum, Palm Beach. \$35. 655-2833, ext. 10, for tickets. Visit flaglERMuseum.us for more information.

Wednesday, April 14  
**New Found Glory:** Coral Springs's own easycore punk quartet recently released its 10th album, *Forever + Ever x Infinity*. 8 pm, outdoors in the Pavilion at Old School Square, Delray Beach. Tickets sold in four-seat, socially distanced "pods" for \$140-\$220. 243-7922 or oldschoosquare.org. Saturday, April 24

**Grace Potter:** The Vermont singer-songwriter, nominated three times for a Grammy, released her second album, *Daylight*, in 2019 to critical acclaim. 8 pm, outdoors in the Pavilion at Old School Square, Delray Beach. Tickets sold in four-seat, socially distanced "pods" for \$140-\$250. 243-7922 or oldschoosquare.org

THEATER

Through Sunday, April 11  
**Next to Normal:** The musical by Tom Kitt and Brian Yorkey explores how one suburban household copes with crisis and mental illness. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize. At Lake Worth Playhouse, downtown Lake Worth Beach. Limited seating; social distancing. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org. Opens Thursday, April 22

**A Chorus Line:** Marvin Hamlisch and Michael Bennett's classic 1975 musical about the backstage rivalry and poignant stories of the men and women pursuing careers as Broadway dancers. This show was about to open at The Wick in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and is now scheduled to return April 22 for a run lasting through May 30. 955-2333 or thewick.org for tickets. Opens Friday, April 30

**Steel Magnolias:** Robert Harling's beloved 1987 weepie about a group of women in northwest Louisiana who gather at a beauty salon, and the tragic event that sheds a light on their inner strength. Through May 16 at Delray Beach Playhouse, Delray Beach. 272-1281, ext. 5, or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com. Opens Friday, April 30

**Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill:** Lanie Robertson's 1986 play, which finally came to Broadway in 2014, about the great jazz singer Billie Holiday in 1959, the last year of her life, as she gives a concert in a run-down venue in Philadelphia. Through May 16 at Lake Worth Playhouse, downtown Lake Worth Beach. Limited seating; social distancing. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Health & Harmony

# Gift of Life Marrow Registry marks 30 years of success stories

Evie Goldfine was 50, widowed with two college-age children, when her doctor told her she had stage 4 lymphoma. “He said, don’t bother getting a second opinion, which is not something a hospital in Boston would normally say to you,” she recalls. Ultimately, he said, her survival hinged on getting a bone marrow transplant.

But he also had good news: He was confident she’d find a match through the Gift of Life Marrow Registry in Boca Raton.

He was right. At a Boston donor drive, Yisrael Goldman had offered up a swab of his inner cheek for genetic testing and cataloging with the national, nonprofit registry. He was studying in Israel when he learned he was a match.

Initially, it was a shock, he says. “I never believed I would actually get a call. It’s like seeing your winning numbers on your lottery ticket.” He flew back to Boston to donate marrow for the transplant, which took place on July 25, 2005.

“I was very, very lucky,” says Goldfine, who is now 73 and winters in Palm Beach Gardens. She is an avid Gift of Life fundraiser and supporter.

Once the veil of anonymity lifted a year after the transplant, Evie and Yisrael met and “have become best of friends and close like family,” he says. “We try to visit each other as often as we can find time in our busy schedules. My kids love Evie and think of her like a grandma.”

### Paying it forward

Jay Feinberg built the Gift of Life Marrow Registry to make success stories like Goldfine’s possible. As a 22-year-old with leukemia needing a bone marrow transplant in 1991, Feinberg found his own donor search to be arduous.

Tissue is inherited, he explains, and matches are found among those with similar race and ethnicity. Donors with his Eastern European ancestry were minimally represented at the time. He and his family launched a global search, establishing the Gift of Life Marrow Foundation in November 1991. By the time he’d found a matching donor four years later, the international search had added more than 60,000 people to global registries and Feinberg had found his life’s work.

“When I got sick, I was just starting law school,” he says. “After I recovered from my transplant and I knew that I was given a second chance thanks to the kindness of a complete stranger, it was just important for me to be able to pay it forward and help all of the other patients in similar circumstances.”

As Gift of Life celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, CEO Feinberg, 52, is keeping the focus on diversity.



The staff at the Gift of Life Marrow Registry donation facility in Boca Raton — the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Collection Center — has worked to save the lives of patients with blood cancer and other blood-related diseases. Photo provided



Feinberg

“There still remains tremendous inequity when it comes to finding a suitable match for people of all backgrounds,” he says.

According to Gift of Life, 55% of Latinos, 60% of Asian Americans, 75% of African Americans and 75% of multiracial individuals cannot find donors. Feinberg has partnered with the NAACP for two virtual town halls on addressing health care disparities. Through these and other collaborations, Feinberg hopes to raise awareness and advance recruitment.

### Gift of Life at 30

There are now more than 380,000 potential donors in the registry, and Feinberg expects to end the year with more than 400,000. Gift of Life largely recruits donors who are between the ages of 18-35. “A lot of that has to do with just pure biology: The younger you are, the more cells that you can donate to the recipient,” he says. “The older you get, the more challenging that becomes.”

Over its three decades, the organization says it has racked up a bunch of “firsts,” becoming the first registry to recruit donors with a cheek swab at drives and the first to recruit donors online. (You can order a cheek swab kit, or find more information, at [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org), or by calling 800-962-7769.)

### Donors and transplants

Although Goldfine and Feinberg needed donors of bone marrow, Feinberg says 80% of donors now are called to provide peripheral blood

stem cells for transplants, which they can donate at Gift of Life’s headquarters on Broken Sound Parkway.

“These are cells that are taken from the arm through the blood. If you’ve ever seen someone donating platelets before, it’s a very similar procedure. So, when people come here, they sit in a recliner chair, they watch Netflix, they get fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies. ... And a few hours later they’re finished, they get to go home. And they leave knowing that they saved a life.”

David Silverstone, 25, from Boynton Beach, has donated once and says if he’s needed, he’ll do it again. “There are very few times in life that you will be called upon to directly save someone’s life,” he says.

Donors providing bone marrow do so in the hospital, under anesthesia. A doctor removes the marrow from the iliac crest of the hipbone. Prior to his procedure, Goldman said, he had “maybe some anxiety of the unknown. There was really nothing to be worried about.”

Gift of Life explains: “The goal of transplantation is to fully replace the patient’s bone marrow and immune system with healthy hematopoietic stem cells that will form new, healthy bone marrow that generates a new immune system, free from the conditions that caused the need.”

### New frontiers

In November 2020, Gift of Life announced the opening of the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy at its Boca Raton headquarters, to offer transplant physicians, researchers, and cell and gene therapy developers “donor cell products they need to help more patients than ever before.”

Feinberg says: “What’s happened in medical technology and in the world of treating people with blood cancer and some other serious illnesses is that not only can they be treated with marrow and stem cell transplants, but you can also treat them with immunotherapies and cell and gene therapies that basically are living drugs.

“These drugs are created by taking biological material — in particular, cells — from the blood of healthy volunteer donors and engineering them into these living drugs that then get infused back into patients to cure them of their diseases.”

Last year, despite the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Gift of Life registry facilitated 236

transplants, more than in any other single year in its history. This year, Feinberg expects to facilitate approximately 270.

“I’m very happy with the decision that I made and very blessed to be able to come into our office here in Boca every day and have the opportunity to greet the strangers who give of themselves to save the lives of people they don’t even know. It’s really an honor,” Feinberg says.



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**Health Calendar**

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**APRIL 3**

**Saturday - 4/3 - E4 Life: Green Health & Wellness Expo** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. In partnership w/West Palm Beach Mayor's Office of Sustainability. Fun, educational activities promote healthy living, sustainable initiatives, environmental conservation through vendor exhibits, demonstrations, giveaways, tastings, more. All ages. 10 am-4 pm. Free w/admission; 50% discount/West Palm Beach residents w/ valid ID. 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

**4/3 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond Prenatal Class** at Bethesda Memorial Hospital Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Increase awareness of safe practices, what to do in the event of an emergency. Every Sat noon-1:30 pm. \$10/ couple; payment due before class date. 369-2229; publicrelations@BHInc.org

**APRIL 4-10**

**Monday - 4/5 - Men's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every M 6-7 pm. \$10/ suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**Tuesday - 4/6 - Women's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every T 10-11 am. \$10/suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**4/6 - 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. Zoom meeting. Every T 6-7 pm. \$10/ suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**Wednesday - 4/7 - Qi Gong** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Every W 10-11 am. \$10/ member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**4/7 - Zoom Chair Yoga Class** presented by Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, 1901 N Flagler Dr. Every W 10:30 am. Free. Call for Zoom access: 833-8421; temple-israel.com

**4/7 - Divorced and Separated Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every W 6-7 pm. \$10/ suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**4/7 - Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults** at Faulk Center for Counseling,

22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every W 6-7 pm. \$10/ suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**4/7 - Mindful Yoga for All Levels: Virtual Class with Jim Readey with Kat Kenny** presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Online via Zoom. Adults. 6:30-7:45 pm. Free. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

**Thursday - 4/8 - Invigorating Body Flex** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held in a different part of the garden each week; led by certified fitness/yoga instructor. Every Th 9-9:45 am. Class includes full Garden admission \$10/member; \$15/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**4/8 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Zoom meeting. Every Th 1-2 pm. \$10/ suggested monthly donation. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**Friday - 4/9 - Inspired Listening Walk** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Focus on taking time to listen/be aware of nature. 9 am. \$5/ member; \$15/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**APRIL 11-17**

**Thursday - 4/15 - Virtual 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 high risk for overdose. 3rd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. RSVP for zoom link: 268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope

**Saturday - 4/17 - Online Lamaze Birth Education** presented by Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2-week series taught online by Lamaze certified instructor; supports/educates parents about birth, comfort techniques, pain control options, medical interventions. Held again 4/24. 3-5:30 pm. Free. Meeting ID/password provided on registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

**APRIL 18-24**

**Wednesday - The Front Row Virtual Lecture Series: Mapping the Secret Complexity of Tumors to Defeat Aggressive Cancers with Michalina Janiszewska, PhD** presented by Scripps Research. Cancer biologist Michalina Janiszewska, PhD, brings heightened understanding to how a tumor's diverse cell populations interact, what causes cells w/particular mutations to expand. 4-5 pm. Free. Registration: frontrow.scripps.edu

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## Health Notes

# Boca man's app shows how to set up phones for medical emergencies

**The Emergency Info Plan**, an alert system developed by Boca Raton resident **John Pastore**, has been endorsed by The League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County, UNITE US, LifeExec, and The Center for Caregiver Support.

Pastore's simple two-minute assessment plan helps people determine how prepared they are in an emergency. It details how to use a cellphone as an emergency alert device to notify contacts, and how to use a cellphone as a medical ID that gives EMS personnel access to critical medical information for better onsite treatment.

"When you have an emergency, every minute counts," Pastore said. "I know. When I was away on business, my wife called 911. If I had been alerted, she might be alive today. But I didn't find anything out until a neighbor called me 40 minutes later. If first responders had contacted me immediately, I could have provided vital medical information that might have spared her life."

The free assessment tool to calculate a person's emergency preparedness can be found at [www.emergencyinfoplan.com](http://www.emergencyinfoplan.com).

**Delray Medical Center's** Lake Worth Emergency Center, at 6250 Lantana Road, offers the new **Ortho-Fast Track** program. Without requiring appointments, it provides patients access to emergency treatment after orthopedic injuries and schedules follow-ups. Benefits include minimal waiting, evaluation by a board-certified ER physician, and follow-up with an orthopedic surgeon scheduled within 48 hours of the visit. For more information, go to [www.delraymedicalctr.com/services/orthopedics](http://www.delraymedicalctr.com/services/orthopedics) or call 561-963-9909.

On the campus of **Bethesda Hospital East**, Bethesda Heart Hospital now offers new technologies to give patients with complex cardiac and vascular conditions speedier care that is more precise. The **Azurion with FlexArm** imaging system allows exceptional image quality from a wide variety of angles, which gives medical teams flexibility to choose the best working position without the need to reposition the patient or adjust the operating table. The system was designed following three years of research at Baptist Health's Miami Cardiac & Vascular Institute.

A promising development has surfaced for people who suffer from fecal incontinence. A minimally invasive



John Pastore shows off his health app. **Photo Provided**

treatment for the condition, available at **JFK Medical Center**, includes the placement of an implanted device in the lower back that electrically stimulates the sacral nerves. Colorectal surgeon **Dr. Juliet Ray** placed the first **InterStim Micro** device earlier this year at JFK. This device, less than 3 centimeters in size, lasts up to 15 years and is MRI compatible. For more information, call 561-964-1632 or visit <https://pbcolorectalsurgery.com>.

**FoundCare Inc.**, a nonprofit health center, added three members to its board of trustees: **Stephanie Carden**, **Miron Ebanks** and **Marcia Howard**. FoundCare has six locations, including at 1901 S. Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boynton Beach.

FoundCare's services include pediatric and adult primary care, women's health, chronic disease management, behavioral health, dentistry, pharmacy, laboratory, and X-rays. For more information, call 561-432-5849 or visit <http://foundcare.org>.

**Boca Helping Hands** will host a series called **Nutrition Basics** in partnership with **Baptist Health South Florida**. The monthly classes have changing content and are held via Zoom. The next session is scheduled for noon April 16. The program will be presented by **Chay Shavrick**, RN, the women's health navigator at Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute at **Boca Raton Regional Hospital**. To register, visit <https://bocahelpinghands.org/form/nutrition-basics-form>.

Boca Helping Hands encourages people looking to get into shape to take their health and wellness to the next step by participating in free community health classes hosted by Baptist Health South Florida via Zoom. These virtual exercise, meditation, and educational seminars can be found at <https://events.baptisthealth.net>.

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# On the Water



The Delray Beach Municipal Marina, at 159 Marine Way, was closed for nearly two years during a \$3 million renovation that included raising the seawall and improving boater amenities. The marina provides 24 rental slips for boats from 30 feet to 60 feet in length. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Boaters eager to return to renovated Delray Marina

Boaters were expected to move into slips at the renovated Delray Beach Municipal Marina in late March — nearly two years after they left for a marina makeover that included raising the seawall to block high-tide flooding on Marine Way.

The \$3 million renovation included raising the seawall about 20 inches, adding new electric and wireless internet service, building new floating docks, building two gazebos at the north and south ends of the marina and adding new waste pump-out stations — including a public pump-out station that takes credit cards at the north end.

The city held a ribbon-cutting with residents and commissioners to announce the completion of the marina renovations on Feb. 19.

But as of mid-March, city officials still were working with contractors to correct punch-list items at the renovated laundry and shower building at the south end of the marina, and boaters were still waiting to move into the slips.

Boat owners, some of whom lived on their boats, had to leave the marina in April 2019.

The boaters are eager to come back, said Sam Metott, director of the Delray Beach Parks & Recreation Department,



Boaters who previously lived on their boats at the city marina have priority for the renovated slips.

which operates the marina.

“They’re beating the drum,” Metott said. “They can’t wait to get back.”

Metott said the city has a waiting list of boaters looking for mooring space at the marina.

Boaters who lived on their boats at the city marina before they had to leave

to make way for construction in 2019 will be given priority for the renovated slips, Metott said. The city will reserve some slips for day use, so boaters can tie up and walk into the city to enjoy shops and restaurants. Details of how many slips will be left open were still being discussed in mid March.

For now, rates at the 24-slip city marina will remain the same as they were before it closed for renovations: \$22 per foot of boat length per month for regular slips and \$23 per foot per month for live-aboard slips.

The marina’s slips can accommodate boats up to 60 feet.

City commissioners will set new marina prices and policies in the months ahead.

“A new pricing plan is in the works,” Metott said.

The elevation of the marina’s seawall is the second part of a three-phase plan to alleviate high-tide flooding along Marine Way, especially during fall king tides.

The seawall has been raised at Veterans Park north of the Atlantic Avenue Bridge. Raising the seawall between the bridge and the marina will complete the plan.

Delray’s marina is just off the city’s Marina Historic District, which was

added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

The reopening of the Delray Beach marina comes as Palm Beach County’s Ocean Inlet Park Marina on the south side of Boynton Inlet is giving notice to boaters to leave by the end of April so contractors can begin work on renovations there.

### Tip of the month

The Coast Guard urges anyone paying for a trip on a passenger boat to verify that the captain has a Merchant Mariner Credential (captain’s license). For larger charter boats that carry more than six passengers, ask to see a Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection.

If the operator cannot produce the appropriate credentials, passengers should not get on the boat, the Coast Guard says. For more recreational boating safety information, visit [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org).



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Finding Faith

# St. Joseph's musical director says pandemic let him recharge

Is it too soon to call the coronavirus a gift? For Charles Milling and millions of others, life slammed on its brakes a year ago. Today, Milling says the pandemic lockdown helped him rediscover his creative passion and gave him time to devote to his family and newborn son.

As the musical director at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach and the creative director of the Christian band Live Hymnal, Milling had a packed schedule.

"Pre-COVID, Live Hymnal had more gigs than we could handle," he said. "I was working 100-plus hours a week. Work in the ministry is structured for burnout. It took a toll on my life and my health."

Then the pandemic shutdown hit.

There were no Easter services. Live Hymnal's gigs were canceled. The band wasn't allowed to participate in services at St. Joseph's.

Milling, 43, worried that the church wouldn't be able to sustain itself without contributions from its parishioners and he'd lose his job. His wife, Julie, a teacher, was eight months' pregnant with their first child.

"Over the following months, we were astounded at the way people rallied to make ends meet at our church," Milling said. "Where some had to stop giving, others stepped up and gave more."

In April, Julie went into labor and gave birth to Ellis Hyde Milling on April 19 at Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach. Milling was grateful to be allowed at the delivery, but despondent when Julie contracted pneumonia and, two weeks later, he had to drop her off at the emergency room door.

He held his newborn son and turned to God.

"I didn't know if we'd ever see each other again," he said. "I never cried so much and prayed so hard in all my life. I couldn't accept help from friends, and we have no family here. I was drowning in worry, dread, and had no clue how to take care of a baby. Eventually, Julie's mom put on 65 masks, bathed in Purell and took a flight down to rescue me. I hadn't slept for days. You have to weigh bad with bad and make the best bad decision in times like that."

Julie was in the hospital for 10 days. She got stronger every day. Ellis was thriving.

"COVID taught me to be present," Milling said. "COVID gave me 'me time' and family time. I got to focus on the parts of my life that set me on fire, and to rediscover my artistry. Like Elizabeth Gilbert says, creativity is capricious. You have to dance with it when it shows up, and the more you dance with it, the more it shows



Charles Milling and his son, Ellis, who was born last April during the pandemic shutdown. Photo provided

up." As the months went by, Milling found a new rhythm. He started getting up at 4 a.m. to practice and write. "You have to be strategic about it," he says.

He has two rules: Don't wait until later. "There's always something more important that shows up. You have to put your artistry where no one can interfere with it. The other rule is never, ever listen to your inner voice in the first 10 minutes."

It's hard, but the rewards are worth it. "Inside that time, I find the greatest joy," he said.

After breakfast with the family, Milling puts in eight hours at the church. "I've had time to remind myself, this is why we do what we do," Milling said. "I'm a songwriter and so much of my spirituality comes out in my music, but I was so busy, I'd lost sight of that."

Time for reflection rejuvenated Milling's passion for music and his goal to make a real contribution as a Christian musician. Besides producing and arranging, he's a professional guitarist and bassist and does some vocals, drums, piano and mandolin.

There's an occasional dip in Milling's optimism. "My friends think I'm a downright Pollyanna," he laughed.

"Charles is one of the most positive people I know," said Father Marty Zlatic, St. Joseph's rector. "His joy is in his smile, in his voice, in him. He just has a magnetic effect on people, especially kids."

Milling believes in lagniappe — the Cajun philosophy that life gives us unexpected gifts. He says he saw those gifts materialize during the pandemic.

When St. Joe's floundered technologically, gifted volunteers stepped up to modernize live-streaming capabilities. The great lawn became a place to hold outdoor services. Armed with plexiglass

dividers, a reservation system and a setup that discouraged mingling, Zlatic and Milling succeeded in convincing the diocese that outdoor services were safe.

In his native New Orleans, Milling's father was a helicopter pilot who played jazz piano each night to unwind after a tough day, so Milling heard jazz in the womb. He remembers devoting himself to both God and music around age 7.

"Before I ever picked up an instrument, I asked God, 'please let me do music with my life.' By 12, I was playing gigs every weekend."

Milling studied humanities at NYU before transferring to Berklee College of Music, but he knew he'd found his calling when he realized "the only meaningful gigs I was playing were church music."

His love for Christian hymns, some centuries old, has injected Live Hymnal's music with a depth and authenticity that is missing from contemporary Christian music. The lyrics are more meaningfully themed from an Episcopalian perspective, Milling said.

The lockdown was a gift, reminding him why he started playing music, Milling said. "And more, it gave me the time to restructure my life so that I could live more into the heart space of what I do."

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Religion News

# Vocal star of 'Frozen' headlines Beth El Bash

"Live From Beth El: It's Saturday night!"

Temple Beth El of Boca Raton will virtually host its annual fundraiser, the Beth El Bash, via Zoom at 7 p.m. April 24.

And though the presentation may be virtual, the talent is the real deal: The featured musical guest is the award-winning singer, star of Broadway and movies, TV and stage, Idina Menzel.



Menzel

Although Menzel has recorded six studio albums, she's best-known for voicing Elsa in Disney's *Frozen* in 2013. The signature song *Let It Go* is now a classic. It won an Oscar and a Grammy and reached No. 5 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, making Menzel the first Tony Award-winning actress to reach the Top 10.

The 2020 Beth El Bash was canceled due to the coronavirus, so the temple reinvented this year's event to honor pandemic heroes and heroines. In addition to the A-list entertainment, home-delivered sweet treats and raffles are planned. The event is open to the community.

Proceeds provide scholarships to Beth El, which are needed even more because of the pandemic.

Tickets for the Beth El Bash are \$118 per person

or \$180 per household and available at [www.tbeboca.org](http://www.tbeboca.org). Email Shayna Martinoff at [smartinoff@tbeboca.org](mailto:smartinoff@tbeboca.org) or call 561-314-2815 for more information.

## Unity of Delray resumes in-person services

With safety procedures in place, Unity of Delray, an interdenominational church, welcomes the community back to the church for in-person Sunday worship and other programming. Masks are mandatory on church grounds. The socially distanced capacity is capped at 50 people. Children's lessons will remain online only, with video lessons available on the website.

Programs include:

- Tuesday prayer service, 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Reservations not required.
- Wednesday meditation service, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, with associate minister the Rev. Laurie Durgan. Reservations not needed.

- In-person Sunday services, 9:25 and 11 a.m. Reservations required by noon Saturday at [www.unityofdelraybeach.org](http://www.unityofdelraybeach.org); 561-276-5796; or email [unitychurch@unityschool.com](mailto:unitychurch@unityschool.com). The 11 a.m. service will be streamed live and available at [www.unityofdelraybeach.org](http://www.unityofdelraybeach.org).

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## Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### APRIL 3

**Saturday - 4/3 - Virtual Weekly Torah Study** presented by Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, 1901 N Flagler Dr. Every Sat 9:30 am. Free. 833-8421; temple-israel.com  
**4/3 - Worship and The Word Fellowship** at Barwick Road Baptist Church Family Life Center, 500 Barwick Rd, Delray Beach. Non-denominational, multicultural church founded on biblical principles. Every Sat 5 pm. Free. 248-660-4036; thebasels@comcast.net

### APRIL 4-10

**Sunday - 4/4 - EASTER**  
**4/4 - Easter Sunrise Service** at Kreusler Park, 2882 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 6:45 am. Free. 582-4430; osl-lw.org  
**4/4 - Proclaim Church Easter Sunrise Service** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. 6:45-7:30 am. Free. 600-0835; proclaimfl.com  
**4/4 - Easter Sunrise Service** at First United Methodist Church West Campus, 9087 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 am. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org  
**4/4 - Easter Day at St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7:30 am Holy Eucharist w/soloist; 9 am & 11 am Holy Eucharist w/vocal quartet. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org  
**4/4 - St. Vincent Ferrer Live-Stream Mass**. 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every Sun 9 am. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com  
**4/4 - First United Methodist Church Boca Raton Online & In-Person Services** at 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Sun 9:30 am/in-person, reservations

required; 10 am/online. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org  
**4/4 - Easter on the Lawn** at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 9:30 am; Virtual service 10:30 am. Free. 395-1244; fumcocaraton.org  
**4/4 - First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Live-Stream Service**. 33 Gleason St. 10 am. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com  
**4/4 - Easter Festival** at Meadows Park, 4305 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Presented by Proclaim Church. 10 am-2 pm. Free. Registration: 600-0835; proclaimfl.com  
**Tuesday - 4/6 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service** at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Masks are mandatory, social distancing practiced. 10 am. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org  
**4/6 - Lectio: Evangelization and the Acts of the Apostles** virtual presentation hosted by St. Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. With Dr. Mary Healy via GoToMeeting.com. Every T 7-8:30 pm through 6/8 or Th 9:30-11 am 4/8 through 6/10. Free. Registration: 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com  
**Wednesday - 4/7 - Black Letters, White Spaces: Learning About Jewish Mysticism Series** presented by Temple Israel of West Palm Beach, 1901 N Flagler Dr. Taught by Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin. Last of series. 7 pm. RSVP/Zoom access: 833-8421; temple-israel.com

### APRIL 11-17

**Wednesday - 4/14 - Just Over Yonder? Jew's Ongoing Yearning** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly zoom course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7 pm. \$20/per class. RSVP: 394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

## Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### APRIL 4-10

**Saturday - 4/10-11 - Garden Club of Palm Beach's Garden in Bloom Flower Show** at Philip Hultair Sculpture Garden, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 655-7226; fourarts.org

### APRIL 11-17

**Tuesday - 4/13 - Webinar: Mushrooms - Planet Protectors and Recycling Mavens** presented by Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Designed to uncover many mysteries in the garden through virtual, interactive field trips live-streamed on Zoom & YouTube. 10 am. Free. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org  
**Wednesday - 4/14 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Virtual Meeting.**

2nd W 7 pm. Free. 573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

**Thursday - 4/15 - Boca Raton Orchid Society Virtual Meeting.** 2nd Th 7:30 pm. Free/member & 1st-time guest. 810-6547; brosonline.org

### APRIL 18-24

**Thursday - 4/22 - Native Plant Tour** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Horticulturist will lead a special tour of Florida native plants located throughout the garden. 9:30-11 am. \$5/member, \$15/non-member ages 13+. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org  
**4/24-25 - Annual Plant-A-Palooza Spring Plant Sale** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. More than 80 vendors; assortment of quality plants/accessories. Enter/exit at Gate 2 only in DMV parking lot. Sat 9 am-4 pm; Sun 9 am-3 pm. \$10/non-member, \$5/child age 5-12; gate admission credit card only \$12 & \$5. 233-1757; mounts.org



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## Secret Garden



**ABOVE:** One of the easy ways to access the Ocean Ridge Natural Area is by boat. The floating docks also provide walkers easy access to a water view.

**BELOW:** A father walks with his children on the boardwalk under the canopy of mangroves. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

# Hidden gem in Ocean Ridge harbors mangroves, hardwood forest

**A**t the intimate Ocean Ridge Natural Area, you'll experience the beauty and benefits of a mangrove wetland plus the unique plants of a maritime hammock — a tropical hardwood forest — growing near the shore.

What you won't see? Automobiles. There is absolutely no parking available. In fact, the only way to access the preserve is to walk, bike or boat.

Part of a 27-acre mitigation site, this almost 12.5-acre county-owned parcel opened as a natural area in 2006. It was created as a place not only for people to enjoy but also to comply with the law.

As the wetland trees were removed along roadways and from development sites, new trees including mangroves had to be replanted elsewhere so that the losses would be "mitigated."

"When we first came out here, the land was covered with sand from the dredging of the Intracoastal. Its upper elevations were solid with Australian pines and all sorts of exotic vegetation. You couldn't walk through here because there were mangrove ditches you had to cross," says Harvey Rudolph, who oversaw the creation of this natural area as a senior environmental analyst for the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management before retiring in 2012.

You will find the entrance to the park at the end of the right of way for the part of Corrine Street that was never paved. From here, you follow the trail to a boardwalk that runs about 1,500 feet and provides the perfect introduction to mangroves — red, black and white.

In fact, not only was the boardwalk laid out by Rudolph, but he also oversaw the planting of the 9,000 mangroves that have continued to multiply and thrive here. Much of the work in muck and mud was done by



A manatee feeds on red mangrove leaves dangling near the water's surface. **Mary Kate Leming/The Coastal Star**

90 volunteers.

"Ten years later, people have come back and said, 'I planted that tree,'" says Rudolph, who also oversaw the planting of 5,000 other native trees, shrubs and grasses in this park.

The most recognizable mangroves are the reds that have prop roots with their feet in the water. Also called "walking trees," these, like all mangroves, are important for preventing erosion.

"They protect high-energy shorelines where there's lots of wave action. They break

it and slow it down," says Carolyn Beisner, the senior environmental analyst overseeing this area today. Mangroves also provide plenty of habitat for fish and birds.

The prolific reds grow in the deepest water with the blacks behind them followed by the whites in the shallowest areas.

Looking down at the water, you may see a lot of the cigar-shaped seeds of the red mangrove floating on their sides. When they soak up enough water, they float with pointy tips in the air.

If a seed hits a muddy spot, the heavier end facing down can put out roots; the tip can grow upward to create roots and shoots, explains Rudolph.

The mangroves also have adapted to living in the salty or brackish water by either secreting or excluding salt. If you lick the bottom of a black or white mangrove leaf, it will probably taste salty because these plants secrete salt; reds exclude it.

"These are nature's special adaptations for life in this kind of habitat," says Beisner. You also may notice a sulfurous smell — the result of bacteria and fungi breaking down plant material and animal waste which then become nutrients supporting new life.

Coming to the end of the boardwalk, you probably won't recognize the slight increases in elevation as you enter the half-acre maritime hammock, where plant roots are above sea level.

"It's just inches, say a foot that makes a big difference in what grows. An upland can be 3 feet above high tide and you'll have totally different plants growing at that elevation," says Beisner, pointing to the salt-tolerant gumbo limbos, green buttonwoods, sea grapes, necklace pods and wild coffees found here.

You'll also find cabbage

### If You Go

**Where:** Ocean Ridge Natural Area, 1 Corrine St., Ocean Ridge. The street going west off of A1A (North Ocean Boulevard) leads to the park entrance.

**Open:** Daily sunrise to sunset.

**Parking:** There is no automobile parking at this nature area. There is parking at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge, which is a .7-mile walk to the park (13 minutes), according to Google Maps.

**Transportation:** Visit by walking, biking (leaving your bike on a rack at the entrance) or boat. Tie up a small boat at floating docks dredged to about 7 feet — but, of course, this area is tidal, so take care.

**More information:** Visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm/NaturalAreas/OceanRidge.aspx>.

Enjoy this satellite photo of the natural area on Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@26.5240093,-80.0512728,668m/data=!3m1!1e3>

palms, some embraced by strangler figs, saw palmettos, stoppers and wild limes attracting butterflies.

There is a 20-foot observation tower, but it is closed for repairs. It once had Intracoastal views but, as the hammock grew around it, the view now is mostly of native vegetation.

At the end of the path that is at sea level, you reach floating boat docks as well as more mangroves tucked away from the daily bustle of the beach community.

"This is a nice, quiet place," says Rudolph.



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## Tots &amp; Teens

## What's new for kids? At Delray Beach library, a lot!

By Janis Fontaine

Three words tweens and teens love? “No adults allowed.”

“It’s important for kids to have their space,” librarian Sarah Figgie said.

Figgie is the head of children’s services at the Delray Beach Public Library. A former middle school librarian, Figgie is committed to bringing high quality materials geared toward kids to the library, and she wanted to make the new Tween Space as much a kid-magnet as possible.

“It’s tucked away in the corner, so it’s a little more private. We put up lots of inspirational posters and artwork and there are throw pillows,” Figgie said. It’s also located next to the tech lab, which has computers the kids can use.

Figgie knows the library has lots of competition for kids’ attention. “Kids have to choose to hang with us,” Figgie said. By

providing books that kids want to read in a setting conducive to reading, Figgie hopes to lure them in. Sometimes that means books about new subjects, like the effects of online bullying. Other times, it’s the classic themes: love, loss, hope.

“Current issues should be reflected in literature, but some stuff will always be the same,” Figgie said. “Some books and themes are so timeless all we need to do is change the cover.”

The upgrades were made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Family Fund. The Kimmel family has been a valuable benefactor of the library for years, Figgie said.

“In general, our mission is to support art and education, especially in the marginalized and underserved population,” Sara Kimmel, Harvey and Virginia Kimmel’s daughter, said by phone. “A library that’s run well is a real asset to the community. It’s a no-brainer.”

Kimmel, a psychologist, also appreciates the focus on tween kids. “It was apparent how much need there was for these vulnerable kids, particularly girls, especially now when they’ve been isolated from their peers and mentors. We gave them a place to read, grow and play that is accessible to all.”

Expanding the tween book collection in the children’s department, which features fiction and nonfiction reads for 8- to 12-year-olds, was paramount, but the new space is also more kid-friendly. There are plans to add a large portable LCD monitor for group projects and gaming.

The pandemic means the area has no toys yet and that formal programming hasn’t resumed on site, but it will soon.

New members are welcome and opportunities continue to grow. Teenagers can take virtual volunteer positions — like writing book reviews to post on the library’s GoodReads



The tween fiction section is part of an upgraded area for young readers made possible by a \$25,000 grant. **Photo provided**

page. In its efforts to bring kids together, the library has an environmental club that meets monthly for community service projects like beach cleanings.

Figgie said the library plans to start a Tween Club. It also plans to purchase tween/teen STEM kits that kids can take home to do science and technology experiments,

presented as fun diversions.

As Figgie said, “We’re in the entertainment business. Then we sneak our education stuff in there.”

For more information, visit the library at 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. 561-266-0194; www.delraylibrary.org.

## Tots &amp; Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## APRIL 3

**Saturday - 4/3 - 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 wherever possible. 1st Sat 9-10 am. \$7.50/adult; \$6.50/senior; \$5.50/child 3-12; free/child under 3. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

**4/3 - Daily Feedings & Touchless Animal Encounters** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sat 10 am-4 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**4/3 - 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. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**4/3 - Shark Feedings** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. T-Sat 10:30 am, 11:30 am & 1:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

## APRIL 4-10

**Monday - 4/5 - Zoom Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea** presented by Delray Beach Public Library,

100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-5. Every M 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**4/5 - Homework Help** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Provided by Literacy AmeriCorps. Grades K-12. Every M-Th 2:30-7 pm. Free. Registration: 742-6884; boyntonlibrary.org

**Tuesday - 4/6 - 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, props. Age 2-5. Every T & F 10-10:45 am. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Wednesday - 4/7 - Zoom Oh Baby Story Time** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. 1st, 2nd & 3rd W 10 am. Free. 266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**Thursday - 4/8 - 2021 Discovery Series** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Each program explores a different topic, from bus to pythons, plants to butterflies. Takes place outdoors, limited to 5 families per class. Age 3-6. Every Th through 6/17 9:30-10 am & 10:15-10:45 am. \$30/4 classes; \$8/class + \$6 admission. RSVP: 274-7264; sandowayhouse.org

**Saturday - 4/10 - Story Time at the Beach** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Social-distanced outdoor story time at the beach

across from Sandoway Center. All ages. 10:30 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**4/10 - Engineer It! 34th Annual Engineering Competition** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Elementary 7-8:30 am check in, 9-noon competition; Middle & High School noon-1 pm check in, 1-3 pm competition. \$5/advance; \$10/at the door. Registration: 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org/engineer-it

**4/10 - Celebrate Gopher Tortoise Day** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about these native reptiles, the importance of protecting this keystone species. Features coloring sheets, informational brochures, special presentations with our very own gopher tortoise, Fritz! All ages. 1-4:30 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

## APRIL 11-17

**Monday - 4/12 - Virtual Early Afternoon Explorers: Nature is Everywhere** presented by 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

**4/12 - Zoom Story Chasers Book Club** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Grades 1-3. 2nd M 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Tuesday - 4/13 - The Time Machine** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades K-8. 11 am. Call for tickets: 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Thursday - 4/15 - Roblox Gaming Glory**

**on Zoom** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8-12. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**4/15 - Teen Virtual Graphic Novel Club: The Witch Boy by Molly Knox Ostertag** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Saturday - 4/17 - Archery 101** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. USA Archery certified instructor. Indoor demonstration followed by outdoor target practice. Equipment provided, wear closed-toe shoes, bring water & sunscreen. Age 9+. 10 am. \$10. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**4/17 - Birding 101** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about bird watching. Age 5+ w/guardian. 10:30 am. \$3/person. Registration: 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**4/17 - Teen Workshop: Garden Sketching Class** at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Ages 12-18. 10:30 am. Free. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

**4/17 - Code Palm Beach Beginner Workshop** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Learn how to code in the world of technology. Age 7-17. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 425-8918; sfsiencecenter.org/code-palm-beach

## APRIL 18-24

**Monday - 4/19 - Enviro-Palooza Playdate** at Merritt Park, 316 SW 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 2½-6. 10 am. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Tuesday - 4/20 - Art in the Park** presented by Delray Beach Public Library at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St. Age 6-11. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Thursday - 4/22 - Mommy and Me: Nature Wand Make & Take** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-noon. \$10/non-member; \$5/child; \$5/nature wand. 233-1757; mounts.org

**4/22 - The Magic of Bugs and Their Chinese Symbols** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held outside under cover. Age 8-12. 3-5 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**Friday - 4/23 - Virtual Bad Poetry**

**Night** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13+. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**Saturday - 4/24 - Celebrate Earth Day** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Live animal encounters, interactive activities, butterfly plant sale, ladybug release, more. All ages. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcnature.com

**4/24 & 29 - Curbside End of Season Pirate Party** at The Society of the Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Drive-through event offers children prepackaged goody bag filled w/treasure. Participants must remain in car. 10-11 am. Free. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

## APRIL 25-MAY 1

**Tuesday - 4/27 - Virtual GEMS Club: Beyond the GEM** presented by South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$5/virtual class. Registration: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gem

**Wednesday - 4/28 - Zoom Vamos A Cantar: Songs & Spanish with Mr. Lilo** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Bilingual songs used to teach Spanish to children. Age 3-6. 4th W 10 am. Free. Registration: 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**4/28 - Summer Camp Open House** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Meet camp directors and discuss curriculum. 5-6:30 pm. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Friday - 4/30 - Mommy and Me: Flower Cone Make & Take** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-noon. \$10/non-member; \$5/child age 5-12; \$5/May Day flower cone. 233-1757; mounts.org

**Saturday - 5/1 - Band Auditions: The Spongebob Musical Summer Camp** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades 9-12. Flutes, clarinets, saxophones, pianos 9 am-noon; trumpets, trombones, guitars, bass, drums 1:30-3:30 pm. First come first served. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**5/1 - smART: Geometric Painting** at Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Studio workshops for families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy the visual arts. 10-11 am. Free. RSVP: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

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# Summer Camps

*NOTE: Not all summer camp schedules have been set and some are tentative due to COVID. Please check thecoastalstar.com for additional information as it becomes available. Also, refer to listed websites for missing information such as pricing. If your organization offers a camp not listed, please send details to thecoastalstarcalendar@gmail.com*

## ARTS

**Armory Art Center Summer Art Experience:** 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. Age 6-18. Art education in various media. 9 am-4:30 pm M-F 6/21-8/6 (no camp 7/5). Junior Camp: Age 6-12 M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm \$265/week in person, \$240/week virtual; Teen Camp: Age 13-18 M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm \$315/week in person, \$290/week virtual. Pre-care 7:45-8:30 am \$7/day, \$35/week; after-care 5-5:30 pm \$7/day, \$35/week; Morning & afternoon extended care combo \$14/day, \$70/week. 832-1776; armoryart.org/youthartcamps

## CHURCH

**Camp Keshet:** Taubman Early Childhood Center at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 SW 18th St, Boca Raton. Age 2-6. Trained specialists lead activities designed to develop physical, social, creative skills. Sports, swimming, Shabbat, arts, crafts, yoga, cooking, more. M-F 6/14-7/9, 7/12-8/6 (closed 7/5) 9 am-3 pm (half days available for age 2-4) two 4-week sessions. Before-/after-care available at additional cost. Registration fee, deposit, & security due 6/1. \$980-\$5,282. 750-9665; bnaitorahecc.org/camp-keshet

**Camp Mece:** First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Age 2½ (potty trained) to 6. Arts & crafts, music, dance, computers, storytelling, dramatic play, explorations, sports, Bible time, field games, water play. 2-week minimum. Bring snack, lunch. 9 am-2 pm M-F 6/21-25, 6/28-7/2, 7/12-16 & 7/19-23. \$175/week + \$50 registration fee. 368-1215; meceboca.org/summer-camp

**Camp Shalom:** Mandel JCC, 8500 Jog Rd, Boynton Beach. Age 2 to 10th grade. 9 am-4 pm M-F 6/1-8/6 (closed 7/3) Camp Shalom \$290/week. Specialty Camps \$330-\$660. Special Needs Camps \$415. Yeladim Preschool Camp (561-732-7620) 6/1-7/31 age 2-4. M-F, 9 am-4 pm (\$305-\$335). \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Before-/after-care available at additional fee. Payment in full is due 5/5. 259-3000; campshalom.org

**CROS Camp:** Sunlight Community Church, 1325 N A St, Lake Worth or First Presbyterian Church, 235 SW 6th Ave, Boynton Beach. Grades K-8. Non-denominational Christian camp. 7:30 am-5 pm M-F 6/21-8/6. \$30-\$40/week, \$210-\$280/entire summer; sibling discounts; \$25 application process fee/child. 233-9009, x102; crosministries.org

**First United Methodist Boca Overnight Camp:** Warren Willis United Methodist Summer Camp in Leesburg. Grades 4-12. Beautiful camp on Lake Griffin divided into age-specific areas. Worship, small groups, ropes course, archery, swimming, arts/crafts, more. Accredited by American Camping Association; staffed with trained/certified college students. FUMC Boca week 7/26-31. \$430. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org/category/summer-programs/

**Seacrest Presbyterian School:** 2703 N Seacrest Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 2-8. Arts, crafts, science. 8:30 am-3:30 pm M-F 6/7-8/6. 5 Half day (8:30-11:30 am), 5 full days (8:30 am-3:30 pm) or 3 full days (M/W/F 8:30 am-3:30 pm). After-care 3:30-5:30 pm \$5/hour. Call for pricing. 276-5552; seacrestchurch.com

**St. Paul Lutheran School Summer Camp:** 701 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Chapel, devotions, physical activities, arts and crafts, computer time, free play and field trips. Age 3 (potty trained) through grade 6 (entering in the fall). M-F 6/7-8/6. Daily and weekly fees include cost of hot lunch, am & pm snacks, field trips, materials and supplies. Half day: 7:30 am-12:30 pm; 12:30-5:30 pm; or 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Full day: 7:30 am-5:30 pm.

Weekly half day: \$170/child; weekly full day: \$225; daily rate: \$50. Sibling discounts available. Registration fee: \$50 plus 2 full weeks of camp. 395-8548; cyberfalcon.com/Summer-Camp

**West Park Baptist Summer Day Camp:** 4004 Lake Ida Rd, Delray Beach. Age 5-15. Sports, daily chapel, games, crafts, etiquette, life-skills training, self-defense training, swimming. Before/after care available. 8 am-5:30 pm M-F 6/21-8/6. \$125/week + \$50/registration per camper. 495-2107; westpark-baptist.com

## DANCE

**Summer Dance Classes & Dance Intensives:** Southern Dance Theatre. 1203 Knuth Rd, Boynton Beach. Super Hero Dance Camp age 3-5 ballet, tap, jazz, groovement 5:30-6:30 pm T/Th 6/29-7/29 \$180. Rising Stars Dance Camp age 6-8 ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/28-7/9 \$675/2 weeks. Summer Fun Dance Camp age 9-12 ballet, tap, jazz, modern, musical theater, hip hop 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/28-7/9 \$675/2 weeks. Summer Intensive Program: Intensive 1, 2 & 3 for intermediate & advanced dancers by application & teacher placement only 9 am-3 pm M-F: 3-week program 6/12-7/30 \$950/3 weeks; Intensive 4: by invitation only 4-8:30 pm M-F 7/19-8/6 \$795/3 weeks. \$20 registration fee. Family discounts available. Free before-care 8:30-9 am; after-care 3-5 pm \$35/week. Registration: 736-9097; southerndancetheatre.com

**Ballet Palm Beach:** 10357 Ironwood Rd, Palm Beach Gardens. Fairy Tale Ballet workshop: Dancers will learn about the great ballets plus help create their own costumes. Age 3-7 Levels Pre I-III 9:30 am-noon M-F 6/21-25 & 6/28-7/2. \$185/week; Junior Ballet Intensive Beginning-Intermediate Workshop: Age 7+ Levels IV-VI 9:30 am-1 pm M-F 6/21-7/2 \$485/2 weeks or \$250/week; Senior Ballet Intensive - Intermediate-Advanced Workshop: Ages 11+ Levels VII-Trainee 9:30 am-4:30 pm M-F 7/5-30 \$1350/4 weeks or \$500/week. 630-8235; balletpalmbeach.org

## GENERAL

**American Heritage Summer Day Camp:** 6200 Linton Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 3-14 Day Camp age 3-14 eight one-week sessions 6/21-8/6 \$525/week. Art Camp grades K-9 eight 1-week sessions 6/21-8/6 \$525/week. Robotics Camp grades 2-9 four 2-week sessions 6/14-8/6 8:30 am-3:15 pm \$1,050/2 weeks. Science Adventure Camp grades 2-9 eight one-week sessions 6/21-8/6 \$525/week. Musical Theatre Camp grades K-9 eight one-week sessions 6/21-8/6 8:30 am-3:15 pm \$525/week. Tuition includes lunch & snacks. Transportation/extended care available for a fee. Free morning care 7:45-9 am; Afternoon care 3:30-5:30 pm \$75/week. 888-490-7467; ahsummerprograms.com

**Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department Summer Camps:** Age 5-12. Themed camps w/age-appropriate activities meet at various locations; Ezell Hester Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd 742-6550 & Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, 742-6641. 7:30 am-5:30 pm M-F 6/21-8/6. \$575/resident; \$715/non-resident. 742-6649; boynton-beach.org/camp

**DeVos-Blum Family YMCA Camp:** 9600 S Military Tr, Boynton Beach. Field trips, entertainment, arts & crafts, swimming, sports, games. One-week sessions 7:30 am-6 pm M-F 6/21-8/6. Registration fee \$25. Traditional camp age 5-11 M-F 7:30 am-6 pm 6/21-8/6 \$200-\$300/week. Teen camp age 12-15 M-F 7:30 am-6 pm 6/21-8/6 \$245-\$345/week session. L.I.T. Camp for Teens/Leaders in Training age 12-15

M-F 7:30 am-6 pm 6/21-8/6 \$500-\$600/per session. Specialty Sports Camp age 7-12 M-F 9 am-2 pm 6/21-7/30, \$200-\$300/week. Aqua Mania camp age 7-11 M-F 7:30 am-6 pm 6/21-8/6 \$225-\$325/week. Mermaid Camp age 5-17 M-F 9 am-2 pm 6/28-7/2 & 7/19-23 \$250-\$350. Junior lifeguard camp age 12-16 M-F 9 am-2 pm 7/26-30 \$200-\$300/week. Youth/Teen Fitness Camp age 9-15 M-F 9 am-2 pm 6/21-8/6 \$200-\$285/week. Preschool full-day camp age 3-5 M-F 7:30 am-6 pm 6/1-7/30 \$650-\$750/3-week session. Preschool part-time camp age 4-5 M-F 9 am-1 pm 6/1-11, 6/14-25, 7/6-16 & 7/19-30 \$330-\$390/2-week session. Sibling discount available. Virtual parent orientation 6:30 pm 6/16. 738-9622; ymcaspbc.org/summercamp

**Florence Fuller Summer Camp:** East Campus, 200 NE 14th St, Boca Raton & West Campus, 10130 185th St S, Boca Raton. Age 5-12. Outdoor sports, swimming, field trips, arts/crafts, nature activities, academic enrichment, computer classes and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). 7:30 am-5:30 pm M-F 6/21-8/6. \$140/week. Includes breakfast, lunch, snack. East Campus 391-7274; West Campus 482-3006; ffdc.org

**Kids Choice Sports, Dance and Fitness Camp:** 6500 W Rogers Circle, Boca Raton. Gymnastics, karate, cheer, dance, circus arts, sports conditioning, arts & crafts, more. M-F 6/21-8/9. Drop off begins 8:30 am. Age 5+ ½ day (9am-noon or 12:30-3:30 pm) ¾ day 9 am-3 pm or full day 9 am-5 pm. Monthly rate (1 to 4 weeks) \$454.84-\$1256.24, Per week \$244.54-\$337.70; per day \$57.54-\$79.46. Extended care 7:30-8:30 am & 5-6 pm \$10/day. Registration fees: \$3/day to \$60/annual family. 998-4225; gokidschoice.com

**Gulf Stream School Summer Camp:** 3600 Gulf Stream Rd. Grades Pre-K through 8. Academics, sports, technology, field trips, reading, more. Call school for brochure/schedules/costs. 276-5225; gulfstreamschool.org

**Music, Dance & Drama Camps:** Boynton Beach School of Music, Dance & Drama, 9804 S Military Tr, Ste. E2.7-9, Boynton Beach. Age 5-11. Music, dance & drama. Full day 9 am-4 pm M-F 6/21-25, 6/28-7/2, 7/26-30 & 8/2-6 \$260/week. 2-week camp - Seussical The Musical 9 am-4 pm M-F 7/12-23 \$598/session. 877-2435; boyntonmusicdance.com

**Peter Blum Family YMCA Camp:** 6631 Palmetto Cr S, Boca Raton. Traditional camp age 5-11 M-F 6/21-8/6 7:30 am-6 pm \$200-\$300/week. Teen camp age 12-15 M-F 6/21-8/6 8 am-5:30 pm \$240-\$340/week. Leaders in Training Camp age 13-17 6/21-8/6 7:30 am-6 pm \$390-\$490/7-week session. Aqua Mania age 5-11 M-F 6/21-8/6 9 am-2 pm \$205-\$305/week. Jr. Lifeguard age 8-14 M-F 6/28-7/2 & 7/26-30 9 am-2 pm \$205-\$305/week. Jr. Adventure Camp age 8-11 M-F 6/28-7/30 9 am-2 pm \$240-\$340/week. Chef Camp age 7-11 M-F 6/28-7/2 & 7/12-16 9 am-2 pm \$205-\$305/week. Dance Camp age 7-11 M-F 7/5-16 9 am-2 pm \$410-\$510/session. Art Camp age 5-11 M-F 7/5-9, 7/19-23, 9 am-2 pm \$205-\$305/week. Sports of All Sorts Camp age 5-11 M-F 6/21-8/6 9 am-2 pm \$205-\$305/week. Basketball camp age 5-11 M-F 9 am-2 pm 6/28-7/2, 7/12-16, 7/26-30 \$205-\$305/week. Karate camp age 5-11 M-F 9 am-2 pm 6/28-7/2, 7/26-30 \$205-\$305/week. Chase Donoff Special Needs Day Camp age 5-22 M-F 6/21-8/6 7:30 am-6 pm \$200-\$300/week. Fun Club extended care 7:30-9 am \$25-\$50/week; 2-6 pm \$30-\$55/week. \$25 registration fee. Virtual parent orientation 6:30 pm 6/3. 395-9622; ymcaspbc.org/summercamp

**Pine Tree Summer Camps:** Lynn University, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 5-14. Half-day, full-day, overnight, specialty programs. Sports, arts & crafts, computer science, & more. 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/21-7/9 & 7/12-30. \$1160-\$2,445/session includes hot lunch + instructional swim daily. Campers required to wear

camp uniforms (available in LU campus store & online). After-care: until 4 pm \$175; until 5:30 pm \$350/session. Multiple session discounts available. 237-7310; pinetreecamp.com

**Saint Andrew's School Day and Sports Camps:** Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Age 3-15. 8:40 am to 3:30 pm M-F 6/21-7/16 & 7/19-8/6 (choose 3, 4 or 7 weeks). Day Camp age 3-9 \$425-\$450/week; Sports & Sports Travel Camps age 6-13 \$425-\$450/week; Young Inventors age 5-8 6/7-11 \$475-\$500; Calling All Doctors Camp age 5-10 6/7-11 \$475-\$500; Little Veterinarian Camp age 5-10 6/14-18 \$475-\$500; Roblox Studio - Minecraft Camp age 7-12 6/14-18 \$475-\$500. Before-/after-care available at additional cost. 210-2100; saintandrews.net/summercamp

**Space of Mind Summer Camp:** 102 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Age 6-19. Campers explore their passions, discover new ones through the arts, music, movement, cooking, more. Experienced coaches create fun, personalized/exciting learning experiences for each child. Three available programs: Summer Discovery Camp and Summer Study Hall. Held 6/14-8/13. Age 5-14: Full day M-F 9 am-3 pm \$80/day, \$350/week. Ages 6-9: Half-day M-F 9 am-noon or Noon-3 pm \$225/week; Full day M-F 9 am-3 pm \$400/week. 877-407-1122; findspaceofmind.com/summer-camp

**Summer Adventure Camp 2021:** Beth El Early Learning Center, 9800 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Age 2-5. Weekly nurturing program explores adventure, sports, water & outdoor play, music & movement, arts & crafts, gardening, yoga, Hip Hop, music and more. 6 day/time options each session: 3-week session 3 days 9 am-1 pm, 9 am-3 pm, 7:30 am-6 pm \$714-\$1,050; 5 days 9 am-1 pm, 9 am-3 pm, 7 am-6 pm \$1,130-\$1,490. Session 1 6/1-18; Session 2 6/21-7/9; Session 3 7/12-7/30. Hot lunch, mid-morning/afternoon snacks included. \$100/child registration fee to hold a spot. 391-9091; tbeboca.org/early-learning-center

**Virtual Criminal Justice Summer Camp:** Florida Atlantic University School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Age 14-17 (must be entering 9th-12th grade by fall 2020). Observe/participate in virtual crime lab, mock criminal trial, justice simulation lab and much more. Limited enrollment; first-come/first-served. 7/11-16. \$500. 321-754-8112; fau.edu/sccj

## MUSIC

**School of Rock Summer Camps/Boca Raton:** 141 NW 20th St, Ste F1 & F2, Boca Raton. Themed camps w/live performance finales. 9 am-3 pm M-F age 7-18 \$380/week. Singer/Songwriter Performance Camp 6/7-11; Battle of the Bands Music Camp 6/14-18; Music Video Camp 6/21-25; Rock the Decades Camp 6/28-7/2; Radio Rewind Music Camp 7/5-9; BBQ Rocks Camp 7/12-16; Indie Palooza Camp 7/19-23. 430-2411; location.schoolofrock.com/bocaraton

**School of Rock Summer Camps/South Palm Beach:** 7433 S Military Tr, Lake Worth. Themed camps w/live performance finales. 9 am-3 pm M-F age 7-18 \$395/week. New Wave Camp 7/5-9; Planes, Trains, and Automobiles! Camp 7/19-23; AC/DC Camp 8/2-6. 855-2646; southpalmbeach.schoolofrock.com

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**Digi-Camp Boca Raton:** Grandview Prep School, 336 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 6-12. Digital media technology, photography, film production, video game programming, maker camp, fabrication, engineering, coding, web building, robotics, drones. 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/21-7/23. \$197-\$295/week. 236-0938; digicamp.com

**The Science Academy Summer**

**Camp:** Morikami Park Elementary School, 6201 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Productive, hands-on learning environment. Early, sibling, friend registration discounts available. Grades K-8. 8 am-5 pm M-F 6/21-7/30. \$230/week, 2-week minimum; \$50 registration. After-care \$60/week. 285-7522; thescienceacademyinc.com

**South Florida Science Museum Summer Camp:** 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Themed weeks: engineering, space science, dinosaurs, marine biology, grossology, sports science, a variety of tech camps and more. 9 am-4 pm M-F. Science Ventures: Age 7-12 6/21-8/6 \$250-\$275/week. Tech Ventures: Age 7-12 6/21-25, 7/5-9, 7/19-23 & 8/2-6 \$300-\$325/week. Extended hours 7:30 am-5:30 pm available for a fee. 832-2026; sfscenter.org

## SPORTS

**Evert Tennis Academy Summer Camp:** 10334 Diego Dr S, Boca Raton. Age 8-18. Students who aspire to play professionally, earn a college scholarship, or simply improve their game. 5/31-8/20 (12 weeks). Boarders' program 7 am-10 pm Sun-Sat, \$1,595-\$2,095/week. Non-boarders 8:45 am-3:30 pm M-F lunch included \$1,095-\$1,595/week. Half-day (mornings) \$695/week. Multi-week discounts available. 488-2001; evertacademy.com

**Ocean Adventure Camp:** South Inlet Park, 1100 S Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 5-15. Fun/adventure through education/exploration of Florida's waters. 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/14-8/13 \$325/week, \$79/day. Registration: 715-0499; underbluwater.com

**Surf Adventures Camp:** Atlantic Dunes, 1605 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 5-15. Fun/adventure through education/exploration of Florida's waters. 9 am-3 pm M-F 6/7-8/13 \$325/week, \$79/day. 715-0499; underbluwater.com

## THEATER

**Mizner Park Cultural Center Broadway Camp:** 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. *The Lion King Jr.* age 7+ 6/21-7/31, M-F 9 am-4 pm \$99/registration deposit, \$249/week, \$1494/6 week session. Sibling discounts, pre-care (8-9) and after-care (4-6) packages are available. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com/summer-camp

**Broadway Artists Intensive:** Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Age 14-22 by audition only. 2-week immersion in acting, voice, dance; taught by all-Broadway faculty including special guest artists. Intensive 7/12-23. 10 am-5 pm. \$1,100. Optional housing & meals available. 855-554-2929; thebroadwayartistsintensive.com

**Broadway Artists Intensive Junior Program:** Palm Beach Atlantic University, 901 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Ages 9-13. Introductory session for all areas of performing arts: ballet, jazz, tap, vocal technique, acting, improvisation. No audition necessary. 6/28-7/2 9 am-4 pm. \$450 + \$55 meal plan. 651-4376; thebroadwayartistsintensive.com

**Delray Beach Playhouse Summer Camp:** 950 NW 9th St. Age 6-16. Check audition/rehearsal schedule for times. Broadway Camp: *Elf The Musical Jr.* age 6-12 6/21-7/17, M-F 9 am-5 pm \$99/registration deposit, \$249/week, \$996/4 week session. Summer Fun Camp: age 6+ 6/21-8/6, M-F 9 am-5 pm \$99/registration deposit, \$175/week, \$750/7 week session. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Standing Ovation Performing Arts:** 7429 S Military Tr, Lake Worth. Age 6-16. Weekly themes: acting, pantomime, improvisation, playwriting, crafts. *Shrek* age 5-17 M-F 9 am-3 pm 6/21-7/9 \$675/3-week session, \$225/non refundable deposit due at registration. 734-0187; standingoh.com



# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## APRIL 3

### Saturday - 4/3 - 2021 Virtual Judy Levis Krug Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival

presented by Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center. More than 50 Jewish-themed films to watch at home. Runs through 5/16. Individual tickets \$4.99-\$12; film pass packages \$59-\$299. Check website for schedule/tickets: 961-8002; bocajff.org

### 4/3 - Delray Beach Playhouse seeks Camp Instructors for summer camp program.

Instructors start in May for training/preparation. Instructors must be age 16+. Contact: 272-1281; marinawolfsdp@gmail.com

### 4/3 - Okay Spark Gallery POP-UP Opening at Palm Beach Design Showroom, 500 N Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth.

On view through 5/25. Check website for hours/tours. 229-0046; palmbeachdesignshowroom.com

### 4/3 - ACCF Annual Golf Tournament: Swing to Achieve at Palm Beach Par 3, 2345 S Ocean Blvd. Benefits Achievement Centers for Children & Families. 8 am registration; 9 am shotgun; 1-2:30 pm cocktails/bites. \$150/participant. 276-0520; achievementcentersfl.org

### 4/3 - Drive-Through Egg Hunt at Maddock Park, 1200 W Drew St, Lantana. 9-11 am. Free. 540-5754; lantana.org

### 4/3 - Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday through 4/24, under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

### 4/3 - Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday through 5/22, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

### 4/3 - Drive-Thru Egg-Stravaganza at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. First 50 cars receive a stuffed bunny; every child receives a bag of treats. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

### 4/3 - 8th Annual Empty Your Pantry Food Drive at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. All non-perishable foods accepted. Benefits El Sol Resource Center & The Glades Initiative.

Organized by Town of Palm Beach United Way. Drive thru or walk up. 10 am-2 pm. 655-1919; palmbeachunitedway.org/food-drive

### 4/3 - Calling All Serious Writers! Saturday Zoom Writers Studio presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

### 4/3 - Shibori Indigo Workshop: Shibori Scarves at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 10 am-3 pm. \$65 + \$25/material fee. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

### 4/3 - Saturday Morning Writers' Group presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Led by Caren S. Neile via Zoom. Registrants asked periodically to send a brief manuscript for distribution to participants to read before each meeting. Group engages in productive critique. Drop-ins welcome, frequent participation encouraged. Age 18+. 1st & 3rd Sat 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

### 4/3 - Art Restart Show at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth Beach. Presented by Lake Worth Art League. Runs through 4/11 T-Sun Noon-4 pm. lwartleague.org

### 4/3 - Japanese Traditional Music: Koto Demonstration at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theatre, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn basics of how this instrument is played; receive a koto music sheet of the most famous Japanese song, Sakura, Cherry Blossom. Noon, 1:30 & 3 pm. \$5 w/paid admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

### 4/3 - Exhibition on Screen: Easter In Art at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$15. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

### 4/3 - The Long Run at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$25-\$210. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

### 4/3 - Dinner Cabaret: Billy's Place at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. Call for price & reservations: 995-2333; thewick.org

### 4/3 - Tuscan Reds Wine Tasting at Gourmetphile, 501 SE Mizner Blvd #80, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$75/person; \$25 credited to purchase of wines tasted. 757-6208; gourmetphile.com

# Municipal Meetings

- 4/5 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com
- 4/6 & 20 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us
- 4/6 & 20 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov
- 4/6 & 20 - Boynton Beach** - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 5:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org
- 4/9 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org.
- 4/12 & 26 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org
- 4/13 - South Palm Beach** - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com
- 4/13 & 22 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com
- 4/13 & 27 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us
- 4/27 - Manalapan** - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

### 4/3 - Euphoria Dinner Show at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 7:30 pm 4/6. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm show. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. Reservations required: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

### 4/3 - The Swon Brothers at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$50-\$200/pod. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

### 4/3-4 - Audio Play: Ich Bin Ein Berliner by Vanessa Garcia presented by Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Virtual event via Vimeo available through 5/23. Enhanced listening session held in person socially distanced outdoor event where audio is played accompanied by a visual companion. Actors not present at Arts & Letters Amphitheatre. Sat/Sun 6:30 pm; Sat 9 pm. \$5/audio only; \$15/audio w/visual; \$30/in person. 800-564-9539; fauevents.universitytickets.com

### 4/3-6 - Virtual Production: The Bell of Amherst presented by and benefits Palm Beach Dramaworks and Actors' Playhouse. Purchase ticket, view play at ticket holder's convenience from 4/2-6. \$30. 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org

### 4/3-9 - Virtual Show - The Songs of Harold Arlen: Come Rain or Come Shine presented by The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Passcode valid for one week after purchase. \$38. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

### 4/3-30 - Cereal4all Cereal Drive at Boca Helping Hands, 1500 NW 1st Ct, Boca Raton. Unopened boxes of cereal benefit the food pantry. cereal4all.org

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## APRIL 4-10

### Sunday - 4/4 - EASTER (See Religion Calendar, Page AT20)

### Monday - 4/5 - Virtual Culture & Cocktails: Wayne Hosford & Stars of Tomorrow presented by Cultural Council for Palm Beach County at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave, Palm Beach. 5-7 pm. \$125/VIP; \$75/advance; \$85/at the door. RSVP: 472-3330; palmbeachculture.com

### 4/5-6 - Call to Audition: Hedwig And the Angry Inch at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Actors asked to prepare 16-36 bars of 2 contemporary pop/rock songs. Bring sheet music in your key or bring a prepared track for audition. Rehearsals begin 4/12. Performance 6/4-20. No appointment needed. 7 pm. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

### Tuesday - 4/6 - Photography on the Move Online Class presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Class 1 photoshoot at Lion Country Safari. Class 2 via Zoom. Held again 4/13. 9:30-11:30 am. \$79 + admission to Lion Country Safari. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org

### 4/6 - Ikebana Flower Arrangement: Ikenobo Class at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Traditional flower arranging using fresh flowers. Every T through 4/27.

Beginners 11 am-1 pm; Intermediate 1-3 pm. \$70/member; \$80/non-member; +\$80/flower fee. Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org

### 4/6 - We'll Always Have Casablanca by Noah Isenberg part of The Talk of Kings Book Discussion Group at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Attend remotely via Zoom. 5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 655-2766; fourarts.org

### 4/6 - Virtual Concert Series: Dean's Showcase No. 2 presented by Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 6 pm. Registration: 237-9000; lynn.edu/events

### 4/6 - Virtual Art Salon with Edison Penafiel: Constructed Realities, Perpetual Cycles presented by Armory Art Center, 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 7-9 pm. Free. Zoom link provided w/ registration: 832-1776; armoryart.org

### 4/6 - Comedy Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. In person or virtual. 8-10 pm. \$5-\$6. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

### Wednesday - 4/7 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Tote Bags at The Society of the Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 10 am-noon. \$150. Reservations: 655-7226; fourarts.org

### 4/7 - 2021 Kips Bay Decorator Show House Palm Beach Opening Day Preview Reception at 7417 S Flagler Dr, Palm Beach. Benefits Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. 1-3 pm & 3-5 pm. \$250/ticket includes one return visit. 683-3287; bgcpcb.org

### 4/7 - Conversations on Style with Steven Stolman at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Part of Campus on the Lake Lecture Series. 2:30 pm. \$25. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

### 4/7 - Solar United Neighbors Palm Beach County Co-op Virtual meeting presented by League of Women Voters and Solar United Neighbors. Co-op is free to join, open to homeowners & business owners in Palm Beach County. Learn about solar energy, leverage bulk purchasing to ensure competitive pricing & quality solar installations. 6 pm. Free. solarunitedneighbors.org/palmbeach

### 4/7 - League of Women Voters: Conversations with the League - Palm Beach County Schools. Interactive Zoom video session; guest speaker Edward Tierney, Chief of Staff for School District of Palm Beach County. 6-7 pm. Free. Join Zoom meeting after 5:50 pm via link: 276-

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4898; lwvpcb.org

**4/7-10 - Dinner Cabaret: Marilyn Maye** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$150/dinner & show. Reservations: 995-2333; thewick.org

**Thursday - 4/8 - Quilters** meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

**4/8 - Art in the Garden Drawing Class** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Led by artist/instructor Marilyn Walter. Check website for supply list. Every Th 10-11:30 am. Class includes garden admission \$10/member; \$20/non-member. Registration: 233-1757; mounts.org

**4/8 - Virtual Logo Design with Adobe Illustrator Class** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**4/8 - Virtual Distinguished Lecture Series - Bob Carr: Archaeological Sites of Lake Worth** at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. Free/\$10 suggested donation. 832-4164 x 100; hspbc.org

**4/8 - 2021 Edgar Nominees for Best Short Story and the Robert L. Fish Memorial Award Recipient** presented by Murder on the Beach Mystery Bookstore and Mystery Writers of America. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**4/8 - Ghaleb Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm. \$60/3 course dinner includes tax/gratuity. Reservations required: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**4/8 - Historical Fictionados Virtual Book Club: Tsarina** by Ellen Alpstien presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**4/8 - Club Vibes: The Off the Ave Nightclub Experience for the Culture** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. DJs, great music, full bar. Age 21+. Every Th 9 pm-1 am. \$5/cover charge; ladies/free. In person or virtual: 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**4/8-9 - Details Design Storewide Sale** at 640 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. 10 am-4 pm. Free admission. 733-1447

**Friday - 4/9 - Top Tech Trends in 2021 with Amber Mac on Zoom** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Noon. Free. Registration: 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**4/9 - Historical Walking Tour** meets at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 90-minute guided tour showcases the evolution of downtown West Palm Beach buildings/landmarks. Tours begin at Palm Beach County History Museum, ends by the Banyan Tree at 101 N Clematis St. 4-5:30 pm. \$10/person. Registration: 832-4164 x100; hspbc.org

**4/9 - Yarn** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 9 pm show. \$25-\$35. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**4/9 - Laser Lights & Bites: backstreet boys & NSYNC** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. 6-9 pm. \$12/adult; \$10/child & adult member; \$8/child member; free/child under 3. 832-1988; sfsciencecenter.org

**4/9 - David Morin Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 4/17, 24 & 5/1. 6 pm dinner; 8 pm show. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. Reservations required: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**4/9 - Napa Wine Tasting** at Gourmetphile, 501 SE Mizner Blvd #80, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$75/person; \$25 credited to purchase of wines tasted. 757-6208; gourmetphile.com

**4/9 - Documentary Film Screening: Carving the Divine: Buddhist Sculptors of Japan** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Discussion led by

Director Yujiro Seki. 7 pm. \$7-\$10. 495-0233; morikami.org

**4/9 - Dick Lowenthal's All-Star Jazz Quintet: Jazz and Broadway Celebration** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$45-\$55. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**4/9-11 - 59th Annual Delray Affair: Affair of the Arts** at Boynton Beach Mall Parking Lot north side, 801 N. Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Over 500 artists & exhibitors. Socially distance-spaced booths, wider aisles, fresh air, sunshine! F/ Sat 10 am-6 pm; Sun 10 am-5 pm. Free. 279-0907; delrayaffair.com

**Saturday - 4/10 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour: State of Florida Lighthouse Day** meets at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Park in Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:30 am. Transportation to/from lighthouse is only by tour boat 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. 9 am-3 pm. \$35 transportation fee. 954-942-2102; hillsborolighthouse.org/tours

**4/10 - Lake Worth Farmers Market** every Saturday through 4/24, under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

**4/10 - Delray Beach GreenMarket** every Saturday through 5/22, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

**4/10 - Nature Journaling** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Observe, experience, record nature. Bring your own journal or notebook, writing utensils of your choice. Materials provided to all who need them. All ages. 10 am. \$3. Registration: 966-7000; pbcnature.com

**4/10 - Japanese Traditional Music - Koto: Beginners I Class** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Every Sat through 5/15 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$150/member; \$155/non-member. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

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**4/10 - Bryan Rafanelli: A Great Party** at The Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Presented by Garden Club of Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2 pm. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**4/10 - Lives of the Poets: Audre Lorde** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**4/10 - Roll the Stones: A Salute to the Music of The Rolling Stones** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$25-\$40. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**4/10 - Manatees & Martinis** at Manatee Lagoon at 6000 N Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Benefits Vita Nova. Takes place outdoors w/limited attendance or at home w/virtual silent auction & party box. 7-10 pm. \$175. RSVP: 689-0035; vitanovainc.org

**4/10 - Fusion Band Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 8-10:30 pm. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. Reservations required: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**4/10-11 - Spring Fling Sidewalk Affair** at Hand's, 325 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 20% off anything Delray Beach-oriented.

9 am-5 pm. Free admission. 276-4194; handsdelray.com

**4/10-11 - Anthony Nunziata - Amore: The Greatest Love Songs** at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

**4/10-12 - Palm Beach Atlantic University presents Dance Ensemble Spring Concert** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Sun 3 pm; Sat/Sun/M 7 pm. \$60/table of 4. 832-7469; kravis.org

## APRIL 11-17

**Sunday - 4/11 - Dogs' Day in the Garden** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Held throughout the garden; bring water/treats for pets. 2nd Sun through 5/9 9 am-3 pm. Regular admission \$10/general; \$5/child age 5-12. 233-1757; mounts.org

**4/11 - Sado: Tea Ceremony Beginners Class** at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Tea Ceremony Workshop required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month 4/11 & 25. 10:15 am-12:15 pm. \$50/member; \$55/non-member. Registration: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**4/11 - Story Central Virtual Storytelling Slam** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5-6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**4/11 - Pepe Montes Conjunto** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**4/11-12 - Variations on Theme: A Musical Improv Intensive Virtual Class with Velvet Duke** presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Online via Zoom. Adults. Noon-2 pm. \$120. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

**Monday - 4/12 - Virtual Reading & Discussion: Two Sisters and a Piano by Nilo Cruz** presented by Palm Beach Dramaworks and Actors' Playhouse. Discussion 7:30 pm 4/14; Reading 4/12 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org

**Tuesday - 4/13 - Virtual Coffee Chat** presented by Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Join Maddie the Library Barista: different aspects of coffee culture. Follow on social media or visit our YouTube channel. 2nd T noon. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

**4/13 - In-Person Legacy Project** at Bryant Park, Lake & Lucerne Streets at the Intracoastal, Lake Worth Beach. Produced in partnership w/Palm Beach Dramaworks & in collaboration w/City of Lake Worth Beach; intergenerational storytelling project. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 533-9699; compassglcc.com

**4/13 - Cachet Band with Johnny Minnis Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 4/27. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. Reservations required: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**4/13 - Moving to Higher Ground: Sea Level Rise and How It Affects Us with John Englander** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**4/13 - All Arts Open Mic Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. In person or virtual. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$6/virtual ticket; \$5/advance purchase general admission. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 4/14 - Ten Foods that Define Florida** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**4/14 - Late to the Party in the Roaring '20s with Patricia Yost** part of Florida Voices series at The Society of the Four Arts, 240 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. Attend at the King Library or remotely via Zoom. 1:30 pm. Free. Registration: 655-2766; fourarts.org

**4/14 - Virtual Podcasting with Adobe**

**Audition Class** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Live Zoom presentation. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**4/14 - The Essentiality of True Friends: Minx Boren, MCC** at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. 5:30-7 pm. \$15/adult; \$10/age 65+; \$7/student; free/child under 5. 832-5328; ansg.org

**4/14 - Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: Michael Brown, Piano; Arnaud Sussman, Violin; Nick Canellakis, Cello** at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 6 pm reception; 7 pm concert. Season subscriptions \$1,750/person. 379-6773; cmspb.org

**4/14 - New Found Glory** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$140-\$220/pod of 4 seats. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

**Thursday - 4/15 - Breasts and Eggs (tr. from Japanese) by Mieko Kawakami** part of Virtual World Readers Collective Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**4/15-17 - Dinner Cabaret: Clint Holmes** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$125/dinner & show. Reservations: 995-2333; thewick.org

**Friday - 4/16 - An Hour to Kill Virtual Mystery Book Club: Farewell, My Lovely by Raymond Chandler** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**4/16 - Styx (2018-NR)** at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**4/16 - Matthew Curry** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 9 pm show. \$15-\$30. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**4/16 - An Evening of Music & Art in the Gardens** at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. Honors Gardens Conservancy members; includes presentation of the Ann Norton Award for Philanthropy extended annually to individuals who advance the mission of Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens & embrace Ann Norton's vision for her legacy to the community. 6-8 pm. \$200/ANSG members; \$500/non-member. 832-5328; ansg.org

**4/16 - It Takes Two Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Held again 4/20. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; + tax/gratuity. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**4/16 - Castello della Regine Wine Tasting** at Gourmetphile, 501 SE Mizner Blvd #80, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$50/person; \$15 credited to purchase of wines tasted. 757-6208; gourmetphile.com

**4/16 - Havana Dance Nights featuring Miami Girls Tumbao** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday - 4/17 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club's Annual Marine Yard Sale** at 201 Fifth St, West Palm Beach. Benefits youth education & conservation efforts of Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation. 8 am-1 pm. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

**4/17 - Town of Ocean Ridge Annual Resident Document Shredding Event** at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Ocean Ridge & Briny Breezes residents only; photo ID required. 9 am to noon. Free. 732-2635; oceanridgeflorida.com

**4/17 - Lake Worth Farmers Market** every Saturday through 4/24, under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

**4/17 - Delray Beach GreenMarket** every Saturday through 5/22, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

**4/17 - Drive-Thru Earth Day Celebration** at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 200 native & fruit trees given away on first-come, first-

served basis [max 2 trees per car]; Earth Day themed music, eco-friendly giveaways, more. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**4/17 - Speaker Series: Why Old Places Matter with Thompson Mayes** at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach. 10-11 am. \$25/member; \$35/non-member. Reservations: 832-5328; ansg.org

**4/17 - Leave It to Ludwig** at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Filmed program from Meet the Music. 1 pm. Free. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**4/17 - Let's Groove Tonight: The Ultimate Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 & 8 pm doors open; 6 & 9 pm shows. \$25-\$45. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com

**4/17 - An Evening with Sister Hazel** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Gates open 6:30 pm; show 8 pm. \$70-\$300/pod of 2 or 4 seats. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

## APRIL 18-24

**Sunday - 4/18 - Art Show and Sale** at Chabad of South Palm Beach, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Art by Renee Gruskin. Cheese and wine. 11 am-4 pm. Free. artscapesbyrenee.com

**4/18 - Virtual Coffee and Comedy Class with Suki Lanh** presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Online via Zoom. Adults. Noon-2 pm. \$20. 833-7529; actorsrep.org

**4/18 - German Beerfest** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth Beach. Facial coverings required except while at your dining table. Admission includes food/drink. Noon-3:30 pm. \$30/guests 21+; \$10/age 13-20; \$6/age 6-12; free/child 5 & under. Advance tickets required: 967-6464; americangermanclub.org

**4/18 - 6th Annual Tennis Tournament** presented by Delray Beach Youth Tennis Foundation at Delray Swim & Racquet Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr, Delray Beach. 1-6 pm. \$125/tournament & reception; \$50/reception only. RSVP by 4/7: 870-9054; delraytennisfoundation.org

**Monday - 4/19 - 12th Anniversary Savor the Avenue** on Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach. Benefits Community Greening. Make reservations w/individual restaurant. See website for restaurant list/details. 5:30-9 pm. 243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com/savortheave

**4/19 - Palm Beach Symphony: An Enchanting Evening with Julian Schwarz** at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Virtual or in-person. 7:30 pm. \$30. 281-0145; palmbeachsymphony.org

**4/19 - Virtual Reading & Discussion: Sotto Voice by Nilo Cruz** presented by Palm Beach Dramaworks and Actors' Playhouse. Discussion 7:30 pm 4/21; Reading 4/19 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org

**Tuesday - 4/20 - Online Auction** at Bill Hood & Sons Art & Antique Auctions, 2885 S Congress Ave A&B, Delray Beach. Oceanfront Juno Beach Estate. Preview by appointment. Bid online live. 4 pm. 278-8996; hoodauction.com

**4/20 - Tap for Adults** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 4-week course concentrates on basics. Age 16+. Every T through 5/11 5:30-7 pm. \$60/4 weeks advance purchase; \$20/day walk-in. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Wednesday - 4/21 - League of Women Voters Annual Meeting** via teleconference. 10:00 am. Free. Registration/proxy form: 276-4898; lwvpcb.org

**4/21 - 8th Annual 2021 Founder's Luncheon; A Virtual Celebration of Philanthropy** hosted by Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. Features President & CEO Danita D. Nias, special appearance by award-winning children's choir, presentation of first-ever Community Champion Award. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free. Register for Zoom info: 659-6800; yourcommunityfoundation.org

**4/21 - The Dutch House by Ann Patchett** part of Page Turners Book Discussion Group at The Society of the Four Arts King Library, 101 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Virtual: 1:30 pm. Free. 805-8562; fourarts.org  
**4/21 - Friends Virtual Book Club: A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8:30 pm. Free. Email spanisriverbookclub@yahoo.com for Zoom link: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org  
**Thursday - 4/22 - Earth Day**  
**4/22 - Free Museum Admission** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 11 am-7 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org  
**4/22 - Virtual Distinguished Lecture Series - Lee Pollock: Winston Churchill in Cuba and Florida: From Rebellion to Cold War** at Palm Beach County History Museum, 300 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. Free/\$10 suggested donation. 832-4164 x 100; hspbc.org  
**4/22 - Virtual Image Compositing with**

**Adobe Photoshop Class** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org  
**4/22 - Musical Theatre Jazz for Adults** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 4-week course concentrates on musical theatre jazz dance for adults. Age 16+. Every Th through 5/13. 6-7 pm. \$60/4 weeks advance purchase; \$20/day walk-in. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org  
**4/22 - Chef Norman Van Aken: A Floridian Cooking Life** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org  
**4/22 - Matt Stell: Everywhere but Home Tour with Special Guest Teddy Robb** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$60-\$120. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/22-23 - Exhibition on Screen: Cezanne: Portraits of a Life** at Boca Raton

Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Th 5:30-7 pm; F 2-3:30 pm. Free w/admission. RSVP: 392-2500; bocamuseum.org  
**Friday - 4/23 - Golfing for PAL** at Palm Beach Par 3, 2345 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach. Benefits West Palm Beach Police Athletic League. 8:30 am tee time. Call/email for cost to register: 835-7195; westpalmbeachpal.com  
**4/23 - Ben Is Back (2018-R)** at The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2 & 5:30 pm. \$10/non-member. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org  
**4/23 - Lao Tizer Band featuring Karen Briggs** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 & 8 pm doors open; 6 & 9 pm shows. \$25-\$45. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com  
**4/23 - Angelo and Band Reminisce Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 6 pm dinner; 7:30 pm show. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com  
**Saturday - 4/24 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-9:30 am. Registration: 369-5501; seaangels.org  
**4/24 - Lake Worth Farmers Market** every Saturday through 4/24, under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com  
**4/24 - Delray Beach GreenMarket** every Saturday through 5/22, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market  
**4/24 - Screenwriting 101 Virtual Class with Suki Lanh** presented by Bob Carter's Actor's Workshop & Repertory Company, 1000 N Dixie Hwy. Online via Zoom. Adults. Every Sat through 5/29 11 am-1 pm. \$200. 833-7529; actorsrep.org  
**4/24 - The Way of Tea: Sado Demonstration** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado by the OmoteSenke tea group, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Noon, 1:30 pm & 3 pm. \$5 w/ paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org  
**4/24 - Palm Beach International Jazz Festival 2021** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2 & 8 pm. Tickets go on sale 3/25. 832-7469; kravis.org  
**4/24 - JP Soars & The Red Hots** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$15-\$30. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com  
**4/24 - Duckhorn Vineyards Tasting** at Gourmetphile, 501 SE Mizner Blvd #80, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$75/person; \$25 credited to purchase of wines tasted. 757-6208; gourmetphile.com  
**4/24 - Grace Potter** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Gates open 7 pm; show 8 pm. \$140-\$300. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/24 - Virtual Masterworks VI: Shostakovich & Tchaikovsky** presented by South Florida Symphony Orchestra. 8 pm. \$45. 954-522-8445; southfloridasymphony.org  
**4/24 - Start Me Up: A Tribute to the Rolling Stones** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$25-\$30. 450-6357; artsgarage.org  
**4/24-25 - Palm Beaches Spartan Spring 5K Weekend** at South County Park, 12800 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Start times vary; tickets start at \$114.99/person. race.spartan.com/en/race/detail/7167/overview

The Society of the Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Previously recorded. 2 pm. \$25/adult; \$15/student w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org  
**4/25 - Friends of the Uffizi Lectures: Dr. Emily Fenichel** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Presented by Friends of the Uffizi Gallery. Speaker Dr. Karen Rose Mathews. 3-4 pm. \$15/non-member. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org  
**4/25 - Nils** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 3 & 6 pm doors open; 5 & 8 pm shows. \$30-\$45. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com  
**4/25 - Svetlana & The Delancey Five** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 450-6357; artsgarage.org  
**Monday - 4/26 - Watercolor 102 Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Drawing skills necessary. Every M through 5/17 9 am-noon. \$207. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/26 - A Burning by Megha Majumdar** part of Virtual Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-0196; delraylibrary.org  
**4/26 - Virtual Reading & Discussion: Two Sisters and a Piano by Nilo Cruz** presented by Palm Beach Dramaworks and Actors' Playhouse. Discussion 7:30 pm 4/28; Reading 4/26 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 514-4042 x2; palmbeachdramaworks.org  
**Tuesday - 4/27 - Get Some Perspective! Beginner Pencil/Marker/Watercolor Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 5/18 10 am-12:30 pm. \$175. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/27 - Friends Virtual Book Club: The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich** presented Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Email for zoom link DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 393-7968; bocalibrary.org  
**4/27 - Introduction to Using Your Digital Camera Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 5/18 1-3 pm. \$143. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/27 - Collage and Mixed Media Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 5/18 1-4 pm. \$207. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/27 - Hand Drumming for Fun, Meditation, Healing Class** at Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 5/18. Virtual class 1:30-3 pm \$79; in-person class 6:30-8 pm \$111. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**Wednesday - 4/28 - Watercolor Basics 101 Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Drawing skills necessary. Every W through 5/19 9 am-noon. \$207. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/28 - Virtual Art About You Class: Beginner** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every W through 5/19 1-4 pm. \$207. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/28 - Virtual Photoshop for Photographers Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every W through 5/19 1:30-4 pm. \$175. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/28 - Virtual Video Editing with Adobe Premiere Pro Class** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org  
**4/28 - From Boilone to the Black Drink: The African Heritage in Florida's International Cuisine** presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org  
**Thursday - 4/29 - One-Day Trunk Show** at Voyage Boutique International, 400 Gulfstream Blvd, Delray Beach. Benefits Eat Better, Live Better. LaCosta Organica

jewelry & Voyage Boutique clothing. 10:30 am-7 pm; 5 pm cocktails. Free admission & parking. 279-2984; voyageboutique.com  
**4/29 - Abstract Painting: Acrylic Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th through 5/20 11 am-1 pm or 3-5 pm. \$143. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/29 - Authors Speak; The Impact of Race on American Society** hosted by The Spady Museum, Arts Garage, Delray Beach CRA. Speaker Richard Rothstein, author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*; Q&A follows. 3:30-5 pm. Free. Live Zoom broadcast from The Spady Museum & Arts Garage Facebook pages. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com  
**4/29 - Jackie Venson** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7 pm show. \$15-\$30. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com  
**4/29 - Watercolor Basics 101 Online Class** presented by Creative Arts School, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Drawing skills necessary. Every Th through 5/20 6-8:30 pm. \$175. Registration: 846-2349; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/29 - Memory Lane Dinner Show** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$32/3 course dinner; \$25/menu selections; +tax/gratuity. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com  
**4/29 - Night Stalkers** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour; look at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Flashlights recommended, not required. Age 9+. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. RSVP: 966-7000; pbcnature.com  
**4/29-5/1 - Art Heist Experience** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W-Sun; 5-9 shows daily, check website for times. Tickets start at \$44. 832-7469; kravis.org  
**Friday - 4/30 - Cowboy Mouth** at The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 & 8 pm doors open; 6 & 9 pm shows. \$30-\$45. 465-3946; funkybiscuit.com  
**4/30 - Cabs and Blends Wine Tasting** at Gourmetphile, 501 SE Mizner Blvd #80, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$125/person; \$25 credited to purchase of wines tasted. 757-6208; gourmetphile.com  
**4/30 - Reflections of Who's Next** at Mizner Park Cultural Center Main Theatre, 201 W. Plaza Rd, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$25. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com  
**4/30 - North Mississippi Allstars** at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Gates open 6:30 pm; show 8 pm. \$120-\$300. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org  
**4/30 - Garage Queens 2021** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10:30 pm. In person \$25-\$35; live streamed \$10. 450-6357; artsgarage.org  
**Saturday - 5/1 - 2021 Virtual Judy Levis Krug Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival** presented by Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center. More than 50 Jewish-themed films to watch at home. Runs through 5/16. Individual tickets \$4.99-\$12; film pass packages \$59-\$299. Check website for schedule & tickets: 961-8002; bocajff.org  
**5/1 - Delray Beach GreenMarket** every Saturday through 5/22, Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market  
**5/1-2 - Art in the Garden** at 3 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Presented by Delray Beach Historical Society & The Colony Hotel & Cabana Club. Delray Art League & Plein Air Painters Palm Beach showcase historic places & DBHS Heritage Gardens. 15% of art sale proceeds benefit archive preservation. Art, history exhibits, refreshments more. Held again 5/29-30. Free. Call/check website for hours: 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org  
**5/1-2 - 10th Annual L-Dub Film Festival** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Call for times/price: 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

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**Sunday - 4/25 - Bavarian Fruhschoppen** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. No t-shirts or shorts. Facial coverings required except while at your dining table. 4th Sun Jan-Sep 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Free admission; all items a la carte. Reservations: 967-6464; americangermanclub.org  
**4/25 - Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake** at

## House of the Month



The coastal style living room features vaulted ceilings with windows and sliders opening to a lush tropical landscaped lot overlooking the Red Reef golf course.

# Paradise found in East Boca

This beautiful furnished beach house is in the prestigious Sun and Surf neighborhood of East Boca.

The house sits on an oversized lot on a quiet cul-de-sac and backs to Red Reef Executive Golf Course on State Road A1A.

Remodeled in 2017, the home has impact glass windows and doors, gorgeous hardwood floors and vaulted wood ceilings. The gourmet kitchen opens to a cozy family room with a fireplace.

There are two bedrooms downstairs and a master and two additional bedrooms upstairs. The master suite has a morning bar, super-large closets and a fabulous oversized bath with expected amenities.

The outdoor area is an entertainer's dream with mature landscaping overlooking the golf course, an open, poolside paved patio as well as a covered patio for dining from the outdoor kitchen, terraces, a summer kitchen and wrap-around heated pool with spa.

Offered at \$2,799,000 by Joyce Schneider of Castles By The Beach Realty, 561-212-4403 or [joyce@castlesbythebeach.com](mailto:joyce@castlesbythebeach.com).



The outdoor area has a summer kitchen, heated pool and spa, plus patios, terraces and a pergola off the family room.



ABOVE: The kitchen has Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances, as well as Calacatta marble counter-tops.

LEFT: VIP first-floor guest suite overlooks a tranquil garden.

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