

Along the Coast

State fails to require inspections of condos

More local rules likely after bill dies in Legislature

By Joel Engelhardt

Legislators stood on the precipice of requiring condos statewide to conduct structural engineering inspections. But they couldn't bring themselves to require that condos keep millions in reserve to pay for repairs.

Sea wall repairs at Dune Deck condo in South Palm Beach may have to wait. **Page 25**

The result is that nine months after Champlain Towers South collapsed in Surfside, killing 98 people, only two

municipalities in Palm Beach County have added an inspection requirement: Boca Raton and Highland Beach.

"I'm glad we acted last year," Boca Mayor Scott Singer said. "It means Boca Raton continues to lead when others didn't."

The county, which put off rules of its own to see what the Legislature would do, will reconsider standards suggested by a task force of local building officials last fall, County Mayor Robert Weinroth said.

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With the broken bridge to the east, Albert Chung, a surveyor with Ranger Construction, uses GPS tools to determine the new road edge and drainage slope as part of the reconstruction of George Bush Boulevard. It's scheduled to finish in summer 2023. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Delray Beach

STUCK AGAIN

Residents say bridge closure on Bush Boulevard feels worse than past shutdowns

By Rich Pollack

Betsy Cooke remembers when the George Bush Boulevard bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway closed for five months in 2010.

An eight-minute walk from her Delray Beach home on the east side of the bridge to her office on the west side became

an eight-block drive south on State Road A1A to cross the Atlantic Avenue bridge before she then headed back north on

Federal Highway.

While she and others took the work on the bridge in stride back then, the unexpected breakdown that closed it last month is different, she says.

"It was still an inconvenience back then, but it wasn't as bad as it is now because of the amount of traffic and congestion," Cooke says. "I go over that bridge sometimes five

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Ocean Ridge

'I am going to save this dog'

Ocean Ridge officer honored for rescuing German shepherd that fell into waterway

By Joe Capozzi

Not long after the rains stopped, another intruder dropped in from the sky.

A pesky pelican, as other pelicans had been doing about

every other day for the past several years, settled onto the top of a wooden post on the dock behind Bill Wright's home on the Intracoastal Waterway in Ocean Ridge.

And once again, "the boys,"

as Wright refers to his two adult German shepherds, weren't pleased.

The big dogs, who take pride in patrolling the backyard, responded the same way they had to previous pelican intrusions: Gunner, 10, hanging

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Ocean Ridge community policing officer Debra Boyle holds Remy, the 9-year-old German shepherd she rescued from the Intracoastal Waterway. **Rachel S. O'Hara/The Coastal Star**

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Connie Siskowski, president and founder of the American Association of Caregiving Youth in Boca Raton, displays art from some of her clients in AACY headquarters. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Editor's Note

Give me a break! I mean that in a good way

It's not that I'm slowing down or losing interest. There are no urgent responsibilities that must be addressed. My health is good. But like the dropping barometer before a storm, there's an ever-present pressure nagging at me to slow down, urging me to analyze how I want to use what's left of my time on this Earth.

So, I'm scaling back my daily involvement at *The Coastal Star* and passing along a few of my myriad responsibilities to other extremely capable journalists. Although none of them is new to the paper, they should get recognition for the roles they play in the paper's success:

Mary Thurwachter (marytg@bellsouth.net) is our features editor. All the great content in our Around Town section is under her leadership — as are the people profiles inside our News section.

Steve Plunkett (gplunk99@gmail.com) directs and edits our coverage of Boca Raton and Highland Beach.

And new to the management team, Larry Barszewski (larrybarszewski@bellsouth.net) is now our editor for Gulf Stream, Delray Beach, Lantana and Boca Raton's Beach and Park District.

I'll still edit the remainder of our municipalities. I'm not going away.

All three of these managing editors have extensive daily newspaper experience in South Florida. They are

award-winning professionals. Trusted pros. The newspaper remains in good hands.

Starting, owning and running *The Coastal Star* is one of the most immensely gratifying experiences of my life. Working with the talented journalists who contribute to the newspaper each month has sped my time since 2008 — when we first began filling a news void by reporting on the coastal communities in southern Palm Beach County.

It's been, dare I say, fun, but it's also been time consuming. My hope is that by passing on a little more responsibility to these three managing editors, it will lift some of the pressure and allow me to take back some needed personal time.

Rest assured that Advertising Director Chris Bellard and Publisher Jerry Lower have no plans to slow down. They'll continue to lead our amazing sales, production, photography and circulation teams.

That's how I know we'll keep delivering the local news and information our readers have come to expect. They will keep the business running. Let them know if you have questions.

If you have news tips or story ideas, feel free to drop me an email. I'll still be

around.
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Boca woman helps kids who are caretakers

By Tao Woolfe

It's difficult to get Connie Siskowski to talk about herself.

Seated in her sunny, plant-filled office, she deflects questions about her status as a local — and even national — hero by talking instead about the secret world of caregiving children.

The children, she says softly, are the real heroes.

When a family member is ill, and hiring help is not possible, kids become caregivers. Their grades suffer, school participation falls off, and their demeanor changes.

About 22% of these children drop out of school to administer medicines, keep house, shop, cook, provide companionship, and help a disabled relative shower or walk.

"Schools look at dropouts and the dropout rate, but often they don't consider what goes on behind closed doors," Siskowski says.

Children won't talk about caregiving, fearing ridicule or reprisal. It's a hard, lonely role.

Siskowski knows about the weight. She was raised in New Jersey by her grandparents and when her grandfather became ill, she cared for him until she came home from school and found him dead.

Such situations are not rare. An estimated 3.4 million to 5.4 million children in the U.S. help care for ailing adults, according to 2020 statistics.

In Florida, according to Siskowski's groundbreaking research, more than 290,000 children are helping a sick parent or sibling.

After her grandfather's death, Siskowski became a nurse — earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore.

She moved to Boca Raton in 1990, bought and sold a home-care business, and continued a career in family care. Through that work, Siskowski learned

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about the underground world of child caregivers here and abroad.

A few years later, she took the advice of her husband, Gary: Go get your Ph.D. from Boca Raton's Lynn University. For her doctoral dissertation Siskowski studied young caregivers in Palm Beach County.

"When I realized the extent of the population, I began wondering how to make a difference," Siskowski says.

After finishing her degree at Lynn in 2004, she founded the nonprofit American Association of Caregiving Youth and eventually changed the lives of hundreds of children who know her as "Dr. Connie."

She worked with county middle and high schools to identify children who might be slipping under the tide of their families' needs. She talked with anyone willing to look beneath the patina of Palm Beach County.

Today, AACY is the only organization of its kind in the United States, offering free support to caregiving kids ages 8-18. It has won many awards.

In 2012, CNN profiled Siskowski's work in a nationwide telecast.

Municipalities beyond Boca Raton have since asked for AACY's help to set up similar programs.

AACY's services include counseling, in-home help, tutoring, equipment, a getaway camp, help with scheduling work, play and caregiving, and — perhaps most important — networking with other caregiving kids.

"When they meet others caring for family members, they realize they are not alone,"

Siskowski says.

Julianna Doran was one of the children touched by AACY.

Now 21 and getting ready to start her own life, Doran was in the sixth grade when she met Siskowski.

Doran helped care for her brother Joshua, who has cerebral palsy.

"I would feed, bathe, change — anything you can think of — to help my brother," Doran says. "Sometimes I did more than I should."

AACY held events that allowed Doran to meet other caregiving youths.

"I could see that some kids had it worse than me," Doran says. "It really helped to hear that I was not the only one dealing with that situation."

Doran says Siskowski is a good listener who does not judge.

"She never had that 'I'm better than you' mentality. Everyone has positive things to say about Dr. Connie," Doran says. "I'm happy to be part of her amazing group."

Siskowski, 75, says that when her path grows especially steep, her faith keeps her going.

Ken Roughton, Siskowski's pastor at First United Methodist Church in Boca Raton for more than 20 years, says Siskowski, in turn, "makes a difference in the life of everybody who meets her."

"Though she's quiet and understated, she is a strong person who has a clear sense of what God wants her to be doing."

Every minister hopes his congregants can find ways to embody the gospel, Roughton says. But Siskowski seems to do that effortlessly.

"Connie always finds ways to bring faith to life in the community," he says. ★

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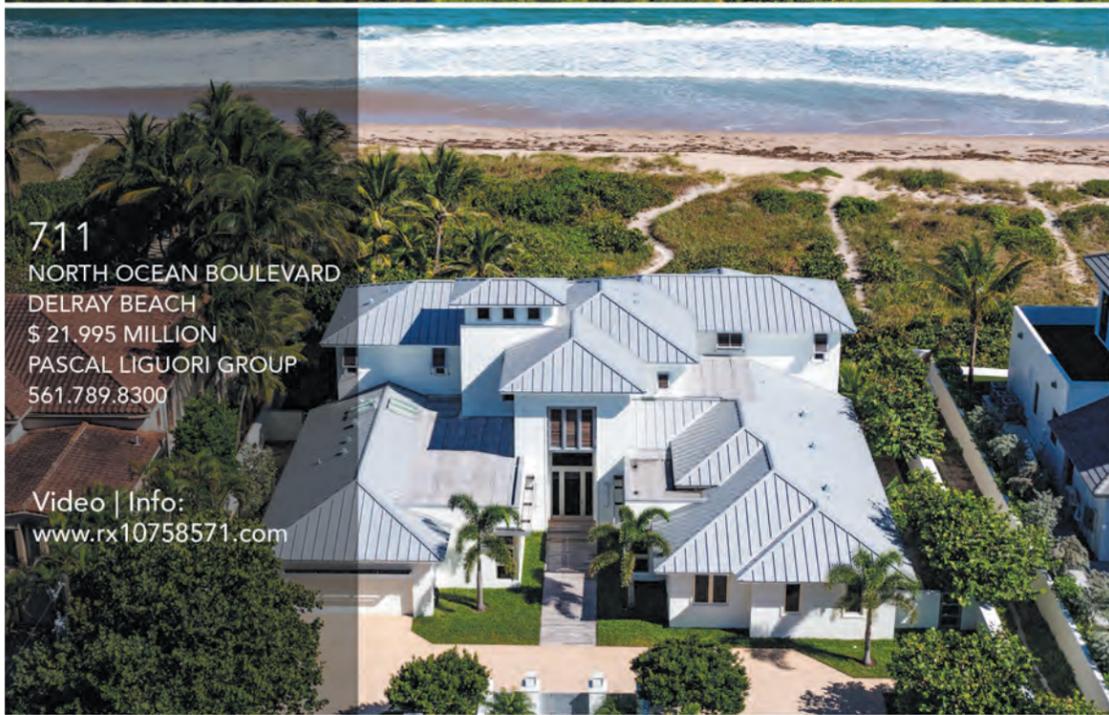
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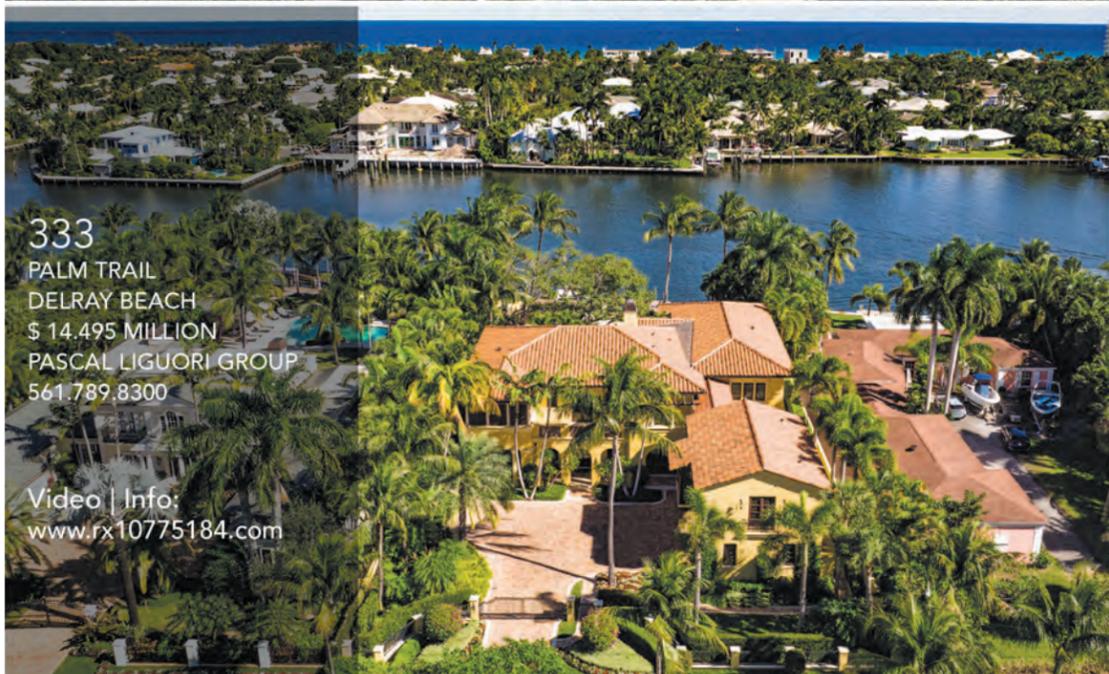
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Letter to the Editor

Say no to \$2 million wetland purchase

On Monday, April 4, the Ocean Ridge Town Commission will vote on the town's purchase of an undeveloped wetland parcel adjoining the Intracoastal Waterway. The price tag is \$2 million. The stated reason for the purchase is to create a nature preserve.

The motivation for the purchase is more likely a fear that the property will be purchased by a developer.

The residents of Ocean Ridge and town commissioners need to consider the purchase in the context of the town's numerous capital spending priorities.

In the most recent capital budget, over \$400,000 of budget priorities were deferred to future budget years. Additionally, the \$200,000 annual road repaving budget has been deferred for the past four budget years.

The town's infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrade or replacement. Our municipal water lines must soon be replaced along with the multimillion-dollar cost of the septic to sewer conversion. I believe that rebuilding our town's infrastructure is a higher priority than the purchase of an Intracoastal wetland.

If the motivation for the land purchase is the fear of the development of a private property, I believe it is an unfounded fear. The development of this wetland parcel would require years of governmental reviews and litigation. Approvals must be obtained from numerous agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District and the town of Ocean Ridge. While it may not be impossible for a developer to obtain all the necessary approvals, it is unlikely.

What is the real risk if Ocean Ridge does not purchase this property? The risk is that a number of years down the road this property gets developed into a residential enclave of multimillion-dollar homes that become part of our community and add to our property tax base. That's a risk that I think our elected commissioners should be willing to take and we as Ocean Ridge residents should wholeheartedly support them in taking.

*Ric Carey
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Gulf Stream

Last of town's power poles are coming down

By Steve Plunkett

Folks who 10 years ago paid special assessments to have the town's electric, phone and cable TV lines buried underground are visually about to get their money's worth.

Crews from Florida Power & Light Co. started removing the unsightly power poles in Gulf Stream in early March, Town Manager Greg Dunham told town commissioners at their March 11 meeting.

"In fact, I saw one of the trucks go by during (this) meeting," Dunham said.

He also reported that Gulf Stream was set to make its last payment in March on the \$2.43 million loan it took out in 2012 to fund the project while it collected the property owners' assessments. Owners of single-family homes paid \$11,907 on average, while owners of condominiums paid \$7,057 on average, either upfront or in annual installments.

"It's kind of poetic," Commissioner Paul Lyons said of the coincidental timing of electric pole removal and debt repayment.

The entire project cost \$6.5 million.

Removing the poles will take six to eight weeks, Dunham estimated. The FPL crews started on Golfview Drive and will work their way north through the Core district.



Dunham said they took out three roadside poles on March 10, but said those were easier to remove than poles in easements behind homes, such as those on Polo Drive.

The last poles to go will be those along State Road A1A.

The underground project began in earnest south of Golfview in 2012. That phase finished in 2018. Work on the second phase, from Golfview north, started in late 2016.

In other business:

• Commissioners passed ordinances on first reading to regulate trash collection and outdoor lighting. When approved, the trash ordinance

will prohibit residents from putting bulk waste or vegetative debris out for collection more than 24 hours before pickup. Lawn maintenance companies will have to take vegetative debris with them the same day it is created or accumulated.

The outdoor lighting measure will update the town code to refer to the measurement of brightness "using lumens instead of the outdated standard of watts."

• Heard from Police Chief Edward Allen that a Porsche stolen in 2020 from the 4000 block of North Ocean Boulevard was recovered in Houston, Texas, in February with changed VIN numbers and a black vinyl

wrap disguising its original color. Even with the new VIN numbers authorities were able to track the vehicle's ownership. "There's hidden VIN plates on all your cars," Allen said.

• Approved 3-0, with Commissioner Donna White absent and Lyons recusing himself, the site plan for a new home at 4225 N. County Road for Lyons' daughter, Olivia, and her husband, David Endres.

Lyons and Endres are building a two-story, 2,498-square-foot Gulf Stream Bermuda style dwelling. The house needed four special exceptions: for a 25-foot front setback; for 10-foot side setbacks and a 17-foot-8-inch

Work crews contracted by FPL were unloading wooden power poles at a temporary storage site at the Gulf Stream Golf Club. More than 15 poles had been removed by March 22. **Jerry Lower/ The Coastal Star**

rear setback; for a 10-foot rear setback for the swimming pool; and to allow for a home of up to 2,500 square feet on a lot of less than 7,576 square feet.

"It's a nice looking house. Special exceptions are deserved," Commissioner Joan Orthwein said.

Mayor Scott Morgan said the proposal was in direct contrast to a request in February for a special exception at 588 Banyan Road, which he alone on the commission opposed.

"Last month we debated large homes on large lots and special exceptions; interestingly this month we have a small lot and ... the interest of the town in developing, particularly on North County Road, small lots. We don't want too small a home, but there's an interest for the town in maintaining a certain architectural integrity," Morgan said.

"And I think that is what you are attempting to do, that is, put a more spacious home on what is a compromised, small lot. And so it justifies the need for the special exceptions that you have requested," he said.

"We are trying to balance the need for attractive homes, contemporary homes on small lots by allowing special exceptions whereas on the other hand," he said, "with large homes on larger lots we may not be quite as forgiving." ★

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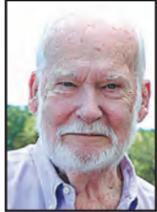
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back and barking; Remy, 9, giving chase across the tiled patio next to the dock and sea wall.

The previous encounters always ended with Remy, on full charge toward the dock, slamming on the brakes as the startled bird flew away.

**Wright**

But this time, on the morning of Jan. 11, the rain added a slick, unfortunate twist that would prompt a call for help to Ocean Ridge's finest.

"Remy runs out, he puts the brakes on, but the brakes did not work because it was all wet," Wright recalled. "He flew 20 to 25 feet straight into the water."

Although Remy is a dog of many talents — including an ability to open and close door latches — swimming is not one of them. He managed to paddle his way back toward the sea wall but got stranded under the dock, unable to reach safe ground.

Wright, who was reading a newspaper when he heard the loud splash, tried to coax Remy to safety with treats. But the frightened dog kept treading water.

"I thought, 'What in the heck am I gonna do?'" said Wright, whose wife died in October. "I'm 80 years old. I can't go into the water."

He called the police.

Within minutes, three officers were in his backyard searching for the source of the desperate yelps echoing across the water.

"The first officer to arrive

tells me, 'The dog's under the dock. I don't know how we're going to get down there,'" recalled community policing officer Debra Boyle, who was the third officer to arrive.

Boyle, a dog lover who owns a Cavalier King Charles spaniel and a German shepherd-Lab mix, said Remy's cries for help emboldened her to act.

"It was more of a scared howl," she said. "If you heard it, it just went through your body. I was like, 'I've got to get in there. I've got to help this dog.'"

Without saying a word, Boyle removed her gear, kicked off her boots and jumped into the water. Doing her best to walk near the base of the sea wall, she waded waist-deep toward the German shepherd, not sure how the dog would react when she got close.

"He was in open water and he was just in distress. He was

trying to keep himself up," she said. "I thought, 'I am going to save this dog whether he bites me or he doesn't.'"

As she got closer, she talked to Remy in a calm, low voice.

"I just kept telling him, 'It's all right. You're a good boy,'" she recalled. "Then I put my hand out and just grabbed his collar and pulled him back over to" a floating dock.

Remy, who was uninjured, shook the water from his fur and sprinted up a ramp to the patio, where he was welcomed back by Wright and Gunner.

"He went to his owner and I walked to my car," Boyle said. "I did what I needed to do and I went back to the station, took a shower, got dressed and went back on duty."

Nearly two months later, Boyle was ordered to attend the March 7 Ocean Ridge Town Commission meeting, where

Police Chief Richard Jones publicly recognized her for rescuing Remy.

As a token of his appreciation, Wright donated a boat to the Police Department. Jones said the boat, a 14-foot hard-bottom inflatable with a water jet engine similar to a water scooter, would be used for patrols and rescues on the Intracoastal.

Mayor Kristine de Haseth said she wants the boat to be named The 4 Paws.

Wright said Boyle exemplifies why he believes Ocean Ridge police officers "are beyond normal police officers. She just kicked her boots off, went in the damn water; there were no questions and she brought him right out. She just did it. She saved him." ★

**Washed ashore**

Ocean Ridge — March 6

Endless, a 34-foot Bristol sailboat, came ashore after the anchor line failed and high winds blew the boat to the beach. Jason Harris of Key West, the live-aboard owner, did not have the money to get the boat towed out to sea or repaired, so he abandoned it and has since moved to North Carolina.

"Harris is agreeing to sign over the ownership of the boat to the Town of Ocean Ridge and we will take the responsibility of having it removed," Police Chief Richard Jones said.

Because the \$10,000 to \$12,000 estimate from Sea Tow to remove the boat would exceed the town manager's discretionary spending limit, the topic will be on the agenda of the Town Commission meeting April 4.

Sea turtle nesting season means the boat cannot be cut up and removed by a bulldozer on the beach. Nearly \$7,000 has been raised since local resident Charles McIntyre set up [gofundme.com/f/emergency-shipwreck-relief-fund](https://www.gofundme.com/f/emergency-shipwreck-relief-fund) to help Harris start his new life. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Briny Breezes**Council might outlaw release of balloons, sky lanterns**

By Joe Capozzi

Releasing balloons and sky lanterns into the sky can be a festive and visually stunning sight. In Briny Breezes, it may soon be outlawed.

Concerned about the environmental impacts after what goes up eventually comes down, the Town Council has asked the town attorney to draft language for a proposed ordinance that would prohibit the release of balloons and sky lanterns in town.

"We go out on our boat and walk on the beach all the time and we are constantly picking up balloons," Alderwoman Christina Adams said when she proposed the ordinance at a March 24 council meeting.

"Not that they're coming from Briny and these surrounding areas but they're still littering our beach.

"One of our biggest sea turtle populations in the state nest right here. The sea turtles can get tangled in them. They think they're jellyfish and (try to) eat them."

Adams said Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Palm Beach Gardens are among municipalities that prohibit the release of balloons and lanterns. So do Palm Beach County parks, including Gulfstream Park nearby.

Council members agreed with her and suggested adding cigarette butts and fireworks to the ordinance.

Attorney Keith Davis said regulating fireworks might be difficult but he'd look into the request and present a proposal in a month or so.

Alderman Bill Birch asked how the town would enforce such an ordinance, especially since Briny Breezes hasn't done

any code enforcement other than parking violations.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones, whose officers patrol Briny, said he'd look into ways citations could be issued, along with a schedule of fines.

"I do like the enforceability of it," Mayor Gene Adams said. "I think it's the impression of control: If you write one or two tickets, the (word) will get out."

Council jobs filled

At an organizational meeting on March 15, the council reappointed Sue Thaler as president, swore in Christina Adams for another term and re-elected Gene Adams as mayor.

Kathy Gross, who won another term because she was unopposed, was sworn in March 24 after she was unable to attend the March 15 meeting.

Although the council always appoints its president, it rarely

elects a mayor. The vote on March 15 resulted from a campaign paperwork error that disqualified Adams from the regular March election.

Since no one else filed to run for the mayor's post on March 8, the council was required to seek mayoral candidates and appoint a new mayor on March 15 in order to avoid paying for a special election. Gene Adams was the only person in town to request consideration for mayor.

Gross was reappointed as the Town Council's deputy bookkeeper.

The council made the following appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board: Keith Black for District 1, Tom Goudreau for District 2, Jerry Lower for District 3, Brad Keller for District 4 and Kris Weir to an at-large seat. Bob Jurovaty was appointed as an alternate. A second alternate spot is still

open. Interested candidates should contact the town clerk.

In other business:

- The council asked the police chief to look into how much it would cost to relocate two license plate recognition cameras from the State Road A1A intersection at Cordova Avenue two blocks south to the intersection at Briny Breezes Boulevard.

If the cameras are moved, Jones asked the council to also consider adding a third camera at the Briny Breezes Boulevard intersection to capture northbound, southbound and eastbound traffic.

A third camera would cost \$2,500.

- The town will hold its first workshop for the 2022-23 budget on June 23 at 3 p.m., one hour before the start of the council's regular monthly meeting. ★

Delray Beach

Delray CRA digs in heels over Old School Square payments

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is demanding the return of \$187,500 it gave to the former operators of the Old School Square campus that is the cultural heart of the city's downtown.

The CRA board, composed of the five city commissioners and two independent residents in the redevelopment district, also voted March 22 to cancel the rest of the agreement that would have given the fired arts organization another \$562,500.

The board voted 6-0 to accept the staff recommendations. Board member Adam Frankel did not vote, having left the meeting about 30 minutes earlier.

The CRA said the nonprofit, formally known as the Old School Square Center for the Arts, failed to meet a March 10 deadline to provide financial documents, such as canceled checks, for the money it received for the first quarter of the 2020-21 budget year.

"In response to the CRA's recent decision to retroactively void its grant agreement ... and ask OSSCA to return money that has already been spent on CRA-approved programming, the CRA is forcing OSSCA to enter into litigation with the CRA," wrote Carli Brinkman, the group's spokeswoman, in a March 24 email to *The Coastal Star*.

The nonprofit already filed suit against the city in November and the two have been at odds for more than eight years.

Former Mayor Cary Glickstein tried to constrain the group in December 2016 with a tighter lease that included financial reporting obligations. After the group could not fulfill those obligations the past two years, the City Commission voted 3-2 in August to terminate its lease as of Feb. 9. The organization had been paying the city \$1 annually for the 4-acre campus at Atlantic and Swinton avenues.

The former Old School Square operators had received more than \$9 million from the CRA in the past 18 years, ranking them first among nonprofits receiving CRA assistance. For that money, the CRA requires nonprofits to undergo annual independent audits.

The Old School Square group did not submit audits for the past two budget years, using the pandemic as an excuse, while other nonprofits were able to meet the requirement.

Marko Cerenko, an attorney representing the former operators, wrote in a March 14 response to the CRA that

the nonprofit "has timely and continuously responded to the requests made of it." He estimated the CRA's public records request would cost between \$750 and \$1,500 for the time needed to retrieve the documents, redact personal information and copy the records. The CRA staff deemed the cost too high.

No OSSCA representative spoke at the March 22 CRA meeting, despite an invitation from CRA outside counsel Sanaz Alempour.

Patty Jones, the OSSCA board chairwoman, did write a March 21 email to CRA Executive Director Renee Jadusingh, calling the city's decision to terminate the lease "improper." She said the CRA's failure to talk with the board led to the diminishing size of the organization.

"We have no office, no program of work and no employees," Jones wrote. "We have provided reams of documents, but the agency has consistently and predictably moved the bar."

Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia at the March 22 meeting called Jones' comments "incendiary," denying any impropriety.

As to the failure to talk with the former operators, Petrolia said, "That's what happens when you file a lawsuit. Our attorney said not to talk with them after their lawsuit was filed in November."

She also bristled about Jones' describing the Old School

Square campus as sitting dark. "The city stepped up and made sure things were happening" after OSSCA "started canceling the events in October," she said.

While Jones lamented that the city was negotiating "to hand the keys to the heartbeat of our community to a Boca Raton-based nonprofit," Petrolia said she has visited the Boca Raton Museum of Art and was impressed. That museum is negotiating with Delray City Manager Terrence Moore to run Old School Square's Cornell Art Museum.

In other OSSCA news, the organization filed its amended lawsuit against the city and three officials on March 1.

Joy Howell, an ex-board OSSCA chairwoman, and Shannon Eadon, former OSSCA executive director, were dropped as defendants. City Commissioner Juli Casale was dropped in January after her attorney filed a motion for attorney's fees if she wins.

The current lawsuit has 10 counts against the city, including breach of the lease with the former Old School Square operators and two counts each against Petrolia, Vice Mayor Shirley Johnson and City Attorney Lynn Gelin for violations of the Sunshine Law and civil conspiracy to end the lease. The organization is seeking a jury trial to assess damages. According to its lease with the city, disputes are supposed to be settled by arbitration. ★

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BRIDGE

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or six times a day. ... It's a huge inconvenience."

The bridge broke March 3 and could be closed until the end of April — if not longer — because the replacement parts have to be custom made.

The closure could be just a taste of frustrations on the horizon if Palm Beach County determines it's finally time to replace the drawbridge, which opened in late 1949. County engineering and public works teams plan now to ask county commissioners for \$1 million for a bridge replacement evaluation.

"We recognize the best solution is to start the process of replacing this 72-year-old bridge and will be expediting the process, which starts with hiring a consultant to do an evaluation this year," County Mayor Robert Weinroth says. "Based on early estimates, we could potentially have a new bridge in about six years."

Citing exemptions included in the state's public records laws to protect critical infrastructure that could be subject to terrorist attacks, county officials would not release past inspection reports of the bridge or even discuss its operating system.

Past newspaper stories and limited information from Palm Beach County — which is responsible for maintenance of the bridge — show it has been closed for repairs and maintenance on multiple occasions, including three times between the summer of 2010 and the summer of 2011.

The bridge opened two years after the devastating 1947 hurricane closed portions of A1A and limited access to the nearby Atlantic Avenue bridge. In 2000, the city gave the bridge local historic designation.

In a statement issued March 18, county representatives said the cause of the recent problem was initially determined to be "damage to the original machinery, more specifically, a main shaft and gear section of the drive system."

A replacement shaft was installed a little over a week after the bridge shut down, but an inspection by an engineering firm showed that other drive shaft machinery parts, including a bearing, needed to be replaced.

While it has been several years since the aging bridge was closed for long periods of time, major parts have worn out before, according to news and county reports.

A January 2011 story in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* reported that the bridge had to be closed for several days to repair a broken shaft.

Those repairs came less than a month after the bridge reopened in December 2010 following five months of rehabilitation work. The maintenance included the replacement of the non-movable concrete approach slabs, replacement of original parapets with new concrete parapets to Florida Department

of Transportation standards, and repainting of exposed steel girders and beams.

Six months later, the bridge was closed again for a few days for electrical equipment updates, according to published reports.

An engineer's view

While there are many types of bascule bridges, or drawbridges, with different operating systems, those with shafts, gears and counterweights are among the most common.

Introduced in the 1870s to help get ships from the Great Lakes to industry while connecting downtown Chicago to the rest of the city, the most common bascule bridge is basically a level that rotates on an axle, according to Fred Bloetscher, an associate dean in Florida Atlantic University's College of Engineering.

Essentially the spans of the bridge are attached to the shafts, which run perpendicular to where the bridge deck meets the existing roadway, similar to the direction of the crossing gates, said Bloetscher, a civil engineer. The shaft is connected to a motor and series of gears and operates like a hinge, opening and closing when needed.

In many cases, a counterweight is added to help the motor lift the spans. Often, bridge decks are not made of solid steel to help reduce the weight. Instead, they may have steel grates.

Bloetscher says that over time, the shafts on a bridge can warp and wear because of repeated use. The heavy weight can also wear on the gears, which along with the shaft are subject to steady corrosion because of the wet, salty environment.

County engineering and public works teams are hoping to determine just how much of an impact wear and tear and corrosion have had on the George Bush Boulevard bridge. If the county approves the evaluation for major improvements or a total replacement, it would then hire a consultant to determine the details. The county also would put together a grant application for federal and state funding.

Design for the project is expected to be \$5 million while construction is expected to cost \$40 million.

Any bridge improvements can't come fast enough for Ocean Ridge residents like Matt Gracey. "I take that bridge just about every day," says Gracey, whose office is in Delray Beach.

Both Gracey and Cooke say their new commutes have been made more difficult, especially when they're traveling from east to west, because of construction for the Atlantic Crossing development on Atlantic Avenue between the avenue's bridge and Federal Highway.

Construction and congestion were not such a problem when the bridge was closed in 2010, Gracey says.

"I missed the bridge back then, but it wasn't as troubling as it is now," he said. ★



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, visiting the George Bush Boulevard bridge in Delray Beach on March 19, told residents and reporters that about \$19 billion has been set aside for infrastructure work in Florida as part of a bill Congress passed in late 2021. Some of the dozens of officials who joined Pelosi were (l-r) Palm Beach County Vice Mayor Gregg Weiss, U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, Delray Mayor Shelly Petrolia and Palm Beach County Mayor Robert Weinroth. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Pelosi visits broken bridge, says infrastructure bill could help

By Rich Pollack

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, one of the most recognizable women in the country, stood in front of the broken George Bush Boulevard bridge in Delray Beach on March 19 and talked about the community, commerce and the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill Congress passed in November.

She also took a poke at the majority of Republicans who voted against the bill.

In South Florida for a series of fundraising events, Pelosi talked about the positive impact the legislation will have on Florida and Palm Beach County. She pointed out that the state will receive \$19 billion as a result of the legislation, with \$245 million going toward bridges over the next five years.

Some of that money could be used to repair or replace the George Bush Boulevard bridge, which has been stuck in the upright position since March 3 and could remain that way for another six weeks or longer before repairs are carried out.

Surrounded by members of the Palm Beach County congressional delegation, including Rep. Lois Frankel and recently elected Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick — as well as county and city elected officials — during a news conference, Pelosi talked about the

importance of bridges as connectors in a community.

"When this connection comes down, it affects so many people," she said.

The disrepair of the Delray Beach bridge, which opened in late 1949, has an impact on businesses, she said, as well as coastal residents and others who use it on a regular basis.

Pelosi said the benefits of the infrastructure bill would be felt by people throughout the nation, including Palm Beach County.

"This legislation is very important to sustainability of communities," she said. "It's about safety, it's about commerce, it's about health, saving of time and quality of life."

While her comments were largely focused on infrastructure, politics came into play as Pelosi answered questions and referred to the all but 13 Republican members of Congress who voted against the legislation as those who "just say no and take the dough."

The news conference on the east side of bridge was not without disruption as a handful of trucks with Trump flags and motorcycles played loud music and revved engines from a short distance away. Pelosi took it in stride.

"It doesn't bother me," she said. "As a mother of five, I've always made my voice heard." ★

Broken bridge puts second whammy on neighbors

Businesses, church determined to press forward after construction on George Bush Boulevard first forced them to adapt



The Sail Inn, 657 George Bush Blvd.
Bass Raams, manager

“Happy hours have not been as happy” at the Sail Inn since George Bush Boulevard construction work moved east of Federal Highway in January, Raams says.

The \$2 million project includes a road resurfacing, utility and drainage improvements and adding 5-foot sidewalks and bike lanes. Work started in July and is expected to go until the summer of 2023.

If that wasn’t enough, the bar was hurt again when the nearby bridge broke in the open position March 3.

“We had a great flow from the city’s St. Pat’s Parade in the past,” Raams said, referring to before the pandemic hit. “But this year, the customers just could not reach us.”

Bicyclists and walkers used to come to the Sail Inn on weekends from the beach, but they can’t get to the bar while the bridge is not usable, Raams says.

“I love the beautification of George Bush Boulevard,” he says. “I just wish there was a way to have the bridge be closed in the down position permanently. That way, the traffic could travel across and the bicyclists and walkers could use it. And let the boaters find another way.”



Gulfstream Travel Inc., 800 Palm Trail Suite 1
Alice Meiners, owner, right, with Julie Kessman, agency manager

At Gulfstream Travel, with all the surrounding traffic confusion, Meiners says “we do not try to explain how to get here.”

Besides the road construction work and bridge closure on George Bush Boulevard, sometimes Palm Trail from Bond Way is not passable because of condo and home construction, Meiners says.

The travel agency does most of its work online, given its elderly and affluent clients who do not have easy access to the office, she says. It delivers tickets and other items to about 20% of its clientele, she says.

Since construction moved in front of the office, on the corner of Palm Trail and George Bush Boulevard, Meiners has had an up-close view of the road work.

“It’s been challenging,” Meiners says. But Kessman says they have endured worse.

“If we lived through COVID, we can survive anything,” Kessman says.



800 Palm Trail Grill, 800 Palm Trail
Darin Chelsea, manager

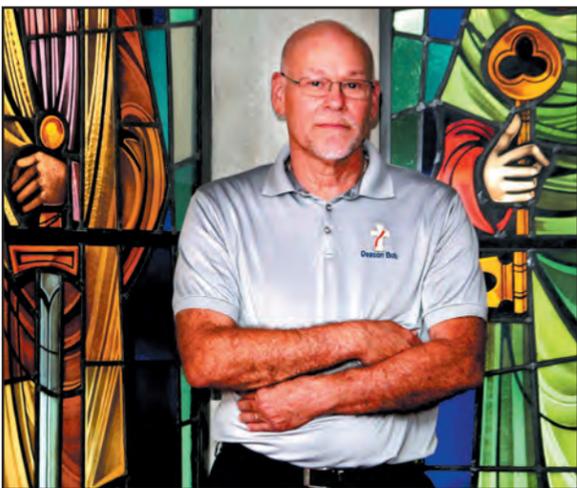
The George Bush Boulevard construction affected the 800 Palm Trail Grill “somewhat,” but the unusable nearby bridge “is costing us greatly,” Chelsea says.

Diners from Gulf Stream were flocking to the new restaurant when the bridge became stuck in the upright position. Chelsea estimates his restaurant, which had been open Tuesday through Saturday, has lost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each day since the bridge became impassable March 3.

“We have free parking and it’s not on Atlantic Avenue,” features he says add to the restaurant’s appeal. It can be a slog to drive on Atlantic, where parking meters are in effect in the evenings.

Chelsea isn’t thinking about changing anything in an attempt to bring in more diners, saying it would be too confusing, though the restaurant was to begin Sunday brunches starting March 27 and will open on Mondays starting April 4.

Instead, the restaurant’s website lists detour info about the road construction with the phone number and email address of the project’s community outreach specialist. Along Bond Way and Palm Trail, Chelsea has posted signs for the restaurant.



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd.
Deacon Bob Laquerre, parish manager

Just when Laquerre thought the worst of George Bush Boulevard construction would be finished soon, the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway became stuck in the open position.

Parishioners have still been finding their way to church, says Laquerre, but the road mess and bridge closure are presenting problems for others.

“Visitors are not finding us,” he says. “We count on their attendance.”

Even so, collections were up between 15% to 20% when compared to similar weeks in 2019, the year before the pandemic struck and the church was forced to close, Laquerre says.

St. Vincent did not have a parish festival in February 2021 because the vaccines were not widely available. This year’s has been rescheduled to April 29-May 1 because of the road construction.

“We will have more rides but not the indoor flea market,” Laquerre says. “We are also transitioning away from running our own food booths to providing food trucks. This provides more variety and helps reduce our need for volunteers.”



Second Time Around, 801 George Bush Blvd.
Jen Davis, owner

George Bush Boulevard construction work is “inconvenient ... the price you pay for progress,” says Davis, owner of Second Time Around.

The roadwork, overseen by the Florida Department of Transportation, will add sidewalks to her block, making the street safer for walkers and bike riders.

But Davis says it hasn’t stopped sales at her upscale consignment shop, which features women’s clothing and accessories — including designer names — from going “through the roof.”

She credits pent-up demand for in-store shopping after the pandemic began to ease.

Her clients are not affected by the closed bridge, which broke March 3. They find her business by doing Google searches for consignment shops, she says.

Davis also sees more tourists visiting the area and more people moving to Delray Beach. “It’s no longer the sleepy village by the sea,” she says.



Bella Reina, 815 George Bush Blvd.
Nancy Reagan, owner

For Reagan and her spa, the closing of the George Bush Boulevard bridge has been something of a blessing in disguise.

Before the bridge got stuck in the up position, two-way traffic on George Bush Boulevard during roadway construction made it difficult for customers to navigate their way into the spa’s parking lot.

Now, with the bridge out and traffic coming only from the west, fewer cars mean customers have less congestion — and fewer headaches — to contend with.

“We’re really lucky the bridge didn’t break when it was in the down position,” Reagan says. Most of Bella Reina’s clients make appointments, so the staff has the opportunity to let them know that the bridge is out before they arrive.

“The bridge being out hasn’t hurt our business because we’re a destination,” she says.

“We’ve been very proactive in telling them how to get here,” Reagan adds, recommending barrier island clients use either the Woolbright Road bridge or the Linton Boulevard bridge and avoid the congestion of Atlantic Avenue.

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CONDOS

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“We gave them a chance,” Weinroth said of state legislators. “They made the decision through their inaction to basically give it back to us. ... We’re going to have to revisit this.”

While Boca and Highland Beach moved forward on an inspection requirement, other municipalities that contributed to the task force held off on taking action after the county decided against it on Oct. 19.

Expressing disappointment in the Legislature’s failure, South Palm Beach Town Manager Robert Kellogg said in an email the cities and towns would renew their earlier work.

“As you know, many of the provisions in the House and Senate bills were items we had in our draft reports,” he wrote. “I believe we need some uniformity for all of the coastal communities.”

In August, *The Coastal Star* found that 90% of the 348 condos along the barrier island from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton are more than 25 years old.

In October, the county considered inspections for buildings 25 years and older east of Interstate 95 and 35 years or older west of the highway, a more stringent standard than the 40-year requirement in Broward and Miami-Dade



Boca Raton (above) and Highland Beach are the only two municipalities in Palm Beach County to require inspections of older condominium buildings. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

counties. Champlain Towers had stood in Surfside for 40 years when it collapsed.

The buildings, four stories and above, would be reinspected every 10 years. But the county proposal did not force condo boards to maintain sufficient reserves to pay for repairs, a matter controlled by state law.

By then, Boca Raton had already taken action, establishing rules on Aug. 24 that called for inspections of buildings taller than three stories after 30 years and then every 10 years thereafter.

Highland Beach requires inspections after 25 years, with reinspections in some cases as soon as seven years later.

But without legislation to get condos to start stashing money away early, condo boards could be facing huge bills to pay for crucial work.

“If we’re not going to take the second step to financial ability, that just increases the liability of those condo associations,” Weinroth said. “We all have to agree that it’s not enough to identify the problems in the building if there’s not the wherewithal to correct them.”

Added Richard Radcliffe, executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, “Can you mandate inspections if there’s no way to pay for repairs? It makes it harder. ... And that’s not a city function. That’s a state

function.”

But such financial requirements are just what the Florida Senate stripped out of the bill March 10, when senators voted unanimously to support inspection requirements only. The House didn’t go along with the change, so no bill passed.

Both sides approved bills that required a “milestone” structural engineering inspection for all Florida condos and co-ops three stories or taller 30 years after opening and then once every 10 years. Buildings within 3 miles of the coastline would be inspected after 20 years. An exception was carved out for two-family or three-family units with three or fewer habitable stories above ground.

However, the House went further. In House Bill 7069, members approved language on Feb. 24 that called for a study of reserve funds every three years, starting in 2024.

The study would have to include a summary of the findings of the milestone inspection report; an estimate of the useful life of the structural components of the building and of the cost of “maintenance, repair, replacement, or restoration” of each major component; an estimate of the total annual assessment that may be necessary to cover the costs; and a schedule for the full funding of reserves.

A Feb. 17 version of the bill blocked condo associations

from waiving the collection of reserves or collecting less than required, a House staff analysis said. The Feb. 24 version didn’t ban waivers outright but said that if a condo board waives reserves or uses existing reserve funds for other purposes, it must post a conspicuous message in condo documents saying:

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The bill’s House sponsor, Rep. Danny Perez, R-Miami, told the *Miami Herald* that the Senate’s change was unacceptable, warning that it would not help avoid future tragedies.

“We believe in the House that the bill we passed off the House floor was going to get us as close as ever to making sure that the incident that took place at Surfside never happened again,” Perez told the *Herald*.

He also said that, while he was confident “that the Senate is in agreement with the fact that something has to be done, unfortunately, this couldn’t be the year that we do it.” ★

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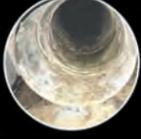
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Ocean Ridge

Commission to vote on spending \$2 million for 9 acres in lagoon

By Joe Capozzi

Ocean Ridge commissioners plan to vote on whether to spend \$2 million to acquire roughly 9 acres in a mangrove-filled lagoon north of Town Hall.

If commissioners approve the purchase on April 4, the town plans to rezone the 8.95-acre tract from "residential single-family" to "preservation/conservation" as part of a long-term plan to possibly open the area for recreation, Town Manager Tracey Stevens said in a March 7 memo.

Palm Beach County and Spanish Creek LLC have already applied to the town for the same zoning change on land they own immediately south and east of the land the town wants to buy for \$1.999 million from the William Priest Family Trust.

Purchasing and rezoning the 8.95 acres would create an expanded area "to preserve the precious mangrove areas and related marine habitats and resources," and offer potential savings to town residents through improved flood ratings, Stevens said.

Her memo doesn't mention the fact that the acreage borders a 3.3-acre sliver to the east owned by Waterfront ICW Properties, a company that's been fighting the town and nearby condos in court over its plans to build a road and residential homes in the lagoon.

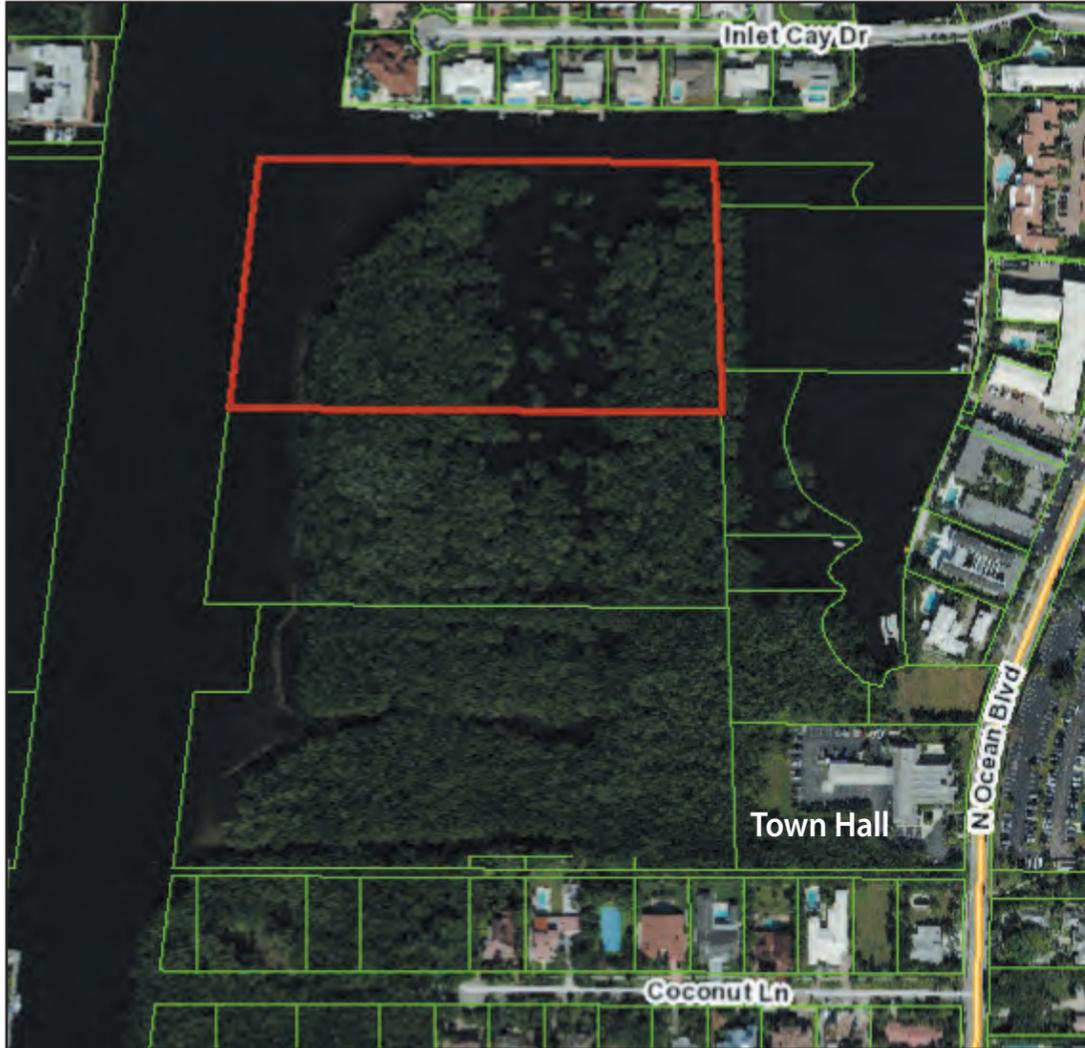
The town has been under contract with the Priest Family Trust since Feb. 22, with a 60-day due diligence period allowing the town to receive two appraisals, as required by state law.

Stevens said she expected the appraisals to be done before the April 4 Town Commission meeting.

If the appraisals come in under the \$1.999 million price, the purchase can move forward only with a supermajority vote of the Town Commission. If the appraisals meet or exceed the asking price, a simple majority would be needed to approve the purchase.

Commissioners plan to vote on the purchase April 4 after hearing comments from the public.

"We are delighted to purchase this property and work with the county to make sure the area is completely rezoned for conservation," Mayor Kristine de Haseth said of the potential opportunity.



The stand of mangroves (outlined in red) that the town wants to acquire and rezone from residential single-family to preservation/conservation could ensure no residential development would occur in an area that is always flooded. Graphic provided

the asking price, but that was rejected because the seller had accepted another offer, which was later withdrawn during the due diligence period, paving the way for the town to submit its offer again, Stevens said.

Although the seller had other "competing offers on the table," the town's offer was accepted Feb. 22, Stevens said.

Though the 8.95 acres is in a lagoon off the Intracoastal Waterway, research by town staff shows the land has been zoned for residential use since at least 1975, Stevens said.

In other town business:

• The salary ranges for Ocean Ridge police officers and sergeants will rise under a new three-year police union contract approved by the Town Commission on March 7.

The range from officers will change to \$54,500 to \$94,000 from the previous \$54,500 to \$86,500. For sergeants, the new range is \$72,000 to \$104,000, from the previous \$67,500 to \$97,500.

The new contract goes from Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2024.

• The commission approved \$115,000 in improvements at Town Hall: \$70,000 to replace the audiovisual system in the commission chambers and \$45,000 to paint Town Hall.

• A "Save the Seas" event hosted by the Ocean Ridge Garden Club is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 2 at Town Hall and will include a beach cleanup. ★

"We would hope that one day in the future that residents might have the ability to access the property for recreation."

If the land buy is approved, the commission will need to

do a budget amendment April 4 to take the money out of the reserve fund.

According to realtor.com, the same land was relisted for \$1,595,000 on July 22, 2021, a

month after it had been listed for \$1,999,000. The owner raised the asking price to \$1,999,000 in a new listing Feb. 4, 2022.

On Feb. 10, the town submitted an offer that met

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Manalapan

Commission acts to narrow use of markers, stakes in front of homes

By Larry Barszewski

Because of all the poles, stakes and cones being put out for construction projects or just to keep vehicles off swales in front of homes, Manalapan Mayor Keith Waters said streets in town are “starting to look like a slalom course.”

“You’ll have houses three or four down that have nothing to do with the construction and they just put them up all over in front of their houses,” Waters said.

To get a handle on these “parking encroachments,” town commissioners tentatively approved new restrictions March 22 for where such markers are allowed and for how long they can be up. A final vote is expected following an April 26 public hearing.

“The recent proliferation of construction markers, flags and parking cones, and concrete anti-parking stops throughout the town has become a growing concern as it negatively impacts both the free flow of vehicular traffic, and aesthetics of the neighborhoods,” a town report on the situation says.

“The stakes are everywhere, they’re all the way down the street,” Town Manager Linda Stumpf told commissioners during a discussion at the commission’s February meeting.

If approved, the new ordinance will prohibit any parking cones from being placed at the front of driveways or in swales, and will prohibit the dome- or pyramid-shaped concrete stops residents put in their swales or along the front

of their property.

Commissioner Chauncey Johnstone said the concrete anti-parking stops can also pose a danger to motorists trying to avoid a turning vehicle or an obstacle in the road.

Under the proposed ordinance, which in part applies to “construction markers, flags, reflector rods,” such markers would be allowed only on the property undergoing construction, the immediately adjacent properties and the properties directly across the street from those residences.

The construction would have to be tied to an active and valid building permit issued by the town and the markers would have to be at least 3 feet away from each other.

In addition, the parking of heavy construction equipment in swales would be prohibited, although light construction vehicles could be parked in swales at a construction site with prior town approval.

The markers at a construction site — and not at adjacent properties — would be allowed for up to 30 days following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

Commissioner Richard Granara spoke in favor of also allowing protections for residents with newly installed landscaping. “Some of them are trying to get their swale to take,” Granara said.

The proposed ordinance now says a property that undergoes a town-approved landscaping installation — or landscaping modifications —

may have markers for up to 30 days following the installation to protect the newly planted vegetation.

In other action at the March 22 meeting, commissioners:

- Appointed Commissioner Stewart Satter as vice mayor and Granara as mayor pro tem.

- Appointed departing Commissioner Simone Bonutti to an alternate position on the town’s Architectural Commission.

- Tentatively approved an ordinance that gives the code enforcement special magistrate the authority to consider all requests to lower a fine or code enforcement lien on a property. Currently, only the commission has the authority to lower the assessments. A final vote is scheduled for the commission’s April 26 meeting. ★

New commissioner isn’t just new to politics, she’s new to town

By Larry Barszewski

The Town Commission has appointed Aileen Carlucci, a Manalapan resident for little more than a year, to replace term-limited Commissioner Simone Bonutti.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf recruited Carlucci for the position, saying Bonutti had suggested to her that Carlucci might make a good addition to the board.

No one filed to run for Bonutti’s Seat 4, so the election

scheduled for March never happened and it fell to town commissioners to appoint someone to fill the vacancy for the two-year term at their March 22 meeting.

“I reached out to her and she said, yes, she was very interested,” Stumpf said.

Stumpf also contacted another resident who had expressed an interest in the past, but he was not available to serve now, she said.

It can be a challenge to keep the seven-member commission vacancy-free.

There hasn’t been a commission election in town since 2010, Stumpf said. Either candidates have run unopposed or it has been left to commissioners to appoint someone to a vacant seat.

There are only about 400

people in town and about half are only part-time residents who aren’t Florida voters, Stumpf said. The seat held by Bonutti had to be filled by someone living along the ocean, making the task even more difficult.

“There’s not a very big pool to choose from,” Stumpf said.

But the opportunity was great for Carlucci, who has never held elective office before but was looking for ways to be active in her new hometown.

“I am very interested in being a part of this beautiful community I live in,” said Carlucci, 63. She moved to Florida from Maryland about three years ago, and then to Manalapan in December 2020.

“We initially moved to Delray to see if we could acclimate to Florida and be

a family here,” she said. “We started to look for a forever home and we identified Manalapan as the place we

wanted to be.” Carlucci and her husband, Bob, purchased an ocean-to-Intracoastal Waterway property in

town. They were attracted by that dual access and the instant membership town residents have in La Coquille Club at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, she said.

“It would allow us to be quickly involved in the community,” Carlucci said. “We moved to the community during the pandemic, which made it very difficult to meet new people.”

Originally from New York City and a graduate of SUNY Potsdam, also known then as Potsdam College, Carlucci said she has always been interested in the arts.

“I do a lot of needlework and sewing, a lot of creative crafts,” she said. Carlucci said she helped found Yumi CARES in Baltimore with Yumi Hogan, wife of Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan.

Carlucci serves on the board of directors of the organization, which provides art therapy for children facing health challenges such as cancer.

She previously served on the Maryland State Arts Council.

Her husband is a developer and restaurant franchisee, she said. Although Carlucci said she helps at her husband’s business, she adds, “I am the happiest woman alive to be a homemaker.”

The couple has two married children. ★



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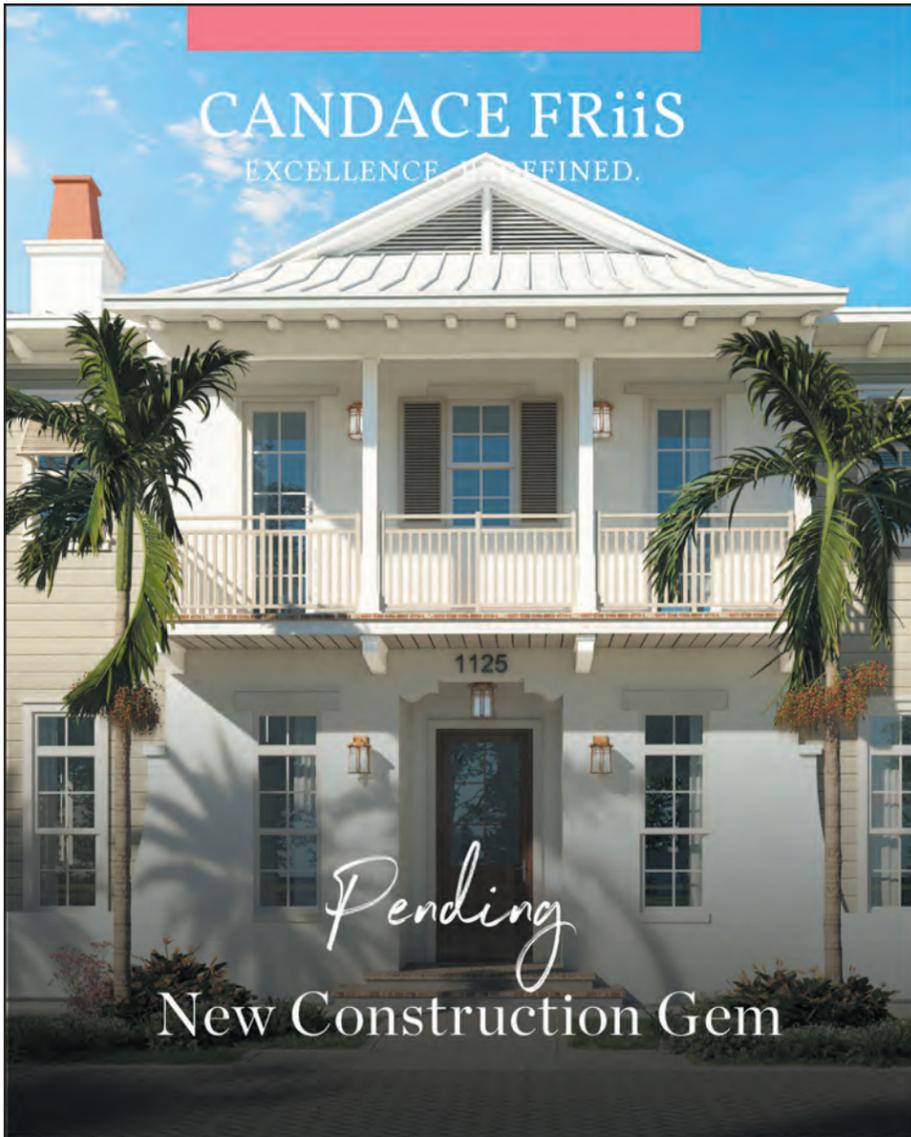
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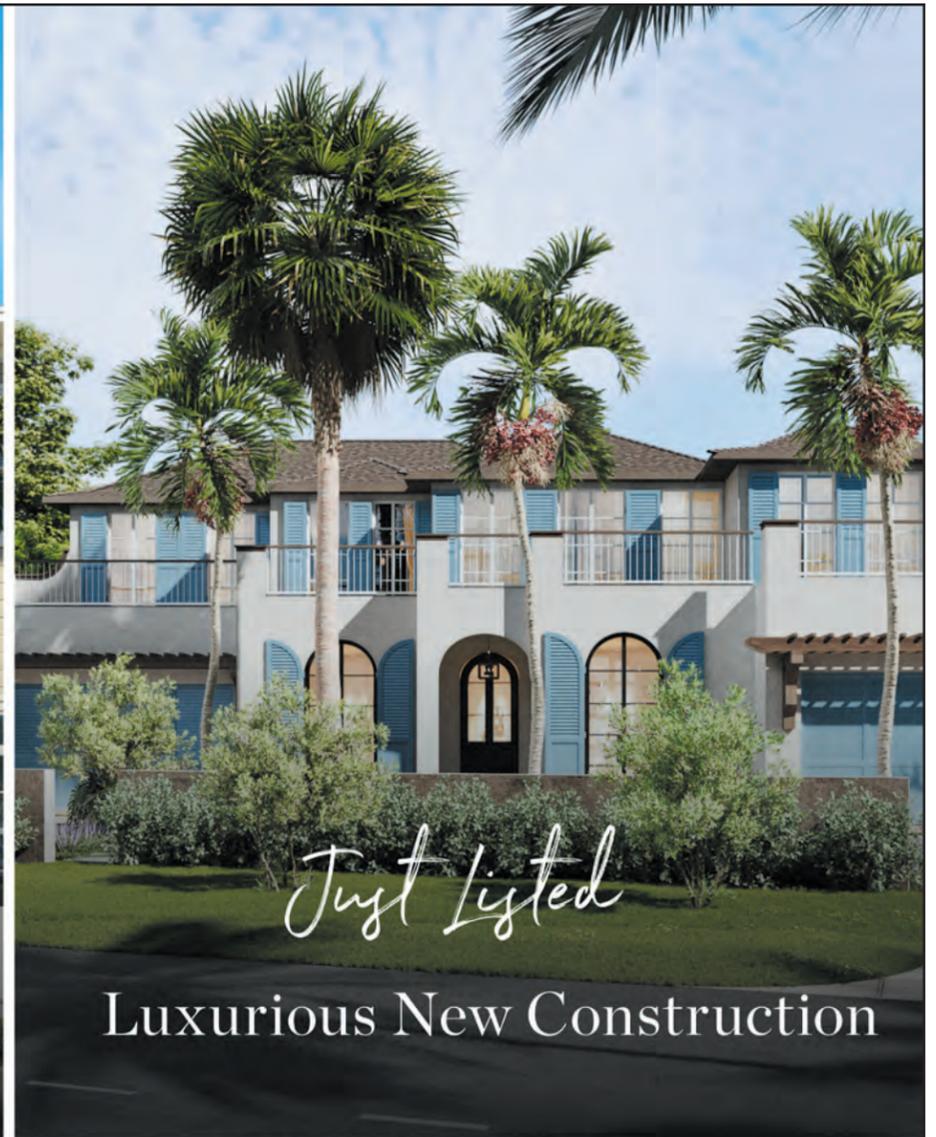
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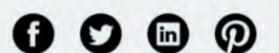
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Boynton Beach

Police, OSHA probe Riverwalk accident that killed 2 workers

By Tao Woolfe

Boynton Beach and federal work-site safety inspectors are continuing their investigation into the March 22 deaths of two workers at a construction site near downtown.

Initial reports just after the mid-morning incident were that a crane had collapsed and fallen on the two men. Later that day, however, Boynton Beach police and fire officials reported that part of the concrete structure had collapsed, crushing the two workers.

The men were later identified by police as Jeremias Mendez, 32, and Eduardo Cruz-Moran, 25, both of West Palm Beach.

The men had been part of the crew working on construction of the 10-story luxury apartment and retail complex at Riverwalk Plaza along the Intracoastal Waterway on Woolbright Road.

Construction was expected to be completed next year. All construction work on the job site stopped the day of the accident, but workers were back on the job by March 26. A spokesman with the developer, Isram Realty, later said he had no comment on whether construction would continue unabated.

A duty officer at the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Plantation confirmed on March 22 that OSHA had been called in and is investigating.

Although he would not speak about the particulars of the Boynton Beach incident, he did say that such investigations can take up to six months and involve site visits, reviewing the companies' safety and health documentation, and conducting interviews with employees and company officials.

Based on that information, OSHA will determine whether to deem the site hazardous or not.

The Boynton Beach Police Department, in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office, is conducting the death investigations, according to a Police Department news release.

Riverwalk Plaza sits at the southwestern base of the Woolbright Road bridge in Boynton Beach.

Hallandale Beach-based Isram Realty paid \$9.5 million in 2011 for the 10-acre plaza, after the Winn-Dixie grocery store left the plaza in January 2015, then sought land-use and zoning changes for a 10-story apartment complex.

Before it was approved by the City Commission in 2017, residents objected to the height and mass of the proposed structure.

The building — with 326 units and 41,976 square feet of retail space — was approved in January 2017. Construction at the adjoining mall began in 2018. Tower construction began in 2021. ★



Boynton Beach police secure the accident scene at Riverwalk Plaza the day of the construction-related deaths. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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Lantana

Moorhouse, Mason sworn in; library construction woes mount

By Mary Thurwachter

Incumbent Lynn "Doc" Moorhouse and newcomer Kem Mason claimed their seats on the Lantana Town Council during the March 28 council meeting — but it took voters two trips to the polls to get them there.

Runoff elections became necessary when no candidate in either contest received a majority of the vote on March 8.

Moorhouse, a retired dentist who has been on the council since 2004, reclaimed his Group 1 seat during the March 22 runoff with 595 votes (59.26%) compared to John Raymer's 409 (40.74%). Raymer, a 21-year Army veteran, manager of Ace Rental Place and a political newcomer, survived a March 11 recount where he bested a third candidate, Joe Farrell, a commercial flooring distributor, by just 5 votes to make the runoff.

In the Group 2 runoff, Mason, a retired firefighter and the town's volunteer Santa, pulled in 607 votes (59.05%) compared to Media Beverly's 421 (40.95%). Beverly, a Hypoluxo Island resident, is a retired business manager and longtime council watcher. A third candidate, former council member Ed Shropshire, was eliminated after collecting the fewest votes of the three.

David Fina, a judge for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida in Suwannee County and a longtime friend of Mason's, swore in both men.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me — and those who didn't support me — for getting out and voting," Moorhouse said. "I will do my very best to be the spokesperson for the people that live in Lantana."



Judge David Fina swears Kem Mason into office on the Lantana Town Council on March 28, while Mason's life partner, Kay Abbott, holds the Bible. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Campaign flyer controversy

At the council meeting, Moorhouse came under criticism for a controversial flyer he sent out days before the runoff that depicted former Mayor Dave Stewart as "The Godfather" pulling the strings of Raymer, council member Mark Zeitler and Erik Kip, a Vietnam veteran and one of the administrators of I'm a Fan of Lantana, FL — a Facebook group quite vocal leading up to the election.

The flyer even put words in Stewart's mouth, showing him saying, "I'm so mad I'm not mayor anymore."

Ilona Balfour, the wife of retiring Vice Mayor Malcolm Balfour, said "the friendly little fishing village" she and her husband moved to 50 years ago had sunk to a new low with the flyer she held in her hand. She said it "was filled with accusations, innuendo and nastiness and not always the total truth."

In victory, Mason said being on the council represented a natural progression to his

years of volunteer work and said he hoped to be the kind of public servant the late Colin Powell encouraged people to be. "I want to thank you for your support," he said to his followers.

Moorhouse and Mason collected — and spent — the most money of the six candidates, according to their campaign finance reports. As of March 18, Moorhouse raised \$19,305 and spent \$6,250.32. Mason raised \$18,435 and spent \$15,209.86.

Their runoff opponents didn't even seek cash contributions. Raymer asked for prayers. Beverly turned down donations and self-financed her campaign, saying she did not want to owe anyone anything. Her team members, she said, were "boots on the ground" going door to door for votes.

Sign stealer a surprise

A large portion of Moorhouse's and Mason's campaign spending went to campaign signs and some of them went missing. Police investigated the disappearance

of all the candidates' signs on Lantana Road during the wee hours of Feb. 23 — but found the culprit was a landscaper who had no interest in local politics.

Police Chief Sean Scheller said officers tracked down the sign stealer, who drove a pickup truck, after they were able to see his license plate number on a video recording. The landscaper from west of town collected the signs, repainted them and used them to promote his business, the chief said.

"No charges were brought," Scheller said. But the three candidates who filed complaints — Moorhouse, Mason and Shropshire — received a small amount of cash in compensation from the landscaper.

Library update

In other news, the council learned remodeling work on the library has yet to restart after construction halted in December, when it was discovered that the main contractor, Sierra Construction Management & Remodeling of

Weston, was operating without a license.

The town planned to transfer the job to a subcontractor, Multitech Corp., but that company has been unable to provide the necessary documents to be a viable vendor for the town, according to Town Manager Brian Raducci.

Raducci said staff is talking to West Construction of Lantana to finish the job. West was the second-lowest bidder when the contract was awarded in July. West bid \$883,932, compared to Sierra's \$723,200.

Between the higher bid price, increased prices for materials and supply chain issues, the change in contractors will be costly, Raducci warned.

Eager to see the project completed, Mayor Robert Hagerty asked Raducci to be sure to get a timeline from any new contractor.

The library has been at 205 W. Ocean Ave. since the early 1990s. Before that, it was housed in the former bridge tender's house on Ocean Avenue since 1947. The Recreation Center at 418 S. Dixie Highway is the library's temporary home.

Once the renovation is complete, the Ocean Avenue library will have ADA-compliant restrooms, a centralized circulation desk, special spaces for children and teens and a community center for adult activities.

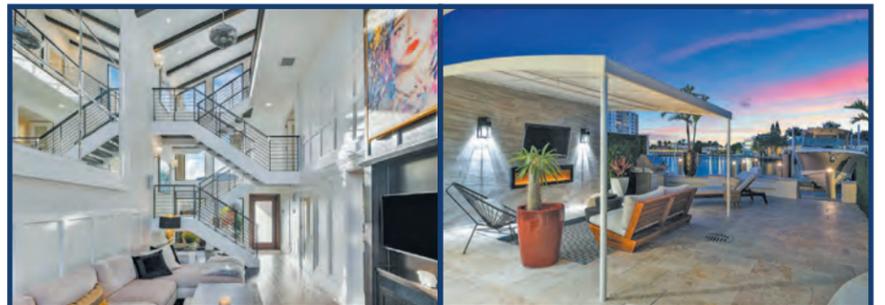
Joel Cortes, the assistant director of public works whose duties included overseeing vendor contracts, was placed on administrative leave in mid-January and resigned March 3. Human Resources assistant director Myila Young would not say if Cortes' departure had anything to do with the library contract verification oversight. ★

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Along the Coast

Turtle time

As nesting season starts again, public gets better chance to enjoy with reopening of Gumbo Limbo

By Larry Keller

As surely as monarch butterflies migrate to Mexico and sandhill cranes to Nebraska, sea turtles arrive annually on Florida beaches to nest. Once again they have begun to return in South County, after traveling hundreds, even thousands of miles.

Sea turtle nesting season is from March 1 to Oct. 31. The first nest spotted on a Boca Raton beach this year was Feb. 22, a leatherback's.

"That was only the fourth time in the last 20 years that we had a February nest," said David Anderson, sea turtle conservation coordinator at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Anderson and his team survey Boca Raton's 5 miles of beaches and record nesting data every year.

Five species of marine turtles nest in Florida, but only three — leatherbacks, loggerheads and greens — typically come ashore on South County beaches. All five species are listed as endangered or threatened and protected under the Endangered Species Act.

The first to arrive are leatherbacks. They nest on South County beaches in far smaller numbers than on beaches farther north. Only 21 nests were located by Gumbo Limbo in Boca Raton last year, yet that was above average. In contrast, there were 647 loggerhead nests and 190 green sea turtle nests.

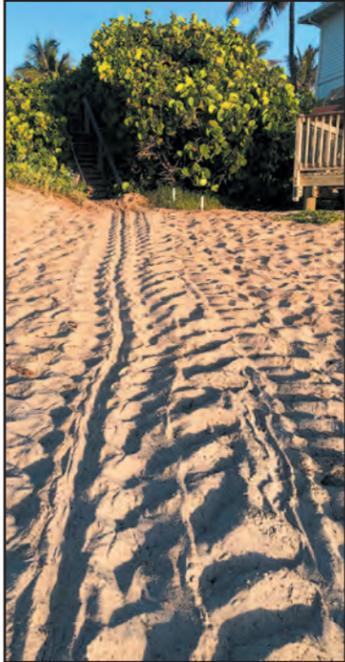
Sea Turtle Adventures tracks nests on 3 miles of beaches in Briny Breezes, Gulf Stream and part of Ocean Ridge. Its volunteers counted 24 leatherback nests last year — a record number.

Loggerheads are particularly partial to Palm Beach County beaches. In fact, they dug more nests here than in any other Florida county in 2020, according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation data — 29,465 nests to 26,991 at runner-up Brevard County. No other county was close.

Florida's east coast beaches are far more popular nesting sites than those on the west coast, accounting for 88% of the 133,472 nests tabulated in 2020.

Female marine turtles nest every two to three years, digging holes on beaches at night and depositing 80 to 120 eggs, which they cover with sand. Hatchlings incubate for two months before emerging — mostly after dark — and scurrying to the ocean. Some, however, die first of dehydration. And predators such as raccoons, birds and crabs pluck eggs and hatchlings from the sand.

For those that reach the



Tracks from a loggerhead, our most common nesting turtle. **Mary Kate Leming/The Coastal Star**

water, the challenges have just begun. They will attempt to swim out 10 miles or farther on the ocean's surface to reach shelter in the sargassum seaweed.

"They're snack-size for so many fish that look up and see the silhouette of a baby turtle," Anderson said. "Not to mention birds from the sky that see them."

Add to that the plastic and other pollution, boat strikes, disease, gill nets and other hindrances and you see why only about 1 in 1,000 sea turtles survives to adulthood.

Beachgoers can help nesting sea turtles and their offspring have a better chance to succeed.

If you see a sea turtle nesting, quietly remain behind her and observe from a distance. If she's frightened, she may return to the ocean without covering her eggs completely.

Don't leave unfilled holes or beach furniture, sand castles and other impediments on the sand. Nesting turtles can become stuck in furniture, or more often, turn around without making a nest. These false crawls commonly exceed the number of nests.

"We get a turtle stuck in beach furniture almost every summer," Anderson said.

Do not disturb nests. You can spot them by the stakes and signs marking their presence.

Don't use flashlights, cellphones, flash photography or other light sources at night on turtle nesting beaches. Lights can disturb turtles and result in false crawls. If you come upon hatchlings emerging from a nest, watch them from a distance, taking care not to disorient them.

Many Florida coastal communities have ordinances



Educational events at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center are back after COVID-19 precautions kept the center closed to the public for two years. **ABOVE:** Archelon, a 25-year-old loggerhead turtle, was released in front of a crowd of more than 100 on March 1 at Spanish River Park in Boca Raton. She had been treated at Gumbo Limbo since her December rescue near the Port St. Lucie FPL plant. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

LEFT: Eisa Alam, of Lake Worth Beach, is helped by his family members and veterinarian Dr. Maria Chadam as he treats a plastic model hawksbill while learning how real turtles are treated at Gumbo Limbo's rehabilitation facility. Honey is an effective antibacterial. This was part of the center's Sea Turtle Day on March 12. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

regulating lighting by oceanfront properties. Compliance is crucial to hatchlings' survival. Newborns instinctively head toward the brightest direction, usually the light on the open horizon. If they follow lights from beachfront condos and other buildings, they likely will die.

Allow hatchlings to go to the ocean on their own. If you see one that appears injured or is on a beach during the day, don't place it in the water. Instead, put it in a container with damp sand on the bottom — not water — and place it in the cooler labeled "Hatchling Drop-Off" outside the front door at Gumbo Limbo.

Even people who monitor beaches for nests every year have no way of knowing whether it will be a boom or bust season for any particular species.

"It will be impossible to predict," Anderson said. "We've got all our equipment maintained and we're ready for whatever happens." ★



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Finding a seat just got easier at Veterans Park

By Jane Smith

Veterans Park visitors have access to more benches where they can sit and view the Intracoastal Waterway now that Delray Beach has replaced ones that were rotting away and closed off to the public for two years.

Four corroded benches were replaced with temporary metal ones in mid-March, city spokeswoman Gina Carter said.

The four had been surrounded by wooden dune fencing for nearly two years, initially to stop the public from using them while COVID restrictions were in place.

In March 2020, the city had closed all facilities, including parks, following county orders to pass restrictions against gathering, Parks and Recreation Director Sam Metott said on March 25.

"Soon we were getting phone calls that people were still using the parks and sitting on the benches," he said. All six benches in Veterans Park were then enclosed in the dune fencing on March 30, 2020, to prevent people from sitting on them, according to Metott.

When the city lifted the restrictions in its parks a few months later, four of the six benches in the park were found to be corroded and not usable. The four remained enclosed in the dune fencing.

Last August, the City Commission approved using part of its recreation funds to beautify Veterans Park in the summer of 2022. The \$150,000 project will cover the benches, gazebo and trellises, according to an email from Carter.

The new benches will be made of concrete, according to Carter. They already are ordered, but their delivery is subject to supply chain issues caused by the pandemic.

Veterans Park has had limited access to the public the past 18 months because of the nearby Atlantic Crossing development construction.

Northeast First Street, between Northeast Sixth and Northeast Seventh avenues, was closed periodically during the first phase of construction. The road surface remains torn up from the heavy construction vehicles traveling on it. ★

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Ellie Hart

Citing statistics showing 1 in 5 Americans suffers from some form of mental illness in their lifetime, President Joe Biden said in March's State of the Union address that it's time we put mental fitness on a par with physical fitness.

Ellie Hart of South Palm Beach not only concurs with that message, but she's been teaching it for some time.

After a lengthy career in the Social Security Administration, Hart, 74, was directing another program at the Alpert Jewish Family Services Center in West Palm Beach when she heard about Mental Health First Aid, which is described as CPR for mental health.

"I went to the director and said, 'I'd like to teach this course, will you let me do it?'" Hart said. "They agreed to send me to training and I became one of 88 instructors throughout Palm Beach County who teach Mental Health First Aid.

"I'm the only volunteer who teaches this," she added. "The others are paid employees who also have other responsibilities."

One eye-opener in her education was the pervasiveness of mental illness, as reflected in the 1-in-5 statistic.

"It can be depression, it can be anxiety, it can be bipolar. And in many cases, it takes 10 years from the onset until they get help. Ten years, that's a decade of suffering.

"Had I known 40 years ago what I know today about the signs and symptoms of somebody who may have been having a mental health challenge, or substance abuse disorder challenge, my life may have been very different."

Control issues led to a divorce from her first husband, whereupon she found "the love of my life" with her second.

His death in 2010 prompted Hart to get more involved with the Alpert Jewish center, first as an AmeriCorps volunteer, then as director of its Music and Memory program, which offers individualized playlists to clients suffering from memory loss. She also serves as a volunteer reader to two classes at Roosevelt Elementary, a Title I school in West Palm Beach.

But her main focus has become MHFA.

"We don't diagnose," said Hart, the stepmother of three. "We just listen nonjudgmentally, we train people how to do that, and what the signs and symptoms are, so they can get a referral to professionals."

Hart recently taught the course to people at The Breakers in Palm Beach, working first with management and more recently with the golf shop employees, engineers, plumbers, kitchen help and so on. Due to their busy



Ellie Hart loves the access to the ocean from her South Palm Beach condo, but her real passion is teaching the Mental Health First Aid course as a volunteer at the Alpert Jewish Family Services Center in West Palm Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

schedules, she streamlined what is normally an eight-hour course into two hours and called it "Mental Health Is Everyone's Business."

"I see this becoming as common as CPR; it's like CPR for mental health," she said. "Raise people's awareness so they can get help early on and get rid of the stigma.

"It's not dissimilar from LGBTQ; it was in the closet for many years and now it's out in the open. So, we're trying to do that. Years ago, if you had a friend who had serious mental illness you would never talk about it. So, it's changing."

— 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 Baltimore, Maryland, and went to school there. I attended Emory University for the first two years of college and graduated with a B.A. from Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. At the time Goucher was an all-girls school. It became co-ed. The influence was a good education, enabling me to be articulate, interested in the community and the world.

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

A: I worked for the Social Security Administration for about 31 years and was able to retire early. In the course of my career, I had several different and challenging positions, from working in a field office to becoming a program analyst to becoming a systems analyst. My greatest satisfaction was working on a very early "expert system" involving the assignment of Social Security numbers.

After the death of my husband, Jerry Hart, in 2010, when I moved to Florida full time, my brother gave me some good advice: You're too young to be retired, find something to do, paid or unpaid. So, I went to Alpert Jewish Family Services offering my services two days a week. I learned the organization's programs, became an AmeriCorps volunteer, and did outreach to veterans.

Through someone I met at a lecture, I had the opportunity to accompany a female veteran on an Honor Flight to Washington. Very thrilling.

The service as an AmeriCorps volunteer introduced me to a new community of people (mostly veterans) and gave me a genuine appreciation of their service to America.

I developed and still run a small Music and Memory program that provides personalized playlists for clients of Alpert JFS who are isolated and/or have memory issues.

Two years ago, I became a certified instructor for the Mental Health First

Aid program coordinated countywide by Alpert JFS. I have found my calling. I am most proud to be able to do this.

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

A: Be flexible, exceed expectations, and make your boss look good.

Q: How did you choose to make your home in South Palm Beach?

A: My parents were seasonal residents from 1979 to 1998. After my father died and my mother chose not to return seasonally, my husband and I began using the condo in 1998, and we bought our own place in the same building, which we loved.

Q: What is your favorite part about living in South Palm Beach?

A: The height limit of all the buildings, the access to the beach and the ocean, the convenience of the location, and the beauty along South Ocean Boulevard.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

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

A: I don't need music to relax or inspire me, but I like classical music and '50s and '60s music.

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

A: I had two mentors at different places of employment.

The first was Hilda Hicks, who was a Social Security Administration field office manager back in the early '70s. She had great faith in me. She taught me some of the techniques involved in changing roles from a position as claims representative to a supervisor.

She was a Black woman who had trained as a claims representative in a field office in Atlanta in the mid-'60s. She told me how they were in a hotel and the wait staff would put the tray in front of the door to her room. They would not allow her into the dining room. She was just a larger-than-life individual. She shared that experience with me, and it made a big impression on me.

The other was the CEO of Alpert Family Services, Jenni Frumer. When my husband died, I went and told her I wanted something to do that was worthwhile. I went with my résumé, and she said, spend a year with me, learn the organization, and I'll find something for you to do. So, she had faith that I had enough skills that she would be able to make use of them. She was just a really great guide.

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

A: Olivia de Havilland; she was smart, elegant and beautiful.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: A good joke, preferably clean. I really don't like off-color humor.

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Lantana

Council seeking solutions to reduce Hypoluxo Island flooding

By Mary Thurwachter

In its effort to mitigate flooding on Hypoluxo Island — a community long plagued with swamping during intense rainfall and king tides — the Lantana Town Council agreed to spend \$33,314 for an engineering study to come up with possible solutions.

Eddie Crockett, the town's director of operations, told the council at its March 14 meeting that staff met with residents and engineers from Baxter & Woodman and "determined that a study of various drainage areas was prudent."

The study would wrap up the needs for the entire Hypoluxo Island, Crockett said. Staff "recently completed the analysis of Southeast Atlantic Drive and this one will take care of Lagoon and Barefoot Lanes, Beach Curve, North Atlantic Drive and portions of South Atlantic Drive," he said.

But some island residents said they hadn't heard of the meeting with staff and engineers.

"You didn't mention South Atlantic Drive where I am and we do have flooding down there occasionally," said longtime council-watcher Media Beverly, who lost a runoff election for a Town Council seat the following week. "I was just wondering which residents you all spoke with or if there was a meeting with everyone who is familiar with Hypoluxo Island."

Crockett said he didn't have a list of names of residents who attended the meeting, but that there were representatives from the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association.

After the meeting, Beverly gave Town Manager Brian Raducci a letter saying most of the property owners affected by flooding on the island were not notified or invited to participate in the meeting. She asked that the town not proceed with the contract until all island residents were given an opportunity to participate in a meeting, so that they "can have a voice about ongoing flooding



Flooding during autumnal high tides and major rainstorms in December 2021 created nearly impassable standing water on North Atlantic Drive in Hypoluxo Island. **Photo provided**

issues of all areas on the island prone to flooding."

The council at the March 14 meeting also approved an expenditure of \$37,072 to Baxter & Woodman to do a state-required 20-year stormwater and wastewater needs analysis. The first analysis is due to Palm Beach County for compilation and reporting by June 30.

Crockett said the analysis would begin soon.

Beverly said the mandate for the analysis came last July and wondered why it had taken eight months to engage Baxter & Woodman to do it.

She also asked how much funding, from Rebuild Florida or other grants, the town had applied for and received for both the flooding study and the stormwater and wastewater analysis.

"Under Rebuild Florida last year alone, West Palm Beach received \$450,000 to prepare resiliency updates to city plans, data mapping and community outreach," Beverly said.

"Miami got \$2 million to develop a mitigation plan for community stakeholders and to mitigate assessment on critical facilities. And, last but not least, in February of this year, Lake Park got \$11 million to retrofit

their existing drainage system to mitigate current flooding.

"And Boynton Beach got \$16.5 million to make drainage, utilities and roadway improvements to mitigate recurring flooding in Sandcastle neighborhood, which is just south of Sea Pines," another area in Lantana known to have flooding problems.

Raducci said he wasn't aware that the town had applied for any such grants in the past, but staff and engineers had, in recent weeks, met with a grant writer to look at all town projects "so we could see what projects would be most eligible for such funding as was mentioned."

Crockett said the town has money in its 2022 budget to handle the expenses of the analysis and the study.

"We'll be coming back to the council in the very near future with our recommendations on how to approach the flooding," Crockett said, but not in time for the budget process. "But we will have some preliminary estimates."

Implementation of the plans for flooding and stormwater and wastewater needs could take several years and "would be very expensive," Crockett said. ★

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Town cleans pretreatment well after test shows E. coli; drinking water unaffected

One of Lantana's 10 water production wells tested positive for fecal coliform (E. coli) bacteria on March 13, according to a public notice.

The presence of E. coli bacteria indicates the well may have been contaminated with human or animal waste.

After the positive test, the well was taken out of service and isolated, and then was chlorinated and flushed. There are no steps the public has to take because the water is safe, said Eddie Crockett, the town's director of operations.

"The well is a pretreatment water source," he said. "The water from each well goes to the treatment plant where it is processed and dispensed town-wide."

Crockett said the town tests its distribution system monthly and none of its samples has tested positive for total coliform or fecal coliform.

"We have not had any positive distribution sample for all of 2022," he said.

"There is no way we can tell when we are going to have a positive test for bacteria, but

it is not uncommon," said Crockett. "Residents are notified via the town website and local newspaper."

The Palm Beach County Health Department was informed within 24 hours of the positive test.

The water test is not related to yellow water, Crockett said. "That has many causes which must be vetted on an individual basis."

Residents with questions about the quality of their water may call 561-540-5760.

— Mary Thurwachter

South Palm Beach

Dune Deck condo sea wall repairs may have to wait until fall

By Joe Capozzi

A South Palm Beach condo has been cited for code violations related to an eroding sea wall, including holes that allow ocean water to spray into the ground-floor parking garage during rough seas, town records show.

The homeowners association of the Dune Deck, a six-story condo built in 1980 at 3610 S. Ocean Blvd., had been told by private engineers since at least 2018 that the sea wall is in need of repair, a resident said in an email March 5 to the town manager.

“Because of their negligence to take action, the continuous deterioration is now at the point of being a safety hazard putting the building and its occupants at risk,” the resident, Leslie Yellin, said. “Parts of the wall have started to crumble, created holes



A hand-size hole in the parking garage. Photo provided

that allow seawater to spray inside during rough seas.”

Town code officials confirmed the resident’s concerns a few days later on a visit to the garage. One photograph shows a hole roughly the size of a hand. Dune Deck officials have hired an

engineer and contractor to make the repairs, but the work can’t start until this fall after the end of sea turtle nesting season, Alan Haenel, president of the Dune Deck’s board of directors, said at a special magistrate’s hearing March 17.

Special Magistrate Amity Barnard gave the Dune Deck one month to send the town a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection confirming that no work can be done until Oct. 31, the end of nesting season.

“Because it has been determined to be structurally unsafe, I want something from DEP saying that even though it has been deemed structurally unsafe that you’re still not permitted to do the work,” Town Attorney Aleksandr Boksner told Dune Deck officials.

In remarks to the magistrate,

Haenel suggested the failure to make the repairs sooner was the fault of a previous condo board.

“This board is going to be very proactive on the building and maintenance as well, so we never have to appear here again. But we do acknowledge there is a problem,” he said.

In an interview after the meeting, Haenel said he personally has watched sea turtles hatch on the beach immediately outside the sea wall, which is why he’s confident the DEP will not allow the work to start until this fall.

He also said the condo engineers have assured him that residents in the building are not in danger.

In other town business:

• On March 15, the Town Council approved on first reading a new ordinance aimed at protecting pedestrians on sidewalks and other walkways

that are temporarily blocked by construction vehicles.

Companies whose work will obstruct walkways will each be required to obtain a permit. The permit will be issued on the condition that companies hire an off-duty law enforcement officer or certified flagman to keep pedestrians safe from nearby vehicular traffic.

Penalties for violating the ordinance are \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Council member Bill LeRoy proposed the measure because of safety concerns when pedestrians are forced to walk along the shoulder of State Road A1A.

• Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Deputy David Hull, who patrols South Palm Beach, was recognized for being named the town’s 2021 Deputy of the Year. ★

Out-of-town campaigners prompt vice mayor to request council action

By Joe Capozzi

Mayor Bonnie Fischer and council members Bill LeRoy and Monte Berendes were sworn in March 15 by U.S. District Court Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley, a former resident of South Palm Beach.

Fischer was automatically re-elected when she didn’t draw an opponent for the March 8 election.

Newcomer Berendes (31% of the vote) and incumbent LeRoy (29.8%) won election by finishing first and second, respectively, in a field of four candidates.

Berendes replaced incumbent Mark Weissman, who finished with 21.2%, followed by newcomer Cindy Furino at 17.7%. Votes were cast by 630 of the town’s 1,347 registered voters.

After the swearing-in ceremony, LeRoy was appointed vice mayor by the Town Council. Weissman did not attend the meeting, even though the agenda called for the attendance of the previous council before the ceremony.

Later in the meeting, LeRoy asked the town attorney to look into creating an ordinance prohibiting non-town residents from campaigning outside the Town Hall voting precinct.

On election day, LeRoy said, at least four members of the Police Benevolent Association showed up at Town Hall with plans to campaign for him and Weissman.

He said they initially wore PBA shirts before pulling on Weissman campaign T-shirts. LeRoy said a PBA representative contacted him the night before about their



Top vote-getter Monte Berendes follows a long-standing town tradition and is sworn into office by U.S. District Court Judge Daniel T. K. Hurley. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

plans to campaign on his behalf but he told them not to.

“I said, ‘No, you’re not. It’s not your job,’” LeRoy said at the March 15 Town Council meeting. “I don’t want strangers coming in here and campaigning for me. I told them right then and there, ‘You are not supporting me. I won’t be part of this.’”

Outside Town Hall just after 7 a.m. on election day, LeRoy said a PBA representative “asked me if I wanted them to wear my shirt or their shirt. I said, ‘I don’t want you to wear either.’”

LeRoy said he asked one man wearing a Weissman shirt where he lived. “He said North Palm Beach. I said, ‘Why are you here?’ He said, ‘To support Dave.’”

The man then corrected himself and said he meant to say Weissman, LeRoy said.

Seeing that LeRoy was getting angry about their

presence, LeRoy said, the man tried to calm LeRoy by pointing out that they’d campaigned in Wellington the day before.

“This town should decide who runs this town, not outsiders,” LeRoy told the council. “I think we should have an ordinance, only for local elections: If you don’t live here, you shouldn’t be campaigning here.”

Town Attorney Aleksandr Boksner said he’d look into the legality of creating such an ordinance but warned the council: “We are very, very limited at the local government regarding what is constitutionally protected speech.”

In an interview after the meeting, LeRoy said he has no desire to fight the police union, which endorsed him and Weissman. “If you don’t live here, you shouldn’t be campaigning here.” ★



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Boynton Beach

Boynton CRA shifts gears, leaves fate of major downtown project undecided

By Larry Barszewski

Don't expect a downtown medley of shops, restaurants, apartments and offices that is planned for city-owned land along the west side of Federal Highway in Boynton Beach to rise anytime soon.

Even if Affiliated Development's proposal for the property between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard proceeded on the company's schedule, it could still be as long as nine years before the first shovel of dirt is turned. The project mix also includes a public parking garage and open space to attract downtown visitors.

It's not even certain that Affiliated, which was selected in November, will get to do the job. The company had been picked by city commissioners, who were serving in their role as the Community Redevelopment Agency's board of directors. The CRA owns the property.

Now, what company is awarded the project — and the fate of the project itself — is in the hands of a newly reorganized commission that has two new faces on it following the city's March elections. A third new member will be appointed by the new commission to fill a vacant seat and finish the term.

Former Mayor Steven Grant worked to nail down an agreement with Affiliated for its \$73 million development proposal before he left office, but that effort ran into tough resistance at his final CRA meeting on March 9. After hours of attempting to cram through negotiations at the meeting, other commissioners decided more time was needed.

Departing Commissioner Christina Romelus asked commissioners to ditch Affiliated and go instead with Related Urban, the second-ranked applicant that had offered to make a portion of its apartments be affordable workforce housing in perpetuity. She called the last-minute bartering between the CRA and Affiliated President Jeff Burns at the meeting "highly inappropriate."

CRA attorney Tara Duhy acknowledged the unusual nature of the all-out push to get the deal done.

"To be clear, obviously we've made some changes, to the extent the board wishes to approve this tonight," Duhy said. "In normal circumstances, I would recommend that we bring it back to you for final approval. We're going to go through all of these and I will have to do a final legal, technical review because we have been working at Mach speed to get this before you tonight."

In the end, it was the

two commissioners who are remaining — Woodrow Hay and commissioner-turned-Mayor Ty Penserga — who forced a middle ground. Departing Commissioner Justin Katz was absent.

Penserga and Hay did not support Romelus' request to cut ties with Affiliated or Grant's rush to finalize a deal with the company. They agreed to have CRA and city staff spend more time negotiating with Affiliated.

That decision came after City Manager Lori LaVerriere, who does not usually participate at CRA meetings, joined the discussion virtually to say more time was needed.

"I just ask that you give it time and don't negotiate from the public dais. That's not the way to do that," LaVerriere said after commissioners had spent three hours doing just that. "And to provide some further input to staff to let us continue to weigh in and see if this is a workable deal."

Some of the major project elements discussed at the meeting included:

- Affiliated offered 118 of its 236 apartments as workforce housing for 15 years using income-eligibility guidelines, with 11 of those units kept as workforce housing in perpetuity. Commissioners wanted more workforce housing apartments to be kept that way forever, as Related had offered to do with 63 of the 213 units it proposed building.

- Affiliated said it needed to keep all of the increased tax revenue its project produces for a 15-year period as a subsidy to make the workforce housing portion feasible. Commissioners said that was too much and would provide the CRA with no additional money during those years to support other projects. By the end of the night, Burns proposed receiving only 95% of the increased tax revenues annually, and only to an \$8 million maximum over the 15 years.

- Affiliated originally wanted the city to pay for and take ownership of the parking garage, which would include 150 public spaces and 423 private ones. Officials did not support that idea. Instead of reimbursing the CRA \$5.5 million for the land, as Affiliated initially planned, the company proposed dropping the price of the land to \$100 and treating the \$5.5 million it would have spent as the city's purchase price for the public parking spaces. It would be up to the city to decide whether to charge the public to use the spaces or offer them for free.

- Affiliated plans to move Hurricane Alley Raw Bar & Restaurant from its Ocean Avenue location to a new home at the north end of the project, along Boynton Beach Boulevard next to the Florida East Coast

Railway tracks. The developer said there may be a lag between when the restaurant would have to vacate its current location and when it could open at its new site.

A major difference between the Affiliated and Related proposals is that Related did not include the current century-old Ocean Avenue buildings, including Hurricane Alley's home, as part of its project. Instead, it planned to contribute money to help restore them, which also would allow Hurricane Alley to continue business uninterrupted.

Resident David Katz told commissioners that saving those buildings, previously owned by the Oyer family, which has historical roots in the city, was a reason he thought the CRA should go with Related.

"For that reason alone, this developer should not be chosen. To tear that down is, well, maybe not a crime, but it's a shame," Katz said.

Related has said it could "restore these important buildings back to life as vibrant landmarks, maintaining the existing commercial fabric of historic Ocean Avenue."

Grant said the buildings, for which the CRA paid \$3.6 million in December to include in the project site, were an impediment. He said the Oyer building "is in gross need of repair but, it's too gross. It's something where there's a reason why it was never historically designated."

He lamented that the agreement with Affiliated was not accomplished under his leadership.

"It's very weird for me to have another project on the doorstep of the CRA, and then all of a sudden, it kind of gets pulled back. It reminds me of the Cottage District, where one of the board members felt that they had better options and now it's vacant and we have no idea what's going to happen with the 4 acres," Grant said.

"For the board to say, 'You know what, Chair, we don't really want you to make this decision; it's better for the next people to make these decisions,' after you've been here for six years. It hurts a little and I'll let you know that."

- **In other action** at the March 9 meeting, commissioners approved an agreement with restaurateur Anthony Barber, subject to final legal review and the CRA's receiving outstanding financial documents, to purchase and turn the historic Magnuson House on Ocean Avenue into a restaurant that will use corrugated steel shipping containers for kitchen, restroom and storage space. Barber anticipates construction will take about 18 months. ★

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Boynton Beach

Penserga elected mayor; new commissioners come on board

By Tao Woolfe

Thomas Turkin, the final candidate to emerge victorious from Boynton Beach's complicated March elections, would like to see the city strictly enforce a moratorium on tall buildings.

The newly elected city commissioner for District 3 said that as an animal lover and environmentalist, he believes towering structures — especially those near the coast — interfere with birds' migratory patterns and nesting areas.

"I think development is great, but it needs to be effective," Turkin said, adding that smaller buildings make cities friendlier.

"I don't want to see our city turn into Fort Lauderdale," he said, adding that Delray Beach seems to have an effective formula. "Although Delray has a lot of development, it doesn't have many tall buildings."

Turkin, who got about 53% of the vote in a runoff election on March 22 against Marit Hedeem, manages veterinary hospitals and animal care businesses, he said. He is also a U.S. Navy reservist.

The new commissioner said in a telephone interview that public safety is his top concern and that he would like to immediately see what he can do about slowing down speeding traffic and, if possible, increasing police presence.

Three of the five commissioners had to leave their posts because of term limits: Mayor Steven Grant, Justin Katz and Christina Romelus.

With the election of Angela Cruz to the District 1 seat in the March 8 municipal election, only Mayor-elect Ty Penserga and Woodrow Hay are holdover members.

One of the new commission's first tasks will be naming a commissioner to fill the District 4 seat that Penserga vacated. That term runs until March 2023. Commissioners will announce the opening and likely discuss filling the seat at their April 5 meeting.



Cruz



Turkin



Penserga

Penserga, who won his new seat with about 57% of the vote on March 8, will be Boynton Beach's first openly gay mayor.

Penserga, who previously served as vice mayor, campaigned on a promise to bring affordable housing and revitalization to the city.

"As mayor, my priorities will include enhancing public safety through technology, promoting workforce housing, creating high-paying jobs, reducing taxes, creating a vibrant and exciting downtown, revitalizing the Boynton Beach Mall, and ensuring all parts of our city benefit from our shared

success," he said in his campaign posts.

Penserga is a scientist, educator and lifelong Florida resident.

Cruz, who got more than 62% of the votes cast in District 1, has served on the city's Community Redevelopment Agency advisory board, as well as the senior advisory board. The longtime Boynton Beach homeowner has also served as a volunteer for Palm Beach County nonprofits, according to her campaign literature.

Hay, the District 2 commissioner and new vice mayor, said he would continue the hard work the commission has begun.

"We will be working on the distribution of ARPA funding. That's a huge undertaking," he

said, referring to the American Rescue Plan Act. "There are also a lot of development projects going on that I'm very excited about."

Hay was elected in 2020 after previously serving two terms on the commission, including a stint as mayor. He was first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Born and raised in Delray Beach, Hay has also served on the Boynton Beach Housing Authority and the city's planning and development board.

He also serves as an associate minister at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Boynton

Beach.

Hay said he hopes to work well with the new commissioners and promises to be patient with them.

"I remember when I was new," he said. "The other commissioners and the staff were very patient. We have wonderful people working for the city."

Departing Mayor Grant said he enjoyed his time in city office and wishes the new mayor and commission well.

His advice for the new mayor? "Try to say 'yes' as often as you can," he said with a smile. ★

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Obituaries

Shirley Coulter Cleveland

GULF STREAM — Shirley Coulter Cleveland, 86, of Gulf Stream, Florida, and formerly of Houston, Texas, passed away suddenly on March 6, 2022. There are a lot of trios now looking for a fourth for bridge.

A blonde-haired, blue-eyed beauty, Shirley was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, on August 29, 1935. After finishing high school in Michigan, Shirley spent a year thawing out at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Apparently a year was enough and Shirley returned to finish her education at Michigan State University, where she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. While at Michigan State she met her first husband, Roger, the father of her three wonderful children, Scott, Kim, and Kerry.



When Shirley met the light and love of her life, Al Cleveland, the adventure truly began. He was her knight in shining armor, and if you found an old card from her to him (which we did) you would have seen that she wrote in it to Al "You Are My Life." And he was.

The first priority for Shirley and Al was creating an "outstanding" blended family. Stepchildren Coree, Christine, Bob, and Jim joined Shirley's three. We know that they are happy with their success in this family venture as they see us sitting here collectively writing this remembrance as a family of seven loving siblings.

Shirley and Al's 25 years together were filled to the brim with tennis, travel, and all manner of family celebrations: college graduations, 60th/70th/80th birthday festivities, holidays and beyond. Wherever and whenever, what was important to Shirley was together time with family. She loved the water, from Cherry Beach, to backyard pools, to the Gulf of Mexico (navigating the Houston Ship Channel with Al in their post-retirement boat the "New Life"), to cruising the world together.

Shirley was devastated in 2004 by Al's passing. In the years since then Shirley lived an active, full, happy life surrounded by family and dear friends who were blessed by her presence. She enjoyed playing the slot machines in Las Vegas and weekly Friday game nights. After she relocated from Houston to Florida to be closer to family, Shirley's days were filled with playing cards (especially bridge), shopping, reading (highlights include World War II books and, most recently, books on Navy SEAL Team Six including Fearless and Black Hawk Down), meals with friends, watching movies, visits to out-of-state family, college football, and March Madness. The hours spent watching her twin grandsons play tennis were highlighted when their coach mistakenly thought she was their aunt, not their grandmother.

Shirley was gracious, warm, easygoing, considerate, fun-loving, lively, young at heart, and always up for an adventure. She was incredibly chic, customarily wearing vibrant colors that reflected her perpetually sunny disposition. Her answer to every question that began with "Do you want to ..." was "Yes!" She made everyone around her feel important. And she really loved mashed potatoes.

Shirley was greatly loved and will be missed by her seven children and 13 grandchildren. She was the best of mothers to Scott Miller of Houston, Texas; Kimberly Miller of Houston, Texas; Kerry (Chris) Metz of Boynton Beach, Florida; Corinne (Dave) Henderson of Vienna, Virginia; Christine (Dan) Ewell of Boerne, Texas; James (Debbie) Cleveland of Wilmington, Delaware; and Robert (Donna) Cleveland of Vineland, New Jersey. She is also survived by her brother Doug (Sheila) Coulter of Newport Beach, California.

She was Grandma and Grandma Shirley to Kylie (Zack) McDonald, Matthew C. Metz, Thomas Coulter Metz, Tyler L. Henderson, Anna Elise Henderson, Katherine E. Ewell, Grace V. Ewell, Charles A. Ewell, Victoria A. Cleveland, Ryan B. Cleveland, Calysta G. Cleveland and daughter Aspen, Collin L. Cleveland, and Caulten E. Cleveland.

Her family will celebrate her life privately at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston, Texas. The family would be honored if you choose to make a donation to the charity of your choice in her honor.

— Obituary submitted by the family

Dr. Thomas P. Nigra

HIGHLAND BEACH — Distinguished dermatologist Dr. Thomas P. Nigra died March 21 from heart failure. He was 80.

The creator — and, for 43 years, chairman — of the Department of Dermatology at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., he conducted



pioneering clinical research on minoxidil as a treatment for hair loss and on the use of phototherapy for the treatment of a variety of skin disorders, including psoriasis.

A winner of that institution's Gold-Headed Cane Award for a doctor who has "demonstrated the highest standards of scientific excellence and integrity," Dr. Nigra mentored hundreds of residents and fellows in the residency program he initiated in the 1980s. He also diagnosed the first case of Kaposi sarcoma, often a manifestation of AIDS, in the Washington metropolitan area.

Apart from the hospital, he maintained a private practice at his historic house in Georgetown, using the same detached professional office Dr. Joshua Riley, a highly regarded 19th-century physician, built

and used as a clinic and school for medical students.

Although *The Washington Post* once described Dr. Nigra's practice there as one of "dowagers and diplomats," it included many patients who were unable to pay and for whom he provided his services gratis. For, "above all, he believed in the Hippocratic oath," observed his son, Peter, a dermatologist.

Tom Nigra also believed in fun, hospitality and sportsmanship. With his irrepressible smile, impish wit and inexhaustible gusto, he was as at home on horseback in the hunting field or shooting pheasant in England or dove on Maryland's Eastern Shore as he was in a laboratory or in front of a stove, concocting original recipes.

Once, a moment after having been handed his drink at a party, he was approached by a woman with a rash. "I never diagnose while drinking," he told her. "Come to my office tomorrow."

A resident of Highland Beach, Dr. Nigra was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and was a graduate of both St. Vincent's School and St. Vincent's College there.

He received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, following which he completed: his

internship in internal medicine (under Senior Resident Dr. Anthony Fauci) at New York-Bellevue Hospital in New York City; his residency in dermatology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston; and Berry Plan service at the National Institutes of Health.

A keen collector of fine arts, but, most of all, of friends, he was an enthusiastic and generous host. He was a member of the Clinical Pathological Society, the Washington Investors, and the Alibi, Ausable, Chesapeake Bay Yacht, Chevy Chase, and Metropolitan clubs.

Dr. Nigra is survived by his wife of more than 51 years, the former Jane Brawley; a sister, Susan Nigra Snyder (who still recalls that, when she was a newborn, her brother, then age 7, attempted to flush her feet-first down the toilet); his son, Peter (Meaghan K. Nelan), and daughter, Jane H. Gallina (Parham Ranjbar), and five grandchildren.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Thomas P. Nigra was held at Christ Church Georgetown on March 30. The family requests that friends make gifts in his memory to charities of their choice.

— Obituary submitted by the family

Patricia M. Barnes

BRINY BREEZES — Patricia M. Barnes, the valentine of her multigenerational family, died Feb. 14 after a two-month illness. She was 103.

Born Tressa May Gorham on May 25, 1918, she and her twin brother, Charles, were among the eight children of Tressa and



Charles Gorham of White Cloud, Michigan.

Tressa grew up on the family farm and attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade. At the age of 15 she dropped out of school, left the farm and started working as a maid and nanny in Grand Rapids.

Since the lady of the house was also named Tressa, she

was asked to use another name while in their employment. She chose the name Patricia from the popular song by that name — and was known as Patricia ever after.

In 1936 she married Judd Barnes. They moved to Lansing, where she devoted her life to raising her four children.

In 1964 the couple traveled down to Briny Breezes and fell in love with the community.

They spent their retirement years wintering in Briny and in summers motor-homing around the U.S. and Canada until Judd died in 1978.

Some years later Mrs. Barnes married Matt Otey. They shared 21 years together before his death. Mrs. Barnes was a resident of Briny for 58 years. She was active in the craft, bridge and euchre clubs and enjoyed her weekly golf

outings, walks on the beach, dancing and bicycling. Pat will be remembered for her great wit, kind soul, a bright smile and her homemade doughnuts and pies.

What a wonderful life. Mrs. Barnes leaves behind a legacy of four children, 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. On May 25, 2018, the entire family along with many close friends came together to celebrate Pat's 100th birthday at Briny's clubhouse.

The family would like to give special thanks to Teresa Shelton for her four years of service as caregiver and her around-the-clock care in Mrs. Barnes' last days.

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Business Spotlight

Whole Foods grocery coming to west Boynton

Good news for Whole Foods fans in Boynton Beach. A store will soon be available closer to home.

SJC Ventures, a grocery-anchored retail and multifamily development firm based in Atlanta, recently signed a new lease with Whole Foods Market, which will be in the Boynton Beach Marketplace, 7499 W. Boynton Beach Blvd.

Other expected tenants once the center is complete include sit-down restaurants, fast casual eateries, service establishments and boutique fitness options.

"This will be a fantastic addition to the Boynton Beach area and we are thrilled to bring a tenant such as Whole Foods Market to the community," said Jeff Garrison, principal at SJC Ventures. "Our firm seeks to find regional sites that fit the demographic of specialty grocery stores like Whole Foods Market, and Boynton Beach



Whole Foods plans to open a store as part of a development called the Boynton Beach Marketplace at Boynton Beach Boulevard and Hagen Ranch Road. **Rendering provided**

certainly matches that."

An opening date has not been announced.

South Florida-based real estate investment management group **Grover Corlew** announced that it has acquired the **Palmetto Park City Center** office building, 120 E. Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton, for \$25.2 million.

The sale was recorded on

March 9. Palmetto Park City Center is adjacent to another commercial property, the Bank of America Tower, which Grover Corlew acquired in July 2021.

"We have been making continuous investments in Boca Raton since 2016, when we originally purchased 1499 W. Palmetto Park Road and subsequently purchased the adjacent 1489 building," partner Mark Corlew said in a news

release. "Our headquarters are here, and we're raising our children here. We see these two properties as an ideal opportunity to invest in our hometown."

Partner Anuj Grover added: "This is a strategic move for us as we continue to set our sights on underrealized areas of South Florida."

A Cushman & Wakefield team led by Dominic

Montazemi and Scott O'Donnell brokered the latest transaction. According to public records, \$21.85 million in financing for the deal was provided by Wells Fargo Bank.

California-based **Brickstar Capital** bought **Spanish River Plaza**, 500 NE Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, in a transaction totaling \$12.6 million recorded Feb. 25. The seller, Chart Organization, a real estate investment and management company based in Lynbrook, New York, paid \$8.1 million for the two-building plaza in 2015.

Mark M. Rubin and Bastian Lagerbauer of Colliers | South Florida Investment Services Team represented both sides in the deal.

Brickstar's intent was to buy the plaza "as an investment, re-tenant it 100%, and when the time is right, reposition the site as a redevelopment opportunity," Lagerbauer said.

Sited on 4.5 acres, the buildings were completed in 1974. Spanish River Plaza is 14% vacant, according to Lagerbauer, who added that tenants include Ascend Properties, IntensityX3 Fitness & Kickboxing, Mane Coffee and Dunetz Wellness Center.

The **Delray Beach Housing Authority**, partnering with **Smith & Henzy Advisory Group**, received approval from the Site Plan Review and Appearance Board for their **Island Cove** project. It includes 60 affordable-housing buildings and a clubhouse.

The site, which has been vacant for more than 10 years, is between Southwest Eighth and 10th streets and Southwest 12th and 13th avenues.

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is contributing \$1 million, in the form of a grant, toward the \$27 million project.

"Rents for the 40 two-bedroom/two-bathroom and 20 three-bedroom/two-bathroom apartments are expected to range between \$500 and \$1,800 a month," said Shirley Erazo, CEO of the Housing Authority.

"The units in Island Cove will be set aside for residents earning between 30% to 80% of the area median income. This phase of the redevelopment will focus on community heroes: firefighters, teachers, law enforcement officers, nurses and other members of the essential workforce."

Here's some big (as in price and size) news in single-family home sales:

Paul Saunders, founder of the Virginia-based James River Capital Corp., and his wife, Victoria Saunders, paid \$34.7 million for the oceanfront estate at **2445 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach**. The sale, recorded Feb. 22, represented a

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record high price for the town.

The home was owned by the late Mark Hamister, who had paid \$12.5 million for the property in 2014.

The 16,582-square-foot house, situated on 1.1 acres, has seven bedrooms, a 14-car garage and 120 feet of beach frontage, according to realtor.com. Features include a full wing guest suite, screening room and a club room wing with a six-bay auto museum.

The property was listed for \$42 million in November 2021. **Joseph Liguori, Carmen D'Angelo Jr. and Gerard Liguori** of Premier Estate Properties represented Hamister's estate in the recent deal. **Marcy Javor** of Signature One Luxury Estates represented the Saunderses.

Gerard Liguori said an estate at 3715 S. Ocean previously held the record for Highland Beach. Public records show that it sold for \$29.5 million in late 2021.

"We've just returned from a conference, and there's a sense of uncertainty with inflation and the stock market, and what's happening in Ukraine, and people are going into hard assets such as real estate," Gerard Liguori said.

Speaking of **Premier Estate Properties**, the firm has represented properties exclusively in excess of \$1 million for 28 years, and it has paid off. The 2021 rankings by *T3 Sixty Almanac*, an independent report that analyzes and quantifies top real estate companies in the United States, put Premier Estate Properties No. 1 for highest sales volume per agent, No. 2 as the brokerage achieving the highest sales price, and No. 225 among the Mega 1,000 top brokerages.

Additionally, Premier garnered \$4.9 billion in sales and new listings over 12 months, all with only 42 agents.

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3545 North Ocean Trust, managed by Palm Beach attorney Guy Rabideau, bought the 14,000-square-foot mansion at **3545 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream**, for \$33 million in a sale recorded March 3. Built in 1958, the five-bedroom mansion rests on a 1.96-acre lot with 230 feet of ocean frontage. The seller of the property, Gulf Stream Ocean Properties FL, is a Florida limited liability company managed by Gary Clinton Scheier, who paid \$14.25 million for the property in 2018.

Candace and Phillip Friis, agents with the Corcoran Group, represented the buyer

and seller, according to realtor.com. The property was listed for \$34 million one day prior to the sale.

Lang Realty, through its community outreach arm Lang Cares, is leading a month-long diaper drive in April to benefit several South Florida charities through **The Diaper Bank, Covering South Florida**.

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The Boynton Beach City

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This grant is funded under provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The money will be used for a mobile laptop cart with 24 laptops, a printer, a projector and a full-time professional trainer to teach classes for library cardholders.

Classes cover topics such as basic computer literacy, Microsoft Office products, Adobe Photoshop Elements, Adobe Photoshop Elements, QuickBooks, creating art with software, job-interview preparation, and résumés.

Classes are posted on www.boynton-beach.org/city-library in the Library Program Calendar. For more information or questions about obtaining a card, call 561-742-6390.

The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum hosts "The Future Began Here/The Future is Here," a talk about the Boca Raton Innovation Campus, which will be held at the museum at 6 p.m. April 7.

What began as a location for IBM's research and development is now a 1.7 million-square-foot office park known as the Boca Raton Innovation Campus, home to 18 national and 19 regional office tenants with up to 6,000 employees. Boca-based CP Group acquired the office park in 2018.

As part of the program, CP Group managing partner **Angelo Bianco** will share IBM anecdotes as well as the firm's progress toward transforming BRiC with amenities that include a food hall, STEAM lab, and presentation space.



Bianco

Before and after the session, attendees can visit the museum's IBM Gallery. The cost is free for museum members and \$10 for nonmembers. To RSVP, email office@bocahistory.org or call 561-395-6766, ext. 100. The museum is at 71 N. Federal Highway.

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County's drowning prevention program was chosen by the **USA Swimming Foundation** to receive \$4,000 in grant money toward providing free or reduced-cost swim lessons. The foundation vetted more than 250 applications and chose 102 youth and 40 adult programs to receive funding. For more information, visit www.ymcaspbc.org.



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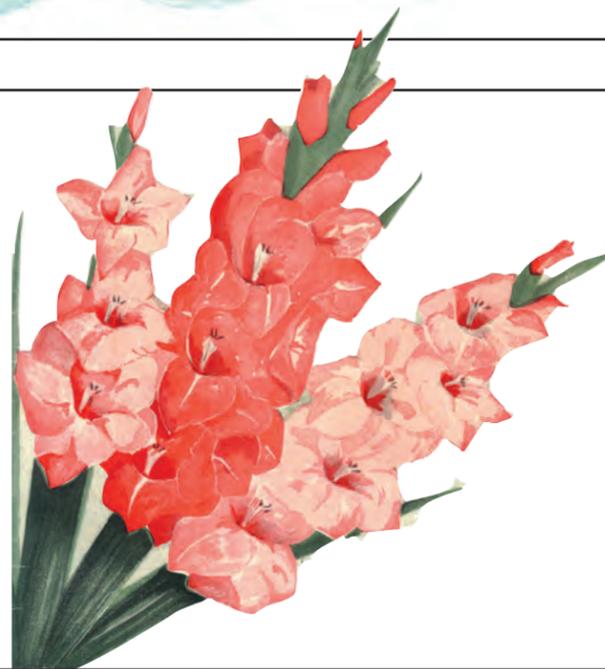


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Glad to be back



Crowds are expected to return by the thousands for the Delray Affair as it resumes along Atlantic Avenue. Photo provided

By Rich Pollack

For the thousands of people who have made an annual pilgrimage to Atlantic Avenue for three days each spring, the Delray Affair is more than just a street festival.

It is a tradition — one that evolved from a flower festival with parades and beauty queens — and one that has endured for six decades.

After a two-year pandemic-related hiccup, the Delray Affair is returning to the Avenue April 8 through 10, bringing with it a few of the icons that have defined the event for 60 years.

Once again this year, there will be entertainment, a kids zone and yes, conch

fritters, a staple of the event. More than 500 booths of artists and crafters as well as vendors with a wide array of items for sale will line the streets along 12 city blocks.

To celebrate the gala's 60th anniversary, there will be a '60s theme, with some participants dressing in '60s attire, and, of course, plenty to eat and drink.

More than anything else, however, there will be tradition.

"There's something in all of us that likes to hang on to tradition and the Delray Affair is probably the first and oldest tradition that

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After a 2-year hiatus, the Delray Affair is returning — and so are the gladiolus bulbs

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APRIL

Friday - 4/1 - The Lord's Place's SleepOut at United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach. Listen to uplifting stories of perseverance and courage from formerly homeless clients and participate in a candlelight ceremony while getting ready to go to sleep outdoors in a sleeping bag. 5 pm. \$25. 561-578-4928 or sleepouttlp.org.

Saturday - 4/2 - Florida Atlantic University's President's Gala at 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Celebrate the university's diamond anniversary and provide support for student scholarships while enjoying an open bar, gourmet dining, live entertainment and fireworks. 7 pm. \$300. 561-297-3000 or gala.fau.edu.

Thursday - 4/7 - HabCenter's 6th Annual BloomFest, "LUAU IN THE GARDEN", at 22313 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Hop on down to the Hawaiian party of the year featuring entertainment, food, drinks, raffles and much more to help equip disabled adults with the skills to lead productive lives. 6-8 pm. \$60. 561-483-4200, Ext. 137 or habcenter.org.

Friday - 4/8 - Milagro Center's 2nd Annual Spring Garden Tea Party at Community Art Garden, 346 S.W. Sixth Ave., Delray Beach. Compete in the "Express Your Hat-i-tude Contest!" and hear a presentation from life

coach Andrea Valley. 11 am-1 pm. \$35. 561-279-2970 or milagrocenter.org.

4/8 - Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' Men with Caring Hearts Awards Celebration at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr., Boca Raton. Enjoy "Havana Nights," a special evening under the tent, where three volunteers will be honored for their help in improving the lives of others. 6-10 pm. \$200. 561-391-7274, Ext. 134 or ffdc.org/special-events/men-with-caring-hearts.

4/8 - Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center's Schoolhouse Bash, "Too Cool for School", at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E. Ocean Ave. Celebrate the vibe with music, an auction and fun activation stations and raise funds to support the museum's education and outreach programs. 6-9 pm. \$125. 561-742-6778 or schoolhousemuseum.org.

Sunday - 4/10 - 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 Broadway legend Avery Sommers and piano virtuoso Lisa Leonard, who will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. 6:30 pm. \$275. 561-391-6380 or nsalfloidaeast.org.

Tuesday - 4/12 - Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse's Heart of a Woman Luncheon at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Celebrate the strength,

Star Maker Awards The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum



Coming April 10: Broadway legend Avery Sommers and piano virtuoso Lisa Leonard will be honored by the National Society of Arts and Letters' Florida East Coast Chapter with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Time is 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$275. Call 561-391-6380 or visit www.nsalfloidaeast.org. ABOVE: (l-r, seated) Shari Upbin, Dr. Ron Rubin, Gerry Ehrlich, and Sommers; (standing) Kimberly Wick, Judi Asselta, Leonard, and Kim Champion. Photo provided

courage and determination of women with keynote speaker Lovern Gordon, founder and president of the Love Life Now Foundation. 10:30 am silent auction, noon luncheon. \$175. 561-265-3797 or avdaonline.org.

Friday - 4/22 - Delray Beach Historical Society's "Twilight in the Garden" at Three N.E. First St. Meander garden pathways to enchanting food and craft cocktail vignettes, bid on one-of-a-kind auction items and enjoy live music during the organization's annual fundraiser. 6 pm. \$150. 561-274-9578 or delraybeachhistory.org.

Tuesday - 4/26 - Place of Hope's 8th Annual Angel Moms Brunch and Benefit, Under the Lemon Trees, at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 May Drive, Boca Raton. Support programs that serve foster children and those who have aged out of the foster-care system as well as hear from former homeless foster child Christina Meredith. 10:30 am. \$200. 561-483-0962, Ext. 64 or placeofhoperinker.org.

Saturday - 4/30 - Delray Beach Initiative's An Evening on the Love Boat at Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 N.E. Fourth Ave. Soak in an authentic cruise experience highlighted by flower leis and themed food and drinks inspired by each port of call, all to benefit Achievement Centers for Children & Families. 7-10 pm. \$30. 561-266-0003 or achievementcentersfl.org/love-boat.

the world during the vintner dinners and delectable cuisine from local restaurants during the Grand Tasting. 7 pm both days. \$350 for Friday's vintner dinners, \$200 for Saturday's Grand Tasting. 561-395-6766, Ext. 101 or bocabacchanal.com.

Wednesday - 5/18 - Unity School Fundraiser at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 N.W. Ninth St. Join in on a special evening of music with The Joe Cotton Band and raise proceeds to be split between the school and the playhouse. 6:30 pm. \$10. 561-272-1281 or delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Saturday - 5/21 - Milagro Center's "Sip, Sip, Hooray! Celebrate Our 25th Birthday!" at The Loft At Congress, 530 N.W. 77th St., Boca Raton. Celebrate 25 years of providing life-changing, afterschool academic and cultural-arts programs to hundreds of underserved children and teens in Delray Beach at an event featuring a special performance by Almost ABBA." 7-10 pm. \$125. 561-279-2970 or milagrocenter.org.

MAY

Sunday - 5/1 - Tri-County Animal Rescue's "Bark & Brunch" at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy an outdoor meal and festivities for dog moms and their fur babies to help generate proceeds for the shelter's medical fund. 11 am-2 pm. \$300. 561-482-8110 or tricountyanimalrescue.com.

Friday-Saturday - 5/6-5/7 - Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum's Boca Bacchanal at private homes throughout the city and at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Enjoy wine tastings from vintners around

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More than \$600,000 up for grabs at Impact 100 Grand Awards

By Amy Woods

A vote by members of Impact 100 Palm Beach County will change the quality of life in South Florida for the better.

On April 19, the Grand Awards take place at Lynn University, where, inside an unassuming auditorium, more than \$600,000 will be dispersed to nonprofit organizations with big plans.

“The night of Grand Awards is really a wonderful celebration of all of the women who have joined, and it is the moment

If You Go

What: Impact 100 Palm Beach County’s Grand Awards

When: 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 19

Where: Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton

Cost: Free

Information: 561-336-4623 or www.impact100pbc.org

in time where all of the nonprofit finalists who have applied for grants present,” communications co-



Impact 100 Palm Beach County President Holly Schuttler (in red) is joined by past presidents (l-r) Helen Ballerano, Sue Diener, Kirsten Stanley, Kathy Adkins, Karen Sweetapple and Susan Duane. **Photo provided**

chairwoman Jeannine Morris said. “It’s a very exciting event where all of the members come together.”

The annual gathering marks the culmination of the season for the charitable group that, to date, has donated more than \$4.5 million in high-impact grants to 41 local organizations. Impact 100 Palm Beach County collects \$1,000 from every woman who joins, pooling those funds for large, difference-making, truly grand awards.

“It’s an effective way of broadly impacting our community,” Morris said. “Powerful giving is our mission.”

Five finalists, whittled down from a list of 21 semifinalists, represent five focus areas — arts, culture and historic preservation; education; environment and animal welfare; family; and

health and wellness. Each will receive \$100,000. The remaining \$100,000-plus gets divvied up among select semifinalists. A reception kicks off the evening, followed by presentations about the proposed projects. Then a vote is taken.

“I am just thrilled because of the proposed projects we have and how relevant they are as to what our community is facing right now,” President Holly Schuttler said. “COVID decimated not only businesses in our community but several nonprofits.”



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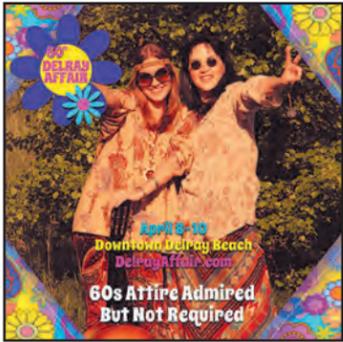
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To mark its 60th anniversary, this year's Delray Affair has a 1960s theme.

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still exists in Delray," said Nancy Stewart, whose Festival Management Group produces the event for the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

For many, the return of the Delray Affair means a chance to gather with friends and family for a yearly visit and perhaps run into acquaintances they might not have seen since the last festival.

"The Delray Affair was founded to help the business community but has grown to become a beloved event that brings the community together," said Stephanie Immelman, the chamber's CEO. "We need that now more than ever."

It is that sense of community that brings artists like Deborah LaFogg Docherty — a Delray Beach resident who paints wildlife images — back every year. "The Delray Affair is like coming home to family and friends," says LaFogg Docherty, who has been a regular at the show for at least 30 years. "It gives you that warm feeling that this is where you belong."

This year, the Delray Beach Historical Society will give visitors a chance to stroll down memory lane via photos from Delray Beach's Gladiola Festival, a precursor of the Delray Affair.

The historical society will sell gladiolus corms (bulbs), with the hope that residents will plant a little reminder of the community's history in their yards.

"It is our vision to have this iconic, perennial flower growing in everyone's backyard," says David Cook, the Delray Affair chairman for the historical society.

Miles of color

The bulbs are the closest thing you will see to the grown gladiolas that the festival used to sell. With the disappearance of the last gladiola farms in the area — and in most of the U.S. — several years ago, organizers discovered it was too costly to import them from overseas. Gladiolas, according to longtime resident Roy Simon, considered by many to be the founder of the Delray Affair, were once so plentiful that gladiolus fields stretched from Military Trail to U.S. Highway 441, creating a miles-long splash of many colors when the flowers bloomed.

"It was just a beautiful thing to see," Simon said.



A float at the 1986 Delray Affair transported the 1948 and 1986 Gladiola Queens. Photo provided



UPPER LEFT: Workers harvest gladiolus in the fields west of Delray Beach.

UPPER RIGHT: Joyce Totterdale Murphree (center) serves punch during an early Gladiola Festival.

LEFT: Visitors look at a display of historic photos at a past Delray Affair. Photos provided

If You Go

What: The 60th annual Delray Affair
Where: Downtown Delray Beach
When: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. April 8-9, 10-5 April 10.
Admission: Free
Info: 561-278-0424 or www.delrayaffair.com

In all, there were believed to be 11 nurseries growing as many as 14 varieties of gladiolas, according to the historical society archives.

During the early 1950s, Delray was the nation's leading producer of gladiolas, with about 1,600 acres under cultivation.

The gladiolas were so important to Delray Beach that from 1947 to 1953 the community held an annual Gladiola Festival with parades through the then relatively small town.

The Gladiola Festival eventually faded away as vegetable farming all but

replaced the floral industry, but it was reinvented in 1960 to recognize the shift after Simon saw a street festival while visiting relatives in the Central Florida town of Winter Park. "I came home and said, 'We ought to have this in Delray,'" he said.

A committee was formed and an agricultural exhibition was created, showcasing everything grown in Delray Beach including vegetables, flowers and citrus. There were even cows on the Avenue.

At the time, Delray Beach was known as a haven for artists, cartoonists and writers and by 1962 community leaders

decided to expand the festival by inviting them to be part of the event, transforming it into a street festival that became the Delray Affair.

Even then, the party stretched from Swinton Avenue to the Intracoastal Waterway, with artists painting in Veterans Park.

Soon, vendors asked to take part but Atlantic Avenue was strictly for writers and artists. A Thieves Market, where all sorts of merchandise was sold, was opened in the parking lot north of Atlantic just east of the railroad tracks and remained for many years.

"The ultimate goal was to

show off our town," Simon says. "If you want to show off your town, you need an attraction to bring people in."

Back then, the Delray Affair helped keep businesses afloat after the end of the tourist season. And it remains an important fundraiser for the chamber, while at the same time helping merchants.

"I'm happy that it's still going on and that we're still showcasing our city and drawing people from all over," Simon said.

Some traditions, it seems, are worth keeping. ★

Celebrations

Culture & Cocktails

The Ben, West Palm Beach — March 7



The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County welcomed 170 fans of fashion to a presentation by renowned design duo Badgley Mischka. The opening event of the season — and the first live one during the pandemic — featured a conversation with Mark Badgley and James Mischka moderated by philanthropist and sponsor Roe Green. **ABOVE:** Scott Teich and Deborah Bigeleisen. **Photo provided by Jacek Gancarz**

Old Bags Luncheon

The Colony, Palm Beach — Feb. 11



More than 450 guests came out to support the Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County at the highly anticipated event featuring a silent auction of 300 designer handbags. The multifaceted fundraiser included pop-up boutiques, fine dining and a surprise announcement of a \$1 million donation from Vice Chairwoman Tammy Pompea. 'There has always been a need, but I think now during the pandemic and post-pandemic the need is greater than it's ever been,' Pompea said. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Diana Maune, Cheryl McKee and Patty Ghesquiere. **Photo provided by Capehart**

'Power of the Purse'

Farmer's Table, Boca Raton — March 2



The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Jacobson Jewish Community Foundation had a women's outreach program designed to demonstrate how women impact philanthropy. Presenting remotely, speaker Caitlin Donovan, of auction powerhouse Christie's, explained how luxury handbags can be used as an investment for philanthropic purposes, generating hundreds of thousands of dollars. **ABOVE:** Anne Jacobson and Amy Dweck. **Photo provided by Jeffrey Tholl Photography**

Rhinestone Cowboy Ball

The Boca Raton — Feb. 19



The George Snow Scholarship Fund had a blast returning to in-person events with its annual gala. Friends and supporters gathered for an evening of boots and bling, fun and fundraising, and cowboy hats and country songs. Proceeds help deserving students achieve their dream of attending college. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Jason Hagensick, Doug Paton, Victoria Matthews, Linda Paton, Boca Raton City Councilwoman Yvette Drucker, Melanie Deyo, Pamela Weinroth and Liz Hagensick. **Photo provided**

Founders Luncheon

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach — Feb. 23



A sold-out crowd of more than 500 applauded half a century of local impact by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The organization's annual event marked the milestone with a keynote address from John Palfrey, president of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and reflections from the founder of the community foundation, Winsome McIntosh. The agency has provided nearly \$200 million in grants and scholarships to the area. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Jeff Stoops, Bill Meyer, Diane Quinn, Marti LaTour and George Elmore. **Photo provided by Tracey Benson Photography**

Celebration dinner

Café Saponi, West Palm Beach — Jan. 23



Il Circolo, The Italian Cultural Society, had its first event of the year — a Sicilian-themed dinner that was enjoyed by 130 members and guests. Following a welcome by President Paul Finizio and Chairwoman Rose DeAngelis, an update was given on the society-funded scholarship program at Florida Atlantic University that has been going strong for 35-plus years. **LEFT:** DeAngelis and Lisa Epstein. **Photo provided**

Celebrations

'Let the Good Times Roll'

Kravis Center, West Palm Beach — Feb. 24



The Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation honored philanthropists Alex and Renate Dreyfoos at the annual luncheon highlighted by exciting student performances, a high-end silent auction and a lavish gourmet meal. Proceeds benefited the foundation the couple helped start. 'They have been enhancing the programs at Dreyfoos for decades and have helped thousands of students achieve their dreams by bringing opportunities for students to receive a world-class art education,' Principal Blake Bennett said of the couple.

TOP: (l-r) Francine Walker, Gil Cohen and Lisa Marie Conte Browne.

CENTER: Dorothy Lappin and Linda Silpe.

BOTTOM: Don Silpe and Chris Snyder. Photos provided by Capehart



Be Great Celebration Dinner

Quail Ridge, Boynton Beach — March 10



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Delray Beach's ninth annual affair raised a record-breaking \$385,000 to fund critical programming and summer-camp initiatives. More than 100 guests gathered to enjoy a cocktail reception, meal and special violin performance by club members. 'After two years of not having the event, we are so excited to have raised so much for our Delray children,' co-chairwoman Susan Mullin said.

ABOVE: (l-r) Katherine Malinosky, Juliet Warner, Jenny Streit and Kristin Douglass.

TOP LEFT: John Backer and William Costa.

MIDDLE: Brian and Jennifer Coulter.

BOTTOM: Marc and Melissa deBaptiste. Photos provided by Tim Stepien

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Dining

Renowned chef opens Japanese restaurant at The Ray

Celeb chef Akira Back has debuted his first namesake Florida restaurant at The Ray, Delray Beach's new luxury hotel in Pineapple Grove.

Back, a Korean-born chef who was raised in Aspen, Colorado, brings modern Japanese cuisine with a variety of signature dishes to Akira Back, the third restaurant in the hotel. This marks the Michelin-starred chef's 18th restaurant in his critically acclaimed portfolio. Many American food enthusiasts know him from Yellowtail Japanese Restaurant and Lounge in The Bellagio Resort and Casino, Las Vegas.

He draws inspiration from his worldwide travels as a professional extreme snowboarder, leaning on his Korean heritage and culinary school's professional techniques.

An eclectic cooking style, along with a lively, innovative dining experience at each venue, earned Back a Michelin star.

Top ingredients are key to many of Back's dishes, and he's widely known for sourcing pure A5 wagyu beef for his interpretation of tacos, and high-end fish for sushi and sashimi that fill the menu.

He will incorporate specialty items for this menu specific to Delray Beach to blend with the tropical climate, while also bringing signature items from other Akira Back menus.

In a statement for the news media, Back said, "The South Florida dining scene has exploded over the last few years and continues to attract more diverse tastes and options in the culinary market. This restaurant blends my cultural roots and sophisticated culinary training resulting in an imaginative and unforgettable dining experience."

Noted dishes from the menu include AB tuna pizza with umami aioli, micro shiso and white truffle oil; a "New Carpaccio" of octopus, salmon, or flounder served with hot oil, yuzu soy, hoisin garlic, ginger and Szechuan salt; and a 48-



ABOVE: Koren-born chef Akira Back's passion is to provide an experience that connects diners with aspects of his food, personality and life.

RIGHT: One of his signature dishes is Angry Yellowtail.

Photos provided

hour wagyu short rib with root veggies, quail egg and braising jus.

Robata, or food cooked fireside, is served, and includes lamb chops with smoked jalapeño anticucho, and king crab legs with dynamite sauce and pickled shimeji. The A5 wagyu (top Japanese wagyu) includes toban-yaki with Japanese mushroom, umami sauce and truffle, or tataki with garlic, spicy daikon and ponzu.

Diners also can choose the Nazo 9 — the chef's mystery box, unveiled tableside. A minimum of two diners must order.

There is an extensive wine list as well as a sake menu, and a cocktail program featuring several Japanese whiskeys from Suntory's three distilleries as well as American and international offerings.

Akira Back joins the Ember Grill, a steakhouse, and Rosewater, a rooftop bar and grill serving breakfast, lunch and late night, at The Ray.

Akira Back's first-floor space was designed by Celano Design Studio. Teak panels wrap the facade. The bar is a backdrop for the open dining room that features round banquettes



upholstered in a fabric patterned on a painting done by Young-Hee Back, the chef's mother. Counters for sushi and the charcoal robata grill overlook the semi-open kitchen.

"We are thrilled to welcome chef Akira Back to The Ray Hotel and believe that his creativity, technique and attention to detail will elevate and bring international attention to the growing dining scene in Delray Beach," said Craig Menin, founder of Menin Development, The Ray developer.

The chef expected to be at the Delray restaurant for its opening, then to appear

periodically. Daily operations will be supervised by executive chef Eric Berlin, under the direction of Back.

Akira Back in The Ray, 233 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach. Open Tuesday-Saturday for dinner, starting at 5 p.m. Phone 561-739-1708; akirabackdelray.com. Reservations through OpenTable.com. Valet parking at The Ray.

Boca Bacchanal, which shut down last year because of the pandemic, is returning this year for two nights' celebration May 6-7.

The festival, which has drawn thousands of oenophiles

and food lovers since it began in 2003, will bring together noted chefs from around the country, and pair them with notable vintners for five-course dinners staged at private homes, historical sites and other locations on May 6.

Vintners are Silver Oak & Twomey Cellars, DAOU Vineyards, Masi Agricola, Château la Nerthe, and St. Francis Winery & Vineyards. As of mid-March, the chefs and homes to be matched with them had not been announced. Tickets are \$350 per person.

The weekend culminates 7-10 p.m. May 7, with the Grand Tasting at newly renovated The



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Boca Raton. Numerous vintners will have tastings of their wines and champagnes. Area chefs will offer samples of their signature dishes. Also featured are a silent auction of wines, and dining, travel and lifestyle packages. Tickets to this are \$200 per person.

Tickets to the chef-vintner dinners and the Grand Tasting benefit special programs and exhibits hosted by the Boca Raton Historical Society.

Mary Csar, executive director of the historical society and chairwoman of Boca Bacchanal, said the events offer the community “a delightful opportunity to support the heritage education programs of the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum and the Boca Raton Historical Society.”

The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum is open to the public in old Town Hall at 71 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Call 561-395-6766 for more information.

For Boca Bacchanal schedule of events and to buy tickets, go to www.BocaHistory.org.

An update on the changes coming to Mizner Park dining starting this summer:

Kapow Noodle Bar will move to a larger space across from its current location around mid-June.

It will have an indoor-outdoor bar, an eight-seat omakase bar, and three private karaoke rooms with full restaurant service, along with a large outdoor seating area.

Penelope's, a New Orleans-themed brasserie, will take over Kapow's old digs. It's scheduled to open sometime this fall.

Principals in the Subculture Group behind these restaurants also announced their newest concept — an Italian trattoria dubbed **Shaker & Pie**. At the same time, they brought the news that longtime Irish favorite the Dubliner is closing to make room for it. St. Patrick's Day was its last big shindig. Work on Shaker & Pie is now the focus, with a target opening of spring 2023.

Vaughan Dugan, a Subculture partner, said, “We started developing the Shaker & Pie concept in 2015 and for one reason or another, it just wasn't the right time or location. It was a tough decision to close the Dubliner, but the silver lining is that it is a great opportunity to bring Shaker & Pie to life.

“I ran a multi-location pizza concept earlier in my career so it's rewarding to see things come full circle as we work on the menu for our wood-fired pizzas and small plates.”

Finally, **Subculture Coffee**, the third of these coffee shops in the county, should be open as you read this — late March was the goal. It will roast its own coffee beans in-house and offer prepared breakfast, lunch and snacks. Plans are to open another in Delray Beach and in Palm Beach Gardens later in 2022.



Boca Bacchanal, which has drawn thousands of wine and food lovers since it began in 2003, missed last year because of the pandemic but is returning May 6-7. **Photo provided**

In brief

Burt Rapoport, a South County restaurateur for more than 30 years, has opened a Chinese restaurant, **Pagoda Kitchen**, reminiscent of his

classic favorite, Betelnut in San Francisco. We love the Peking duck among a menu of approachable favorites — bao buns, pork fried rice, dumplings and egg rolls, along with wagyu beef potstickers and giant spicy

prawns.

Pagoda Kitchen is in the Delray Marketplace on West Atlantic Avenue. Expect to wait — and the food is served family style, by the way. ...

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Gardens

Garden club reflects Briny Breezes' relaxed, small-town vibe

This is the fourth in a series on five local garden clubs.

By Jan Engoren

What, you may ask, is the Briny Way?

Briny Breezes Garden Club President Doris Hambacher says the Briny Way reflects the residents' commitment to work together as a whole to always better the community.

Compared with other garden clubs in the area, the Briny Breezes club is smaller. It is private and open exclusively to residents of Briny Breezes.

Founded in 1985 to encourage and promote cooperative projects for upgrading the town's general appearance, the club works to stimulate interest and concern for South Florida horticulture through education and participation of the residents.

One of the club's signature events is the Mad Hatter Tea Party, last held before the pandemic began in March 2020.

Typically, the club has between 25 and 30 members who meet for a work session the first Thursday of the month and for a business meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Annual dues are \$5.

Hambacher says, "My family is in its sixth generation coming to Briny and we all think it is special.

"One of Briny's hidden gems



Doris Hambacher

is the Butterfly Garden, a place that can be cool and calming," she says. "I love to garden and our unit in Briny has limited gardening options with almost no shade. Working in the Butterfly Garden provides a gardening fix while helping to keep this special space going another year."

Hambacher, 67, is a retired global records and information manager from Chicago. She is in the process of creating a map of the garden with plant descriptions and care guides.

"Hopefully, this will allow us all to provide better care for the garden and identify/replace any plants lost over the summer or in storms," she says.

Other future projects include replacing the water feature with one that can be dismantled at season's end (Hambacher says people love the sound and its calming effect); developing more educational opportunities; replacing the orchids in the trees, and creating a mosaic-top table.



The Butterfly Garden, formerly the Shade House Garden, is near the corner of State Road A1A and Briny Breezes Boulevard.

The garden club claimed the space next to the corner of State Road A1A and Briny Breezes Boulevard, formerly a kids playground. It was originally called the Shade House Garden, and some of the initial plants such as the Queen's wreath (*Petrea volubilis*) vine with its cascading purple flowers are still thriving, according to Hambacher.

Hambacher says that the

garden has become quite lush under the various palms and large shade trees, including a pitch apple tree (*Clusia rosea*), also known as the Autograph Tree because you can write on the fleshy leaves with your fingernail.

But visitors beware: The "apples" are poisonous to pets.

As with other South Florida garden clubs, Briny's club focuses on introducing native plants as well as those that will provide for the life cycle of butterflies. To that end, some of the plants in the garden include bougainvillea, elephant ears (*Colocasia*), different varieties of croton and Star of India (*Dracaena reflexa*).

Vice President Beth Fowler, 56, took over her mother's place in Briny Breezes in 2017. The retired teacher and administrator from New Hampshire gives credit to

Hambacher for her vision and dedication to the garden.

"Dory takes the time to figure out the garden and choose the right varieties of native plants," she says. "She's thoughtful about which plants to add."

Fowler has been going to the Briny garden for as long as she can remember. "My mother always told us, "Briny is a healing place."

She credits the Briny Way for residents' support of clubs, whether or not they actively participate. Some offer support as a way of perpetuating the Briny legacy of their parents and grandparents.

Back home in New Hampshire, where Fowler goes each summer to be with grandchildren, she enjoys foraging for medicinal plants such as purslane, St. John's wort, chamomile, dandelions and wild mushrooms.

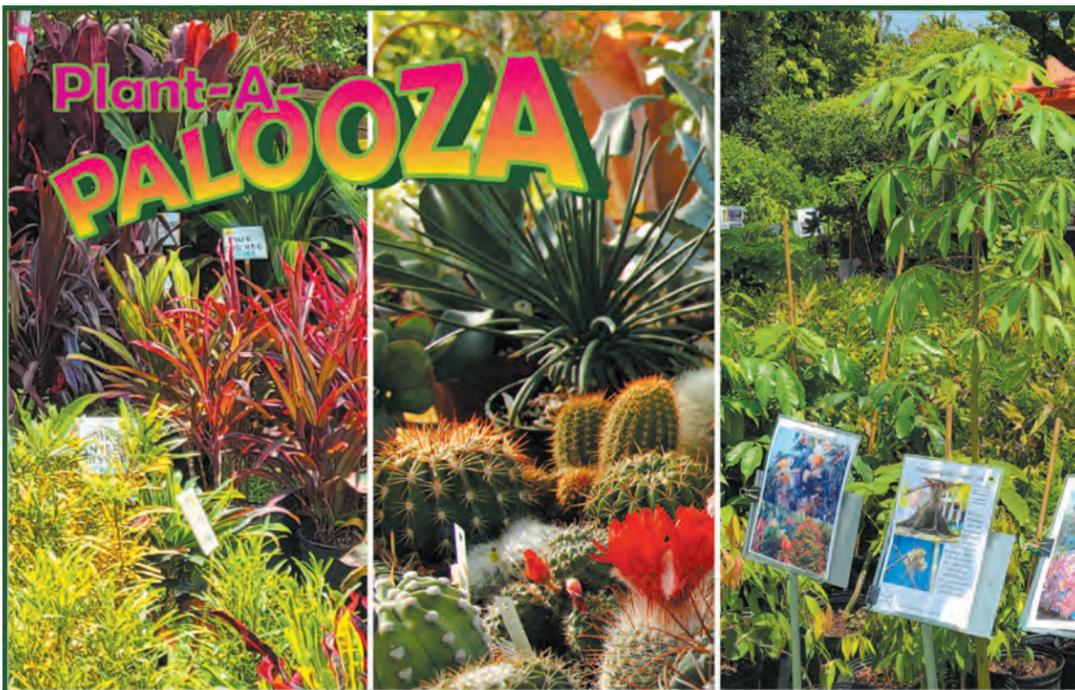
She's surprised by the rate at which plants grow in Florida — morning glories that took 10-15 days to sprout in New Hampshire sprouted in only two days here.

Besides enjoying the omnipresent ocean that is her backyard, Fowler takes respite in the Briny garden — open to all residents and guests.

"It's a wonderful, peaceful place to meditate, do yoga or enjoy a conversation," says Fowler. "Besides the beach, this is the only other place I can sit for hours and be by myself — it's very relaxing."

And that is the Briny Way. ★

The Briny Breezes Garden Club meets twice a month, for a work session the first Thursday of the month and for a business meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Annual dues are \$5. The club is open only to Briny Breezes residents.



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Garden Calendar

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APRIL 3-9

Tuesday - 4/5 - Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Speaker Dr. Mica McMillan, UF-Ft. Lauderdale Research & Education Center: Native Palm Trees. 1 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org
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APRIL 10-16

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Tuesday - 4/26 - Ocean Ridge Garden Club FFGC District X Meeting & Flower Show at The Little Club, 100 Little Club Rd, Gulf Stream. 9 am-3 pm. Oceanridgegardenclub.org

MAY 1-7

Tuesday - 5/3 - Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Speaker John Goss, Horticulturist, JG Tropical Plants: Botanical & Propagation Presentation. 1 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

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Music

Let the SunFest shine



Revelers enjoy a Bebe Rexha concert at SunFest in 2019. This year's festival will be April 28-May 1. Photos provided

In its 38th incarnation, West Palm Beach festival celebrates the volunteers who make the music happen

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Since SunFest unveiled its more youthful pop, hip-hop, and country music-centric 2022 musical lineup in February, there's been no shortage of opinions about it. Just look at Facebook for proof. Or don't bother.

Yet 40 years after its 1982 inception — and especially after a two-year, COVID-necessitated hiatus — it may be time to look backstage, and behind the scenes, of the nonprofit organization that will put on the 38th version of “Florida’s largest waterfront music and art festival” from April 28-May 1.

“Our volunteers are always the heart of our event,” says Paul Jamieson, SunFest’s executive director. “And once



Three young volunteers at a previous SunFest pose in their team T-shirts.

this year’s musical lineup was announced, our volunteer coordinator got an overwhelming surge of people wanting to pitch in, which was gratifying. We couldn’t do it without them.”

As Jamieson admits, that response was pleasantly surprising. After he canceled SunFest 2020 in the teeth of the pandemic and eventually scrapped what he calls a “SunFest Lite” lineup for 2021 as another viral variant surged, no one knew whether interest would wane or, well, surge for 2022.

“Everyone at SunFest is happy to have this opportunity again,” Jamieson says. “Our volunteers are fired up, too. We were prepared for a higher rate of attrition from our previous volunteers, but we haven’t experienced that, which is great. We’ve also had a nice turnout of new people wanting to volunteer.”

“It feels different after the hiatus, but there’s also a degree of familiarity, which is welcome. We’re rebooting back up, and happy to be dealing with such normal things, even if we may be a bit rusty at them. But SunFest fans, like everyone, seem to be yearning for a bit of a return to normalcy too.”

For the more than 2,000 volunteers on 20-plus SunFest committees, the rewards are often immaterial. But they also include free admission and parking on the day of their shifts; free food and drink before or after a shift; a Team SunFest T-shirt, and a complimentary one-day weekend pass if they work Thursday or Friday during the

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Theater

Theatre Lab play explores the darker side of childbirth

By Hap Erstein
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

The birth and care of a newborn is usually depicted in plays and movies as a blessed event. But Miami-based playwright Gina Montet knows that is not always the case.

So, after researching the subject and having children of her own, she wrote *Overactive Letdown*, a look at the dark side of childbirth. An audience favorite at the 2020 New Play Festival of Florida Atlantic University’s Theatre Lab, the work is currently receiving its world premiere from the Boca Raton company.

Montet says the play is not autobiographical, “but it was inspired by my first experience into motherhood, and just kind of realizing that your expectations and reality are not always the same.”

In between writing plays, Montet found the time to have and raise three boys and, fortunately, her experiences are nothing like those of *Overactive Letdown*’s Christine — an intelligent movie buff mom with a supportive professor husband, Mark, but whose first journey into parenting leaves her exhausted, depressed and more than a little paranoid.

“Learning about it, understanding postpartum depression, anxiety and psychosis, I realized that nobody was talking about it,” Montet says. “Nobody had shared with me their difficulties in motherhood, where

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Music

West Palm’s Music Man has kept bands playing for almost 50 years

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

During the same year Music Man opened on North Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach, the United States celebrated its bicentennial anniversary, and Jimmy Carter was elected its 39th president. The average cost of a new house was slightly more than \$43,000; average income was \$16,000, average monthly rent \$220, and gas cost around 59 cents per gallon.

Gymnast Nadia Comaneci won three gold medals, and earned seven perfect scores, for her routines at that year’s

Summer Olympic Games in Montreal, and the two-time Super Bowl champion Miami Dolphins endured their first losing NFL season since 1969. NASA unveiled its first space shuttle, the Enterprise; the Sylvester Stallone boxing film *Rocky* was released, and the Apple Computer Company was formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

The internet, not to mention the COVID-19 pandemic, were still distant future entities that would eliminate many such musical outlets. Yet despite that, Music Man has not only survived, but also expanded —

into both western West Palm Beach and north to Port St. Lucie, proving to be the little mom-and-pop shop that could since 1976.

“My father was a retired band director from Rochester, New York, who started Music Man,” says owner and president John “J.J.” Jarvis. “We’d moved down here when I was 3 years old, and he opened this location as a hodgepodge little store with a drum set and a few other instruments here and there. Then my mom picked up a few more at a school board auction and said, ‘John, you know we

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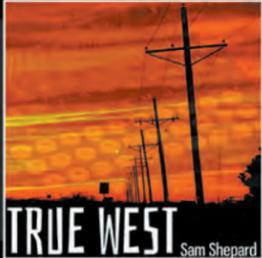


The Music Man has been selling, renting and repairing musical instruments such as violas and violins since 1976 from a shop on Dixie Highway in West Palm Beach. It now has several other outlets. Photo provided

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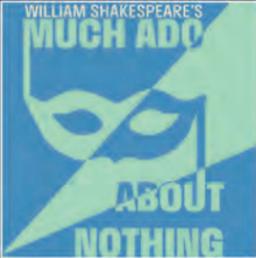
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there were false expectations of nothing but perfection. And when things aren't perfect, that disappointment that you feel can be very real."

So Montet wrote Christine's experience as a worst-case scenario, but with the message that such mental illness — for that is what the condition is, the playwright insists — is usually temporary and completely treatable. "And with this play, what I hope to do is increase that awareness, to have those discussions," explains Montet.

Admitting to being overwhelmed by new motherhood is an important step, says the production's director, Margaret Ledford.

"Because there's so much societal pressure — for the marriage to be fine, for the mom to be fine," she says. "The expectation is that it is only overwhelming joy, that you should be happy. So for a woman to admit that she's not, goes against the grain of everything else."

In addition to the research she did on childbirth, Montet says "a lot of what's in this play happened to people that I know. Little moments of perceived failure that my friends had going through motherhood."

The play's title comes from the jargon of childbirth that refers to the forceful ejection of milk from the mother during breastfeeding. When Montet came upon the term as she was writing a scene where Christine



Lindsey Corey plays a new mother struggling with postpartum depression in Gina Montet's *Overactive Letdown*, at FAU Theatre Lab. Photo provided

If You Go

Overactive Letdown is playing at FAU Theatre Lab, Parliament Hall, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road in Boca Raton, through April 10.
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Montet not only made Christine a Netflix addict, but also turned her hallucinations into scenes from various movie genres — from a Jane Austen period romance to a Titanic disaster epic to a classic western. "That was a lot of fun, too. I wrote way more of them than I could actually use," she concedes.

Montet workshopped *Overactive Letdown* at the Playwright Development Program in Miami and the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis. "So when it was ready that's when I gave it to Matt."

Matt Stabile, FAU Theatre Lab's producing artistic director, was immediately taken with the play, calling it a "comedic thriller on an issue that is not given nearly enough attention in our society."

"This play has a way of drawing you in," says Ledford. "It shows you something you didn't think you were coming in for. The play really takes a turn. The first scene and the last scene are worlds away from each other. And I love watching an audience go on that ride."

is visited by a lactation coach, she saw it as an apt description for Christine's entire condition.

From Ledford's first involvement with the play, a workshop reading at Florida International University in 2019, she knew she wanted Lindsey Corey to play Christine because "she's uber-talented, she's super-likable and you root for her."

"My first thought was, 'Wow, what a powerful story,'" says Corey. "It's such an up-and-down, tumultuous journey, and the character pretty much never leaves the stage. So from start to finish, that psychosis that develops, it's such a natural progression to have such a breakdown. So I said, 'I want to go on this horribly beautiful journey.'"

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could rent some of these out to kids.' We slowly added more brand-name equipment to our repertoire, and eventually became the premier school music dealer in Palm Beach County."

Before he succumbed to lung cancer, trumpeter John Jarvis (1926-1998) helped build Music Man to its current heights with the help of his wife, Dorothy "Dixie" Jarvis.

"That's Old Dixie," she stresses, lacking in neither wit nor personality. "The highway was named after me, after all. I'm 86 now."

Some of the 51-year-old Jarvis' earliest Music Man memories involve both of his parents in and around the chain's original Pleasant City location — the familiar brown building that's remained largely unchanged over its 46 years.

Music Man's showroom of instruments and accessories there is small because most of the action takes place behind the scenes, much of it repairing instruments and housing the chain's rental equipment.

Jarvis, who helped out in the store from a very young age, naturally became a musician himself. "I ended up playing whatever was needed, from all varieties of the saxophone to tuba and bass clarinet, in band at Conniston Middle School and Twin Lakes High School," he says. "And my wife, Jeneve, plays clarinet and sax, and is band director at Crestwood Middle



Music Man proprietor J.J. Jarvis has some fun in the Jog Road store. Photo provided

School. Many of the people who work with us were once in bands and at band camps with me. So it certainly remains all in the family."

Music Man's staff includes saxophonist, clarinetist and Jog Road manager Adam Schoen; clarinetist and Port St. Lucie manager Taylor Walsh; and instructors John Lovell (trumpet), Frank Derrick (drums) and Ian Wilkinson (violin), who also helps with repairs.

The other West Palm Beach location — a colorful building with a piano key on its exterior, a dozen lesson rooms, and an entryway showroom with a wall of guitars, other stringed instruments and numerous accessories — has been key in teaching area students since it opened on Jog Road near Southern Boulevard in 2011.

"The Jog Road location is where most of our lessons are," says Jennifer Howell, Music

If You Go

Music Man is located at 2309 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach (561-832-3753); 179 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach (561-478-0920); and 950 SW Bayshore Blvd., Port St. Lucie (772-466-8764). Each location is open Monday to Saturday.

Man's assistant bookkeeper, "and we have instructors at our Port St. Lucie location too."

The Port St. Lucie store opened on Bayshore Boulevard to keep Music Man's St. Lucie County presence after it closed its Fort Pierce store in 2015.

"Our Fort Pierce location wasn't in a great spot and couldn't support a true retail experience," Jarvis says. "The Port St. Lucie store is smaller, and we do maybe 30 to 40 lessons per week there. But it also provides a hub, for repairs and rentals, for middle school and high school students and their families."

Even keeping the books is a family affair at Music Man. The chain's primary bookkeeper is Howell's mother, Cindy, whom Jarvis calls "our queen bee and linchpin, because every piece of paper in our operation touches her fingers."

A definitive glass-half-full businessman, Jarvis took over sole ownership of Music Man during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite the obstacles.

"I joined the business in 1992 after graduating college from The Citadel," he says. "I was the

road guy then, visiting schools and developing relationships in hopes that they'd recommend us to rent instruments for their students. More recently, after taking over 100 percent ownership, I'm having to apply for PPP loans and dealing with a 55 percent drop in rentals, our biggest profit center. But I'd already overseen the day-to-day operations for the past 20 years or so. Before the pandemic, we also had about 275 kids coming for lessons every week. Now, we're back up to around 150. So we're slowly rebuilding our lessons program as well.

"We don't get rich in this business. We're like teachers in general, in that we make a living by recognizing the importance of musical education and serving the community. Palm Beach County is literally one of the best counties in the country in ensuring that there can be musical education for all students. Its school board recapitalized our band and orchestra programs in 2020, and has won community awards for musical education from the

National Association of Music Merchants for the past five years."

As for the internet, and its instant-gratification advantages over brick-and-mortar stores, Jarvis sees that equation in reverse as well.

"Each band director we serve has a specific set of needs," he says. "And our 'Shop By School' link is tailored toward those needs, whether it's mouthpieces, reeds, or whatever else. I'd estimate our online sales to be only 1 or 2 percent of our total income; but Amazon can't offer that tailored service.

"We can't compete with them regarding convenience, nor should we try. So we offer services that they can't provide, like repairs. And quality instruments — not a \$100 discounted flute that'll cost \$150 to repair. We personally delivered necessities like valve oil to individual students while they were studying at home during the pandemic. It might not have been cost-efficient, but it strengthened our relationships within the community."

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The Black Pumas will close out SunFest on the LaBovick Law Group Stage on May 1. The 40-year-old festival has gradually morphed to feature mostly younger acts and newer genres such as hip-hop in recognition of changing pop cultural tastes. Photo by Jody Domingue

SUNFEST

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Friday during the event. "SunFest is only as good as our volunteers, and we have some great volunteers," says Ivan Rosa, volunteer committee chairman for "The Stand," in which patrons reserve standing-room spots up front for musical artists.

"It takes 175 volunteers, who collectively put in more than 700 hours to operate 'The Stand.' We have a whole team that mans the entrances, scans guest tickets, and distributes wristbands, allowing the guests to come and go," Rosa said. "Volunteers also admit reentry, and prevent general admission guests from entering the area. All the volunteers from SunFest become like family, and there are many who've worked the festival since its inception."

For those Thursday and/or Friday volunteers, this year's Saturday and Sunday closers will include Lil Wayne, Adam Lambert, Boyz II Men, and Black Pumas — not exactly the classic rock favored by baby boomers, seemingly the age demographic complaining the loudest on Facebook.

"There just aren't that many baby boomer acts left with many original members," says Jamieson. "We've never tried to leave any age group out, but if your musical tastes are stuck in Doobie Brothers 8-track tapes, then you might be disappointed. People's tastes change over time, and no one's tastes are wrong."

"Did we make a conscious decision over the years to move away from jazz? Yes, and some people didn't like that," he said. "When we first booked hip-hop acts, we got a lot of criticism too. But SunFest is a reflection of popular culture, which also changes over time. For a Gen-Xer, an artist like Nelly is practically like their classic rock."

The SunFest 365 community outreach program additionally promotes and enhances the area's culture and arts scenes year-round, including college scholarship money toward gifted students. Through its "Helping Neighbors" program, SunFest has also given away thousands of free passes to area charities to distribute to people who might not be able to afford to attend.

"Helping Neighbors' is one of our favorite programs," Jamieson says, "because it helps bring people out to SunFest who might not be here without it. Some of our volunteers are from other nonprofit programs, and many participate in our food and beverage service areas or work positions at the gates. Their groups get some money back for that, which mutually adds up to more than \$100,000 for those groups in the community."

"We also have a mini-SunFest on the Friday morning of the festival, before we even open, for special needs kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to participate. And we have amazing volunteers who even take off days of work to help the 200 or so kids who attend. A company out of Palm Beach Gardens called the Gehring Group supports this, and it's one of our favorites as well. It's great to see the smiles on those kids' faces."

Such under-the-radar aspects are among the many constants at SunFest, although Jamieson says that one COVID-19-related change this year is within its ticketing.

"Previously, our one-day and two-day tickets were for any day," he says. "But we realized this year that no one can have any idea when those people plan to come, which could cause delays if we were in a capacity situation. We're not necessarily anticipating that situation, but it seemed like a prudent step to change over to primarily electronic ticketing where you have to pick a day, or days, for your one-day or two-day pass before it's activated."

The arts and crafts and communal aspects of SunFest are also no less important, though often overshadowed by the quantifiable anticipation of each annual festival's announcement of its musical lineup.

"The theme we're using this year is 'Getting the Band Back Together,'" Jamieson says. "But that's not just about the music. Our band of volunteers has been looking forward to getting back together too. And SunFest is a community event where you go with a group of friends, and you end up meeting up with another group of friends, and that's probably what you remember even more than who was performing at the time."

If You Go

SunFest runs April 28 to May 1 on Flagler Drive in West Palm Beach. Tickets: Advance: \$45-\$50 1-day pass; \$60 2-day pass, \$90 4-day pass. Discounts and VIP passes available. Info: 800-786-3378, www.sunfest.com

Schedule:
April 28: Andrew Morris Band (6 p.m.), Kidd G (7 p.m.), Sam Hunt (8:30 p.m.) on the northern Ford Stage; Citizen Badger (5:45 p.m.), Colony House (6:45 p.m.), Goo Goo Dolls (8:15 p.m.) on the central Ideal Nutrition Stage; American Sigh (6 p.m.), flipturn (7 p.m.), Rainbow Kitten Surprise (8:30 p.m.) on the southern LaBovick Law Group Stage.

April 29: Joey Calderaio Band (7 p.m.), The Main Squeeze (8 p.m.), Slightly Stoopid (9:30 p.m.), on Ford Stage; Indigo Dreamers (6:30 p.m.), Fancy Hagood (7:30 p.m.), Counting Crows (9 p.m.) on Ideal Nutrition Stage; Sko Gudino (7 p.m.), seeyousoon (8 p.m.), Polo G (9:30 p.m.) on LaBovick Law Group Stage.

April 30: Levi Hummon (2 p.m.), Brett Young (3:15 p.m.), Public Sounds (6:15 p.m.), Rogue Theory (7:15 p.m.), Selfish Sons (8:15 p.m.), Lil Wayne (9:30 p.m.) on Ford Stage; Bre Kennedy (1:45 p.m.), Melissa Etheridge (3:15 p.m.), Chris Pierce (6:30 p.m.), Justus Bennetts (7:30 p.m.), and Adam Lambert (9 p.m.) on Ideal Nutrition Stage; De'Wayne (2:15 p.m.), Chase Atlantic (3:30 p.m.), iDiaz (6:40 p.m.), Elena Rose (7:40 p.m.), Justin Quiles (8:45 p.m.) on LaBovick Stage.

May 1: Ric Wilson (1:30 p.m.), Nelly (2:45 p.m.), Crush Company (5:30 p.m.), BabyJake (6:30 p.m.), and AJR (7:45 p.m.) on Ford Stage; Spencer Sutherland (1:45 p.m.), Lany (3:15 p.m.), Matt Brown (5:30 p.m.), Alex Mali (6:30 p.m.), and Boyz II Men (7:30 p.m.) on Ideal Nutrition Stage; Artikal Sound System (2:15 p.m.), Soja (2:45 p.m.), Topless in Tokyo (5:15 p.m.), Mihali (6:15 p.m.), and Black Pumas (7:30 p.m.) on LaBovick Law Group Stage.

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ART

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Through June 30: *Bradley Theodore in the Garden of the Palms*. \$15 adults; \$10 seniors; \$7 children/students; free for members. 10 am-4 pm W-Sun. 561-832-5328. Info@ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Through April 24: *Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel*. \$19.20 and up. 10 am-4 pm T-F, 10 am-noon Sat. 561-832-1776 or armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Opens April 20: *The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop*. Through Jan. 22, 2023. With *Bonnie Lautenberg: Art Meets Hollywood -- Artistic!*. Through Aug. 21. \$12, \$10 seniors. 11 am-7 pm M-Sat. 561-392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

Cornell Art Museum: 11 am-5 pm T-Sat. 561-243-7922 or www.cornellartmuseum.org.

Cultural Council for Palm Beach County: Through April 9: *Being Heard, Being Seen*. Through April 16: *2022 Palm Beach County Photographer Show: Environment*. Through April 23: *Dorothy Lemeh: Narratives*. Noon-5 pm T-Sat. 561-471-2901, palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions.

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Opens April 7: *44th Annual Members' Show and Sale*. Through April 23. 9 am-5 pm M-Th; 9 am-4 pm F; 10 am-4 pm Sat. 561-746-3101, lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Opens May 7: *Beyond the Wall: Visions of the Asian Experience in America*. Through Sept. 25. \$15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; free for members, ages 5 and under. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 561-495-0233 or morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through May 1: *From Hassam to Wyeth: Gifts from Doris and Shouky Shaheen*; through June 12: *Jane Peterson:*

Impressions of Light and Water; through Sept. 11: *Dürer, Rembrandt and Picasso: Three Masters of the Print; A Remarkable Gathering: The Fisher Landau Family Collection*; through Sept. 25: *The Howard and Judie Ganek Collection*. \$18; \$15 seniors; \$5 students; free for members, ages 12 and under. 10 am-5 pm, M-Th, Sat; 10 am-10 pm F; 11 am-5 pm Sun. 561-832-5196 or www.norton.org.

Society of the Four Arts: Through April 16: *In a New Light*. 10 am-5 pm M, W-Sat, 1-5 pm Sun. daily. 561-655-7226 or fourarts.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Sunday, April 3

New York Philharmonic String Quartet presents pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, Webern, and American composer Joel Thompson. \$25 and up. 8 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org. Wednesday, April 6

Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: Artistic director Arnaud Sussmann is joined by five colleagues for string sextets by Brahms (No. 1 in B-flat) and Tchaikovsky (*Souvenir de Florence*). 7 pm, Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. \$75. 561-379-6773, www.cmspb.org.

Thursday, April 7

Cameron Carpenter: The flamboyant American organist returns to the Kravis Center's digital organ for an all-Bach concert. \$15 and up. 8 pm, Kravis Center. 561-823-7469, www.kravis.org.

Sunday, April 10

Palm Beach Symphony: Japanese-American violinist Midori is the soloist in the Korngold Violin Concerto as Gerard Schwarz and the orchestra wrap up their season on a concert that also includes the *New England Triptych* of William Schuman and the Eighth Symphony of Dvorak. \$25 and up. 3 pm, Kravis Center. 561-823-7469

or www.kravis.org.

Joshua Rifkin: The American pianist and educator performs works of ragtime master Scott Joplin in a program with music by Brazilian Ernesto Nazareth. 3 pm, Society of the Four Arts, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. \$30. 561-655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

Wednesday, April 20

Montrose Piano Trio: Violinist Martin Beaver, cellist Clive Greensmith and pianist Jon Kimura Parker perform two works — Schubert's Piano Trio No. 1 (in B-flat) and the *Archduke* Trio of Beethoven — to wrap up the season. 7 pm, Holy Trinity Church, 211 Trinity Place, West Palm Beach. \$75. 561-379-6773 or www.cmspb.org. Thursday, April 21

Atlantic Classical Orchestra: The Fort Pierce-based group is joined by cellist Oliver Herbert for Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations*. Conductor David Amado leads the band in Wolf's *Italian Serenade* and the Symphony No. 4 of Felix Mendelssohn. 7:30 pm, Palm Beach State College, 11051 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens. \$30-\$65. 772-460-0851 or atlanticclassicalorchestra.com. Sunday, April 24

The Symphonia Boca Raton: Music director Alastair Willis is joined by Ashely Garritson for a Mozart piano concerto (No. 21 in C). 3 pm, St. Andrew's School, Boca Raton. 561-376-3848 or thesymphonia.org.

DANCE

Thursday, April 14-Saturday, April 16

Ballet Palm Beach: The Palm Beach Gardens company presents *Peter Pan and Tinker Bell*, company founder Colleen Smith's imagining of the classic J.M. Barrie children's tale. 7 pm Th, 2 and 7 pm Sat, 11 a.m. and 3 pm Sun. Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$45. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org. Monday, April 18-Tuesday, April 19

Malpas Dance Company: The Cuban dance troupe presents four works, including pieces by Daile Carranza and Aszure Barton. 7:30 pm

both performances, Kravis Center. \$40 and up. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Friday, April 29-Sunday, May 1

Miami City Ballet: The company presents four ballets, including two company premieres (Christopher Wheeldon and William Forsythe), a world premiere (Claudia Schreier) and Balanchine's *Prodigal Son*, set to music of Prokofiev. 7:30 pm F, 2 and 7:30 pm Sat, 1 pm Sun. Kravis Center. \$30 and up. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

JAZZ

Friday, April 8

Blue Muse Jazz: The Jacksonville-based septet offers a program called *Cool Jazz Cafe*. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org. Wednesday, April 13

Dirty Dozen Jazz Band: The New Orleans brass band plays at Gold Coast Jazz Society. 7:45 pm, Broward Center, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$65. 954-524-0805 or www.goldcoastjazz.org.

Monday, April 25

Diana Kral: The Canadian pianist and singer has had eight albums debut at the top of the Billboard Jazz charts. 8 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$35 and up. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Saturday, April 30

Palm Beach International Jazz Festival: The fourth iteration features performances by the Susan Merritt Trio, Yvette Norwood-Tiger and Kiki Sanchez. 6 pm, Kravis Center. \$45 and up. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

OPERA

Saturday, April 23-Sunday, April 24; Tuesday, April 26; Thursday, April 28

Fellow Travelers: American composer Gregory Spears' 2016 opera concerns the love of two men, a journalist and a State Department official, during the McCarthy era. Florida Grand Opera's production features Hadleigh Adams and

Andres Acosta. 7:30 pm Sat, T, Th, 2 p.m. Sun. Lauderdale Performing Arts Center, 3800 NW 11th Place. 800-741-1010 or fgo.org.

THEATER

Through Monday, April 10

The Wizard of Oz: The stage version of L. Frank Baum's classic 1900 novel and the 1939 film. \$35 and up. Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 561-586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Ben Butler: Richard Strand's 2017 play about an escaped slave who demands that the Civil War general give him sanctuary. Boca Stage, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$45-\$50 561-447-8829 or bocastage.org.

Through Sunday, April 17

Intimate Apparel: Lynn Nottage's play about a lonely African-American seamstress who falls in love with a man she corresponds with but whom she's never met. Don and Ann Brown Theatre, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. 561-514-4042 or palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Tuesday, April 19-Sunday, April 24

My Fair Lady: Bartlett Sher's revamp of the Lerner and Loewe musical, the story of a language expert who tries to turn a young Cockney woman into a speaker of the King's English. Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$33-\$85. 561-823-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Opens Thursday, April 21

Breaking Up Is Hard to Do: Ben Winters and Erik Jackson's musical revue uses 18 songs by Neil Sedaka. Through May 15. The Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$75-\$85. 561-995-2333 or www.thewick.org.

Opens Friday, April 29

Same Time Next Year: Bernard Slade's comedy about two married people who meet at a California inn and continue their affair once a year for 25 years. Through May 15 at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 561-272-1281, ext. 5; www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.



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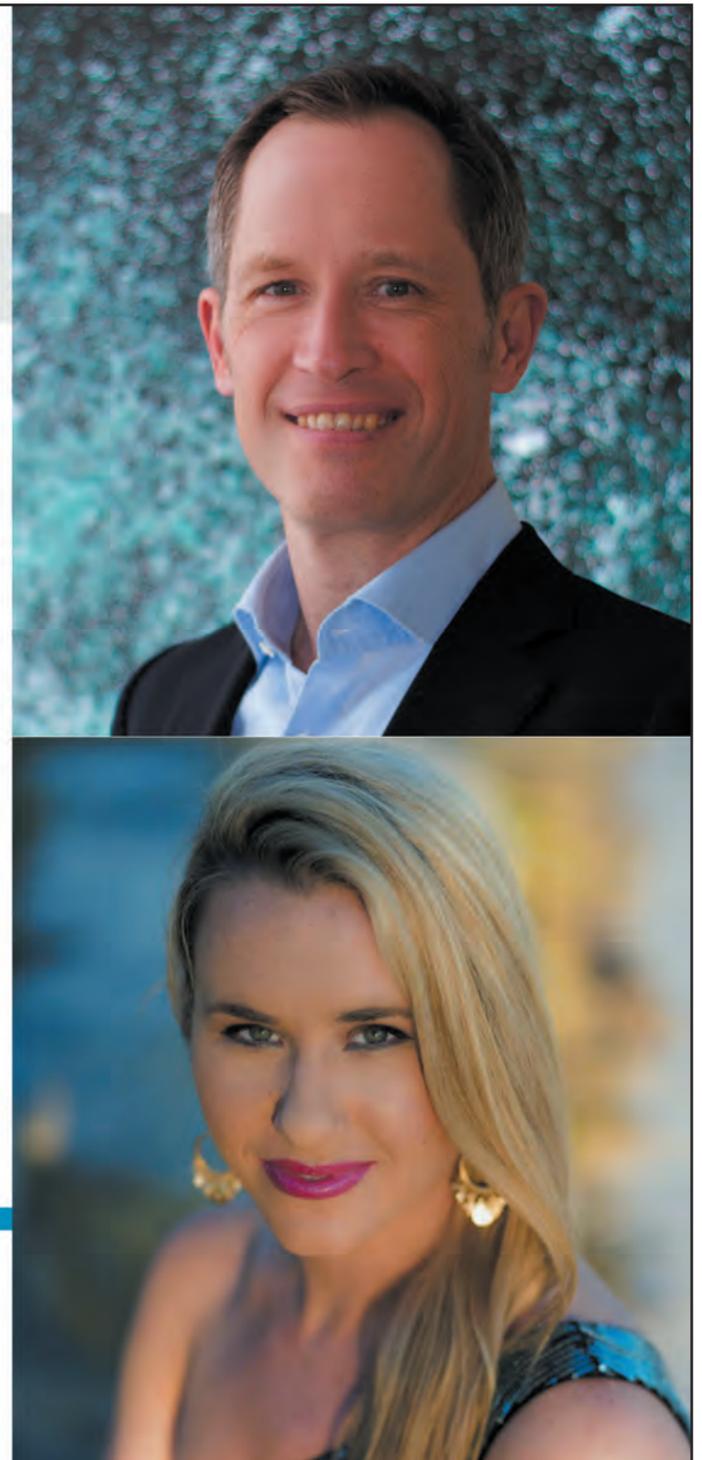
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Finding Faith

Easter can be time to bury anger of pandemic era, pastor says

This year, Dr. Doug Hood, senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, will celebrate 10 years of leading his congregation through some hard times, but he never imagined the challenges a pandemic would bring to bear.

As he thinks about his Easter sermon, Hood is taking inventory of the losses congregants have sustained.



“We lost loved ones and friends, and there are empty seats at the table that will never be filled,” Hood says. But almost greater than those personal losses is the loss of a united community in churches and beyond. “We lost civility, humility and respect,” Hood says. “We focus on what we disagree about instead of focusing on where we agree: We love God and we love our nation.”

Hood says people must “lower the temperature of the room. Easter is the celebration of the resurrection, a reminder that we are one people celebrating God’s love.”

At First Presbyterian, a beautiful stained-glass window

of the Last Supper has always troubled Hood because it depicts only 11 disciples. When he asked about it, Hood was told that the artist took “the liberty” of leaving Judas out of the depiction because he, the artist, didn’t think Judas deserved to be there.

Hood laughs as he thinks about it. “It reminds me of the rhetoric we hear so much: Who is in and who is out. But Jesus welcomed Judas to the table even though he knew who he was,” he says.

In a nutshell, man excludes, God includes.

“We have to stop throwing pejoratives, and welcome others to the table. We argue as if we are absolutely right. There’s no humility. We should be thinking, ‘I could be wrong. Maybe God has something to say to me through this person,’” Hood says.

Anger prevents the growth of fresh ideas, he says. When he encounters someone with whom he disagrees, he says, “Thank you for sharing that. I hadn’t really thought about it that way.”

After the 2020 election, a parishioner told Hood that since they had voted differently, he could no longer attend First Presbyterian. It felt like cancel



Easter lilies were displayed at First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach last year. Photo provided

culture at work, so the senior pastor asked the man to come by and talk.

They spent an hour or more talking about Christ and discussing the man’s feelings about all manner of things. When he left, the man recommitted himself to the church and doubled his annual

donation.

Hood says it promotes positive dialogue if we begin where we agree. For a lot of people, that means looking outside themselves at the bigger picture. The quickest path to misery is by focusing on yourself. Another stumbling block on the path to inner peace is mistaking wants from needs, Hood says.

“How much is enough tends to be a moving needle,” Hood says. “The more we have, the more we worry about scarcity. We’re so focused on getting stuff that we forget that God loves a generous heart.”

Ukraine is an eye-opener

Hood says our riches come not from what we accumulate but from what we give away. When we look at the pictures of people fleeing Ukraine with just a suitcase or knapsack, we realize what we really need to survive is our families.

“We stopped thinking about COVID, which is thinking about ourselves, and started thinking about others in Ukraine,” he says. That’s a positive step.

The choir at First Presbyterian has two members from Ukraine, and they taught

the choir a hymn which they all performed in Russian at a service in March. “It was tremendously moving,” Hood says.

Hood, who earned his master’s degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and his doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary, in 2018 published a book called *Nurture Faith: Five Minute Meditations to Strengthen Your Walk with Christ*.

Spending just a few minutes refocusing on God helps, and prayer works better than worry. Hood says that walking with Christ isn’t easy, but it is comforting and fulfilling.

The true test of a Christian heart may be this: To love others, especially when loving them is difficult.

Easter Sunday services at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach are at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. April 17. The church is at 33 Gleason St. Call 561-276-6338.

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causes and community events. Contact her at fontaine423@outlook.com.

Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 4/28. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 3-9

Monday - 4/4 - Women’s Bible Study via Zoom at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

4/4 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 4/5 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. 10 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 4/6 - Wednesday Evening

Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. Every W 6:30 pm. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

4/6 - Sons of Thunder Bible Study at St. Vincent Ferrer Knights of Columbus Room, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 7 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Thursday - 4/7 - Thursday Morning Prosperity Coffee at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. Every Th 7 am. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

4/7 - Men’s Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

4/7 - Women’s Discipleship Group at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

4/7 - Islamic Center of Boca Raton Open House at 3480 NW 5th Ave, Boca Raton. All welcome. Refreshments, tour of the mosque, Q&A. 1st Th 7-9 pm. Free. 561-395-7221; icbr.org

Friday - 4/8 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 9:30-11 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

4/8 - Virtual Shabbat Service at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6161; templesinaipbc.org

Saturday - 4/9 - Healing Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

4/9 - Palm Sunday Illuminated Worship at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 561-276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

APRIL 10-16

Sunday - 4/10 - Palm Sunday Worship Services at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9:30 am/contemporary service; 11 am/traditional service. Free. 561-395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Thursday - 4/14 - Seder Meal at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Experience The Last Supper. 6:30 pm. \$10/person. Registration: 561-395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Friday - 4/15 - Passover begins

4/15 - Good Friday Worship Service at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. Free. 561-395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

4/15 - Broadway and Hollywood: Virtual Passover Seder presented by Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-391-8900; tbeboaca.org

4/15 - Passover Community Seder at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. 8:30 pm. \$75/adults; \$45/children. 561-394-9770; chabadbocabeaches.com

Saturday - 4/16 - Family Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 561-276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

APRIL 17-23

Sunday - 4/17 - Easter Sunday

4/17 - Easter Sunrise Service at Dune Deck Cafe, 100 N Ocean Blvd, Lantana. Presented by First Baptist Church of Lantana. 5:30-7 am. Free parking. 561-588-3341; fbclantana.com

4/17 - Delray Beach Easter Sunrise Service Interfaith Celebration at Beach Pavilion, Atlantic Avenue at A1A. Hosted by Cason United Methodist Church. Bring chair/blanket. 6:30 am. Free. casonumc.org

4/17 - Easter Sunrise Service at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Everyone is encouraged to bring bells to ring. 6:30 am. Free. stjoesweb.org

4/17 - St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church Easter Sunrise Service at South Beach Park on A1A south of Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 6:30-7:30 am. Free. 561-395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

4/17 - Easter Service at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 7 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

4/17 - Easter Sunrise Service & Lighting of Easter Fire at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 7 am; 9 am & 11 am Choral Eucharist w/ensemble. Free. 561-276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

4/17 - Easter Services & Butterfly Release at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 9:30 am/contemporary; 11 am/traditional; butterfly release 10:30 am. Butterflies can be purchased for \$7 each. 561-395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

Wednesday - 4/20 - Women’s Passover Experience: Women of the Resistance with Guest Speaker Judy Batalion at Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 6:30-9 pm. \$36-\$54. Registration: 561-391-8900; tbeboaca.org



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The Girl Choir of South Florida will perform April 24 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Photo provided

St. Paul's to have special performance by choir of girls and young women

Music at St. Paul's will feature The Girl Choir of South Florida at 3 p.m. April 24 at the church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. The choir, for girls and young women ages 6 through 18, aims to transform girls' lives through musical excellence. It provides a safe space for girls and young women to hone their skills and share their voices and build supportive, lifelong friendships. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Free for ages 18 and younger. <https://musicstpauls.org>.

Supplies needed for Pahokee church

St. Lucy Catholic Church parish is collecting items for St. Mary Catholic Church in Pahokee through Palm Sunday, April 10. Especially needed are baby items like food and formula, towels and blankets, wipes and diapers. Clothes in sizes 2T-3T are also needed. Drop off donations in the vestry. Cash donations are also welcome. Call Alice Marie Dill at 561-278-1280.

Raffle drawing at St. Lucy offers several prizes

The St. Lucy CCW raffle ticket fundraiser drawing is on April 10. Prizes include dinner for four hosted by Father Brian Horgan in the rectory, \$1,000

cash, and four tickets to dinner and a show at the Wick Theatre. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. <https://stlucycommunity.com>.

Traditional agape feast planned at Advent Boca

The Last Supper or Agape Love Feast will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 14 in the gymnasium at Advent Church, 300 E. Yamato Road, Boca Raton. The Love Feast, or agape meal, is a Christian fellowship recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the community, sharing and fellowship enjoyed by the family of Christ. Tickets are \$20; children eat free. Register by April 10 at <https://adventboca.org>.

St. Gregory's yoga Mass scheduled for courtyard

The next St. Gregory's Episcopal yoga Mass led by Father Ben Thomas takes place at 4 p.m. April 23 in the courtyard of the church at 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. The event begins with about 20 minutes of yoga, followed by Mass and a wind-down at the end. Call 561-395-8285 or visit www.stgregoryepiscopal.org or www.frbenjaminthomas.com.

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Health & Harmony

Joy Bauer shares wisdom on food, life ahead of Meals on Wheels fundraiser

Joy Bauer says her fans and followers ask her everything. How tall are you? How can I get my spouse to eat more vegetables? But what she's asked most, she says, is how can I get started living a healthier lifestyle, and how do I stay motivated?

And who better to ask than Bauer, the nutrition and wellness expert who inspires, educates and entertains from a dizzying number of platforms including the *Today* show, Amazon Live, best-selling cookbooks, social media and her website, <https://joybauer.com>. At 7:30 a.m. April 8, she will be the keynote speaker at the Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches More Than a Meal breakfast fundraiser at the Kravis Center.

"Those are really big questions from a behavioral standpoint, because I think 50% of starting and staying with a health plan is your attitude, without a doubt. And so, maybe finding your reason: Why do you want to get healthier and start eating better and exercising more? Everybody has to do some soul-searching. You want to make sure that your reason is significant and personal and enduring," she says.

"It can't be a flimsy little, 'I want to fit into a certain dress.' I think like the bigger reasons are: I want to be around for my grandkids, or I want to reduce the risk of a breast cancer



Nutrition expert Joy Bauer says when you take care of yourself and eat the right food, you ultimately feel better psychologically, physiologically and emotionally. **Photo provided**

recurrence, or I want to lower my cholesterol so that I live a long, healthy and energetic life.

"And also, I think a really significant one is, I want to be able to go into my closet and wear anything I want to wear and feel more comfortable in my skin and have more energy."

After that, Bauer, a registered dietitian nutritionist, suggests creating a series of smaller, short-term goals that are "tangible and concrete" to fuel your journey and keep you tracking toward your goal.

"I love the action-oriented goals, like I'm going to try two new dinner recipes this week, or I'm going to walk 30 minutes every single day this week, or

I'm going to think ahead and brown bag my lunch for work. ... Or maybe it's, I want to try two new fruits or something like that."

Each week pick as many as you think you can accomplish — even one — and make sure to celebrate your wins, she says.

"Obviously, give yourself a great big hug. But maybe you also want to come up with some sort of fun, non-food reward system. Like manicures, pedicures, massages when you accrue 10. ... It's so well worth taking the time to plan the format for these short-term goals, because at the end of the day, the payback is ginormous. It's your health, it's your energy,

it's your feel-good attitude," Bauer says.

Food should be easy

Eating for good health should be joyful, too. And if all the at-home cooking during the coronavirus pandemic has depleted your cooking mojo, "you can learn to love it again or learn to love it a little," Bauer promises.

"People really want easy, delicious. They want to be healthy ... but they don't want to compromise on the foods that they love. So, what I try to do is figure out how to make all of these foods that we crave, and we obsess over, in a healthier and a lightened-up fashion. And it's so fun because really, you can make just about anything better. You really can."

Bauer mentions her spinach artichoke dip and smashed Parmesan Brussels sprouts, which are a new family favorite. Her BBQ salmon bowl hit a home run when it made its *Today* show debut.

If you have a sweet tooth, she even has a healthier take on a classic candy bar. Bauer calls her chocolate peanut butter dates "copycat Snickers bars." She stuffs medjool dates with peanut butter and salted peanuts, drizzles them with melted semi-sweet chocolate chips, sprinkles chopped peanuts on top and chills them in the refrigerator for 20 minutes.

"I dare you not to think that it has similar flavors as a Snickers bar," she says. "And when you use medjool dates, it's about the same size as the fun-size Snickers. It's so good. It's got all the candy bar feels."

Bauer, whose books include *Joy Bauer's Superfood! 150 Recipes for Eternal Youth* and *From Junk Food to Joy Food*, publishes these and a host of other recipes on her website. You'll also find Joy Bauer's Food Cures, articles about "food as

If You Go

What: More Than a Meal breakfast to benefit Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches.

When: 7:30 a.m. April 8

Where: Kravis Center

Tickets: Start at \$175, with a limited number available through April 4. Call 561-802-6979, ext. 5, or visit www.MOWPB.org.

Guest speaker: Joy Bauer, whose mother was a Meals on Wheels volunteer, says she feels "super connected" to the organization, which delivers nutritious meals to homebound seniors. "I have so many fond memories," she says. "I used to go on a lot of the runs with my mom. ... This has always been an organization that's near and dear to my heart."

nature's medicine."

"You know, when you take care of yourself, you ultimately feel better psychologically, physiologically, emotionally. It really elevates every single aspect of your life. And the best part is, it's just food. It's so easy. We eat several times a day and just by being more thoughtful and selective over what we put into our bodies and on our plate, we have the capability of feeling markedly better," she says.

"And with so many things that are out of our control these days, I think it's so empowering that food is really within our control."



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Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 2

Saturday - 4/2 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

4/2 - Judo Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6-8 pm mixed ages/ranks; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

4/2 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Class held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. 1st & 3rd Sat 10-11 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

4/2 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

APRIL 3-9

Sunday - 4/3 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Class held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every W/Sun 6:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

Monday - 4/4 - Zumba Gold Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every M through 4/25 10-11 am. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/4 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every M 6-7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

4/4 - Adult Zumba Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M 7-8 pm. Runs through 6/13. \$50/10 classes; \$6/1 class. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

Tuesday - 4/5 - Guided Meditation using Fregeal Playlists at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

4/5 - Al-Anon 12-Step Study at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 4/6 - LGBTQ AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Thursday - 4/7 - Chair Aerobics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Th through 4/28 10-11 am. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/7 - Qigong for Health and Longevity: Your Daily Dose of Vitamin Chi with Lisa Kirshon at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 5/19 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

APRIL 10-16

Tuesday - 4/12 - Tai Chi and the Study of the Tao Te Ching: Finding Health, Harmony & Happiness with Jennifer Beimel at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 5/3 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/member; \$130/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

APRIL 18-23

Wednesday - 4/20 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series: Taking a New View of Vital Signs with Jay Pandit, MD. 1-hour virtual lecture. 4 pm. Free. Register for link: frontrow.scripps.edu

APRIL 24-30

Tuesday - 4/26 - Senior Health Fair at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Free health screenings, door prizes, entertainment, light refreshments. 9-11 am. Free. 561-742-6237; boynton-beach.org

MAY 1-7

Monday - 5/2 - Zumba Gold Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every M through 5/23 10-11 am. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Tuesday - 5/3 - Gentle Peaceful Yoga Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every T through 6/21 12:15-1:15 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Thursday - 5/5 - Chair Aerobics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Th through 5/26 10-11 am. \$56/resident; \$70/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

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On the Water

FWC approves smaller daily bag limit for dolphinfish

The new daily bag limit for dolphinfish (mahi mahi) caught in state waters is five per person, down from 10, effective May 1.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission approved the change in March after anglers expressed concerns about seeing fewer mahi, especially large ones, in the waters off southeastern Florida and the Florida Keys.

The daily boat limit for recreational boats also dropped to 30 fish, down from 60.

The FWC's rule also clarifies that the captain and crew on charter boats do not count in the bag limit.

The change could cause some confusion because the bag limit for federal waters (beyond 3 miles offshore) remains 10 per person.

During the summertime, many, if not most, of South Florida's mahi are found more than 3 miles offshore in federal waters.

When boaters travel from federal waters toward land with more than five mahi per angler, they should transit through state waters directly to shore without stopping to fish in state waters, the FWC says.

The minimum size for mahi remains 20 inches to the fork of the tail.

FWC approves limited goliath grouper harvest

Also in March, the FWC gave final approval to a limited harvest of goliath grouper, a slow-growing fish that was harvested down to low numbers during the 1980s and has been a no-take fish in Florida since 1990.

After years of discussion and



public workshops that included opposition from scuba divers and dive charter operators, the FWC agreed to allow recreational anglers to harvest up to 200 goliath groupers annually in state waters.

Notably excluded from the harvest area are the waters from Martin County south through the Atlantic coast of southeast Florida and the Florida Keys.

The harvest will be limited to anglers who obtain a harvest permit through random-draw lottery and pay the tag fee: \$150 for Florida residents, \$500 for nonresidents.

Goliath grouper harvest will be limited to hook-and-line fishing only during the open season (March 1 through May 31 beginning in 2023). To be legal to keep, the groupers must measure between 24 and 36 inches in total length.

Anglers who obtain a tag will be allowed to harvest only one goliath grouper per year. Tag holders must report harvest data and submit a fin clip for genetic analysis.

"Post-harvest data reporting will help guide future management decisions for this species," FWC Commissioner Robert Spottswood said.

Fishing club yard sale scheduled for April 9

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club's annual yard sale,



ABOVE: Susan Anthony holds a dolphinfish she caught off Palm Beach County in July 2021. Florida regulators reduced the daily bag limit for the fish to five per angler, but the limit remains 10 in federal waters, beyond 3 miles offshore. **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star LEFT:** It will be legal to catch goliath grouper in state waters in 2023, but not in southeast Florida. **Photo provided**

featuring fishing rods, reels, tackle, lures, outdoor apparel and boating accessories, is set for 8 a.m. to noon on April 9.

Admission is free to the sale at the fishing club's headquarters at 201 Fifth St. (at the corner of Fifth Street and North Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach).

Proceeds benefit the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation, which funds the club's annual Kids Fishing Day summer program.

Willie Howard is a freelance writer and licensed boat captain. Email tiowillie@bellsouth.net.



Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 2

Saturday - 4/2 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at south pavilion in lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. Bags, gloves, grabbers provided. 8-10:30 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

4/2 - Intra-coastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 4/5 1:30-3 pm & 4/10 9-10:30 am. 10-11:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

APRIL 3-9

Sunday - 4/3 - Intra-coastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. For experienced paddlers age 12-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9 am-10:30 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 4/7 - Eco-Watch Lecture Series: Sea Turtle Telemetry: Patterns of Tagged Sea Turtle Movements and Habitat Use in the Southeastern US with

Dr. Kristen Hart and Andrew Crowder presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 10 & up; child under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30 pm. \$5/suggested donation. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Friday - 4/8 - Golden Hour Guided Tours at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided tour through Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility, outdoor aquariums, open-air butterfly garden, Ashley Nature Trail, ends w/sunset views of the Intra-coastal Waterway from the beach by the Seminole Chiki. Age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 4/22. 6:15-7:45 pm. \$10/member; \$13/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

APRIL 10-16

Tuesday - 4/12 - A Walk in the Hammock at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided nature walk along the ¼-mile boardwalk trail winds through the hammock, along the mangroves by the Intra-coastal. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 4/26. 9:30-10:30 am. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Saturday - 4/16 - Intra-coastal Adventures: Advanced Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems.

For experienced paddlers age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 1:30-3 pm 4/19. 9 am-10:30 pm. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

4/17 - Coffee with a Naturalist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Adults only. 8-9 am. \$8/resident; \$10/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

APRIL 17-23

Saturday - 4/23 - Great American Cleanup Annual beach cleanup, part of a national effort to beautify the nation. Throughout Palm Beach County including Spanish River Park, 1301 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton & Lantana Municipal Beach, 100 N Ocean Blvd. All ages. Start times 8-9 am depending on location. Free. Pre-registration required, space is limited: 561-686-6646; keepPBCbeautiful.org

APRIL 24-30

Saturday - 4/30 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-9:30 am. Pre-registration: 561-369-5501; seaangels.org

MAY 1-7

Monday - 5/2 - Introduction to Hiking and Backpacking at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-544-8577; bocalibrary.org

Upcoming fishing tournaments

Warm-weather fishing tournament season begins in April, a month known for stout breezes and just a hint of lingering cool air. Here's a partial list of tournaments planned in Palm Beach and northern Broward counties.

April 23: The KDW (kingfish, dolphin, wahoo) tournament season in Palm Beach County kicks off with the Boynton Beach Firefighters Fishing Tournament and Chili Cook-off at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park. Captain's meeting for the tournament is scheduled for 5 p.m. April 21 at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant, 3001 Old Boynton Road. Entry fee: \$250 per boat by April 10 and \$300 thereafter.

May 14: Lantana Fishing Derby. Captain's meeting set for 6 p.m. May 12 at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S. Dixie Highway. The awards party is set for May 15 at the recreation center. Entry fee \$200 per boat by May 1 or \$250 thereafter. Register at www.lantanafishingderby.com. For more details, call the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce at 561-585-8664.

May 14: Saltwater Shootout based in Pompano Beach. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. May 12 at Pompano Beach Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St. Weigh-in at Alsdorf Park. Entry fee \$401.25 by April 29 and \$508.25 thereafter. Register at www.bluewatermovements.com.

June 4: The Palm Beach County KDW Classic organized by the West Palm Beach Fishing Club and based at Riviera Beach Municipal Marina. Entry fee \$225 per boat (\$200 for fishing club members) by May 20 or \$300 thereafter. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. June 3 at Riviera Beach marina, 200 E. 13th St. Register at <https://westpalmbeachfishingclub.org>. For more details, call 561-832-6780.

June 11: Saltwater Slam based in Pompano Beach. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. June 9 at Pompano Beach Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St. Entry fee \$401.25 per boat by May 27 or \$508.25 thereafter. Weigh-in at Sullivan Park in Deerfield Beach. Register online at www.bluewatermovements.com.

June 25: Big Dog, Fat Cat KDW Shootout based at Sailfish Marina in Palm Beach Shores. Kickoff party 7 p.m. June 7 at Sailfish Marina. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. June 24 at Sailfish Marina. Weigh-in at Sailfish Marina. Early entry fee \$150 per boat. Register at www.bigdogfatcat.org.

July 16: Lake Worth Fishing Tournament based at Palm Beach Yacht Center in Hypoluxo. Check the Tuppen's Marine & Tackle website at www.tuppenmarine.com for updates.

Aug. 13: Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament. Captain's meeting Aug. 11 at Delray Beach Elks Lodge. Weigh-in at Palm Beach Yacht Center. Check www.mgmft.net for updates.

Paws Up for Pets

Pros offer tips on safe walks for dogs

If you want to win popularity points from your dog, take a walk on the wag side. Truly. The gleeful sounds and wiggling rump from your canine pal clearly convey that walks are the doggy equivalent of your scratching a winning lottery ticket.

But there is so much more to a successful and enriching walk with your dog than simply grabbing a leash, saying, "Let's go!" and heading out the door.

Whether the leashed walk is around your neighborhood, during a doggy vacay or at a dog-welcoming beach, safety needs to be a priority. Dog walks are no time to stare at our phones or drown out nature's sounds with our favorite tunes blaring into our earbuds.

We need to activate all our senses, especially sight and hearing, to keep our dogs and us safe during the outing.

Dogs need and deserve daily walk outings, even if their owners have less time at home as the pandemic subsides. I reached out to a couple of professional dog walkers and pet sitters for advice.

Lori Joyce owns Muddy Paws Pet Care based in Boynton Beach, and Monika Stefaniak owns House and Hound Care based in West Palm Beach.

One of Joyce's favorite dogs to walk is a lovable and goofy Labrador retriever named Teddy. He is a popular pooch on her Facebook page.

"Teddy is now 8 years old and I have been blessed with his love and care since he was a puppy," says Joyce. "He innately brings a smile to everyone's face who meets him. People love seeing photos of Teddy relaxing or walking on the beach."

Joyce, a professional pet groomer, launched Muddy Paws in 2010 and offers a full slate of pet services to people from Gulf Stream to Jupiter. She unleashes these tips:

- Remember that dogs tune into our emotional states. "Pets read energies of the ones they love and know," she says. "Therefore, if you stay calm and happy while walking your dog, then you both can have a joyful, fun, happy experience."

- For your dog, the walk is a lot about the smells. "Let them sniff," she says.

- Be more like your dog and enjoy life's smallest treasures, such as allowing your dog to drink from the sprinkler that randomly and unexpectedly goes off during your walk. Let your dog walk through puddles and give him time to sniff the flowers. Be like your dog and enjoy every moment!"

- Stay calm and focused when an unfamiliar dog with his owner approaches during a walk. "Do not pull your dog close to you and hold the leash tightly because you will send a signal to your dog that he needs to protect you and that can cause a negative reaction from him," Joyce says.

- Remember to stay calm when unfamiliar dogs approach so you are not giving off stress signals to your dog."

Stefaniak has been a professional pet sitter since 2004, but founded House and Hound Care in 2017. She oversees a team of 25 dog walkers and pet sitters who provide service throughout Palm Beach County. Stefaniak offers these tips:

- Remember the mission of the dog walk. You and your dog are getting not only healthy exercise, but mental and social benefits. "Walks can help reduce stress and anxiety in dogs by providing them an effective way to focus their mind and attention on the walk," says Stefaniak. "Walks also strengthen the bond between dogs and their owners. Socialization can lead to positive behavior in dogs."

- Choose the right dog-walking gear. She recommends attaching a 6-foot leash to a harness and not to the dog's collar, to prevent neck injuries and to maintain better control of the dog. "I do not recommend retractable leashes because they are dangerous," she says. "Some stretch out 20 feet and that distance makes it difficult for an owner to reel in their dog if there are any dangers around. Also, retractable leashes can harm dogs because of the constant and sudden tugs and pulls on their collar that can injure their necks, tracheas and spines."

- Do your homework on selecting a dog walker. Make sure the company is licensed, insured and bonded. "Apps that let you randomly order a dog walker may seem convenient, but having a stranger walk into your house can be as stressful to some dogs as being left alone

for the day. All our pet sitters are vetted and trained to ensure that your pets are properly treated and enjoy the adventures

with us," says Stefaniak.

During my walks with my dogs, Kona and Emma, we've encountered loose dogs heading our way as well as dogs darting



Lori Joyce owns Muddy Paws Pet Care, which is based in Boynton Beach. Eight-year-old Teddy is one of her favorite dogs to walk. Photo provided

out front doors to charge us on the sidewalk. I always bring a handful of easy-to-toss dog treats and purposely toss them away from us to divert these dogs. I've even channeled my inner "I-mean-business" voice and ordered the door-darting dog to stop and head home — now!

Most of the time, our walks are free of any issues. I remind myself that these walks are ideal times to be in the present moment and to sideline fretting about past or future issues.

Kona, Emma and I love investigating new beaches, parks and trails locally and during road trips. I use these walks to reinforce their doggy manners to sit, stay, lie down and walk nicely. Both are rewarded with treats and praise.

So, got leash? It's a doggone

great time for a walk.

You can reach Lori Joyce at Muddy Paws Pet Care on Facebook at www.facebook.com/muddypawspc or by calling 561-512-3355. Monika Stefaniak, of House and Hound Care, can be reached at www.houseandhoundcare.com or by calling 561-801-8559.

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Tots & Teens

Philanthropy Tank team seeks funding for butterfly gardens

By Janis Fontaine

The Philanthropy Tank was started in 2015 as a way to challenge young, fertile minds to tackle society's pressing problems by equipping students with funds to implement sustainable, service-driven solutions. Using a format borrowed from television's *Shark Tank*, the competition is open to Palm Beach County students in grades 8 through 12.

On April 11, a team from FAU High School — Mallory Thomas and Anna Jarvis of Boca Raton, Elise Siegel of Highland Beach and Alyssa Jiggetts of Coconut Creek — will pitch its idea to the Philanthropy Tank panel.

The girls' project, Growing Native Oases Made for Engagement (affectionately known as GNOME), would establish community butterfly gardens to bring more stress-lowering green spaces to local communities.

"We hope these gardens will last for years to come," Mallory said.

The primary purpose of their project is the human purpose: to use the healing power of nature.

Dozens of studies show that time spent in nature improves



Jarvis



Jiggetts



Siegel



Thomas

cognition and is associated with increases in happiness and well-being, positive social interactions and a sense of meaning and purpose in life, as well as decreases in mental distress, according to a 2019 article in *Science Advances* (Vol. 5, No. 7).

The secondary purpose of the garden is to promote the use of native plants in local landscapes.

The students chose community butterfly gardens because of their easy maintenance. They worked with experts to discover the native plants that flourish in different habitats. Choosing plants that do well without constant attention topped the list of "must-haves."

Mallory, 16, has a passion for environmental science. She volunteers at Daggerwing Nature Center in Boca Raton and Sandoway Discovery Center in Delray Beach, and she's been a butterfly enthusiast for years, purchasing milkweed

at Home Depot for the annual monarch butterfly migration.

She had an outline for GNOME and she reached out to other students she knew who had volunteered on the FAU Biosphere Project. It engages the community along with FAU students and faculty in the exploration of the local biosphere — the plants and animals in backyards.

Elise, 16, loves science and riding her bike. She appreciates the benefits of getting outside in nature and its effect on mental health. But she felt she was missing a sense of community and that bringing people into a green space might help them make personal connections.

"Coming together as a community requires access to a community space," said Elise, who collected data for the Biosphere Project.

Along with her interest in science, Elise is an artist who makes mosaic-like mixed media art using paint color sample cards she gets

at hardware stores. She has developed an interest in creative writing since transferring from Boca High to FAU High School in her sophomore year.

Students there are all working on college credits while still attending high school. Many will graduate high school with more than half of their college degree credits, without paying a dime in tuition.

Mallory says that allows her to save tuition dollars for her post-grad degree, which she expects to be in environmental engineering or environmental law.

The pandemic made preparing for the presentation to the Philanthropy Tank a bit of a challenge. The girls have worked together for months, but meetings and mentoring sessions with Adriene Tynes have been virtual.

Tynes is well-known for her philanthropic work in Palm Beach County, including five years on the board of Community Greening, a collective effort to improve the environment, and as director of accreditation for Nonprofits First in Palm Beach County.

She's been the perfect mentor for GNOME, Elise said, "with really helpful tips on

formatting our slides for our presentation."

Each team will have three minutes to pitch its idea to a panel of judges who decide who gets the funding and how much each group gets.

Since its inception, Philanthropy Tank has awarded more than \$600,000 to more than 45 projects in Palm Beach County and the Philanthropy Tank's second location, Baltimore. Fourteen of the programs have established 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

So, there's a lot riding on those three minutes. Elise admits she has had a few nervous moments, but Mallory says, "I don't like the word nervous. I like the word excited." She says it's the same feeling, it's just how you choose to frame it.

"I want to make an impact on South Florida, to educate people, but still keep it light and fun and pleasant," Mallory said. "If we inspire just a few people to appreciate science, that can make an impact. I read a quote recently: 'Small drops make a mighty ocean.'" ★

For more information on the Philanthropy Tank, visit www.philanthropytank.org.

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes. For Easter Egg Hunts, see page AT25

APRIL 2

Saturday - 4/2 - Saturday Morning Art (sMART) at Boca Raton Museum 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. \$10/family; \$5/member family. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

4/2 - Set the Stage Summer Camp Open House at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 561-210-9036 x 2004; artsgarage.org

4/2 - Tail Waggin Tutors at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grade K-5. Every Sat Noon-2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/2 - Shark Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sat noon; Sun 1 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

4/2 - Chess Club at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 5-6 pm; Sat noon-2 pm. 561-352-7145; spadymuseum.com

4/2 - Daily Aquarium Feedings at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sun 2 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

4/2 - Croc vs. Alligator at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W & Sat 2:30 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

APRIL 3-9

Monday - 4/4 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 3 months to walking. Every M through 4/25 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/4 - Teen Fiber Arts Studio on Zoom: Embroidered Backpack Charms at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pick up kit at library before zoom event. Age 13-17. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 4/5 - Spanish Story Time: Fun with Fernanda presented by Delray Beach

Public Library at Merritt Park, 316 SW 2nd Ave. Age 0-4. 1st T 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/5 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Every T through 4/26 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/5 - Teen Open Lab at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Every T 3:30-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/5 - My First Book Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 4-6. Child attends independently. Every T through 4/26 4-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/5 - Teen Game Day at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

4/5 - Teen Book Club via Zoom: Meet Up: Summer Reading Leadership Academy at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/5 - Glass Fusing Fun Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 9-15. 5-6:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/5 - Bedtime Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every T 6:30-7 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 4/6 - Oh Baby Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months to not-yet-walking. 1st & 3rd W 9 & 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/6 - Toddler Tales at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Age walking to 23 mos. Every W through 4/27 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/6 - Bilingual Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, under the banyan tree outside City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 4/20. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/6 - STEAM Stars at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. STEAM-inspired activities, hands-on exploration. Held again 4/20 & 5/4. Grades 4-6. 3:30 pm. Free.



Summer Camp Guide available at www.thecoastalstar.com

Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/6 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Every W/F through 4/29. Level 1 & 2 3:30-4:15 pm; Level 3 & 4 4:30-5:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-393-7851; mybocaparks.org

4/6 - Youth Chess Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Teens & tweens; all skill levels. Every W 4-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/6 - Storytime After School at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, songs. Age 5 & younger. 1st W 4:30-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 4/7 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age up to age 5. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/7 - Discovery Series at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach.

Outdoors, limited to 5 families per class. Age 3-5. Held again 4/14, 21 & 28. 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm. \$8/child + admission; \$6/accompanying adult + admission; free/member. RSVP: 561-274-7264; sandoway.org

4/7 - The Club House at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Children show off creative side doing arts/crafts. Grades 1-3. Every Th 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/7 - Coding for Beginners at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 7-12. Every Th through 4/28 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Friday - 4/8 - Indigo Yoga for Children Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-7. Held again 4/22. 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/8 - Animal Encounters at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray

Beach. All ages. Every F 3 pm. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

4/8-9 - Disney Newsies Jr. - The Broadway Musical at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by Grandview Preparatory School. 7 pm. \$20-\$25. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

Saturday - 4/9 - Handle Life Basketball at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every Sat through 5/14. Age 3-15 9-10 am; age 15-17 10-11 am. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

4/9 - Library Open House at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Celebrate National Library Week; explore what's new at the library. Tours, activities, refreshments, giveaways. All ages. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

APRIL 10-16

Monday - 4/11 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time with Ms. Tea at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Age 3-5. 2nd & 4th M 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/11 - Teen Tech Sandbox: Make a GIF with Adobe Photoshop at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/11 - Teen TikTok at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 4/12 - The Time Machine at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades K-8. 11 am. \$8/adult; \$6/child 12 & under. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

4/12 - Craft Corner at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Discover which book inspires the cool craft you take & make at home. Age 6 & under. 2nd T 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/12 - Acting Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 8-13 every M 4/18-5/23; age 12-18 every T 4/12-5/17; 6-7:30 pm. \$180/resident; \$225/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 4/13 - Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library, under the banyan tree outside City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. Enjoy stories, rhymes, more. Held again 4/27. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

4/13 - Tween Anime Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm.

Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/13 - Musical Theater Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 12-18. Every W through 5/18 6-8 pm. \$200/resident; \$250/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Thursday - 4/14 - Teen Super Smash Tournament at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/14 - Teen Anime Club at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/16 - Little Wonders at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4. Child must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

4/16 - Irish Dancing Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-18. Every Sat through 5/21 noon-1 pm. \$65/resident; \$81/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/16 - Nature Detectives at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-6 w/an adult. Noon-1 pm. \$8/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

APRIL 17-23

Monday - 4/18 - Story Chasers Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. In person or Zoom. Grades 1-3. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 4/19 - Teen Book Club via Zoom: Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

4/19 - Karate Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Basics of traditional karate. Ages 5+. T/Th through 5/26. Beginner 5:30-6:30 pm; Intermediate 6:30-7:30 pm. \$75/resident; \$94/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/19 - Tiny Mites Indoor Football League at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 3-8. Every T/Th through 5/26 6-7 pm. \$35/resident; \$44/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

Wednesday - 4/20 - When Life Gives You Mangos by Kereen Getten part of Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration:

561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Thursday - 4/21 - ArtSea Afternoons Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 7-13. Every Th through 5/12 3:30-5 pm. \$95/resident; \$119/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
4/21 - Teen Graphic Novel Club: Heartstopper, Vol. 1 by Alice Oseman at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

APRIL 24-30

Sunday - 4/24 - The Science of Nature at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; child must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org
Monday - 4/25 - Readers are Leaders Book Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Each participant receives a free copy of the book to keep. Zoom or in person. Grades 4-6. 4th M 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Wednesday - 4/27 - Teen Photoshop at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
4/27 - Pajama Playdate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Interactive play. Age 1-6. Drop-ins welcome. 6:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

MAY 1-7

Monday - 5/2 - Teen Fiber Arts Studio on Zoom: Knitting Dishcloths at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pick up kit at library before zoom event. Age 13-17. 5-7 pm.

Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org
Tuesday - 5/3 - Teen Game Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Snacks provided. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org
5/3 - Teen Book Club via Zoom: Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass by Meg Medina at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 1st & 3rd T 5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org
5/3 - Glass Fusing Fun Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 9-15. 5-6:30 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
Wednesday - 5/4 - Group Swim Lessons at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. Every W/F through 5/27. Level 1 & 2 3:30-4:15 pm; Level 3 & 4 4:30-5:15 pm. \$80/resident; \$100/non-resident. 561-393-7851; mybocaparks.org
5/4 - Youth Chess Club at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Teens & tweens; all skill levels. Every W 4-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Thursday - 5/5 - Teen Super Smash Tournament at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Friday - 5/6-7 - Unhappily Ever After at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 7-14. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat 2 pm. Call for ticket prices: 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
Saturday - 5/7 - 7on7 Flag Football Tournament at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 11-16. 9 am-1 pm. \$200/resident; \$250/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org



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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 2

Saturday - 4/2 - Save the Seas: Plastics Free presented by Ocean Ridge Garden Club in partnership w/Ocean Ridge & Boynton Beach at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Limited parking/valet available. 8:30 am beach cleanup; 10 am plastics sort/recycle, family activities; 10 am-3 pm conservation exhibitor booths, music; 11 am conservation presentations. Free. oceanridgegardenclub.org

4/2 - Charity Shred Event at Lantana Chamber of Commerce, 212 Iris Ave. Benefits Arms of Hope Community, a non-profit organization that helps feed the hungry in Lake Worth Beach. On-site shredding. 9-11 am. \$5/box. 561-585-8664; lantanachamber.com

4/2 - Calling All Serious Writers! Saturday Zoom Writers Studio presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/2 - Family Saturdays: Family Art, Jewelry Making at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Bring towels/mats; facial coverings & social distancing required. 10-11:30 am. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

4/2 - Workshop: Mixed Media & Street Art Techniques at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30 am-4 pm. \$100. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

4/2 - Emerging Collector Tour: April 2022 at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

4/2 - Free Small Business Resources at the Library: An Introduction at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Held again 2-3 pm 4/12. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/2 - A Night Featuring the Music of Queen by Absolute Queen presented by Nostalgic America at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 7:30 pm concert. \$40/VIP; \$20/general admission. nostalgicmusic.net

4/2 - Town Hall Talks: Resilient Florida - Archeology & Adaptation at the Beach with Sara Ayers-Rigsby at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

4/2 - Commercial Music Ensembles at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/2 - An Evening with The Wildfire Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/2-3 - Another Opening, Another Show! The Broadway Musical Career of Alfred Drake at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW

9th St. Runs through 4/3. M-Th 2 pm; M-W 7:30 pm. \$38. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

4/2-3 - Overactive Letdown by Gina Montet at Florida Atlantic University Theatre Lab at Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 4/10. Th/F/Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 3 pm. \$28-\$40/general public; \$17-\$25/faculty & staff; \$10/student. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/2-3 - DeathTrap: A Thriller by Ira Levin at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 4/3. Sat/Sun 2 pm; Sat 8 pm. \$38. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

4/2-3 - Sh-Boom! Life Could Be A Dream at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 4/3. Sat 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$75-\$115. Reservations: 561-995-2333; thewick.org

4/2-16 - In A New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940 at The Society of the Four Arts, 102 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Runs through 4/16 regular gallery hours. \$10. Reserve tickets: fourarts.org

4/2-20 - 2022 Judy Lewis Krug Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival presented by Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center. 50+ Jewish-themed films to watch at home. Runs through 4/20. \$8-\$12/individual tickets; \$360-\$540/all-access film festival pass. Check website for schedule/tickets: 561-852-3237; bocajff.org

4/2-9/11 - Warhol O'Keefe Johns Mondrian Picasso & More at Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Runs through 9/11 regular museum hours. \$18/general; \$15/senior 60+; \$5/student w/valid school ID; free/child 12 & under. Advance/timed-tickets: norton.org

APRIL 3-9

Sunday - 4/3 - Film Screening: The Public (PG-13) at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/3 - Lynn University Conservatory of Music 2022 Chamber Music Competition Finalists part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 561-276-4541; musicstpauls.org

4/3 - Concert Percussion Ensemble at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/3 - Boynton Beach Gold Coast Band: Flowing Like A River at Boynton Beach First Baptist Church, 301 N Seacrest Blvd. Benefits Lake Worth Waterkeepers. 3 pm. \$10. goldcoastband.org

4/3 - Friends Music Series: Con Brio Quartet with David Pedraza at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/3 - Recital: Don Cannarozzi at First

Municipal Meetings

4/4 & 5/2 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

4/5 & 4/19 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

4/5 & 4/19 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 5:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

4/5, 4/19 & 5/3 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

4/8 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org.

4/11 & 4/25 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

4/12 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

4/12 & 4/26 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at the auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

4/21 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

4/26 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. 4 pm. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

4/3 - 18th Annual Future Stars Performing Arts Competition presented by Rotary Club Boca Raton at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. 5:30 pm doors open; 6:30 pm show. Free. 561-477-7180; rotaryclubbocaraton.com

4/3 - The Drew Tucker Orchestra at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$20-\$22. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 4/4 - Art & Autism Expo at Boynton Beach Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. In honor of National Autism Awareness Month; in partnership with FAU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Artwork on display by local artists who have autism. Runs through 4/30. M-F 10 am-7 pm. Sat 9 am-1 pm. Free. 561-742-6241; boynton-beach.org/autism-expo

4/4 - Resume Building with MS Word at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Held again 4/14 & 26 10-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/4 - I Have Nothing to Wear! With Susana Fernandez at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$75/3 events for member; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/4 - Dramawise: Intimate Apparel by Lynn Nottage with Gary Cadwallader at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$75/3 events for member; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/4 - Hip Hop Class for Adults at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every M through 4/25 5:30-7 pm. \$60/4-week session; \$20/one class at the door. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

4/4 - Stuff Matters: A Look at American

Material Culture at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 4/5 - The Federation of Boca Raton Homeowner Associations Meeting at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Speakers: Michael Weppner and Bob DiRocco. Everyone is invited. Refreshments provided. Face masks optional. Every 1st T 8:30 am. Free. federationofbocahoa.org

4/5 - Career & Employment Help with CareerSource PBC at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Assistance w/ employment, re-employment, resumes, filing for unemployment, career path assistance. Representative fluent in English, Creole, French. Adults. Every T 9 am-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/5 - Will "Biden Everything Doctrine" Work? with Robert G. Rabil at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$75/3 events for member; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/5 - Floral Arranging Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 10 am-noon. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/5 - Great Decisions 2022 at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Read Great Decisions Briefing Book, watch accompanying DVD, meet as a group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Different topic each week. Adults. Every T through 4/12 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/5 - Write Your Life Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every T through 5/10 11 am-noon. \$150/resident; \$188/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/5 - Virtual Lunch & Learn: Doorway To Heroism In The Holocaust - One Man, Two Countries & Three Heroic Actions presented by Temple Beth El Schaefer Family Campus, 333 SW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. Held again 4/12 & 26. Noon-1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-391-8900; tbeboca.org

4/5 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/5 - Glass Fusing Jewelry Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 1-3:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/5 - The Comedy of Tim Conway with Ira Epstein at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$75/3 events for member; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/5 - Attention Grabbing Cover Letters at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Held again 10-11 am 4/22 & 28. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/5 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton Meeting on Zoom. 1st T 5:30 pm. 561-482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

4/6 - Audition Prep Intensive for Adults at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 4/27 5:30-7 pm. \$160/session. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

4/5 - Adult Acting: Advanced Workshop at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every T through 5/10 6-8 pm. \$150. Registration: 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/5 - Comedy Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 5/3 8-10 pm. \$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 4/6 - Author Presentation and Book Signing: Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow by Louise Parente at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/6 - Whole Food Lunch & Dessert Demo & Tasting at Chabad of South Palm Beach, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 12:15 pm. \$20. RSVP: 561-351-1633; chabadofsouthpalmbeach.org

4/6 - Expressing Art Imaginatively with Terryl Lawrence at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 5/25 12:30-2:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$200/member; \$260/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/6 - Exploring Pastels Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 4/27 1-4 pm. \$160/resident; \$200/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/6 - Book Club: Madeline Miller's Circe with Cora Bresciano at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every W through 4/27 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100/

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Easter Egg Hunts



Saturday - 4/9 - Easter Egg Hunt & Festival at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 10 & under. 10 am. Free. 561-395-1244; fumbocaron.org

Sunday - 4/10 - Easter Egg Hunt at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

Saturday - 4/16 - Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt at Maddock Park, 1200 W Drew St, Lantana. Family games, hayride, arts & crafts, vendors. 8:30-10:30 am. Egg hunt tickets \$5/15 egg; cash only. 561-540-5754; lantana.org

4/16 - Easter Egg Hunt at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Egg hunt, craft stations, Easter Bunny, 9 am. Regular admission. Tickets: 561-655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

4/16 - Egg-Stravaganza at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Games, activities, egg hunts. Family fare. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

4/16 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd, Lake Worth Beach. Music, games, crafts, food vendors. Egg hunts by age (3-5, 6-8, 9-11). 11:15 am Easter Bonnet Parade; 10 am-1:30 pm. \$5/3 hunts; \$2/hunt. Cash only. 561-533-7363; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

APRIL 10-16

Sunday - 4/10 - Wind Ensemble:

Symphonic Spectacular at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/10 - Story Central Storytelling Slam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

Monday - 4/11 - Custom Card Crafting Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards using Cricut Maker, Cricut Explore Air, or Sizzix machine. Adults. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/11 - Celebrate National Pet Day: Bark in the Park at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Tri-County Animal Rescue. 5-7:30 pm. \$20. 561-362-0606; miznerpark.com

4/11 - Community Classroom Project Heart Mentality Podcast at The Wine Room Kitchen & Bar, 411 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Community Classroom Project's new culinary school. Inaugural live recording, 4-course dinner. 6:30 pm. \$175pp. 561-894-8772; spaceofmind.com

4/12 - An Hour to Kill Mystery Book Club: The Other Black Girl by Zakiya Dalila Harris at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

4/12 - Klara And The Sun by Kazuhiro Ishiguro part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/12 - Custom Card Crafting Club: Evening Edition at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards using Cricut Maker, Cricut Explore Air, or Sizzix machine. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/12 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 4/13 - GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach Meeting at Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave. Bring your own refreshments/coffee. 10 am. Free. delraywomensclub.com

4/13 - Town Hall Teatime: Sally Ling, Florida's History Detective at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 2 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766x100; bocahistory.org

4/13 - Life Story Expert on Shaping a Memoir presented by South Florida Women's National Book Association Speaker author

Rosalind Reisner; audience discussion follows. 6:30 pm. Free. RSVP for Zoom link: southflorida@wnba-books.org

4/13 - Writer's Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Monthly program; free manuscript critiquing by published authors. Adults. 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/13 - Stories on the Skin Part I: Tattoos and the Tales They Tell at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 4/14 - Podcasting with Adobe Audition Class presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

4/14 - Improv Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 16+. Every Th through 5/19 6-7:30 pm. \$180/resident; \$225/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/14 - Turner Moore Memorial Library Lecture Series 2022: Mark Muncy & Kari Schultz at 1330 Lands End Rd, Manalapan. 6 pm. Free. 561-383-2541; manalapan.org

4/14 - A Master of Djinn by P. Djeli Clark presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Unbound World Virtual Book Club. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/14 - Open Reading at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 305-393-0386; boynton-beach.org

4/14 - 4 Vintages of Roberto Cipresso at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$60/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

Friday - 4/15 - Friday Flicks: Moana at Centennial Park Under the Banyans, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Different movie every month. 5-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6010; boynton-beach.org/flicks

4/15 - Jazz Orchestra: Traditional Meets Contemporary at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/15-17 - Richard the III by William Shakespeare at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 4/24. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$22/adult; \$15/faculty & alumni; \$12/student w/ID. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/15-23 - Passover begins
Saturday - 4/16 - Alcohol Ink Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Held again 4/30. 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$35/resident; \$44/non-

resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/16 - Recycled Fabric Bag Workshop at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 1-4 pm. \$50. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

4/16 - Let's Celebrate: Art Walk at Boynton Beach Art District, 410 W Industrial Ave. 6-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199; boyntonbeachartdistrict.com

4/16 - Flamenco and The Music of Gipsy Kings at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

APRIL 17-23

Sunday - 4/17 - Easter Sunday

Monday - 4/18 - Movie Mondays: Twister at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am-1:30 pm. Free; popcorn & coffee. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/18 - East Meets West: How Ozu and Ray Reveal the Universal Within the Culture with Shelly Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 5/9 7:30-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$25/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/18 - Poetry Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$7. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday - 4/19 - Increasing the Tree Canopy in South Florida at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/19 - Defending Women's Human Rights: An Evening with Mahnaz Afkhami at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$15-\$20. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/19 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Schedule subject to change: 1st F & 3rd T 7 pm. Free. 561-297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

Wednesday - 4/20 - Arts & Crafts Social at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 18+. Every W through 5/11 10-11:30 am. \$85/resident, \$106/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/20 - Beginner/Intermediate Watercolor Painting Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 5/11 10 am-noon. \$100/

member; \$130/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

4/6 - Symphony Band and Chamber Winds at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/6 - Step In Time: Tap Dance For Adults at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every W through 5/11 7-8 pm. \$120. Registration: 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/6-7 - From Memory to Memoir Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W 4/6-5/11, 6-8 pm; Every Th 4/7-5/12, 1-3 pm. \$225/resident; \$282/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Thursday - 4/7 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 561-742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

4/7 - Logo Creation Using Adobe Creative Cloud Express at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10 am. Held again 4:30-5:30 pm 4/25. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/7 - Annual Cleaning Out The Vault Sale at Private Jewelers, 900 E Atlantic Ave #15, Delray Beach. 20-50% savings. Store hours. Runs through 4/30. 561-272-9800; privatejewelersdelraybeach.com

4/7 - Create a Greeting Card with Adobe InDesign at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/7 - Rap Session: A Conversation with Angelo Bianco, Managing Partner of CP Group at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766x100; office@bocahistory.org

4/7 - Turner Moore Memorial Library Lecture Series 2022: Gareth Johnson & Tao Lin at 1330 Lands End Rd, Manalapan. 6 pm. Free. 561-383-2541; manalapan.org

4/7 - Adult Acting: Introduction to Acting at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th through 5/12 6-8 pm. \$150. Registration: 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/7 - The Wall and Beyond: The Exclusive Pink Floyd Experience Concert presented by Seaside Music at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm doors open; 8 pm show. \$25-\$65. 561-350-3867; seasidemusicmgmt.com/the-wall-and-beyond

4/7 - Jimmy Shubert: The Art of Laughter at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-9:30 pm. \$30/general admission. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/7-8 - Details Design Sale at 640 E Ocean Ave #1, Boynton Beach. 30% off entire store. 10 am-4 pm. 561-733-1447; detailsdesign.business.site

Friday - 4/8 - Great Books Discussion Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. On Zoom. Every F 10 am. Free. 561-266-0798; delraylibrary.org

4/8 - Photoshop: Simple Filters and Effects at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/8 - Artist Blow Out featuring Visiting Glass Artist Benjamin Cobb at Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, 1105 2nd Ave S, Lake Worth. 6-9 pm. \$15. 561-508-7315; benzaitencenter.org

4/8 - Dinner and A Show: Neil Zirconia at Ellie's 50's Diner, 2410 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Buffet dinner/dessert/coffee; cash bar. 6 pm doors open; 7:30 pm show. \$48. Reservations/prepay: 561-276-1570; elliescatering.com

4/8 - FAU Piano Students: Student Piano Gala at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/8 - The South City Brothers: A Doobies

Celebration at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

4/8-10 - 60th Annual Delray Affair at Atlantic Avenue from NW 2nd Ave to Veterans Park at the Intracoastal bridge. Presented by Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. 400+ artisans, crafters, business exhibitors, live music. F/Sat 10 am-6 pm; Sun 10 am-5 pm. Free. Parking: \$5 at municipal parking garages Courthouse Parking Garage SE 2nd Ave & Atlantic Ave, Old School Square parking garage NE 1st St & NE 1st Ave, Robert Federspiel Parking Garage SE 1st Ave between SE 1st St & Atlantic Ave; free/on grass lot N side of Atlantic between 6th & 7th Ave. 561-279-0907; delrayaffair.com

Saturday - 4/9 - 5th Annual Play 4 JA Golf Tournament at Palm Beach Par 3, 2345 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach. Benefits Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches & Treasure Coast. Presented by Gulfstream Goodwill. 7:30 am check-in/breakfast; 9 am shotgun start. \$600/foursome. 561-242-9468; juniorachievement.com

4/9 - League of Women Voters: Connect & Reboot Again at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Meet other concerned voters, connect w/leaders of various issue groups. Masks required, attendees expected to be fully vaccinated. 10 am. \$35. 561-276-4898; lwvpsc.org

4/9 - Create a Digital Profile Using Canva at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Held again 2:30-3:30 pm 4/29. 10-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/9 - Workshop: Intro to Creativity Jackson Pollock Week at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$38. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

4/9 - WLRN Eco Fest 2022 presented by Rotary Club Boca Raton at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate Earth Month. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 305-350-7968; wlrn.org/ecofest

4/9 - Curator Lecture: Art of the Hollywood Backdrop - Cinema's Creative Legacy at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 2-3 pm. \$5/member; \$5/student non-member; \$15/adult non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

4/9 - Workshop: Intro to Clay at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 18+. 2-4 pm. \$75. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

4/9 - Taco Fiesta at Bryant Park, 100 S Golfview Rd, Lake Worth Beach. Celebrate everyone's favorite hand-held meal Food/beverages available for purchase. 3-10 pm. Free. 561-586-1600; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

4/9 - Story Central: Joel Ying: The Bridge: A Life Between Two Worlds at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

4/9 - U.S. Coast Guard Band Concert at Centennial Park & Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. First 50 children receive a goody bag, attendees of all ages have the opportunity to write letters to active U.S. Coast Guard members. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6010; boynton-beach.org

4/9 - Choral Organizations Spring Concert at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/9 - Napa Reds Wine Tasting at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$100/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

4/9 - Otis Cadillac & the El Dorados Rhythm and Blues Revue features Sublime Seville Sisters at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/9-10 - Richard Barker: Incredible Hypnotist at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Sun 2 pm; Sat 4 & 8 pm. \$50. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

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4/20 - Book Buzz: Adult Book Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/20 - Exhibit Opening: Bonnie Lautenberg: Art Meets Hollywood - Artistic! at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Runs through 8/21. M-Sun 11 am-7 pm. \$29.95/adult; \$19.95/child 3-12. Reserve timed-tickets: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

4/20 - League of Women Voters Hot Topics Discussion. Interactive Zoom video session. Noon-1:30 pm. Free. 561-276-4898; lwvpsc.org

4/20 - Town Hall Talks: Boca Raton Anthrax Attack, October 2001 with retired Fire Chief Thomas R. Wood at Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm. \$10/non-member. Registration: 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

4/20 - Friends Virtual Book Club: The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Email for zoom link: DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 4/21 - American Association of Caregiving Youth's Caregiving Youth Institute Annual Conference at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. Learn about the issues caregivers ages 18 and younger face and develop solutions to improve their graduation rates and return a sense of normalcy to their lives. 8 am-3 pm. \$50. 561-391-7401 or aacy.org.

4/21 - Cultivating Creativity Art Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 16+. Every Th through 5/12 1-3 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/21 - Spring Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 6/30. T-F 1-4 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 561-297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

4/21 - Authors Speak: Generation Mixed Goes to School: Radically Listening to Multiracial Kids with Ralina L. Jones, Ph.D. & Allison Briscoe-Smith, Ph.D. at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8 pm. Free. RSVP: 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/21 - Joy in Motion, from Broadway to Ireland at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/21 - Wine & Chocolate Pairing at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$60/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

4/21-30 - 11th Annual Delray Beach ITF Open: USTA Boys' and Girls' 18-and-under at Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. Singles draw over 225 statewide, national, international boys and girls 18 & under players. Players also compete in doubles draw, 64 teams per gender. 8 am daily. Free/spectator admission. 561-330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/itf

Friday - 4/22 - Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor Painting Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every F through 5/13 10 am-noon. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

4/22 - Music Learning Apps at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/22 - iPad/iPhone Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/22 - Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition at Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 6/30. T-F 1-4 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 561-297-2661; fau.edu/galleries

4/22 - Soulpax Returns at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$10-\$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/22-23 - Last of Season Warehouse Sale at Our Boat House, Showroom 2050 N Federal Hwy, Delray Beach; Warehouse 425 Goolsby Blvd, Deerfield Beach. Regular store hours. 800-473-2137; ourboatouse.com

4/22-24 - Black Box Series: True West by Sam Sheppard at Lake Worth Playhouse Stonzek Studio, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 5/1. Sun 2 pm; F/Sat 8 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Saturday - 4/23 - Bluegrass in the Museum at Flagler Museum Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 9 am. Regular admission. Tickets: 561-655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

4/23 - Annual Shred IT Event at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Ocean Ridge residents only. 9 am-noon. Free. 561-732-2635; oceanridgeflorida.com

4/23 - Earth Day Celebration at Boynton Beach Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 561-742-6494; boynton-beach.org/earth-day-2022

4/23 - Boynton Earth Day Tree Giveaway at Centennial Park, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 200 native & fruit trees; first-come, first-served; limit 2 trees/household. 10 am-1 pm. 561-297-8733; communitygreening.org

4/23 - Shake-a-Thon: A Comedy of Errors at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 11 am. Three show package: \$95-\$750; One show: \$35-\$275. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

4/23 - Warehouse Market Pop-Up Indoor Market at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 561-330-9614; artsgarage.org

4/23 - Annual Boynton Beach Firefighter Fishing Tournament & Firehouse Chili Cook-off at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Benefits Boynton Beach Kiwanis Club & Boynton Beach Firefighters Benevolent Association. Family fare. Noon-7 pm. Information: 561-252-0769; boynton-beach.org

4/23 - The False Cause: Fraud, Fabrication, and White Supremacy in Confederate Memory Master presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of Virtual

Monumental History Book Club. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

4/23 - Shake-a-Thon: A Midsummer Night's Dream at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 3 pm. Three show package: \$95-\$750; One show: \$35-\$275. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

4/23 - Lecture: Bonnie Lautenberg at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$5/student non-member; \$15/adult non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

4/23 - Rock the Plaza at One Boynton, 1351 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Live music/entertainment, stroll the plaza, visit downtown merchants & restaurants. 5-8 pm. Free. 561-600-9097; boyntonbeachcra.com

4/23 - Shake-a-Thon: The Moneylender of Venice at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Three show package: \$95-\$750; One show: \$35-\$275. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

4/23 - Wines of Chile at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$75/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

4/23 - 3rd Annual Canopy Social Fundraising Party at Delray Beach Market, 33 SE 3rd Ave. Celebrate Community Greening; cocktails, food, music; help raise funds. 7 pm-midnight. \$25. 561-297-8733; communitygreening.org

4/23 - Virtual John Oliveira String Competition: 2022 Winner's Recital presented by Lynn University, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-237-9000; lynn.edu/events

4/23 - JD Danner "I Love Rock and Roll" The Women of the 70s at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$20-\$25. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

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Sunday - 4/24 - Exhibit Artists Reception at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 5/14. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-586-8666; lwartleague.org

4/24 - Undertale Live! at Florida Atlantic University Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 2 & 7 pm. \$30-\$50. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/24 - Music in the Museum: FAU Composer Concert at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$5/student non-member; \$15/adult non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

4/24 - The Girl Choir of South Florida part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/person; free/age 18 & under. 561-276-4541; musicstpauls.org

Monday - 4/25 - Surviving the White Gaze: A Memoir by Rebecca Carroll part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/25 - Jam Session at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Last M 8 pm. Free/performer; \$7/patron. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday - 4/26 - Friends Virtual Book Club: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles presented Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Email for zoom link: DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

4/26 - Crafts and Coffee: Paper Bowl at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Materials & instruction provided. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

4/26 - 36th Annual Boca Raton Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet at Boca Raton Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real. Benefits the Rotary Club of Boca Raton Sunrise Foundation college scholarships & Golden Bell Education Foundation. 5:30-9 pm. \$100/teacher; \$75/guest. 561-395-5544 x223; bocaratonchamber.com

4/26 - Female Superheroes: What are Their Real Powers (Virtual) presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 4/27 - Lunch Club Matinee: The Victory Dolls at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$44. 561-

Green Markets

Artisans Market every Friday at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Unique artisan/handcrafted items; fresh produce; locally prepared foods, condiments, baked items; more. 4-9 pm. Free/admission. 561+362-0606; miznerpark.com

Lantana Twilight Market every Friday night at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. Featuring live music, craft beers and dozens of Artisan & Food Vendors. 5:30-9:30 pm. 515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday on the front lawn of the Cornell Museum of Art at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

Lantana Sunday Morning Green Market every Sunday at the Lantana Recreation Center, 418 S Dixie Hwy. 9 am-1 pm. 515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

Mizner Park Green Market every Sunday at 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. 362-0606; miznerpark.com

272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Thursday - 4/28 - Poetry on Demand at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Have a poem written for you! 10 am-4 pm. Free. 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/28 - Introduction to VFX with Adobe After Effects at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/28 - Workshop: Clay Embellishment at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$60. 561-330-9614; artsgarage.org

4/28-29 - Trilogy... Art, Architecture & Community: A Sharon Koskoff Retrospective at Hatch 1121 Arts Center, 1121 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth Beach. Presented by Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches & LULA Lake Worth Arts. Exhibit runs through 6/13. Th 1-4 pm meet the artist; F 6-8 pm opening reception. Free. 561-699-7899; artdecopbc.org

4/28-5/1 - The Sound Inside at Boca Stage at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 5/15. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-447-8829; bocastage.org

Friday - 4/29 - 6th Annual Literacy Links Golf Tournament at Palm Beach Par 3, 2345 S Ocean Blvd, Palm Beach. Benefits Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. 7:30 am check-in; 8:30 am shotgun start; awards luncheon follows at \$225/player; \$800/foursome. 561-767-3370; literacycpbc.org

4/29 - Introduction to Apple CarPlay at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

4/29 - Comedy R Us at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 7-9 pm. \$15/advance; \$20/at the door. Registration: 561-742-6641; boynton-beach.org

4/29 - Pumpjack Tasting at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$125/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

4/29 - Garage Queens: Fierce, Fabulous and Fascinating at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35-\$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

4/29-30 - Dances We Dance Spring Showcase at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat 1 pm. \$15/general admission; \$12/student. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

4/29-5/1 - Much Ado About Nothing at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Held again 5/6-8. F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$35/show; \$57-\$75/dinner & show. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Saturday - 4/30 - Mother's Day Luncheon at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 11 am-1 pm. \$15/resident; \$19/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6644; boynton-beach.org

4/30 - Boca Beer Wine & Spirits Festival at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Samples of beer/wine/spirits, music, food for purchase, vendors, merchandise. Age 21+. Session 1 1-4:30 pm; Session 2 6-9:30 pm. \$50-\$60/general admission; \$15/designated driver. floridafeasts.com/boca-fest

4/30 - Copeland Davis performs Jazz to Classics at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

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Sunday - 5/1 - Sports History: An African American Perspective at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/1 - Friends of the Uffizi Lectures: Early Modern Period Women Artists at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Speaker Dr. Emily Fenichel. 3-4 pm. \$15/non-member adult; \$5/non-member student w/ID. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

5/1 - Youth Orchestra of Palm Beach County Spring Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5 pm doors open; 6 pm show. Free. 561-477-7180; rotaryclubbocaraton.com

Tuesday - 5/3 - Floral Arranging Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 10 am-noon. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

5/3 - Search, Manage, Share... Your Library Online at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/3 - Glass Fusing Jewelry Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. 1-3:30 pm. \$100/resident; \$125/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

5/3 - Black Superheroes: Evolution of Black Panther (Virtual) presented by Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Wednesday - 5/4 - Exploring Pastels Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 5/25 1-4 pm. \$160/resident; \$200/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

5/4 - The Future of Money: Cryptocurrency 101 Part 1 at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/4 - Privacy in Cell Phones and Computers at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Virtual. 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 5/5 - Image Compositing with Adobe Photoshop Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Friday - 5/6 - Food Truck Friday at Memorial Park, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. 11 am-2 pm. Free. 561-367-7073; myboca.us/specialevents

5/6 - Mother's Day Celebration Tea at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Call for ticket prices: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

5/6 - Password Managers Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Live or video at your convenience. Adults. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

5/6 - Tabletop Gaming: Magic the Gathering at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

5/6 - First Friday Art Walk presented by Downtown Development Authority, Delray Beach. Self-guided tour through myriad of styles in art, photography, furnishings, live entertainment at Arts Garage, Atlantic Avenue Galleries, Pineapple Grove, Artists Alley Studios & Galleries. 1st F 6-9 pm. Free. 561-243-1077; delrayarttrail.com

5/6 - Ferocious Love at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 5/7 - Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling at Mizner Park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$45-\$49. 844-672-2849; miznerparkculturalcenter.com

5/7 - Ladies of Simone perform the Music of Nina Simone at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

5/7-9 - 4th Annual PIM Open: USTA Boys' and Girls' 14s at Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr, and Delray Beach Tennis Center, 210 W Atlantic Ave. Nationally ranked participants compete in boys & girls 14s age division. 8 am daily. Free/spectator admission. 561-330-6003; yellowtennisball.com/pim-open

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The covered loggia has built-in electric screens and shutters, and a summer kitchen with top-of-the line appliances, BBQ, bar and TV.

Beachfront deluxe in Gulf Stream

This elegant Gulf Stream estate, completed in 2021, boasts 110 feet of frontage on the Atlantic. It is situated on more than three-quarters of an acre of immaculately landscaped beachfront property, offering unparalleled beauty and privacy.

It is masterfully crafted in a beachfront Bermuda style and is built 17 feet above sea level to showcase the stunning panoramic ocean views and breathtaking sunrises.

This gated, private estate has a five-bedroom, 6½-bath main house, plus a one-bedroom, one-bath guest house. The multi-purpose living room overlooks the pool and ocean and has a designer gas fireplace with a focal feature wall.

The main home has a custom-built bar, a glass-enclosed walk-in wine room with space for 750 bottles and a comfortable lounge area. The elegant master bedroom has ocean views, two separate baths, an oversized shower, soaking tub and custom walk-in California closets.

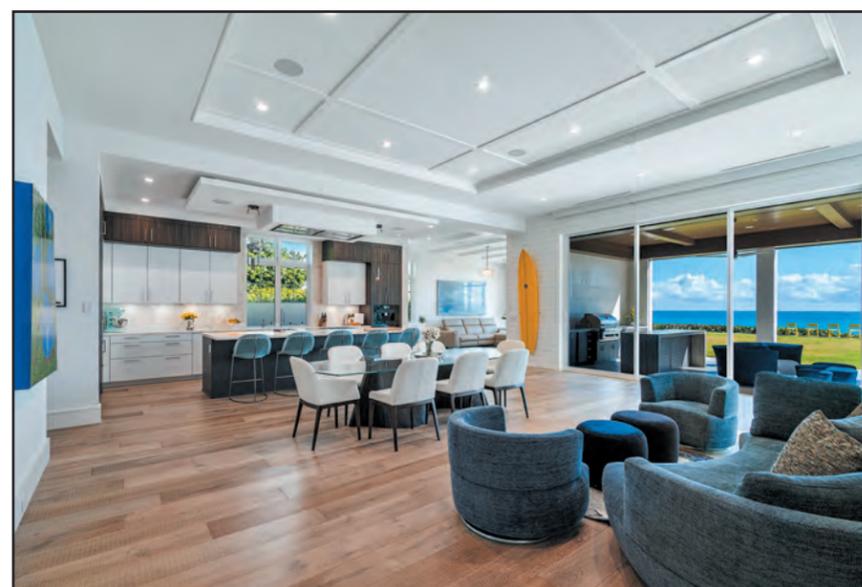
Offered at \$29,999,999 by Paula Wittmann, pwittman@raveis.com or 561-373-2666, and Michelle Noga, mnoga@raveis.com or 561-801-3885. William Raveis Real Estate. At press time this house was under contract.



The main house has expansive ocean views from every room. The property has a three-car garage, gym and a one-bed, one-bath guest house.



The house, designed by architect Randall Stofft, boasts master craftsmanship throughout and is designed to maximize ocean views.



Adjacent to the master chef's kitchen are a casual, elegant oversized dining area and an inviting gathering room.

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