

Boca Raton

Wildflower blossoms

City welcomes new waterfront park downtown

By Steve Plunkett

Wildflower Park's first official visitors had nothing but smiles as they explored the city's new gateway between downtown and the beach.

"This is a wonderful, momentous day that I'm so excited we are all cheering together," Mayor Scott Singer said as he kicked off a little-publicized ribbon-cutting on Oct. 22.

"It's here — finally," said Dennis Frisch, chairman of the city's advisory Parks and Recreation Board.

The 2.3-acre park features a wide promenade on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway just north of Palmetto Park Road. It's named after a nightclub that used to be on the property. The city bought the parcel for \$7.5 million in 2009.

Two years later the City Council sought ideas for what to do with the property and received proposals from restaurateurs, retailers and a developer, who all wanted a commercial presence.

Council members also heard from Jose Barrera, a recent architecture graduate from Florida Atlantic University.

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ABOVE: The Upshaw family from Boca Raton — (l-r) Nichole, Harper, 7, Blake, 4, and Donnie — walks through Wildflower Park on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Palmetto Park Road.

LEFT: Domingo Barrera and Eva Chiang watch boats pass by at the park. They are the parents of architect Jose Barrera, one of the first to envision the space as a park. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Along the Coast

Insurance rates spike: Now what?

Residents blown away by new bills fear Ian will only multiply toll

By Charles Elmore

Early estimates predict Hurricane Ian will become Florida's costliest storm ever, but even before it made landfall eye-popping jumps in insurance costs were already arriving in mailboxes and phone apps all over southeastern Palm Beach County.

"After Ian, who knows?" Delray Beach insurance agent Dean Laible said about how high premiums could climb.

A \$4,900 annual premium turned into \$16,000 overnight for Jerilyn Walter, owner-broker of Posh Properties with offices in Ocean Ridge, Delray Beach and Lantana. She had become accustomed to helping clients stay apprised of insurance issues, only to face a startling increase in August on her own Delray Beach home with a new roof west of Interstate 95.

"I knew it was going to go

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With 94-year lease OK'd, arts center set to tackle major fundraising job

By Mary Hladky

Four years after a consortium of arts organizations proposed building a performing arts complex and following two years of complicated negotiations, supporters have secured the City Council's blessing of a deal that allows the Center for Arts & Innovation to be built in Mizner Park.

But all the group's efforts to get this far pale before what it still must accomplish so that shovels can hit the ground and the doors finally open to a center with the latest in design and technology.

First and foremost, the center and its team must raise \$115.4 million from donors to construct a complex that includes a completely

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The organization behind the Center for Arts & Innovation has received \$14 million of the estimated \$115.4 million cost and expects the final OK to spur donations. **Rendering provided**

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Coastal Star

Retired colonel's nonprofit helps veterans in hospice care

By Rich Pollack

Col. Claude Schmid was wrapping up his 31-year U.S. Army career when he was assigned to lead the military's wounded warrior flight evacuations. As chief of operations, Schmid would climb into the massive hold of a C-17 cargo plane — a “hospital with wings” — and welcome injured service members returning home, some still strapped to gurneys.

“I had the opportunity to talk to thousands of injured service members and learn about their stories,” said Schmid, a Highland Beach resident for the past three years.

That experience would set the foundation for Veteran's Last Patrol, a nonprofit organization Schmid founded in late 2019 that connects veteran volunteers to former service men and women receiving hospice care.

Schmid says that while representing senior military leadership for the wounded warriors program from 2010 to 2013, he saw firsthand “the importance of companionship during moments of great adversity.”

Often those veterans, and sometimes family members, who would be waiting to be escorted off the plane faced an uncertain future of additional hospitalizations or coping with lingering injuries.

“A lot of times you're scared,” Schmid said. “Knowing someone cares about you and can relate to you is crucial.”

What he saw on the plane was similar to what he sees now with veterans in hospice.

As part of the program he runs as founder and CEO, Veteran's Last Patrol recruits veterans to carve time for one-on-one visits with those in hospice care, visiting veterans in facilities or in private homes.

The bond volunteers and veterans share from having served in the military can often be therapeutic for both the ailing vet and his or her visitor.

“Most volunteers say they get more out of it than they give,” said Schmid, 62.

Veteran's Last Patrol holds ceremonies to honor veterans in hospice, often presenting them with plaques recognizing their service and bringing gifts, sometimes including honor quilts.

A third element of the program — now operating in 24 states — is providing support for veterans in hospice care, helping with basic needs and with fulfilling last wishes.

For Schmid, the Veteran's Last Patrol helped fill a void that came after he retired in 2013. A graduate of Wofford College in South Carolina where he joined the ROTC program, Schmid was commissioned as a tank officer coming out of college and



Claude Schmid of Highland Beach, who served 31 years in the Army, runs Veteran's Last Patrol. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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moved up through the ranks.

In 2004 and 2005, Schmid was deployed to Iraq when he was a commander of the Army's Infrastructure Security Force, which was tasked with protecting critical facilities in northern Iraq, including oil fields.

He returned to Iraq in 2007 as the commander overseeing training of Iraqi soldiers. There were 17 schools throughout the country under his command.

After completing his work with the wounded warriors program, Schmid retired and began searching for a way to translate into civilian life what he learned during his last assignment.

“I was looking for something to do that would have some connection with what I did in the service,” he said.

Schmid traces the inspiration for Veteran's Last Patrol to his early years, when he listened to his mother talk about her experiences volunteering with hospice patients and the challenges they faced.

“I wondered, ‘What happens to military veterans when they go into hospice?’” he said.

What he discovered is that hospice programs across the country have a tough time

getting volunteers and even a harder time getting military volunteers.

Through outreach to veterans organizations, social media and other tools, Veteran's Last Patrol has filled that void and provided friendship and support to people with not much time left.

Even before he founded the organization, Schmid had begun visiting veterans in hospice care.

“I remember my first patient very well, a vet named Harold,” he said. “He kept telling me he had ‘a wonderful, wonderful life.’”

The name of the organization, Schmid says, reflects the bond between the hospice patients and the volunteers.

“Veterans understand the concept of patrols and you don't want to go patrolling alone,” he said.

As Veteran's Last Patrol has evolved, it has created programs that raise awareness and funds to support it. The organization holds an Honor Ride for Veterans and has created Operation Holiday Salute in which people can write holiday cards to veterans they've never met.

Last year cards were sent to 7,000 veterans and this year Schmid is hoping to reach 10,000. To be a part of Operation Holiday Salute or to learn more about Veteran's Last Patrol, visit www.veteranlastpatrol.org. Click on “events” for the holiday salute.★

Editor's Note

Philanthropy Season Preview and more

Thankful. What other word better describes November?

It's not clear why such a difficult month for so many is defined by a word so expressive of gratitude. Are we happy how the year has gone racing by leaving us a year older, or how we'll soon have fewer hours of daylight to enjoy a walk on the beach? No.

November is not a gentle month. It tends to blow through all the colorful leaves that have fallen in October to lay bare memories of people and moments we've lost. Some years it's a hard month to embrace.

Yet, the festivities of December are just ahead and January is not far behind, with its promise of new beginnings. For that we are thankful.

To kick-start this month of Thanksgiving — and in anticipation of the months ahead — our second annual Philanthropy Season Preview is included in this edition of *The Coastal Star* as a reminder that the end-of-the-year giving season has arrived. In our Around Town section, you'll see the usual philanthropy

photos, stories and calendar you've grown to count on through the years, with the addition of this month's paid features and advertising packages funded by some of our local philanthropic organizations — or their donors — to amplify their philanthropic contributions to the community and promote upcoming fundraising events.

As the always quotable Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: “One of the most beautiful compensations in life is that no person can help another without helping themselves.”

As the year winds down, we encourage you to help others — and yourself — by contributing to the charitable organizations featured in this newspaper (and to others in the community).

Show your gratitude by assisting them as they make the new year a little brighter for people less fortunate.

— Mary Kate Leming,
Editor



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Letter to the Editor

Why no warning with photo of jumping surfer?

I was surprised to see you publish a photograph of a young man with a surfboard jumping off the north jetty of Boynton Inlet Pier — “taking advantage of the waves created by Hurricane Ian.”

Most years report deaths at the Inlet and one can imagine stormy seas being more dangerous than normal. Posted all over the pier and adjacent bridges are “No Jumping or

Diving” signs.

I understand a photographer wanting to capture and share the sheer exuberance of the moment, but at least publish a disclaimer or warning that this is dangerous and possibly illegal behavior.

The last thing we need is a young person hurt or worse from their youthful exuberance.

*Ned Jalbert
Ocean Ridge*

King tide season

Marine Way, Delray Beach — Oct. 10



Inflatable booms that the city of Delray Beach installed at the north end of Marine Way mitigated flooding during October king tides, although rising water from the Intracoastal Waterway made it through storm drains and affected this man’s walk with his dogs. The next major king tides for the area will be Nov. 6-9 and Nov. 23-27, according to the Palm Beach County Office of Resilience. *Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star*

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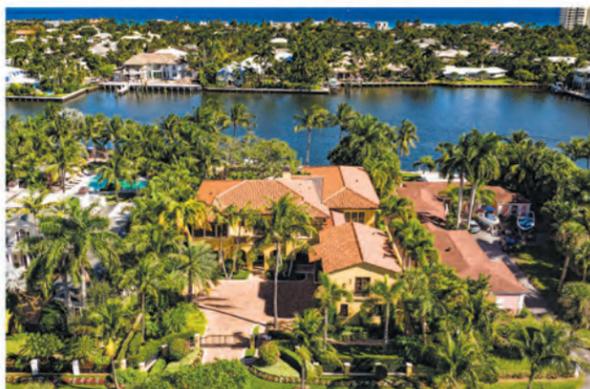
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Suzanne Perkins and John Berger ride their bikes through the newly built Wildflower Park in Boca Raton after eating lunch in Mizner Park.

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“I’m proposing a park, because it’s what I want ... and I think it’s the right thing to do,” Barrera told them. “You actually want a waterfront park also; you just don’t know it yet.”

He attended the opening with his wife and children, ages 8 months and 3 years, in tow.

“At that time I had no idea that 11 years later that vision would come to fruition,” Barrera said.

Also instrumental in making the parcel a park was Deputy Mayor Andrea O’Rourke, then president of the Golden Triangle Neighborhood Association, who backed a referendum to determine Wildflower’s fate.

“This park was overwhelmingly voted on by the people of the city of Boca Raton. To me this epitomizes perfect urban planning. We now have an oasis for respite in our downtown,” she said.

Singer, as a council



Blake Upshaw gets a lift from Harper Upshaw as they play on a new sculpture at Wildflower Park. Another visitor takes in the scenery. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

member in 2016, hosted his own visioning session to gauge public sentiment, with attendees ranking 95 images of parks. The overwhelmingly most popular feature was a wide promenade that could

connect the Wildflower parcel to Silver Palm Park on the south side of the bridge.

The new park also sports shade structures, a covered pavilion, picnic tables, large sculptures, an event lawn, play

areas and a splash pad. The pavilion’s water fountain came courtesy of a \$5,000 gift from the Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton.

“To the children here today, I look forward to the day,

including my children, I look forward to the day when you bring your kids here,” Singer said.

Together, improvements on the Wildflower site and Silver Palm Park cost \$9.3 million.

Officials chose a low-key opening so the Wildflower’s 51-space parking lot would not be overwhelmed. Two spaces are reserved for charging electric cars.

James Hendrey, also an early supporter of making the property a park, said it turned out to be “quite the centerpiece for the city” and met the overall goal of many people.

“We get to hear kids laughing and families having fun,” he said.

Still to come are finishing touches where the promenade passes under the Intracoastal bridge.

“There’s going to be beautiful lights. There’ll be beautiful color-painted columns there,” O’Rourke said. ★

Lower lumber prices make restoration of two parks palatable

By Steve Plunkett

Buoyed by a \$6 million drop in the cost estimate, Boca Raton City Council members enthusiastically approved a plan to refurbish long-neglected canoe trails and a boardwalk at Rutherford and Lake Wyman parks.

The plan carried a \$15.5 million price tag when presented in June. But City Manager Leif Ahnell said he expected lumber prices to fall and they did. The boardwalk priced at \$2,000 per linear foot earlier came in at \$700 per foot in the second round of bidding.

That lowered the cost to \$11.6

million; city staff recommended on Oct. 24 saving \$2.1 million more by deleting proposed restrooms and a walking path on the north end of Rutherford.

“I’m glad to see the prices are coming way down,” council member Monica Mayotte said.

Municipal Services Director Zachary Bihr said his staff stepped off the distance between the proposed new restrooms and the park’s existing ones and found they were only 450 feet apart, close enough that a second facility was not necessary.

Council members agreed with that assessment but were not interested in saving dollars

by leaving out two small sections of new boardwalk leading to trails in the center and south ends of the park, nor of using gravel instead of concrete for a kayak walkway.

“I think we’ve learned over time that connectivity is everything,” Deputy Mayor Andrea O’Rourke said.

Ahnell said he would bring council members a contract to approve in November.

The \$9.5 million is still about \$4 million more than the city budgeted for the project. It will use a \$2.7 million grant from the Florida Inland Navigation District for part of the work.

Besides restoration of the

silted-in canoe trails, the parks will feature two kayak launch sites and a boardwalk connecting them to the parking lot. Plans call for use of native plants, removal of invasive vegetation, and trimming and planting of mangroves.

The parks abut each other on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway near Northeast 20th Street.

In 2012 the city rejected a plan put together by former mayor and then-County Commissioner Steven Abrams that would have restored Rutherford Park’s canoe trails, extended its boardwalk and created a sea grass basin on a

large spoil island just east of Lake Wyman Park.

That project would have been funded by a \$2.1 million grant from FIND and \$450,000 from Palm Beach County, with the city and the Beach and Park District each chipping in \$225,000.

The city was tempted by the outside money but ultimately did not want to cede control of the project to others.

In 2016, the city drew up a \$6.5 million plan that included two double boat ramps in Rutherford Park and no money from FIND. That plan was dropped in favor of the current configuration. ★

Boca Raton

As residents, builder clash, council urged to devise senior housing rules

By Mary Hladky

The City Council has sidestepped for now a final decision on whether assisted living facilities can be built in single-family neighborhoods.

ALFs are not allowed now in residential areas. But Whelchel Partners proposed building one about two years ago at 2 SW 12th Ave., just south of Palmetto Park Road in the Boca Square neighborhood.

Boca Square residents quickly organized in opposition, saying that the three-story building would loom over their homes, increase traffic, endanger children going to and from Addison Mizner Elementary School and destroy the quality of their neighborhood.

Opponents frequently speak out at City Council meetings, making sure that council members know that they will not slacken their efforts to torpedo the project.

City staff told Whelchel Partners, a company run by two of the late Mayor Susan Whelchel's children, that unless the city's comprehensive plan is amended, the ALF cannot be built in Boca Square. When Whelchel Partners did not seek a comp plan change and did not correct deficiencies identified by city staff in its proposal, the city stopped processing its

development application.

The owner of the property, Religious Science Unlimited, filed a lawsuit against the city in April, asking a judge to compel the city to process the application and to determine that no change in the comp plan is required. The litigation is ongoing.

Most recently, council member Monica Mayotte asked that the council consider whether ALFs should or should not be allowed in neighborhoods. She was seeking a general policy on the issue, not one tied to the proposed Boca Square ALF.

The city attorney's office placed a resolution on the council's Oct. 25 agenda that would allow the council to set that policy.

Mayotte expressed her dismay at an Oct. 24 workshop meeting. She had not expected a formal resolution, she said, but rather wanted the council to have a discussion about where ALFs can be built.

"I don't think this is being handled correctly," she said, adding later, "I feel like I am being put in a box here and I don't like it."

What is needed, Mayotte said, is a "conversation about senior housing. We need to have a plan. The comp plan does not address senior housing

specifically."

She asked that the resolution be pulled from the agenda.

Boca Square residents, who along with Whelchel Partners had been told by the city about the resolution, jammed the council chambers the next night.

Mayotte again asked that the resolution be pulled. Mayor Scott Singer and council member Andy Thomson supported that. Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke and council member Yvette Drucker wanted a discussion.

With so many residents wanting to speak, council members agreed they should be heard.

All spoke against the proposed ALF. If Whelchel Partners got what it wanted, several said, it would open the door to ALFs being built in other residential areas.

An analysis by city staff showed that while approving what Whelchel Partners is seeking would not allow ALFs in most neighborhoods, they could be built in some, especially those in western sections of the city. But the analysis cautioned that a further review might show additional neighborhoods affected.

"This may be a Trojan horse to ruin neighborhoods," said Boca Square resident William

Miller. "Not one single-family neighborhood will be safe."

"We are talking about a monster building in a residential neighborhood," said Bill Snow. "The quality of life in Boca Raton is going to change if this is put in a residential neighborhood."

Jay Whelchel, principal of Whelchel Partners, defended his project.

"I encourage you to take a long view of senior housing in Boca," he said. "There is a demand for assisted living facilities and senior housing."

Joanne Jackson, Jay

Whelchel's sister, said high-quality senior housing is needed and her mother would have been in favor of the project.

With little discussion, the council voted 5-0 against changing the zoning code to allow ALFs in residential areas.

But that doesn't mean the issue is resolved, since council members see a need to decide once and for all where ALFs can be built.

"We want to have a conversation about housing options for seniors," Singer said. "I welcome that." ★

Clint Moore Road over I-95 reopens to motor vehicles

The Clint Moore Road bridge over Interstate 95 partially reopened to traffic on Oct. 12 after being closed for a total reconstruction since early March 2021.

The inside lanes in both directions are now open to motor vehicles, but pedestrians and bicyclists are still prohibited. The outside lanes remain closed while work on handrails and fencing is completed and the lanes are paved.

"To ensure public safety, the bridge will not be open for cyclist or pedestrian use while the outside lanes are closed for construction operations," a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Transportation said.

Actual construction of the bridge ended earlier than Oct. 12, the department said, but following Hurricane Ian local FDOT personnel who would have performed the necessary final inspection were deployed to the west coast to assist with post-storm damage assessments.

— Steve Plunkett

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Highland Beach

Town's preferred fire station site would break budget, manager says

By Rich Pollack

Highland Beach will be going back to the drawing board as it plans for a new fire station.

At a Town Commission meeting in October, Manager Marshall Labadie discussed plans for a new 10,000-square-foot station that would be built between Town Hall and the water treatment plant.

At the Nov. 1 meeting, however, Labadie announced

that a recent site inspection showed that the location would not work, at least not within the budget allotted for the project.

"We just ran into some really bad site conditions," he said. "It would require much more work than we originally anticipated."

Labadie said soil conditions and the location of certain utilities would make it difficult for the town to build the two-story station at the preferred location without spending much

more than planned.

Another challenge, he said, would be the additional time it would take to prepare the site for a new building.

"We ran into some problems that are insurmountable within the parameters we have to work with," he said.

Commissioners are hoping to build a station that would work within the \$10 million overall start-up budget for the new department approved by voters

in a referendum.

Labadie said the town is working with architects to come up with alternatives and will present some potential drawings at a special commission meeting on Friday, Nov. 4.

"We're having to change direction quickly," he said.

Labadie said that there is the possibility of finding a location on the town's governmental property that could accommodate a two-story building, but said he is waiting to hear the thoughts of commissioners.

"A station that meets our needs can fit on the site," he said. "We have to make sure everyone is on board."

Labadie said he doesn't anticipate soil and utility issues on alternative sites.

A new station, town leaders have said, is needed to accommodate the additional fire trucks and rescue vehicles that will come when Highland Beach takes over fire service from Delray Beach Fire Rescue.

The town currently has a fire station on State Road A1A, which is being staffed by Delray Beach until the contract ends in May 2024, but Labadie says that station is too old, too small and below the floodplain.

The town considered

rebuilding a station on the same site, but determined that the cost of needing a temporary facility when construction was underway would be too much.

As they consider their next steps, town commissioners face other unexpected challenges, including a significant cost increase in building materials due to inflation and supply chain issues.

Initially, the town budgeted \$5 million for the construction of a fire station, but Labadie said the cost estimate has now come to as much as \$7.5 million.

Labadie said the town is looking for other revenue sources, perhaps grants from state and local governments.

During the Nov. 1 meeting, Labadie told commissioners the town will be saving about \$400,000 by purchasing a used 2017 aerial truck instead of purchasing a new ladder truck.

That truck will be in addition to one currently used by Delray Beach's fire rescue. The town will also have two rescue vehicles.

Commissioners in April 2021 voted to sever the contract with Delray Beach, believing they could provide better service at less than the estimated \$5 million a year Highland Beach pays to the city. ★

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Boca Raton

Rejection of crosswalks jumbles puzzle of E. Palmetto Park safety

By Mary Hladky

Beachside residents, who have urged city officials to make safety improvements to the section of East Palmetto Park Road between the Intracoastal Waterway and State Road A1A, have received unwelcome news.

A city study concluded that no crosswalks are warranted along that span and installing them would create safety hazards.

"Obviously, we are very disappointed," Katie Barr MacDougall, president of the Riviera Civic Association, said after city staffers outlined their recommendations on Oct. 11. "We feel the study was flawed."

Residents of the Riviera, Por La Mar and Sun & Surf neighborhoods aren't taking no for an answer.

"This is not over," MacDougall said. "We are going to ask for a new study. We may ask for an independent study."

If there's any consolation, it's that City Council members didn't like what they heard either.

"I am not happy with the study and the final decisions made," said Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke.

"We are all frustrated about the results of this analysis," said council member Monica Mayotte. "It does not provide us with an opportunity to improve the pedestrian realm in the east side of town."

Yet council members did not want to overrule city staff since resident safety is at issue.

City Manager Leif Ahnell acknowledged their

dissatisfaction.

"Everyone sees a problem..." he said. "We have not figured out a solution that will be safe for everybody."

East Palmetto Park Road is a main gateway to the beaches and the downtown, but many nearby residents say it has an unsightly appearance that belies that status.

MacDougall has pressed for changes that would improve its look and walkability and add bicycle lanes. Her main request is to install crosswalks at Olive Way and Wavecrest Way so that people have a safe way to cross the road.

City staffers studied vehicle and pedestrian traffic for 40 hours in January. They determined that a crosswalk was warranted during only one of those hours.

In the last five years, no pedestrians or bicyclists were injured crossing the road and there was only one vehicle and bicyclist collision.

Even so, council member Andy Thomson described crossing the road as "harrowing."

"To my mind it is a significant safety concern," he said.

City Traffic Engineer Naresh Machavarapu said adding crosswalks would not change the behavior of pedestrians who now cross the road whenever and wherever they want.

Crosswalks with yellow flashing lights activated when pedestrians push a button would give a false sense of safety, he said.

In one example, Machavarapu said drivers

would stop on the crosswalks when they are lined up waiting for the Intracoastal drawbridge to lower. Pedestrians could begin crossing the street thinking they were safe just as cars began to move forward.

In addition, eastbound traffic that had stopped until the drawbridge lowered might have to stop again immediately after crossing the Intracoastal if pedestrians wanted to cross the road.

The short section of the road between the Intracoastal and A1A is owned by the county, but the city can control traffic along it. The two governments must agree to changes.

Ahnell said city staff will continue talking to county officials about the situation and will keep evaluating it. ★

ARTS

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renovated amphitheater, new performing arts center, jewel box theater, rooftop terrace, outdoor performing arts spaces and garage.

If they fail, the city or center officials can terminate a development agreement and the center's 94-year lease of 1.8 acres of city-owned land where the complex will be built. City Council members are adamant that they will not finance the project.

Center President Andrea Virgin has no doubt that she and her team can raise the money. "We feel very confident," she said.

They are on a tight timeline to do so. Most immediate, they must raise \$71.3 million of hard construction costs, or about 62% of the project's estimated total cost. Of that, 25% must be in hand within one year, 50% in two years and 75% in three years.

Money for all of the hard and soft construction costs must be in hand before a building permit is issued.

They also must raise \$22 million in reserve and endowment funds.

So far, the center has received \$14 million and has pledges for \$25 million more. But center officials only now are starting fundraising in earnest.

That's because many potential donors wanted the land lease to be approved, providing assurance that the project would be built, before they made commitments.

Virgin sees a large pool of well-to-do local philanthropists and cultural arts supporters who she is certain will step forward, including out-of-staters who relocated to the area during the pandemic.

"So many wonderful people approached us. They came from culturally rich areas," she said. "While our low taxes and weather are fantastic, they want



The center's 99-seat jewel box theater is planned for smaller audiences. **Rendering provided**

to instill more of the culture from those areas."

Beyond the pressure to secure donations, center officials face additional deadlines, including to submit detailed plans for the project, obtain development approval and building permits from the city and raise money for the reserves and endowment.

As they sought support from the City Council, center officials presented stunning renderings of the project they envision. But those were conceptual.

Now, they and their team of consultants must develop firm plans for what actually will be constructed. That work has awaited a full-blown fundraising effort so that they have the money to pay for it.

Under terms of the deal reached with the city, they have a maximum of 10.5 years to complete the project, in 2033. But Virgin wants to beat that date by a considerable margin.

"We will move as quickly as possible," she said.

If all goes well, her goal is to begin construction in 2025, the year that marks the city's 100th birthday. The deal gives center officials three years to complete construction, so doors would open in 2028.

Hopes were high that city and center would come to terms at the Oct. 12 meeting where a final deal awaited City Council approval.

But just like at an Aug. 22 meeting when the council was

first scheduled to vote on it but got tangled up in a dispute over city liability in the event of a default, the ride was bumpy.

Council member Monica Mayotte called for firm fundraising deadlines for hard construction costs, with specific amounts to be raised each year for three years.

Her intent, she said, is that the deadlines would allow the city to know if the center is successful in fundraising.

Center officials had no objection to that, Virgin said after the meeting, describing Mayotte's request as "reasonable."

But the meeting grew heated when Mayor Scott Singer said he remained concerned about the project's cost.

He had asked for updated estimates in August that

took into account inflation. The revised costs that center officials provided in September pegged the estimated price tag at \$115.4 million, a 30% increase.

Singer asked if city staff had analyzed the new cost figures. Deputy City Manager George Brown said he had done a cursory analysis which showed that the increases seemed reasonable.

Singer said he would have preferred that the city hire an outside expert to conduct a detailed review. "I still have some discomfort," he said.

That drew a sharp rebuke from Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke. "I feel we are moving the goalposts," she said, drawing strong applause from cultural arts supporters in the audience.

Center officials, she said, had responded to all requests made of them.

"We keep making it harder and harder," she said. "I would like to see it move forward and not put obstacles in the way."

Singer then proposed contract language that made it crystal clear that the center would pay for the entire cost of the project, whatever the final amount ends up being, even though such wording already existed in terms hammered out

between the center and the city.

His intent, he said, was to ensure that the center would not seek funding from the city to build, operate and maintain the complex.

Center attorney Ele Zachariades said center officials had no problem with two of Singer's wording additions since they reflected the center's already stated intent, but she did not understand the point of two others.

The debate ended after council member Andy Thomson proposed compromise wording on the third item that received a unanimous council vote.

But Singer said he could not vote in favor of the overall deal because of the construction cost figures, even though he supported the project and would encourage donors to come forward.

"All the things I have done have been to try to make the deal better and I want you to be incredibly successful," he said. "Let me be a champion and cheerleader, as we all are."

The resolution and ordinance that authorize the lease of Mizner Park land to the Center for Arts & Innovation were approved by a 4-1 vote, drawing cheers and applause from the audience. ★

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Manalapan

Commission seeks more facts amid doubts on virtue of sewer system

By Larry Barszewski

Manalapan commissioners say the town might be better off with sewers instead of septic tanks, but they're not sure the benefit of building

a sewer system is great enough to justify the cost and aggravation to residents.

Commissioners are concerned the state could mandate a switch to sewers because septic tanks on

the barrier island pose an environmental risk, but they don't know if such a decision would come relatively soon or be decades away.

They would like to have a discussion with town residents about the idea, but they say they need to have more facts and figures first. That means spending more money for a partial design without knowing if a new system will actually be built.

One thing is clear: Earlier thoughts that a sewer project could be underway by spring no longer seem practical.

"Realistically, we're talking about next year this time making a decision about this," Mayor Keith Waters said at an Oct. 5 commission workshop held online via Zoom. "The absolute piece that we know of — is a certainty — is we have to have a design before we can move forward, before we can get funding, and before we can have hard answers on anything that we need."

The commission's regular October meeting was later canceled, putting off a decision until at least its November meeting, which will be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 so as not to disrupt any Thanksgiving holiday plans.

"The fork in the road right

now is go or no go," Waters said about the design for the project. In August, consultant Mock Roos & Associates estimated the overall project cost at \$10.3 million.

"I think it's going to be much more than that, significantly more than that," Waters said.

At their Nov. 10 meeting, commissioners will consider an \$84,520 proposal from Mock Roos for 30% design work on a low pressure sewer system for the town. The design work should produce a more accurate cost for the project. It is also needed before the town can apply for grants that have the potential to reduce the project's cost to town residents.

In an Oct. 21 email to *The Coastal Star*, Town Clerk Erika Petersen said no meeting with residents to get their input has been scheduled yet.

"We do not anticipate that would even take place before there is a prelim design or proposal for the work or some other information to share with them," Petersen wrote.

Commissioners aren't sure how receptive residents will be to move off of their private septic systems and onto a town sewer system once they know how much it will cost,

how disruptive construction will be, how long it will take to complete and what work will have to be done on each residential property.

A low pressure sewer system involves installing a macerating pump on each property. The pump would grind a home's sewage and push it into a small-diameter sewer pipe that carries it out of town to a treatment plant. Mock Roos says the design work would include two "typical" site plans for installing a pump and pipes on private property.

At the October workshop, Vice Mayor Stewart Satter was most outspoken in his concerns about the plans.

"Do we understand clearly why we're doing this?" Satter asked. "This is an enormous project — forget about the monetary cost — just in terms of disruption to the town."

Town elections: The candidate qualifying period for the March 14 commission elections ends at noon Nov. 15. The elections are for Seats 1, 3, 5 and the mayor's Seat 7. Waters and Commissioner Hank Siemon are term-limited and cannot seek re-election. The other seats are held by Commissioner John Deese and Vice Mayor Satter. ★

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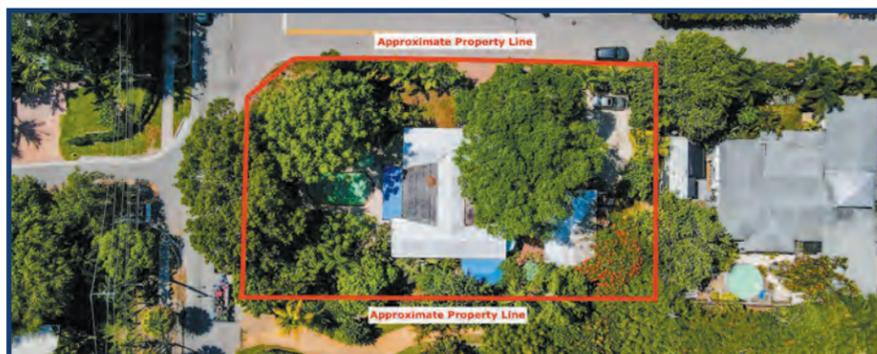
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Ocean Ridge/Briny Breezes

Police collect hurricane relief for Hendry County deputy

By Joe Capozzi

A Hendry County sheriff's deputy who lost her home and car during Hurricane Ian received a trailer-load of supplies and \$3,600 in cash from donations by residents of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones delivered the supplies on Oct. 26 to the Clewiston Police Department, where Hendry County deputies distributed the items later that day to the deputy, a mother of four children who lives in Fort Myers.

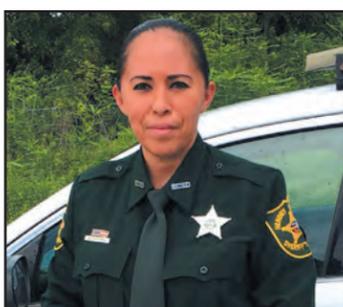
Ocean Ridge police started collecting the donations at Town Hall a week after the hurricane, with initial plans to send them to a small law enforcement agency in or near Lee County affected by Ian.

Unable to find an agency, Jones said, he saw a post on the Clewiston Police Department's Facebook page about Hendry County Sheriff's Deputy Maria Aguirre, a Fort Myers resident who lost four dogs, her vehicle and everything in her home in the storm.

The social media post sought donations for Aguirre, her husband and their four children: two teenage boys, a teenage daughter and a 9-year-old son.



LEFT: (l-r) Ocean Ridge Detective Aaron Choban, Police Chief Richard Jones, Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden, Clewiston Chief Thomas Lewis and Ocean Ridge Sgt. Richard Ermeri. ABOVE: The truck was loaded with donations. Photos provided



Maria Aguirre lost her home.

Jones, who worked as a Hendry County sheriff's deputy and a Clewiston police officer

before coming to Ocean Ridge, decided to donate the supplies to Aguirre.

Jones shared Aguirre's story at the Oct. 27 Briny Breezes Town Council meeting to show "how our positive impacts can go obviously much further than the boundaries we are used to working in," he said.

"None of us knew this deputy or her family. It truly was us being able to help someone that none of us knew."

Clewiston Police Chief

Thomas Lewis, in an interview with *The Coastal Star*, thanked Jones and the residents of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes for their generosity. "There was a ton of stuff in that trailer," he said.

The Clewiston Police Department posted a photo of Jones and supplies on the agency's Facebook page with the following caption:

"Want to know what a brotherhood/sisterhood looks like? Chief Richard Jones and

the members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department saw a post on Facebook about a Hendry County Deputy that was severely impacted by Hurricane Ian.

"Although they never met the deputy before, members of his agency didn't hesitate to raise \$3,600.00 and additional donations that filled a small trailer. Our town is small, but our law enforcement family is large. Thank you to the Ocean Ridge Police!" ★

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Briny Breezes



King tide levels barely came over the sea walls in some portions of Briny Breezes on Oct. 10 — not as bad as in recent years, when at times more than 10 inches of water stood on some streets west of State Road A1A. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Residents can hear engineers' plans for flooding at special meeting Nov. 15

By Joe Capozzi

An ambitious plan to protect Briny Breezes from flooding and sea-level rise will be discussed Nov. 15 at a joint “kickoff meeting” of the Town Council and Briny Breezes corporation.

The meeting, set for 3:15 p.m. at the Briny Breezes Community Center, is a requirement of a \$330,000 grant the state's Resilient Florida program awarded to the town this year.

Officials with Engenuity Group and Brizaga Inc., which drafted a 144-page flood adaptation plan in April 2021, will answer questions from residents and outline the next steps in spending the grant money.

The \$330,000 will help pay for the plans and studies needed to prepare construction-ready documents for enhanced sea walls, an improved stormwater drainage system and other 50-year adaptation measures.

“This meeting is for all stakeholders,” Town Manager William Thrasher said in an email Oct. 18 to council members and corporation officials. “A ‘sea water rise’ work plan and strategies will be the important topics.”

The town's planning and zoning board will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 for a related discussion that “will help set the stage for the resilience conversation that happens at 3:15,” board Chairman Jerry Lower told the Town Council on Oct. 27.

The planning board “will be focusing especially on discussions of short-term alternatives as we ponder the never-ending sea-level rising issues we have on the west side of A1A,” Lower said.

The joint meeting could have been held earlier this year. But town and corporation officials, knowing the importance of the resilience issues facing the town, waited to schedule it in November when most residents

and snowbirds would be back in Briny Breezes.

Aside from Lower's remarks, the Nov. 15 “kickoff meeting” was not discussed at the council's Oct. 27 meeting, other than to announce the date and location.

Mayor Gene Adams did offer a brief related remark when he reminded residents about “the chances for flooding” during the first week in November when king tides are forecast.

In other business:

- Adams said he and Thrasher planned to meet with corporation officials earlier in the day on Nov. 15 to discuss the tax rate, which for years has been at 10 mills, the maximum allowed under state law.

- The council unanimously passed on second reading a new code citation system that will allow police to issue tickets to people who violate any of six prohibitions in the town code, including riding a bicycle without a bell or horn and

allowing dogs to run free on the beach.

- The qualifying period for the town's March 14 election opens at noon Nov. 8 and closes at noon Nov. 22. Three aldermen seats, all for two-year terms, are up for election: Seat 1 held by Elizabeth Loper, Seat 3 held by Sue Thaler and Seat 5 held by Bill Birch. Prospective candidates should contact Town Clerk Sandi DuBose at 561-272-5495 for filing information.

- Briny Breezes residents are encouraged to attend a crime prevention workshop at 5 p.m. Nov. 9 at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, Ocean Ridge Police Chief Richard Jones told the council.

Ocean Ridge, which provides police services for Briny Breezes, will unveil several new programs and offer crime-prevention measures. ★

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Delray Beach

New manager may have to call Old School Square something else

Ousted group wants to trademark historic center's name as its own

By Jane Smith

While Delray Beach tries to finalize a new manager for Old School Square, there's now a question about whether the city is even going to be able to keep the name of its historic downtown cultural arts and entertainment campus.

After the City Commission voted 3-2 in August 2021 to end its lease with Old School Square's longtime former managers, that organization then filed papers to trademark the Old School Square name.

The trademark issue didn't show up on the city's radar until an Oct. 20 workshop at which the Downtown Development Authority presented its proposal to help run the Old School Square campus at the northeast corner of Atlantic and Swinton avenues.

Following up on that news, City Attorney Lynn Gelin told commissioners at their regular Oct. 25 meeting that the city still had two days left to challenge the trademark request. A city letter requesting an extension was delivered the next day, giving the city until Nov. 26 to oppose the Old School Square trademark, according to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Old School Square patrons are finding a confusing situation where the former tenants, who go by the name Old School Square Center for the Arts, maintain the OldSchoolSquare.org website that asks for donations and says, "One year later still sitting empty."

The private website does not say the city is the owner, but it

implies the OSSCA nonprofit owns the 4.4-acre campus.

The website also says the campus is dark, but that is not the case. The Pavilion stage, the Fieldhouse and the grounds have events.

The city's own website lists the updated events on the Old School Square campus.

During the Oct. 20 joint workshop with the commission and the Community Redevelopment Agency, the DDA presented funding figures that startled some commissioners.

Laura Simon, the DDA's executive director, proposed a phased approach to reactivating the campus with the three entities contributing potentially \$1.38 million. That is almost double the \$750,000 requested by the former tenants from the CRA.

"I nearly had a heart attack when I saw the figure," Commissioner Ryan Boylston said.

Likewise, Vice Mayor Adam Frankel asked whether the city taxpayers would foot the bill.

The amount includes \$175,000 for marketing and rebranding, which may be related in part to the trademark issue.

"Is there a concern that someone else owns the OSS name?" Frankel asked Simon. Regardless of the various venue names on campus, "I still think of it as OSS," he said.

It costs money to create a logo, and to develop and run a website, Simon said. She wants to create a new nonprofit to run the campus.

Frank Frione, a DDA board member who sold his engineering firm last year, said he wanted the new nonprofit to receive about \$2 million. He offered his time to help the DDA

reactivate the OSS campus. "We need to fund it accordingly to make it successful," he said.

Simon said the big focus currently is the holiday season and the 100-foot Christmas tree on the Old School Square grounds near the Cornell Art Museum. The tree will be lit on Nov. 29.

She hopes to have a business plan done in January when the agreement between the city and the DDA will be ready for discussion.

The city ousted the former tenants after a series of financial miscues that culminated with the Crest Theatre building renovation. Commissioners were not informed of its start and the city was not properly covered by the renovation's bond. The city rented the campus to the former tenants for \$1 per year.

When commissioners voted to terminate the lease in August 2021, they gave the former tenants 180 days' notice. Since then, the three commissioners who voted to end the lease have been criticized by the former tenants on social media platforms, email campaigns and in-person events.

OSSCA sued the city in November 2021 for wrongful termination of the lease. The lawsuit remains active, with the latest filing by the city on Oct. 20. The city objected to the request for a jury trial that was explicitly waived when the lease was signed.

The city also filed a counterclaim the same day to cover damages to the Crest Theatre building when the renovation was abandoned, and the premises not restored. The Old School Square buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. ★

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Gulf Stream

Town liable for \$180,000 in last O'Boyle lawsuit, judge rules

By Steve Plunkett

Gulf Stream must pay \$148,438 for resident Martin O'Boyle's attorney fees, roughly 25% of the more than \$586,000 his lawyers originally sought, and \$31,824 in costs mostly for two expert witnesses.

The Oct. 4 decision by Circuit Judge Donald Hafele brings to a close an almost 10-year war between O'Boyle and the town that entailed hundreds of requests for public records, the hiring of additional workers to process the requests, dozens of lawsuits and countersuits, and a hefty increase in the town's property taxes to pay for it all.

Taking big hits in the judge's ruling are Fort Lauderdale attorney Mitchell Berger, who asked for \$99,255 and was awarded \$7,920, and the law firm of O'Boyle's son, Jonathan, which billed \$131,155 but will receive \$33,865.

Jonathan O'Boyle declined to comment on the ruling.

Trey Nazzaro, the assistant town manager and in-house attorney, said the judge's order was "Gulf Stream's last remaining case in which fees were to be determined."

Robert Sweetapple, an outside attorney for the town, once estimated the town would be liable for no more than \$20,000.

O'Boyle will funnel most of the money to Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Co. His umbrella liability policy covered his legal expenses in this and four other cases in which he was involved, court documents show.

The policy "requires O'Boyle to pursue recovery of the expenses incurred in these matters and reimburse Liberty Mutual for the attorneys' fees and costs advanced on [his] behalf," his attorney, Elaine Johnson James, told the judge in an earlier filing.

Hafele reserved jurisdiction in the case to consider a potential further reduction of the fees while the town's attorneys explore what fees Liberty Mutual paid in a separate but related legal action.

The lawsuit sprang from O'Boyle's request for records concerning the town's removal of his campaign signs from public rights of way during his unsuccessful 2014 run for Town Commission.

O'Boyle sought all police reports for March 3-4 that year, including "appointment calendars, sign-in sheets and radio communications."

The town quickly delivered seven pages of incident reports but did not turn over sign-in sheets until three weeks after O'Boyle sued. Six weeks later, Gulf Stream gave him a CD of the police radio transmissions, which the Delray Beach Police Department records and stores for the town.

Hafele issued his decision

in the underlying case in September 2016 and O'Boyle's lawyers asked for reimbursement the following month. In the Oct. 4 ruling, Hafele said the "significant" time lapse was not the court's fault, but "was primarily caused by issues relating to the parties' experts" as lawyers on both sides battled over how much Gulf Stream should pay.

Beginning in 2013, O'Boyle and Chris O'Hare, who no longer lives in the town, flooded Gulf Stream with public records requests. In the six months before O'Boyle sought the police records, the town received more than 700 requests.

To accommodate the requests and fight the lawsuits, the Town Commission raised the property tax rate almost 38% in 2015.

In mid-2017, O'Hare and

the town agreed to dismiss 36 lawsuits and appeals between them and withdraw all pending records requests. Neither side paid the other's attorney fees.

O'Boyle's other notable win came with the dismissal of a federal lawsuit the town filed alleging a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations conspiracy by O'Boyle, O'Boyle entities and O'Hare to extort cash settlements of public records requests. A federal judge dismissed the suit in June 2015; his decision was upheld on appeal a year later.

O'Boyle also tasted victory in July 2013. The town paid him \$180,000 to settle 16 lawsuits and about 400 requests for public records he filed after he was denied variances for building projects at his Hidden Harbour home. ★

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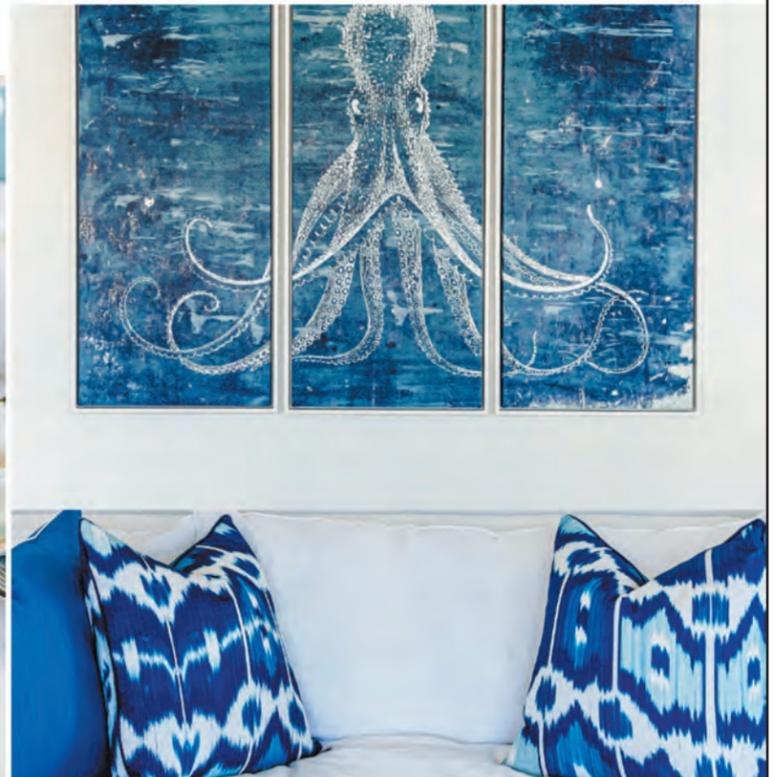


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Delray Beach

Late-night club decides to open at Delray Market, not Atlantic Crossing

By Jane Smith
and Christine Davis

Bounce Sporting Club has abandoned its game plan to open in downtown Delray Beach at Atlantic Crossing, where neighbors opposed the late-night crowd the club sought to serve.

The sports bar/nightclub is going into Delray Beach Market instead, four blocks to the west. The market is inside the city's Entertainment District, where staying open until 2 a.m. on weekends does not require special City Commission approval.

"It is the right move for Bounce that will be able to stay open later," said Claudia Willis, who lives in the Marina Historic District, south of Atlantic Crossing, where residents were concerned about the potential for late-night noise. "I'm ecstatic for the neighborhood."

Bounce now plans to open early next year in the market, a food hall at 33 SE Third Ave. owned by Menin Development.

Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale said the Bounce attorney visited commissioners individually earlier this year to try to garner votes for the club's staying open past midnight at Atlantic Crossing. The establishment would have been at the northeast corner of Northeast Seventh and Atlantic avenues, outside of the Entertainment District. When the votes were not there, the Bounce waivers were pulled from the February commission agenda, she said.

Bounce, part of the Brandit Hospitality Group,

is a sports bar and nightclub where guests can "bounce" through culinary experiences and live performances. The establishment, with New York and Chicago locations, shows major sporting events, allowing customers to enjoy an upscale experience in a hybrid venue known to attract professional athletes, DJs and socialites.

Residents who live near Atlantic Crossing are breathing sighs of relief that Bounce won't be their neighbor.

"We did not want it so close to an established neighborhood," said Jack Indekeu, president of the Palm Trail Homeowners Association to the north. "I personally think the nightclub is more appropriate for South Beach with its late-night party image and not for Delray Beach with its village-by-the-sea image."

Residents of the Barr Terrace condominiums were equally elated. That building sits across the Intracoastal Waterway to the east of Atlantic Crossing.

"The initial plan of expanding the Entertainment District for Bounce was considered irresponsible and concerning to many," said Rita Rana, a member of the Barr Terrace's board.

"Moving Bounce to the Delray Beach Market ... may be a win-win for the club and the market owner," Rana said.

Bounce's decision comes as the market, which opened in April 2021, is revamping its business model.

"We spoke with Bounce prior to the pandemic about potential locations, but at the time Menin didn't have any space available

for lease, whereas the Delray Beach Market was focused on multiple small vendors rather than larger restaurants," said Jordana Jarjura, president and general counsel of Menin Development.

"Many of the original tenants were mom-and-pop vendors or first-time operators who had lost their jobs during the pandemic restaurant closures," she said. "But with food costs soaring as well as labor costs and labor availability, it became tough for those operators to be financially viable."

Coupled with other pandemic problems affecting business — such as fewer downtown customers due to remote working and less foot traffic in general — the market had to pivot, she said.

"The addition of Bounce to the market furthers our desire to house entertainment, food and fun in an oversized community watering hole, while also ensuring the success of a smaller group of vendors," Jarjura said.

Bounce will cover 5,200 square feet on the north side of the market. At Atlantic Crossing, Bounce would have leased about 4,400 square feet.

To date, three restaurants are signed to open at Atlantic Crossing. The eateries are Le Colonial, The Hampton Social and Ora Cucina & Bar.

"We're in active discussions with others to find the right fit for the remaining restaurant space," Don DeVere, of the Edwards Companies, said in an Oct. 24 email. Edwards is building the complex. ★

City awaits word on whistleblower suit

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach has denied it retaliated against a former water quality inspector, who was reorganized out of her city job in January.

In its Aug. 31 motion to dismiss Christine Ferrigan's federal lawsuit, the city said that it followed procedures and that Ferrigan had avenues to protest her denial of promotions and new jobs, but did not make use of them.

Ferrigan, who had received Florida whistleblower protection in September 2020 from the county's inspector general for her reclaimed water information, said she was let go in January after filing a written retaliation complaint against two of her Utilities Department supervisors.

No hearing date was set as of Oct. 31 for the city's motion. A trial date is set for April 2023. Before the trial, federal lawsuits must go through mediation. On Sept. 9, Robyn Hankins of Jupiter was selected to be the

mediator.

Since December, Delray Beach has been operating under a five-year consent order, a legal agreement, with the state Department of Health for the city's reclaimed water problems.

Hired in June 2017, Ferrigan often sided with the barrier island residents and provided information to the Health Department, which began its investigation of the city's reclaimed water system in January 2020.

That is when a South Ocean Boulevard resident complained she was not properly informed of a 2018 cross connection found on her street. A cross connection occurs when reclaimed water pipes are wrongly connected to the drinking water lines. Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater suitable only for irrigation, not consumption.

When that cross connection was discovered, the city issued a boil-water order for a southern piece of the barrier island. The then-utilities director did not

report people and their pets were sickened possibly from drinking the contaminated water, as required by the Health Department. Ferrigan told her supervisor about the illnesses.

In February 2020, the city agreed to turn off its reclaimed water system and inspect each location. It has spent more than \$1 million on inspections and adding the backflow preventers to stop the reclaimed water from mixing with the drinking water. The state fined it \$1 million.

The county's Office of Inspector General released a report in May 2021 that did not find any person or agency or city department liable for the reclaimed water problems.

The city started its reclaimed water program in 2008, using outside contractors to design, install and inspect the pipes, primarily on the barrier island. Most of the records from the first 10 years no longer exist and no one has been with the city long enough to explain what happened to the documents. ★



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up a little bit,” she said, in part because the home’s market value had increased significantly. “But triple to over \$16K? With no claims? It was shocking.”

Walter

She shopped for a better insurance deal but could not find one. She said she has put the house up for sale a year after buying it.

Cash buyers and the super-wealthy may be in a better position to weather the turbulence, but just about everyone else is having to factor in a new reality.

A recent deal to buy a coastal Delray Beach home to be insured for more than \$1 million fell through when the insurance premium came in at \$22,000, said John G. Backer, one of the owners of the



Backer

Gracey-Backer Inc. insurance agency in Delray Beach. The buyer purchased a home farther west where insurance was cheaper.

“The Florida insurance marketplace is the worst in the country, and this might be the worst it’s ever been,” Backer said. “And with Ian, it might only get worse.”

A Briny Breezes resident told one agent she would drop hurricane coverage because it simply costs too much.

Similar stories are coming in at Absolute Insurance of Palm Beach County Inc., where Laible is president.

“A lot of people without a mortgage are self-insuring for a hurricane,” he said, a practice where people set aside their own money to pay for possible losses rather than purchase an insurance policy. “Prior to Ian, people were concerned rates were going to jump 20 to 30 percent again. After Ian, who knows?”

Similar tension roils the market for insuring boats.

Before Ian hit Florida in late September, it was not uncommon to find multiple national name-brand insurers willing to cover craft up to 30 feet, Laible said.

Bigger vessels were likely to have to rely on a “surplus lines” specialty insurer, such as Lloyd’s of London, he said.

Now, all are waiting to see how the market reacts. Already, in some cases a craft that cost \$5,000 a year to insure in the recent past is drawing quotes around \$15,000, he said.

If people self-insure for wind insurance on their homes, they still could choose to cover other perils such as fire. An important question especially after Ian is whether to take a flood policy, which is usually sold separately from standard home policies. It covers water

“Prior to Ian, people were concerned rates were going to jump 20 to 30 percent again. After Ian, who knows?”

Delray Beach insurance agent Dean Laible



Laible

coming from the ground up, as opposed to, say, rain coming through a hole in the roof.

Crisis facing homeowners

Storm surge and flooding spearheaded much of Ian’s more than \$67 billion in estimated damage. Early analysis shows the overwhelming rush of waters also played a big role in bringing about the most deaths from a storm to strike Florida since 1935 — at least 114 in the state.

Yet, for those not forced to carry policies by their mortgage holders, even the purchase of flood coverage has been declining over the last decade amid rising costs and other factors, a *Coastal Star* analysis found in 2020.

Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes, Delray Beach, Highland Beach and Ocean Ridge all had fewer policies in 2019 compared to 2012 for coverage issued by the National Flood Insurance Program, the provider of more than 95% of flood insurance in the county. In Briny Breezes, the number of NFIP policies fell by more than 40%.

The most concentrated harm from Ian came along Florida’s southwest coast, though its reach extended wider. A tornado spawned by the hurricane caused property damage in Delray Beach, for example, and another possible twister downed a tree at Gulf Stream Town Hall and blew tiles off its roof.

Going without hurricane coverage is an option open only to those who own their properties without a mortgage. It might make sense for people wealthy enough to rebuild out of their own pocket. It is a riskier gamble for those who have most of their assets tied up in their most valuable asset, their home, and now struggle to find income to keep up with the premiums.

Lack of coverage also has implications for the region’s economy and ability to recover from a future catastrophe if fewer people can afford to rebuild.

Florida’s home insurance premiums are rising an average of more than 30% a year, according to the industry-funded Insurance Information Institute. The state’s average bill hit \$4,231 over the summer, nearly three times the U.S. average of \$1,544.

That Florida average price tag can easily run double, triple — or more — near the coast in a place like southeastern Palm Beach County.

Fewer choices for residents

Inflation and rising home

values are keeping more people out of the state’s insurer of last resort, Citizens Property Insurance Corp., which does not cover properties worth more than \$700,000.

Regulators have been considering raising that limit in markets such as Palm Beach County where options for private insurance have become extremely limited, published reports show. The cap is currently \$1 million in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Samantha Bequer, communications director for the state’s Office of Insurance Regulation, said her office “is still in the process of reviewing all applicable data before issuing a determination on raising the eligibility cap.”

Meanwhile, a dwindling roster of Florida-based companies is writing new policies in South Florida, agents say.

Boca Raton-based Florida Peninsula Insurance Co., which insures about 180,000 homes, condos and apartments around the state, and subsidiary Edison Insurance declined comment on their outlook for expanding, contracting or keeping their customer count about the same.

The companies are “fully focused on assisting our policyholders that were impacted by Hurricane Ian,” said chief legal officer Stacey Giuliani. “This is our obligation to them. Right now, we cannot comment on underwriting until every one of our insureds receives the help they need to make repairs or rebuild.”

In some communities, slim choices may represent an opening for “surplus lines” companies, which are often based overseas, with rates that are not regulated by the state.

Other reasons for increases

Some industry groups blame roof scams and lawsuits for making things worse. Florida accounted for less than 10% of the nation’s claims but around 80% of the lawsuits, said Mark Friedlander, Florida-based spokesman for the Insurance Information Institute.

Six insurers fell into insolvency this year and 27 other struggling Florida

Hurricane Ian claims, Palm Beach County

Total claims: 2,438
Open claims with payment: 265
Open claims without payment: 1,485
Claims closed with payment: 315
Claims closed without payment: 373
Percent of claims closed: 28.2%
Source: Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, as of Oct. 28

residential insurers are on the insurance regulator’s “watch list,” he said.

His group estimates the insured losses from Hurricane Ian will exceed \$60 billion, making it the second-largest U.S. catastrophe on record behind 2005’s Hurricane Katrina, which reached \$90 billion in today’s dollars.

“We have forecasted litigation expenses from disputed Ian claims may run \$10 billion to \$20 billion,” Friedlander said. “This could lead to the failure of several more struggling Florida home insurers.”

But some state legislators have questioned if this fully explains why insurers fail, since companies can generally pass on legal costs in their rates.

In a special legislative session in May, state Sen. Gary Farmer, D-Fort Lauderdale, called it a “joke” that state regulations let company owners put up only \$15 million in capital, framing that as inadequate to meet modern financial challenges.

Skeptical lawmakers also have questioned the shifting of money between insurers and affiliated companies that owners control, which can weaken the core insurer.

If the going gets rough, owners of weakly capitalized domestic insurance companies often wind up walking away and leaving consumers on the hook to pay off remaining claims through assessments on insurance bills statewide. One such 1.3% assessment has been imposed this year for claims associated with the failed Orlando-based St. Johns Insurance Co. and other, smaller firms, for example.

Past insurance failures

Official state reports on why insurers fail can take many years to become public, but those that have emerged going back a decade or more offer some glimpses.

Take a 2017 report on Miami-based Northern Capital Insurance Co. It agreed to take up the policies of up to 40,000

Citizens customers, largely in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties, before eventually going out of business.

The company’s receiver filed an action against the directors and officers of NCIC for breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, and questionable diligence concerning transfers of money, state records show.

The company’s surplus, or money set aside to pay claims, fell to negative \$4 million at one stage. Yet it paid substantial “management fees” to a company its owners controlled, and its parent company paid nearly \$1.1 million in dividends to “investors” — including current and former company officers and directors, and companies they controlled — a year before liquidation, records show.

A 2016 report on Jacksonville-based Sunshine State Insurance Co. highlighted millions of dollars in payments shuffled between parent and sister companies without written agreements or regulatory approval. It noted a \$200,000 bonus for the president the year before state regulators placed the insurer in liquidation. He said in a meeting he felt he deserved a \$600,000 bonus, according to the state report.

In 2015, a report on Tampa-based Homewise Insurance Co. found it was crippled by an “excessive outflow of cash” to its affiliated management company, including \$63 million in one year alone. That was used to pay, among other things, “significant executive and management salaries and benefits.”

Or consider Hollywood-based Coral Insurance Co., liquidated in 2010. The reasons for its failure included, in the order cited in an insolvency report: mismanagement by officers, inadequate capital and surplus, and underwriting losses.

Hurricane season’s impact

More than 415,000 residential property claims have been filed from Ian as of Oct. 28, with 25.5% reported “closed,” state records show. About 28.2% of the 2,438 claims in Palm Beach County had been closed.

The good news for homeowners and businesses is that only one month is left to the 2022 hurricane season, which ends Nov. 30. They may still get a shock in the mail when their new premiums arrive, but they may at least luck out and not have to file any windstorm claims themselves this year. ★



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Ed Scalone

Walk into the dining room at the Carlisle in Lantana with Ed Scalone and you won't be walking for long.

Scalone stops at the first table and introduces a couple having breakfast. After the formalities are concluded, he turns to his guest and asks, "Can you believe it? He's 100 and she's 101. Isn't that something?"

The same scene is repeated over and over until a free table is located and we sit down. Then the stories begin: of his strict Italian immigrant father; of his stint during the Korean War ("I was never in combat," he's quick to say); of spending most of his working years in the investment business; and of his wife, Pat, who died two years ago, prompting his move from an oceanfront condo just a few hundred yards away in South Palm Beach.

Over and over friends and acquaintances stop by to say hello because Scalone is one of those people: Either you know him or, if he has anything to say about it, you soon will.

"I'm not the mayor of this place, I'm the governor," he says.

At 92, he should be slowing down, but he's still sharp enough to dress well and make sure his fellow residents do, as well.

"Some guys who have been very successful in life will come to breakfast with their shirts all wrinkled, and the wife will say, 'Do something for him,'" Scalone says. "So, I give him a nice shirt and next thing you know he walks in and gets a standing ovation. A lot of guys here are wearing my shirts now."

— Brian Biggane

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

A. When I finished up at Ansonia High School in Connecticut in 1948, where I was fifth in my class, a woman came and offered me a scholarship to either Yale or Dartmouth. But my father had promised his father, who had a factory called Shelton Hosiery, that I would go to work for him after I finished school. So, he wouldn't sign the paper and I went to work there as a machinist for a year.

After that I found Quinnipiac University, where I had my classes in the morning and worked as a truck driver in the afternoon. I graduated in their first four-year class, then went in the Army and served in the Korean War, and when I came out I used the GI Bill to get a master's in education and went into teaching.

I then met my wife, who wanted me to go to law school. But I was a crusty Italian who figured I had to work. I was even thinking about getting my doctorate and teaching at the college level, but then I got recruited by an investment firm.



Ed Scalone, a Korean War veteran and cartoonist, calls himself 'the governor' of the Carlisle in Lantana, where he lives. He moved from South Palm Beach two years ago after the death of his wife, Pat. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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

A. I taught for a couple years and then worked for an investment company for more than 20 years. In 1981, at age 50, I finally opened my own office in investments. The people at the company I left kept telling me I was too easygoing, that I couldn't make it on my own in that business, but I built it up and ultimately sold it to Jefferson Pilot in the late '80s. I stayed in that business until 2005, when we came to South Palm Beach. If I had to do it all over I would have become a lawyer.

I liked people and helped everybody I could. When I started out they used and abused me because I was so easygoing, but I made it and brought a lot of people into the business. They call me all the time to catch up.

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

A. Find what you want to do and just do it. But the other part of my advice is pay yourself first every month and you'll wind up pretty well off. I'm not saying I did that; I didn't like the investment business. But I did OK.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in South Palm Beach and Lantana?

A. Back in 1999 we were renting in Singer Island, then came down and spent a season in Hillsboro Beach. My wife, Pat, said one day she wanted to take a ride up A1A and she looked at about 30 condos, and walked into the Concordia on the ocean side. They took her up to the ninth floor and she liked it but that one wasn't for sale. We were in the parking lot talking and a gentleman came over and said his place was for sale on the same floor. We bought it from him.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Lantana?

A. Everything is so close to us here — restaurants, shopping — and the people are so nice. Most mornings I go down to the Palm Beach Bakery & Cafe. I'm chairman of the board of the discussion group. We have a group you wouldn't believe: multimillionaires, a CIA agent, a lady who worked for the U.N., a Bible scholar from Tel Aviv — unbelievable group. We have discussions sometimes until 3 p.m. I'm a regular at John G's and know everybody over there, as well. It's like being in your own neighborhood.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I read primarily nonfiction. I just finished Bill O'Reilly's *Killing the Killers* and Malcolm Gladwell's *The Bomber Mafia* about World War II. Now I'm reading *April 1945* about the end of the war in Europe. My brother-in-law from New Jersey sends me about 10 books a month. I read most of them and donate the rest to the library.

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

A. I love Artie Shaw. I play *Begin the Beguine* 10 times every day. Greatest record ever made. One take, 1937. I met Tony Bennett a half-dozen times in passing, so I like his music. And what stirs me up is the British Royal Marine Band, the greatest military band in the world. I go on YouTube and play that and I cry like a baby.

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

A. When I was in Army basic training at Camp Breckinridge in Kentucky this young corporal, a couple years older than me, came along one day and said, "I need a couple college graduates for the orderly room." In the States everything goes through the orderly room, and there's a person who is in charge of it, and he was it. His name was Alan Saks. Brilliant guy and he became my mentor.

He had inherited a family business of about 10 hardware stores. Big ones. He taught me everything to do in the orderly room, and mentored me in business. He told me, "When you come out of the Army there's a place for you in my company." But my father constricted my thinking and I never went to see him in Chicago.

Cut to 1960 and I pick up a *Time* magazine and he'd just sold those hardware stores for \$500 million. He became a philanthropist. He always told me to surround myself with people who are very confident, and don't give advice unless somebody asks for it. My father never brought it out of me that I was a leader, but the Army saw something in me and I did pretty well.

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

A. Leonardo DiCaprio. Perfect. I looked like him when I was young. Good dresser, slim. I filled out this waist about 10 years ago.

Q. Who/what makes you laugh?

A. A good clean story, as I call it, or a funny joke. I draw cartoons and I laugh like hell with them. They come to me, somebody will say something. I write it down. I meet Dr. Roth, a psychotherapist, for breakfast one day a week and he has them hanging all over his office. I have a mailing list that I send them out to about 30 people.

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Delray Beach/Gulf Stream

Proposed dealership near Place Au Soleil gets another chance to be considered

By Jane Smith

A rejected Federal Highway rezoning for an auto dealership near Gulf Stream's Place Au Soleil community came back before the Delray Beach City Commission on Oct. 25, after the property owner filed a legal complaint seeking a rehearing.

Commissioners agreed to rehear the case, which is now scheduled to be decided at a final public hearing Nov. 15.

Property owner John Staluppi Jr.'s attorney, Beth-Ann Krinsky, was not allowed to cross-examine people who spoke at the original Aug. 16 hearing, where commissioners voted 3-2 against the rezoning request.

Staluppi challenged the decision in court, saying the public hearing should have been a "quasi-judicial" one that allowed for cross examination. City Attorney Lynn Gelin admitted to commissioners she made a mistake.

Gelin had advised commissioners in August that the rezoning hearing could be "legislative," which does not allow for such cross examination.

"You did nothing wrong," Gelin said. "I fall on the sword."

Commissioners decided not to wait for a judge to rule on the issue, which likely would have resulted in an order for a rehearing anyway.

At the Oct. 25 quasi-judicial hearing, speakers were sworn in by the city clerk. Only two people testified. Neither one lives in Delray Beach.

Trey Nazzaro, Gulf Stream's assistant town manager and in-house attorney, said the 4.4 acres of parcels to be rezoned were only 220 feet deep between North Federal Highway and the homes in Place Au Soleil. The Gunther dealerships that sit south of the site are double the size, Nazzaro said, and have a 35-foot buffer.

"Only four auto dealerships about residential properties in Delray Beach," he said. "Most are separated by a road."

He was then cross-examined by Krinsky, a partner in the Greenspoon Marder law firm in Fort Lauderdale.

Krinsky asked Nazzaro whether he was aware of any challenge by Gulf Stream to the Delray Beach comprehensive plan passed in February 2020, which designated the parcels as possible places for new car dealerships. He said no.

She also asked if Gulf Stream commissioners had voted on his appearance before Delray Beach on this issue. The commissioners did not take a formal vote, but they knew he would be coming to speak against the rezoning, Nazzaro said.

The second speaker, Gulf Stream resident Shana Ostrovitz, objected to expected noise from the constant use of key fobs, alarms, industrial-grade power tools and garage doors opening and closing. Her

backyard abuts the proposed Hyundai dealership.

"The lights from the dealership would be so bright that it will feel like daytime all of the time," she said.

Krinsky asked Ostrovitz if prior to buying her home in May 2021 she had reviewed Delray Beach's long-term plan to see what was proposed for those North Federal properties. Ostrovitz said no.

The commission moved the rezoning request on to a second reading and public hearing Nov. 15, where presentations will be allowed from city staff and the property owner. To save time, commissioners decided earlier this year that they did not want such presentations during a request's first reading. ★



The proposed rezoning for a car dealership in Delray Beach will receive a final public hearing Nov. 15. Rendering provided

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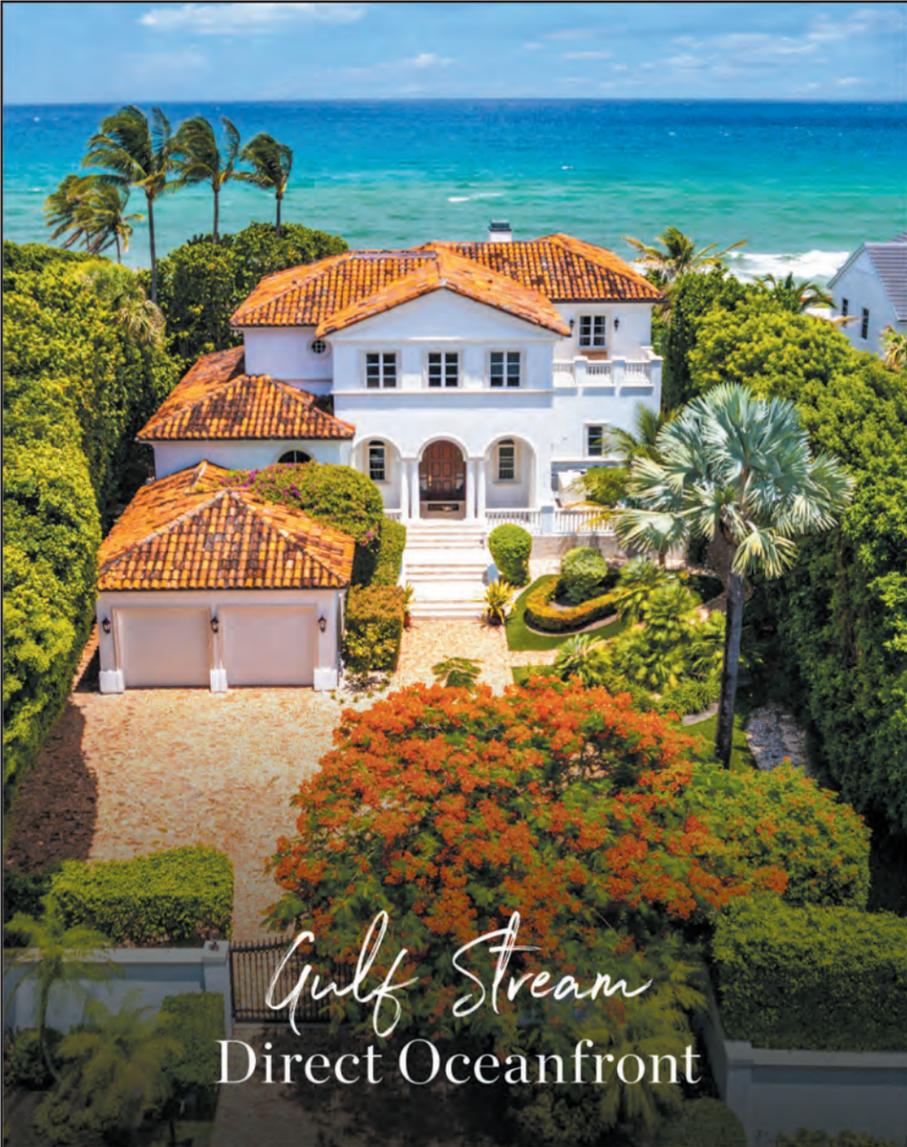
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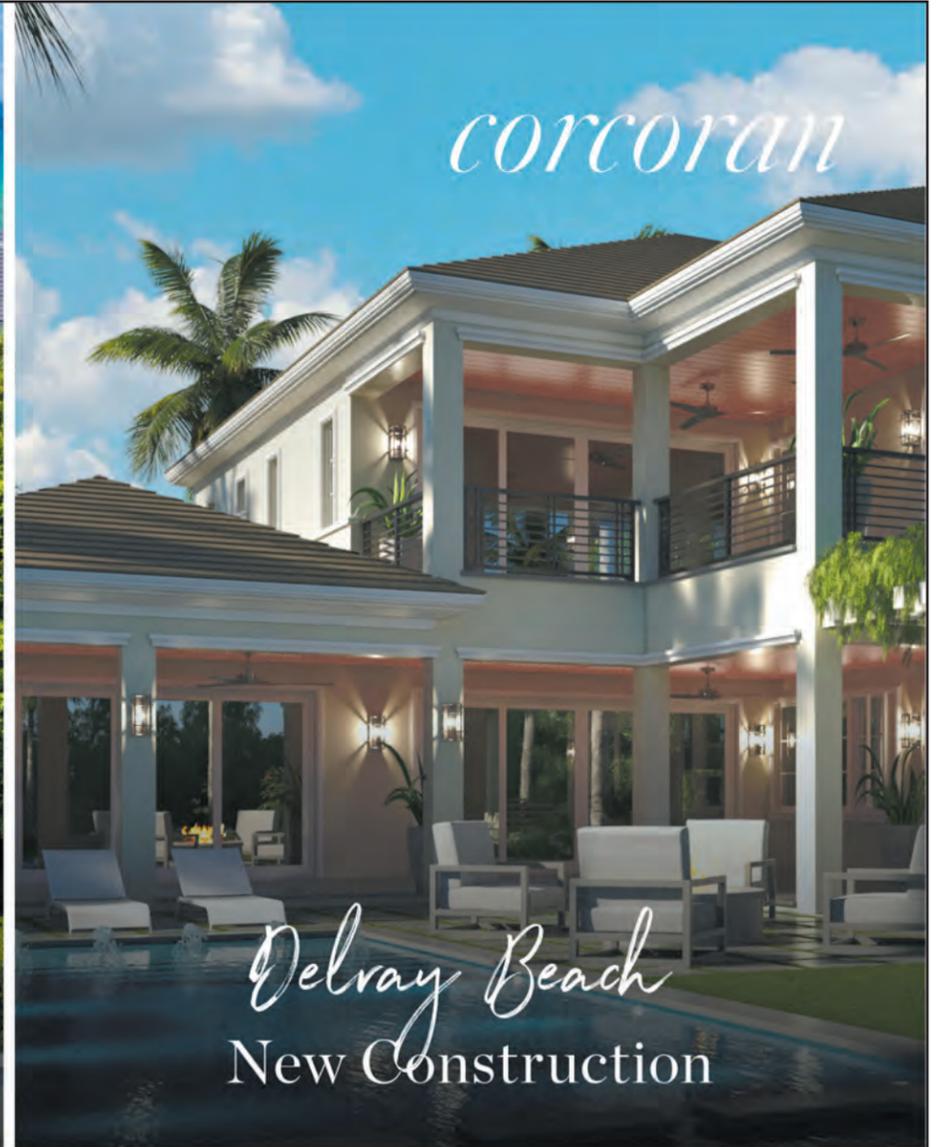
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Boca Raton/Highland Beach

State District 91 race leads to 2 vacant seats

By Mary Hladky and Rich Pollack

Boca Raton City Council member Andy Thomson and Highland Beach Commissioner Peggy Gossett-Seidman, who are running against each other to serve in the Florida House of Representatives, will step down from their seats this month because of the state's resign-to-run law.

With time running short, Thomson's council colleagues have not addressed whether they will appoint someone to temporarily replace him or leave the seat open until the March 14 municipal election.

When Deputy Mayor Andrea O'Rourke broached the matter at the end of a very long Oct. 25 meeting, other council members said they wanted to wait until their meeting on Nov. 8 to discuss it.

Meanwhile, Highland Beach commissioners are seeking applications from residents interested in filling the seat being vacated by Gossett-Seidman, who has resigned effective Nov. 9, the day after the election.

Residents wishing to fill the seat for four months until the town holds its March election will have until noon Nov. 15 to submit an application and background check waiver, available on the town's website.

Commissioners will receive the applications during their meeting later on Nov. 15 and will hold a special commission



Gossett-Seidman

meeting on Nov. 22 to interview candidates and vote on an appointment.

Highland Beach's candidate qualifying period for the March election is Nov. 8 to Nov. 22. In addition to the year left on Gossett-Seidman's term, town voters may select a mayor and another commissioner.

The Boca Raton candidate qualifying period is Nov. 1 to Nov. 9. The mayor's seat and two council seats are up for election.

Democrat Thomson, who resigned effective Nov. 7, was elected in 2018 and re-elected without opposition in 2020.

Republican Gossett-Seidman has been a Highland Beach town commissioner since 2018.

They are seeking to replace Emily Slosberg-King, a Democrat, in a redrawn House District 91.

A Boca Raton council seat last became vacant in 2020 when then-Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers, a Navy Reservist, was called to active duty and no longer could participate in city meetings. Council members appointed Yvette Drucker to replace him until his term ended. She then won election to a three-year term. ★



Thomson

Beach cleanup

South Beach Park, Boca Raton — Oct. 22



Boca Save our Beaches teamed up with the Riviera Civic Association on the cleanup, with about 20 volunteers from the Riviera, Por La Mar and Sun & Surf neighborhoods collecting 150 pounds of trash in about 90 minutes at the park and along East Palmetto Park Road.

ABOVE: Nisakorn Nelson picks up small debris and pieces of trash. **NEAR RIGHT:** William 'Dune Man' Sun leads the way as volunteers clear out an area near lifeguard station 4 that gets quite a bit of litter. Sun rides his bike most days to the beach and picks up trash that raccoons take into the dunes at night. He says the beach trash cans have no lids. **FAR RIGHT:** Mac Johnson adds his sentiments to a board that memorialized the cleanup, the second time the two organizations collaborated on such an event. **Photos by Rachel S. O'Hara / The Coastal Star**



With turtles in mind, Highland Beach eyes better ordinance on beach lighting

By Rich Pollack

Sea turtle hatchlings in Highland Beach may soon have an easier time waddling their way to the ocean if a draft ordinance introduced last month becomes a reality.

The proposed ordinance focuses primarily on reducing bright lighting facing the beach that can distract hatchlings away from the shoreline. It is designed to fill a gap in town code which currently has only broad guidelines regarding lighting.

Absent an ordinance with real teeth, town officials say, they often use state

recommendations to guide builders and homeowners seeking to make property improvements.

"This has long been overdue," said Building Official Jeff Remas, adding that the lack of specifics adds to confusion. "Our existing ordinance is pathetic."

The proposed ordinance, Town Manager Marshall Labadie said, will have much more detail and will make it easier for the town to enforce turtle protection efforts and seek compliance.

"This ordinance provides property owners with a clear road map to turtle lighting standards in Highland Beach,"

he said, adding that clarifying the regulations has been a strategic priority for the town.

Labadie said he believes the town will not have any problems enforcing the proposed ordinance once it is approved.

"Everyone is very cooperative when it comes to sea turtle protection," he said.

Whereas the existing ordinance says only "no artificial light shall illuminate any area of the beach which may be used for turtle nesting and hatching," the proposed ordinance addresses everything from parking lot lighting to lights on walkways leading to the beach.

"The intent is for the appropriate design and implementation of coastal lighting to ensure that light pollution doesn't interfere with sea turtle nesting and hatching events while at the same time protecting public safety," the ordinance states.

Commissioner John Shoemaker, who has been a strong supporter of preserving sea turtle habitat, believes the proposed ordinance is an important step for the town.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be converting to more turtle-friendly lighting," he said.

Shoemaker said he recently walked

along the beach and found areas where bright lights still exist. He said he also noticed that some lighting from the west side of State Road A1A could lure hatchlings away from the relative safety of the ocean.

Highland Beach continues to be a favorite spot for nesting sea turtles, according to state records, which show that more than 1,100 nests were recorded last year during nesting season, which is March 1 through Oct. 31.

While the number of nests appears to be declining, according to records provided to the town, Highland Beach still has recorded more nests than neighboring cities have.

The town recently invited leaders of the volunteer sea turtle monitoring program to a meeting so commissioners could learn more about the turtles and show support for the work the volunteers do.

"We have a heightened awareness and respect for our turtle habitat in Highland Beach," Shoemaker said.

The Town Commission last month voiced support for the ordinance and agreed to send it to its Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board for input. The ordinance will then be brought back to the commission for further discussion and a vote. ★



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South Palm Beach

Sidewalk safety initiatives aim to protect pedestrians from vehicles

By Joe Capozzi

Just in time for the return of winter snowbirds on wheels, town officials are rolling out two safety initiatives to protect residents walking along South Palm Beach's popular sidewalk next to busy State Road A1A.

Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies plan to patrol condo entrances to remind drivers entering and exiting the parking lots to watch for pedestrians.

"We will focus on the influx of residents coming in for the season and try to make the sidewalks as safe as possible," Sgt. Mark Garrison said when he announced the "November Sidewalk Safety Initiative" at the Town Council's meeting Oct. 18.

Vice Mayor Bill LeRoy said

he knew of at least two incidents this summer where people on the sidewalk were nearly struck by vehicles entering or exiting condos.

As a result, town officials in October started circulating flyers and electronic messages reminding motorists headed to and from A1A to stop and yield to sidewalk pedestrians.

"Remember to stop. Don't run over your neighbors," LeRoy said. Motorists "are used to just rolling on out, so please pay attention and stop every time and look both ways, just like they taught you when you learned to ride a bike."

Deputies patrolling the walkway will aim to educate motorists, but "a citation can be issued if warranted and is ultimately at the discretion

of the deputy stopping the offender," Garrison said after the meeting.

Meanwhile, the pathway along A1A will be enhanced in November with the installation of 44 new solar lights. The posts, technically called bollards, will cost the town \$67,000 and complement existing street lights.

"When we have all these people walking up and down the walks this winter, they're going to have some new lights," LeRoy said before the council passed a resolution with the Florida Department of Transportation allowing town officials to install the lights on the state-owned road.

The lights will turn on automatically every day at 7 p.m.

The two initiatives are just the latest sidewalk safety measures that town officials have approved this year. In April, the commission passed an ordinance requiring commercial vehicles that block sidewalks to provide flagmen or hire off-duty law enforcement officers to help protect pedestrians.

In other business:

• In his comments Oct. 18, Councilman Robert Gottlieb mentioned a report about Hurricane Ian's storm surge rising 15 feet across part of southwest Florida.

"If we have a 15-foot surge in South Palm Beach, what would happen to us?" he said. "We need to take a look at that and learn from the west coast what's happening and see if we can be

better at preparing ourselves for a future, hopefully not, hurricane."

Heavy rainfall in October prompted town officials to issue reminders to residents about the remaining king tide forecasts: Nov. 6-9 and Nov. 23-27.

• Waste Management, the town's trash collector, will ask the council Nov. 15 to approve a monthly rate increase to help the company cover unexpected costs of labor and material. If approved, the increases for each condo unit would range from 41 cents a month to \$2.31 cents a month depending on the volume of trash collected.

• The council postponed until Nov. 15 a discussion about Town Manager Robert Kellogg's contract renewal. ★

Council to interview architects seeking to design new Town Hall

By Joe Capozzi

South Palm Beach officials in late October announced two special Town Council meetings for early November to interview architects interested in designing a new Town Hall with structural insulated panels — a cost-efficient construction system known by the acronym SIPs.

On Nov. 2, the council planned to interview CPZ Architects at 2 p.m. and REG Architects at 3 p.m. On Nov. 4, the council plans to interview Slattery & Associates at 1 p.m.

The interviews will be conducted over two meetings because all three firms could not meet with the council on the same day, said Mayor Bonnie Fischer.

The three firms were the only ones that responded to a request for qualifications to design using SIPs.

"It's a fairly new technology and it's just starting to catch on and there's not too many (firms) doing this in South Florida," said Town Manager Robert Kellogg.

The Town Council on Oct. 18 expressed a desire to offer

a contract to a firm at its next regular meeting, Nov. 15. If that happens, it will mark the second time in 13 months the council has hired an architect to design a new Town Hall.

On Oct. 12, 2021, the council hired Synalovski Romanik Saye but parted ways with the firm less than a year later on Sept. 19. The town paid SRS \$55,199 for designs for a \$6.5

million building before Fischer persuaded the council this summer to start over using the SIPs method.

She said her research suggests a town hall made of structural insulated panels could cost just \$2 million.

Since 2016, the town has spent about \$114,000 on studies and drawings for a new Town Hall. ★

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Boca Raton

Downtown proposal loses 3 floors, automated garage

By Mary Hladky

The developer and architect for Aletto at Sanborn Square have overhauled their plans for a three-building downtown project that drew strong resident opposition.

Luxury apartments no longer will be part of the mix. Instead, two of the buildings will be devoted to Class A office space.

A fully automated parking garage, which would have been the first of its kind in the downtown, also has been axed, replaced by a conventional garage with nine levels, two of them below ground. The number of parking spaces has increased from 360 to 542.

The locations of two initially proposed buildings essentially have been swapped so that a shorter six-story building on Northeast First Avenue, one story fewer than first proposed,

will be near Sanborn Square. The top level will have a fitness center and outdoor garden, with a restaurant on the ground floor.

The original 12-story apartment building has been shorn to nine stories of offices with a rooftop outdoor restaurant and two ground-floor restaurants. It now fronts East Palmetto Park Road.

“Due to an overwhelming demand for downtown office space in the surrounding markets and specifically downtown Boca Raton, we decided to re-frame the project and pivot,” Carl Klepper, vice president of developer Compson Associates, wrote in a Sept. 15 letter to a city official.

He and project architect Derek Vander Ploeg provided the city with additional information about their plans in October.

City officials have long

said that Boca Raton needs more Class A office space with amenities now desired by companies.

Vander Ploeg said no Class A offices have been built in the downtown for at least 20 years.

As companies move to Florida, in part as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, he said executives want offices near where they live, and that often is in the downtown.

“The response has been more than overwhelming,” he said.

Residents mobilized against Aletto at Sanborn Square after it was proposed about 16 months ago, led by Alan Neibauer and his wife, Victoria Milazzo, who live in the Tower 155 condo directly north of the proposed project.

They have spoken out at City Council meetings and created an online petition on change.org imploring city officials to reject

the development. As of mid-October, that petition had 716 signatures.

Their objections mirror those leveled against many of the large-scale projects proposed in the downtown during the building boom of the past decade.

Aletto, they contend, is too big for the 1.3 acres on which it will sit between Palmetto Park Road and East Boca Raton Road and will have a detrimental impact on the much-loved Sanborn Square. They also maintain it will generate too much traffic that will clog downtown streets.

The automated parking garage was a particular sore point. Opponents said vehicles would back up on the roads as drivers waited to enter the garage and they warned about potential problems tied to the garage’s technology.

Vander Ploeg declined to comment in detail why a conventional parking garage is now proposed, but did say one factor is supply chain problems first triggered by the pandemic that make it difficult to get parts when they are needed.

Neibauer is pleased by some of the proposed changes, including the shorter building near Sanborn Square and the elimination of the automated garage.

But more parking is needed for office buildings than residential, which means traffic woes won’t be eliminated, he said.

“Our feeling is, we won a battle but is this starting another one?” he said. “They haven’t done anything to reduce pedestrian and traffic impact. In fact, they made it worse.”

“Our feeling is, it is still too big for the location.” ★



The proposed four-story building would house seven residential units near the recently completed Wildflower Park and renovated Silver Palm Park. **Rendering provided**

More luxe condos planned for Royal Palm Road

By Mary Hladky

East Royal Palm Road continues to draw the interest of builders looking for redevelopment opportunities.

Most recently, the city’s largest commercial property owner in the downtown is proposing a four-story residential project on the road near the new Wildflower and Silver Palm parks.

The project by James Batmasian, who along with his wife, Marta, head Investments Limited, would have seven units ranging in size from nearly 2,000 to 2,800 square feet. It would include 17 parking spaces, with 14 for residents whose vehicles would be stacked using a mechanical lift.

The ground floor would contain a lobby, exercise room and pool, according to a project description provided to the city.

Batmasian, who wants to build on two adjacent properties, seeks a zoning change from “residential low”

to “residential medium high” to permit greater density at 450 and 468 E. Royal Palm Road. He contends the zoning change aligns with the density of other nearby developments, including the nine-story, 24-unit 327 Royal Palm condominium.

The recently submitted proposal has not yet been reviewed by city boards.

Another Batmasian project, a 144-room extended-stay hotel to be built in Royal Palm Place, was approved by the City Council, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency, in August.

A second project seeking city approval is a five-story building that would house four condominiums at 343 E. Royal Palm Road, immediately east of the 327 Royal Palm condos developed by Group P6.

The site of a now demolished duplex is being redeveloped by 343 Royal Palm LLC. Residents of each unit will have access to rooftop space with various amenities. Eight of the 10

parking spaces will use a lift that will stack two cars per unit, with one car parked underground.

Two large projects are now coming out of the ground along East Royal Palm Road.

The three-tower Royal Palm Residences, also by Group P6, will have 48 luxury condos in the nine-story buildings. The project at 475 E. Royal Palm Road is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

A luxury assisted living facility at 375 E. Royal Palm Road also is on its way to completion five years after it was unanimously approved by the City Council.

The nine-story building will have 193 assisting living units that include studios and one- and two-bedroom residences.

Boca Raton-based Penn-Florida Cos. is developing the facility. Penn-Florida also is behind the Mandarin Oriental hotel and residences now rising on Federal Highway just north of Camino Real. ★

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Obituary

James Francis Weege

OCEAN RIDGE — James Francis Weege, a much-loved veterinarian and longtime resident of Ocean Ridge, died suddenly on Oct. 22. He was 77.

Dr. Weege was an active, practicing vet until the day before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (nee Ross).

The couple were active members of the Ocean Ridge Garden Club. And his commitment to the town was long-standing and generous. There is a plaque acknowledging his dedication to the care and maintenance of the beautiful koi pond at Town Hall.



Dr. Weege grew up in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

His love of the ocean and expertise in reptile health ultimately landed him in South Florida, where he had a 30-year affiliation with Florida Atlantic University and research projects with sea turtles.

Dr. Weege's oversight of the sea turtles' health at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center enabled no fewer than 20 masters of science and Ph.D. students, along with several hundred undergrad students, to pursue their sea turtle studies.

Dr. Weege was magnanimous in sharing his time, knowledge and boat to help with off-shore turtle releases.

He was able to assist an international film crew get to just the key spot to film turtles at sea. The feature-length film *Turtle: The Incredible Journey* was released in 2009.

Dr. Weege built the building and practice at Colonial Animal Hospital on Woolbright Road in Boynton Beach in the mid-1970s, where he practiced for 30 years. He was the only local vet who took care of all kinds of animals, including reptiles.

Dr. Robert Martin, who now runs the practice after purchasing it from Dr. Weege in 2004, recalls a shared love of the outdoors which was a common thread for their

friendship.

"I loved him and will always respect what he accomplished at Colonial Animal Hospital. It was his invention and he developed a huge following at that location," Martin said. "He will be remembered for his kindness and compassion when dealing with his animal patients and their families. He was truly a 24/7 veterinarian, answering calls on the weekends and often taking sick animals home to be tended."

Martin said working with Dr. Weege was a great experience, and as the years went by he noticed how Dr. Weege understood his role in the human-animal bond and the desire to establish and maintain client relationships.

"This is why so many clients saw him as a friend and not just their trusted veterinarian," Martin said. "The East Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge and Delray Beach communities have lost an amazing man."

Dr. Weege was a passionate hunter, fisherman and diver, and a 28-year member of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Gertrude Weege of Ixonia, Wisconsin, and nine of his 11 siblings.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Weege is survived by his brother Patrick (Phyllis) of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and sister, Sandra (James) Pritzlaff of Dousman, Wisconsin.

He is also survived by his sons Brad (Jennifer) Weege of Denver, and Stephen (Patricia) Weege of Port St. Lucie, stepson Andre Walia, stepdaughter Lauren (Corey) Funk, and six grandchildren: Gavin, Andrew, Nicholas, Blake, Mason and Brooke.

Dr. Weege will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. Many stories have been posted on the Lorne and Sons Funeral Home website, where associates have written about their shared experiences.

A celebration of life will be held at the Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., on Nov. 26. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11 a.m., with an 11 a.m. memorial service. A gathering and repast will immediately follow.

— Obituary submitted by the family

Delray Beach



Delray Beach commissioners voted 4-1 to make no changes to the downtown ride service. Photo provided

Free downtown rides won't expand beach coverage

By Jane Smith

A free ride service will continue operating in downtown Delray Beach, but its service area won't be expanded to include trips to and from the city's Tri-Rail station or to additional areas on the beach.

The City Commission on Nov. 1 went against a staff recommendation to expand the service and voted to maintain the current service, which will cost \$508,205 annually and roughly \$2.5 million over the five-year contract. Staff had recommended a \$4.2 million, five-year contract that would have used Tesla sedans and expanded coverage of the barrier island and Southwest neighborhoods.

The city's free ride service will continue with five open-air electric vehicles.

In reaching their decision by a 4-1 vote, commissioners were conscious of other budget expenditures that may be on the horizon, such as possibly having to raise \$1.3 million for a new nonprofit to run the city's Old School Square campus.

While the city won't expand the free ride service to Tri-Rail, the commuter rail's operators already offer to pay for the last mile of travel for customers at select stations using Uber, a ride-sharing vehicle, said Sara Maxfield, the city's economic development director. Delray Beach will be one of the stations, she said.

That solved the Tri-Rail issue for Mayor Shelly Petrolia.

"It's easier to add service, than to take it away," Petrolia said. "We have the Tri-Rail station covered."

Commissioner Shirley Johnson, who cast the dissenting vote, wanted to serve an expanded area on the barrier island, along with Southwest neighborhoods in the city. She wanted more vehicles to serve the residents and not make them wait.

The beach service area now goes to State Road A1A, four blocks north and south of Atlantic Avenue.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency has been paying for the service in the past, but the agency now wants to concentrate on other projects. The bid process attracted only the CRA's current vendor, Beefree LLC of Miami.

Delray Beach is trying to reduce downtown traffic and vehicle emissions by offering the free car service.

Also Nov. 1, the City Commission decided to continue with Johnson as chair of the CRA. Angie Gray, a CRA board member, will continue as the vice chairwoman. The commission also approved adding five years to the life of the CRA, setting a new sunset day of Sept. 16, 2044.

Elections news: Qualifying for two commission seats is open until noon Nov. 21 for the March 14 municipal elections.

Deputy Vice Mayor Juli Casale plans to run again for her Commission 2 seat. Johnson is term-limited from running again to fill her Commission 4 seat. ★

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Migrant boats
Highland Beach and Ocean Ridge

RIGHT: A battered migrant boat washed ashore at Yamato Rock — the outcropping located at the south end of Highland Beach — on Oct. 12. The vessel was man-made of lumber, roofing tin and foam. A portion of the boat burned and was found nearby.

BELOW RIGHT: A hand-made boat, of aluminum rails with a hull of spray-foam that had been sewn into a canvas cover, floated ashore in Ocean Ridge near Anna Street on Oct. 28. The boat had a crude sail made from an iron pole and an old tarp. Items on the boat had reference to Havana, Cuba, printed in Spanish. Both boats had been marked OK by the Coast Guard, meaning they had been searched and no one was found on board.



By Oct. 30, another vessel was found on the public beach in Delray Beach near the permitted sailboat storage area. The Coast Guard says this summer and fall have been a busy time for migrant interdictions. **Photos by Tim Stepien and Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

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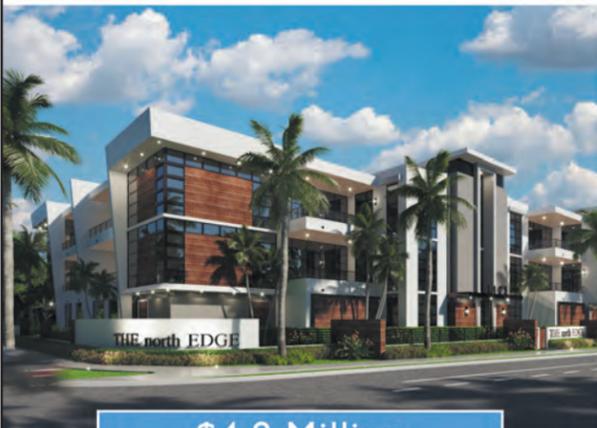
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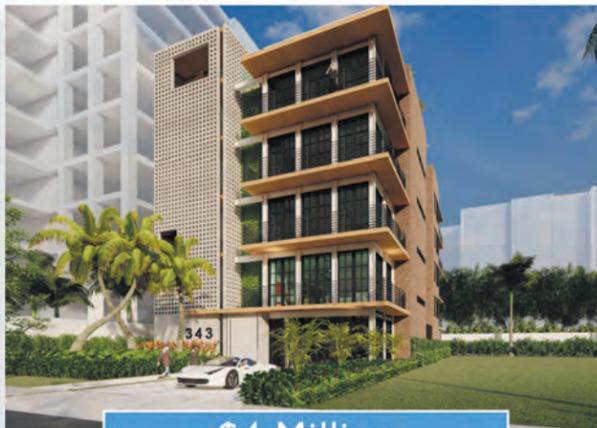
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Candidate/race	Contributions	Expenditures
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Dan Franzese, Rep	\$1,110,978	\$1,085,316
Lois Frankel, Dem	\$1,184,178	\$1,465,463
Florida Senate District 24		
Eric P. Ankner, Rep	\$5,400	\$5,653
Bobby Powell Jr., Dem	\$144,847	\$113,084
Florida Senate District 26		
Steve Byers, Rep	\$59,605	\$55,936
Lori Berman, Dem	\$203,435	\$154,299
Florida Senate District 30		
William "Bill" Reicherter, Rep	\$16,989	\$14,538
Tina Scott Polsky, Dem	\$190,897	\$132,753
Florida House District 87		
Mike Caruso, Rep	\$305,350	\$164,738
Sienna Osta, Dem	\$8,557	\$3,785
Florida House District 90		
Keith G. Feit, Rep	\$26,433	\$20,706
Joseph "Joe" Casello, Dem	\$48,425	\$43,138
Florida House District 91		
Peggy Gossett-Seidman, Rep	\$376,663	\$226,811
Andy Thomson, Dem	\$307,772	\$180,610
Palm Beach County Commission District 4		
Marci Woodward, Rep	\$50,100	\$31,838
Robert S. Weinroth, Dem	\$389,904	\$245,948

Contributions include direct payments, loans and in-kind gifts through Oct. 21. Frankel began with \$1.19 million from the previous election cycle. Casello's JC PAC contains an additional \$90,000.

NOTE: The names of candidates of the party that received the highest number of votes for governor in the last election are listed first on ballots in Florida.

SOURCES: Compiled by Joel Engelhardt; from Florida Division of Elections, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections and Federal Election Commission

Boynton Beach

Commission considers limits on heights of downtown buildings

By Tao Woolfe

The Boynton Beach City Commission is considering capping the maximum height allowed for downtown buildings at 85 feet in an effort to make the city more inviting.

The commission has twice publicly discussed the idea, and expressed support for limiting skyscraper development, but has stopped short of codifying height limitations.

Height limits on the two mixed-use zones in the downtown core are 100 and 150 feet.

At their Oct. 18 meeting, city commissioners heard comments from residents that in recent years the city has become taller and denser at an unsustainable pace.

"Twenty years ago I voted for a four-story height limit. Next thing you know, 100- and 150-foot buildings are popping up all over the place," said longtime city resident Barbara Ready, summing up the prevailing sentiment among the audience. "It's not the city I want and it's not who we are."

Resident Vanessa DelMonte said she had lived in Delray Beach — which strictly limits height and density — before moving to Boynton Beach.

"There's nothing like having a small city feel," she said. "We don't want high buildings. I don't want us to be Fort Lauderdale."

The commissioners also

heard, however, from two attorneys who warned that taking away developers' design options could result in very expensive lawsuits.

A height limit "isn't going to accomplish all the goals of the city," said Fort Lauderdale attorney Barbara Hall. "If you take entitlements away from a property, the developer can file a claim for millions of dollars."

Height limitations would "reduce enthusiasm" for building in Boynton Beach, and with such restrictions, "who's going to invest in the city?" Hall added.

Lowering maximum building height was first proposed by Commissioner Thomas Turkin in May, after he had heard on the campaign trail numerous complaints about overdevelopment.

He is a proponent of a less-intimidating, more pedestrian-friendly downtown with green spaces for people and wildlife.

When his colleagues expressed concern about potential lawsuits during the commission's October discussion of the matter, Turkin urged them to "do the right thing."

"We agreed that we would walk away from high density and add more green space," Turkin said, referring to the May meeting. "I want to see this city thrive and have its own identity."

But his colleagues urged caution.

"I have concerns about the legal aspects of this," said Commissioner Aimee Kelley. "We have to be careful how we approach this. ... We have to be attractive to everyone."

Commissioner Woodrow Hay agreed with Kelley.

"I'm all in favor of reducing the height, but we may be moving a little too fast," Hay said. "I want to look at all this before making a decision that could affect the city for decades."

Amanda Radigan, the city's principal planner, suggested the city could thread the legal needle by creating a new zoning code amendment that would exempt any existing, or in-progress, development from the new height restrictions.

"Allow us to address multiple zoning standards for mixed use downtown," Radigan said. "No one would be affected that has rights now. It would only apply to new development."

Mayor Ty Penserga culminated the discussion by saying he is in favor of keeping things simple.

The simple choice, he said, would be to allow the city's planning and legal staff to look into creating a new zoning district and cleaning up the code to accommodate all interests.

The matter is expected to come back to the commission for final discussion — and possibly a vote — in the coming weeks. ★

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New assistant city manager named

Adam Temple, who has served as Boynton Beach's director of development services and as director of community standards, has been promoted to assistant city manager.



Temple

The City Commission unanimously endorsed Temple at its meeting on Oct. 18.

"The city has made an excellent choice," said Commissioner Woodrow Hay. "I look forward to working with him."

Mayor Ty Penserga was even more effusive.

"If this was *America's Got Talent*, I would be pushing the golden buzzer," the mayor said. "I look forward to seeing what you'll do."

Before going to work for Boynton Beach in 2020,

Temple served as director of code compliance and chief compliance officer for the city of Doral.

He served as a petty officer in the U.S. Navy from 2001 to 2005. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Miami and a master's degree in business administration from Florida International University.

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Business Spotlight

Boca's South City Plaza sells for \$49.7 million

Renaissance Properties New York, led by Kenneth L. Fishel and Bradley Fishel, purchased the South City Plaza office building, 1515 S. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, for \$49.678 million. The seller was 1515 Associates Ltd., managed by Mark A. Gensheimer, CEO of Boca Raton-based Penn-Florida Cos.

South City Plaza last traded for \$26.5 million in 2006. Mark M. Rubin and Bastian Lagerbauer of Colliers International represented the seller, while Maria Gomez of Powerful Real Estate represented the buyer. Tal Baror and David Strongwater of Lantern Real Estate arranged the financing for the deal.

South City Plaza, which was built in 1986, will be rebranded as 1515Boca. Architect Vladimir Arsene of New York-based Westfourth will design enhancements that will include electric vehicle charging stations, a restaurant, a renovated gym, a redesigned lobby and collaborative meeting spaces. The occupancy rate is 85%.

Pebb Capital, the real estate and private equity investment firm developing the Sundry Village mixed-use project in Delray Beach, donated \$12,000 worth of school supplies to S.D. Spady Elementary, Village Academy and Carver Middle School. Pebb is also a sponsor of the Atlantic High School Eagles football team this year.

"The Delray Beach community has been rooted in our company for decades, and we are honored to assist teachers and families with needed items and ease the financial burden they may be facing at this time," said Todd Benson, a principal with Pebb Capital.

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Solar United Neighbors' Palm Beach 2022 Solar Co-op is accepting new members until Jan. 17 among residents and business owners in Palm Beach County. Together, co-op members learn about solar energy and leverage their numbers to purchase their new solar systems at a competitive price and top quality. Battery storage and electric vehicle charger options are also available to group members.

The co-op is funded by the Green Corridor District, and partners include the cities of Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach, the Climate Reality Project of Boca Raton, the League of Women Voters of Palm Beach County, and Neighborhood Housing Services of South Florida.

"The co-op savings, combined with federal tax credits, make it the perfect time to go solar. The savings are even greater for city of Boynton Beach residents, who can receive up to \$1,500 back on their solar panels through the city's Energy Edge Rebate Program," Boynton Beach Mayor Ty Penserga said.

To sign up for the co-op or an information session, visit www.solarunitedneighbors.org/palmbeach.

Kelly McLoughlin has joined the Institute for Regional Conservation as a coastal biodiversity restoration intern. She helps coordinate the institute's Restoring the Gold Coast program, which presents workshops and events to educate the community about restoring native coastal biodiversity. She also oversees event volunteers, conducts site assessments and facilitates collaborations.



McLoughlin

McLoughlin graduated from the University of Miami with degrees in marine science and biology.

Frank Hawkins of Delray Beach was appointed assistant director of food services for the Lord's Place. He will assist in overseeing the preparation and



Hawkins

delivery of food to Café Joshua, which serves lunches to people who are homeless.

Visitors can experience a taste of reggae through food and music at Reggae Fest FL, scheduled for 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Downtown Delray Beach — Holiday season



Christmas is just weeks away and in downtown Delray Beach, shoppers can buy gifts and enjoy holiday fun on Nov. 25 and 26. They can also get a surfboard ornament by local glass artist Robert Schmidt of Schmidt Stained Glass, if they save their receipts of \$200 or more from downtown retailers on those days and turn them in. The ornaments can be picked up from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 26, at Downtown Development Authority booths in front of Sara Campbell, 1051 E. Atlantic Ave., and Global Pursuit, 400 E. Atlantic Ave. Through December, other holiday offerings in downtown Delray Beach include a new Holiday Light Trail, 100-foot Christmas Tree, and the new Yuletide Street Festival as well as parades and fireworks on New Year's Eve. For more information, visit <https://downtowndelraybeach.com/holidays>. Photo provided

Nov. 12 at the Boynton Beach Amphitheater, 120 E. Ocean Ave.

The event is organized by Delray Beach Arts, a nonprofit organization that produces events in Palm Beach County to serve as a fundraising source

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November 2022

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Philanthropy Season Preview



Roots and Wings in Delray Beach, which encourages children's reading skills and teachers who inspire learning, is a beneficiary of Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. The foundation marks its 50th anniversary this year. Photo provided

BUILDING BETTER TOGETHER

Community Foundation
has propelled the power of
philanthropy to change lives
for half a century

By Charles Elmore

What began with a \$50,000 gift from a coastal couple in 1972 has turned into an arsenal of philanthropy celebrating a milestone 50th year.

Today, the fingerprints of Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties can be found all over the region. It helps connect dollars with charitable doers, from preschool programs in Delray Beach to college scholarships financed from Highland Beach and Florida's largest free health and dental clinic in Boynton Beach. Navigating weather emergencies, a pandemic and an evolving set of needs and challenges, the foundation has raised more than \$366 million from 9,000 donors over five decades, resulting in 15,000 grant awards and more than 2,500 scholarships.

"What really fires me up is the power

Expanded philanthropy coverage inside, pages 2-10

of philanthropy to change lives," said foundation President and CEO Danita R. DeHaney.

Highland Beach resident Sanjiv Sharma describes, in the foundation's annual report, why he thinks it is so important to support a venture like the Caridad Center in Boynton Beach, described as the largest free medical and dental clinic in the state and one of the largest in the nation. The center has more than 28,000 patient visits per year. Sharma is on the board there.

"If you look around at the people who cut your lawns, board your horses, or cook your food, most of them do not have health care," Sharma said. "The

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Saturday - 11/5 - Place of Hope's Hope Bash Boca at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Enjoy a "Harvest"-themed dinner and auction that supports young adults at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus. 6-11 pm. \$250. 561-483-0962 or hopebashboca.givesmart.com.

Saturday - 11/5 - The Crossroads Club's Taste of Recovery 2022 at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Eat, drink and be merry at the culinary festival featuring Chef Louie Bossi and benefiting a nonprofit that offers meeting space for 12-step recovery groups. 6-9 pm. \$50. 561-278-8004 or tasteofrecovery.com.

Wednesday - 11/9 - Best Foot Forward Foundation's Sole Mates Luncheon at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Help raise money for many of the things students in foster care need that are overlooked. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$100. 561-470-8300 or bestfoot.org.

Thursday - 11/10 - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 65 Roses: Evening on the Ave at Chapel 4, 200 S.E. Seventh Ave., Delray Beach. Join the cause to help the nonprofit fund research and development

that will give those with cystic fibrosis longer, healthier lives. 6-10 pm. \$195. 561-683-9965 or events.cff.org/65roseseveningonthaveandelay.

Saturday - 11/12 - Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton's Boca Raton Mayors Ball at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Celebrate city visionaries past and present at the black-tie dinner dance that raises funds to support health and wellness needs in the community. 6:30 pm. \$400. 561-392-5166 or rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

Wednesday - 11/16 - JARC Florida's "A Fashion Show with Heart" at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Watch more than one dozen 15 JARC clients, along with their families and friends, walk the runway during a fun-filled and heartwarming affair. 11 am. \$75. 561-558-2550 or jarcl.org.

Tuesday - 11/29 - Boca Raton Historical Society's/The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum's Walk of Recognition at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate community leaders who, and organizations that, have served in the interest of the community and enriched the lives of local residents. 6 pm. \$85. 561-395-6766, Ext. 100 or bocahistory.org.

DECEMBER

Thursday - 12/1 - Lake Worth Beach Rotary Club's Glitter & Glow Holiday Party at Benvenuto, 1730 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Kick off the holiday season with an open bar (cash bar after the first hour) along with dinner and dancing as well as a silent auction to support the club's charity activities for children. 6:30-10 pm. \$125. 561-316-3565 or lakeworthrotary.org.

Friday - 12/2 - Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' Wee Dream Ball at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West

Drive, Boca Raton. Support at-risk children in the community by attending an evening filled with live entertainment, dueling pianos, dancing, a luxurious live auction, delicious cuisine and surprises. 6-11 pm. \$350. 561-391-7274, Ext. 134 or ffdc.org.

Saturday - 12/3 - YMCA of South Palm Beach County's Golden Jubilee at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Celebrate the Y's past, present and future at a black-tie gala ringing in 50 years of service to the community. 6-11pm. \$500. 561-237-0965 or ymcaspbc.org/50years

Tuesday - 12/6 - Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach's Cocktails for the Club at The St. Andrews Club, 4475 N. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Kick off the holiday season with a social featuring entertainment, gourmet food stations, signature cocktails and a silent auction to support club activities. 6-9 pm. \$175. 561-676-5472 or bgcpbc.org.

Saturday - 12/10 - Palm Beach County Food Bank's Empty Bowls Delray Beach at Trinity Delray, 400 N. Swinton Ave. Join a national grassroots event that raises money for hunger relief in the community by enjoying a simple meal of soup, bread and water. 11 am-2 pm. \$30. 561-670-2518 or pbccfoodbank.org.

12/10 - Milagro Center's Ho Ho Holiday Hoedown at Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 N.E. Fourth Ave. Shine up those boots and come on out for a party featuring live music, line dancing, barbecue and a beer and wine bar. 7-10 pm. \$45. 561-279-2970, Ext. 107 or milagrocenter.org.

Sunday - 12/11 - Hanley Foundation's Brice Makris Brunch at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Have a day of fun featuring entertainment and live and silent auctions to raise funds that will help save lives from substance abuse. 11 am-2 pm. \$150. 561-268-2355 or hanleyfoundation.org.

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Pay It Forward

Walk of Recognition to honor Boca leaders' service to community

By Amy Woods

A few more stars will shine in Mizner Park this month in honor of those whose public service and volunteerism have enriched the quality of life in Boca Raton.

The awards ceremony for the Walk of Recognition, a permanent memorial beside the Addison Mizner monument in Royal Palm Place, will unfold Nov. 29 when the new nominees are inducted. They are:

- **Steven Abrams**, former Boca Raton mayor, Palm Beach County mayor and South Florida Regional Transportation executive director. Abrams was widely praised for his handling of the anthrax attack post 9/11, spearheading the annexation of the Town Center area to shore up the city's tax base and lowering taxes.

- **John and Arline McNally**, supporters of "Keeping the

If You Go

What: Walk of Recognition
When: 6 p.m. Nov. 29
Where: The Addison, 2 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton
Cost: \$85
Information: 561-395-6766, ext. 100 or bocahistory.org

Promise — The Campaign for Boca Raton Regional Hospital" and the Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute's Tree of Hope and League of Ribbons programs.

- **Lynn Russell**, who spearheaded the establishment of local community gardens including Allen's Place Community Garden in Pearl City.

"It's an extraordinary, lovely event," co-chairwoman Joyce DeVita said. "It's a real down-home type of feeling. It's all about Boca Raton and how people contributed."

Modeled after the Hollywood



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Russell

Walk of Fame in California that celebrates movie stars, the Walk of Recognition pays tribute to local leaders and organizations that have served in the interest of the community.

The Walk of Recognition debuted in 1997 and is overseen by the Boca Raton Historical Society / The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum.

"It's changed a lot, but the mission and the meaning have still remained the same," DeVita said.

"It's a cross-section of all types of people, but they have each made a big impact and changed the community through their service," she said. "You can just see what

happened, and these are the people who made it happen."

Each nominee has a named granite star on the walk and a summary description inside the monument. Of the 11 applicants this year, the winners were selected by an independent panel of judges.

"It goes through considerable scrutiny as far as who should be there," co-chairwoman Marta Batmasian said.

"We honor those who have created something — not just because they go and write a million-dollar check," she said. "This is one step above. These people have made a distinct change in the lives of the city and its citizens."

The event will take place at **The Addison**, the recipient of a fourth honor. A Special Historic Preservation Award will go to the beloved venue — an historically significant structure designed in 1926 by famed architect Addison Mizner.

The venue is considered one of the most important pieces of architecture in South Florida.

Upon arrival at the celebration, guests will be greeted with champagne and hors d'oeuvres prior to proceeding to the ballroom for the formalities. Afterward, everyone enjoys an open bar, food stations and live music.

"Florida is recognized as a place that is not necessarily a community type of state, but Boca Raton is a real community so this is sort of a tribute to that," Batmasian said. "We hope to continue the celebration for years to come way after I'm gone and Joyce and I are no longer involved." ★

Philanthropy Notes

Cereal donations at FAU game to provide thousands of breakfasts for children

Boca Helping Hands, in collaboration with Florida Atlantic University and Cereal4All, commemorated September's Hunger Action Month by having a Tackle Hunger Cereal Drive during an Owls football game.

Participants donated 373 boxes of cereal, equating to 3,720 bowls and 394 pounds of food. People who donated one or more unopened cereal boxes got into the game for free, with all donations going to Boca Helping Hands.

"We were so pleased that so many people came out from the community to donate cereal," said Greg Hazle, executive director of Boca Helping Hands. "Cereal is one of the least-donated items to food banks across the country, which means underserved kids and families do not always get to start their day with a nutritious breakfast."

Cereal4All was started by twin brothers Jett and Luke Justin, of Boca Raton, now 14 years old.

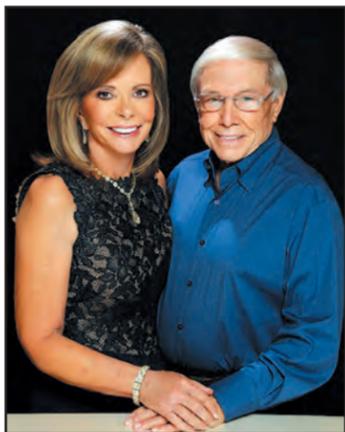
After volunteering at Boca Helping Hands, Jett and Luke organized a cereal drive at their school when they were 8 years old. The boys since have expanded the program to more than 15 schools in the area.

For more information, call 561-417-0913 or visit www.bocahelpinghands.org/tacklehunger.

Boca Regional campaign closes in on \$240 million

Bob Sheetz and Debbie Lindstrom have made another joint gift to Keeping the Promise — The Campaign for Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

Sheetz's and Lindstrom's generosity coincides with the



Boca hospital donors Debbie Lindstrom and Bob Sheetz.

\$250 million campaign's final stages and allows them to join an elite group of donors called the Golden Guild. The donation, amount undisclosed, brought the campaign total to more than \$237 million.

"The expansion and modernization of the Boca Regional campus is extremely important to the future of health care in this community," hospital CEO Lincoln Mendez said. "However, this vital initiative would not be possible without the philanthropic support of members of the community like Bob Sheetz and Debbie Lindstrom."

Sheetz and Lindstrom are longtime supporters of the hospital and were inspired by the campus transformation. The reception area in the patient tower and new food hall will be named in their honor.

"Our goal is what everyone's goal should be: to ensure that all of us — including our family members, friends and community residents — have access to the best medical attention available," Lindstrom said.

For more information, call

the hospital foundation at 561-955-4142 or visit <https://donate.brrh.com>.

Ferrara estate donates \$2.5M to cancer institute

The estate of Frances Ferrara has made a \$2.5 million gift to Boca Raton Regional Hospital's Eugene M. and Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute.

The legacy will be used to support the needs of the institute as well as the programs at the Thomas E. Oxley Center for Cancer Survivorship & Wellness.

Ferrara was a strong supporter of the hospital and, after being diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in 2015, became a patient.

"Fran was a fixture at our Go Pink luncheons and annual balls," said Mark Larkin, president of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation. "Any time you would see her at one of our events, she always had a smile on her face. Her positivity was absolutely contagious. She was a treasure to our donor family."

Nonprofits First awards give tip of hat to winners

Nonprofits First had its sixth annual Hats Off Nonprofit Awards, a sold-out event celebrating Palm Beach County charities last month at the Kravis Center.

The crowd of 650 donned hats of all shapes and sizes, from cowboy to hard hats and from top hats to homemade.

The honorees for Nonprofit of the Year are the Arc of Palm Beach County, Friends of Foster Children, and Youth Empowered to Prosper.

Nonprofit Volunteer of the

Year is Lorraine Petrozza, of Community Partners of South Florida. Nonprofit MVP is Jackie Struller, of Restoration Bridge International. Nonprofit Professional of the Year is Trudy Crowetz, of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. Nonprofit Executive of the Year is Julia Dattolo, of CareerSource Palm Beach County.

Other awards are: Lifetime Achievement, Diana Stanley, of the Lord's Place; Community Collaborators Award, CROS Ministries, the Delray Beach Police Community Outreach Team and the Interfaith Committee for Social Services; Nonprofit Innovation Award,

Morningday Community Solutions; Best Hat Award, Holy Ground homeless shelter; People's Choice, Hanley Foundation,

Funds raised from the evening benefit Nonprofits First's educational programs that focus on helping nonprofit employees and volunteers lead and succeed.

For more information, call 561-214-7435 or visit www.nonprofitsfirst.org.



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need is never-ending, but the impact is immediate.”

Sharma said foundation funding, among other resources, helped the center stay open and operating through most of the coronavirus pandemic. In addition, Sharma’s family has established two college scholarship funds, turning to the foundation to help administer them.

“They know what the community needs are,” Sharma said. “I couldn’t have done it myself.”

A Lake Worth High School graduate, Dodlee Mosilme, said he wants to become a surgeon with the aid of another scholarship recognized in the foundation’s annual report, the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Scholarship. “That’s what my family sees in me: value, purpose, and hope for the Haitian community,” he said.

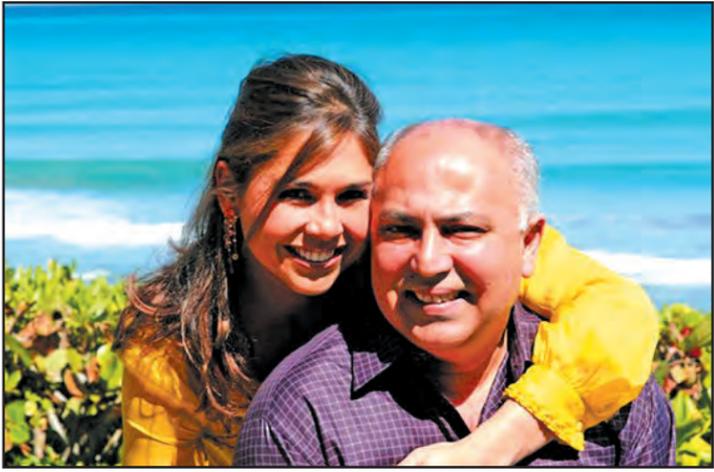
It all began in 1972, when Palm Beach residents Winsome and Michael McIntosh gave \$50,000 to get the foundation started. Michael died in 2015. Winsome lives in Washington, D.C.

Other donors have stepped in at critical moments. A 1991 gift of \$15 million from Anna Marie Graber Martens of Boca Raton helped expand the organization’s footprint into Martin County.

Relationships with some



Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has its headquarters in West Palm Beach.

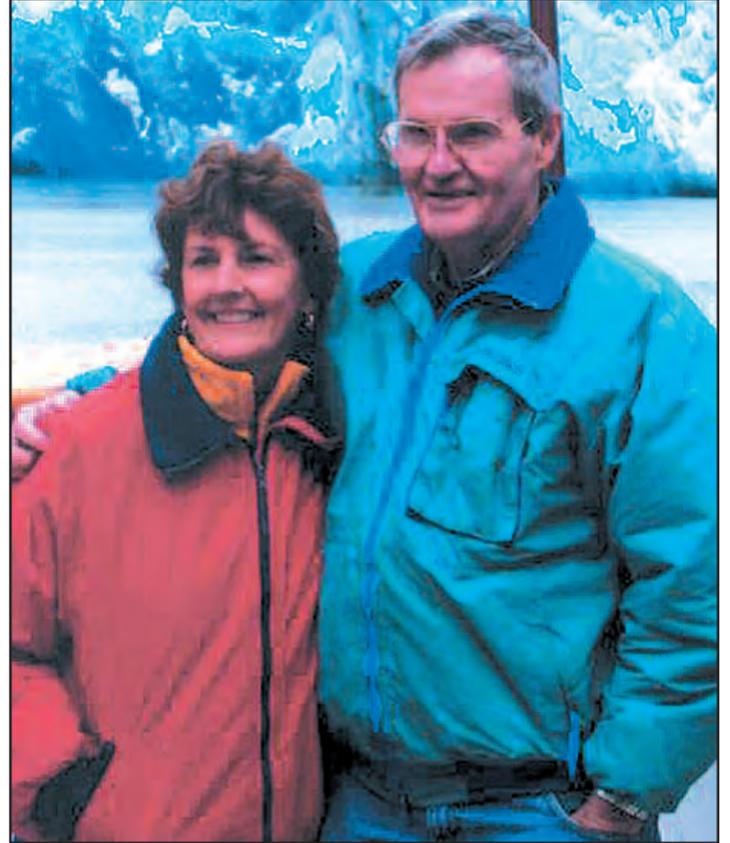


Highland Beach residents Nadine Allen and Sanjiv Sharma are longtime supporters of the Caridad Center in Boynton Beach.

groups go back decades. Take Achievement Centers for Children and Families in Delray Beach, which provides early childhood education, after-school programs, summer camps and family support services. Its first grant from the foundation came in

1989, and the total giving has exceeded \$285,000, according to foundation records. That included \$50,000 in 2020 to renovate a play area.

“The Community Foundation is one of our longest-standing community grantors,” said Achievement



Winsome and Michael McIntosh started Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties in 1972 with a \$50,000 gift. **Photos provided**

Centers CEO Stephanie Seibel. “They are a leader and an influencer on other organizations. They recognize we are better together.”

The foundation can serve as “a force multiplier,” she said.

Other targets of foundation grants have been the 211 Helpline, which connects people to services such as mental health support; Children’s Home Society of Florida; the Girl Scouts; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Palm Beach County Food Bank. In 2021, the value of the foundation’s investments grew to \$233.6 million, up from \$176.4 million a year earlier, according to its online financial report.

But the foundation and others working for similar goals have faced obstacles, too. Fundraising events were frequently hampered during two years of off-and-on coronavirus restrictions and precautions. Such was the case with a Manalapan gala for the Caridad Center at the Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa.

It drew about 200 guests in early 2022, compared to 330 when the last one was held, in 2020. Meanwhile, financial markets have slumped in 2022 compared with previous years, which can eventually affect how much individual donors and the foundation itself have to spend.

As for market dips, “we can’t control that,” DeHaney said. “What we can control is our effort and activity.”

Hurricane Ian in September caused tornadoes that struck

By the numbers

50 years at Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties:

- \$366 million raised
- 9,000 donors
- 23,000 gifts
- \$250 million in total assets
- \$200 million distributed in scholarships and grants
- 15,000 grant awards
- 2,500+ scholarships awarded
- 3,400 organizations supported

Delray Beach among other places, but in addition to support locally, the foundation raised \$75,000 to be sent to organizations in Southwest Florida, which bore the brunt of the storm, she said.

DeHaney, who has been on the job for 18 months, said she likes to keep her eyes open for innovative ideas.

One example: Techniques developed at Florida State University are designed to introduce children to ways of managing stress and emotional well-being, drawing on principles used in cognitive-behavior therapy.

Workshops have already taken place in Boys and Girls Clubs in cities including Delray Beach, she said.

“This is what a community foundation should be doing,” she said. “Our aspiration is to lead, to be up front.” ★



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Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County



The Literacy Coalition includes (l-r, front) Kristin Calder, Bernadette O'Grady, Debra Ghostine, Sabine Dantus and Nancy Vera; second row (l-r) Sharon Hill, Stephanie Kahlert, Dr. Regine Bataille, Elisa Glazer and Seran Glanfield; back (l-r): Carol Rose, Bettina Young, Ken Spillias, Lynn Donovan and Maggie Dickenson. Photo provided

A legacy of literacy

By Steven J. Smith

CEO Kristin Calder is proud of the 49,867 adults, youth and families the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County served last year, but said there is a lot more work to do in addressing the literacy needs in our community.

"The achievement gap for struggling students has widened even more due to the pandemic," Calder said. "We have ongoing volunteer opportunities, whether you can give of your time once a week or once a year."

The coalition maintained all of its programs during the pandemic, including family literacy programs in Delray Beach and Belle Glade. It continues to make an impact with its Building Better Readers program, in which 113 community members were recruited and trained to be tutors to help 253 students improve their reading skills.

For this school year, the program has expanded to 31 schools, up from the 18 schools

the coalition partnered with last year.

As part of the coalition's efforts, Literacy AmeriCorps members each completed 1,700 hours of service as graduation coaches, mentors and reading tutors and the coalition distributed 112,457 books in the last year to families and organizations.

To support its programs, the coalition is planning its 13th LOOP for Literacy 5K and cycling event on Feb. 11 at Bryant Park in Lake Worth Beach; its signature fundraiser, the 32nd annual Love of Literacy Luncheon on March 9 at the Kravis Center; and its annual golf outing called Literacy Links, at the Palm Beach Par 3 on April 14.

"We are grateful to the volunteers and donors who've helped so far," Calder said. "We need the community's help now more than ever to help us continue to transform lives through literacy."

To learn more about the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, visit www.literacyabc.org or call 561-279-9103.

Publisher's Note

Our expanded philanthropic coverage is intentional

Every month in the pages of *The Coastal Star* we make a deliberate effort to promote philanthropic giving. Once again this year we are happy to share our Philanthropy Season Preview with our readers.

This once-a-year special section is intended to promote local charitable organizations and to serve as a reminder to all of us that the end-of-the-year giving season has arrived.

On this and the next few pages, you will see paid features and advertising packages funded by some of these organizations — or their donors — to amplify their stories and promote fundraising events.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to dig deep into your wallets and time to help these and other charitable organizations that make our community a better place to live.

— Jerry Lower, Publisher

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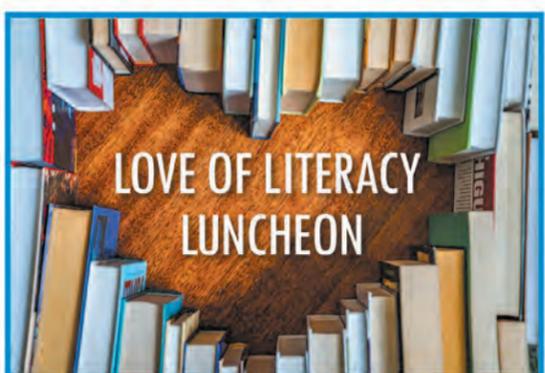
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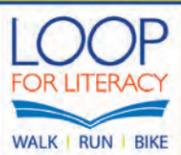
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St. George's Society of Palm Beach

Putting down roots

By Steven J. Smith

The St. George's Society of Palm Beach raised significant funds last year to buy trees for its "A Walk in the Forest" project, according to Susan Oyer, who serves as the organization's president.

"We planted 1,000 trees in Liverpool, England, with Queen's Green Canopy, which is the official Platinum Jubilee tree-planting charity," Oyer said. "We have also donated 10,000 trees to Tanzania, Africa, via Forest Nation. In addition, we have donated thatch palms to Pan's Garden in Palm Beach, and on Nov. 28 we will present to the West Palm Beach City Commission our signature trees, which will be planted in early December in Woodlawn Cemetery as part of the city's sustainability program."

The organization also presented a check to the Boynton Beach City Commission on Nov. 1 to cover part of the work on the planting of 37 flowering trees planned for Nov. 5. It supports the city's beautification as well as its sustainability programs.

The St. George's Society's is an English heritage organization whose aim is to foster a love of England's history, along with the culture, traditions, heritage and social ties between England and the United States, particularly Palm Beach County. Oyer said she and her entire membership were extremely saddened at the loss of HRM Queen Elizabeth II in September.

"I put together a condolence book and sent it to Buckingham Palace," she said. "Several of our members met her over the years, so people shared personal stories about her."

Upcoming events include an evening with Christine Ansbacher (aka the Wine Diva), who will host a wine pairing in Palm Beach on Nov. 10. The Speaker Series for 2023 will be outstanding with a highlight of Rufus Drabble, the new British consul general, who will address the organization in March. Other speakers include Dr. Roger Smith, John Browne and Deborah Pollack.

To learn more about donating to or joining the St. George's Society of Palm Beach, visit <https://stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org>.

Impact 100 Palm Beach County

Making an impact with sizable grants

By Steven J. Smith

Kelly Fleming is looking for a few good women.

"I'm president of Impact 100 Palm Beach County, which is a group of philanthropic women who join together to award \$100,000 grants to local nonprofit organizations," Fleming said. "That money allows them to launch or expand high-impact initiatives or programs in southern Palm Beach County. And we're always looking for more women to help in our cause."

She added her chapter is one of 63 across the country, all based on the premise that \$1,000 helps an organization, but \$100,000 can transform it.

"The nature of collective giving allows us to come together to do something on a larger scale," Fleming said. "Our chapter is in its 12th year and our membership number drives how many of those grants we give every year."

Last year 727 women participated as \$1,000 donors, she added, resulting in the disbursement of seven \$100,000 grants. The remaining \$27,000 was split up among remaining groups that received smaller merit grants. Recipients must qualify in one of the following categories: Arts, Culture &



Kelly Fleming (center) is this year's president of Impact 100 PBC. Kimberly Boldt Cartwright (left) and Jeannine Morris (right) are co-presidents elect for next year. Photo provided by Warner-Prokos Photography

Historic Preservation; Family; Environment & Animal Welfare; Education; Health & Wellness.

"We have groups of women who are grant reviewers," Fleming said. "They receive letters of intent from local nonprofits and decide which are the best candidates — usually five or six in each category. Semifinalists then give us a full proposal. We then make sure their project is viable, sustainable and

staffable. At Impact's Grand Award Ceremony, finalists give presentations and members vote on which grants will be funded. Nonprofit grant recipients are held accountable for what they propose to do with the money and Impact ensures they deliver measurable results."

Women who wish to join Impact 100 as donors and/or volunteers can get more information at www.impact100pbc.org.

2022/2023
Calendar of Events



"A Walk in the Forest" Tree Planting Project Update

This fabulous project will be finished this Fall with a recent tree planting in Palm Beach at Pan's Garden, a November 5th tree planting in Boynton Beach, and an upcoming tree planting in West Palm Beach. And as an honor to the life of Queen Elizabeth II there will be a final tree donation that will likely be in Glasgow, Scotland. We have already donated 1,000 trees that were planted in Liverpool, England. The England and Scotland donations were through the Queen's Green Canopy for the Platinum Jubilee. We also donated 10,000 trees through Forest Nation to be planted in Tanzania as part of our 15th birthday celebrations.

November 5th, 9-11:30am
Boynton Beach Tree Planting
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Wear clothes for planting

November 10th
The Perfect Pairing Party—Tideline—Wine & Food Pairing Event

December 15th, 6:30pm
Holiday Dinner Party, Music & More—Tideline

2023 Dinner Meetings—Tideline—6:30pm

Jan. 19: Dr. Roger Smith, UF historian, author, speaker on The 14th Colony: The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret

Feb. 23: John Browne, author, lecturer, TV commentator on Queen Elizabeth II

March 23: New British Consul General Rufus Drabble, on Current UK and Florida relations

April 13: Deborah Pollack, author, art expert, speaker on A Floridian's History Books and Their British Influence

Anyone interested in joining, attending, or donating can learn more:

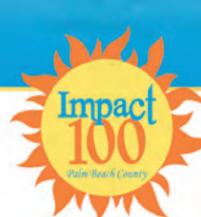
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Star Bright Civic Initiative

Medical emergency leads to a (star) bright idea

By Steven J. Smith

Janet Schijns, president of the Star Bright Civic Initiative, said the organization was inspired by the heroic actions of two Ocean Ridge police officers back on March 31 of this year.

“The officers responded to a medical emergency in our town and went above and beyond the call of duty to assure the well-being of that resident,” said Ms. Schijns (pronounced “Shines”). “That compassion and concern inspired a local donor to come forward with \$100,000 towards the creation of a not-for-profit organization to initiate programs, services and activities to improve the lives of Ocean Ridge residents.”

She added that some programs under consideration are EMS training for police officers, holiday gifting for residents struggling financially, and medical transport or grocery shopping for shut-ins.

Ms. Schijns pointed out that Ocean Ridge is a town undergoing change.

“We’ve got a lot of traffic coming over the bridge and new people moving in,” she

said. “Those changes affect a lot of people such as our senior citizens, many of whom lived here when Ocean Ridge was a smaller, more affordable community.”

She said that the Star Bright Civic Initiative’s board consists of women possessing strong backgrounds in philanthropy and decades of experience running businesses and not-for-profit companies.

“We think we can come together to provide support for the people of Ocean Ridge while offering programs currently not covered by the town budget that will benefit them,” Ms. Schijns said. “We want to function as that first call from community members who need help, beyond what can be provided by a local authority or program.”

A fundraiser is planned from Dec. 15-18 in conjunction with the Beatles on the Beach Festival, taking place at the Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave. in Delray Beach. For more information or to contribute, call 732-221-1979.



The Star Bright Civic Initiative was created this year to serve the Town of Ocean Ridge and our mission is to serve our community and to help improve our residents' lives.

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Delray Beach Public Library

Get your laugh going

By Steven J. Smith

On Feb. 10, the Delray Beach Public Library will hold its traditional fundraiser, Laugh with the Library, featuring an evening of comedy, cocktails and culinary delights to support an array of popular free classes and programs it offers.

“We’re inviting the whole community,” said co-chairwoman Chiara Clark. “Sponsorship opportunities are from \$20,000 to \$2,000 and individual tickets go on sale after January 1.”

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Delray Beach home of co-chair Mari Bianco and her husband, Angelo. Festivities will include a cocktail hour with food stations providing plenty of delectable edibles, followed by an hour of standup comedy featuring James Austin Johnson from *Saturday Night Live*.

“This year we’ll have more of a theater style,” Clark said, “with cocktail tables arranged in the format of a nightclub.”

The Library offers more than 1,000 free programs a year, which far surpasses the offerings of many other libraries.

“In most libraries you borrow books and use some computer facilities,” Clark said. “Our Library provides programs and services for more than 1,500 economically



Chiara Clark and Mari Bianco are co-chairs for this season’s Laugh with the Library fundraiser. **Photo provided**

challenged children, teens and adults that feature everything from technology to special exhibitions. These people need our Library, our resources and the 3,000 free books we give out every year.”

Money raised from Laugh with the Library will go a long way toward supporting the Leadership Summer Academy, which helps hundreds of kids improve their reading skills.

“A lot of those kids get left behind in the summer,” Clark said. “We believe the ultimate goal of a library is to be a community center that opens its doors to people of all ages and economic backgrounds.”

To learn about sponsorship opportunities for the fundraiser, visit www.delraylibrary.org, call Kae Jonsons at 561-266-0798 or email kae.jonsons@delraylibrary.org.



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Honoring Gloria Drummond, the new patient tower is expected to be completed in the next five years. Renderings provided

Boca Raton Regional Hospital nears ultimate goal in \$250 million campaign

By Steven J. Smith

Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation is closing the fundraising gap in its \$250 million campaign to support the most ambitious period of growth and expansion in the hospital's history — and the foundation is looking for a little help from its friends to get over the top.

"We call it 'Keeping the Promise ... The Campaign for Boca Raton Regional Hospital,'" said Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation

President Mark Larkin. "We've raised almost \$240 million so far and the community has been very generous and supportive about the transformation of our hospital campus."

Larkin said the campus redevelopment strategies — arranged over five phases, whose various projected completion dates range from early 2023 to the end of 2027 — include as the centerpiece the new Gloria Drummond Patient Tower. That's where patients will be welcomed in the inviting new Louis B. and Anne W. Green Lobby with plans for retail, dining, meeting space, a sanctuary,



Larkin



ABOVE: The Toby and Leon Cooperman Medical Arts Pavilion will be located on the campus across the street from the new patient tower with an outpatient ambulatory surgery center, physician offices, adjacent parking and the orthopedic institute.

RIGHT: The Louis B. and Anne W. Green lobby will provide retail, dining and a warm welcome to patients.



outdoor courtyards and other conveniences for visitors.

"We've started the demolition of the front of the hospital," Larkin said. "New rotunda and main entrance will be moved around the corner to the front of the gift shop, back to the original structure that was built back in 1967. We've also started digging the footings for the new tower out in what is currently the driveway and the parking lot."

The Gloria Drummond

Patient Tower will feature all new surgical suites and private patient rooms, exceeding the latest safety standards for patient care, he added. In the current hospital, all existing rooms will be converted to private ones in a comprehensive renovation of each patient unit including maternity, oncology and orthopedics.

"An expansion of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute has already added a clinical space for research and

pain management," Larkin said. "We've finished the first phase of that, which was an addition that was put on the back of the building. The institute will serve as the new main entrance to the hospital for the next four years, until the new Gloria Drummond Patient Tower is done. The second phase will focus on its extension to the tower. The recently opened 972-car Schmidt Family Parking Facility will also connect to the institute via a skybridge, once

the new tower construction is complete."

Larkin said that the Toby and Leon Cooperman Medical Arts Pavilion, slated for completion by late 2023, will be across the street from the new tower. It will have an outpatient ambulatory surgery center and clinical space for orthopedics, urology and gastroenterology. In addition, the newly built Wanda and Jim Moran Pond at the west end of the campus boasts a walking trail and will have a spot to sit and relax.

These investments are the initial steps toward an even broader vision for the campus with greater access points and even more specialties.

The fundraising results so far, Larkin said, have been due to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, Inc. An upcoming event will be the 60th Annual Hospital Ball, taking place on Jan. 21, he added. That will go hand in hand with one-on-one meetings with potential donors, a large direct mail effort to the community and a strong social media presence encouraging people to give.

The campaign, Larkin concluded, will modernize and renovate the hospital campus, enhance and add capacity for key services and new technologies and improve the experience for patients and their families, physicians, staff and visitors.

"It's an enormous undertaking," he said. "And I'm happy to say it's moving along really well."

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Retirement surprise

Town Hall, Gulf Stream — Sept. 30



Rita Taylor was the guest of honor in the cab of a fire truck on her last day as Gulf Stream's town clerk. 'We drove a little ways around town,' Taylor said. 'That was a very nice gesture.' Delray Beach Fire Chief Keith Tomey led an entourage of firefighters and two trucks to Gulf Stream Town Hall to surprise Taylor, whose late husband was a fire captain, after reading about her close connections to the profession in *The Coastal Star*. Taylor, who kicked off the ride by blasting the truck's warning horn, was given a regulation fire helmet with number 112 after Station 112, which serves Gulf Stream and east Delray. This was just the second time she had gotten a ride in a fire truck, said Taylor, who was Gulf Stream's clerk for 32 years and 9 months. Jerry Lower/ *The Coastal Star*

Celebrations

Hearts & 'Soles'

Quail Ridge Country Club, Boynton Beach — Oct. 14



The American Association of Caregiving Youth gala returned in lavish longhorn style. Participants flocked to the venue to experience the country-themed shindig featuring guest emcee Frank McKinney and recording artist Laura Angelini. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit's mission of ensuring support services for young caregivers and their families. **ABOVE:** (l-r) McKinney with former U.S. Ambassador Robin Bernstein and Palm Beach County Mayor Robert Weinroth. **Photo provided**

Celebrations

Season kickoff

Neiman Marcus, Boca Raton — Oct. 19



Impact 100 Palm Beach County kicked off its 12th season in an impactful way. More than 250 of the most philanthropic women in the community attended and celebrated the new grant-giving year. With 727 members, the Palm Beach County chapter is the second-largest in the nation. Guests mingled over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The non-profit funds local initiatives in South County — between Boca Raton and Lake Worth Beach — via multiple \$100,000 grants.

ABOVE: (l-r) Anne Boodheshwar, Noreen Payne and Ingrid Kennemer. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Judy Gursahaney and Sue Diener. **BELOW RIGHT:** Sarah Chapman and Holly Schuttler. **Photos provided by Warner-Prokos Photography**



VIP pre-reception

The Addison, Boca Raton — Sept. 22



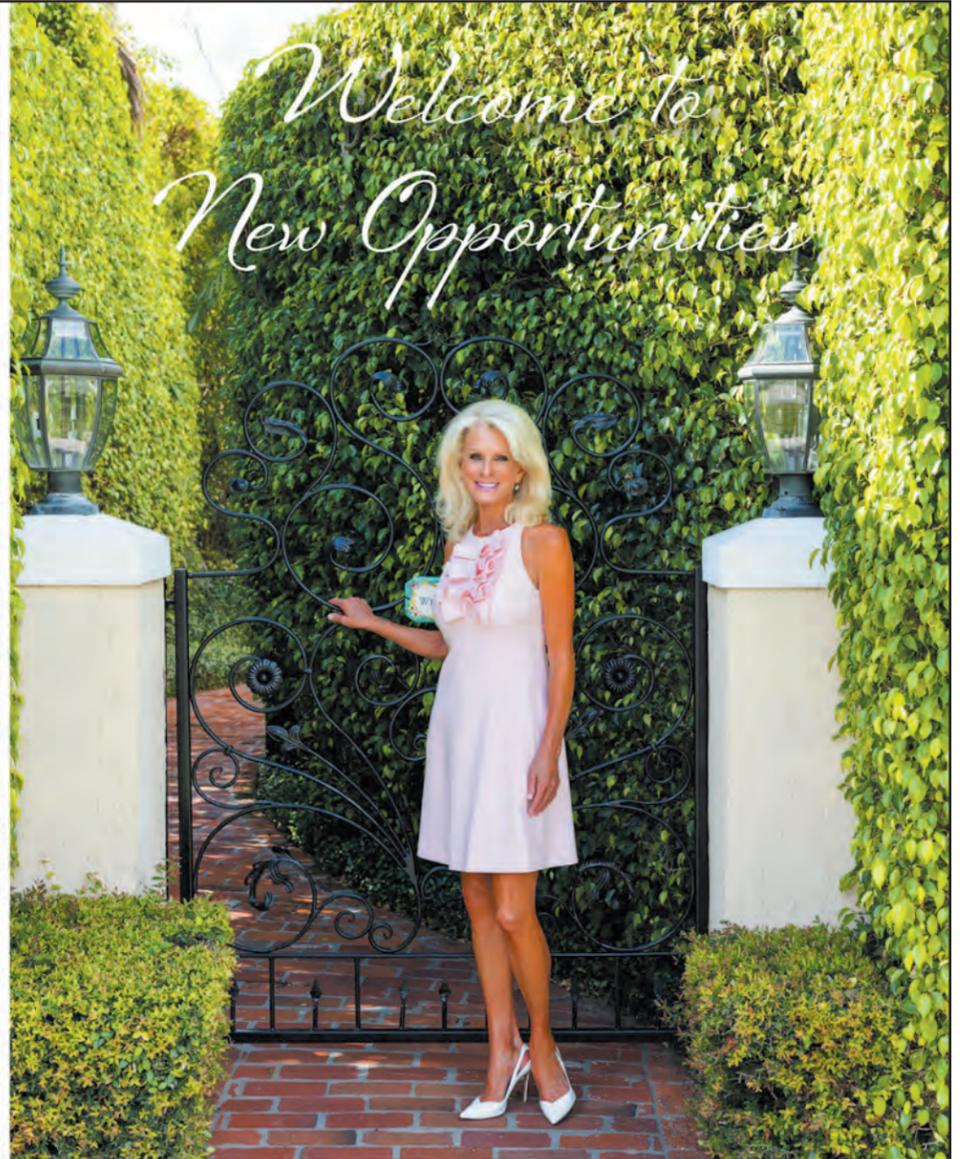
The Addison rolled out the red carpet for a VIP pre-reception to celebrate the Nov. 12 Boca Raton Mayors Ball presented by Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton. During the exciting prelude to the main event, club President Jeff Weber and sponsor Doug Rudman welcomed guests to the lavish gathering. Everyone enjoyed light bites, wine and champagne while having the opportunity to socialize and learn about the big ball. **TOP:** (l-r) Jason Hagensick, Cliff and Eda Viner, Bob Tucker, co-chairwoman Rosie Inguanzo-Martin and Jon Kaye. **INSET:** (l-r) Rick Howard, Christine Lynn, Pat Howard and honorary chairman Shaheer Hosh. **Photos provided by Gina Fontana**



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Dining

Delray Green Market back with new vendors, chef showcase

The weather still says summer at times, but the return of greenmarkets is a sign the temperature will stay cooler soon.

The **Delray Beach Green Market** returned Oct. 22, with new vendors, a chef's showcase, and an expansion of the federal SNAP program accepted for payment.

Manager Lori Johnson is excited each year the market opens for the fall-winter season.

"We have 50-plus vendors. This is our 27th year — I've been managing the market 23 of those years," Johnson said. "I have an advantage, of being both a vendor and a manager."

She sold olive oils for 12 years and says she can see both sides of working the market.

This season, she's introducing a local vendor with a unique product: the Palm Beach Salt Company. A variety of salts are made from seawater collected in Palm Beach and dehydrated to produce a table salt. "It's really unusual," she said. "We haven't had anything like this before."

The regulars are back, as well, including Red Splendor Farms, owned by chef Dan Ramos.

"He brings some unique produce," Johnson said. "He doesn't just grow red and green peppers, he has a variety of unusual ones. He has herbs, edible flowers and in mango season, an incredible variety of mangoes I've never heard of."

This year, he'll bring seasonal jams as well as fresh eggs.

Gratitude Garden Farm, an organic farm in Loxahatchee, returns with its wide display of mushrooms, Everglades tomatoes, fruits, greens, sprouts and tinctures.

"They're really good about educating the shopper," Johnson said. "That's what's great about farmers markets. You talk to the person who grew the vegetables, baked the bread or made the food you're buying. You can have a conversation with them and ask questions. You can't do that at a grocery store."

Also returning is Captain Clay and Sons, a seafood purveyor. It has its own fishing boats and buys fish and stone crabs, now in season, from other local fishermen.

The market will have additional cheeses sourced from the United States this year, Johnson said.

"Vito from Mozzarita is a regular favorite," she said of Vito Volpe and his company. Volpe is an Italian cheesemaker who brings fresh cheeses — mozzarella, ricotta and the creamy burrata — to the market. Chefs frequent his booth and use his products in their restaurants.

Starz Bakery, a New York Jewish-style bakery, brings pastries, bagels and bialys.

Expect a line as shoppers head for this booth



The Delray Beach Green Market opened for the season on a beautiful day in October. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



An abundance of locally grown produce is the backbone of South County greenmarkets. Photo provided by Lori Johnson

early in the morning, Johnson said. "They get coffee and go wait in line."

Also new at this market is the Cider Donuts booth, which sells mini cinnamon-sugar doughnuts cooked fresh on site, served hot with an apple dipping sauce.

Johnson is also proud of the market's chef showcase. Biweekly, an area chef will shop the market, then prepare a dish or meal in the display kitchen booth and serve samples to the audience. The recipe will be shared on the market's website.

"It's really exciting to see shoppers, the next weekend, who have printed out the recipe and are going around the market buying the ingredients for it," Johnson said.

This season, shoppers using the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for fresh produce purchases will get a bonus with the addition of a Fresh Access Bucks card, which adds \$40 to their benefits to spend without restrictions.

"We already started the

SNAP program back in January," Johnson said. "We're the only market in Palm Beach County that accepts it."

Delray Beach Green Market is in the field at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through mid-May. It will close for two weeks and reopen for summer. Go to <https://delraycra.org/green-market>.

Other markets

The Lake Worth Beach Waterside Farmers Market has begun its 16th year.

Manager Emily Theodosakos said shoppers will see 60 or more vendors with home-grown or homemade foods, plants and other products.

Solace Farms is one of the market's oldest vendors, with a variety of organic produce, eggs and this year, meats.

Holland's Produce, based in Jupiter, brings all types of organics, Theodosakos said, including purple and orange cauliflower. "They're said to be high in antioxidants," she said.

Le Petit Pain bakery

offers French-style pastries and breads. Honey comes from Loxahatchee beekeepers, and other vendors have homemade Bundt cakes and empanadas. Several more offer prepared foods.

Theodosakos said that "the best baba ganoush in the county" is available from a European bakery at the market.

International gourmet items sourced just for the market are here, including olive oil "straight from Greece," she said.

A few vendors specialize in table items. "We have two potters making ceramics," she said, and hand-blown glass for serving, as well.

The market runs through April, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at Old Bridge Park, Lake Road at State Road A1A. Parking is free till 1 p.m.

In Lantana, an outdoor market will be held Sundays, starting Nov. 20 through the end of May, at the Recreation Center, 418 S. Dixie Highway.

The market will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will have limited produce, but 20 vendors will include those with jewelry, soaps and this year, a bonsai grower. A food truck will be on site, and prepared foods such as jams and jellies and popcorn will be sold.

Arrangements are being made with a farm to have a weekly box produce program, market manager Hector Herrera said.

The Artisan Market and Greenmarket at Mizner Park in Boca Raton begins its season in mid-January, after the Christmas and holiday displays are taken down, said Joanne Polin, market manager.

The Boca Raton Greenmarket will skip the season after failing to find a suitable site, said market director Emily Lilly, and its future is unclear. It had a longtime home at Royal Palm Place and briefly set up in a parking lot at City Hall.

Pie It Forward

The fall fundraiser for Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches is underway. Order a pumpkin, pecan or apple pie (\$30) or a Key lime pie (\$35) through Nov. 17 at mowbpb.org, and pick it up Nov. 22, two days before Thanksgiving.

Money from the pies, which are donated by chefs at resorts, restaurants and country clubs, goes to feed housebound seniors throughout the county. Hot meals are delivered by volunteers five days a week.

This year, Pie It Forward lets donors add an extra \$5 to buy a slice for a senior. The money goes to a dessert fund to provide special treats for birthdays and holidays. You can also send pies as gifts with each recipient getting a voucher allowing him to choose a flavor and a pickup location.

The Baker's Bundle gives buyers three of the ready-to-serve pies of their choice plus a reusable tote for \$100.

Pie pickup locations include Duffy's Sports Grill on Federal Highway in Delray Beach, Palm Beach County Convention Center on Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach, and Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter.

In brief

Bond Street Ale and Coffee in Boynton Beach's Riverwalk Plaza has opened a second location up the road at the Casa Costa condos. It's a trio of themed eateries with two now open: Bond Street Market Italian, at 308 N. Federal Highway, and Bond Street Cantina, at 324 N. Federal, for Mexican fare. They are open for lunch and dinner.



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Music

Rock on!



Music4Lyfe in Lake Worth takes a whole-gamut approach to training young musicians

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Chris O'Brien, founder, owner and instructor at the Lake Worth Beach-based music school Music4Lyfe, tried doing things by the book.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in music from Florida State University in 2009, the Delray Beach native and resident returned south to pay it forward. Over the next decade, he taught at a handful of Palm Beach County public schools, and at the Lake Worth Beach branch of the School of Rock, sometimes simultaneously, before coming to a realization — that he'd learned enough valuable lessons about how he *didn't* want to teach music.

"It always seemed like I was micromanaged in everything I was doing,"



TOP: Drummer/vocalist Cruz Afonso.
ABOVE: Guitarist/vocalist Mya Rivas.
Photos by Regina Campbell

O'Brien says. "I didn't see any reason why I couldn't just open a music school myself and teach the lessons, build rock bands, and show the kids that they could play well at gigs, get some recognition, and get the

community involved."

He certainly has the requisite experience. In addition to becoming a teacher after college, he joined the popular Boynton Beach-based rock/funk/reggae band The People Upstairs as a saxophonist. Thirteen years later, he's still with the group, as well as another band called J# (or J-Sharp). He's a proficient player and instructor not only on all wind instruments, but also guitar, bass, drums, and percussion.

"We encourage students to learn every instrumental part on a song," O'Brien says, "and to sing, which helps them learn the relevance of pitch and avoid stage fright."

O'Brien first took this approach as a School of Rock instructor. "In my program, I try to make sure a kid does everything musically well, and then let them pick what instrument they want to play once they've completed all these challenges."

So O'Brien's business model isn't completely unlike that of School of Rock, a national chain with multiple Palm Beach County locations that was further popularized by actor Jack Black's loose

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Art

West Palm's The Peach gives artists a taste of success

By Jan Engoren
Contributing Writer

At one year, we can't quite say The Peach artist collective (named for its location at 3950 Georgia Ave.) is fully ripe, but the art destination in West Palm Beach, which celebrated its first anniversary Sept. 24, is well on its way to flourishing.

The former auto body shop deteriorating under the overpass at Southern Boulevard east of Interstate 95 was waiting to be gentrified. When Rodney



McInnis

Mayo of the Subculture Restaurant Group, which includes Subculture Coffee, Kapow in Boca Raton and Dada and Honey

in Delray Beach, spotted the property, he hired local artist Craig McInnis to manage the artist program.

Mayo says he has fond memories of visiting his sisters, both artists, in 1970s Soho in New York City and hanging out with them at art collectives. "There were large warehouse spaces with galleries on the ground floor and loft space upstairs," he recalls. "I always thought it was a great concept to have a shared gallery space with resident artists and open it up to the community."

"There were always artists around, pot-luck dinners and discussions about art," says Mayo, who used these

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Art

Boca Museum exhibit celebrates city's historic Pearl City

By Jan Engoren
Contributing Writer

Black Pearls, which opened in September at the Boca Raton Museum of Art for a nearly five-month run, features works by Washington, D.C.-based photographer Reginald Cunningham that highlights the historically Black community of Pearl City, founded in 1915 in east Boca Raton.

For the show, the museum enlisted Imani Cheers, associate professor of digital storytelling in the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University, and Candace Cunningham, assistant professor of history at Florida

Atlantic University, to tell the full history of Pearl City.

"We want to tell the story of Pearl City through the current residents whose parents and grandparents were the original Pearl City settlers," says Irvin Lippman, executive director of the Boca Raton Museum of Art, which stands two blocks from the original neighborhood south of Glades Road between Dixie and Federal highways. "The Pearl City residents are our museum's closest neighbors, and we want to celebrate our neighbors with this exhibition."

Reginald Cunningham, who came to photography by way of journalism, has had his work appear in *British Vogue*, *The*

Washington Post, *Essence*, *HuffPost*, and *Ebony*, among others. He says he was first inspired to grab a camera after Michael Brown was killed by police in Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014.

"Being commissioned by the Boca Raton Museum of Art to photograph the residents and cultural emblems of Pearl City — one of the South's most beloved and enduring Black districts — is an amazing experience," he says.

In addition to shots of iconic sites throughout the area — including street signs (Pearl, Ruby and Sapphire), the community garden and the long-standing

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Dorothee Overstreet and Marie Hester are Pearl City residents featured in the exhibit. Photo by Reginald Cunningham

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Film Review

Tár, now playing in theaters

Intellectually stimulating, abundantly rewarding and furiously relevant, Todd Field's *Tár* is a work of such herculean achievement that I can hardly deign to do it justice. It is superior to anything I saw last year, with the possible exception of Apichatpong Weerasethakul's *Memoria*, of which it occasionally resembles.

But a more apt comparison may be to Orson Welles, whose interest in the towering fall from grace, and in the gray areas between what the camera shows and doesn't show, are shared by Field. The director has made estimable films in the past, with *Little Children* and *In the Bedroom*, but *Tár* is his hulking *Kane*, updated for a post-pandemic, post-MeToo, post-woke America.

Cate Blanchett, in a career-defining performance that is already aswarm with Oscar buzz, plays Lydia Tár, one of the top composer-conductors in contemporary classical music.

But while the media loves her, she's far less likeable out of the spotlight — a critical, intimidating presence to students and colleagues alike.

When it comes out, through the apparent suicide of a former player in Lydia's orchestra and a subsequent lawsuit, that the great conductor may have been "grooming" the troubled musician, it sets off a string of



Cate Blanchett is a complex, unlikeable conductor in *Tár*. Photo provided

calamitous events that threaten to torpedo Lydia's career at its apogee. Meanwhile, she has taken a shine to a pretty young cellist (Sophie Kauer), rigging rehearsals and programming selections in her favor, in a pattern that seems to mirror the accusations leveled against her.

Rapturous filmmaking on every level, *Tár* is as directed with as much care and precision as its screenplay. As in a flawless symphonic performance, neither contains a false note.

Is Lydia Tár a monster? This is the thorny question at the heart of Field's film, and in the cancel-culture era in which we live, many in the movie's audience will reach a definite conclusion.

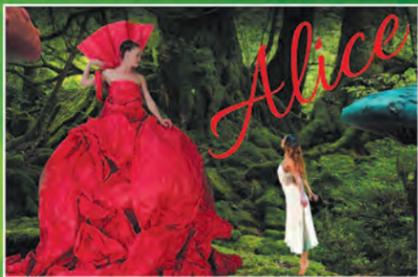
Blanchett, mesmerizing for every second she's onscreen, performed and really did conduct much of the music in *Tár*. Is this the work of a genius who is elevating masterworks to new heights of depth and feeling? Or is she a force of destruction whose radioactive fallout will take down many others with her? The answer, I reckon, is yes. — *Hap Erstein*

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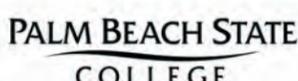
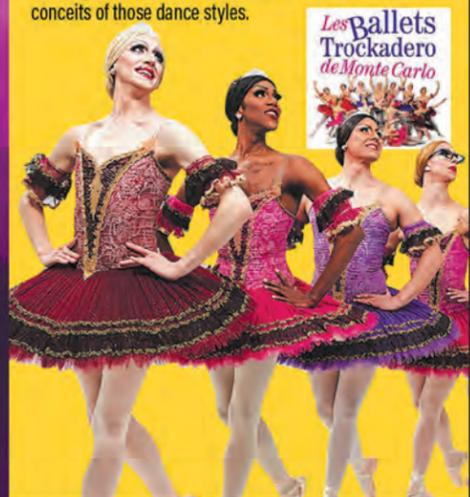


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BLACK PEARLS

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Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, at 200 NE 12th St. — he captured portraits of Pastors Ronald Brown and Calvin Davis, Anne Blutcher, John Martin, the Anderson family, Katie Mae, Gladys Bettis, Irene Rufus, Annette Ireland, Barbara Griffin, Eva Cunningham (Griffin), Willie Jenkins, Geraldine and George Spain, and Marie Hester and her mother, Dorothee Overstreet, among others.

Hester, who attended the opening night Sept. 2, still lives in Pearl City with Overstreet and her husband, Lawrence Hester, a retired driver for United Van Lines. Hester worked as an HR specialist at the Library of Congress in Washington for 24 years, then returned to Pearl City to be with family.

Her grandfather, Will Demery, along with his wife, Belle, were the original purchasers of the property. They were part of a wave of African-Americans migrating from Georgia, upstate Florida, and South Carolina, who came to South Florida to pick beans, strawberries and pineapples.

As FAU's Cunningham writes in the accompanying catalog: "On April 26, 1915, a land auction was held to create 'a brand-new colored city'" that would "be governed exclusively



LEFT: Annette Ireland is among the subjects. Photo by Reginald Cunningham

by colored people. African-Americans purchased thirty lots that day."

"Those disparities (racial and social) pushed African-Americans out of Georgia and the Carolinas and pulled them into South Florida," she says about that time in history. "It was by no means the land of opportunity for Blacks, but it did offer more options than they were finding elsewhere."

Hester remembers her parents picking beans, her mom taking in housework and doing wash.

They put \$5 down to pay for the land, and as Hester remembers, "it was a struggle for them to pay for this land." The balance due was \$45, which when you're earning 17 cents per day, can be onerous.

It's something that Hester recalls to this day.

"I want my children to pass it down," she says in the exhibit. "Make sure you have somebody

in your family to tell about your family history. Tell them how important it was, how hard your parents worked for this. This was not easy," she says.

While not a part of the exhibit, former residents Barbara Beasley Williamson, 81, now living in Fort Lauderdale, and her sister, Agnes Stevens Howard, 84, of West Palm Beach, both came to the museum to see old friends and neighbors. Both were educators.

Williamson retired from the Broward County School District, where she worked as a primary specialist for 60 years. Williamson says her family migrated to South Florida from Georgia in 1944. She came to the exhibit equipped with a tote bag full of memorabilia, including a book about Pearl City and a framed photograph of her parents taken when they married.

Their mother, Ossie Mae Stevens ("the best mother"), a

beautician, also ran a nursery school and was a strong influence in their lives.

Williamson talked about the "togetherness" of the community and has fond memories of her grandfather sharing the okra he grew with neighbors. She remembers playing with springboards they made from a plank and stone and Coke-bottle dolls with rope hair that they would comb and braid.

She remembers having to leave the Roadman Elementary School (formerly the Boca Raton Negro School) at noon each day to go and pick beans at Butts Farm until sundown.

If times are tough now, she's prepared, she says. She remembers eating all kinds of beans for dinner: Black-eyed peas and rice, lima beans and rice, pigeon beans and rice, and great Northern beans with — what else? — rice.

Williamson says she has

great respect for her parents and others who went through much travail in those years and gives credit to caring neighbors and teachers.

"Pearl City was good to me," she says. "It kept us going."

In recent years efforts have been made to bring the history of Pearl City to light. In 2000, the city's Historic Preservation Board voted unanimously to designate five blocks of Pearl City as a historic district.

"The people out of this area, the children, and the grandchildren out of this area have become professionals — athletes, doctors, lawyers, and teachers," the Rev. Calvin Davis says in the exhibit. "They have become politicians and police officers."

Although times were tough, many residents have lingering happy memories of that time and place.

Annette Ireland, a descendant featured in the exhibit, says: "They (the original residents) were trying to survive. But with that came peace. You could sleep with your windows open at night."

"When we were kids, my mom, she'd put a blanket out on the grass right in front of the apartment," she says. "We all would lay down and take a nap. This is at night. I've never lived in any other place like that, where everyone knew everybody. And there was family."

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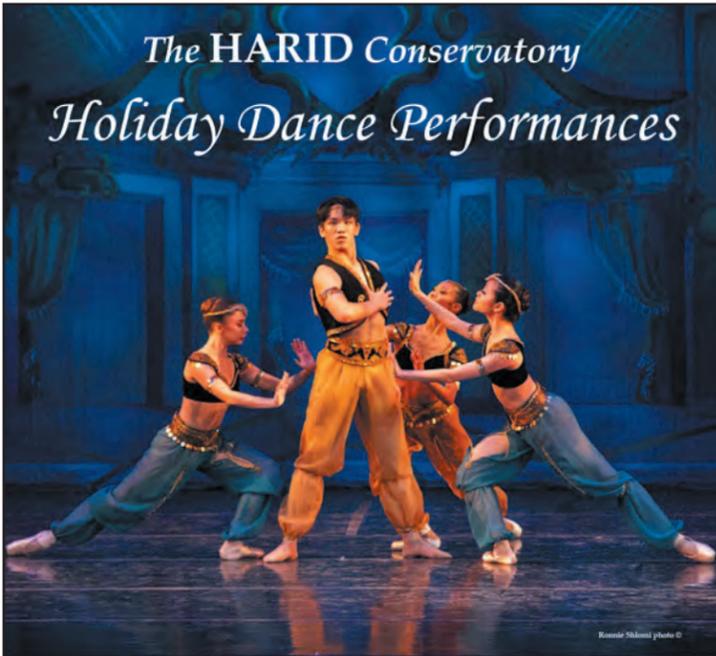


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Members of the Music4Lyfe band Fallout, from left: guitarist/vocalist Sarah Gil, vocalist/bassist Kaitlyn Arnott, and drummer/vocalist Grace Gil. Photo by Regina Campbell

MUSIC4LYFE

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portrayal of founder Paul Green in the 2003 film of that name. Yet some specific differences are stressed.

“School of Rock is obviously more rock band-based than public schools,” he says, “but they rotate learning individual songs through their students too quickly. They have trouble retaining the information that way. Here, they have up to 25 songs to catalog, learn, and master, and they can switch instruments if necessary.”

A typical week for a Music4Lyfe student involves afternoon or evening lessons, and weekly Saturday band rehearsals, with additional instructors such as O’Brien’s former School of Rock student, singing guitarist and multi-instrumentalist Zack Hechler; vocal and bass teacher Bill Brutus, multi-instrumentalist Kodi McKean, and percussionist Harley Galeano.

Younger students, ages 5 to 11, learn the basics via simpler cover tunes by Weezer or Sublime, then move on to more nuanced (The Beatles) or rhythmic (311) material. The 12- to 18-year-olds advance to more complex pieces by the likes of Led Zeppelin and the Foo Fighters.

Whiteboards at Music4Lyfe list all students, along with their accompanying ensembles, instruments, and artists and songs to learn and perform. There are adult ensembles too, with everyone participating in open mic nights at the school, where the cover songs range from teen choices like The Weeknd and Green Day to the boomer-approved Creedence Clearwater Revival and Sly & the Family Stone.

O’Brien’s methodology is geared toward eventual live performances. In September, a Saturday afternoon student showcase at the Irish Brigade in Lake Worth Beach illustrated how the practices help to improve what he preaches. Members of the advanced quartet Ripped Jorts (who are now also writing original

material), the all-female trio Fallout, and younger ensembles shifted between just being lead vocalists, singing while playing an instrument, and alternating among guitar, bass, keyboards and drums.

O’Brien and Hechler did likewise whenever and wherever they were needed, helping the students build confidence in a live setting — the prospectively nerve-racking situation where everyone only gets one chance to get it right.



O’Brien

A capable drummer, O’Brien can be forgiven for his timing being slightly off in opening Music4Lyfe in the unforeseen COVID-19 era.

“This is our third year,” he says. “We started out in Delray Beach. A friend had a studio in a building that was tied to a church property, and he used its bottom floor for his band’s practices. I paid him rent to teach some lessons around those practices, and operated the school out of there for about a year-and-a-half as the only teacher, but I couldn’t really go any further with it because it was a one-room studio.”

Such is decidedly not the case at the Church by the Glades, where Music4Lyfe occupies the entire sprawling third floor. O’Brien has two lighted sound stages there, and several practice rooms filled with mostly donated drum sets, guitars, basses, keyboards, horns, amplifiers, and percussion instruments.

He’s also assembling sound-baffled audio and green-screened video rooms to capture performances for recording, marketing, and instruction.

“One of the parents told me about this church,” O’Brien says, “where they had a third floor that nobody was using. I took the tour, and it was dirty and dusty, but things got up and running and going well through the remainder of 2019.

“Then COVID hit. Good times. I lost about 35 percent of my clients, because virtual

lessons aren’t as exciting as seeing someone face to face.

“I thought I’d have to throw in the towel, but the church told me, ‘Just pay us what you can.’ We made it through 2020, and I recently renegotiated on a rent that makes more sense for them,” he says.

The school has an arrangement with the church where O’Brien helps out with everything from cleaning to its own musical presentations. He’s usually there throughout every day and evening except Sunday, when the church holds its services and special events. And Music4Lyfe has also persevered and become popular, in part, because of its very reasonable pricing structure.

“It’s currently \$250 per month per student,” O’Brien says. “Which equates to \$60 for a week of lessons, with no charge for band practices and to participate in live gigs, plus an additional \$10 a month for things like guitar strings, drumsticks, and drum heads. I may have to bump that charge up by the end of this year, but that’ll only jump to \$300.”

Music4Lyfe’s most popular export thus far has been Beautiful Disaster, an all-female act that until recently played around town, often at Mathews Brewing Company in Lake Worth Beach. But part of the challenge of learning to play in bands is realizing that the personnel within them can prove to be temporary, as the talented but aptly named group found out.

“Beautiful Disaster played at a lot of places in Lake Worth Beach,” says O’Brien. “But one of the guitarists got a little burnt out and took time off, so they turned from a quartet into a trio. Then the twin girls in the lineup moved away, so the band kind of dissolved.”

Obviously, there are more gearing up in the Music4Lyfe pipeline toward taking their place.

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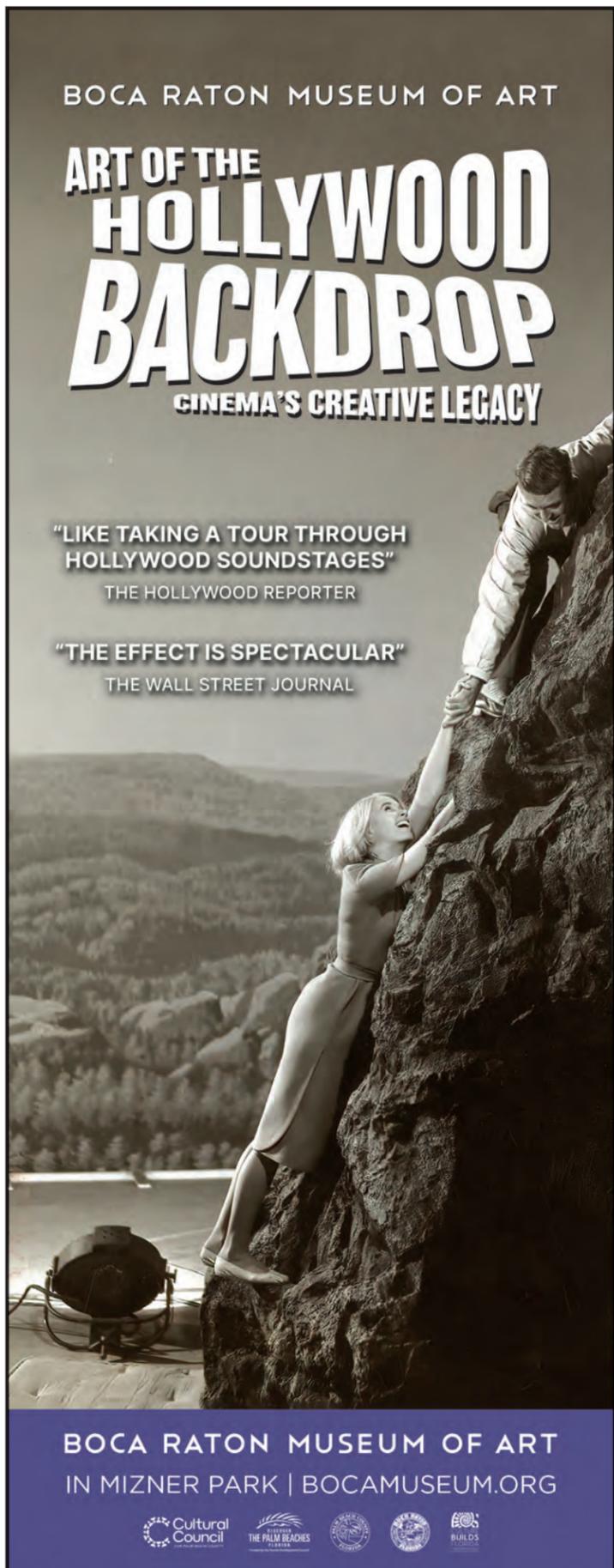
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recollections as his guiding force. "It's not New York City, but we're creating something new in the area."

In 2021, he asked McInnis — a multimedia and multi-faceted artist known for his murals and co-founder of Art Synergy and Continuum in West Palm Beach — to manage the artist program at the collective.

McInnis was finishing a residency in Northwood and jumped at the opportunity.

"I love collaborating with Rodney," McInnis says. "He's a visionary. We're creating a community of creatives in multiple genres, including music, art, photography, comedy and film."

In a vision of the area as the Wynwood of Palm Beach County, it doesn't hurt that Troy's Barbeque, originally of Boynton Beach, is located on-site in an 1870 carriage house.

The building has been renovated to include six artist bays, currently home to McInnis (No. 3), Brady Aaron Grissinger (No. 5), Adam Sheetz and Byron Miller (No. 6), Alex Lorenzo Bay (No. 4), Alex Powers and Bree Heyniger (No. 2), and multi-disciplinary visual artist Gina White in bay No. 1.

Originally from Ocala, White, 35, met McInnis 15 years ago and says he has been like a big brother and mentor to her.

She joined The Peach at its inception, and during the opening events last year sold two of her paintings to TV news

journalist Soledad O'Brien, which are now hanging in O'Brien's New York home.

"The Peach is giving me a space to do my work, the opportunity to meet the public, have a community of fellow artists and the motivation and reason to keep creating," says the former massage therapist.

Her murals appear at Grow Yoga and The Seed in Boca Raton, and Willy Cafe in Boynton Beach. She painted her first mural for the Achievement Centers for Children and Families in Delray Beach.

"I'm not painting in my living room anymore," she jokes. "I'm grateful for The Peach for allowing my art career to flourish. It has been an amazing opportunity to take myself seriously as an artist."

Likewise, Grissinger, 38, who owns Tig Time, a welding company, came to art after working as a welder for a number of big-name artists, including lenticular photographer Jeff Robb and Paul Nagy, known for his three-dimensional wall art. With a background in aerospace and race car fabrication, Grissinger is well versed in tig welding, CAD files and engineering.

Now creating his own large-scale polygon-shaped sculptures, he utilizes materials such as marine-grade 316L stainless steel used in high-end yachts. In the works are a 10-foot polygon-shaped Marilyn Monroe with a twirling skirt, a Rocky Balboa glove and an Andy Warhol, all mirror-

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polished.

He joined The Peach two months ago. "It's so awesome to be a part of The Peach," he says. "It's a great team."

Grissinger says his transition to fine art is happening quickly; he's already received six high-end commissions in Palm Beach and on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

In bay No. 6 since March are Adam Sheetz, a local artist and designer who owns No. 9 Creative Agency, and Byron Miller, a photographer and gallerist. The two operate Studio 6: Photography, Design, and Gallery, in addition to offering a full range of creative services and jointly hosting art-centric events at The Peach.

"The Peach is an incredible platform for artists, designers and other creatives to have a place in the community that is art-centric and like nothing I've experienced in my professional career as an artist," Sheetz says. "The vibe here is perfect to grow into a cultural destination. It's a perfect mix of grit and charm — a diamond in the rough."

As Sheetz says, "We're putting all the right pieces in place. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do in Year No. 2."

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Editor's note: Events listed through Dec. 3, 2022, were current as of Oct. 27. Check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales unless otherwise specified.

ART

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens: Opens Nov. 16: *Abundance of Riches: Luis Montoya and Leslie Ortiz, 1972-2022*, a 50-year retrospective of the two West Palm Beach artists. Through Dec. 30 in the galleries, until June in the gardens. Also, Nov. 12 brings the sixth annual Sculpture in Motion vintage car show, with a parade. \$15. 10 am-4 pm W-Sun. 561-832-5328. Info@ansg.org.

Armory Art Center: Opens Nov. 4: *Radiant Masks*, reimagined radiotherapy masks, through Dec. 16; through Nov. 18: *Verdant Bodies*, contemporary art jewelry; 10 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat. 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 561-832-1776. www.armoryart.org.

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Jan. 22: *The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop*, an exhibit of the huge painted backdrops for some of MGM's most iconic films. Through Jan. 29: *Reginald Cunningham: Black Pearls*. \$12; \$10 seniors. 11 am-7 pm daily. 501 Plaza Real (Mizner Park). 561-392-2500. www.bocamuseum.org.

Cultural Council for Palm Beach County: Through Jan. 14: *Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora*. Through Dec. 3: *Michelle Drummond: Systems*, 3-D forms by the artist who focuses on messages of strength and optimism. Free. noon-5 pm T-Sat. 601 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. palmbeachculture.com/exhibitions

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Through Dec. 10: *Hunt Slonem; Lush 2*, a collection of 74 contemporary

ceramic. \$5 non-members. 9 am-5 pm M-Th; 9 am-4 pm F; 10 am-4 pm Sat. 561-746-3101, lighthousearts

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Opens Nov. 5: *Washi Transformed: New Expressions in Japanese Paper*, more than 30 textured works using washi, a traditional form of Japanese paper; through April 2. 15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. 495-0233, morikami.org.

Norton Museum of Art: Through Nov. 6: *Lalla Essaydi: Un/Veiled*; through Jan. 15: *Joseph Stella: Visionary Nature*, works featuring plant and animal life by the Italian-American artist; *Autumn Mountains and the Light of the Harvest Moon*, four paintings by Chinese artists from 1772 to 2006 that explore the tradition of landscape painting; through Feb. 12: *A Personal View on High Fashion and Street Style: Photographs from the Nicola Erni Collection, 1930s to Now*, works by eminent fashion and lifestyle photographers, from the archive of an important Swiss collector; through March 12: *Henry Ossawa Tanner: Intimate Pictures*, works by the first African-American artist to achieve international recognition. \$18; \$15 seniors; \$5 students; free for members, ages 12 and under. 10 am-5 pm, M, T, Th, Sat; 10 am-10 pm F; 11 am-5 pm Sun. 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-832-5196, www.norton.org

CLASSICAL

Sunday, Nov. 6

Palm Beach Symphony: The great American violinist Sarah Chang joins Gerard Schwarz and the band for the Violin Concerto No. 1 of Max Bruch. Also on the program: Brahms's Second Symphony and Copland's suite from his music for the ballet *Billy the Kid*. 3 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$25 and up.

561-832-7469, www.kravis.org

Seraphic Fire: The splendid Miami-based concert choir opens its 20th season with works devoted to the theme of love and war, including Monteverdi's *Madrigals of War and Love*, plus works by Vaughan Williams, Coleridge-Taylor, Illeana Perez and Paul Crabtree. 4 pm, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. seraphicfire.org or 305-285-9060 Wednesday, Nov. 9

Israel Philharmonic: The young Lahav Shani conducts the orchestra in First Symphonies by Jewish composers: Gustav Mahler and Paul Ben-Haim, a German-born composer who emigrated to what became Israel in 1933. 8 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$39 and up. 561-832-7469, www.kravis.org Sunday, Nov. 13

The Symphonia: Violinist Andres Cardenes guest-conducts the chamber group and solos in the Mozart Violin Concerto No. 5. He'll also conduct Haydn's Symphony No. 59 (*Fire*) and the American composer Russell Peck's *Signs of Life II*. 3 p.m., St. Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. 561-376-3848 or thesymphonia.org Thursday, Nov. 17

Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: Spanish clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester gets the society's 10th season off the ground with the two peaks of the clarinet quintet repertoire: Mozart and Brahms. Accompanying him is a standout quartet: Violinists Jennifer Frautschi and Stella Chen; violist Arnaud Sussmann, and cellist David Requiro. 7 pm, Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. \$75. 561-379-6773 or www.cmspb.org

Duo Beaux Arts: The husband-wife piano team of Tao Lin and Catherine Lan plays works by

Schubert, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. 3 pm, St. Paul's, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Suggested donation: \$20. 561-278-6003 or musicstpauls.org Wednesday, Nov. 30

Chanticleer: The celebrated all-male 12-voice ensemble from San Francisco opens The Society of the Four Arts season with a program of holiday music called "A Chanticleer Christmas." 7:30 pm, 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. \$40. 561-655-7226 or fourarts.org

DANCE

Friday, Nov. 11-Sunday, Nov. 13

Miami City Ballet: The company presents John Cranko's staging of *Romeo and Juliet*, set to a splendid score by Sergei Prokofiev, performed live by the Opus One Orchestra. 8 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm Friday, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday, 1 pm Sunday. \$39 and up. 561-832-7469, www.kravis.org

Friday, Nov. 25-Sunday, Nov. 27

Boca Ballet Theatre: If it's Thanksgiving week, it must be time for Dan Guin's annual production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Nayara Lopes and Austin Eyley of the Philadelphia Ballet are the special guests for this production, which features the young dancers in training. 7:30 pm F, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Sat, 2 pm Sun, Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. 561-995-0709 or bocaballet.org

JAZZ

Saturday, Nov. 5

Svetlana and the New York Collective: The Russian-born vocalist and bandleader promises an evening of classic swing tunes from the 20th century. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray

Beach. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357, artsgarage.org Sunday, Nov. 13

Nicole Henry: The popular Miami jazz songstress teams with guitarist Tim Jago for an evening of music from the 1930s to the present. 7 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357, artsgarage.org Friday, Nov. 18

Luis Mario Ochoa: The Cuban-Canadian jazz guitarist performs a tribute concert to Cuba's most celebrated 20th-century composer, Ernest Lecuona. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357, artsgarage.org Sunday, Nov. 20

John Daversa and Tal Cohen: The UM Studio Music and Jazz chief and the Israeli jazz pianist debut music from their upcoming album, *The Art of the Duo*. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357, artsgarage.org

POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, Nov. 4

Luke Bryan: The hugely successful country superstar — who raised hackles last month when he brought Gov. Ron DeSantis on stage in Jacksonville v is on is Raised Up Right Tour, rescheduled from late September. 7 pm, iThink Financial Amphitheatre, 601-7 Sansburys Way, West Palm Beach. \$58 and up. www.livenation.com Saturday, Nov. 12

Gipsy Kings: The French monarchs of flamenco and salsa first caught the world's attention with their self-titled debut in 1987. Two of the cousins who founded the band 44 years ago still lead it today. 8 pm, Au-Rene Theater, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$80-\$334. 954-462-0222, livenation.com Wednesday, Nov. 16

Bonnie Raitt: The legendary slide guitarist and singer's *Nick of Time* is one of the all-time pop classics. She's promoting her newest album, *Just Like That*, on this tour. 7:30 pm, Au-Rene Theater, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW 5th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. \$44.50-\$249. 954-462-0222; livenation.com

THEATER

Friday, Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 6

Tell Him It's Jackie: Tom Dugan's one-woman show about Jackie Kennedy, who makes some confessions on the night her brother-in-law Robert is assassinated. With Kait Hare. Four performances at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. \$45. 561-272-1281, ext. 5, or delraybeachplayhouse.com Through Sunday, Nov. 6

Milk and Honey: The 1960 Jerry Herman musical about romance on the kibbutz in the new state of Israel. At the Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$79-\$99. 561-995-2333, thewick.org Opens Friday, Nov. 11

Beehive: The Musical: Larry Gallagher's revue of songs by the major female pop singers of the 1960s, including Diana Ross and Janis Joplin. Through Nov. 20 at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$25. 561-586-6410 or lakeworthplayhouse.org Through Sunday, Nov. 13

Jersey Boys: The jukebox musical that chronicles the success of the 1960s vocal group The Four Seasons, and its leather-lunged lead singer Frankie Valli. At the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. \$68-\$120. 561-575-2223 or jupitertheatre.org Opens Friday, Nov. 18

Small Mouth Sounds: Bess Wohl's 2017 play about six runaways from city life who take a vow of silence on retreat. Through Nov. 27 in the Stonzek Black Box Theatre, Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$25. Call 561-586-6410 or visit lakeworthplayhouse.org. Opens Saturday, Nov. 19

Dorothy's Dictionary: A world premiere play by E.M. Lewis in which Zan, who has community service to complete, has to read to Dorothy, who doesn't want him to. But they bond over literature and their need for friendship. Through Dec. 11 at Theatre Lab, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. \$32-\$45. 561-297-6124 or fauevents.com. Through Sunday, Nov. 20

Heisenberg: The 2015 play by Simon Stephens (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*) about two strangers who impulsively meet in a London train station. With Margery Lowe and Colin McPhillamy. At GableStage, Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. 305-445-1119 or gablestage.org Opens Friday, Nov. 25

Cinderella: The 1957 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical for television ("In My Own Little Corner"), drawn from the familiar French fairy tale, updated with a new book by Douglas Carter Beane. Through Dec. 24. At the Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$99. 561-995-2333 or thewick.org



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Animal rescue groups and humane shelters, big and small, share a common goal: to save homeless dogs, cats and other companion animals and find them welcoming homes.

And, it turns out, these groups are also united by an unwavering pledge: to help one another when a natural disaster strikes.

Hurricanes Fiona and Ian demonstrated this collaborative spirit dramatically. Both storms reached Category 4 levels in September, causing billions of dollars in damage and displacing thousands in Puerto Rico and along Florida's Gulf Coast.

Quickly stepping in to assist were these groups based in Palm Beach County: Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Tri-County Animal Rescue and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League. They accepted shelter animals displaced by the hurricanes and coordinated supply trips to deliver food and other needed items.

"We are all in it to help animals and we are not in competition," says Suzi Goldsmith, co-founder and executive director of Tri-County, west of Boca Raton. "After Hurricane Fiona hit Puerto Rico, we arranged to get as many dogs as possible on a cargo plane from San Juan to Miami. I estimate we brought in about 200 dogs, and we are so happy to help them out."

Then nine days later — on Sept. 28 — Hurricane Ian pounded Florida's southwest coast, causing catastrophic damage especially to the Fort Myers and Cape Coral area.

Peggy Adams quickly assembled four teams and headed from West Palm Beach in the early morning to drive across the state to assist the Gulf Coast Humane Society, which lost its roof. They brought back 57 cats and dogs to their shelter by late afternoon.

"Many of these animals have health issues and we are fortunate to have the facility to care for them," says Sue Berry, chief executive officer at Peggy Adams.



Local animal rescue groups have been helping with animals stranded by Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico and Hurricane Ian in Southwest Florida. **LEFT:** Workers at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League unload a vehicle. **ABOVE:** Two dogs brought to Tri-County Animal Rescue. **Photos provided**

How to help

If you want to donate money, supplies or volunteer, here is the contact information for three Palm Beach County shelters and rescues:

- Big Dog Ranch Rescue — www.bdrr.org
- Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League — www.peggyadams.org/hurricanelan
- Tri-County Animal Rescue — www.tricountyanimalrescue.com

Staff members with Big Dog Ranch Rescue, based in Loxahatchee Groves, quickly collected pet supplies, drove across the state, and brought back animals from damaged shelters on the Gulf Coast.

When I reached Robin Friedman, Big Dog Ranch executive director, a few days after Ian struck, she said her staff was making its third cross-state trip.

"Normally, it takes two to three hours to reach the Gulf Coast, but it took us six hours due to the flooding and road closures," says Friedman.

Big Dog Ranch Rescue coordinated efforts with Tri-County Animal Shelter to assist the Naples County Humane Shelter, the Gulf Coast Humane Shelter and Manatee Animal Services. They loaded

large buses with supplies and brought back more than 35 shelter dogs at first count.

Friedman shares a special moment that illustrates the helping-one-another spirit. A military veteran reached out to ask if her rescue group could care for his two large dogs so he could stay and help people and pets in the Port Charlotte area.

"When anybody is vulnerable enough to tell you their situation and is staying to help others, of course, it makes you want to help," she says. "We will take good care of his dogs until he is able to take them

back home."

Goldsmith recalls the damage caused by Hurricane Irma, another major storm, when it blew through on Sept. 10, 2017. The storm took out power at the shelter for a week. A century-old maple tree crushed a large building on the 22-acre campus — with two staffers and 40 animals inside. Fortunately, all escaped injury.

"Every group in Florida and other places reached out to help us," recalls Goldsmith. "That is what you do. And that is why we are reaching out and trying now to help those places hit

by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. We will always be there for the animals."

Arden Moore is an author, professional speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor. She hosts a weekly syndicated radio show, *Arden Moore's Four Legged Life* (www.fourleggedlife.com), and the *Oh Behave!* podcast on *Pet Life Radio*. Visit www.ardenmoore.com.



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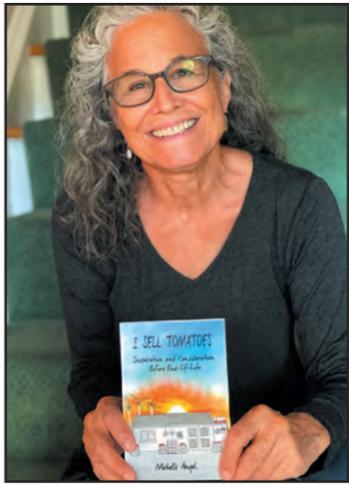
Author provides tips on how to navigate end of life

Intrigued by the concept of death since she was 5, Michelle Angel, who ran the Woolbright Farmers Market in Boynton Beach for 20 years, found her life's mission as a guide and consultant for dying people and their loved ones.

Angel's book, *I Sell Tomatoes: Inspiration and Consideration Before End-Of-Life*, published by Trimark Press in Deerfield Beach, holds the wisdom of 30 years' experience in dealing with the prospect of death and offers insight on how to meet the end of life.

"This is not a book about grief or after," Angel writes. "This is a book for before. It is meant to encourage self-inquiry into the experience we're all guaranteed one day.

"The fear of anything loses its power the minute it's made less confrontational," the



Michelle Angel, former owner of the Woolbright Farmers Market, says one goal of her new book is to make people less afraid of death.

Photo provided

Boynton Beach resident writes in her book. "In the end (pun intended), the best deaths are the ones met fearlessly. I know

this to be true. I invite the reader to be prepared and find out for themselves."

Her goal is to help people have a "good death," be less afraid and to provide them with tools to contemplate end of life. She asks the reader: "Which is more like death? A sunrise or sunset?" "What would you choose for a last meal?" And to think of a film with a "great" dying scene, such as *Harold and Maude* or *Titanic*.

Her childhood friend Suzanne Alfandari, a marriage and family therapist in San Rafael, California, helped her edit the book down to about half of its original 300 pages.

"In our culture, the subject of death is taboo," says Alfandari. "Michelle offers a way to think about the subject and how to approach it."

Alfandari said she didn't think about death often, but

now enjoys thinking and talking about it.

"When we realize we will all die, we can make the most of our lives," she says. "Like a sunny day after the rain, it's good to have the contrast to appreciate what is."

For Angel, 68, the farm stand was across from a cemetery but was the "exact opposite" of death — vibrant, lively, filled with flowers and fresh vegetables. It closed in May 2021 with her son, Jesse Goldfinger, as a co-owner.

"It was by the grace of God that I ended up in the farm stand," says Angel. "It gave me the opportunity to pick and choose when I do death work. It was the best of all worlds."

In fact, if customers would inquire, "Do you do death work?," she would reply, "No, I sell tomatoes," giving her the title for the book.

Angel says she was 5 when she witnessed "someone that was dead being brought back to life. I believe that was the beginning of my interest."

Other experiences followed, none frightening but all that made her think. She sat at the bedsides of her father when he died and of her brother as he died of AIDS in 1994.

She holds a bachelor's degree in human services with a concentration in thanatology, the scientific study of death.

For Angel, a New Yorker by birth and grandmother of four, "It's all about service."

"I pray for each person," she says. "I don't take it lightly and am grateful that I get to help someone meet death fearlessly and leave nothing left unsaid.

"It's grounding and fulfilling to be with someone who's dying," she says. "I'm honored and grateful when I get to be by a bedside; it's an amazing grace."

Davida Schoentag, 70, a retired sex, mental health and substance abuse counselor from Lake Worth, met Angel when her mother was in hospice care 10 years ago.

"I'm so grateful for Michelle," says Schoentag, who considers herself a "recovering Catholic" and says there's no dogma or religion in Angel's teachings. "She gave me a gift in my darkest hours and has touched many lives.

"She showed me how to be part of my mother's transition. I was there when she took her last breath. It was a wonderful experience and not sad. I was able to share something with my mom that no one else shared."

Angel's support and view of death through a different lens allowed Schoentag to see transitioning to another stage as a beautiful process.

"It's all about living well while dying, to be present in real time," Angel says. "Being aware of where we're going, to create a foundation of great strength, built on faith instead of fear, on what you know instead of what you don't know.

"This will allow you to move forward more able to handle whatever comes your way."

Angel credits her notion of "perfect plan" — that all is as it should be — with giving meaning to life as it is lived.

"We come with a birth date and a death date and everything in between is our destiny," she writes.

"I have made friends with death," Angel says, "but I will always be in the business of life."

Jan Engoren writes about health and healthy living. Send column ideas to jengoren@hotmail.com.



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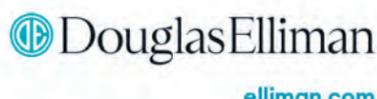
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Health Notes

JFK Hospital performs its first surgery with new robotic aid

HCA Florida JFK Hospital recently began offering a robotic navigation platform, which improves visualization of patient anatomy during minimally invasive spine and brain procedures. The first surgery was successfully performed Oct. 14 by Drs. Brett Schlifka and Milad Alam.

The system “eliminates the need for multiple imaging devices throughout one procedure, and the compact footprint amplifies the system’s agility and usability,” Schlifka said.

The **American Heart Association’s** new “Getting to the Heart of Stroke” initiative, developed and supported by HCA Healthcare and the HCA Healthcare Foundation, focuses on clinical training, community and patient education, diagnosis and treatment.

The initiative “uses a proven approach to public health, which combines a national initiative with local health impact work,” said Kayla Fox, executive director of the American Heart Association in Palm Beach County. “Over the next few months, the American Heart Association will work closely with our volunteers and leaders at HCA Florida Healthcare to take a real look at the health disparities right here in Palm Beach County and create a plan for helping more people in our community live the long, healthy lives they deserve.”

Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College



of Medicine and the **Schmidt College of Science and Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience** will collaborate to offer a new M.D./Ph.D. joint neuroscience program, slated to start in the fall 2023. Graduates will each receive a medical degree and a doctorate in integrative biology, with a concentration in either biomedical sciences or neuroscience.

Dr. Lori Fiessinger, an expert in dermoscopy, which improves diagnostic accuracy and early recognition of melanomas, has joined **Hacker Dermatology**, 230 George Bush

Blvd., Suite B, Delray Beach. Previously, Fiessinger served as an assistant clinical professor at the University of Minnesota dermatology department.

For information on this service, visit www.HackerDermatology.com or call 561-276-3111.

Delray Medical Center has opened 24 new patient rooms, a new operating room, a surgical ortho unit, surgical step-down, and surgical inpatient units. Enhanced robotic capabilities, including the Da Vinci XI and AquaBeam system, have been added, and the family waiting room has been renovated.



LEFT: Drs. Milad Alam and Brett Schlifka review a patient plan before surgery using a new robotic navigation platform at JFK Hospital. **ABOVE:** Mayor Shelly Petrolia cuts the ribbon in celebration of Delray Medical Center’s expansion. **Photos provided**

The **Caron Treatment Centers** is offering Zoom webinars to introduce its new medical facility, the **Keele Center**, at 4575 Linton Blvd. in Delray Beach. The center is due to open January.

On Nov. 16, the subject will be neurofeedback and neuropsychological services and on Dec. 7, viewers will receive a summary of the Keele Center’s services. They include

a medical detox unit, an older-adult residential-treatment program and residential treatment programming for affluent individuals, as well as neurocognitive services, research and medical education.

To register for the “Countdown to Keele” webinar series, contact Julie Flannery at jflannery@caron.org or call 610-299-8001.

— Christine Davis

Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday - 11/5 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com
11/5 - Alateen at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School, 501 SW 3rd St, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 888-4AL-ANON; al-anon.org/teen-info
11/5 - OA (Overeaters Anonymous) Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 11 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
11/5 - 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
11/5 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 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
11/5 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

NOVEMBER 6-12

Sunday - 11/6 - Coco Connections Market at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Monthly wellness

market: 30 local vendors, health/wellness professionals w/various healing modalities; live music; 2 free yoga, meditation or fitness classes per event. 1st Sun through 12/31 9 am-2 pm. 561-870-4090; thecocoyogi.com/market
11/6 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sun 6 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
11/6 - Yoga at the Beach at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. 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 - 11/7 - Adult Zumba Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M 7-8 pm. Runs through 12/12. \$50/10 classes; \$6/1 class. 561-393-7807; myboca.us
Tuesday - 11/8- 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 - 11/9 - Strength and Stretch Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com
11/9 - LGBTQ AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every W 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

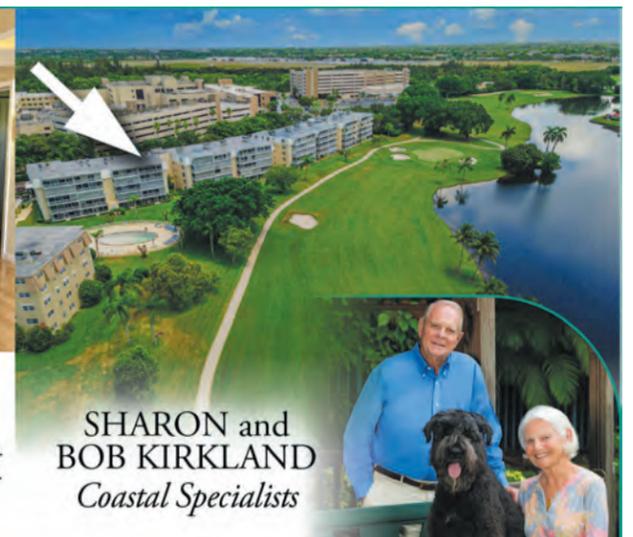
NOVEMBER 13-19

Wednesday - 11/16 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series:

Supercharging the Immune System to Destroy Tumors: Silke Paust, PhD. 1-hour virtual lecture. 4 pm. Free. Register for link: frontrow.scripps.edu
Thursday - 11/17 - Project C4OPE: A Virtual Forum Series for Families in the Opioid Crisis presented by Hanley Foundation, Project COPE (Connect for Overdose Prevention and Education) designed to connect people in our community who share the experience of a loved one who died of opioid overdose, survived an overdose, or are at a high risk for overdose. 1st & 3rd Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. Register for Zoom information: 561-268-2357; hanleyfoundation.org/project-c4ope



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Religion News



The Holly House Holiday Gift Shop at First Presbyterian Church in Delray Beach is open. Photo provided by Linda Prior

A favorite holiday boutique shop returns

The Holly House Holiday Gift Shop at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St., returns for another season.

The Holly House's talented crafters have been hard at work getting ready to help you prepare for your festivities. Handcrafted gifts, jewelry, decorations and ornaments, vintage Santas, holiday table linens, wreaths for the door, coastal home décor and more are waiting. New things will appear all season, so stop back to see what's new.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment. Beginning Nov. 27, the shop will also be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Call 561-330-0245.

Catholic Women will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 4 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Free. 561-997-5486.

BetterMan group at Grace

Grace Community Church, 600 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton, will host BetterMan, a connect group for men from 20 to 45-ish from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5 through March 23.

BetterMan is designed "to activate men's lives for a 'better' masculinity — one that lifts others and gives life to others."

The group is limited to eight participants and three facilitators. Register at www.graceboca.org/connect-groups or 561-395-2811.

Holiday bazaar

The Ascension Council of

— Janis Fontaine

Care Ministry Appreciation

St. Vincent Ferrer, Delray Beach — June 22



CROS Ministries, clergy and nonprofits from Delray Beach gathered to honor St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church's Care Ministry, which closed its doors after 16 years. It served homeless people and others in need by providing rent and utility assistance, food and medical care. One of its supports for children was the Delray Beach Public Library's literacy program for non-English-speaking preschoolers whose families didn't speak English at home.

ABOVE (back, l-r): Care Ministry members Bob Carney, Al Fries, Mike Wigderson and Frank Cottone; (front, l-r): Marge Dombroski, Noreen Ryan, Joe Mastrullo and Jackie Ermola. Members missing from the photo include MJ Cunnane, Joan Baccari, Barbara Conahan, Tom McCreary, Emily Nettles, Hank Monaco and Dan Spigai. Photo provided

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Finding Faith

Feeding the hungry packs more punch with nutritious food

Debra Tendrich says she started her nonprofit, Eat Better Live Better, in 2016 because it was the right thing to do.

But never before has feeding the hungry been so hard. The coronavirus pandemic struck a solid blow, drying up donations and overwhelming food pantries with new clients at the same time.

Now the inflation numbers on groceries — 13% nationally but closer to 11% locally — are twisting the knife.

Tendrich started Eat Better Live Better to provide more than mere calories to food-insecure families.

“Malnutrition isn’t a lack of food,” Tendrich said, “but a lack of nutrition.” Vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and other nutrients that come from vegetables are key to healthful eating, and food pantries often don’t have those things.

Tendrich grew up in Atlanta, cooking and eating Southern comfort foods like mac-and-cheese and fried chicken. But a 30-day office challenge in healthy eating and exercise stuck with her. Tendrich realized she felt better even though she hadn’t felt bad before.

But the kicker was that her daughter, Amira, then in grade



Debra Tendrich shows off hand-painted grocery bags from her nonprofit, Eat Better Live Better, in Delray Beach. Photo provided

school, felt better, too. She’d had rashes and stomach issues and had even been diagnosed with ADHD, but those issues disappeared along with the high-fat, sodium-laden and sugary comfort foods.

As she learned more about nutrition, Tendrich became more concerned about childhood obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Disease and poor nutrition go hand-in-hand, she says, and breaking up that toxic relationship is a priority.

To do that, positive attitudes about food need to be taught early. For example, teaching kids that food is a synonym for happiness with celebratory

pizza parties and food rewards is wrong, Tendrich says, and needs to change.

At the other end of the spectrum, Tendrich says that our neighbors — especially seniors on fixed incomes — are being devastated by the rising cost of groceries. Her program tries to fill the gap between income and need so seniors aren’t forced to choose between paying for their rent and medications or groceries.

Tendrich addressed another problem: transportation. The neediest members of our community don’t or can’t drive (maybe they can’t afford gas or car insurance), and some are medically unable to come to Tendrich’s facility in Delray Beach. EBLB and Door Dash have teamed up to deliver groceries to people who live within a 10-mile radius of the facility, which is near the corner of Military Trail and Atlantic Avenue.

Eat Better Live Better was the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year in 2021, and Tendrich is personally nominated for its Crystal Palm award this year. She’s also a frequent speaker about nutrition and homelessness.

Most of EBLB’s clients are referred by churches and

synagogues, schools and teachers, medical professionals and the police, who identify people who need help.

Recipients register with EBLB and on distribution day are provided with a big purple bag full of produce, oatmeal, peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken, pasta and pasta sauce — and more, depending on the size of the family. Delivery is the first Friday of the month with emergency deliveries on other weekdays.

EBLB had to cut back from twice-a-month giveaways, with prices up and donations down.

“Everyone who is registered is guaranteed food,” Tendrich said. “We don’t run out of food.”

Volunteers — about 15 year-round and another three dozen who show up during the winter — pack the grocery bags, break bulk supplies into smaller portions, and staff the front desk when clients arrive.

Jackie Ermola served as president of St. Vincent Ferrer’s Care Ministry in Delray Beach for nearly eight years, and continues to serve the homeless community. Of Eat Better Live Better, she said, “It’s not like every other pantry. Debra serves people who have dietary restrictions. People can’t eat a lot of the food given out at

other pantries. She really struck me as someone who is making Delray a better place.”

Ermola says that Delray Beach is special because its groups work together to serve the community. They communicate and brainstorm and strategize and cross-refer clients. “We all collectively work together, the police, the schools, the places of worship,” she said.

Tendrich and Ermola share a philosophy: “People deserve to be treated with dignity.”

Ermola says, “It only takes one bad break to go from happy to homeless. I’ve seen it happen and it could happen to anyone.”

If you’d like to help Tendrich feed people or if you need help, call Eat Better Live Better at 561-344-1022 or visit www.eblb.org.

Ermola is also acting as a consultant helping people who would like to start a food pantry. Contact her at jermola@hotmail.com.

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Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 6-12

Monday - 11/7 - 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

11/7 - Rosary for Peace at St Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:45 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Tuesday - 11/8 - 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 - 11/9 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church Sanctuary, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. 6:30 pm. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/9 - My G-d: Defining the Divine at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. Rohr Jewish Learning Institute Virtual or in person. Every T through 12/13 7-8:30 pm. \$79/including textbook. RSVP: 561-394-9770; bocabeachchabad.com/JLI

Thursday - 11/10 - Thursday Morning Prosperity Coffee at Unity of Delray Beach Church Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Charlene Wilkinon. Masks optional, social distancing practiced. 7 am 1st Th in person; phone meeting (720-740-9634, passcode 2152894) all but 1st Th. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/10 - Men’s Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Courtyard, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/10 - Women’s Discipleship Group at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

Friday - 11/11 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

11/11 - 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; templesinaipcb.org

NOVEMBER 20-26

Saturday - 11/26 - Advent Wreath Making & Chili Cook-off at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 3-4 pm. Free. 561-732-3060; stjoesweb.org

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Wednesday - 11/30 - To Believe or Not to Believe in Yourself at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7 W through May. 6:45 pm. \$79/including textbook. RSVP: 561-394-9770; bocabeachchabad.org

Thursday - 12/1 - 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.com

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Gardens

See habitats that are green and thriving on Native Garden Tour

By Jan Engoren

Migrant hummingbirds, painted buntings and butterflies are back and so is the Native Garden Tour, hosted by the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

In the society's first major tour since 2019, visitors on Nov. 6 can visit five unique private gardens and one public natural habitat, all landscaped with Florida native plants.

"We're very excited about this year's tour," says Melissa Moyroud, conservation chair of the local chapter. "Our last tour in 2020 was for members only. This is the first time we're opening to the public since 2019. It's a big to-do."

One of the highlights on the tour is Jean Sealey Laragh's five-star garden and habitat in the Village of Golf.

Moyroud says the garden has a gopher tortoise habitat with aquatic, endangered and rare plants as well as nature pathways. All the native plants sustain the gopher tortoise population.

In Delray Beach, visitors will see Jim and Lora McCoy's garden at 4 NW 16th St. Over the past five years, they have planted and nurtured native plants and trees partly as a way to dampen the sound of leaf blowers. A sign at their gate announces the property as "a wild animal sanctuary and



The garden of Jean Sealey Laragh has evolved over 25 years as she 'learned to recognize the beauty of native plants,' including the cabbage palms that arch over this walkway. Photo provided

a bird and butterfly friendly landscape."

Nearby, at 236 Dixie Blvd., Palm Beach County Tax Collector Anne Gannon's garden is her "backyard paradise." By planting natives, Gannon says, she uses less water and fertilizer, has fewer bugs and does less maintenance.

Also on the tour is the Delray Beach Historical Society Heritage Garden, located at the 1924 Cason Cottage at 3 NE First St.

Conceived in 2017 as a

collaboration between the Historical Society and the Grass River Garden Club, the garden aims to teach the importance of using native plants and of preserving the dwindling green space and natural habitats in the city.

Heritage Garden highlights include a Florida scrub section, a pollinator garden, the Lower Keys, oak hammock, and Dade County pine forest. The garden has wetland plants such as swamp milkweed, a host for monarch butterflies, fragrant

water lilies, buttonbush and a pond apple tree (*Annona glabra*).

"It's an asset and a green oasis in the midst of downtown Delray Beach," says Winnie Diggins Edwards, executive director of the Historical Society.

In Boca Raton, the tour features the Clint Oster garden at 845 NE 71st St., billed as "where the sea grapes meet the mangroves," and Michael Kohner's garden at 447 SW Eighth Terrace, with laurel oaks

If You Go

What: Native Garden Tour hosted by county chapter of Florida Native Plant Society
When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6

Cost: The entrance fee for non-members (\$10) can be paid by cash or check at any of the gardens.

Reservations: To visit the Laragh garden, provide your name by Nov. 4 via 561-247-3677 or www.palmbeach.fnpschapters.org.

Learn more: Docents at each property will be available to answer questions. The venues will display plant lists and labels, and native plant literature will be provided.

and more than 190 species of native plants.

The Oster garden boasts an edible forest of native and Caribbean fruit trees, a tiered pond with wetland plants and trees, and an old sea grape tree trunk giving shade to the back deck.

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is a not-for-profit dedicated to the preservation, conservation and restoration of native plants and native plant communities of Florida. ★



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Outdoors

Happy trails: 5 places to walk off your turkey dinner

By Brian Biggane

You know the feeling. You've just polished off Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings — including a thick slice of pumpkin pie — and it's time to sit back on the couch and watch some football.

Or is it? When you think about the mega-calories your body just consumed and the weight gain that's almost sure to follow, you might have other ideas. A walk sounds like a pretty good plan.

So, pull on those walking shoes, grab a bottle of water and dress appropriately. If your favorite park allows dogs, grab a leash and bring Fido — and make sure to bring water for him, too.

Here are five suggestions for places to walk off your turkey dinner:

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

It's a drive of 20-30 minutes from the barrier island out to the western expanses of Boynton Beach Boulevard, but for a taste of the Everglades you can't do much better.

Once you reach State Road 7 (U.S. Route 441), turn left, travel a mile or two and you'll see the sign just before Bedner's Market on the right. Drive down to the large parking lot and get ready to hike.

Most of the walks are rated easy, some on boardwalks, and can be done in less than an hour. There's a lot to see: alligators, bobcats and white-tailed deer, plus a variety of birds such as sandhill cranes,



Visitors set off on a trail at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge west of Boynton Beach. Coastal Star file photo

pileated woodpeckers, herons, egrets, wood storks and the federally endangered snail kite. Pet walking is allowed only on the perimeter levee.

The refuge opens daily at 9 a.m., 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach. www.fws.gov/refuge/arthur-r-marshall-loxahatchee.

Lantana Nature Preserve

The preserve sits at 440 E. Ocean Blvd., just west of the Carlisle Palm Beach senior residences and a few hundred yards from State Road A1A.

The shady park was reopened by town officials on Feb. 3, 2021, with a new 6-foot-wide concrete trail.

Hurricane Irma left both the 6½-acre nature preserve and the old pathway in shambles in 2017, and after years of debate on what material to use, the Town Council agreed to replace the washed-away surface with concrete.

The tree canopy is lush enough to provide shade almost throughout the walkway, which cuts through the vegetation for more than a half-mile. The western edge of the path is only yards from a waterway, bringing the possibility of alligators, turtles and many migratory birds into view.

Several benches line the route, and an attractive gazebo

is near the front. The land has only six or seven free parking spots, but the lot rarely fills up.

Open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; www.lantana.org/maps/location/NaturePreserve.

Palm Beach Lake Trail

For people seeking a waterside stroll, this trail offers a 5½-mile stretch alongside some of the prettiest homes in Palm Beach.

Running from South Lake Drive near Peruvian Avenue to just north of the Sailfish Club, the trail accommodates hundreds of walkers and cyclists every day.

Tall hedges obscure some of the opulent homes and cottages from view, but the Intracoastal Waterway lapping up a few feet away and the yachts tied up at docks keep the views interesting.

Although parking in Palm Beach can be a hassle, streets around the Royal Poinciana Plaza and Flagler Museum — both of which abut the path — have plenty of free spots.

www.thepalmbeaches.com/blogs/walking-biking-palm-beach-lake-trail.

Caloosa Park

The park, less than a 10-minute drive from the Woolbright Road bridge at 1300 SW 35th Ave. in Boynton Beach, is a 64-acre gem run by Palm Beach County. It features something for everyone — from walking paths to tennis and pickleball courts to playgrounds and shaded barbecue spots.

Living a few blocks away, I walked my dog here almost daily for more than 15 years and

jogged and biked around the multiuse trails that crisscross the park for miles.

A stocked lake nearly 2,000 feet long offers fishing. An exercise course features 20 stations. The park also has 16 handball/racquetball courts and a lighted roller hockey rink. www.palmbeachsports.com/facilities/caloosa-park.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center

While the nature walks are only a small part of all that happens at Gumbo Limbo — the aquariums, sea turtle rehabilitation programs and monitoring of sea turtle nests keep the staff busy daily — the two relatively small trails offer plenty to see in their own right.

Gumbo Limbo is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd. in Boca Raton, along the west side of A1A between Spanish River Boulevard and Palmetto Park Road.

The half-mile Coastal Hammock trail runs next to the Intracoastal Waterway and a Nature Center spokesman recommended it as a quiet, undeveloped tract that features native plants and mangroves as well as animal life such as raccoons and a variety of crabs.

The quarter-mile Ashley trail includes the Butterfly Garden and a chickee hut.

The trails close at dusk. The Nature Center building is closed Thanksgiving but otherwise is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (It opens at noon Mondays.) Parking is free. Pets are not permitted, but service animals are allowed.

www.gumbolimbo.org ★

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday - 11/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at south pavilion, lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. Bags, gloves, grabbers provided. 8-10:30 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

11/5 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium

Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

11/5 - Sea Turtle Talk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 8+; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

NOVEMBER 6-12

Sunday - 11/6 - Intracoastal

Adventures: Intro to Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 12-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/8 - Golden Hour Guided Tours at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. After-

hours guided tour through Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility, outdoor aquariums, open-air butterfly garden, nature trail; ends w/sunset views of the Intracoastal Waterway from the beach by the Seminole Chiki. Age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/18 & 22. 5-6:30 pm. \$10/resident & member; \$13/non-resident. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

NOVEMBER 13-19

Sunday - 11/13 - Intracoastal

Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes hort talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; each child under 12 must be accompanied by one adult. Held again 11/19. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Tuesday - 11/15 - 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 through the hammock, along the mangroves by the Intracoastal. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/20 & 28. 9:30-10:30 am. \$5/resident; \$8/non-resident. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

11/15 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells, the

animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

Thursday - 11/17 - Early Birding with AI at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native & migratory birds from an experienced birder; walk the Ashley Trail/boardwalk in search of warblers, gnatcatchers, woodpeckers, other avian species. Binoculars recommended. Meet on nature center front porch. Age 10+; child must be accompanied by an adult. 8:30-10 am. Free. 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

NOVEMBER 20-26

Saturday - 11/26 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-9:30 am. Pre-registration required: 561-369-5501; seaangels.org

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Wednesday - 11/30 - Eco-Watch Lecture Series: On the Cutting Edge of Conservation with David Anderson presented by Gumbo Limbo Nature Center at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13 & up; child under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30-8 pm. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

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Along the Coast

FAU students visit Naples to assist Ian victims; you can help from home

By Janis Fontaine

In a cooperative effort to help Gulf Coast neighbors, B'nai Torah Congregation, Hands on Tzedakah, and Hillel at FAU recruited 35 strong students for a day of cleanup in Naples on Oct. 7, just nine days after Hurricane Ian wove a path of destruction through the area.

The students boarded a bus at dawn and returned, exhausted, after dark. Their focus was two damaged schools — East Naples Middle School and Sunshine Learning Center. In addition to their hands-on effort, B'nai Torah adopted the schools and will provide new uniforms, backpacks, shoes, food and any other essentials their students may need.

Other organizations have found ways to help, as well. Want to join in their efforts? Here are some suggestions.

• **Gerald M. Barbarito**, bishop of the **Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach**, announced Sept. 30 that direct assistance is being offered through the diocese Catholic Charities, saying people need financial assistance in addition to prayers. Donations can be made through the diocese Catholic Charities office at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.



Students from American Heritage School gather relief supplies for victims of Hurricane Ian. Photo provided

[org/?form=Ian](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=Ian).

• **Baer's Furniture** is accepting donations at its 15 showrooms in the state, including the store at 999 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. For a list of requested items, call 561-391-2012.

• **The Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County** has an emergency relief fund to provide urgent basic needs, repairs, cleanup and long-term help for victims. To donate, go to JewishPB.org/ianrelief.

• **The Ocean Ridge Police Department** is collecting

donations for first responders and their families on Florida's southwest coast who were affected by Hurricane Ian. Tarps, T-shirts, socks, underwear, and all the other things public safety people need to go to work are being accepted. So are monetary donations for their families.

Items can be dropped off at Town Hall at 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. The Martin County Sheriff's Office is sending regular teams to the Fort Myers area and will transport the donated supplies. For more

information, call 561-732-2635.

• **Believer's Victory Church** is collecting items for Hurricane Ian relief. Donors should deliver their items to the rear of the church and ring the doorbell for drop-off. Hygiene items, nonperishable food and baby food, first-aid kits, water bottles, diapers (baby and adult), Pull-Ups, baby wipes, shovels, yard gloves and large yard bags, and canned dog and cat food are being accepted. The church is at 918 Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth Beach. Call 561-969-9009.

• **Grace Community Church** in Boca Raton has a special relief fund for Hurricane Ian. To make a donation, go to www.onrealm.org/graceboca and include "Ian Relief" in the memo. Grace Church is at 600 W. Camino Real. For more information, call 561-395-2811.

• **Palm Beach County Cares** has been hard at work since Hurricane Ian struck the Fort Myers area. To help, you can donate or start a collection in your neighborhood. Drop-off locations include three in Delray Beach: **Subculture**, 123 E. Atlantic Ave.; **Honey**, 16 E. Atlantic Ave., and **Dada**, 52 N. Swinton Ave. To donate money, visit www.palmbeachcountycares.com.

• **Boca Raton Firefighter & Paramedic Benevolent** is accepting monetary donations for Hurricane Ian relief at bocacares.org.

Other ways to help

• **Volunteer:** Volunteer Florida has a website, at www.VolunteerFlorida.org, that serves as a clearinghouse for groups looking for volunteers.

• **Give blood:** OneBlood services more than 250 hospitals. When disaster strikes, it tries to ensure enough blood supplies are available at hospitals near disaster sites. The greatest need is for O- and O+ blood donors. To find a Big Red Bus blood drive or a donor center near you, visit OneBlood.org.

• **Donate groceries:** Publix Super Markets Charities lets you donate any amount to the American Red Cross for Ian relief. You can make a donation in the checkout line with your purchases.

• **Help pets:** To find out about organizations providing relief to pets displaced by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, check out the Paws Up for Pets column, page AT19. ★

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday - 11/5 - Gymnastics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-11. Every Sat through 12/17 9:15-10 am. \$90/resident; \$105/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Saturday Morning Art (smART) at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Studio workshops; families/intergenerational groups focus on artistic family fun to learn, create, enjoy visual arts. Held again 12/3 10-11 am. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/5 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every Sat 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Gymnastics/Cheerleading Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Every Sat through 12/17. Age 5-10. 10:05-10:50 am. \$90/resident; \$105/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Pulp, Paper & Play Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 6-17. Held again 12/3 10:30 am-noon. Per class \$5/resident; \$7/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Space Camp at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 8-12. Held again 11/19 & 12/3 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Drama & Musical Theater Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 6-12. Every Sat through 12/17 11-11:45 am. \$90/resident; \$105/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Irish Dancing at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-17. Every Sat through 12/17 noon-1 pm. \$65/resident; \$81/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - 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

11/5 - 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

11/5 - Alligator Meet & Greet 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

NOVEMBER 6-12

Monday - 11/7 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Age 0 months to "non-walking." Every M 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/7 - Play & Learn for Babies at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn literacy skills during playtime. Age 0 months to "non-walking." Every M 11:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/8 - Toddler Tales at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Age walking to 23 mos. Every T 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Play & Learn for Toddlers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn literacy skills during playtime. Age walking to 23 mos. Every T 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Tots in Tutus with First Steps Dance & Tumbling at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 2-5. Every T through 12/6 11-11:45 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/8 - Baby Rhythms with First Steps Dance & Tumbling at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 6 weeks to walking. Every T through 12/6 11:45

am-12:15 pm. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/8 - Artist of the Month at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 3-7. 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/8 - Teen Tech Sandbox at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 11/15 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Adventures in Reading with STEAM Activities at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment through books w/related STEAM activities. Child attends independently. Age 4-6. Every T 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Teen Tuesday: Fancy Bracelets at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 13-17. 5-7 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/8 - Bedtime Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. 6:30-7 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8-9 - Sensational Story 'n More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Every T/W. T 10-10:45 am & W 3-3:45 pm. 10-10:45 am. Free w/paid admission. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Wednesday - 11/9 - Outdoor Storytime at Boynton Beach City Library under the banyan tree, 100 E Ocean Ave. Enjoy stories, rhymes, more. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Oh Baby Story Time at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Pre-literacy class: music, stories, rhymes, lap bounces. Age 3 months-2.5 years. Every 1st, 2nd & 3rd W 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/9 - Preschool Science: Wild Animal Adventure at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean

Ave, Boynton Beach. Learn about the "Super Powers" of some very interesting animals. Age 3-5. Every W through 12/7 10-10:45 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/9 - 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 W 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/9 - Play & Learn for 2-3s at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Help your child learn literacy skills during playtime w/literacy-based toys. Every W 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/9 - Little Artists at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age: preschool to kindergarten. 10:30-11 am. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Storytime with Darlene at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Age 0-5. Every W 11-11:30 am. Free w/\$6 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

11/9 - ABC's & 123's at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Preschool/kindergarten readiness program. Age 3-5. Every W through 12/7 11-11:45 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/9 - Youth Chess Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 12-17; all skill levels. Every W 4-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Teen & Tween Crochet at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-18. Every W 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Thursday - 11/10 - Yoga Fun at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 2-5. Every Th through 12/8 9:30-10 am. Free w/paid admission. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/10 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/10 - Tumble Tots with First Steps Dance & Tumbling at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 2-5. Every Th through 12/8 10-10:30 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/10 - Kid's Music Circle with Noam Brown at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Th through 12/8 11-11:45 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-member + admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/10 - Messy Play at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Age 2-5. Every Th through 12/8 3-3:45 pm. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-members + paid admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/10 - Snips, Snaps, Tales, & Tunes at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Join Ms. Lovely; story/related craft to develop listening skills, print awareness, fine motor coordination. Age 3-5. 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/10 - Creative Writing Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Grades K-8. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Friday - 11/11 - Art Explorations at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Open art exploration in a specific medium. Age 2-5. Every F through 12/9 10-10:45 am. Per class \$10/member; \$12/non-members + paid admission. Registration: 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

11/11 - 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

11/11 - The Art of the Story at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children create their own art in the style of the featured book. Age 3-7 yrs. Every F through 12/9 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday - 11/5 - Fishing Extravaganza & Rock the Marina at Boynton Harbor Marina, 735 Casa Loma Blvd, Boynton Beach. Live music/entertainment, stroll the plaza, visit downtown merchants & restaurants. 8 am-2 pm Fishing Extravaganza \$45-\$60/person fishing charter & breakfast (advance registration required); noon-4 pm Rock the Marina free. 561-600-9097; boyntonbeachcra.com

11/5 - Tree Planting Event at Fire Station #2, 2615 Woolbright Rd, Boynton Beach. City of Boynton Beach is partnering with Community Greening and the St. George's Society of Palm Beach to host this event. 9-11:30 am. Advance registration required: communitygreening.org/event/boynton-fire-station-tree-planting/

11/5 - Pickleball at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Combines badminton & tennis. Adults. Sat 9 am-noon; M/W 6-8 pm. \$5; \$50/30-visit pass. 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Lake Worth Farmers Market every Saturday, Old Bridge Park, under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 561-547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

11/5 - Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday, at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 561-276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

11/5 - 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

11/5 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Sat through 12/24 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/ resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/5 - Current Events Discussion at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 561-266-9702; highlandbeach.us

11/5 - Workshop: Shadow Play with Sumi Ink at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/5 - Exhibition: Contemporary Art of the Latin American Diaspora at

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 1/14. T-Sat noon-5 pm. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/5 - Solo Gallery Exhibition - Michelle Drummond: Systems at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/3. T-Sat noon-5 pm. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/5 - Art Talk: Panel Discussion with Curator Juliana Forero at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/5 - Workshop: Intro to Drawing at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 2-4 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/5 - 7th Annual Dia De Los Muertos Lake Worth Beach at Hatch 1121, 1121 Lucerne Ave. Live music, dancing, ethnic performances, childrens crafts, arts & crafts vendors. 3-9 pm. Free. 561-495-2550; lakewortharts.com

11/5 - Sunset Tequila & Mezcal Fest at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebration of all things agave! Art, music, food, tech. Age 21+. 4-10 pm. \$125/VIP; \$65-\$85/general admission. sunsettequilafest.com

11/5 - 5th Annual Taste of Recovery at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits The Crossroads Club, a non-profit 12-Step-based meeting center that supports people pursuing recovery from various forms of addiction. 6-9 pm. \$50. 561-278-8004; thecrossroadsclub.com

11/5 - Irena Kofman and Friends at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20/general public; \$10/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/5 - Wine & All That Jazz with Auction at The Boca Raton, 501 E Camino Real. Age 21+. 7-11 pm. \$65-\$150. 561-395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

11/5 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat 7:30 & 8:30 pm. \$20-\$25. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

11/5-6 - Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show at Sanborn Square Park, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 248-762-2462; hotworks.org

Municipal Meetings

11/7 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

11/8 & 22 - Boca Raton - Second & fourth Tuesday at the auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

11/10 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org.

11/10 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

11/14 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 6 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

11/15 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us

11/15 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 4 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov

11/15 - South Palm Beach - Second Tuesday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

11/15 - Boynton Beach - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

11/5-6 - The Thin Place by Lucas Hnath at Boca Stage at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/20. Th preview 8 pm; F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$40-50. 561-447-8829; bocastage.org

NOVEMBER 6-12

Sunday - 11/6 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday - 11/6 - Florida Atlantic University's Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center's Keep Memories Alive Walk at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road. Buzz with enthusiasm and "bee" a Caring Hearts Auxiliary supporter at the 16th-annual event to raise funds for those living with memory disorders. 9-11 am. \$40 per walker. 561-297-4066 or fauf.fau.edu/memories.

11/6 - Florida Native Plant Society Garden Tour at 5 private gardens & 1 public natural habitat in Southeastern Palm Beach County. Homes in Village of Golf, Delray Beach, Boca Raton; gardens landscaped w/Florida native plants. 9 am-3 pm. \$10/non-member; free/member & child under 13; pay at any garden on tour. List of gardens: 561-247-3677; palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

11/6 - Delray is Going to the Dogs: Pooches & Presents in the Park at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Pet adoptions, treats for people & dogs, holiday gift shopping, fun activities for kids & dogs, DBPD K9 dog show, more. 11 am-3 pm. Free/admission. petsbroward.org

11/6 - Solemn Requiem for All Saints': Rutter Requiem part of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton

Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. Free admission; collection will be taken. 561-276-4541; musicstpauls.org

11/6 - Serious Repercussions at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/ alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/6 - Lance Lopez at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/7 - Adult ESOL Class for Beginners at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Basics of English, including: survival skills, greetings, numbers, American money, personal information, everyday living, clothing, housing, shopping, going to the doctor, more. Adults. Every M-Th through 11/30 10 am-noon pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/7 - Advanced Squares at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every M 2-4 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - Computer Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/7 - Stephen Sondheim: The Art of Making Art (Part 1) with Sheryl Flatow at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/28 3-4:30 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/ non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/7 - Logo Creation Using Adobe Creative Cloud Express Class at Boynton

Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/8 - General Election 11/8 - 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

11/8 - Holly House Holiday Gift Shop at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every T/Th through 12/29 10 am-noon. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

11/8 - The Big Powers' War with Robert G. Rabil at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 11/29 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/8 - Introduction to MS Word Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/8 - An Hour to Kill Mystery Book Club: Dear Little Corpses by Nicola Upton at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. In person or virtual. 10:30-11:30 am. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Internet Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Django Festival of All Stars at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$50. Reservations: 561-995-2333; thewick.org

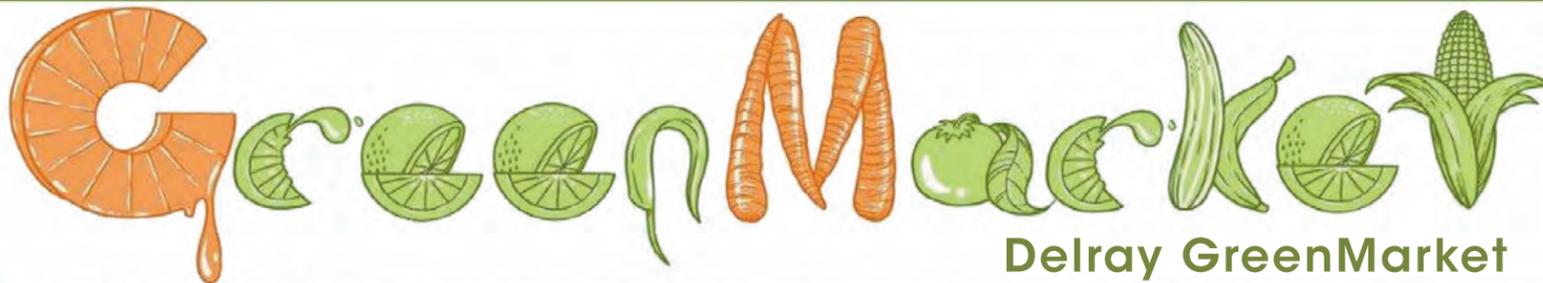
11/8 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 11/9 - 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

11/9 - Intermediate MS Word Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - Lunchbox Matinee: Wiesenthal at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

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11/9 - Microsoft Word Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/9 - Lecture Series - Motion Pictures: The World's Most Collaborative Art Form at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Every W through 11/2 3-4 pm. \$25/member; \$50/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500 x228; bocamuseum.org

11/9 - Workshop: Petals & Paint at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$125. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/9 - The RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl Annual Great Chefs Tailgate Showcase at BRIC, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Boca Raton. All ticket sales benefit Spirit of Giving's Annual Holiday Gift Drive. Price includes all chef food samplings, entertainment, and beer, wine, cocktails & soft drinks. 6-8:30 pm. \$40/advance; \$50/at the door. 561-385-0144; spiritofgivingnetwork.com

11/9 - Town Hall Talk: Afghan Poet Mujib Mehrdad at The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm check-in/refreshments; 6:30 pm lecture. \$10/guest. 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

11/9 - Writer's Corner at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. Adults. 2nd W 6:30-8 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/9 - English Conversation Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/16 6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/9 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd W 7 pm. Free. 561-573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.org

Thursday - 11/10 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Share quilting information, perpetuate quilting as a cultural & artistic form. Sale of quilted items supports the Library. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 561-742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

11/10 - Line Dancing at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Basic modern western square dancing. Every Th 10:30-11:30 am. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/10 - Tech Talk Thursdays: Explore the Digital Library at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/10 - Simple Steps for Internet Privacy and Security at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/10 - Multi-Camera Video Streaming with OBS Studio Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/10 - Jill Switzer Book Signing: The Contemporary Singer's Blueprint: From Amateur to Professional and Beyond at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 5-7 pm. \$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/10 - Hollywood Movie Trivia Night at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-8 pm. \$10/member; \$25/non-member. RSVP by 11/8: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/10 - Poets on the Fringe at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every Th 6-7:45 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/10 - Virtual Historical Fictionados Book Club: Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/10 - Back to Basics Vol 5: A Tribute to Miles Davis at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/10 - Crossover Music: Gorgeous Pop

Veterans Day

11/5 - Lake Worth Annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony of Honor at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 561-586-1600; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

11/11 - Delray Beach Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. 9:30 am. 561-243-7010; delraybeachfl.gov

11/11 - Boca Raton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10556 Annual Veterans Day Program at Veterans Memorial Park, 9400 W Palmetto Park Rd. Procession of colors, guest speakers, patriotic music. Free. 9:30 am. facebook.com/pbcparks

11/11 - Lantana Veterans Day Celebration at Bicentennial Park, 321 E Ocean Ave. 10 am. Free/admission; free/event parking at Sportsman's Park. 561-540-5754; lantana.org

11/11 - Ocean Ridge Veterans Day Celebration at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Hosted by Ocean Ridge Garden Club. 10 am. Free. 561-732-2635; oceanridgeflorida.com

11/11 - Boynton Beach Veterans Day Ceremony at Tom Kaiser, U.S.N. Boynton Beach Veterans Memorial Park, 411 N Federal Hwy. 11 am. Free. boynton-beach.org

11/11 - Boca Raton Veterans Day at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Ceremony, free lunch for veterans, concert, veterans resource fair, more. Seating, chairs available; food/beverage available for purchase. 11 am-2 pm. Free/admission. 561-393-7890; myboca.us/2021/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater

Hits You Didn't Realize Came From Country, 1949-2018 with Pink Slip Duo at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/10-13 - Wiesenthal at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm; F/Sat 7:30 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Friday - 11/11 - Veterans Day 11/11 - 12th Annual American Humane Hero Dog Awards Gala featuring Carson Kressley and Michael Bolton at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa, 100 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 6-11 pm. \$500-\$1200. americanhumane.org/events/

11/11 - Beginner Squares at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every F 6:15-7:15 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/11 - Castoffs Square Dance at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Basic modern western square dancing. Adults. Every F 7:15-9 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/11 - Sick Puppies Stand-Up Comedy Show at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 11/18 & 25 8 pm. \$25-\$30. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

11/11-12 - Tito Puente, Jr. & His Latin Jazz Ensemble at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/11-13 - Violet Music at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/20 Th-Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25/general public; \$18/alumni, faculty & staff. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

Saturday - 11/12 - Workshop: Intro to Creativity - Hilma af Klint Week at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 16+. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$55. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/12 - Reggae Fest FL at Centennial Park & Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 11 am-10 pm. \$25-\$125. 561-274-4663; reggaefestfl.com

11/12 - Virtual Saturday Morning Writers' Group presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 11/26 & 12/3 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/12 - Inventors Society of South Florida Virtual Meeting. 2nd Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. Registration: 561-676-5677; inventorsociety.net

11/12 - Country on the Ave Music Festival featuring Lauren Alaina at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 1 pm. \$125/VIP; \$50/general admission. info@countryontheave.com

11/12 - Workshop: Basics of Figure Drawing at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 2-4 pm. \$50. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/12 - Artist at Work: Andy Hirst, Collage at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501



Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$15/non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/12 - GFWC Casuarina Woman's Club of Lantana Quarter Auction at Maddock Park, 1200 W Drew St, Lantana. Scholarship Fund Fundraiser. 5:30-8 pm. Paddles are \$2. 561-932-4402

11/12 - Concert: Saturday Night Dance Fever presented by Denev Terrio at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Live: Tavares, Evelyn Champagne King, The Trammpps featuring Earl Young, Heatwave, France Joli, The Blue Notes, Lime, more. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm show. Tickets start at \$63.50. 561-393-7700; myboca.us

11/12 - 1st Annual Grand Tasting at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. \$50/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

11/12 - Commercial Music Ensembles at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

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Sunday - 11/13 - Music in the Museum: Palm Beach Opera Apprentice Artists at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$15/non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/13 - Friends Music Series: Rome Saladino, Feelin' Good: Michael Buble Tribute at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 3 pm. Free. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

Monday - 11/14 - Custom Card Crafting Club at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards. Adults. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/14 - Enigma: Breaking Hitler's Secret Code with Robert Feeney at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/14 - Gmail Basics Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/14 - What is Facebook Marketplace? at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/15 - Job Skills Series: Employable Skills at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/15 - Architects Frank L. Wright & Frank Gehry ReDesigning Space to Create Feeling & Impact with Karen Roberts at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/15 - 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

11/15 - Gmail Advanced Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/15 - Custom Card Crafting Club: Evening Edition at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards. Adults. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/15 - How The One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House by Cherie Jones part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/15 - An Intimate Evening of Jazz at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/15 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing day at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 7:30 pm. Free. Schedule subject to change; check website: 561-297-7827; cescos.fau.edu/observatory

Wednesday - 11/16 - Book Buzz: Adult Book Club - The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/16 - League of Women Voters Hot Topics Discussion: Strengthening Medicaid & Medicare Interactive Zoom session. Noon-1 pm. Free. 561-276-4898; lwvbc.org

11/16 - Lunchbox Matinee: Four Winds by Kristin Hannah at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/16 - Microsoft Word Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

Thursday - 11/17 - BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club presented by Delray Beach Public Library at The Coffee District, 325 NE 2nd Ave. 3rd Th 9:45 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/17 - Tech Talk Thursdays: What is iCloud? at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/17 - Virtual Speaker: Alan Berger, Ph.D. presented as part of FAU Research in Action Series. Via Zoom. 1 pm. Free. Registration: fau.edu/research/community/research-in-action

11/17 - Town Hall Tea Time: Sally Ling, Florida's History Detective at The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 2 pm. \$10/guest. 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

11/17 - Introduction to Virtual Reality and 360 Videos Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/17 - The Webb Effect: A Revolution in Space Astronomy at Schmidt Family Complex for Academic and Athletic Excellence, Owls Perch Room, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about NASA's most ambitious and revolutionary space telescope with astronomer Louis-Gregory Strolger of the Space Telescope Science Institute. 5 pm/lecture; 6 pm/reception. Free. Reservations: fau.edu/ndh-lecture

11/17 - Concert: Daniel Bennett Jazz Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/17 - Annual Tree Lighting & Holiday Extravaganza at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave. Benefits the Junior League of Boca Raton. 5:30-7:30 pm. VIP: \$50/adult, \$15/child; free admission with unwrapped toy donation. RSVP: workatbric.com/events

11/17 - Joy in Motion, Orchestral Dances at Florida Atlantic University

Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/17 - Seth Kibel in Concert: Klezmer & More! at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/17 - Sarge at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. \$40-\$50. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/17-19 - Southern Handcraft Society Delray Beach's 29th Annual An Olde Fashioned Holiday at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Juried art/craft show. Th 10 am-8 pm; F 9 am-8 pm; Sat 9 am-2 pm. Free. 561-274-4717

Friday - 11/18 - Baseball in the American Culture with Evan Weiner at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/18 - Simple Steps Towards Internet Safety at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/18 - Exhibition: Gabino Castelan: 2022-2023 South Florida Cultural Consortium Grantee for Palm Beach County at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/31. T-Sat noon-5 pm. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/18 - iPad Intermediate Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/18 - Meet the Artist Store Event - Bud Scheffel at Boca Raton Museum of Art Store, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 2-4 pm. Free with museum admission. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/18 - Open Figure Studio with Model at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 18+. 2-4 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/18 - Create a Framed Dried Flower Arrangement to Take Home at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/18 - Basic Orchid Care Class 3: What's Wrong With My Orchid? at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/18 - Affordable Art Show: Holiday Edition at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Palm Beach and Broward County artists showcase more than 100 pieces to suit a range of budgets (\$25-\$250). Runs through 1/3/2023. Gallery Hours: M-F 10 am-8 pm; Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free. 561-742-6026; boynton-beach.org

11/18 - Friday Flicks: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone 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

11/18 - Bonfire on the Beach at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs/blankets. Held again 12/2 6-10 pm. Free; metered parking. 561-533-7395; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

11/18 - 9th Annual Student Composition Concert at Florida Atlantic University Studio Two Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/18 - Joe DeVito at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$35-\$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Saturday - 11/19 - 36th Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run & Walk at Anchor Park, 50 NW 1st Ave, Delray Beach. 6:30 am registration; 7:30 am start; 8:45 am awards presentation. \$30-\$35/adult; \$15-\$20/child 14 & under. 954-835-5929; victorysportsmgt.com/dbtt5k

11/19 - Oceanfront Bark at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Well-behaved dogs welcome to "paw-ty" on the beach. Dogs allowed off leash on the beach & in the water. Dogs must be licensed and well-behaved. 9 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/19 - Glass Blowing Christmas Ornament Workshop at Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, 1105 2nd Ave S, Lake Worth. Call to schedule time slot between 10 am-4 pm. \$50/1 ornament; \$75/2 ornaments. 561-508-7315; benzaitencenter.org

11/19 - 2nd Annual Art in the Garden at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. Benefits Society's Heritage Garden. Features special Highwaymen exhibit & other local artists. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

11/19 - Fall Warehouse Market Pop-Up Indoor Market at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/19 - Workshop: Paint Your Pet Portrait at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Held again 12/3 11 am-2 pm. \$110. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/19 - ThanksFeeding & Family Fun Day at "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Presented by SMG LLC, Team MRI, & City of Delray Beach. Bounce house, face painting, dessert truck; thanksgiving dinner kit giveaway includes frozen turkeys, veggies, rice, dessert. Presented by SMG LLC, Team MRI, & City of Delray Beach. Noon-5 pm. Free. 561-243-7158; delraybeachfl.gov

11/19 - Annual Turkey Drive presented by The Paul Colson Foundation at Sims Park, 209 NW 9th Ct, Boynton Beach. One turkey per family, first come first served basis. 2 pm. Free. 561-900-4271; thepaulcolsonfoundation.org

11/19 - Light the Lights at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Join Mayor Scott Singer & City Council as they illuminate the 47-foot animated tree. 20-minute musical light shows performed nightly on the hour 6-9 pm through the holiday season. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-367-7073; myboca.us

11/19 - Schola Cantorum of Florida Fall Concert - A Musical Offering: Joy, Hope and Peace at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Hurricane Ian Relief Fund. 7-10 pm. Advance tickets: \$25/general admission; \$5/students. scholacantorumfl.org

11/19 - Crystal Shawanda at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/19-20 - Give 'Em Hell Harry at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/20 - Blackmer's Market at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Food, clothing, accessories, community organizations, service providers. Family fare. 3rd Sun through 3/19/2023 11 am-4 pm. Free/admission. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

11/20 - Friends Speaker Series: D.L. Havlin - Florida, The Forgotten Years at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/20 - Exhibit Artists Reception: Decorative at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/10. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-586-8666; lwartleague.org

11/20 - Friends of the Uffizi Lectures: Michelangelo and Laocoon: A Study in Inspiration at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Presented by Friends of the Uffizi Gallery. Speaker Broward College Art History Professor Dr. Kevin Cole. 3-4 pm. \$15/non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

11/20 - Story Central Storytelling Slam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/20 - Annual FAU Band-O-Rama! presented by City of Boca Raton at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. FAU Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, chamber ensembles & Marching Owls. Rental chairs \$5. 6-8 pm. Free. 561-297-3820; myboca.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=905

Monday - 11/21 - Palm Beach Book Festival: The Revolutionary Samuel Adams with Stacy Schiff at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 5 pm. \$20/general public; free/faculty & staff. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

11/21 - Microsoft Excel Series: Basics and Formulas Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/21 - Poetry Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd M 8-10 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Tuesday - 11/22 - Microsoft Excel Series: Intermediate Formulas Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/22 - Friends Virtual Book Club: The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller presented by 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

11/22 - From Survivors to DPs: Jews in Post-War Germany (1945-1948) with Anette Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/22 - Workshop: Beginning Portrait Drawing at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St,

Delray Beach. 2-4 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artwarehouse.org

11/22 - Hitler and the Germans: Insights into a Mutual Obsession with Anette Isaacs at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

Wednesday - 11/23 - What is Canva.com? at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 2:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Day Friday - 11/25 - Café des Beaux-Arts Opens at Flagler Museum Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Delicacies, refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. T-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm; Sun noon-3 pm. \$22/museum member (includes tax/gratuity); \$40/non-member (includes museum admission, tax/gratuity). Registration: 655-2833; flaglerrmuseum.us

11/25 - The Joe Cotton Band at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$35. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/25 - Garage Queens: Fierce, Fabulous and Fascinating at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Saturday - 11/26 - Shop Small in downtown Delray Beach. Support downtown shops with the Delray Beach DDA. Spend \$200 or more and receive a commemorative ornament. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

11/26 - Shop for a Cause at Lilly Pulitzer, 6000 Glades Rd, #1213A, Boca Raton. A percentage of sales will support Spirit of Giving's Annual Holiday Gift Drive. Noon-4 pm. 561-385-0144; spiritofgivingnetwork.com

11/26 - The Spaghetti & Matzo Ball Show at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/26 - Free Concert: The Long Run at Old School Square Pavilion, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Gates open 6:30 pm; concert 7:30 pm. Free. 561-243-6209; delraybeachfl.gov/parksandrecreation

11/26 - Marlow Rosado Latin Jazz Ensemble at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

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Sunday - 11/27 - One Hit Wonders at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/28 - Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

11/28 - Introduction to MS Word Class at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/28-29 - Auditions: The Play About The Baby by Edward Albee at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Production dates 1/27-2/5/2023. 7 pm. First come first served. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Tuesday - 11/29 - Tech Workshop at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/29 - Native American Authors Book Talk: Sacred Smokes by Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

11/29 - Guided Discussion: The Continued Relevance of Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye with Sika Dagbovie-Mullins at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$65/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/29 - Multiple Intelligences: How People Can Be Smart in Different Ways with Rose Feinberg at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/29 - Appy Hour: eBooks at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/29 - Sip & Shop at Kendra Scott Mizner Park, 411 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 20% of sales will support Spirit of Giving Network. 2-5 pm. 561-385-0144; spiritofgivingnetwork.com

11/29 - Crafting in the Library: Wine Bag Decorating at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Materials & instruction provided. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/29 - 100 Ft. Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-243-7250; 100footchristmastree.com

Wednesday - 11/30 - Microsoft Word Advanced Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/30 - The Life and Presidency of Ronald Reagan with Ronald Feinman at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/30 - Music Americana: The Songs of Eric Clapton and Van Morrison with Rod MacDonald & The Humdingers at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

11/30 - Road Less Traveled at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

Thursday - 12/1 - The Odyssey: An Examination of Literature's Most Important Work and Its Influence on Modern Society with Daphne Nikolopoulos at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

12/1 - Introduction to VFX with Adobe After Effects Class at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/1 - Understanding Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies with Mehrdad Nojournian at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

12/1 - Virtual Speaker: Reza Azarderakhsh, Ph.D. Part of FAU Research in Action Series. Via Zoom. 1 pm. Free. Registration: fau.edu/research/community/research-in-action/

12/1 - Triumph of the Will with Edward Shapiro at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-5:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

12/1 - Concert: Totem Cave Jazz Group at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

12/1 - Town Hall Talk: Archaeological Findings at Boca Raton The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. 6 pm check-in/refreshments; 6:30 pm lecture. \$10/guest. 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

Friday - 12/2 - You Are What You Eat: What it Means to Be Certified Organic with Kelly Korman at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

12/2 - 4-Week Computer Literacy Series at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

12/2 - Preview of the Live from the Met Opera HD Series 2022-23 with Giuseppe Albanese at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

12/2-3 - Ann Hampton Callaway: Let's Fall in Love at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$55-\$60. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

12/2-4 - Villainous Company by Victor Cahn at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 12/18. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$42. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

12/2-4 - Calendar Girls by Tim Firth at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$38/show only; \$61-\$114/dinner & show. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

Saturday - 12/3 - Ornaments Naturally at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Create nature ornaments/decorations w/holiday themes using shells, sea beans, pine cones, other materials (provided). Age 7 & up, children under 18 must participate w/an adult. 10-11:30 am & 1-2:30 pm. \$10/resident & member; \$13/non-member. Advance reservation required: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

12/3 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Sat through 12/24 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

12/3 - Publish or Perish at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Barbara Cronie, Director, The Writers' Colony. 1-4:30 pm. \$75. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

12/3 - Culture Talks: David Walker in Conversation with Greg Stepanich at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Hosted by Palm Beach ArtsPaper. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

12/3 - Lecture - The Architecture of Suspense with Christine Madrid French at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$15/non-member. 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

12/3 - 51st Annual Boynton Beach Holiday Parade in Downtown Boynton, Federal Hwy & Ocean Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6010; boynton-beach.org

12/3 - Rockin' Around the Block & Holiday Market at Dewey Park, 100 NE 4th St, Boynton Beach. Live music & entertainment, children's activities, unique vendors, food and beverage offerings from local businesses. 4-9 pm. 561-600-9097; boyntonbeachcra.com

12/3 - Candela: The FAU Salsa and Latin Jazz Ensemble at Florida Atlantic University Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; \$5/alumni; free/faculty, staff & child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

12/3-4 - 22nd Annual Downtown Delray Beach Art Festival on 4th at 401 E Atlantic Ave. Juried outdoor craft showcase, original crafts, green market, craft media. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-746-6615; artfestival.com

12/3-4 - The Nutcracker at The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Presented by Ballet Palm Beach. 2 pm & 7 pm/Sat; 1 pm & 5 pm/Sun. \$20 and up. 561-832-7469; balletpalmbeach.org

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Sunday - 11/20 - Lantana Green Market every Sunday beginning 11/20 at The Courtyard, 204 E Ocean Ave, Lantana. 11 am-3 pm. 561-515-9919; shorelinegreenmarkets.com

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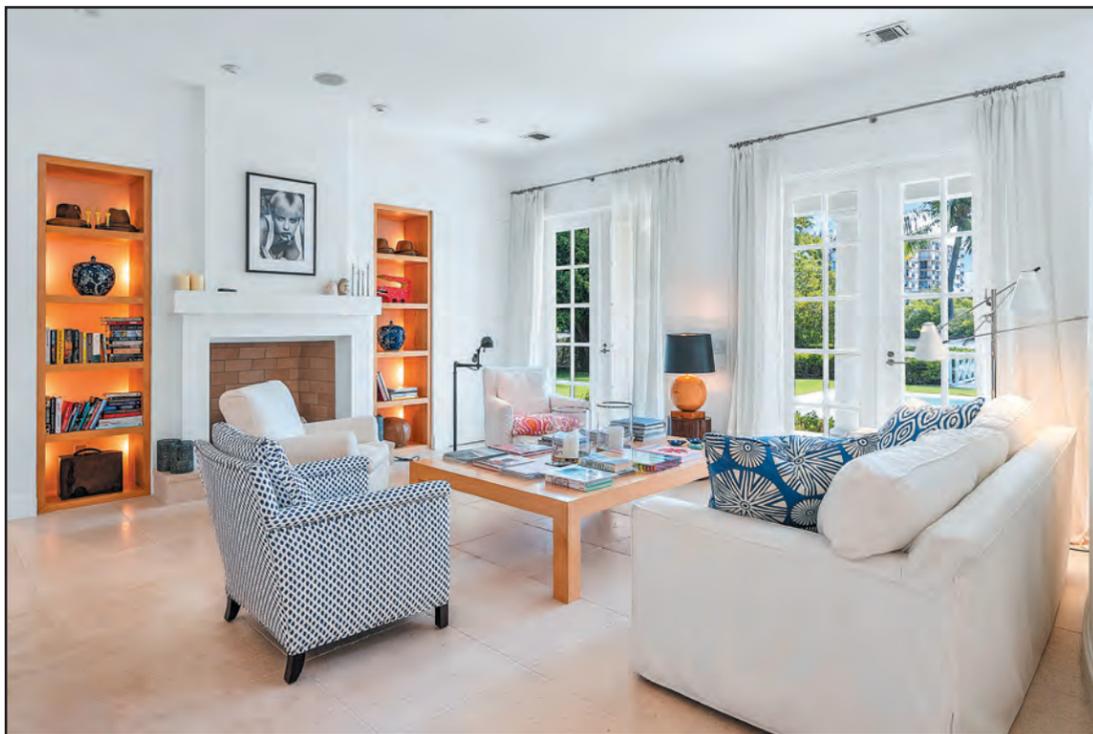


House of the Month



With a triple lot of 1.25 acres, this estate stretches across 264 feet of prime water frontage. It has three docks that will accommodate up to a 35-foot vessel.

Sprawling Hypoluxo Island estate is a study in white



A spacious living room greets you with its gas fireplace flanked by stylish, backlit built-ins that are duplicated on the back side of the wall in the media/family room.

With two stories of endless French doors, this home offers the ultimate in indoor-outdoor lifestyles.



Resplendent in design and livability, this estate with a total of 10,250 total square feet was created by architect/builder Roger Janssen. Offering a mix of neutral stone and wood flooring throughout, the residence has seven bedrooms (two master suites) and nine full and one half baths. A striking, curved staircase leads you to the second level, where tranquility awaits in the upstairs master suite. Lush, green treetops sway outside the series of French doors that open to the private balcony overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway.

The main home experienced a complete renovation in 2019, which included a new guest house addition complete with impact glass. The main house and guest house are reinforced with full house generators.

Further ease of living is abundant with features such as central vacuum and Sonos sound system throughout. Additional details include five air-conditioners under 5 years old and two mini split-A/C's in each garage.

Once you step outside into the meticulously manicured grounds, designed by famed landscape architect Mario Nievera, you will be overwhelmed by the views. The gas-heated pool overlooks the Intracoastal. A covered loggia stretches across the full rear of the home, and the side façade has a convenient outdoor shower.

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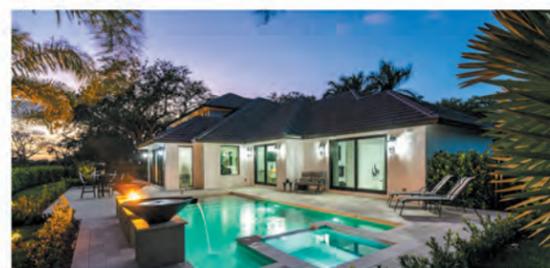
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Nick Younker | 440.867.3930



Delray Dunes | Boynton Beach
4834 S. Lake Drive | \$3,250,000
Margaret Russell | 561.358.1298



Boynton Beach
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John Brewer | 561.573.7333



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Terry Larsen | 561.289.4462



Delray Beach
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Michael Mullin | 561.441.0635



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