



## Storytime

**ABOVE:** Boca Raton City Council member Yvette Drucker and Mayor Scott Singer read 'With Lots of Love,' by Jenny Torres Sanchez, to children at Boca Raton's Downtown Library on Oct. 26 as part of the Read for the Record campaign by the nonprofit Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County.

**RIGHT:** Melissa Bauerlein and her children, Donovan, 1, and twins Parker and Cameron, 3½, listen as Drucker and Singer read at the library. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



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## Highland Beach Commission may urge county to sell park site to a developer

By Rich Pollack

Recognizing that just saying "No" won't stop construction of the controversial Milani Park, Highland Beach commissioners are now planning to hire a consultant to try to convince Palm Beach County leaders that other alternatives exist.

In what appears to be an about-face from more traditional land-use arguments where residents ask for open space rather than development, town leaders say they would rather see the 5.6 vacant acres developed.

For more than 36 years, since the Milani family sold the property to the county for \$4 million with the caveat that it be used as a beachfront park, town residents have been opposed to its development as a park and have been successful in delaying construction.

With county leaders committing this summer to developing as a public park the property straddling State Road A1A at the south end of town, vocal opposition among residents concerned about safety and trespassing is resurfacing.

Town commissioners say they will leave the emotional arguments to residents and instead take a more rational approach.

"We think there is a win-win solution," said Town Manager Marshall Labadie. "There are alternatives where the county

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## Along the Coast

# Strollin' down the Jimmy Buffett highway?

By Ron Hayes

After Jimmy Buffett died on Sept. 1, too many national news reports reacted as if Florida's beloved balladeer of boats, beaches and bars had written only two memorable songs in his 53-year career.

There was *Margaritaville*, of course, the most famous, and *Cheeseburger In Paradise*, the cleverest. But nestled within his 32 albums are gentler tunes — wistful, romantic and wise — that capture perfectly the Florida those of us living here know so well.

You could even argue that Jimmy Buffett once

wrote a song about South Palm Beach and Briny Breezes, Delray Beach and Boca Raton.

*There's something 'bout this Sunday,  
It's the most peculiar gray,  
Strollin' down the avenue  
That's known as A1A*

That song is called *Trying To Reason With Hurricane Season*, from his 1974 album *A1A*, and if the state Legislature agrees, A1A the state road will gain a new name when *A1A* the album turns 50 next year.

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A proposal in the Legislature would name A1A the Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway in honor of the late balladeer. Pictured are the signs at Ocean Boulevard and Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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## Coastal Stars



Jeff and Aggie Stoops, shown at home in coastal Delray Beach, donated \$5 million that helped HomeSafe renovate in Boca Raton and Lake Worth Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Couple's support of group homes provides safer place for at-risk kids

By Brian Biggane

Earning her undergraduate and master's degrees in social work proved to be excellent preparation for Aggie Stoops' current role as a member of the board of directors and one of the key benefactors of HomeSafe of Palm Beach County.

Established in 1979 before evolving into its current mission in the 1990s, HomeSafe offers four group homes around the county for children ages 7-17, as well as an apartment complex for ages 18-23, serving about 80 at-risk youth and young adults a year.

"HomeSafe deals with difficult cases," said Jeff Stoops, Aggie's husband.

"We're pretty much one step away from lockdown," Aggie added. "There are only five agencies working in therapeutic home care in the state of Florida and HomeSafe is one of them."

Aggie worked at Florida Baptist Children's Home and did placement for the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch while a student at Florida State University. She left the health care industry to raise her own four children, but with them out on their own she sought out an opportunity to return to the field and has found it.

Jeff, 65, and Aggie, 64, who live in coastal Delray Beach, began their involvement with HomeSafe in 2014, and Aggie was named to the board two years later. In 2021, the couple made a \$5 million contribution to the organization.

Marketing and Events Director Chere Camus Brodi said those funds have been instrumental in recent renovations of HomeSafe

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campuses in both Boca Raton and Lake Worth Beach.

Other campuses are in West Palm Beach and Royal Palm Beach, and HomeSafe's 13-unit Palm Place apartment complex in Palm Springs is for aged-out participants.

Most of the children, all of whom are referred to HomeSafe from other agencies, have spent much of their lives in substandard family environments or foster homes and are down to their last chance. For that reason, the campuses house only 12 residents, with each getting a room to themselves, as well as a dedicated therapist 24 hours a day.

"We've gone from shared rooms to independent rooms, because the current science says giving them control and independence is the best thing," Aggie said.

Residents typically attend local schools and are otherwise not restricted to campus. "We have outdoor facilities and a basketball court, acres of space at most of our campuses. They can run away, but most don't have a place to run to," she said.

The program has produced many success stories, with students moving on to higher education at schools such as the University of Florida and Palm Beach State College.

While the residences are very different from sober homes, Jeff Stoops said some municipalities have pushed back rather than

welcome them.

"We were in protracted negotiations in Wellington," he said, referring to the Royal Palm campus. "A lot of people were like, 'We're very sympathetic to your cause but we don't want you in our backyard.' It was pretty intense."

Nonetheless, Aggie said, the authorities relented and there have been no complaints since.

The Stoopses' philanthropic endeavors stretch far beyond HomeSafe. Jeff, who will retire in December after serving as CEO and president of SBA Communications for the past 22 years, is also chairman of the board of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. SBA Communications is a worldwide owner and operator of wireless communications infrastructure based in Boca Raton.

The couple supports numerous other organizations through their Stoops Family Foundation. Jeff earned his law degree from Florida State and is a board member of Seminole Boosters. The couple makes a point of attending every home FSU football game.

As for HomeSafe, its initiatives include Healthy Beginnings, which attempts to assess the status of every child born in Palm Beach County before the mother even leaves the hospital.

"We come in with our information and brochures, letting them know we're there," Aggie said. "Most parents are fine, but there are those who need assistance."

For more information on HomeSafe, visit [www.helphomesafe.org](http://www.helphomesafe.org). ★

## Editor's Note

### Say thanks by giving: It's richly rewarding

Thankful. That's the word for November. In today's world, I think we can all be thankful for health, home and safety.

In this edition, readers will find our annual Philanthropy Season Preview. This special section provides information and contacts for organizations in our area dedicated to assisting our community.

Locally, there are staggering unmet needs for children and families, seniors and animals. Art and science, historic preservation, and our endangered environment are also in need of financial assistance. Organizations that promote health and wellness are critical and worthy of your support.

Many of the groups you'll read about inside this paper will be familiar since they've been supporting our community for years. A few are new. With your financial help, all are well-positioned to reach the members of our community most in need in the coming year.

As I consider my own end-of-year giving, I'm drawn to situations outside of my daily scope of knowledge: children who need comfort at a crime scene, seniors without means to buy groceries, families living in cars because they can no longer afford rent. And to the groups that simply provide joy to people with little, through literacy, music, clean laundry or visits with furry friends.

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— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

## Clarification

The obituary for Vinoo 'Vin' Dinanath that ran in the October edition gave the impression a memorial to be held on Nov. 29 was open to the public; it is by invitation only with RSVP required.

A celebration of life planned for Nov. 30 at Gulfstream Texaco is open to the public beginning at 2 p.m.

Boca Raton



During a Sept. 6 unveiling event for the Center for Arts and Innovation, CEO Andrea Virgin stands with board member Matt Cimaglia (left) and Antoine Chaaya, the partner in charge of the project for the architect Renzo Piano Building Workshop. No renderings of the latest plans have been released yet. Photo provided

Mizner Park performing arts center group surpasses initial \$25.4 million target

By Mary Hladky

The Center for Arts and Innovation has raised enough money to meet initial requirements set by Boca Raton during negotiations to complete a deal that allows a performing arts complex to be built on city-owned land in Mizner Park.

If center officials had failed to meet the requirements, the city could have halted the project by terminating a development agreement and the lease of 1.8 acres of city land on which the complex will be built.

The fundraising deadline was Oct. 21, one year after the City Council approved the deal. Center officials needed to raise \$25.4 million, which is 25% of the hard construction costs for the project. They also had to show that they had a minimum of \$12.7 million in cash.

Center officials surpassed those requirements, raising \$26.4 million for hard construction costs that includes \$12.8 million in cash, according to a report sent to the city.

“On behalf of all the tremendous supporters who made this threshold moment possible, we thank you and look forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Boca Raton,” center chair and CEO Andrea Virgin wrote.

“Based upon the information provided, the center is currently in compliance with the requirements” of the development agreement, Deputy City Manager George Brown wrote in an Oct. 25 email to the City Council.

Virgin will report on the project’s status at the Nov. 13 Community Redevelopment Agency meeting. Council members also sit as CRA commissioners.

The city has set additional fundraising deadlines in 2024 and 2025, as well as deadlines for matters such as submitting detailed plans for the project, obtaining building permits and raising money for reserves and endowments.

The project will transform the north section of Mizner Park. Plans call for completely renovating the run-down city amphitheater and building a performing arts center, jewel box theater, rooftop terrace, outdoor performing arts spaces

and a garage. The complex would accommodate 6,000 people in all its venues.

Under the deal, the project must be completed by 2033. But Virgin wants to start construction in 2025, the year that marks the city’s 100th birthday, and complete it in 2028.

An architectural firm, Renzo Piano Building Workshop, whose partners include Pritzker Architecture Prize-winner Renzo Piano, has started work designing the complex. The firm’s worldwide projects include the Shard in London and the new Whitney Museum in New York. ★

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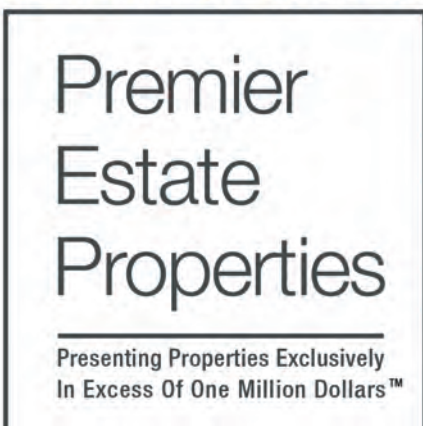
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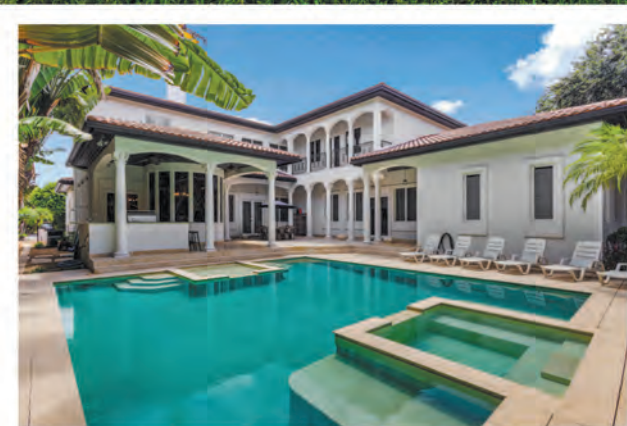
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# Airport to offer front-row seats to takeoffs and landings

By Rich Pollack

It's been almost 120 years since the Wright brothers' historic flight at Kitty Hawk, yet there's still something special about watching an airplane take off.

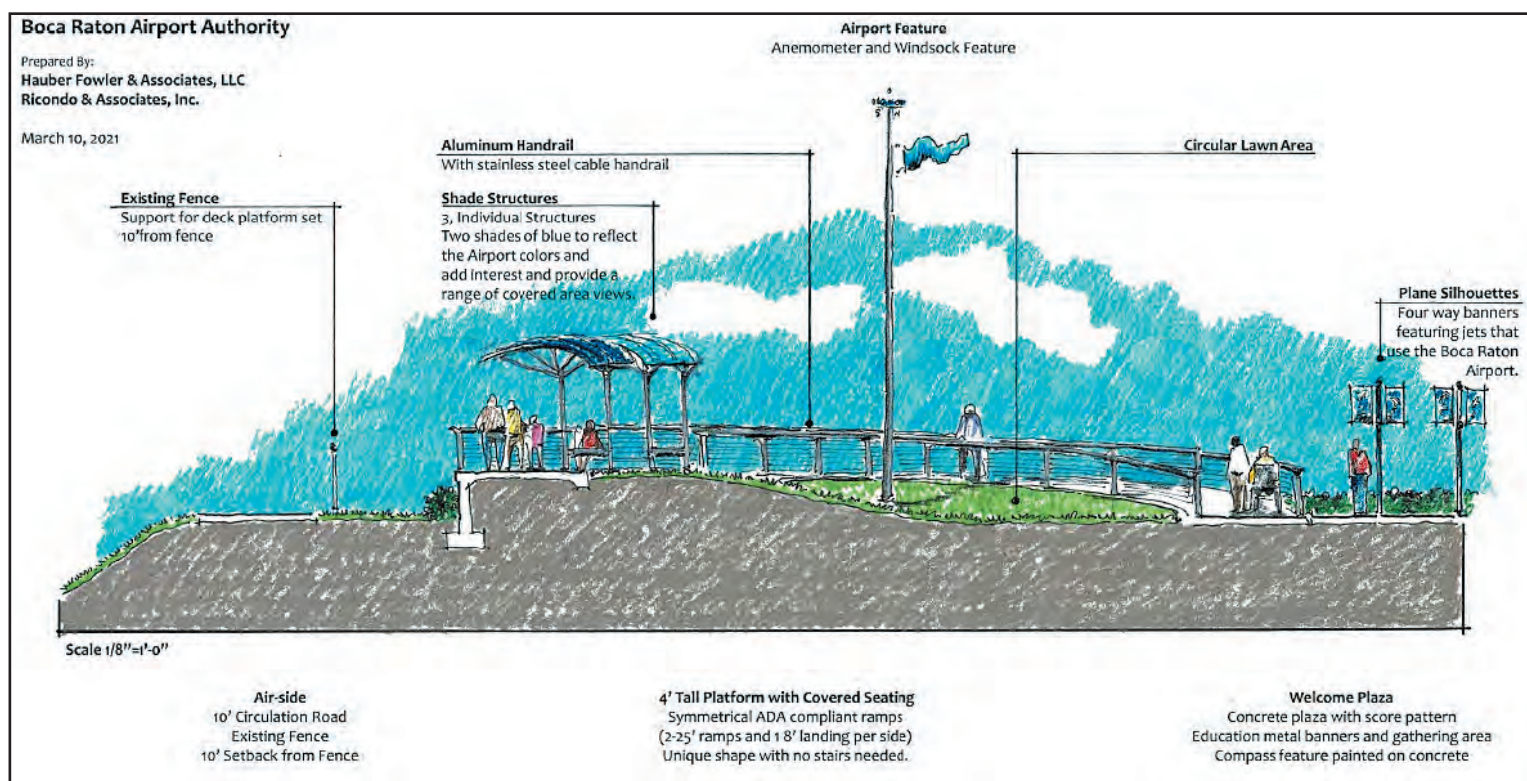
"People have just always been fascinated with flight," says Scott Kohut, deputy director of the Boca Raton Airport Authority, which oversees the airport and its average 200 flights a day.

If all goes well, residents of south Palm Beach County will soon have a comfortable spot where they can take in the sights and sounds of everything from larger charter jets to two-seat propeller planes rolling down the runway.

Plans for a covered observation area on the west side of the airport are taking flight with construction to begin soon and completion planned for early spring.

The 4-foot-high elevated observation area, on public property separated from the actual airport by a chain-link fence, will have three benches and seating for about 12 people, with public parking spaces just a few feet away.

Visitors will also be able to eavesdrop on conversations



A Boca Raton elevated flight observation area with seating for 12 should be completed by spring. Rendering provided

between pilots and the control tower, which will be broadcast to the area.

Located in an area next to the Airport Authority's offices just north of Florida Atlantic University's main campus, the observation deck will include educational signage about the airport's history as well as about the native species visitors might see while watching aircraft take off and land.

The airport and the surrounding area are home to a variety of plants and animals including gopher tortoises, burrowing owls and other birds, according to Kohut.

Without an observation deck, people wishing to see the aircraft come and go can only peer through the fence on both sides of the airport, something Kohut says is not uncommon.

"We have a large variety of

aircraft here," he said, adding that over the years Marine One with then-President Barack Obama onboard landed at the airport, as did former President Donald Trump's helicopter.

The observation deck project, Kohut said, is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$900,000, with the Florida Department of Transportation covering the majority of the expense.

Kohut said that both he and Clara Bennett, the Airport Authority's executive director, came from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport — which has a popular observation area — and wanted to bring the concept to Boca Raton.

"We saw this as a great opportunity to continue bringing members of the community to the airport," he said. ★

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South Palm Beach

# Bids sought for construction of new Town Hall

By Brian Biggane

After years of discussions and delays, the South Palm Beach Town Council at its October meeting unanimously authorized Town Manager Jamie Titcomb to send out requests for bids for the construction of the new Town Hall.

The current Town Hall was built in 1976 as a public safety building and has evolved as a hodgepodge of additions, renovations and repairs that no longer satisfies the town's needs. Council members decided early on that renovations to the existing building wouldn't be cost effective and that new construction was the better way to go.

At one point, an architect's proposal to erect a five-story structure was dismissed as too

extravagant and too costly.

At last month's meeting, Town Attorney Glen Torcivia made a lengthy presentation laying out options and the council agreed to solicit two bids, one for designing and building the project and the other for hiring a representative to oversee the construction from start to finish.

"Let's get going," Mayor Bonnie Fischer said. "It's going to be an exciting project, and now I feel confident there's impetus going forward."

Titcomb said he anticipated sending out the request by mid-October and giving applicants for both 30 days to respond, meaning the council will not be taking any action at the November meeting.

He said a special meeting could be called to give the interested parties — state

statutes require at least three bids to go forward — an opportunity to make presentations.

The town had determined it would prefer the builder use structural insulated panels (SIPs), but a previous solicitation resulted in only one bid. Titcomb said this solicitation will be broadcast nationally, including through SIPA, the national organization for SIPs construction.

Fischer said she hoped the new building would also be a community center with a coffee shop that would attract people who walk every day along the walkway.

Torcivia's presentation offered two options going forward: design bid build or design build. The council opted for the latter, along with an owner's rep, and Titcomb explained the difference.

"In design build you're going after companies that are all under one umbrella, the whole thing from design to construction," Titcomb said. "Usually, the concern there is what happens if there's a conflict between something that goes wrong."

"That's where the idea of having an owner's rep comes into play, where you need someone with credentials to

anticipate and troubleshoot, but in the capacity of the town itself. So, you're hiring somebody to look out for the owner's best interest."

He said the owner's rep will typically be "architects or engineers who have experience in the field. It's good to have a dedicated representative because this is going to be a full-time project." ★

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**PBSO honor** — The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office honored resident Ellen Barnes as its Star of the Month for her "selfless commitment to improve the community" by consistently picking up trash along the beach. Sept. 1 marked four years that PBSO has served the town.

**Manager seeking grant** — Town Manager Jamie Titcomb was authorized by unanimous vote to prepare, execute and submit a Florida Grant Program application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for \$75,000 for a flood vulnerability assessment as it relates to sea level rise, ocean incursion and related water and coastal issues. The town would have until 2026 to execute the studies involved.

**Dune restoration** — Mayor Bonnie Fischer said she learned from Palm Beach officials that the dune restoration project that has been planned will not occur until 2025. She said she found out while attending a conference of the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association in Fort Lauderdale.

— Brian Biggane



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## Lantana

# New assistant chief developed affinity for town after 2004 hurricane

By Mary Thurwachter

Lantana welcomed its first assistant police chief — Thomas Mitchell — in



Mitchell

four years.

Chief Sean Scheller introduced his second-in-command during the Oct. 9 Town Council meeting.

“This is long overdue,” Scheller said, acknowledging the community’s and the department’s growth.

Mitchell, 59, said Lantana “is a fabulous town to work for” and one he has felt a bond

with ever since 2004, when Hurricane Charley destroyed his parents’ home in Port Charlotte on the Gulf Coast.

“The Lantana Police Department was deployed over to assist with policing services in Charlotte County,” Mitchell recalled. “At that time, Sgt. Jeff Tyson” — later Lantana’s police chief — “knew my parents lived over there and every morning he would go by and check on them.”

When Mitchell finally convinced his parents “to come back to my house for a little while,” Tyson “would go and make sure the house wasn’t being pillaged. Everybody there who worked for Lantana would go by and my mother would make them coffee in the morning when we were able to get a generator there. I never forgot that.”

Besides that connection, Mitchell said he and Scheller knew each other as detectives. Scheller worked for Lantana and Mitchell was with Delray Beach, where he worked for 27 years, including during Hurricane Charley.

“We’d come across each other and formed a fantastic professional relationship,” Mitchell said. “When this opportunity came about when Commander [Robert] Hagerty retired, there was no way I could say no.

“Lantana’s got a lot of talent,” he said of the department. “There’s so much growth opportunity in the town, and with that said there’s going to be so much growth opportunity for the Police Department. I’m looking forward to helping.”

The new position was

needed for several reasons, Scheller said. Among them are: increased staffing over the years requiring additional supervision and mentorship; extensive projects and technological advances requiring oversight and policy development; succession planning within the Police Department; and providing opportunity for middle management advancement for current staff within the department.

Mitchell will oversee the department’s day-to-day activities, allowing Scheller more time to spend in the community.

Mitchell recently handled the new radio implementation program.

“We outfitted all the new patrol cars with new recording cameras as well as license plate

cameras,” he said. “Obviously, Sean oversees everything. And we have an outstanding relationship. We keep in touch with each other continuously. I will not make a decision that’s going to make him look bad. He knows exactly what I’m up to every day. And he has input on everything. The five sergeants answer directly to me until we’re able to bring in another commander.”

Mitchell’s annual salary is \$140,000 and benefit costs are approximately \$61,700 (e.g., FICA, pension, health insurance), according to Finance Director Stephen Kaplan. “However, we anticipate saving \$40,000 as we promote other officers up through the ranks as we fill the vacancies,” Kaplan said.

Prior to his promotion, Mitchell made \$131,019 with approximately \$62,460 in benefit costs.

It’s likely that his replacement as commander will be someone who already works in the department, Mitchell said.

Vice Mayor Lynn “Doc” Moorhouse, attending the meeting via phone, praised Scheller for his choice in assistant chief.

“I know he’s bringing people through the ranks, as he should,” Moorhouse said. “We have the best Police Department.” ★



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## Breached sea wall scheduled for repairs

By Mary Thurwachter

A year ago, Hurricane Nicole damaged the south sea wall at Lantana’s beach. This year, if all goes as planned, the breached barrier will be repaired.

To that end, the Lantana Town Council at its Oct. 23 meeting awarded an \$83,663 contract to BDI Marine Contractors for the repairs.

BDI Marine was the lowest of three bidders — with the highest at \$202,572 — on the project.

Funding for the work will come from available reserves and will be included in the mid-year budget amendment in March.

Public Services Director Eddie Crockett told the council he anticipates work to begin early in November and said the contractor would have 90 days to complete the work.

“When the current damage was being evaluated, we noticed the sea wall had been repaired years ago,” Crockett said. “But the time frame and cost are unknown.”

Crockett said if the sea wall is not repaired, the breach would only get worse. ★

## Lantana News

### Sales tax extension

— Town Council members expressed their support for a resolution asking Palm Beach County voters to extend the one-cent sales tax for infrastructure projects through Dec. 31, 2036. The current sales surtax sunsets by Dec. 31, 2026, at the latest. Tequesta, Atlantis and Loxahatchee Groves have approved similar resolutions.

**Planning board service honored** — The Town Council recognized Hypoluxo Island resident Erica Wald with a proclamation for her service on the town's Planning Commission from June 11, 2012, to Sept. 11. Ward's latest term ended and she did not file paperwork in time to seek reappointment.

**Police employee recognition** — The Town Council presented an award to Detective Tom Dipolito as the Police Department's Employee of the Second Quarter. Dipolito, Chief Sean Scheller said, was recognized for the research and implementation of several large technological projects, including license plate recognition cameras and security measures at the Police Department.

**Public services getting new car** — The Town Council authorized spending \$33,309 for a new 2024 Toyota RAV4 hybrid for the Public Services Department. The new vehicle will be assigned to the grants and contract administrator. This individual's current vehicle, a 2019 Ford F-150, will be reallocated to the Parks and Recreation division. The Ford will replace the division's inoperable 2004 Ford Ranger that was previously approved for surplus.

**Municipal election date change** — The Town Council voted to amend its charter to change the date of municipal elections from the second Tuesday in March to the third Tuesday, March 19, when there is a presidential primary election.

**Veterans Day celebration** — The town will have a Veterans Day celebration at 10 a.m. Nov. 11 at Bicentennial Park, Mayor Karen Lythgoe announced. Public Services Director Eddie Crockett, a veteran, will be the guest speaker. In the event of rain, the program will be moved to the council chambers.

— Mary Thurwachter

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## Along the Coast

# Is new law 'nosy' or advancing the cause of ethics?

By Charles Elmore

Half or more of the governing council members in some southern Palm Beach County coastal towns say they are considering resignation before Dec. 31 because they worry a new state financial disclosure law amounts to, as resigning Ocean Ridge Commissioner Ken Kaleel put it, a "Nosy Neighbor statute."

It puts local governments in a massive hustle mode to keep functioning, whether that means appointments, special elections, rethinking of resignation plans or other solutions to keep the chairs filled.

Municipal leaders are attending workshops and meetings to figure out if they want to file the more rigorous Form 6 that discloses net worth and other details for the public to access.

Records requested by *The Coastal Star* shed light on at least some aspects: Nearly 95% of officials in Palm Beach County filed required disclosures of the current form, but among those who did not, fewer than 10% who were assessed fines in the last five years actually paid them as of early October.

That's an unpaid pile of more than \$236,000 in fines, including 11 past-due bills sent to collection efforts, according to data from the Florida Commission on Ethics.

In time, some fines do get paid. They include \$1,500 collected from former Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie in 2021.

Then again, in addition to ethics concerns, she was criminally charged with failing to disclose hundreds of thousands of dollars in alleged income from a commercial landowner. She eventually pleaded guilty to lesser, misdemeanor counts of misuse of public office and failure to disclose a voting conflict.

For many, the issue in past years has been failure to file the less-nosy Form 1 that applies to a number of municipal officials, as opposed to the tougher Form 6 mayors and town council members face in 2024.

"The requirement to complete Form 6, whether contemplated by the legislators or not, will limit the effectiveness of local government," said Bill Thrasher, who served for 17 years as town manager in Gulf Stream and now works part-

**SB 774, signed into state law in May, requires mayors and commission members to disclose their net worth, assets and liabilities worth more than \$1,000, the aggregate value of art and jewelry and other goods, and in some cases clients.**

time as the town manager in Briny Breezes. "In some cases, it may stop local governance altogether."

In Manalapan, the mayor and three of the town's six commissioners said on Oct. 24 that they would be resigning before the end of the year so they would not have to meet the new financial disclosure requirements.

Briny Breezes has been wrestling with whether it will be left with a quorum.

In other places, few people appear deterred.

In Delray Beach, the new filing requirements have not stopped 10 candidates from opening up campaign accounts for mayor and two other commission seats that will be decided in March. Ditto for Boca Raton, where at least four people are running for two City Council seats.

In Highland Beach, three incumbent commissioners who are up for reelection said they plan to run again.

To keep things in perspective, most people who are required to file financial disclosures comply. In Palm Beach County in 2022, 94.8% did so, according to the Ethics Commission. That compared to 98.1% statewide.

### What of willful disregard?

OK, but what about those deemed to have demonstrated a willful failure to file?

Removing someone from office is rare, but it has happened. Then-Gov. Rick Scott signed a 2016 order to remove Daniel Fils-Aime Sr. as a member of the CareerSource South Florida Region 23 Board in Miami-Dade County, for example.

In recent years, the Ethics Commission recommended removal from office in at least four cases around the state involving failure to file, but records show no action by Gov. Ron DeSantis. His office did not respond to a request for comment.

SB 774, signed into state law in May, requires mayors and commission

members to disclose their net worth, assets and liabilities worth more than \$1,000, the aggregate value of art and jewelry and other goods, and in some cases clients.

The required Form 1 for most municipal officials asks for sources of income, liabilities and business investments, with less emphasis on specific dollar amounts.

It may get a bit uncomfortable, but some say they are staying.

South Palm Beach Mayor Bonnie Fischer said, "It is what it is. If we have to do it, we have to do it. I don't think there's any way out of it. I'm not resigning. That won't make me resign."

Vice Mayor Bill LeRoy agreed, despite concerns about the law.

"This is a unique town and I'm in a unique position here, because I am retired," he said. "I own very little. I'm not afraid of it. I don't think it's necessary. You don't need anything to scare people when running for public office. It's hard enough to find people as it is, and we don't need something like this to make it even more difficult."

The Form 6 filing deadline for those holding office as of Dec. 31, 2023, is July 1, 2024, state officials say.

Late-filing penalties start at \$25 a day, after a grace period that ends Sept. 2, 2024, to a maximum of \$1,500. The commission can impose a greater fine, up to \$20,000, if a third party files an ethics complaint and it is found to have merit.

Since Jan. 1, 2018, 312 office-holders in Palm Beach County have been fined for not filing, according to Florida Commission on Ethics records.

Records show 20 of those fines were fully paid over about half a decade.

Fines were waived in at least 25 cases. Two fines were written off for people who died. The majority are listed as "active" or under appeal.

### 'Service requires sacrifice'

Some city and town elected officials have already suggested all of this is too rich for their blood, especially in towns where the salary may amount to modest or zero dollars.

"Every meeting I've been to I've had questions about resignations, and from my unofficial tally I think you're going to see 20% of the county's elected officials resign before the end of the year," Town Attorney Glen Torcivia told South Palm Beach's council Oct. 10, mentioning several smaller municipalities. "I hope 20% is not too conservative."

Kaleel, the Ocean Ridge commissioner who says he is resigning, calls the law a "Nosy Neighbor" affair because it primarily benefits busybodies, while elected officials determined to reap ill-gotten gains often can find a way to hide them.

"Somebody that's bad is going to be bad, and they can hide it in a number of ways — gold bars, cash in closets — we've already found that out," Kaleel said.

Proponents of the law say it is helpful and a step in the right direction. Plenty of money and economic activity can flow through towns regardless of size,

through contracts or project approvals. Indeed, many towns sit on coastal land highly prized by developers.

Supporters call attention to the fact that the same Form 6 disclosure rules currently apply to state legislators, the governor and even many local officials, and life has not come to a standstill.

"Please note that for years county commissioners, school board members, sheriffs and others on the local level have been required to file the Form 6, and this has not been a deterrent to the government attracting and retaining qualified individuals to serve in these positions," Caroline Klancke said.

She is executive director of the Florida Ethics Institute in Tallahassee, a nonprofit organization that says it was founded to protect and advance the cause of ethics.

Some see it connected to a bigger picture of Tallahassee imposing its will on cities and towns.

In Briny Breezes and previous stops, Thrasher's career has featured plenty of pushback against what he regarded as state efforts to take power from local governments.

"For years, local governments have seen the pre-emptive efforts of the state in weakening and chipping away at home rule," he said.

Lantana Mayor Karen Lythgoe says she doesn't know what other council members will do, but she has no problem providing the financial information.

"Public service requires sacrifice and I'm willing to make it," Lythgoe said. "There's no private data you have to provide, no Social Security number, no taxpayer ID number, no bank account numbers, nothing that could be used to steal your identity. They want to know what you have and what you owe."

She continued, "I have no trouble saying this is my net worth and what my liabilities are, but everybody's going to make up their own mind. I'm not quite grasping what people are trying to hide. I guess some people are touchy about their net worth. Maybe because I don't have any I'm not so concerned."

### Is it really a deterrent?

At least one Lantana council member, Kem Mason, said he is still thinking about whether to fill out the form.

"I don't have a lot of details except what I picked up from the Florida League of Cities meeting and I've read somewhat about it," Mason said. "My concern is that our personal information is going to be out there for everybody to have. I don't even understand why the governor and all the other officials all the way down to the sheriff have to do it themselves. It's nonsensical to me."

As he sees it, "If somebody's going to be unethical, or do any kind of criminal act, they're going to do it. They're not going to put it down on paper. They're not going to admit to it if they have that inclination in the first place. So, where's the logic there? If there is any kind of unethical goings-on, wouldn't a discovery in a court room bring all that out?"

Mason said the new law is "a smokescreen for the public to make them feel better about themselves that their officials are ethical people but in reality, it really doesn't do anything." ★

Larry Barszewski, Brian Biggane, Steve Plunkett, Rich Pollack and Mary Thurwachter contributed to this story.

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## Boca Raton

## Lawmaker's push prompts county to consider muting bridge horns

By Steve Plunkett

A call to the cavalry didn't work, so people still irked by the horns on the Camino Real bridge are bringing in the heavy artillery.

State Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman, herself a boater, is leading the charge against the intrusive noise after an outcry a year ago by residents fell flat.

"I personally heard the horn when I was in the Atlantic Ocean entering the Boca Raton Inlet. That is just about a half a mile east," she told the full Palm Beach County Commission on Oct. 3.

Gossett-Seidman, R-Highland Beach, has collected documents from the U.S. Coast Guard and the Florida Department of Transportation that she says clearly state that the county can impose whatever rules it wants on when to sound the horns.

"The decision to set the bridge horn belongs to [County Engineer David] Ricks and county engineering alone. No state statute exists that requires the bridge horn schedule set as every 20 minutes 24/7 and audible from the Boca Raton ocean inlet," she wrote in an email to County Administrator Verdenia Baker.

The aggrieved neighbors include property owners in the Royal Palm Improvement District and guests of the "newly reimagined" The Boca Raton.

"While we understand the alarm is necessary for the safety



**ABOVE:** A boat proceeds through the open Camino Real bridge on the Intracoastal Waterway. **LEFT:** Loud blasts from horns announce the three-times-an-hour openings of the bridge, to the dismay of nearby residents. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

of pedestrians and boaters, we would appreciate it if the decibel level could be lowered as the alarm causes a distraction to our Pool Club and restaurant guests," Daniel Hostettler, the luxury resort's president and CEO, said in a letter to Gossett-Seidman.

Hostettler's complaint got the county officials' attention.

"That bridge has been there, our procedure has been there, so I'm a little surprised that the Boca resort is now complaining about it," Baker said. She assured her bosses that her staff would order a feasibility study from consultants and investigate the situation anew. Gossett-Seidman estimates

that the horns, which are triggered every 20 minutes when the bridge is raised, disrupt the peace of 3,000 to 5,000 of her constituents. A county report puts the bridge horns' sound level at 107 decibels, comparable to the top volume of a train horn. Complaints about the horns' noise surfaced in 2022 after decades of non-use, neighbors say. County officials had no answer for why the horns were not used before.

Commissioner Marci Woodward, whose district covers the southeast part of the county, has arranged meetings with Gossett-Seidman, Baker and other county officials.

"We don't have a hard policy.

We've been following FDOT and Coast Guard regulations. It's not actually something that we've adopted as a board," Woodward told her colleagues.

She also said staff had compiled numbers showing the bridge blasts its horns only once or twice a night, which relieved Commissioner Sara Baxter.

"I do think people get a little angry if they can't sleep," Baxter said.

That the matter is being discussed by the County Commission is a step farther than neighbors got last year. At that time, they contacted then-Commissioner Robert Weinroth, whose staff was rebuffed by lower county

officials saying they had to follow Coast Guard and FDOT standards.

But this time, Gossett-Seidman has correspondence from the Coast Guard and FDOT that says otherwise.

"If an accommodation can be made to address local resident concerns about the operation of the horn at the Camino Real bridge, then the county would be the most appropriate entity to address those concerns since they own, operate, and maintain the referenced bridge," wrote Kelley Hall, the FDOT district's structures maintenance engineer.

And Jennifer Zercher with the Coast Guard's Miami office said federal regulations require only that bridges sound a horn as a fog warning or to answer a boater's horn signal.

"The Coast Guard does not have the authority to require a sound signal [horn] if not specifically for responding to a signal for an opening or a fog signal for reduced visibility," Zercher wrote.

Residents are cautiously encouraged by Gossett-Seidman's efforts.

"She's doing a great job, but these bridge people are doing their best to not talk about it. They just keep sidetracking her. They're so vehemently against changing it," said Tom Tyghem, who lives two doors south of the bridge and has personally spent "several thousand dollars" for a lawyer to pursue the noise complaint. ★

## Highland Beach

## Town asks voters to OK \$3.5 million to bolster aging sewer mains

By Rich Pollack

Richard Nixon was in the White House, American soldiers were in Vietnam and the first man was about to walk on the moon just about the same time that many of the sewer pipes buried under the streets of Highland Beach were being installed.

Now more than half a century later, those original pipes, as well as others installed soon after, are starting to outlive their design life.

Rather than replace them, however, town leaders hope they will get the green light from residents to spend up to \$3.5 million to line the sewer mains throughout the community.

"This needs to happen," Commissioner Evalyn David said during a meeting last month in which commissioners agreed to bring the issue to voters in a March referendum.

While the town has been diligent in making sure older water pipes were replaced and kept in good shape, sewer lines didn't receive as much attention over the years, said Town Manager Marshall Labadie.

"We just have not gotten to the sewer lines," he said. "It's

been out of sight and out of mind."

Now as the pipes start to show their age, the proposed Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project becomes a high priority, according to town leaders.

"If we don't do it, we're going to be spending four times as much and it will be extremely disruptive," Labadie said.

To determine the condition of the pipes, the town authorized a study that was conducted several months ago in which cameras were sent through the sewer mains. They revealed signs of aging that could mean repairs would be needed within a few years.

The cameras also showed that it's likely some ground water could be seeping into the lines, driving up the town's cost of treatment, and that some water from inside the pipes could be leaking into the ground.

To head off having to make costly emergency repairs, the town explored the possibility of lining the pipes, hiring an engineering firm that has developed plans for the project.

All that is standing in the way is a spending cap that requires the town to get voter approval for any project over \$350,000.

Commissioners are also considering whether to ask voters to increase that spending cap to \$900,000 each year with an additional annual cost-of-living increase, but a referendum would still be needed for the sewer lining project due to its \$3.5 million price tag.

Labadie said that if voters approve the project

in March, work could begin quickly because much of the preliminary work has been completed.

Lining the pipes, mostly 8-to-10-inch mains, is most cost-effective and less intrusive than replacing pipes, Labadie said, and will extend the useful life for several decades.

With sewer-pipe lining projects, crews inject an

epoxy-saturated tubing into the existing pipe, inflate it and then set it with heat or steam. The work is done at manholes so little, if any, tearing up of roadway is needed.

If residents approve funding for the project, the town will have several financing options including floating bonds, taking out loans or tapping into reserves. ★

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### Ocean Ridge

## Four properties cited for illegal beach signs

By Larry Barszewski

A new Ocean Ridge ordinance regulating beach signs has been in effect for two months, but don't be surprised if you visit the beach and don't notice much of a difference with the "Private Property" and "No Trespassing" signs there.

Several of the controversial signs are still just as they were before, though time is about to run out for those not in line with the new rules.

Ocean Ridge police officers enforcing the new ordinance found only four properties with signs not in compliance in September. Certified letters giving the property owners 30 days to make the needed fixes didn't go out until the first week of October, so Police Chief Scott McClure said officers will be back out the first week of November to see if any signs still fail to meet the new rules.

The new ordinance doesn't regulate what the signs can say, only where they are placed, how they are positioned and how big they are.

Violation notices were sent to the Turtle Beach of Ocean Ridge Condo Association, 5101 N. Ocean Blvd.; McCormick Mile Beach Club, 6897 N. Ocean Blvd.; and to two Old Ocean Boulevard property owners — at 6000 N. Old Ocean Blvd. and at a beach parcel immediately south of Tropical Drive.

The new rules, adopted in September, say any beach sign has to be situated at the dune toe line, be at least 200 feet away from any other signs, face east-



The arrows on this sign imply that the private beach extends to the ocean. It does not. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

west, and be 18-by-18-inches or smaller.

McClure said Turtle Beach and McCormick Mile had signs too close together. A couple of the other signs were too large and several were facing north-south.

Beach visitors using the Tropical Drive access path are greeted street-side by a "Private Beach No Trespassing Please" sign, which doesn't come under the new regulations because it isn't on the beach itself. But once you cross over the dunes, many signs are visible along Turtle Beach to the north and along the parcel to the south.

As of Oct. 30, many of the signs were still facing north-south and at least one appeared to be seaward of the toe line.

"Never have I witnessed anything so ridiculous," said one Tropical Drive resident spending an afternoon at the beach, who asked that her name not be used. "They're an eyesore."

Amanda Rider, who also lives on Tropical Drive, said it's only the locals using the beach,

because there's no parking for out-of-towners.


"It's pretty absurd that we the people that live here can't use the beach," Rider said.

A Turtle Beach resident out on the sand said the signs aren't designed to scare away people relaxing on the beach, but to discourage rowdy parties that could disturb the condominium's residents.

If a noticed sign still doesn't meet the new regulations when police do their November checks, the property owner may have to appear before the town's special magistrate in December.

Beach signs have been a controversial issue in town for years. Those concerns surfaced anew in February, when residents complained at a Town Commission meeting about signs at Turtle Beach, placed in the middle of the beach, that warned beachgoers away. The residents said the signs were intimidating and were discouraging people from using portions of the beach that were open to the public. ★

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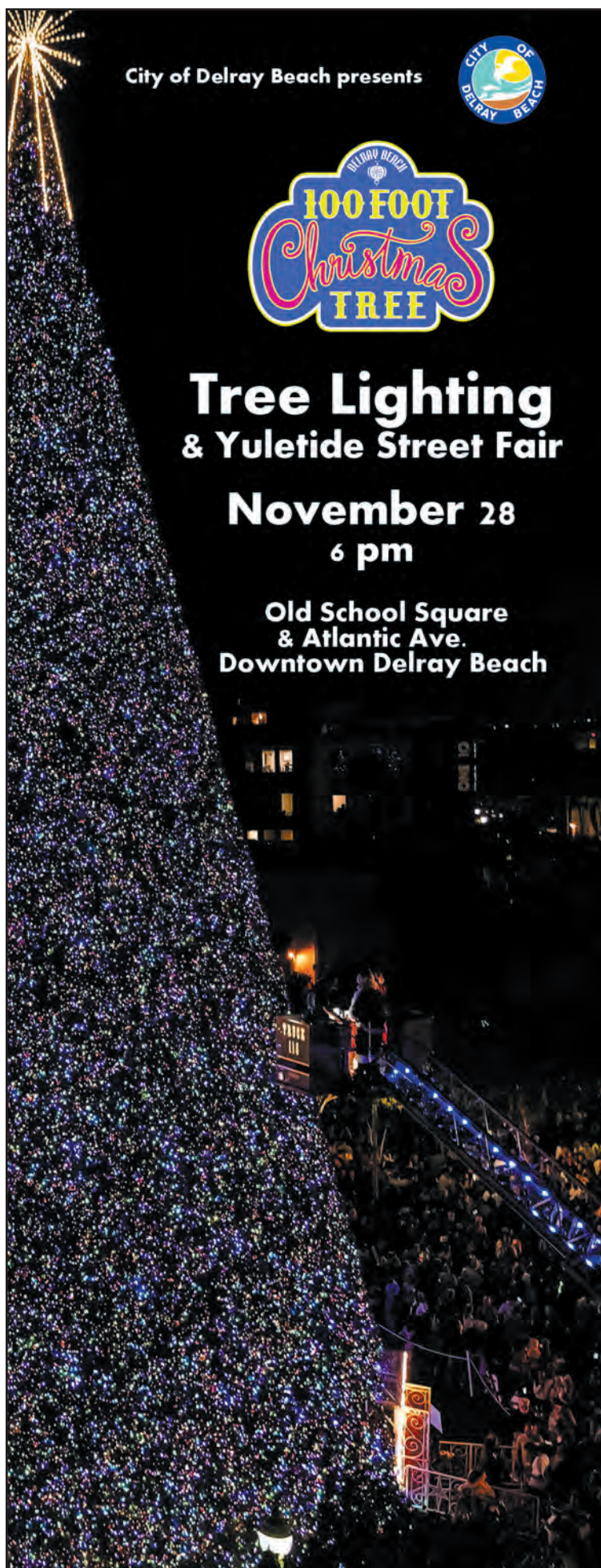
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## Boca Raton

# City hopes to resurrect transit service downtown

By Mary Hladky

Four years after the Boca Raton City Council gave up on having a transit system in the downtown, current council members are pushing to get an on-demand service in place quickly.

City officials will request proposals from interested companies early this month, with the goal of selecting one and awarding a contract in January. Council members added \$500,000 to the current fiscal year's budget to get the ball rolling.

The city previously had free electric vehicle transportation in the downtown — most notably with the Downtowner — but companies were unable to make

enough money with advertising on their vehicles to continue service. The City Council would not subsidize it.

This time around, the council is willing to provide funding. But members hope that they can persuade the Town Center mall, Florida Atlantic University and others to help pay the cost. State and federal transportation grant money is another potential funding source.

"I do think this is something we need in the city," council member Yvette Drucker said this summer.

Brightline train service to the city has made the matter more urgent.

Council members have said repeatedly that they want to give passengers a reason to get

off the train and patronize Boca Raton's restaurants, stores, parks and cultural attractions. Free or low-cost transportation from the station to these destinations could help that happen.

At Drucker's invitation, three companies — Freebee, Circuit and Via Transportation — made presentations to the council in July and September. Brightline already uses Circuit to ferry its passengers to Mizner Park at no cost.

All three, which operate in many Florida cities, said they could tailor their services to whatever the city wants. How much they charge will depend on the size of the service area and what the city asks for.

All offer electric vehicles and an app that customers

use to book a ride. Some cities provide the service free to their residents, but many charge a fee of about \$2 per ride. Boca council members have not yet decided if there will be a charge.

The request for proposals specifies that all trips must begin or end in the downtown area, defined as the boundaries of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency. It would include the Brightline station, Downtown Library, and Wildflower and Silver Palm parks.

The service area would run from Glades Road to the south city limits, and east of Interstate 95 to 5th Avenue/Royal Palm Way.

Destinations might also include the Tri-Rail station west

of I-95 and south of Yamato Road, Spanish River Library, FAU, Town Center mall, Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and Red Reef, South Beach, South Inlet, Sugar Sand and Patch Reef parks.

The maximum wait time for a ride would be 10 minutes. Service hours would be 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

The companies must provide a customer app that can confirm the ride and estimated wait time. They also will be required to provide data so the city can ascertain the service's viability and if the service area should be expanded. ★

## New zoning rules enhance prospects for former IBM site

By Mary Hladky

CP Group's ambitious plan to create a \$1 billion live-work-play development that would attract major technology and life sciences companies to its Boca Raton Innovation Campus got a significant boost on Oct. 11 when the City Council approved zoning code changes that allow the company to re-envision the 124-acre site.

CP Group acquired the former IBM headquarters in 2018, rechristened it as BRIC, and has since spent about \$100 million upgrading the iconic 1.7 million-square-foot building to meet current corporate expectations.

Now it wants to add 1,240 residential units, an entertainment venue, retail and restaurants, a hotel, grocery and more — uses that are not now allowed — to enhance BRIC's appeal to companies and their employees who want live and recreate near where they work.

For the past two years, CP Group's managing partner, Angelo Bianco, and his team have pressed city officials to move quickly so that Boca Raton does not lose out to other Florida cities that also are luring companies that are fleeing high-tax states.

"Tech companies are on the move now," CP Group's attorney Bonnie Miskel told the City Council in 2021. "I want to provide you with a sense of urgency."

Bianco reinforced that point when speaking to the city's Planning and Zoning Board in May.

"I know we need this for the future of Boca Raton," he said. "If we don't, we will continue to fall behind. It is an arms race in a sense, and we are losing."

After a flurry of last-minute negotiations last month, the City Council unanimously approved a new kind of development called "enhanced mobility" that allows what BRIC wants to build, as well as fitness centers, bars and nightclubs, business



Plans for the Boca Raton Innovation Campus at the former IBM site, west of Interstate 95 on the south side of Yamato Road, include 1,240 residential units, an entertainment venue, a hotel, grocery and more. **Rendering provided**

and medical offices, child and adult care centers, museums, conference centers and schools.

Properties eligible for development as an EMD must be at least 100 acres. Residential density will be limited to a maximum of 10 units per acre and building height to 85 feet.

An EMD must be located within one-half mile of the Tri-Rail station that is south of Yamato Road and immediately east of BRIC. EMDs are to be designed to encourage the use of mass transit and bicycles so people living and working in one can largely forgo driving cars.

"This is an opportunity to create a real mixed-use district and take advantage of what is a landmark and milestone (IBM) building and still the largest single office building in all of South Florida," Mayor Scott Singer said after the vote to create the EMD.

He also noted that BRIC now will be better able to attract new corporate tenants, while also

offering retail and services to people who live near BRIC.

Council members Yvette Drucker and Fran Nachlas were pleased that the project will provide the city with additional housing. Asked by Nachlas if he would consider adding affordable housing units, Bianco nodded yes.

"It will allow us to change BRIC from an office-only project to a mixed-use project which is what you need to do today to add value to office space, as well as residential and retail," Bianco said after the meeting.

While approval of the EMD is a milestone for CP Group, its development plans still need to go through the city approval process. That will begin with the group's submission of a development master plan.

CP Group has already shown the City Council and Planning and Zoning Board renderings of the project, but those are conceptual plans. If the master plan is approved, Bianco said

his team will complete the actual project design and will determine the sequence of the project's phases.

If all goes smoothly, Bianco said construction would start in 2025.

The conceptual plans show the new buildings clustered around the existing office building. A "Main Street" with retail stores would be located on the north side of the site, south of Yamato Road.

The entertainment venue could be similar to Hard Rock Live in Hollywood. CP Group has said it would not compete with the Center for Arts and Innovation that is planned for Mizner Park.

CP Group's plans for BRIC echo the Midtown development it proposed near the Town Center mall, an equally ambitious \$1 billion live-work-play project that would have been located next to a new Tri-Rail station.

The City Council torpedoed that office, retail and residential

development, prompting CP Group to file three ultimately unsuccessful lawsuits against the city. But the company quickly moved on, acquiring the IBM headquarters for about \$179 million.

In another matter also intended to boost economic development in the employment-heavy section of the city that includes BRIC, the City Council unanimously approved changes for the Park at Broken Sound, formerly known as the Arvida Park of Commerce, which is north of BRIC.

Park at Broken Sound landowners have pushed for a zoning code change that would remove existing restrictions to the type of office uses allowed.

A much wider range of offices, including medical offices, will now be permitted. The change will create incentives for the construction of new office buildings or the expansion of existing buildings. ★



**PARK**

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could get a better return on its investment and serve more families dealing with more pressing issues.”

The alternative town commissioners discussed the most during a meeting last month was having the county sell the property for development.

“That’s very expensive land,” Mayor Natasha Moore said. “They could sell that property and buy something less expensive that could impact many more people.”

Persuading county leaders to do that, however, could be a challenge.

Providing beach access is one of the main reasons the county wants to go ahead with development of a park in that space, since the county’s comprehensive plan requires a specific ratio of beach access countywide to population, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Cirillo said.

As the population grows, additional beach access is needed, she said.

Under a conceptual design, the park would include parking for about 40 cars on the west side of A1A and would have a boardwalk with access to the beach on the east side of the road.



If built, Milani Park would provide access to Yamato Rock, a prime snorkeling location. Photo provided

Town commissioners believe that the small amount of beach at the Milani Park site is insignificant considering the extensive amount of public beach north and south of town.

Although County Commissioner Marci Woodward, whose district includes the property, has said she is a strong supporter of building the park, Highland Beach commissioners are hoping to convince commissioners representing other districts that money from a sale of the property would have greater impact, possibly in their areas.

A consultant, commissioners say, could play a key role in getting that message — and other alternatives — across.

“We need a specialist who can come up with other arguments and facts so that

we can say, ‘Look, there’s this, this and this.’ Never mind that people don’t want it,” said town Commissioner Evalyn David.

If the county were to forgo creating the park and sell the property for development, the buyer would have several hurdles to overcome.

Under the settlement agreement reached in 2010, the county would be required to offer the Milani family the opportunity to match any offer.

In addition, any development would have to be in accordance with town codes and development of the east side of the property could be hampered since it is believed to have archeological significance as a Native American burial ground.

During discussions of what strategic approach might work best, it was suggested that the town start petitions to show

opposition to the park or charter buses to take residents to a County Commission meeting to voice their concerns.

However, Labadie suggested to commissioners that it is best if residents take the lead on those or similar options.

“Any success in limiting this park requires a self-driven campaign by residents,” he said.

Residents will have a chance to voice their concerns on Feb. 1 when county representatives host a public forum focused on the park.

Labadie believes they will hear a lot of opposition to the proposal.

“I have not met a single person in town who is in favor of this project,” he said. ★

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## Gulf Stream

# Town hits longtime eyesore with three more code violations

By Steve Plunkett

A daily fine of \$200 will kick in on Dec. 8 unless the dilapidated Intracoastal home between Bluewater Cove and the rest of Place Au Soleil is demolished by then.

In addition, the owner of 2900 Avenue Au Soleil must get a building permit by Dec. 1 to rehabilitate or replace the property's sea wall, Special Magistrate Kevin M. Wagner ordered on Oct. 20. The sea wall must be rehabilitated by March 1 or rebuilt by Aug. 1 to avoid another \$200 daily fine, he said.

The actions came after Gulf Stream cited Bhavin Shah for not keeping the principal building or the sea wall in acceptable condition. A third code violation, for having "makeshift" hurricane protection devices on the windows, would be corrected by the razing of the building.

A \$200-a-day fine is already accruing on the main building and its multi-vehicle garage for having leaky roofs. The anticipated demolition would also fix that problem.

Shah, with 2900 AAC LLC, which bought the property in October 2021 and is in the midst of selling it, told Wagner at an Oct. 4 hearing that the tiles on the roofs are no longer made in the same size.

"After the roof contractor got up there, cleaned everything and saw the damage, they essentially suggested that we need to replace the whole roof ... which would be almost



Temporary window coverings are just one of numerous problems for the house at 2900 Avenue Au Soleil, which the town hopes will be demolished. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

a \$250,000, \$300,000 expense," Shah said.

Shah also hopes to have the town vacate a utility easement that runs the length of his

property. Its driveway opens up just behind Place Au Soleil's guardhouse and weaves behind seven homesites on Bluewater Cove and nine on Orchid Lane.

The pipe that sends drinking water under the Intracoastal to the rest of the town is in the easement on the property. Another line along 2900's northern edge carries irrigation water to the Gulf Stream Golf Club.

In a complex plan, the developer of Bluewater Cove has already installed an alternate main under the street it built to accommodate the drinking water line. But that would need a new easement to connect to the underwater pipe, which is behind 2900 Avenue Au Soleil.

And the prospective buyers of 2900 are reluctant either to allow the water connection or to demolish the house until Gulf Stream assures them that it will vacate the current easement.

"This is something that we all want to work together to get done," Vice Mayor Tom Stanley said.

Wagner scheduled a fine

assessment hearing for Dec. 15 in case the three recent code violations are not remedied. The home's previous owners racked up \$200,000 in code enforcement fines that the Town Commission reduced in 2019 to \$20,000 in an effort to get new owners for the property.

Bluewater Cove originally wanted to buy 2900 Avenue Au Soleil and incorporate the parcel into its new subdivision. But Cary Glickstein, president of Ironstone Development Inc., told town officials in early 2021 that he had abandoned that plan partly because of the property's "tortured" legal past.

Three of Bluewater Cove's planned 14 homes are under construction. The next four in the plans are all along the south side of the street, and as they are built will partially obscure visitors' views of 2900 if demolition does not take place. ★

## Gulf Stream News

**Bids produce sticker shock** — The lowest bid for road and drainage work in the Core District came in at \$13 million, or \$2 million more than expected. Jockey Prinyavivatkul of Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers said he would talk to the two bidders to see why the prices were high. Town commissioners said they may rebid the work. Construction has been planned to start in January or February.

**Crew damages Australian pines** — More than a dozen of the town's prized Australian pines along State Road A1A were damaged by a construction crew. An arborist was called in, and the owner of 2817 N. Ocean Blvd. will pay \$5,250 to save the trees, Assistant Town Manager Trey Nazzaro said.

**Another camera to keep eye on cars** — The town is installing a license-plate recognition camera at Pelican Lane and State Road A1A to monitor vehicles entering Gulf Stream from the south. It joins six LPRs that were put in earlier this year.

— Steve Plunkett

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# Delray Beach

## New homes for police, fire could spur West Atlantic redevelopment

By Larry Barszewski

Moving the headquarters of Delray Beach's police and fire departments could create new possibilities for redeveloping West Atlantic Avenue between Interstate 95 and Swinton Avenue, officials say, the latest idea in a difficult, decades-long effort to transform the stagnant downtown gateway.

Not only is the stretch of West Atlantic east of I-95 the most significant corridor into the city's bustling downtown, it is also the major route to and from the city's beaches and oceanfront communities.

A conglomeration of major governmental and public structures — a mix that includes the Delray Beach Public Library and the city's tennis complex, the South County Courthouse and the police and fire buildings — has created a dead-zone barrier for pedestrians and visitors, dividing the downtown to the east from the neighborhoods to the west.

But a recently approved \$100 million public safety bond referendum could change that. City commissioners at an Oct. 17 workshop said using the money to build a new police station farther west on

Atlantic could open the Police Department's current location to a residential or commercial development that would bring more life to a West Atlantic Avenue better connected to the downtown. And the same idea goes for the fire headquarters, they said.

"This is the perfect opportunity for us to really kind of re-envision what's happening on West Atlantic," Mayor Shelly Petrolia said. "I would love to see, personally, West Atlantic be almost like the destination people turn off to before they even get to East Atlantic," that it become a stretch "so unique and so interesting" with lots of places for people to go and have things to do.

Anything that would be done, however, would be in the context of plans, developed with community input, that are in place and being updated. One of those is The Set Transformation Plan, so named because the West Atlantic area is collectively known as The Set, encompassing neighborhoods between I-95 and Swinton Avenue from Lake Ida Road south to Southwest 10th Street.

"I just want to make sure that we are paying attention to what the residents wanted, the residents that live in that

area," Commissioner Angela Burns said. "And that whatever we do will engage the people that live in that area: Housing that matches the income, not necessarily looking exactly like downtown, but bringing those kinds of businesses to this area as well — family restaurants, coffee shops, nice green space. The people in this area deserve that."

The moves would also allow for development connected to Northwest and Southwest Fifth avenues, the historic business district for the city's Black community, a business corridor that Petrolia said had the potential of becoming a Pineapple Grove-type offshoot to West Atlantic.

Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston said moving the police and fire stations could make a dramatic positive difference in developing the corridor.

"If we're able to do that, that's five uninterrupted blocks without any city facilities. It's two blocks with the courthouse and library, and then it's five — on both sides of the street — it would be five uninterrupted blocks with Fifth right in the middle. I think that could be transformational," Boylston said.

It has been 35 years

since the city's Community Redevelopment Agency first put forth a plan — widely panned by nearby residents who weren't consulted about what they would like to see happen on West Atlantic — that would have dislocated hundreds of families living within a block of the avenue to make way for commercial developments.

Over the ensuing years, progress has been made, with residents playing an active role. Vacant lots along the avenue were spruced up, and gateway art installations near I-95 welcome visitors. Likely the most significant redevelopment change to West Atlantic has been the construction of the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, in the 900 block of West Atlantic Avenue.

More needs to be done. Petrolia said she sees people bicycling on West Atlantic, but lamented, "They're not bicycling to something. They're bicycling through it."

Most recently, the city has been discussing what to do with land its Community Redevelopment Agency has acquired in the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of West Atlantic Avenue. Instead of using the land for one big project, commissioners are discussing

making it available for smaller projects.

"We're saying, we're open to whatever's best. We'll move our things around accordingly," Boylston said.

Commissioners said they still wanted the police and fire departments to remain in the corridor, with Boylston suggesting they might make more sense next to and across from the Fairfield. "I think it's absolutely worth a conversation that there would be a better location for those two stations," Boylston said.

The library and courthouse weren't part of the discussion because they are not city-owned.

"The ones [with] the potential for land swapping or relocating would just be the police I think first, because of the bond funds, and then the fire. I don't think there's funds for that at this point, but that may be a future idea," CRA Executive Director Renee Jadusingh said.

Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long said if the two headquarters were moved farther west on the corridor, they could be designed so that they had passive parks or light commercial use directly on the avenue that would improve the pedestrian experience. ★

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## Boca Raton

## Cobwebs brushed off plans for government campus, pedestrian bridge

By Mary Hladky

Long dormant plans to build a new government campus and a pedestrian bridge that Brightline passengers could use to reach the downtown have been revived by the Boca Raton City Council.

Council members added \$300,000 to this fiscal year's city budget that would be used to hire consultants to start planning both projects.

The council first started that process years ago to replace the old, outdated and deteriorating city hall, police department and community center. Consultant Song + Associates submitted two options in 2019 for a new government hub on the 30-acre, city-owned site on West Palmetto Park Road.

But the projected \$200 million price tag stunned council members, who said

they wanted to find ways to trim the cost. The start of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020 brought the project to a halt.

Since then, the buildings' conditions have worsened, requiring the city to spend money on costly repairs.

Mayor Scott Singer and City Manager Leif Ahnell have suggested that developers now may be interested in helping finance the project since the city land is located near the Brightline station.

Similarly, the idea for a Brightline passenger bridge is now back on the table.

When city and Brightline officials were negotiating to bring a station to Boca Raton, Brightline wanted the city to build a pedestrian bridge over Dixie and Federal highways so that people could safely walk between the station and

downtown while being protected from the elements.

City officials calculated the cost at between \$7 million and \$12 million, much more than they wanted to spend. So they opted instead to improve the walkways to downtown on Northwest First Avenue and Northwest and Northeast Second Street at a cost of \$3.3 million.

With the Brightline station now a reality, council sentiment has changed. Singer described the bridge as "vital."

But the cost is unknown. Council members noted that Brightline is now building a pedestrian bridge at its Aventura station to give passengers easy access to the Aventura Mall. They have heard that bridge will be very costly.

Brightline selected a contractor to do the work and expected to have a

finalized contract with that company in October, the rail line said in an August construction report.

Brightline representatives did not respond to queries from *The Coastal Star* about the bridge's cost.

Even if the city does not copy the Aventura bridge, "we know it will be an expensive endeavor," said Deputy Mayor Monica Mayotte.

**In another downtown matter**, the council has approved a new long-term lease of city-owned land to the Boca Raton Historical Society.

The city's historic town hall at 71 N. Federal Highway houses the Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum.

The 30-year lease at \$1 per year includes a renewal option for another 20-year term. ★

## City wants your input on its sustainability efforts

Boca Raton's Office of Sustainability is inviting residents to complete a survey, which is intended to get input that will guide the city's sustainability initiatives over the next five years.

The survey allows residents to express their priorities, propose ideas and offer their suggestions on how the city can effectively address sustainability issues.

The city's first Sustainability Action Plan was created in 2019. The survey results will be used to create the city's second, updated plan.

"Community feedback in the strategic planning phase of our Sustainability Action Plan is a top priority," said Sustainability Manager Lindsey Roland Nieratka. "We encourage all residents to participate."

The survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQ52NJK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XQ52NJK) and on the city's website, [www.myboca.us](http://www.myboca.us).

— Mary Hladky

## Observation tower foundation

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton — Oct. 11



Walker Design & Construction Co. workers level a portion of the more than 100 cubic yards of concrete foundation that was poured Oct. 11 for bases of a multi-level ramp that will lead to a new observation tower. The ramp will make the top deck accessible to people in wheelchairs, using walkers or with other disabilities. The old tower was removed in 2015 after it and the adjoining boardwalk were declared unsafe. The 40-foot-high pilings, at rear, were installed in 2019. Tax money from the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District will pay for the bulk of the \$2.4 million project, which will open next spring. Stephen Kosowsky and Sharilyn Jones of Boca Raton pledged \$250,000 in return for naming the tower after their son, Jacob, who died in a car accident in 2018. Jacob's grandparents donated \$100,000 and the Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards collected more than \$150,000 in a 'Save the Tower' campaign. Jacob's Outlook will feature a plaque honoring Jacob. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Builder that rented Ocean Strand road may be sued for not repaving it

By Steve Plunkett

A construction company that was given a temporary easement through Ocean Strand Park so its trucks and crews could reach a waterfront job site just north of the park is not living up to its part of the contract.

Georgia-based JJ Morley Enterprises Inc. paid \$15,000 for the easement, which ran from December 2021 through February 2023, and promised to repave the park's only road and restore vegetation and anything else it disturbed at Ocean Strand.

At an Oct. 2 meeting Jacob Horowitz, a lawyer for the Greater Boca Raton

Beach and Park District, told district commissioners that the company had offered to reimburse the district for the restoration instead of actually doing the work.

But two weeks later Horowitz recommended changing tactics.

"I'm reluctant and sad to report that the counsel for JJ Morley has been wholly non-responsive to all of our efforts. They've not returned phone calls. They have not responded to emails," he said.

Commissioners authorized him to sue the company. They also told Briann Harms, their executive director, to give the remedial work to Maracore Builders LLC, the firm that

cleared Ocean Strand of many of its invasive plants and installed an asphalt walkway, mulch path and picnic tables there.

Maracore suggested milling the existing road in addition to paving it, adding fresh mulch to the path and hiring an expeditor for the permit process, for a total bill of \$92,000.

But the agreement for the temporary construction easement noted only one dollar amount: \$38,250 for repaving. It also said JJ Morley would be responsible for replanting vegetation and making other amends.

The construction company needed access through the park

to build Manatee Pointe at Lago Mar, a three-unit condominium facing the Intracoastal Waterway. The multimillion-dollar project is at the west end of Lago Mar Lane, which has several homes along it and is too narrow for construction traffic.

Ocean Strand opened to the public as a pedestrian park in February.

In other business Oct. 16, beach and park commissioners got updates on plans for North Park from their consultants and from developer Malcolm Butters, whom they chose to build an indoor paddleball facility at the park.

"We're in the very early stages. Obviously we're going

to get a lot of input from the board," Butters said.

Mike Kroll of consultants Miller Legg told commissioners that the city had asked that an 8-foot-wide shared use path be added to the plan on Northwest Second Avenue from Jeffery Street north to 67th Street.

"Question: That's not really on our property, right? So why are we responsible for widening that sidewalk?" District Chair Erin Wright asked.

"Our goal is to counter that with the city," Harms said. "We're certainly not just going to do it without questioning it more." ★

## Boca Raton

# City changes tack on who should hold permit to house turtles

By Steve Plunkett

The city of Boca Raton has a new strategy to regain permission to house sea turtles at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, but there still is no firm date for the return of the cherished reptiles, which were ordered out of the center in March.

David Anderson, Boca Raton's sea turtle conservation coordinator, applied to the state on Oct. 4 to hold "non-releasable turtles in captivity for educational purposes." Almost simultaneously the nonprofit Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards withdrew its application for the same activity.

Morgan and Cane, the nature center's two longtime resident sea turtles, were transferred to other facilities on March 14, the day after Boca Raton fired its turtle rehabilitation coordinator, Whitney Crowder, and the assistant coordinator, Emily Mirowski. Crowder held the permit to care for the reptiles.

The terminations were part of an evolving city plan to move responsibility and costs for treating sick and injured turtles to the Coastal Stewards, which already was paying for a veterinarian and medical equipment at Gumbo Limbo.

The Coastal Stewards' application to resume veterinary care was filed on Oct. 2 and is also pending with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Meanwhile, Crowder and Mirowski have started a new nonprofit, Sea Turtle Care and Conservation Specialists LLC.

"I'm working away right now," Crowder said. "We're trying to get a big grant."

Anderson, who holds the FWC permit for beachside turtle activities such as monitoring nests and staging hatchling releases for the public, said agency officials have



**LEFT:** David Anderson, Gumbo Limbo's sea turtle conservation coordinator, got help from Boca Raton police's marine patrol to catch an ailing sea turtle off Delray Beach on Oct. 16. **RIGHT:** Minutes later he handed over the turtle to Emily Mirowski Mercier and Whitney Crowder (right), who used the plastic tub to transport the turtle to the beach and onto treatment in Miami. **Photos provided**



asked him already for more information on amending his permit. He has up to 60 days to respond to their questions, and then they will have 90 days to respond to his answers.

That means no known timeline for the turtles' return exists as of now. "It depends on how quickly FWC and I go back and forth with questions and answers," Anderson said.

He said his long association with Gumbo Limbo — he started working part-time there in 2007 — would not speed up the process.

"FWC treats each applicant and application as if they do not know you or the facility/location in which the activity will take place," Anderson said.

That means it is too early to plan any celebration for Morgan and Cane's return.

"We are looking forward to once again having sea turtles in our aquariums, but will not be planning anything until after they are back," Anderson said.

Meanwhile, he reunited with former colleagues Crowder and Mirowski on Oct. 16 when a beachgoer in Delray Beach called the FWC hotline to report a turtle floating just offshore, in apparent distress and drifting

south.

Anderson's team made several attempts to wade into the ocean and net the turtle but it remained just out of reach. Figuring it might be a long wait to see if it would get closer to shore, he called nearby sea turtle stranding permit holders for assistance, including Crowder, who has kept her permit active from her time at Gumbo Limbo.

He also called Boca Raton's police marine unit, which has helped his team many times with water rescues.

"After an hour or so of trying to get the turtle ourselves, the marine unit showed up and I climbed aboard, easily netting the turtle thanks to the boat's ability to get near it," Anderson said.

The FWC told them to take the turtle to Zoo Miami's sea turtle hospital. Crowder and her former assistant, who has married and now goes by Emily Mirowski Mercier, made the trip.

The path to getting the FWC's blessing to restore turtle operations at Gumbo Limbo has stretched on now for more than six months. Boca Raton and the Coastal Stewards agreed on April 25 to let the nonprofit take

over all responsibility, operation and financing of sea turtle rescue, rehabilitation and release efforts.

The city started to apply for the permit to hold the non-releasable turtles in June out of concern that it would take a while for the Coastal Stewards to make two key hires, a veterinarian and rehabilitation coordinator. It dropped that effort in early July.

After making the new hires, the Coastal Stewards applied for the non-releasable permit on Aug. 18, but the FWC threw up a huge roadblock on Sept. 11

with a demand that the city give the nonprofit group "ownership or control" of the nature center's multimillion-dollar aquariums.

That led to the Stewards withdrawing its application for holding the non-releasable and applying for the veterinary permit on Oct. 2. Anderson applied to hold Morgan and Cane two days later.

On Oct. 30, FWC officials asked the Stewards for more details on how much experience veterinarian Shelby Loos and rehab coordinator Kara Portocarrero have specifically with sea turtles. ★

## Former Gumbo Limbo employees start new sea turtle care nonprofit

By Steve Plunkett

People who want to help endangered and threatened sea turtles survive have a new nonprofit they can support.

Two former Gumbo Limbo Nature Center employees, Whitney Crowder and Emily Mirowski Mercier, have started Sea Turtle Care and Conservation Specialists LLC, with a goal to "provide specialized care for sick and

injured sea turtles, while promoting conservation awareness and action."

Joining them is fellow Boca Raton resident Samantha Clark, who spent eight years at the Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center in Juno Beach caring for turtle patients. And on the nonprofit's board are Dr. Maria Chadam, Gumbo Limbo's former veterinarian, and Dr. Charles Manire, Loggerhead Marinelifelife's former vet.

"Within our core group we have over 100 years of sea turtle experience," Crowder said.

Crowder said she and Mercier have been "working tirelessly" getting the nonprofit up and running and have helped other turtle groups "behind the scenes" to release hatchlings offshore since they lost their city jobs in March.

Their group has a website, [seaturtlecareandconservationspecialists.org](http://seaturtlecareandconservationspecialists.org), and a page on Facebook at "CareandConservation" where supporters can make donations.

"It's a huge labor of love," Crowder said.

She said her new group does not directly compete with the nonprofit Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards, which is in the process of getting state permission to treat turtles at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

"The entire sea turtle community is a family," Crowder said. "The sea turtles need us, and that's what we're here to do." ★



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## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Emily Gentile

Emily Gentile gets things done. The president of the Beach Condo Association of Boca Raton, Highland Beach and Delray Beach for the last 5½ years, Gentile has continued to strengthen the organization as it sets its sights on ensuring the safety and preservation of the coastal communities.

"I'm very concerned about the barrier island and the problems we could have in the future," says Gentile, a resident of the Yacht & Racquet Club of Boca Raton. "We need to pay attention to what can be done."

As president of the organization — which brings together condo presidents and managers to discuss key issues and identify areas that need to be addressed — Gentile is working with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation and with FPL to ensure improvements and address concerns of residents.

She also reaches out to her strong links to decision makers to ensure they, too, hear the voices of up to 15,000 residents in close to 70 condominiums the organization represents.

Active in Boca Raton governmental affairs, Gentile is a former City Council candidate and has served on several boards, including the Art in Public Places board.

It was Gentile's ability to follow through on projects that first caught the eye of the condo organization's former president, Jack Fox, who asked her to join the board. From there, it was an easy transition to the leadership role when Fox retired as president.

Gentile, who became the beach condo association's first woman president, was quick to step in.

"I knew we had the right people and would get things done," says Gentile, 72, the mother of a son and a daughter and the grandmother of two.

Having lived in Highland Beach before moving to Boca Raton, Gentile was an ideal choice to lead the organization.

A New York transplant, Gentile arrived in South Florida in the early 1990s and settled in the Miami area, using her technology skills while working in the financial services industry.

She arrived in Highland Beach in 2004 and quickly got involved, helping to create the town's culture board after noticing there were few social activities for residents. That board, with Gentile at the helm, helped produce concerts and other events and was the driving force behind "Light Up the Holidays," an annual holiday celebration.

She moved to Boca Raton in 2007 and developed contacts within the city that have proved invaluable in her beach condo association role. The panel is helping members navigate challenges including high insurance rates and legislation requiring condo recertifications following the collapse of Champlain Towers South in 2021.

She has served on the city's Historic Preservation Board, Business



Emily Gentile, president of the Beach Condo Association of Boca Raton, Highland Beach and Delray Beach. She lives at the Yacht & Racquet Club of Boca Raton and previously lived in Highland Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Improvement District Steering Committee and the Downtown Boca Raton Advisory Committee.

Gentile plans to continue working through the beach condo association to drive needed improvements along the barrier island.

— Rich Pollack

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

**A.** I was born in Brooklyn and raised

in Stony Brook, New York, on the north shore of Long Island. I was very influenced by my upbringing in Stony Brook. The area was the site of George Washington's Revolutionary War spy ring and the streets were named after the heroes of the Revolution. We were very proud of our history and the heroes that helped make America during the Revolution. I became extremely patriotic.

**Q.** What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments

are you most proud of?

**A.** I had an education in computer science in the 1980s and was hired by the head of systems at Chemical Bank in New York. Our objective was eliminating brick and mortar bank buildings and building giant call centers. After I made a name for myself, I was recruited to an officer's position where I was responsible for writing programs for private banking customers.

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

**A.** Anyone starting out today should focus on what makes them happy. Large salaries are great but not if you dread the work. Find your passion, work on it, watch it grow and put your energies into what makes you happy and successful.

**Q.** How did you choose to make your home in Boca Raton?

**A.** I spent several years in Highland Beach. I moved to Boca soon after because of a relationship. I love it here.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Boca Raton?

**A.** My favorite part of Boca is my relationship with the City Council, cultural events, restaurants and the ocean.

**Q.** What are you reading now?

**A.** I've been reading many historical articles of famous women. They sure didn't have it easy.

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

**A.** I relax with light environmental music. It helps me to meditate. Most of my inspirations come from meditation.

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

**A.** "Treat everyone with respect and dignity." It helps to keep everything in check and makes us all human.

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

**A.** My parents were very inspirational and taught me about a lot of things including running a business, how to grow tomatoes. My mother taught me to have insight into why people do what they do. Another inspiration was my godfather, who was a doctor and a child of immigrants. He was afflicted with polio at very young age and was in an iron lung but went on to graduate from Georgetown as a physician.

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

**A.** I asked family members, they all said Meryl Streep. In *The Devil Wears Prada* she was a very hard businesswoman, but had to keep the momentum of her fashion dynasty. At times I, too, have had to make tough decisions.

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**LEFT:** Little League teams, parents, merchants and spectators from Broward and Palm Beach counties arrive at the East Boynton Little League Park on Woolbright Road for a ribbon-cutting ceremony and Stand Up to Cancer event. **RIGHT:** Members of the Panthers, a West Boca travel team, talk to students and media members while their parents watch and beam with pride. The day served as a soft opening for the soon-to-be-renovated park. It will also be home to an indoor training facility where athletes — kids and adults — can hone the skills for their specific sports. **Photos by Tao Woolfe/The Coastal Star**

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Jake Soderberg, vacationing from Key West, calls the proposal to rename A1A for Jimmy Buffett 'a disgusting idea!'

**BUFFETT**

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On Sept. 29, Rep. Charles Clemons Sr., a Republican from Alachua County, introduced a bill to rename the entire 338.752-mile stretch between Fernandina Beach and Key West "The Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway."

The name change would be only honorary, of course, with the Department of Transportation erecting "suitable markers," like the 20 signs that appeared in 1998 when Florida's Turnpike became the honorary "Ronald Reagan Turnpike."

The Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway.

Well, what do you think?

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"That's a disgusting idea!" Jake Soderberg fairly spat.

Soderberg, 42, was perched on a wall at Palm Beach County's Ocean Inlet Park one Wednesday morning in October. He was vacationing from Key West, the town that made Buffett famous, so you might expect some affection for the proposal. But no.

"His songs promote alcohol," Soderberg sputtered. "All his songs are all about drinking."

Well, not *all* his songs.

"Jimmy Buffett is just the same tired old songs," Soderberg charged on. "He had a couple one-hit wonders that are old and tired now."

At Lantana's Municipal Beach, Mayra Mir of South Palm Beach wasn't crazy about the honorary designation either, but for a different reason.

"I love Jimmy Buffett," she began, "but it should stay A1A. It's like nowadays they want to change history. It's frustrating. Ever since I was born it's been A1A."

Mir declined to reveal her age, but was happy to note that she's a grandmother.

"I don't agree with a lot of the things that happened in the past," she added, "but it's history."

Taking the sun nearby, Angel Bartoszewicz, 49, of Lake Worth Beach welcomed the idea.

"Yeah, why not?" she said. "I grew up listening to Jimmy Buffett. I've been to his Margaritaville restaurant in Key West. And, oh, the one in Hollywood, too. And isn't there one in Orlando?"

"His version of Van Morrison's *Brown Eyed Girl*



Angel Bartoszewicz of Lake Worth Beach likes the idea. She grew up listening to Jimmy Buffett and loves his take on *Brown Eyed Girl*.



'He's part of South Florida. He's part of history,' Tom Montgomery says of Buffett. Montgomery likes to ride his bike on A1A, here in Boca Raton. Photos by Tim Stepien / The Coastal Star



Gov. Bob Graham presents an A1A sign to Jimmy Buffett in 1981 after they founded the Save the Manatee Club. Florida Memory

... She struggled for words to describe just how much she loves that song, and failed.

At the BurgerFi across from the pavilion in Delray Beach, Marvin and Vickie Chambers, vacationing from Blue Ridge, Virginia, were happy to chat while their BurgerFi burgers cooked.

"I've been playing drums in bar bands for 50 years," said Marvin, 65. He's drummed in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, mostly in a band called Wasted Acres, so he had a professional opinion about the proposed name change.

"I can tell you," he said, "you always get heckled for Jimmy Buffett. Well, not heckled,

but requests, I mean. Jimmy Buffett always goes over, and *Margaritaville* packs 'em in."

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In Boca Raton, Tom Montgomery and his electric bike were taking a break in the shade of the South Beach Park pavilion. Three weeks ago, he pedaled that bike to Miami and back, so he knows A1A.

"It's a great idea!" exclaimed Montgomery, 56. "He's part of South Florida. He's part of history. I'm from the Bronx, where they name highways for people I've never heard of, so I don't have any problem with it."

Montgomery has a point. You'd have a hard time finding any sentient American who



Vickie and Marvin Chambers of Blue Ridge, Virginia, weigh in on Buffett's popularity. 'Margaritaville packs 'em in,' says Marvin, who has played in bar bands for 50 years.



'I love Jimmy Buffett, but it should stay A1A,' says South Palm Beach resident Mayra Mir.



**Gossett-Seidman**

Jimmy Buffett was a lifelong Democrat, and Gossett-Seidman, 70, is a Republican. But also a big fan.

"It's a brilliant idea!" she gushed by phone between meetings in Tallahassee. "He's Mr. Florida. I remember seeing him at the old West Palm Beach auditorium when I was young. His music resonates with everyone, man, woman and child."

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In his 76 years, Jimmy Buffett recorded more than 300 songs on 32 studio albums that sold more than 20 million copies, but none of those songs ever reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 charts. Even *Margaritaville*, which made him a billionaire balladeer through numerous licensing deals, reached only No. 8 in 1977.

*I blew out my flip-flop  
Stepped on a pop top  
Cut my heel, had to cruise on  
back home.*

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Two weeks after his death at home in Sag Harbor, New York, of skin cancer, *Margaritaville* returned to the Hot 100 and reached the top of the Billboard Digital Song Sales chart.

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hasn't at least heard of Jimmy Buffett, and most could no doubt name at least one of his songs. Guess which one. But some honorees have a tenuous connection to their namesake roads at best, and some are long forgotten.

In 1989, the Gulf Stream Republican Club bid \$25,000 at a public auction to have Northeast Eighth Street in Delray Beach renamed George Bush Boulevard after the incoming president traveled that short stretch en route to a brief weekend respite with a friend in Gulf Stream.

Perhaps you don't remember Ben Sundry, but you've probably driven the Ben Sundry Memorial Highway. Sundry was a Delray Beach mayor in the 1950s whose memorial highway is better known as West Atlantic Avenue.

Highland Beach is home to one woman with a special relationship to the proposed name change. State Rep. Peggy Gossett-Seidman will be voting yea or nay when the bill comes up in the next session, beginning Jan. 9.



The new dog park will have a grand opening from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 4. The area at Jaycee Park on South Federal Highway will be divided for dogs of different sizes. **Photo provided**

## Boynton Beach

### City opens dog park at Jaycee Park

A new dog park at Jaycee Park, 2600 S. Federal Highway, officially opens Nov. 4, with hours from sunrise to sunset.

Leashed dogs are welcome at the 5.5-acre park that runs along the Intracoastal Waterway in Boynton Beach. The dog park

has two runs — one for big dogs and one for smaller breeds. The park also offers water and washing stations.

People interested in exploring other parts of Jaycee Park will find bocce courts, children's play areas, pavilions, picnic tables,

restrooms and a fitness trail.

A grand opening celebration for the dog park will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 4. Food trucks will be on hand, so bring your appetite as well as your pooch.

— Tao Woolfe

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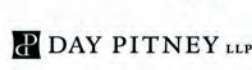
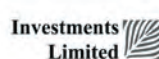
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## Boynton Beach

# Neighbors tire of looking at stalled construction site

By Tao Woolfe

When it was first proposed in 2021, future neighbors objected to an eight-story apartment complex at the intersection of Federal Highway and Southeast First Avenue.

Now, the Boynton Beach neighbors are looking forward to something — anything — being built there. They are tired of looking at a 2.76-acre denuded parcel of land surrounded by chain link fence. The property's sole structures are piles of dirt, crabgrass tufts and concrete Jersey barriers.

The project — originally called Legacy and now known as Broadstone — has been stalled since 2021, but remains active, the city says.

"They have destroyed my property and stolen my street," said Robert Nebb, who owns Ocean Plaza along Ocean Avenue just west of the Ocean Avenue bridge. The plaza backs up to the fallow site along First Avenue.

"Most of the time I am looking at a brick wall and a big pile of mud," Nebb added. "If something gets built, fine, but if not, give me my street back."

The city said recently, through a spokeswoman, that the Broadstone was purchased by a new developer in 2022. The new owner is listed with the city and the Palm Beach County property appraiser as Boynton Beach Apartments Venture LLC, with a mailing address of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The developer is listed as Alliance Residential, also of Scottsdale, which specializes in multifamily workforce and rental housing — much of which has Broadstone in the name — according to the company's website.

Demolition work on the downtown site was completed



**ABOVE:** Construction of the eight-story, 274-unit apartment complex has stalled. **Rendering provided**  
**LEFT:** First Avenue has been closed since last year, frustrating people in the area. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

last year, the spokeswoman said, and the developer has applied for its site work and vertical construction permits. Those permits are making their way through the review processes of various city departments.

Meanwhile, the developer is working on the relocation of a 48-inch storm sewer pipe, which is necessary to obtain a land development permit from the city's engineering/utility department, the spokeswoman said.

Back when it was called Legacy, the project was envisioned as an eight-story residential and retail project, which was approved by the city in January 2021.

The city commissioners approved the project unanimously despite rejection by the planning board, and objections from neighbors that the complex would close part of a downtown street and worsen congestion.

The plan included 274 apartments, more than 13,000 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and 530 parking spaces, mostly in an enclosed garage.

"The project's materials include simulated weathered wood planks, clear glass at the retail level, black window frames, vertically oriented windows and subtle tan tones that create a warmth to the building while maintaining

clean lines," city staff wrote in describing the original plans.

According to slightly revised plans submitted to the city last year, the colors of the building will change from beiges to steely gray and white with slate accents.

Residents objected to the site two years ago because, they said, the plan would permanently close a portion of Southeast First Avenue, which would terminate the street's connection to Federal Highway.

The original owner was an affiliate of Beachwood, Ohio-based Goldberg Cos. Inc.

Those in opposition said periodic traffic backups and flooding on East Ocean Avenue would make the loss

of alternative routes worse, while also limiting access by ambulances or other emergency vehicles.

The city's planning and development board voted 4-3 against one component of the plan in September 2021, and 6-1 against two other pieces. Among the concerns expressed was a "rushed" timetable while many seasonal residents were not present to weigh in on traffic and density issues.

The project does not have to come back before the City Commission unless there are major site plan changes, the city spokeswoman said.

No construction start date has been announced. ★

## Obituary

### Colleen Beckner

BOYNTON BEACH — Colleen Williams Beckner of Boynton Beach died Oct. 5 at the Hospice of Palm Beach County. She was 83.

Born Sept. 30, 1940, to Frank E. and Martha B. Williams in Noblesville, Indiana, Colleen graduated in 1959 from Noblesville High School and attended Purdue University. After moving to Florida, Colleen worked in the title insurance field as a senior underwriter. For many years, Mrs. Beckner was active and involved in the annual Delray Affair in Delray Beach. She also loved her travels to Europe, especially enjoying England and all things relating to Princess Diana and Queen Elizabeth.

Along with her work, Mrs. Beckner loved her Florida life and friends. Special friends who assisted her in many areas of life during her later years were Kelly Callaway and Katie Jurinich.

Mrs. Beckner is survived by her brother, James A. Williams of Cicero, Indiana, and by nieces Camey Williams and Mitizi Evans.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Beckner was preceded in death by her husband, Al Beckner.

At this time no services are planned.

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## Business Spotlight

# Busch family investing in \$50 million Delray Beach residential project

Wellington residents August "Gussie" Busch and Haley Busch, great-great-grandchildren of beer company co-founder Adolphus Busch, have invested in **Onix Delray Beach**, 318 SE Fifth Ave. The four-story, \$50 million residential project, which is launching sales in November, is in pre-construction phase.

"I saw how COVID affected the real estate market in South Florida, and I thought this Delray project was a great opportunity, and we got the land at a very attractive cost," said Gussie Busch, 26. "I still think we are in the beginning phases of the Florida real-estate growth-expansion market, and I am bullish on the market in the South Florida region. I am expanding my family's real estate portfolio and am looking for properties from Jupiter to Miami."

The property was purchased for \$3.9 million in March 2023, and the project was approved by the Delray Beach Site Plan Review and Appearance Board that same month.

Onix Delray Beach's 26 residences, ranging in size from 1,400 to 2,200 square feet, are priced from \$1.5 million to \$2.25 million. Architect



The \$50 million Onix Delray Beach on Southeast Fifth Avenue will have 26 residential units priced from \$1.5 million to \$2.25 million. **Rendering provided**

Norberto Loianno designed them. Interior details will include 10.5-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling glass windows and doors, and natural-wood and white-onyx finishes. Amenities will include a pool, clubhouse, gym, grilling area and EV charging stations. The building will also have 5,000 square feet of mixed commercial space.

Mike Bokzam, of the Boca Raton-based 1112 Development, owner of the property, said that groundbreaking is slated

for April or May 2024, with a completion date 18 to 24 months later.

"Delray is just a really great area," Bokzam said. "It woke up in the early 2000s and it offers night life and walking distance to the beach. The town capped the heights, so it's a little bit more controlled with a small-town feel just north of Boca, centrally located between Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach."

Sales are being handled by

**Lauren Mathews and Claudia Fisher**, agents with **Douglas Elliman**.

**Ron Elish**, chairman and CEO of the Boca Raton-based Elish Builders, recently received a \$20 million construction loan from Centennial Bank for **Delray Ridge**, 2212-2285 **Delray Ridge Lane**, a gated development comprising 14 single-family homes. This loan follows the \$5 million for acquisition

and site development that Elish Builders received from Centennial Bank a year and a half ago. Senior commercial loan officer Bill Bramlett led the financing for the bank. Priced from \$4 million to \$6 million, the houses range in size from 4,700 square feet to 6,600 square feet.

Delray Ridge is expected to be completed next year and seven homes have already been pre-sold. **Jennifer Kilpatrick**, a **Corcoran Group** agent, is handling sales for the project.

**Pebb Capital**, developer of **Sundy Village**, a 7-acre development being built at 22 W. Atlantic Ave., has secured new leases. Tenants include **Vertical Bridge**, a company that owns and leases communication towers, data centers, wireless cells and billboards; **Barcelona Wine Bar**, a tapas restaurant chain; and **Schulson Collective**, a Philadelphia hospitality company founded by chef Michael Schulson. Additionally, Pebb Capital plans on moving its Boca Raton headquarters to Sundy Village.

**Joe Freitas** and **John Criddle**, of **CBRE**, oversee the Sundy Village office leasing. **Sara Wolfe** of **Vertical Real**



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Estate handles retail leasing. Sundy Village is slated for completion in summer 2024.

The Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency received an award for its project "The Heart of Boynton Village apartments and shops," from the International Economic Development Council, a nonprofit professional association for economic developers. The agency was acknowledged for addressing issues related to affordable housing, economic revitalization and community empowerment.

A 7,339-total-square-foot Intracoastal Waterway estate on .83 acre at 2408 E. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton, previously owned by the late Patricia Payne Carpenter, sold for \$23.5 million to Jeff Norman, president of Boca Raton-based JH Norman Construction Company. The D'Angelo Liguori team of Carmen D'Angelo, Joseph Liguori and Gerard Liguori, broker/owners of Premier Estate Properties, represented both sides in the deal.

Built in 1964 by architect Byron Simonson, a Mizner/Fatio protégé, the home was acquired for \$500,000 in 1977 by William K. Carpenter, who

later married Patricia Payne. She expanded the property with a guest house and a pool in 1987. Carpenter, a major supporter of local nonprofits like Boca Raton Regional Hospital, died in 2022.

Right on time for the holiday travel rush and South Florida's busy season, JSX public charter jet service is introducing new routes as of Dec. 21 running through spring 2024.

These include routes between the municipal airport in Morristown, New Jersey, to Boca Raton Airport and Miami-Opa Locka Executive Airport. Another route connects Westchester County Airport in New York and Boca Raton Airport. Introductory fares start at \$669 one-way.

"Our new flights offer customers much-needed peace of mind so they can focus on the festivities of the season and not the burdens of congested airports and unreliable airlines," said JSX CEO Alex Wilcox. "Bypassing New York City and South Florida's most congested airports brings an entirely new and attainable level of convenience and connectivity to travelers ready to fall in love with flying again."

Among Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice

Awards winners for Florida, in lists released in October, Four Seasons ranked No. 1, Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa ranked No. 2, and The Boca Raton ranked No. 3. The awards are based on 2023 surveys taken by 500,000-plus Condé Nast Traveler magazine readers who rated their travel experiences in various categories.

The Research Park at Florida Atlantic University's Global Ventures at Florida Atlantic received a 2023 Excellence in Economic Development Silver Award from the International Economic Development Council in September at the Dallas "Recognition Night" conference.

"Global Ventures was created to help second-stage entrepreneurs scale in South Florida. We identified a gap in the entrepreneurial ecosystem and developed a program to develop it," said Andrew Duffell, president of the Research Park.

The 2024 Niche "Best Schools" rankings placed Florida Atlantic University's A.D. Henderson University School as the No. 3 public elementary school and No. 5 public middle school in the nation. The Niche website,

which researches public and private K-12 schools, also ranked A.D. Henderson at No. 3 in Florida for public elementary, middle and high schools.

Its faculty was ranked No. 4 statewide for best elementary school teachers, as well as No. 2 for best middle school teachers and No. 3 for best high school teachers.

Jim Kobrick is now Lifespace Communities' Abbey Delray



Kobrick

executive director. Previously, he served in operations roles for senior living organizations that include Harbor Retirement Associates, Meridian Senior Living, and Sunrise Senior Living.

Boca Raton resident German



Cabieses

Cabieses has become managing director of Alina Residences Boca Raton, 200 SE Mizner Blvd. Previously, he was the regional director for Castle Group, and he was managing director at Peninsula Community and Residences,

Aventura.

Patricia Nooney has joined



Nooney

Boca Raton-based Avison Young as principal and director of real estate management services for the Florida market. Previously, Nooney was president and principal at CRE Analytics Now LLC. She has also worked at Madison Marquette and CBRE.

American Heritage Schools announced that 40 of its 2024 seniors from its Delray Beach campus were named National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists. American Heritage Schools, founded in 1965, is a private, nonsectarian, co-educational college preparatory day school with two 40-acre campuses serving approximately 4,800 students up to 12th grade.

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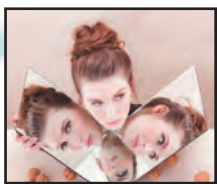


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**Pending** | Alina Residences | 210 SE Mizner Boulevard, 201 Boca Raton | \$5,487,000 | Other opportunities available in this private nine-acre community featuring impeccably designed outdoor living amenities.





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# Philanthropy Season Preview



Impact 100 Palm Beach County, a women's nonprofit organization funding local initiatives in southern Palm Beach County, was formed in 2011 by (l-r) Lisa Mulhall, Tandy Robinson and Cindy Krebsbach, pictured recently at the Delray Beach Club. **Tim Stepien /The Coastal Star**

## MAKING AN IMPACT

A charity founded  
by local women funds  
more than \$6 million  
in special projects

By Sallie James

**C**onnect with us, engage with us and be inspired by what we do to improve our community.

That's the message of Impact 100, an all-woman organization that makes dreams come true by awarding transformational \$100,000 grants to nonprofits in southern Palm Beach County.

Since 2012, Impact 100 has funded more than \$6 million in special projects submitted by 99 local nonprofits. Fifty-six of the nonprofits received \$100,000 grants and 43 received merit

grants of lesser amounts.

The Palm Beach County chapter blossomed through grassroots efforts of three women.

It was 2011 when Delray Beach resident Tandy Robinson crossed paths with the Indian River chapter and knew she had to bring the organization south. Robinson and Boca Raton residents Lisa Mulhall and Cindy Krebsbach founded Impact 100 Palm Beach County and awarded their first \$100,000 grant the following year.

"The first year the three of us would just meet in bagel

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Pay It Forward

Pay It Forward

Note: Events are current as of 10/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER

**Saturday - 11/4 - The Crossroads Club's Taste of Recovery 2023** at American German Club, 5111 Lantana Road, Lake Worth. 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. 4-7 pm. \$60. 561-278-8004 or tasteofrecovery.com.

**Saturday - 11/4 - Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller's Florida Commandery's Knights and Dames Gala** at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Honor Boca Raton Regional Hospital during a benefit for local charities serving the sick and the poor. 6-10 pm. \$350. 561-213-5050 or osjflorida.org/events.

**Saturday - 11/4 - Place of Hope's Hope Bash Boca** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Celebrate the nonprofit's 10<sup>th</sup> year of serving children, youths and families in Boca Raton during a dinner and auction that supports The Leighan and David Rinker Campus. 6-11:30 pm. \$400. 561-483-0962, Ext. 61 or hopebashboca.givesmart.com.

**Wednesday - 11/8 - 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. \$125. 561-470-8300 or bestfoot.org.

**Thursday - 11/9 - The Jed Foundation's Florida Gala** at The Ray Hotel Delray Beach, 233 N.E. Second Ave. Support the fourth-annual fundraiser to protect emotional health and prevent suicide among teens and young adults. 7-10 pm. \$450. 914-844-4611 or one.bidpal.net/jedfl2023/welcome.

**Boca Raton Mayors Ball**  
Boca West Country Club



**Nov. 11:** The Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton's black-tie dinner dance that raises funds to support health and wellness needs in the community will celebrate city visionaries past and present. Time is 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$450. Call 561-756-3097 or visit rotarydowntownbocaraton.org. **ABOVE:** (l-r, sitting) Committee members Alan Kaye, Dr. Allen Konis, Arlene Herson, Jeff Weber, Jon and Bonnie Kaye, Dyana Kenney, Kim Champion, Shaheer Hosh, Gale Wechsler, (standing) Howard Tai, Turi and Feri Turker, Dr. Ron Rubin, Linda Petrakis, Michael Pierce, Jonathan Whitney, Bruce Spizler, Marilyn Wilson, Gloria Wank and Doug Mithun. **Photo provided**

**Friday - 11/10 - Junior League of Boca Raton's Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon** at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Revel in this year's 36<sup>th</sup>-anniversary event that honors outstanding female leaders and treats guests to a New York-style fashion show. 10:30 am. \$200. 561-620-2553 or jlbr.org.

**Saturday - 11/11 - 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. \$450. 561-756-3097 or rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

**Thursday - 11/30 - 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 charitable activities. 6:30-10 pm. \$125. 561-316-3565 or lakeworthrotary.org.

DECEMBER

**Friday - 12/1 - Fuller Center's Wee Dream Ball** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Support at-risk children in the community by attending a

storybook evening featuring live entertainment by a master magician, music and dancing, a live auction, delicious cuisine and a look into the next chapter of the nonprofit. 6-11 pm. \$350. 561-391-7274, Ext. 134 or fullercenterfl.org/wee-dream-ball.

**Tuesday - 12/5 - 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. \$195. 561-676-5472 or bgcbbc.org.

**Saturday - 12/9 - 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. \$35. 561-670-2518 or pbcfoodbank.org.

**Sunday - 12/10 - 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. \$200. 561-268-2346 or hanleyfoundation.org.



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# ‘Powerhouses’ to be honored by Junior League of Boca Raton

By Amy Woods

A fashion show featuring couture from the exclusive retail shops at The Boca Raton highlights this year’s Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon benefiting the Junior League of Boca Raton.

Also highlighting the 36th annual fundraiser are the 49 nominees whose contributions to South County know no bounds.

“They’re powerhouses,” said Margaret Blume, honorary chairwoman of the Nov. 10 luncheon. “These are people who are busy making things better.”

The nominees for Woman Volunteer of the Year are Elaine Abrams, Amy Adaniel, Amy Aronowitz, Judi Asselta, Ashley Bacon, Mara Benjamin, Katie Miller Busch, Nancy Chanin, Kim Champion, Pamela Coffey, Susan Diener, Mary Donnell, Nicole Flier, Marianne Forrest, Dre Garcia, Donna Glenn, Ellen Gorringer, JoAnne Greiser, Wendy Hasselman, Sharon Hill, Bonnie Kaye, Janet Kranich, Zoe Lanham, Ellen Leibovitch, Kathryn Leonard, Cristina Lewis, Rebecca Lourido, Fernanda Macedo, Victoria Matthews, Tarra Pressey Moten, Claudia Mineyi Nichols, Lynne Ogren, Betsy Owen, Isabel Parrado, Julie Peyton, Pamela Polani, Vicki Pugh, Ana Maria Restrepo, Jackie Reeves, Claudia Rodney, Kristen Ross-Majhess, Danielle Rosse, Bonnie Schweiger, Lynn Travis Stender, Missy Tschappat, Christine Turner, Andrea Virgin, Lee Williams and Aubrey McCutchen Zeigler.

“It’s very inspiring to read the biographies that the women submit,” said Nancy Dockerty, luncheon chairwoman. “They all are longtime volunteers, many of whom have been nominated previously from other organizations.”

The women will be honored during the event as they walk the runway while a video screen displays each one’s name, photo and the logo of the organization that nominated her, all before a sold-out crowd of 1,000.

“My responsibility is fundraising. Equal to that, though, is making this an amazing experience for the nominees,” Dockerty said.



Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon Chairwoman Nancy Dockerty and Honorary Chairwoman Margaret Blume. Photo provided

“I have been nominated for this in the past, and I felt like the belle at the ball. That is ultimately our goal.”

The luncheon will conclude with the naming of the award recipient, who will receive a gold-and-diamond pin.

“These remarkable

nominees have made such an enormous difference in our community,” Junior League President Meghan Shea said. “We are thrilled to honor these truly deserving women who have uplifted and positively impacted so many lives.” ★

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Dysport Day is on November 8th, when ASPIRE rewards offers patients a \$150 gift card for just \$100. Beauty Within will also be offering Dysport at \$10 per unit, the lowest price of the year, for one day only!

Botox Cosmetic Day is on November 15th, when ALLE offers patients a \$100 gift card for only \$50. ALLE will also reward patients with double points on Botox treatments all month long. For the first time ever, Beauty Within will be offering Botox at \$10/unit for the entire week from November 13th through the 17th, with no minimum purchase necessary!

*Let Beauty Within show you their thanks this holiday season!*

**If You Go**  
**What:** Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon  
**When:** 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10  
**Where:** The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real  
**Cost:** \$200  
**Information:** 561-620-2553 or jlbr.org

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Philanthropy Notes

Tackle Hunger cereal drive collects enough for 7,380 bowls

During September's Hunger Action Month, Boca Helping Hands in collaboration with Florida Atlantic University and Cereal4All organized the Tackle Hunger cereal drive.

In its third year, the drive offered free tickets to the Owls' Sept. 9 game against Ohio University to those who donated one or more unopened cereal boxes prior to kickoff. Participants donated 738 boxes, equating to 7,380 bowls, more than double last year's total.

"We were so pleased that so many people came out from the community to donate cereal— especially with some rain showers leading up to the game," said Greg Hazle, executive director of Boca Helping Hands. "Cereal is one of the least-donated items to food banks across the country,



Cereal4All founders Luke and Jett Justin. Photo provided

which means underserved kids and families do not always get to start their day with a nutritious breakfast."

Cereal4All was started by 15-year-old twin brothers Jett and Luke Justin, of Boca Raton, when they were age 8. After volunteering at Boca

Helping Hands with their parents, the boys planned their first cereal drive at their elementary school in 2016.

Since then, they have expanded the program to 15 schools in Palm Beach County as well as to schools in Arizona, California,

Connecticut, Nevada, New York and Washington to benefit local food banks.

"The reason Cereal4All is successful is because most other students feel the same way we do about cereal," Jett Justin said. "It gets them thinking about the happiness and hunger needs of others in a more personal way."

For more information, visit <https://cereal4all.org>.

To learn more about Boca Helping Hands, call 561-417-0913 or visit [www.bocahelpinghands.org](http://www.bocahelpinghands.org).

**Airport awards \$25,000 for aviation students**

Now a seven-year tradition, the \$25,000 contribution by the Boca Raton Airport Authority to the Boca Raton Airport Scholarship took place at the September board meeting.

The funds aim to underpin the educational pursuits of Palm Beach County students seeking to make their mark in the aviation industry.

"The next generation of aviators and aerospace professionals starts with these students," said Clara Bennett, the BRAA's executive director. "We're proud to be part of their journey toward a career in this growing industry."

The scholarship is administered by the George Snow Scholarship Fund, which earlier this year honored the BRAA with the Corporate Community Service Award.

For more information, call 561-391-2202 or visit <https://bocairport.com>.

**Symphonia to teach Milagro Center kids**

The Symphonia has entered into a partnership with the Milagro Center to serve as the base of operations for the orchestra's youth-outreach program.

Named the Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Strings and Self-Esteem Program, it provides children from underserved families the opportunity to learn to play a string instrument such as the violin, viola, cello or bass while developing self-esteem through positive instruction and encouragement.

"We are absolutely delighted to be partnering with the Milagro Center," said Annabel Russell, the Symphonia's executive director. "Our missions and visions are so aligned in the kind of opportunities we want to bring to the children we serve. This is the perfect new home for our program."

For more information, call 561-376-3848 or visit <https://thesymphonia.org>.

**Gifts needed for Adopt-A-Family holiday program**

Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches is looking for gift donations for children and adults for its 2023 Holiday Adopter Program.

"We are proud to serve over 1,270 families through our programs and services in fiscal year 2023," said Matt Constantine, the nonprofit's CEO. "Through donations to this program, families can have a little holiday joy while taking a break from the stress of their daily lives."

People interested in participating can donate cash, gift cards or gifts. For a donor form, visit [www.aafpbc.org/holidayprograms](http://www.aafpbc.org/holidayprograms). The deadline to participate is Dec. 1.

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## Celebrations

### Donation

Boca Raton Regional Hospital — Oct. 19



Professional golfer Morgan Pressel has made a \$1.2 million gift to the hospital's Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute via the Morgan Pressel Foundation. For more than 13 years, the foundation has funded the mammography vans at the institute; the initial gift launched the Kathryn Krickstein Pressel Mammovan in honor of Pressel's mother, who died of breast cancer 20 years ago at age 43. 'Morgan has proven to be one of our most committed donors over the years,' hospital CEO Lincoln Mendez said. 'It is her dedication to the battle against breast cancer that underscores much of her giving and motivates her continued involvement.' **Photo provided**

### Intergenerational Project

Volen Center, Boca Raton — Oct. 3



The Boca West Children's Foundation came to the rescue of the Fuller Center and the Volen Center, providing funding to help the two nonprofits launch their new Intergenerational Project. The project is a full-time early education program at the Volen Center where seniors and children interact and enhance each other's lives. Because of the foundation's \$13,000 donation, as of Oct. 3 a total of 12 children now have the opportunity to experience the enrichment. **ABOVE: (l-r) Pam Weinroth, Fuller Center CEO Ellyn Okrent and Bob Weinroth. Photo provided**

### 'Toasts, Tastes & Trolleys'

Waterstone Resort & Marina, Boca Raton — Sept. 22

The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum celebrated its sold-out event that took attendees 'all aboard' on an historically rich ride to area restaurants for delicious bites and signature cocktails. It was a night to remember with stops at Sushi by Bou, The Boca Raton and Cove Brewery. All proceeds benefit the Boca Raton Historical Society. **RIGHT: Lisa and Derek Vander Ploeg. Photo provided**



### Boca's Ballroom Battle

The Boca Raton — Sept. 23



The signature George Snow Scholarship Fund soiree raised \$1.2 million to help send deserving students to college. The night of sashays and sequins captivated the audience with spectacular performances by eight volunteer dancers and their professional partners from Fred Astaire Dance Studios. Among the fundraising champions were Dr. Patricio Espinosa, who raised more than \$210,000, and Danielle Rosse, who broke the event's all-time record by raising more than \$320,000. **ABOVE: Espinosa and Rosse. Photo provided**

### Cuisine for a Cause

Feeding South Florida, Boynton Beach — Oct. 3



Guests enjoyed a four-course dinner prepared by local celebrity chefs plus cocktails and live entertainment to benefit Feeding South Florida's mission to end hunger. The meal was prepared by Lindsay Autry, of The Regional Kitchen & Public House, Bryce Statham, of Blue Moon Fish Co. and Spoto's Oyster Bar, and Susan Taves, Feeding South Florida's director of culinary services. Feeding South Florida estimates that about 10% of South Florida residents remain uncertain about where they will get their next meal. **ABOVE: Alex and Francesca Lewis. Photo provided by Dream Focus Photography**

**IMPACT**

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“joints around town,” said Robinson, remembering how they hammered out policies, procedures and their board membership over many cups of coffee. “The three of us would get together and brainstorm.”

Mulhall, an attorney who writes grants for cities, was certain that another funding source in south Palm Beach County would be welcomed.

“Boy, we’ve really come to find that that’s the truth,” Mulhall said.

The funding source is ingenious: Each member contributes \$1,000 a year that goes into a self-perpetuating grant fund. Every 100 members provide enough money for one

\$100,000 grant, Robinson said.

The organization has grown from 148 members its first year to the current membership of 804, Krebsbach said.

“We are just becoming much more of a sophisticated organization. It’s very exciting,” she said.

After a decade, Palm Beach County has the second-largest Impact 100 chapter in the world.

**How selection works**

Impact 100 funded eight \$100,000 grants for 2022-2023, said Kimberly Boldt, one of the organization’s co-presidents. Members range in age from their 20s to their 90s.

Grants are awarded in five categories — arts, culture and historic preservation; education; family; health and wellness;

and environment and animal welfare.

Here’s how it works: Local nonprofits send in letters of intent for initiatives that need funding. A grant review committee assesses each application, selects semifinalists and conducts site visits.

Then finalists are chosen to make presentations at the organization’s annual Grand Awards Celebration. The Impact 100 membership votes on the winners.

This year’s winners will be chosen on April 30 at the Boca West Country Club. The deadline to apply was Nov. 1. To be eligible, nonprofits must be based in south Palm Beach County. Grant winners can re-apply every three years.

“It’s huge and



Jeannine Morris and Kimberly Boldt are co-presidents of Impact 100. Photo provided

transformational,” said co-president Jeannine Morris, a Realtor from Boca Raton.

It was for the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, which received a \$100,000 grant in 2022 that allowed formation of a second choir at the Boynton Beach Cultural Center. The grant also provided financial assistance for the tuition-based programming, said Young Singers Executive Director Holly J. Stewart.

“Without the grant, I couldn’t have done it,” Stewart said. “Impact 100 also helped me make the connections that made the program self-sustaining. They are an incredible group of women.”

Impact 100 is looking for applicants that have the means to complete the initiatives they are proposing and to produce measurable results.

“You don’t have to be one of the bigger nonprofits that have been doing this for years,” said Boldt, a lawyer from Boca Raton. “If the committee believes you can come through, that’s all that matters.”

**Aiming for \$1 million**


Morris hopes to grow membership big enough to award \$1 million a year.

“We’re going to get there, whether it’s this year or next year or the year after that,” she said.

The group meets monthly, but also has a calendar full of events that promote networking and fun. ★

*The organization is open to any woman who is able to donate \$1,000 to help fund the grants. For more information, see [www.impact100pbc.org](http://www.impact100pbc.org).*





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# Delray Beach Public Library

## 'Laugh with the Library' leads to a legacy of literacy

By Steven J. Smith

The Delray Beach Public Library invites one and all to its annual Laugh with the Library fundraiser, beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Old School Square in Delray.

Jacqueline Owen, who is co-chairing the fundraiser with Amanda Perna, Lynsey Kane and library board member Paige Eber, said the event will feature laughter, libations and lip-smacking food in exchange for the support needed to sustain the library's myriad programs and services. Last year it raised more than \$350,000 for the refurbishment of the teen room and first-floor seating.

"We'll have a kind of GreenMarket style to the food presentation this time around," Owen said. "It will mirror the open-air marketplace that happens at Old School Square every Saturday and will be catered by Nicholson Muir — a premier, high quality butcher shop and caterer in the area."

Eber said the outdoor event will encompass a large tent on the pavilion grounds, replete with tempting culinary stations.

"We think it's going to be a benchmark year for the event,



Event co-chairs (clockwise from top left) Jacqueline Owen, Amanda Perna, Paige Eber and Lynsey Kane invite you to Laugh with the Library on Feb. 2. Photo provided

because we're bringing it back to the town," Eber said. In 2023 it was at a private home. "It's also close to the library, which we think is important."

The festivities will begin with a cocktail hour featuring silent and live auctions, followed by an hour of comedian Nick Thune, who has appeared in movies, on Comedy Central and on late night TV talk shows such as "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "Late Show With David Letterman."

"We're also going to auction off a once-in-a-lifetime trip

to a wildlife conservation preserve in South Africa for four people," Eber said. "The money raised this year will go to upgrading all of the library's computers and to support popular programs for economically challenged children, teens and adults."

Sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$20,000 and individual tickets go on sale after Jan. 1.

To learn more, visit [www.delraylibrary.org/laugh/](http://www.delraylibrary.org/laugh/) or contact Kae Jonsons at 561-266-0798 or [kae.jonsons@delraylibrary.org](mailto:kae.jonsons@delraylibrary.org).

# Publisher's Note

## We're ringing the bell again to increase charitable giving

For the past 16 years in the pages of *The Coastal Star* we have been doing our best to promote philanthropic giving. We are happy to share our Philanthropy Season Preview again 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 — and their donors — to amplify their stories and promote fundraising events.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to give generously to help these and the other charitable organizations that make our community a better place to live.

— Jerry Lower, Publisher

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## Boca Raton Regional Hospital



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

# Promise Kept: Boca Raton Regional Hospital surpasses \$250 million 'Keeping the Promise' capital campaign goal

By Steven J. Smith

Thanks to the inspiring generosity of donors, Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation has exceeded its ambitious \$250 million fundraising goal to support a massive expansion and renovation of Boca Raton Regional Hospital, part of Baptist Health.

The Master Facility Plan includes more than \$600 million in improvements.

"The success of this campaign will drive innovation and excellence throughout Boca Regional, ultimately improving the region's health, well-being and quality of life," said Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation President Mark Larkin. "Our plans reimagine the campus, shaping the future for unprecedented, world-class medical sophistication."

An expansion of Marcus Neuroscience Institute already has added clinical space for research and pain management. Meanwhile, the Toby and Leon Cooperman Medical Arts



Larkin

Pavilion, set to open early next year, will vastly expand the hospital's clinical capacity. It will include an outpatient ambulatory surgery center as well as space for orthopedics, urology and gastroenterology.

The structural underpinnings for the project's centerpiece, the new Gloria Drummond Patient Tower, already have been set. The nine-story building will feature all private patient rooms that exceed safety standards. In the current



ABOVE: The Toby and Leon Cooperman Medical Arts Pavilion, set to open in January 2024.

BELOW: The central energy plant, set to open in early 2024. Renderings provided



hospital, existing rooms will be converted to private ones in a comprehensive renovation of each patient unit, including maternity, oncology and orthopedics.

Lincoln Mendez, the hospital's CEO and north region executive for Baptist Health, said the fundraising success reflects the community's faith and high expectations for Boca Regional.

"Our patients and community trust us," Mendez said. "We play a key role in

this region as we continue to elevate our services."

Boca Regional serves as the primary teaching site for Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, offering residency programs in internal medicine, general surgery and neurology — along with a new fellowship in critical care medicine. The project will more than double the space for the programs, attracting top medical school graduates, many of whom will remain in the community.

"Our academic partnerships

are stronger than ever as we train the healthcare leaders of tomorrow," Mendez said.

As the hospital's surgical volume and complexity continue to grow, larger and more sophisticated operating rooms are essential to handle the robotic equipment and technology needed for advanced surgery as well as minimally invasive procedures. Plans call for 20 new oversized operating rooms on the second floor of the new patient tower, with adjacent pre- and post-operative units for added efficiency. In addition, a new central energy plant under construction will help Boca Regional be more resilient and self-sufficient, with enough fuel to last several weeks in times of emergency.

"The ability to weather and withstand a storm is critical, but so is the ability to deal with what comes afterward," Mendez said. "Boca Regional's

investment in a new energy plant will help ensure that we can respond to our community's needs, regardless of the circumstances."

Although the Keeping the Promise campaign goal has been reached, the foundation's fundraising is ongoing to meet the increasing healthcare needs of Boca Raton. Gifts support new technology, research, the purchase of equipment, programs to serve the community and much more. Upcoming signature events include the 61st Annual Hospital Ball on Jan. 21 and the 25th Annual Golf Tournament on April 15.

"With the help of philanthropy," Larkin said, "we can dramatically enhance the delivery of care and support more complex programs, services and specialties."

For information on how you can help, visit [Donate.BRRH.com](http://Donate.BRRH.com).

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Delray Beach resident Jeffrey A. Stoops chairs the Community Foundation's Board of Directors and has volunteered with the nonprofit since 2019.

"The Community Foundation is a powerful organization with broad capabilities to do good in our community and I'm elated to have the opportunity to help lead our organization as Board Chair during the upcoming stages of our strategic plan," said Stoops. "I look forward to continuing the foundation's efforts and work to provide financial aid and support to those who need it most in Palm Beach and Martin counties."

To learn more about amplifying your philanthropy with the Community Foundation, please visit <https://yourcommunityfoundation.org>.

## Cox Science Center and Aquarium



The Cox Science Center and Aquarium in West Palm Beach will undergo a massive renovation that means it will nearly triple in size when the work is finished in late 2026. **Rendering provided**

### Elevating science for the next generation

By Steven J. Smith

Kate Arrizza, President and CEO of the Cox Science Center and Aquarium, said the facility will undergo a mammoth renovation which, when completed for its late 2026 grand opening, will nearly triple the center's size and double its attendance to over 1 million visitors a year, including 350,000 students.

"By the time our renovation is complete," Arrizza said, "we'll be an educational and fun destination for children, families and school groups alike."

Slated for expansion will be the new science building, which will grow the current indoor exhibit space from 25,000 square feet to 75,000 square feet. The ground level will house a new grand lobby, a 130,000-gallon aquarium and the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Studio Exhibition. The second level will feature an expanded traveling exhibit gallery, a digital exhibit gallery and Technology & Me exhibits, which will include a cutting-edge neuroscience exhibit, a human body exhibit and Pratt & Whitney Aerospace artifacts.

"Shovels are going in the ground this upcoming spring," Arrizza said. "Our traveling exhibit hall will almost double in size, so we can bring in more compelling blockbuster exhibitions and serve more students and families. The digital exhibit gallery will feature 30-foot-tall ceilings with immersive, interactive digital displays on the walls, wrapping around the room. Guests will be able to design and launch a rocket on a giant screen in front of them. Or they can interact with whales out in the ocean, or other species too big to fit in our aquarium."

The existing building, she added, will be renovated to feature a full-size café as well as a next-generation STEM learning center and digital arts studio along with Cox's classic planetarium, observatory and theater.

"We've raised \$73.5 million to date, mostly from local philanthropy," Arrizza said. "But we still have work to do and are grateful for the community seeing the value in our educational mission."

For more information or to contribute, contact Melinda Grenz at [mgrenz@coxsciencecenter.org](mailto:mgrenz@coxsciencecenter.org) or call 561-370-7723.

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## Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County



Chris Duke (l-r), Caleb Bowser, Pierre Deltor, Nancy Vera, Kristin Calder, Matt Criscuolo, Len Gray, Regine Bataille and Maggie Dickenson at the 2023 Literacy Links golf tournament. The 2024 fundraising tournament for the Literacy Coalition is April 26 at the Palm Beach Par 3. Photo provided

### Literacy Coalition grows in time of need for children, seeks donations, volunteers

By Steven J. Smith

Kristin Calder, CEO of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, says that more than 55,000 adults, children, other young people and families were served by the organization over the past school year, an increase of 12% from the previous year. “We are grateful to the community for supporting our mission and we appreciate our partners collaborating to help make an impact with the students we serve,” she said.

Calder said that the coalition is expanding efforts because new assessment data shows 52% of third-graders in Palm Beach County are not reading on grade level. She said this can be attributed to several factors including young students missing out on acquiring fundamental skills during the pandemic.

Calder pointed to the coalition’s Building Better Readers program as one solution to address the issue. The coalition has already recruited, trained and placed 250 community volunteers this year to work one-on-one with 500 students to improve their reading skills. The program has expanded to 36 schools

servicing first-, second- and third-graders, while at the Blume Literacy Center in Boynton Beach, it also provides free after-school reading tutelage for first- through fourth-grade students — both in person and virtually.

“We continue to dedicate our resources to help children learn to read,” Calder said. “We encourage the community to get involved by donating or by volunteering, whether it be once a year or once a week.”

In addition, as part of the coalition’s efforts, Literacy AmeriCorps members each complete 1,700 hours of service as graduation coaches, mentors and reading tutors in schools, libraries and community organizations. The coalition distributed 117,801 books in the 2022-2023 school year to children, families and organizations.

Literacy Coalition fundraising events include the LOOP for Literacy 5K on Feb. 10, the Love of Literacy Luncheon on April 11 and Literacy Links golf tournament on April 26. To learn more about helping the coalition, especially through supporting programs like Building Better Readers and Literacy AmeriCorps, visit [www.literacypsc.org](http://www.literacypsc.org).

## St. George’s Society of Palm Beach

### Forming bonds across the Pond

By Steven J. Smith

Susan Oyer, president of the St. George’s Society of Palm Beach, said the organization, now in its 16th year, is expanding its outreach.

“We have always promoted fellowship while supporting educational, social and cultural efforts in England through activities and fundraising in Palm Beach County,” Oyer said. “And I would say expansion is our theme for this year.”

That expansion includes the recent addition of a notable patron to its ranks — John Browne, a former member of Parliament who speaks at club luncheons and visits with fellow British expats and American members. Oyer said the Society is also focusing beyond England to all of Great Britain, building its membership, opening up social options for members with new locations, speakers and types of events — all while growing a list of activities that make an impact for good, both in Great Britain and the United States.

“This year alone we made tree donations, disaster relief donations, building restoration, youth training, restoration of ancient books at St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle,” Oyer said. “And we made a summer donation towards our endowment chair at FAU, which has the largest British history department of any state university in Florida.”

Upcoming events include a tour of the Palm Beach Historical Society on Dec. 2 and a tea at the Flagler Museum on Feb. 17. Toward the end of the social season, an exclusive fundraising cocktail party is planned in Boca Raton and coming up on the Society’s social calendar will be a dinner featuring nationally noted speaker Caroline Lewis.

“Caroline speaks on global warming and climate change, which is a real passion of ours,” Oyer said. “She was named by Time magazine as one of 31 individuals making a difference in the South. Her recent TED Talk encouraged audiences to embrace their power to influence change. We’re looking forward to having her.”

To learn more about donating to or joining the St. George’s Society of Palm Beach, visit [SGSofPB.org](http://SGSofPB.org).

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**Thursday, November 30**  
**Evelyn & Arthur Shopping Event**  
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**Saturday, December 2**  
9:45 for 10:00 tour  
**Tour of the PBC Historical Society**  
Museum & PB Resort Wear  
Exhibit – Lunch on Clematis  
\$20/tour member / \$25 guest + lunch (dutch)

**Thursday, December 21**  
6:00 cash bar / 6:30 dinner  
**Holiday Dinner – More info to come**  
Entertainment & Dinner  
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**Saturday, January 13**  
9:45 am  
**Soccer Lunch Fundraiser**  
Bring \$5 bills for “betting” – Irish Brigade in LWB, Cost TBD, but about \$20

**Saturday, January 27**  
9:45 for 10 tour  
**PBCHS Speaker’s Bureau**  
“Historical Figures” & Museum Time  
Lunch on Clematis  
\$20/tour member / \$25 guest + lunch (dutch)



**Saturday, February 10**  
3:00 pm set up  
**Bloomin’ in Boynton 2 – Event table**  
Boynton Beach Amphitheatre – City Hall

**Saturday, February 17**  
11:45 am tour  
**Flagler Museum Tour & Tea**  
Noon tour, short break in Gift Shop, 1:30 pm Tea  
\$75 member / \$85 guest

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## Hanley Foundation

# Seeking to create a world free of addiction

By Steven J. Smith

Dr. Rachel Docekal, CEO of the Hanley Foundation, doesn't like the word "addiction" due to the stigma surrounding it.

"We prefer to call it substance use disorders," she said. "The foundation was formed in 1984 by John and Mary Jane Hanley who realized at that time there were no treatment centers in all of the southeastern United States. So they created the foundation in Palm Beach County and built out the programs you see today."

Those programs encompass education and prevention for alcohol and drug abuse, treatment and recovery, support groups and advocacy to influence change and improve outcomes for everyone who seeks their services, she added.

"Most people become addicts because they lack coping skills," Docekal said. "So they turn to a controlled substance. We help kids make good decisions by building on their self-confidence and boosting their internal character attributes."

She added the foundation also promotes "positive peer pressure," focusing kids on the overwhelming majority of their peers that don't drink, for example.

"We're in 32 Florida counties and growing," Docekal said. "And we're always looking for community support."

To learn more about the Hanley Foundation and its upcoming fundraising events, visit [hanleyfoundation.org](http://hanleyfoundation.org) or call 561-268-2355.

## Impact 100 Palm Beach County

# Impact 100 will feature trio of speakers in Impact Talks

By Steven J. Smith

As co-presidents of Impact 100, Jeannine Morris and Kimberly Boldt hope to inspire local women to fund high-impact grants that will better the community at large.

"This year we're focusing on the women who represent Impact 100," Morris said. "And for our current members, of which there are 804, we're looking to build a deeper connection with them through the events our organization is planning for the coming year."

Impact 100's signature event is its Grand Awards Celebration, in which multiple \$100,000 grants are given to nonprofits that implement worthwhile initiatives throughout southern Palm Beach County. These grants are funded by Impact 100 members who each donate \$1,000 to the cause.

Impact 100 will also implement a new speaker series this season, called Impact Talks.

"We've got three prominent women slated to speak at three different events, open to the public, free of charge," Morris said. "We're hoping to draw women from our greater area to come hear these women talk about their careers and their commitment to the community."

Impact Talks will feature professional golfer and broadcaster Morgan Pressel (Nov. 29), Dr. Kathy Schilling (Jan. 17), a renowned radiologist specializing in breast imaging, and distinguished interior designer Ashley Whittaker (Feb. 20).

Pressel started out as the youngest U.S. Women's Open qualifier at age 12 and enjoyed a remarkable 16-year run on the LPGA Tour before embarking on a rewarding career as



Pressel



Schilling



Whittaker

a golf broadcaster. In honor of her late mother, she initiated the Morgan Pressel Foundation, which has raised over \$11.5 million to support breast cancer initiatives.

Schilling's career has spanned 30 years at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, where she now serves as the medical director of the Christine Lynn Women's Health and Wellness Institute. She is dedicated to identifying innovative imaging and interventional techniques, including the utilization of artificial intelligence.

Whittaker, known for her modern take on traditional design, offers work that is characterized by classic taste, chic sophistication and engaging use of color and pattern. Her achievements have graced The New York Times, Veranda, Southern Living, Coastal Living and House Beautiful. Her talent has earned her a place on Elle Décor's A-List of top designers.

"These exceptional women and their unique insights will undoubtedly resonate with our audience," Boldt said, "inspiring positive change and fostering a spirit of camaraderie."

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## Philanthropy



Hosting 101, a party-giving tutorial held at the Sklar Furnishings gallery in Boca Raton, included stations set up for demonstrating specific hosting skills. Abbey Furlong, who specializes in visually spectacular charcuterie boards and grazing tables, provided the food with this presentation. Proceeds went to the Achievement Centers for Children & Families.

## Throwing a party? Props, practice can make you host with the most

By Tao Woolfe

Eleanor Roosevelt, famous for throwing lavish parties at the White House during her husband's presidency, believed there was no such thing as a bad guest.

"A guest is really good or bad because of the host or hostess who makes being a guest an easy or a difficult task," she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt might have been interested to learn that there's a slightly different school of thought among Palm Beach County philanthropists: There's no such thing as a bad hostess.

You just need a little practice and some props.

At a recent party-giving event, dubbed Hosting 101 and held at the Sklar Furnishings gallery in Boca Raton, guests dressed in bright summer colors moved around to stations set up for demonstrating specific hosting skills.

At one table, for example, guests — most of whom were women — learned to make roses from salami and zucchini. The "flowers" consisted of many small pieces of salami folded in on themselves to give the impression of petals. The zucchini provided greenery.

"We wanted to offer something fun and easy," said Abbey Furlong, creator of Sprd the Vibe, a Fort Lauderdale-based catering business that specializes in visually spectacular charcuterie boards and grazing tables.

"I think they're just adorable," Peggy Zapantis, of Boca Raton, said of the salami roses. "And they're so easy."

The event was hosted by a partnership of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce, Sklar Furnishings, and Achievement Centers for Children &



LEFT and ABOVE: Furlong instructs guests on how to make roses from salami. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Mimi Haley Meister, proprietor of Tea by the Sea, taught tea etiquette to the guests. Her specialty is hosting fundraising teas.

Families, with proceeds going to the achievement centers.

Napkin folding, cocktail-making, centerpiece creations, wine tasting and the art of high tea were the most popular activities among the guests.

Cat Beach, a country singer who just moved back to Delray Beach after living and working in Nashville for many years, said she was fascinated by the Tea by the Sea table.

"She was authentic and really interesting," Beach said of Mimi Haley Meister, the proprietor of Tea by the Sea.

Meister wore pearls, white gloves, a simple black dress, a pink shawl, and a straw hat with a brim so huge it extended halfway down her back.

Her specialty is hosting fundraising teas, which are highly successful, Meister believes, because when tea

is served correctly, it forces people to slow down and focus.

"We want to bring the conversation back to the table," Meister said, lifting the brim of her hat from her face. "Fundraising with a cup of tea is magical."

She knows her teas — all 150 flavors. Meister also knows how to simultaneously hold an ornate cup of tea while showing how a gloved pinky — pointed subtly in the right direction — can reveal a scandal.

"I think bringing conversation back, especially among those under 40, is crucial to fundraising and just socializing," said Meister, who lives in Delray Beach and works in homes, businesses and other pop-up locations. "We are lacking in conversation."

The Sklar Furnishings event was offered during August as part of Boca Festival Days, which is sponsored by the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce.

Beach said she was extremely impressed by the Achievement Centers staffers, and the services they offer to children and families in crisis.

The Delray Beach-based

agency works to strengthen and provide economic stability to families while helping toddlers, preschoolers and students do well in education and discover their talents.

Achievement Centers' four core programs are early learning; after school; and teen and summer camps.

"We were thrilled to have such a fantastic partner for this year's Boca Chamber Festival Days," said Julia Corliss, event manager for the Achievement Centers. "Sklar Furnishings went above and beyond in preparation for this event."

Linda Gunn, manager at Sklar, said the furniture store has been involved in charitable work for more than 25 years.

"We love to give back to the community," Gunn said. "It's what we're all about."

Beach said she would like to work with the Achievement Centers to develop a music-writing program for the kids.

"I would love to volunteer there and work with kids and music," Beach said. "Sometimes our ideas align with the universe. I would be super excited if that happened." ★



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## Dining

## Lantana's beloved Oceano moving to Lake Worth Beach

Jeremy Bearman thinks positive. And luckily, pivots well.

In a twist of timing, the landlord for his restaurant, Oceano Kitchen in Lantana, served a vacate order in August.

It just so happened, he and his wife/pastry chef, Cindy, had been on the hunt for another location.

"We were already looking for a space in Lake Worth Beach," he said. "We found the old Social House space on Lucerne Avenue, and started securing it. The closing was set for Sept. 15.

"The idea was to start renovating it for a year, then open next season."

But the landlord's order to be out by mid-November put the long-term plans on hold and rushed the opening date at the new spot.

"We didn't want to close for the season, so we had to speed up and change plans for the Lake Worth Beach site," Bearman said. "We'll open in November and stay open till June, then close down to finish the renovations."

The couple plans a farewell celebration for the Lantana location on Nov. 3, a walk-around event with drink, food and dessert stations for \$125.

Bearman has a leg up on the new site, because the Social House had a commercial kitchen and bar in place. "We'd been working on it a while. We're done painting. Some cosmetic changes," he said.

The new place has the advantage of both indoor seating and a covered patio out back in its 3,500-square-foot space. It also has a courtyard.

A redesign will happen, just not this season, Bearman said.

The indoor seating will mimic the Lantana spot's outdoor feel, thanks to collapsible windows and doors out front.

The daily menu will be much the same as now with one exception: no pizzas.

"There's no wood-fired oven there yet. It would take a lot of permitting to put one in now. So we'll run it with the other menu items guests like from here," Bearman said.

Based on what's fresh and available, the menu will change daily, same as usual, he said.

"Right now, we'll do much more crudos, salads and pastas. We have a full kitchen with hoods, and the smoker outside."

But once next season rolls around and renovations are complete, "it will be a whole new ballgame," he said.

The full bar also will wait. "We want to do it right, and have a signature cocktail," Bearman said. "We'll offer a cocktail here and there, but it won't be a full bar this season.

Beer and wine."

There's no lunch service, either. "Just the same as before: Dinner only. Cash only," he said.

He's staying positive about the whole move. "I've opened a few restaurants before. We're pretty laid back about it. We opened Oceano Kitchen in one week," he said.

The couple had more time to design and open High Dive, a seafood restaurant in The Square in West Palm Beach — but then the pandemic hit. High Dive never gained its audience.

Bearman doesn't look back. "The past is what's already happened. I'm not somebody who dwells on things. I'm staying positive."

*Oceano Kitchen will be at 512 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth Beach, starting in mid-November, open Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30 p.m. Cash only.*

**The Meat Market** joins more than 12 other steakhouses within a 10-mile hub in Boca Raton. With counterparts in Tampa, Palm Beach and San Juan, it becomes the fourth in the chain.

If the grand opening party is predictive, the social side of its definition will live up to its name. The long, narrow entrance bar was crowded with partiers. Guests filled tables in the open, gold-and-wood dining room while glittering and mingling.

Chef Sean Brasel and his team worked hard to keep food coming, while on-point servers were quick to see that drinks and appetizers held guests over.

Wagyu and Kobe — premium beef — are stars on the steak menu, with a wide selection of cuts, including a signature 30-ounce wagyu tomahawk ribeye. They're accompanied by a raft of house-made sauces. (Also don't miss the bone marrow offering; ask for extra crostini.)

Crudos included an iced seafood tower filled with delicacies, such as the roasted truffled oysters Rockefeller, featuring spinach and bacon with a creamy béarnaise. Oysters on the half-shell were sweet and salty, a selection of Northeast varieties. Tuna tartare was layered with creamy smashed avocado, mango mole and a citrus foam.

Several seafood choices give pescaterians a chance here. The Scottish salmon was a table favorite.

Meatloaf, duck, short ribs and sliders are among alternatives to steak selections. There's a line on the menu for vegetarians, too: Ask and the chef will prepare something for you.

Cocktails were sturdy and creative; a curated wine list matches the menu. One of the three private dining rooms is in the wine room, of sorts.



**TOP:** A tomahawk from the Meat Market in Boca Raton. **ABOVE:** Spicy tuna with crispy rice from Sushi by Bou in Boca Raton. **LEFT:** Pan-seared scallops from Sushi by Bou. **Photos provided**

A brief walk down a hallway from the dining room leads to the atrium of the Renaissance Hotel, the host property for the restaurant. Soon to be renovated with an outdoor event space around the pool and a tiki bar, the hotel stands to draw public cocktail parties and meetings to the area. The restaurant will be exclusive caterer for the events.

A dress code for the Meat Market is posted on its website. Dress shorts are allowed only on the patio; in the dining room guests must wear proper dress trousers and no garments that expose underwear.

The Meat Market is open for happy hour and dinner only. Later this month, weekend brunch and lunch are planned.

*The Meat Market, 2000 NW 19th St., Boca Raton. 561-245-6777. Dinner nightly. Reservations encouraged. Valet available.*

**Sushi by Bou** in Boca Raton now offers a "patio menu," different from the omakase that guests order at the counter indoors.

If you can forgo the lure of the Jazz Age speakeasy interior, the more casual covered breezeway is the place for a la carte selections — plenty for sharing.

They range from a wide list of fresh basic Bou rolls, sashimi, appetizers, seared seafoods and light desserts.

Spicy tuna with crispy rice features truffle caviar; seared Hokkaido scallops have yuzu butter and roasted red pepper toppings.

The No More Mr. Rice Guy is sans carbs: crab, salmon, tuna and yellowtail served in a cucumber wrap.

A spicy dish, chicken Karaage, is based on a fried chicken thigh, with Holy Tshili Spicy Everything chili crisp, and yuzu aioli.

Signature cocktails also are available.

The patio menu appeared in the sister restaurant in the Hamptons during the pandemic and proved popular. The menu is available only outdoors at the Boca Raton location, where a covered area protects diners from rain.

Omakase is available by reservation at the 12-seat counter indoors.

The partners in the Sushi by Bou franchise, Erika London and chef David Bouhadana, are Boca Raton residents.

*Sushi by Bou, 409 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 5 p.m. to midnight. sushibybou.com.*

## In brief

For the ninth season, **Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches** will sell pies during its Pie It Forward campaign. For \$30 or \$35, pie lovers can buy a pie through the organization,

and the money will feed a homebound senior for a week.

Order an apple, pecan or pumpkin pie by Nov. 15 for \$30 (Key lime for \$35) and pick it up Nov. 21 — right before Thanksgiving — at **Duffy's Sports Grill** in Delray Beach (other locations are in West Palm Beach and Jupiter).

Other options: \$100 gets you three pies and a tote bag. An extra \$5 buys a slice for a senior in the MOW program. Area chefs from country clubs, restaurants and resorts contribute the 3,000 pies each year. For all info and to order, go to [mowbpie.org](http://mowbpie.org). ...

Top country club chefs will stage a **Chef's Showdown**, "Iron Chef" style, on Nov. 30 at Broken Sound Club in Boca Raton to benefit Trustbridge Hospice Foundation. The public can buy tickets for the cocktail hour and sampling of the entries from stations set around the room, as well as the competition show. Chefs competing include Samuel Faggetti of Mizner Country Club; Troy Tipton of The Polo Club of Boca Raton; Donnie Young of Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club; and Joseph Leonardi of St. Andrews Country Club. Ticket sales and more information are at [Trustbridge.com/event/chef](http://Trustbridge.com/event/chef).



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## Poetry

### Poetry fest high-tailing it to North Carolina

By Jan Engoren  
Contributing Writer

The Palm Beach Poetry Festival will return next year — but not in Delray Beach. Or Palm Beach County.

Or Florida.

With the passing of the festival founder and director Miles Coon in May 2022 at the age of 84, and the coincidental loss of its long-term venue in Old School Square, the future of the festival was in doubt.

“I want to see the festival continue to provide the kind of nurturing community I’ve found there, a true home for any poet serious about words and what they can do in the world,” festival director Nickole Brown said at that time.

This month, Brown sent an

email update out to subscribers announcing the return of the festival for Oct. 5-11, 2025, but at a new venue in the Black Mountains of North Carolina, 25 minutes from Asheville.

“If there’s one thing at the top of our list, it’s to assure that the legacy our founder Miles Coon left behind is treated with utmost care,” she wrote in the email.

“The motto of the festival iterated time and again throughout the years (is) poetry brings us together.

“What will remain steadfast is the vision Miles had for the festival,” Brown said.

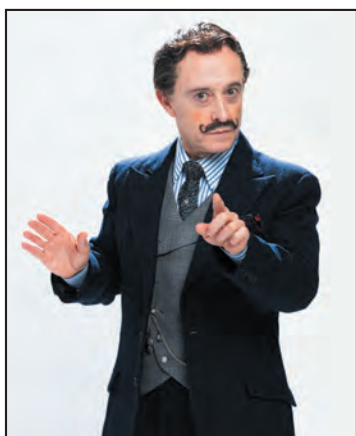
Brown and the board are working on renaming and rebranding the festival, creating a logo and building a website to launch next year.

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## Theater



Andrew Sellon as Hercule Poirot and Mallory Newbrough as Mary Debenham in the Maltz production of *Murder on the Orient Express*. Photos provided

### Christie whodunit, with a twist, opens Maltz season

By Hap Erstein  
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

What do you get when you cross a popular murder mystery by Dame Agatha Christie with the comedy of Tony and Olivier Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig?

You get a serio-comic stage version of *Murder on the Orient Express*, the often-filmed whodunit, chosen to open the season of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre.

What explains the enduring popularity of mysteries in general and this complex, psychological tale specifically? “What we like as audience members, whether we’re reading them or seeing them,

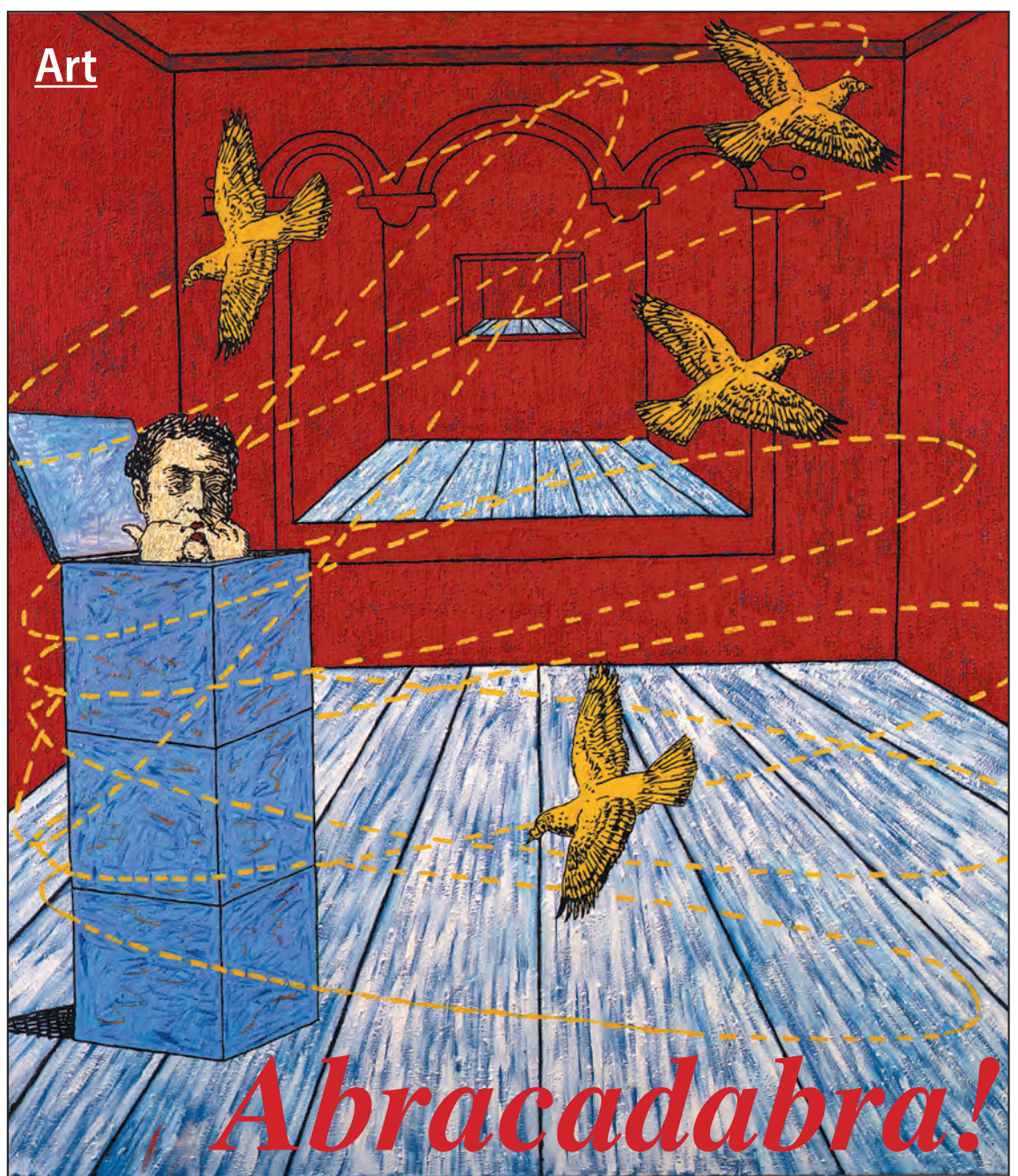
we want to be the detective,” says Andrew Sellon, who will play Christie’s renowned mustachioed Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot at the Maltz.

“We want the chance to put on the deerstalker cap or the little mustache, to show we’re as smart as the detective. It’s like a mental jigsaw puzzle, trying to find what it adds up to. It’s highly interactive. And don’t you feel a little cheated if you haven’t seen the clues?”

“It’s not about the prose. It’s about the plot,” says Sellon. “And not only that, it’s the psychology. I guess it was the first time where I saw someone exploring the darker

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## Art



Untitled (221, 181, 275, 156, 227), an oil on canvas by Jane Hammond, is part of *Smoke and Mirrors* at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Photos provided

### ‘Smoke and Mirrors’ pulls an exhibit out of its hat

By Sandra Schulman  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Art is a kind of magic in its own way, using perspective and 3-D and manipulated photography to make the eye see what it wants it to see.

The world premiere of the Teiger Award-winning exhibition *Smoke and Mirrors: Magical Thinking in Contemporary Art*, opens Nov. 18 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, and runs through May 12. The show was originated by Kathleen Goncharov, the museum’s senior curator, and features 30 contemporary artists.

With the rise in AI and AR and fake news, it’s hard to know what to believe today. The world of magic and illusion has always known tricks of the trade for entertainment, or worse, deception. The works in this exhibition break through the looking glass as the artists also conjure up issues of disinformation, hoaxes, cults, conspiracy theories, and “alternative facts.”

Does exposure reveal a greater truth? Ask Dorothy about the wizard behind the curtain.

According to the Teiger Foundation, which awards curators, the competition “acknowledges the uncertainty, fear, and loss in our time of enormous change, and supports innovative curatorial work committed to experimentation and creativity in exhibitions, championing curators who engage in the pressing conversations of our time. Curators are thinkers and leaders who play multiple, changing roles in their communities.”



A photo of The Amazing Randi, from the collection of James Randi and Jose Alvarez.

Among the 30 artists are: Urs Fischer, Alfredo Jaar, Jim Shaw, Sarah Charlesworth, Glenn Kaino, Christian Jankowski, Kristin Lucas, Jane Hammond, Gavin Turk, Michael Ray Charles, Faisal Abdu’Allah, Mark Thomas Gibson, Robin Tewes, Jeanette Andrews, Stephen Berkman, Jose Alvarez (D.O.P.A.), Jacob Hicks, and The Yes Men.

The exhibition has a full gallery of phantasmagorical installations by acclaimed artist Tony Oursler, who asks “what happens when the occult is confronted by its mirror image of technology?” Oursler transforms the gallery into an out-of-this-world landscape titled *Creature Features*. The museum has commissioned several new installations by Oursler; this one allows viewers to walk into a dream world where the artist’s works bring to life that which is not of this world. His obsession has led him to collect a vast archive of thousands of historical materials pertaining to paranormal fringes, pseudo-science that creates cults, and the place where science and the occult meet.

This may be genetic, as Oursler’s grandfather was a magician who exposed trickery used in

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Jacob Hicks' installation *The Magician*, comprising video, black electric candles, computer tablet, crystal bubble vase and table, is part of the exhibition.



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seances by the spiritualists of his time who deceived lonely, desperate widows yearning to communicate with relatives who died in World War I. He founded a magazine called *Angels on Earth* that centered on spiritual encounters.

*Imponderable*, Oursler's cinematic 5-D experience he shows here, has only been exhibited at MoMA in New York and was created using Pepper's Ghost, a mirror illusion technique pioneered in the 1800s for use in theatrical ghost plays.

Other installations in *Creature Features* landscape include: *Fairy*, a dreamlike projection of a performance by Katiana Rangel; *Cardiff Giant*, his never-before-seen life-size re-creation of a famous hoax; *Flatwoods Monster*, a riff on a 1952 UFO encounter; *Alice Cooper Head*, inspired by The Amazing Randi's infamous creations for Alice Cooper's concert tour in the 1970s; *Crystals*, an AI work; *Charles Doyle Fairy Painting*, based on his paintings of Victorian-era fairies; and *Merma*, a creepy-cool fish woman who may be a deadly siren.

The exhibition tips its rabbit-filled hat to a famous South

**If You Go**

*Smoke and Mirrors: Magical Thinking in Contemporary Art* is on display at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, from Nov. 18 to May 12.  
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Florida resident and one of the most notorious investigators of the paranormal, James Randi (a.k.a. The Amazing Randi, 1928-2020). Randi lived near the Boca Raton Museum with his husband and life partner of 34 years, the artist Jose Alvarez, known as D.O.P.A., whose psychedelic fantasy artworks hang in several South Florida museums including The Norton and the Hollywood Art Center.

Randi was known for sponsoring the One Million Dollar Paranormal Challenge, where he offered \$1 million to anyone who could prove a supernatural or paranormal ability under his agreed-upon scientific testing criteria. More than 1,000 people applied for this challenge between 1964 and 2015, but none were successful in proving their ability. Randi began his career as a professional stage

magician and escape artist in 1946. In later years, he called himself a skeptical educator, and was a MacArthur Fellow "Genius Grant" winner.

Randi said that magicians are "honest liars" because the audience is in on the trick. His section includes ephemera from his storied career, including his numerous television appearances on NBC's *Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*, and never-before-seen curiosities from Randi's life-long collection of arcana, including his tour with the wildly theatrical 1970s rock star Alice Cooper. Two of Jose Alvarez D.O.P.A.'s current magic-related paintings are featured in the exhibition.

The PBS film *An Honest Liar* documented Randi's investigations to expose charlatans.

A personal favorite, the late Sarah Charlesworth's entire *Natural Magic* suite of 11 large color photographs, is exhibited here. These works were made when Charlesworth was looking back to 19th-century photography for inspiration, and the black oval frames recall the portals of traveling magic shows from that same period.


When Charlesworth made this series in 1992-1993, she couldn't have known what would come next in the medium of photography or in the larger AI world, but she was remarkably ahead of her time. The project explores the nature of visual illusion, using the trappings and props of magic and her expert basic skills to construct pictures that test the belief in photographic truth.

"The caliber of the contemporary artists in this exhibition is earning major attention for the new season at the Boca Raton Museum of Art," said Irvin Lippman, executive director of the museum, in a prepared statement. "The correlation between magic and artmaking has always loomed large, and this exhibition takes this idea one step further, revealing strong connections between today and earlier periods in history when crises led to magical thinking. Art itself is a process of alchemy, transforming physical medium into illusions of beauty, messages that have the power to both inspire and manipulate audiences."


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Guy Gualtieri at his recording studio in Palm Beach Gardens. Photo provided

## Music

# Veteran music producer launches portable audio-engineering venture

By Bill Meredith  
ArtsPaper Music Writer

In music, what a listener hears on recordings or sees on stages constitutes only a few pieces of a larger sonic jigsaw. And perhaps no one in South Florida's music scene understands that more than Palm Beach Gardens resident Guy Gualtieri, since he's handled practically every piece of that puzzle during various points of his 30-plus-year musical career.

Through 2022, Gualtieri's titles included songwriter, arranger, singer, rapper, guitarist, keyboardist, programmer, and deejay. This year, he officially jumped to the other side of the sound board by venturing into advanced audio engineering, mixing and mastering. All with a newly minted master's degree in music production from the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

And to put a bow on it, he gives clients the options of bringing his top-shelf recording equipment to them on location in live or closed environments, or recording in his own home project studio. Clients often choose both, using the latter for overdubs and mixing after Gualtieri records them in their preferred location — whether at a nightclub or in their living room, in either of which he uses his expertise to sound-enhance beforehand.

"Berklee's reputation was what drew me to them," Gualtieri says. "It took me more than a year-and-a-half to complete all the online classes and remote recording projects, and it was well worth it. I met lots of great people, and their faculty is outstanding. My teachers included Prince Charles Alexander, who's worked with Sting, Usher, Aretha Franklin, and Mary J. Blige, plus Susan Rogers, who's engineered for Prince, David Byrne, Toad the Wet Sprocket, and Warren Zevon. You don't get taught by lifelong academics there, you learn from people active in the

industry."

The flexibility of Gualtieri's remote recording truck is valuable, since he offers both reasonable rates and an alternative to the costly method of paying hourly fees to studios. It's also rare, especially in South Florida, reducing the need for artists to travel to quality brick-and-mortar locations like the Power Station in Pompano Beach or Criteria in Miami.

"That was my business model all along, the I'll-come-to-you approach," Gualtieri says. "I wanted to do some more traditional recording work with real instruments; people performing music as opposed to electronic programming. And commercial studios are so expensive. So I invested in some of the same gear they use, like great modules for compressors, EQs and preamps, plus high-end microphones, all of which can travel pretty easily."

Gualtieri's songwriting has ranged from an all-original pop music cassette he recorded in the mid-1990s to dance music compositions, collaborations and recording projects, both for Berklee and as his alter-ego DJ Gual between 2007 and 2020. In-between, his versatile vocals and musicianship were showcased on original compositions and cover songs with area bands The Uninvited, Inflatable Men, and Numb while he engineered demo recordings for them along the way.

"After those bands, I got into the electronic side of music, which in turn got me into deejaying," Gualtieri says. "The thought was that I couldn't re-create all the parts of my dance tracks by myself, so I'd deejay and spin them for people. Most don't necessarily want to hear originals, so I'd slip them into mixes with better-known songs and get good reactions. But when COVID-19 hit, I lost all my bookings like almost everyone else, and decided to go back to school."

Since earning his master's degree last year, Gualtieri has hit the ground running, getting rave reviews from clients.

"His ability to creatively and effectively solve problems; his encouraging demeanor that puts everyone at ease, and his incredible wealth of audio recording and mixing knowledge make him the only engineer you should be working with," says Andy Mensing of Palm Beach County roots rockers The Smokeboss Militia.

"I never heard us sound so good live," says Rich Lamb of West Palm Beach rock band The Rotorheads. "Great work under a tight and demanding schedule."

"I have to say Guy is the best producer and engineer I've ever worked with," says Lake Worth Beach-based singer/songwriter Todd Rouse.

An Ocean Port, N.J., native, Gualtieri moved to South Florida in 1989 for engineering, albeit a very different kind. With a fresh degree from Penn State University, he was hired by Pratt & Whitney, the Jupiter-based aerospace manufacturer.

"I packed everything I had into my Pontiac Firebird, which had a big glass hatchback window," he says. "It was June of '89, and I put my guitar cases against that back window, but the sun melted bubbles into them. I didn't know anyone in Florida, so while I was working at Pratt, I also first started experimenting with layering and sequencing different sounds together."

Naming George Martin (The Beatles, Jeff Beck, Mahavishnu Orchestra), Sam Phillips (Elvis Presley), Hugh Padgham (The Police) and Sean Slade (Radiohead) among his favorite producers and engineers, Gualtieri hopes to emulate their work as he eventually pays off the equipment his Berklee degree inspired.

"I've crunched the numbers, and I think I can get into the black in about five years," he says. "But my idea is to make recording affordable for some really good area composers. There are some great songs being written locally, and I want to provide a way to bring those visions to life."

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**MURDER**

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side of people's psyches. It was through (Christie's) books that I came to realize that literally any of us could be a murderer, under the right circumstances. Which is kind of terrifying, I think. But also exciting, for a reader or a viewer."

Lawyer-turned-playwright Ludwig is best known for his long-running Broadway hits *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Crazy for You*. But he also won an Edgar Award in 2012 for his mystery play, *The Game's Afoot*, and that is what led the Christie estate to seek him out and offer him the opportunity to adapt any of Christie's stories for the theater. He did not hesitate to say yes and to choose *Murder on the Orient Express*, about the homicide of a much-hated American businessman aboard the elegant Istanbul-to-London train populated with passengers who each have a motive for killing him.

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to the story, Ludwig has focused down the narrative. "There's a lot more people on the train in the book. That's too much for two hours on the stage," says Sellon. "So I think he did a great job of whittling it down, removing some characters, combining some characters in a very clever way, so that he distills the story down to just this one little train car of suspects.

"And what I love about (Maltz director) Peter Amster's production is that he too is drawn to that tipping point between the funny and the dark. We're all working to bring out that there's not just a funny

and exciting mystery going on here but also something deeply emotional that resonates with Poirot and all the characters. I think if we don't have the humor, this could become a very dark two hours in the theater."

"So having those moments to breathe, and really fall in love with all these characters, one by one, gives us the chance to both expect that they're the murderer, but also not want them to be," says Creg Sclavi, the production's assistant director. "Humor is really a way of sort of lowering that curtain and allowing us to connect with each of these characters in their own individual way.

"It's what Peter calls the balance between shticks and stakes," Sclavi adds. "There's some very serious murder stuff going on in this, but there's shtick blended in with the stakes that leaven it, that makes it such an appealing mixture for the audience."

Sellon feels certain that even those who saw the movie versions of *Murder on the*

*Orient Express* and remember how they end can still enjoy the stage show. "What I would say, and someone famous said this before me, 'It's not about the destination but the journey.' Yes, it's a whodunit, but it's not just a whodunit. It's also 'Who are these people and what are the emotional stakes for them?' You're learning to care about these people as it's going along. So even if you know where it's going, you're going to see these characters in a different light than you would have seen them in one of the two films. Yes, the ending is the same, but it's a bit different along the way."

As Sellon says of his character, Hercule Poirot, "He's a little middle-aged man who is really, really particular about everything in his life. Not just about the mysteries, but the foods he eats, the clothing he wears, the pin that goes in his necktie, the wax that he uses for his precious mustache. His hair must always remain black even as it turns to gray. As I get older, I get that. I become him in a lot of ways."

This is the second production of *Murder on the Orient Express* for Mallory Newbrough, who appeared in the play at the Actors' Playhouse in Coral Gables last season. At the Maltz, she will play English governess Mary Debenham.

Asked to describe her, she says, "Mary is the romantic ingenue, this girl who clearly wants to be loved. I think she's a steadfast woman who has a

strong moral compass, that come into question. Am I the murderer? I could be. So do I want to portray myself as the least likely to be the murderer? That's my challenge. Where do I draw the line?"

Agatha Christie published *Murder on the Orient Express* in 1934, the year in which the action takes place. Nevertheless, Sellon feels certain that the story will speak to an audience in 2023, almost 90 years later.

"It is such a thrill ride, it is so much fun, but the reason this one stays with us and why it was Dame Christie's favorite Poirot is that there's more to it, that there is a deeper resonance about humanity," he says.

"It's all of the fun of an Agatha Christie murder mystery, but with this deeper resonance about our personal responsibility to one another. And how do you balance that with the law, with justice?"

"It asks us to really think about the idea of how far we will go if we see something that is unjust," says Sclavi. "Where do we draw our line, the line between good and just.

"Every person that sits in the audience, everyone that picks up the book, has to decide what was right and who do I actually agree with. And that is something that is truly timeless.

"It's a true murder mystery, with a true moral conundrum, plus Ken Ludwig's comedy. It's the shtick with the stakes, and the stakes always win."

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Books

County's bygone era recaptured in riveting prose

By Sharon Geltner  
Contributing Writer

**Fireworks Every Night**,  
by Beth Raymer, Random  
House, 224 pp., \$27

She had me at Palm Beach Mall.

*Fireworks Every Night* is a vivid, authentic story set in Palm Beach County. Author Beth Raymer labels the book as "fiction," but she writes from her own lived experience.

And what an experience.

Similar to her protagonist, C.C. Borkoski (named for her father's favorite Canadian Club whiskey), Raymer grew up with a sister who was an addict, a mother who wanted to be a teenager and a foreclosed family home. She watched her father have a nervous breakdown, walk away from his family and end up homeless.

For both families, real and fictional, that original trip to Florida seemed to be a gift, paid for with grit.

In real life and the novel, the family lived in a small, impoverished, southern Ohio town. Then C.C.'s dad's car dealership suspiciously burns down (and he collects the insurance). He drives the family to Florida and picks a \$3,500 lot in Loxahatchee, where the living seems easy.

He promises: "Florida, we got it all. Motorsports, ribs, beer. You can drive on the sand right up to the ocean. Fireworks every night."

Raymer is a real talent, with virtuoso powers of description of the "seedy wilds of 1990s south Florida."

Once the family is in Loxahatchee, "We tied orange ribbons around the trees we wanted to keep. Through thick vine, over the soft circle of pine needles where the wild boar bedded down, muck oozed into my green glitter jellies."

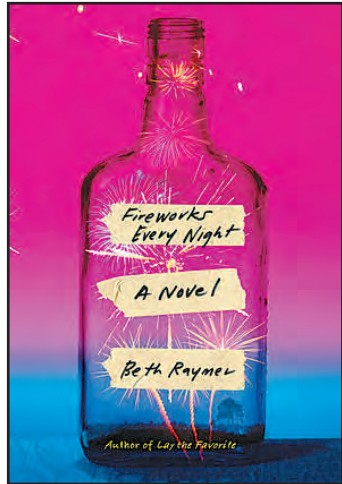
Swimming in the pool after dinner, "floating on my back, I caught every sunset. Even the moon was warm."

Raymer's book is filled with real places. Peanut Island. Shopping at Lord & Taylor at Palm Beach Mall. "Stripping at T's Lounge," "caddying at Binks Forest," driving on Blue Heron Boulevard and Seminole Pratt.

When it comes to family and friends, Raymer is profound: "The opposite of addiction is not sobriety; it's connection with people."

No matter her father's diminished circumstances, C.C. remains respectful and compassionate, but not to her mother. "Here was a woman in her fifties who had done unspeakable things to immediate family members. ... So much rupture, so much severing, yet she showed not an iota of pain, shame, or self-consciousness."

In her senior year of high school, C.C. loses out on a



college basketball scholarship. Apparently uneducated beyond high school, she somehow finds a job doing PR and fundraising for the "Florida Zoo." The vivid family scenes fade and the book loses its thread as C.C. is put into unrealistic scenarios at every turn.

She frequently lectures staff and her boss about not doing enough to protect animals

and urging them to relate to bats as family members, while resenting the un-P.C. donors.

At some point, C.C. moved north and effortlessly nabs a very rich man. But she soon concludes, "to be rich is to be in captivity."

Too much of the latter part of the book is spent on how she relentlessly destroys her chances for a happy marriage.

*Fireworks* was written over "years and years" with four editors, which may account for the lack of continuity.

However, Raymer has sold another book to Random House. This one will be nonfiction and "...is reportage set in Lake Worth, Loxahatchee, Wellington and Palm Beach," she said.

Sounds like we locals will have a lot to anticipate.

Sharon Geltner is the author of *Charity Bashed*, available on Amazon.

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## Theater Review

**Lobby Hero** (ran through Oct. 30 at Palm Beach Dramaworks)

Would you lie to save a family member or friend? How far would you go to save your job? What would it be for you to take to compromise your integrity?

Truth, morality and responsibility take center stage in *Lobby Hero* by Kenneth Lonergan, the play that opened Palm Beach Dramaworks' 24th season.

Jeff (Britt Michael Gordon), a loquacious security guard trying to pull himself out of debt, works the graveyard shift at an apartment building in Manhattan. His boss, William (Jovon Jacobs), an upstanding man proud of how he's worked his way through the ranks at the security company, stops by each night to check in. William confides to Jeff that William's brother has been arrested and has asked William to provide an alibi for the night the heinous crime took place.

To complicate matters, two

beat cops, Bill (Tim Altmeyer), an older seasoned cop, and his rookie partner Dawn (Elisabeth Yancey), stop by the building frequently, so Bill can visit a resident. Dawn is attracted to Bill, who seems to return her ardor, even though he's married. Jeff's attraction to Dawn leads him to reveal some personal information about Bill. When Dawn confronts Bill, she is left in a compromising position that could end her career.

The series of events leads Jeff, William, and Dawn to each make a decision that will have a profound effect on their careers, and their lives.

Lonergan has crafted *Lobby Hero* as a morality play, a struggle between right and wrong in situations with a lot of gray areas. Gender and race play a big part in the decisions the characters must make, and the inherent integrity in Jeff, William, and Dawn is juxtaposed by Bill's immorality.

Once again, director J. Barry Lewis has created a cohesive production in which every design element and performance

melds into an impressive and engrossing show.

Roger Arnold's sound design brings New York to life. Kirk Bookman's lighting adds the needed atmosphere for the lobby and the street outside. The scenic design by Victor A. Becker, who died earlier this year, is an architectural wonder, sleek and modern with mid-century touches. Brian O'Keefe's costume design is realistic for each character.

Each member of the cast delivers a terrific performance. Jacobs beautifully conveys William's anger, frustration, and humanity. Gordon is pitch-perfect as easygoing Jeff, and he and Yancey, who embodies Dawn's explosive, no-nonsense personality, have a sweet chemistry. Altmeyer walks a tightrope between comedy and intimidation and delivers a memorable performance that grows as his character emerges as the villain.

*Lobby Hero* is a provocative play and a fine start to Palm Beach Dramaworks' new season. — *Mary Damiano*

## POETRY

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Coon left an enduring legacy in the festival he founded in 2005, bringing many of the heavy hitters of the poetry world, including Thomas Lux, Billy Collins, Laure-Anne Bosselaar and Carolyn Forché, to Delray Beach as well as performance poets Glenis Redmond, Taylor Mali and Patricia Smith, as guests of the festival.

Attendees came from 30 states and overseas, including England, Scotland, Ireland,

France, Denmark, Germany, the Bahamas, Australia and Qatar, for poetry readings, workshops, craft talks, interviews and panel discussions and to be part of one of South Florida's top literary events.

Other frequent attendees included P. Scott Cunningham, founder of O, Miami, a poetry festival he runs each April in that city and author of *Ya Te Veo*, a book of poetry selected by Collins for the Miller Williams Poetry Series; and Campbell McGrath, a professor of English at FIU, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry

and recipient of the MacArthur Foundation's Genius Award.

Both said the announcement of the return of the festival to a new city is bittersweet, and McGrath noted that when an event is tied to a particular person and that person is no longer involved, carrying on that legacy can be tricky.

"I'd like to see Miles' legacy and the positive and community spirit he created carried over to the new festival," McGrath said, adding that he has faith in Brown's intent and ability to remain true to Coon's vision. "Nickole is a very capable and energetic person."

Cunningham lamented the loss of Old School Square as the home of the festival for 18 years.

"It was the perfect venue for a poetry festival," he said.

Susan Williamson, past director of the festival, said the death of Coon, the COVID-19 shutdown and loss of Old School Square were key factors in the festival's decision to look for a new home.

Though attempts to continue their relationship with Palm Beach County ultimately failed, festival organizers hope that both Coon's spirit and the new mountain setting may spark some poetry of their own.

"Miles and I both agreed that the transformative power of poetry to rise up during the most challenging times is a powerful force for change, and this will be an important focus of the festival moving forward," Brown said.

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am-5 pm M-Sat, noon-5 pm Sun. 561-655-2833, www.flaglermuseum.us

**Lighthouse ArtCenter:** Through Dec. 2: *Elegant Threads*, clothing, jewelry, and non-wearable artworks blending fashion with modern aesthetics; *Little Lush*, small-scale functional ceramics in a juried exhibition. \$5 non-members. 9 am-5 pm M-Th; 9 am-4 pm F; 10 am-4 pm Sat. 561-746-3101, lighthousearts.org.

**Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens:** Opens Nov. 4: *Stories on the Planet: Jewelry by Maeda Asagi*; 30 works by the Japanese craftsman who makes wearable sculptures of remarkable detail, such as "Stories on the Planet," a necklace that portrays 32 cities in 28 countries. Through April 7. \$15; \$13 seniors; \$9 children; free for members, ages 5 and under. 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. 10 am-5 pm T-Sun. 561-495-0233, morikami.org.

**Norton Museum of Art:** Through Feb. 18: *Artists in Motion: Impressionist and Modern Masterpieces from the Pearlman Collection*, an exhibit of 40 masterworks by the most celebrated late 19<sup>th</sup>-century artists including van Gogh, Gauguin, Degas, Cézanne, Manet and others. Through Nov. 19: *Classic Blues: Cobalt Blue Porcelain and Indigo-Dyed Textiles*, works in these Chinese and Japanese art forms, ranging from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; *Past Lives: Performance Art Through the Camera*, videos and photos of performance art from the 1980s through the early 2000s. \$18 adults; \$15 seniors; \$5 students; free for ages 12 and under, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm, M, T, Th, Sat; 10 am-10 pm F; 11 am-5 pm Sun. 561-832-5196, www.norton.org.

**Society of the Four Arts:** Opens Nov. 18: *Scenes of New York City: The Sarah and Elie Hirschfeld Collection*, an exhibit of 115 works depicting iconic views of the city, from such masters as de Kooning, Chagall, Hopper, Dufy, Hassam, O'Keeffe, Warhol and others. Through Jan. 28. \$10. 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm daily. 561-655-7226, fourarts.org.

### CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saturday, Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 5

**Lynn Philharmonia:** The student orchestra at the Lynn University Conservatory of Music presents the four winners of its recent concerto

competition; works by Prokofiev, Chausson, Copland and Chopin are featured. 7:30 pm Saturday and 3 pm Sunday, Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. \$35-\$50. 561-237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/events.

Sunday, Nov. 5

**Seraphic Fire:** The great Miami concert choir opens its 21<sup>st</sup> season with music of the French Baroque, in a new performing edition of excerpts from Rameau's 1737 opera *Castor et Pollux*; a motet by Mondeville is also on the program, called "Gods and Mortals." 4 pm, Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. \$45 and up. 561-832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

**Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach:** Cellist Gary Hoffman and pianist Jon Kimura Parker open the society's 11<sup>th</sup> season of concerts with the Rachmaninov Cello Sonata; the CMSPB artistic director, violinist Arnaud Sussman, joins them for Smetana's Piano Trio No. 1. 7 pm, Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. \$75. cmspb.org

Sunday, Nov. 19

**Palm Beach Symphony:** It's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season for the orchestra, and director Gerard Schwarz kicks things off by welcoming the eminent pianist Yefim Bronfman in one of the pianist's specialties, the Piano Concerto No. 2 of Johannes Brahms. Also on the program is *Triumph of Humanity*, a world premiere work written for the symphony by Bright Sheng. 3 pm, Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$25-\$95. kravis.org or palmbeachsymphony.org

**The Symphonia:** Conductor Alastair Willis opens the Boca Raton-based chamber orchestra's new season with a visit from Elmar Oliveira Competition violinist winner Hina Khuong-Huu in Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir d'un lieu cher*. Also on the program are works by Handel, Copland and the American Indian composer Jerod Tate. 3 pm, St. Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. \$55-\$90. 561-376-3848 or thesymphonia.org.

### DANCE

Saturday, Nov. 4-Sunday, Nov. 5

**Miami City Ballet:** The company opens its new season with "Fall Mix," a program of works by Balanchine (*Serenade*), Twyla Tharp (*In the Upper Room*), and Jamar Roberts, whose world

premiere ballet, *Sea Change*, is set to music by John Adams. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday, 1 pm Sunday. \$40 and up. kravis.org or 561-832-7469.

Friday, Nov. 24-Sunday, Nov. 26

**Boca Ballet Theatre:** Dan Guin and Jane Tyree's company presents its annual Thanksgiving weekend production of *The Nutcracker*. At Olympic Heights High School, 20101 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm Friday, 2 pm and 7:30 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. \$35-\$55. 561-995-0709 or bocaballet.org

### JAZZ

Saturday, Nov. 4

**Klezmer Company Jazz Orchestra:** Aaron Kula's klezmer-meets-jazz band, melding Eastern European folk stylings from the Jewish communities with swing and other idioms. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Delray Beach. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org

Sunday, Nov. 5

**Special EFX All-Stars:** Guitarist Chieli Minucci leads his quintet of superstars in music from the band's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary collections and a Minucci solo project. Two shows, 5:30 pm and 8 pm, the Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. \$40-\$55. 561-395-2929

Friday, Nov. 10

**Tito Puente Jr.:** The percussionist carries on the legacy of his late father and namesake with his own special brand of Latin jazz. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Delray Beach. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org

Friday, Nov. 17

**Mon David:** The celebrated Philippine-American jazz vocalist, accompanied by a trio. 8 pm, Arts Garage, 94 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Delray Beach. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org

### POPULAR MUSIC

Tuesday, Nov. 14-Wednesday, Nov. 15

**Pink:** The pop singer formerly known as Alecia Beth Moore Hart brings her "Trustfall Tour" to two South Florida venues. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Kaseya Center, 601 Biscayne Blvd., Miami; \$107-\$385, call 786-777-1000; 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15, Amerant Bank Arena, Sunrise; \$130-\$2,044; call 954-835-7000.

### THEATER

Through Sunday, Nov. 12

**Murder on the Orient Express:** Playwright Ken Ludwig's adaptation of the classic Agatha

Christie whodunit about the murder of a gangster on the celebrated train. At Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. 561-575-2233 or jupitertheatre.org.

**I Love a Piano:** Ray Roderick and Michael Berkeley's revue of the songs of one of America's greatest songwriters, Irving Berlin. Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$109. 561-995-2233 or thewick.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 7-Sunday, Nov. 12

**Chicago:** The classic Kander and Ebb musical from 1975 ("All That Jazz," "Razzle-Dazzle") about the violent days of the great city in the crime-ridden Prohibition 1920s. Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Eight performances. \$34 and up. 561-832-7469 or www.kravis.org

Opens Friday, Nov. 17

**A Christmas Carol:** A stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless 1843 tale of redemption and the true meaning of Christmas. Through Dec. 3 at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. \$38. 561-586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org

Opens Saturday, Nov. 18

**The Berlin Diaries:** Andrea Stolowitz's new play about finding the ancestors in German archives of her great-grandfather, who fled Nazi Germany in 1939 and came to the United States. At FAU Theatre Lab on Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton campus. Through Dec. 10. \$32. fauevents.com or 561-297-6124

Opens Friday, Nov. 24

**She Loves Me:** Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's 1963 musical about two feuding perfumery shop workers who don't realize they are each other's secret lonelyhearts pen pals. Through Dec. 10 at the Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9<sup>th</sup> St. 561-272-1281 or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com

Opens Tuesday, Nov. 28

**A Christmas Carol:** An adaptation of the Dickens classic about the miser Ebenezer Scrooge and the fateful visit of three spirits. Through Dec. 10 at Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road. 561-575-2233 or jupitertheatre.org

Opens Thursday, Nov. 30

**Bye Bye Birdie:** The Charles Strouse-Lee Adams musical from 1960 about a struggling songwriter whose rock star client is drafted into the Army. Through Dec. 24. Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. \$109. 561-995-2233 or thewick.org

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## Finding Faith

# The joys of holiday music

For many people, worshipers and agnostics alike, holiday music is one of the best parts of the holiday season.

“Music is the language of the soul,” says Tim Brumfield, music director at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church in Boca Raton. “It’s the great unifier. It bridges the gaps and brings people together.”

Brumfield and the congregation will celebrate the return of music to St. Gregory’s just in time for Christmas Eve.

The sanctuary underwent a total remodel, and the pipe organ had to be carefully protected from the construction mess. It was the first thing the church packed up (hermetically sealed!) and will be the last thing unpacked.

The remodel also removed the carpet and replaced it with a stone floor, improving the acoustics. “The sound had a deadness to it because of that, and now it’s glorious,” Brumfield said. The traditional midnight Mass will be “souped up” with performances by a string orchestra and the choir.

### Toot-toot-toot

Music lovers drive from Miami and Port St. Lucie to hear music at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, which boasts the best classical music performed in an acoustically astounding sacred setting. This annual concert series has been showcasing the most gifted classical musicians at St. Paul’s for 35 years, and the internationally acclaimed Delray String Quartet kicked off its sixth year as artists-in-residence with a program called “The Bullfighter” on Oct. 15.

The second concert of the season is an observance of All Souls’ Day, the Christian feast that recognizes loved ones who have passed, on Nov. 5. The



**LEFT:** Jody Miller will bring his recorder to St. Paul’s Episcopal in Delray Beach on Dec. 3 in a concert with the Palm Beach Recorder Society Ensemble. **RIGHT:** St. Paul’s Chancel Choir will perform Nov. 5. **Photos provided**



program, “For Us the Living, a Requiem” by American composer Alfred Fedak, is a solemn requiem Mass sung by St. Paul’s Chancel Choir accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The program is directed by David Macfarlane, the church’s organist and choirmaster.

“I began this annual tradition at St. Paul’s three years ago and it has quickly grown into one of our most beautiful and moving services of the year,” he said.

Missy McArdle, a well-known local actress, has taken up the reins of music at St. Paul’s as its interim director through the end of the year. As a performer, McArdle takes the stage with her fellow members of the Palm Beach Recorder Society Ensemble on Dec. 3 for “A Merrye Noyse,” a performance featuring Jody Miller.

Miller, based in the Atlanta area, is “a whirlwind of a man,” McArdle said. “He’s a strong leader and an engaging teacher.”

Miller’s love of historical music and traditional instruments has filled his life with performances, workshops and small groups focusing on the recorder.

You may think of the recorder as that “toot-toot-toot” instrument thousands of grade schoolers were given as their first musical instrument. Made of plastic, they were incredibly

affordable, but most of those recorders ended up in the back of the kids’ closets, or were replaced with “real” instruments like the flute or clarinet by anyone with talent.

In reality, the recorder is simple to learn but it easily can transition from “Three Blind Mice” to Vivaldi’s Recorder Concerto RV 443 in the hands of a good player. It would have stood the test of time but for its volume: The poor, sweet recorder is simply not loud enough to stand up to the other orchestral instruments.

The recorder ensemble has been meeting at St. Paul’s for more than 20 years and is directed by Glen Rovinelli, who is “a magnificent teacher and very knowledgeable,” McArdle says. In full disclosure, the couple has been married for more than 20 years, ever since he gave her an unsolicited critique of her recorder solo from “Godspell.” The group has about 15 members, about half of whom will perform with Miller.

New members are welcomed and can get started with a one-day workshop with Miller and the Palm Beach Recorder & Early Music Society on Dec. 2.

Music at St. Paul’s concerts take place monthly at 3 p.m. on select Sundays. A donation of \$25 for adults and \$15 for students is requested. Music at St. Paul’s season will include:

The annual performance of “A Festival of Lessons & Carols,” which takes place Dec. 10 and features the church’s choir and schola.

**The Muse Duo** — Collin Holloway and Robert Luke Benedict performing a guitar and piano concert composed by Benedict on Jan. 21.

**Bailey-Michelle Collins**, a bronze medal winner at the Nina Simone Piano Competition, who performs March 3.

**Stars of David** — **The Judaic Muse II**, featuring music of 19th century Jewish composers for the piano, performed by Jose Lopez, on March 17.

For more information, visit <https://musicstpauls.org>.

### Handel’s ‘Messiah’

Among the favorite classical pieces performed at Christmas is Handel’s “Messiah.” While not specifically about Christmas — it tells the story of the life of Jesus from birth through the Resurrection — it’s still a popular piece at the holidays.

The **Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches** performs Handel’s “Messiah” at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Cocoanut Row, Palm Beach. 561-845-9696 or <https://masterworkspb.org>.

The **Florida Atlantic University Chamber Singers** with faculty, alumni and

friends, and the **Schola Cantorum of Florida** perform the Christmas portion of “Messiah” under the baton of Dr. Patricia P. Fleitas at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 370 SW Third St., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$15 at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

### Now for something new

“Journey to Bethlehem,” a new musical feature film about the birth of Jesus, opens at local theaters on Nov. 9. Adam Anders, a four-time Grammy nominee and two-time People’s Choice Award winner, co-wrote, directed and produced the movie. It features 12 original songs, co-written by Anders.

The trailer indicates this is more of a love story than a biblical retelling of the trip Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. It’s a fresh look at a brave couple who faced down the world with just each other and their faith in God to protect them. Rated PG.

**Cinemark Palace 20**, 3200 Airport Road, Boca Raton. Shows at 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25 p.m.

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## Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4 - C-Kids Shabbat Program** at Boca Beach Chabad, 120 NE 1st Ave. Every Sat 10:45-11:45 am. 561-394-9770; [bocabeachchabad.org](http://bocabeachchabad.org)

### NOVEMBER 5-11

**Sunday - 11/5 - Zoom Bible Study** at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Every Sun 7 pm. Free. Zoom link: [communications#accboca.net](https://communications#accboca.net); 561-997-5486; [ascensionboca.org](http://ascensionboca.org)

**Monday - 11/6 - 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](http://firstdelray.com)

**11/6 - 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](http://stvincentferrer.com)

**11/6 - Recovery Church** at Trinity Delray Lutheran Church, 400 N Swinton Ave. Worship service for those in recovery from addiction, looking for freedom from addictive/compulsive behaviors. Every M 7-8:40 pm. Free. 561-276-8458; [trinitydelray.org](http://trinitydelray.org)

**Tuesday - 11/7 - Tuesday Morning Prayer Service** at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. 10 am. Free. 561-276-5796;

[unityofdelraybeach.org](http://unityofdelraybeach.org)

**Wednesday - 11/8 - Men’s Spirituality Hour via Zoom** at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 8 am. Free. For link: 561-395-8285; [stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://stgregorysepiscopal.org)

**11/8 - Patriotic Rosary** at St Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Every W after 8:30 am Mass. Free. 561-278-1280; [stlucycommunity.com](http://stlucycommunity.com)

**11/8 - Catholic Men Weekly Fellowship** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W 6:30-8 pm. 512-924-4862; [stvincentferrer.com](http://stvincentferrer.com)

**11/8 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service** at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Rev. Laurie Durgan. 6:30 pm. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; [unityofdelraybeach.org](http://unityofdelraybeach.org)

**Thursday - 11/9 - Thursday Morning Prosperity Coffee** at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Led by Charlene Wilkinson. 7 am 1st Th in person; phone meeting (720-740-9634, passcode 2152894) all but 1st Th. Free. 561-276-5796; [unityofdelraybeach.org](http://unityofdelraybeach.org)

**11/9 - Men’s Fellowship** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com)

**11/9 - Women’s Discipleship Group** at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com)

**11/9 - Women’s Bible Study** at St. Gregory’s

Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Th 1 pm. Free. 561-395-8285; [stgregorysepiscopal.org](http://stgregorysepiscopal.org)

**11/9 - Islamic Center of Boca Raton Open House** at 3480 NW 5th Ave, Boca Raton. All welcome. Refreshments, tour of the mosque, Q&A. 1st Th 7-9 pm. Free. 561-395-7221; [icbr.org](http://icbr.org)

**Friday - 11/10 - Bible Study w/Dave Kirk** at Advent Boca Raton Fellowship Hall, 300 E Yamato Rd. Every F 10-11:30 am. 561-395-3632; [adventboca.org](http://adventboca.org)

**11/10 - 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](http://stvincentferrer.com)

**11/10 - Virtual Shabbat Service** at Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 7:30 pm. Free. 561-276-6161; [templesinaipbc.org](http://templesinaipbc.org)

### NOVEMBER 19-25

**Wednesday - 11/22 - One Wow Moment** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. New monthly course for women from Rosh Chodesh Society. 7 W through 5/8/2024. 6:45 pm. \$79/ includes textbook. RSVP: 561-394-9770; [chabadbocabeaches.com](http://chabadbocabeaches.com)

### NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**Friday - 12/1 - Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** at St. Mark Chapel, 643 NE 4th Ave, Boynton Beach. 1st F 9 am-3 pm. Free. 561-734-9330; [stmarkboynton.com](http://stmarkboynton.com)



## Religion Notes

# How to help victims of war in Middle East

By Janis Fontaine

When Americans see something, they want to do something, especially when innocent children are involved.

Our first inclination is to donate cash, but how do we get the money to the people who really need it?

Locally, we can support rabbis like Ruvi New of Boca Beach Chabad, who joined a mission with other Chabad rabbis from across the United States to travel to Israel and bring supplies.

“We will visit soldiers in the army, wounded in the hospitals, families in mourning. Our goal is to inspire and uplift. To send a message to Israelis that we in the diaspora stand with them,” New wrote on Chabad’s website last month.

The group planned to “distribute funds to families in need” and offer “programs to help soldiers and victims of terror.”

Chabad’s network of local groups communicates directly with friends and family in Israel. That allows congregations like Rabbi Shmuli Biston’s Chabad East Delray to fulfill specific needs for medical supplies, food or clothing. Biston said it doesn’t matter what you give but that you give freely.

Do those pronouncements of people standing in solidarity help? Yes, Biston says, you’re not wasting your time. The Jewish community wants and needs your support. “It’s very meaningful to hear that others share our grief,” he said.

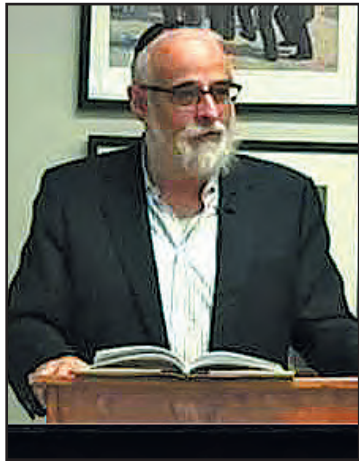
But what about the Christians and Muslims who live in Gaza? How do we support innocent children? What about the children of Hamas? Is it right to leave them to die for the sins of their fathers?

Almost everyone condemns Hamas’ attack on Israel. But what about the Palestinians who have been trying to scratch out a life in the barricaded Gaza Strip for decades? Now they’re collateral damage in a conflict that cannot be won. So how do we help them?

“The sad thing is the indiscriminate bombing of Gaza is killing civilians, not soldiers,” said Mahmoud Elghewisky, the executive director of the Islamic Center of Boca Raton.

It’s just one of the contradictions he sees. “Why are Ukrainians who are fighting for their homes seen as freedom fighters, but Palestinians are seen as terrorists?” he asks.

The border choke-holds by government troops, both Israeli and Egyptian in the South, are preventing sufficient



Rabbi Ruvi New of Boca Beach Chabad joined a group taking supplies to Israel in the wake of the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas. **Photo provided by Torah Cafe**

aid from reaching the people. The military argues that any aid sent into Gaza for women, children and the elderly will be stolen by Hamas to support its fighters. The Israeli military wants the citizens to evacuate. But they’re too poor to leave and too afraid to venture out. A slow death by starvation or for lack of medical care is all the future they can see.

Whoever you want to help, money is the quickest and easiest way of showing support.

### Where to help locally

**Rabbi New, Chabad Boca Beaches.** Support Rabbi New here: [www.chabadbocabeaches.com/templates/articlecco\\_cdo/aid/6130621/jewish/Help-Israel.htm](http://www.chabadbocabeaches.com/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/6130621/jewish/Help-Israel.htm).

**Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County’s Israel Emergency Fund:** [www.jewishboca.org/israel-at-war-donations](http://www.jewishboca.org/israel-at-war-donations). If you have any questions or concerns about your donation, contact Marc Fishman at [marcf@bocafed.org](mailto:marcf@bocafed.org) or call 561-852-3169.

**The Islamic Center of Boca Raton:** The Islamic Center is hosting an open house Dec. 1 for anyone who has questions about Islam. The center is at 3480 NW Fifth Ave. 561-395-7221 or [www.icbr.org](http://www.icbr.org).

### Other charities to consider

NPR.org and Fortune.com vetted a list of reliable charities and organizations that include:

**Anera:** It addresses the development and relief needs of refugees and others hurt by conflicts in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Jordan. It’s working to provide humanitarian relief to Palestinians and residents of East Jerusalem. It received a 92% score on Charity Navigator, a nonprofit that evaluates other nonprofits. [www.nera.org](http://www.nera.org)

**Doctors Without Borders:** This international group brings emergency medical care where it’s most needed. DWB received a 98% score



The Rev. D. Brian Horgan of St. Lucy Catholic Church and Steven Moss, rabbi to Temple Sinai of Palm Beach County in Delray Beach, united for a prayer vigil on Oct. 12 at St. Lucy in Highland Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

from Charity Navigator. [www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)

**International Committee of the Red Cross:** ICRC partners with chapters of the Red Cross and Red Crescent so its neutral workers can visit detainees in both Israel and the Palestinian territories. [www.icrc.org](http://www.icrc.org)

**International Rescue Committee:** It works in more than 40 countries to help people affected by humanitarian crises, in the short and long term. Regarding Gaza, the organization says it is “assessing needs on the ground and our capacity to ensure critical, life-saving humanitarian relief reaches affected civilian populations.” Its Charity Navigator score is 91%. [www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

**IsraAID:** This global NGO, based in Tel Aviv, claims it is housing evacuees from Gaza, operating child-friendly spaces where kids can play and process, and distributing resilience kits to families. Its Charity Navigator score is 95%. [www.israaid.org](http://www.israaid.org)

**American Friends of Magen David Adom:** This is Israel’s national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service — the equivalent of a Red Cross. It says donations will be used to make sure responders and volunteers have all the training, equipment and medical supplies (including blood) to treat injured people. Charity Navigator: 100%. [www.afmda.org](http://www.afmda.org)

**Medical Aid for Palestinians:** This group is responding to the emergency in Gaza by providing essential drugs, disposables and other health care supplies to hospitals struggling to cope with an influx of serious injuries. [www.map.org.uk](http://www.map.org.uk)

**Islamic Relief USA: Middle East/Palestine:** In addition to calling for a cease-fire, the IRUSA says, “All parties have a duty to protect civilians from harm, avoid targeting civilian infrastructure such as

hospitals and humanitarian facilities, and ensure that civilians have access to basic necessities such as water, food and power.” [www.irusa.org/middle-east/palestine](http://www.irusa.org/middle-east/palestine)

**Middle East Children’s Alliance:** This nonprofit dedicated to children’s rights in the Middle East supports dozens of communities with Palestinian children. It is procuring medical supplies for hospitals as well as providing emergency assistance to families who have fled their homes. Its Charity Navigator score is 100%. [www.mecaforpeace.org](http://www.mecaforpeace.org)

**Palestine Children’s Relief Fund:** PCRPF provides medical and humanitarian relief to Arab children, regardless of nationality or religion, and has had a presence in Gaza for 30 years. Its donations provide access to medical care, mental health support and essential supplies for kids in Gaza. Its Charity Navigator score is 97%. [www.pcrf.net](http://www.pcrf.net)

**Palestine Red Crescent Society:** PRCS was founded in 1968 as a humanitarian organization that is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It provides hospital, emergency medicine and ambulance services, and primary health care centers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. [www.palestinercs.org/en](http://www.palestinercs.org/en)

**Save the Children:** This NGO, founded after World War I, is committed to protecting and assisting children in Gaza and Israel and working to renegotiate humanitarian corridors. It received a 97% score from Charity Navigator. [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org)

**UNICEF:** Established by the UN after World War II, UNICEF says it has staff in Gaza delivering support. UNICEF received a 92% score from Charity Navigator. [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

**UNRWA:** The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine

Refugees in the Near East was established by the UN to provide direct relief programs for Palestinian refugees. Since Oct. 7, it claims that more than 270,000 refugees have populated its shelters. [www.unrwa.org](http://www.unrwa.org)

**The Carter Center,** founded by former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in partnership with Emory University has been promoting peace and a viable two-state Israel-Palestine solution since 1982. [www.cartercenter.org](http://www.cartercenter.org)

**Zakat Foundation of America:** Founded in 2001, it is dedicated to alleviating the immediate needs of the poorest communities by providing food, shelter, health care and delivering emergency relief. Charity Navigator score: 100%. [www.zakat.org](http://www.zakat.org)

**Life for Relief and Development:** This global organization dedicates itself to alleviating human suffering around the world regardless of race, color, religion, or cultural background. It was founded in 1992 by Arab American professionals in response to the humanitarian crisis that developed in Iraq as a result of the 1990-91 Gulf War conflict. [www.lifeusa.org](http://www.lifeusa.org)

**Islamic Relief USA:** It provides relief and development in a dignified manner regardless of gender, race, or religion, and works to empower individuals in their communities and give them a voice in the world. Organized in 1993 in California. [www.irusa.org](http://www.irusa.org)

**Mercy-USA for Aid and Development:** This group is dedicated to alleviating human suffering and supporting individuals and their communities in their efforts to become more self-sufficient. Mercy-USA’s projects focus on improving health, nutrition and access to safe water, as well as promoting economic and educational growth and providing disaster relief around the world. [www.mercyusa.org](http://www.mercyusa.org) ★

Health & Harmony

# Fall prevention: New class helps seniors improve balance, strength

We've all heard about the commercial that shows a woman stretched out on the floor crying, "Help, I've fallen and I can't get up." The probability of falling is real, especially for people 65 and older.

In Palm Beach County, falls are the leading cause of traumatic injury, with Health Care District data showing the number of people who fell and were treated within the county's trauma system rising 145% in the past 12 years, from 1,048 in 2010 to 2,572 last year.

In response, the Health Care District secured a \$1 million, one-year grant, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, to spearhead a proactive approach toward fall prevention.

In September, the district began offering free "Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance" classes at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach.

One of the first to sign up was Delray Beach resident Toby Koritsky, 71, a retired educator. With two hip replacements and two knee replacements, she wants to improve her strength and balance. Koritsky was not looking for strenuous exercise and found exercise DVDs too intense.

"This is just what I need," she says. "It's every day at 8:30 a.m. and gets me up and going."

This Tai Ji Quan regimen was developed for older adults



The Palm Beach County Health Care District is hosting free 'Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance' classes weekdays at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach. Photo provided

by Fuzhong Li of the Oregon Research Institute.

Diane Lundstedt, 67, of Lake Worth Beach, instructs the South County class. She says this regimen takes the focus away from the core and puts emphasis on hips and feet — the first defense against falling.

The eight forms of movement include weight-shifting exercises, reaching exercises, finger mobility, spatial awareness, pushing and pulling, and turning, all geared to prevent a loss of balance.

Routines can be modified to

include sitting and geared to an individual's level.

Practicing this routine for 10 years has helped Lundstedt become more aware of her body, made her stronger and able to center herself if she feels at risk of falling.

Lundstedt says a core group of 14-18 people comes to class and she expects more as snowbirds arrive.

Koritsky says she has learned how to shift her weight from side to side and to be conscious of her feet on the ground, which can help prevent loss of balance.

Koritsky, who has diabetes, says she is beginning to have neuropathy in her feet, another cause of concern. In 2019 while at synagogue, she fell and fractured her shoulder.

She's encouraged by the techniques she's learning.

"It's slow-moving, but good exercise, which I like," she says. "I found what works for me."

Tips to prevent falls include enrolling in a balance and exercise program to improve balance, strength and flexibility; asking for a risk assessment from your health care provider; reviewing your medications with the provider to make sure dosages are correct; having your vision and hearing checked and ensuring your eyeglass prescription is up to date; fall-proofing your home to remove area rugs that may slip, installing grab bars in the bathroom or where needed, and ensuring your home is well-lit.

"Falls are a serious health concern," says Darcy Davis, CEO of the Health Care District. "Not only can falls cause serious injury, but they

also contribute to many in our community losing their independence.

"With this free program for all ages, the Health Care District and our partners strive to decrease falls in Palm Beach County through proactive collaboration, education and prevention," she says.

The district is looking to partner with other locations to host classes in the county and is offering free "train the trainer" courses to prospective instructors, with an eye on expanding class offerings.

The district also will create a fall-prevention video series that will serve the community after the conclusion of the grant.

For Koritsky, she hopes learning these balance techniques and improving her strength will allow her to feel less afraid about falling.

"These movements are great for anyone looking to increase stability and build strength," she says.

They have enabled her to go longer, farther and with less fear of falling when she walks Abu, her 11-year-old Shih Tzu.

Classes are held weekdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the South County Civic Center, 16700 S. Jog Road, Delray Beach, and are open to all. For more information, see [www.hcdpbc.org/for-patients/trauma-system/education-and-prevention/falls-awareness](http://www.hcdpbc.org/for-patients/trauma-system/education-and-prevention/falls-awareness).

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## Health Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4 - Sunrise Beach Yoga** at the Seagate Beach Club, 401 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 60-minute morning Vinyasa yoga. Bring mat, towel, water bottle. Every Sat 8-9 am. \$20. 561-330-3775; seagatedelray.com

**11/4 - Yoga Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**11/4 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West, 1221 S Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every 1st Sat 10-11 am. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/4 - Judo Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, tournament training. W 6:30-8:30 pm mixed ages/ranks; Sat 10 am-noon all groups. Per month \$21.50/resident; \$27/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/4 - 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

**11/4 - 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

**11/4 - AA Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

### NOVEMBER 5-11

**Sunday - 11/5 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal.

No cash accepted on-site. Every W & Sun 6:30-7:30 pm. \$10/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/5 - CODA (Codependents Anonymous) Meeting** at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sun 6 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Monday - 11/6 - Adult Zumba Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every M 7-8 pm. \$7.50/1 class. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/6 - Al Anon** at St. Mark Catholic Church St. Clare Room, 643 NE 4th Ave, Boynton Beach. Every T 10 am & Th 7 pm. Free. 561-734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**Tuesday - 11/7 - Medicare Basics** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/7 - Grief Support Ministry** at St. Mark Catholic Church St. Clare Room, 643 NE 4th Ave, Boynton Beach. Every T 2 pm. Free. 561-734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**11/7 - Tai Chi Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Beginner through advanced. Age 16+. Every T 6-8 pm. \$8-\$10/class. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/7 - 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 - 11/8 - Stretch & Strengthening Mindfulness Class** at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30 am. \$5/class. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**11/8 - Health & Harmony: Learning, Playing & Creating Throughout the Lifespan** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100

W Atlantic Ave. Part of Building a Better Brain Series. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/8 - 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 12-18

**Sunday - 11/12 - Coco Connections Market** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, 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. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 561-870-4090; thecocoyogi.com/market

**11/12 - Yoga at the Museum** at Boca Raton Museum of Art Outdoor Sculpture Garden, 501 Plaza Real. Yin yoga; all levels. 9:30-11 am. \$10/member; \$40/non-member. Registration: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**Wednesday - 11/15 - Rx Mindfulness Matters: Mindfulness, Mental Health, & Healthy Brain Connections** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Building a Better Brain Series. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

### NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**Wednesday - 11/29 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series: Editing Genes to Tackle Neurological Conditions with Xin Jin, PhD.** 1-hour virtual lecture. 4 pm. Free. Register for link: [frontrow.scripps.edu](http://frontrow.scripps.edu)

**Thursday - 11/30 - Yoga Under the Stars** at Boca Raton Museum of Art Outdoor Sculpture Garden, 501 Plaza Real. Yin yoga; all levels. 6-7:30 pm. \$10/member; \$40/non-member. Registration: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

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Health Notes

# First responder joins board of Delray Medical Center

Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue District Chief 42 William Stansbury has joined Delray Medical Center's governing board.

Stansbury was a strike-team leader for the Holocaust survivor vaccine mission in 2021, and that year, he was a strike-team leader following the Surfside building collapse.

"A first responder can bring unique insights into the demands and challenges that emergency health care providers encounter," said Delray Medical Center CEO Daniel Listi. "This outlook can help ensure the medical center is adequately equipped to manage various crises and that effective emergency response methods are implemented."

His addition to the board will assist Delray Medical Center's position as a prominent health care institution in the community.

Stansbury has a personal connection to Delray Medical Center.

"I was a patient for one month in 1999 after a horrible car accident," he said. "I know what it feels like to be a long-term patient requiring around-the-clock medical care."

"As an emergency medical services professional with Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue, I have been transporting patients to DMC since 2004, working alongside the hospital's medical professionals. Therefore, I hope to provide a unique and broad perspective from several points of view — patient, paramedic and co-professional."

Instrumentum, a surgical tool company, will relocate to the Research Park at Florida Atlantic University, making a \$1 million capital investment and adding 30 jobs over the next two years.

Instrumentum will occupy a 9,300-square-foot office space that includes a sterilization facility, which will serve hospitals and

outpatient surgery centers in South Florida. The company also will collaborate with Florida Atlantic University to develop a training curriculum tied to the surgical sterilization field.

Instrumentum reports that outsourced sterilization services is a growing industry, as more hospitals operate with limited resources. Instrumentum is already working with the FAU College of Business to analyze the full costs of surgical tool sterilization.



Stansbury



Colton



Terjesen

The Research Park at Florida Atlantic University honored outstanding individuals for their contributions toward promoting research and fostering economic development, at its annual celebration of entrepreneurship in October at Boca West Country Club.

Among the honorees were two Boca Raton residents: Drs. Robert Colton and Siri Terjesen.

Colton is the co-founder and chairman of Thema Brain Health, a Research Park at FAU-based company. Thema Brain Health aims to shift the focus of dementia research toward identifying genetic and lifestyle risk factors, early diagnosis and prevention.

Terjesen is the founding executive director of the Madden Center for Value Creation, and Phil Smith Professor of Entrepreneurship at Florida Atlantic's College of Business. She is an expert in higher education, strategic management, entrepreneurship and philanthropy. Her research, covered in more than 80 articles, two books, many white papers and manuscripts, has earned her national recognition.

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**Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club**

This stunning furnished home in prestigious Royal Palm Yacht club offers a prime location on the golf course with panoramic views. The home has been remodeled with exquisite taste & attention to detail, featuring high ceilings, impact glass windows and doors, and a new roof installed in 2020. The kitchen is a chef's dream with calcutta marble countertops, viking gas stove, sub zero refrigerator and large wine storage. The master suite is on the first floor and features wood flooring and a spa-like bathroom w/ 2 water closets. The downstairs also boasts a rich wooden paneled library. Upstairs are 3 ensuite bedrooms and cozy loft area. The backyard is an oasis of relaxation and entertainment, with a large covered loggia, heated pool, spa & summer kitchen. **\$8,349,000**



**Direct Intracoastal Point Lot – Boca Raton**

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## Tots &amp; Teens

## Sandoway Center erupts with fun to introduce youngsters to science

By Faran Fagen

The first thing 3-year-old Zev Bailey of Boca Raton does when he comes home from a session of the Sandoway Discovery Series is teach his dad, Chris, what he's learned.

So far, the topics at the Sandoway Discovery Center in Delray Beach have ranged from the jungle to biodiversity, and in November pumpkin volcanoes and ice cream science will be featured.

"Each session is filled with things for him to explore, maneuver and create while learning each theme," said Brittany Bailey, who signed her son Zev up for every session this fall, including the two this month, Nov. 3 and 17. "Zev is always fully engaged and happy to be there and loves his take-home projects."

Sandoway has run this retooled Discovery Series for the past three months. Sessions are limited to no more than 15 kids, suggested ages 3-5, and usually take place outdoors.

"Our goal is to get young kids excited about learning and about science through discovery," said Suzanne Williamson, Sandoway's director of education. "We want kids to feel like they're discovering new ideas and phenomena with hands-on activities and demonstrations."

The center opened in 1998 with the goal of entertaining



Zev Bailey, 3, of Boca Raton, carries the sensory coral reef he made while taking part in the Discovery Series at the Sandoway Discovery Center in Delray Beach. Photo provided

and educating people about environmental topics through experiential learning.

Williamson joined the staff at the beginning of June, after being a high school AP environmental science, biology and marine science teacher for 15 years.

"I'm so passionate about environmental education, and Sandoway has allowed me to spread that message to a wider range of kids and the public in

so many cool ways," she said.

For each part of the new series, Williamson and her staff have generated a theme.

In September, the theme was Ocean Explorers Academy, and the staff used coffee grounds and filters to model how fish breathe and then used a variety of materials to create a 3D coral reef.

A session showcases an experiment or demo to get the kids thinking about the science

process, and then a hands-on craft and/or sensory project that stimulates their preschool minds and is something they can take home.

"We like to get messy, so we usually try to have sessions outside," Williamson said.

In another session, kids explored the differences in density between fresh and salt water, and then used that understanding to make the layers of the ocean in a jar using liquids of differing densities.

The kids "had so much fun building their oceans in a jar," Williamson said. "The parents really loved that they could give their kids a messy sensory experience and then just leave the cleanup to us."

Each class is capped at either 12 or 15 kids, depending on space needed. October's sessions were full.

Each meeting starts with a question to let kids share anything they know about the topic. Then they move into the experiment or demo, often working in groups to foster collaboration.

Next, they talk about what they saw and move into the craft or model that they make individually.

"Kids are encouraged to be creative and know that making mistakes is a learning process and that science is fun," Williamson said.

November is STEM-giving,

so activities are centering on fall and the great American Thanksgiving. Experiments will center on Thanksgiving foods, like making bread in a bag and simple homemade ice cream using the laws of physics. Kids will even make pumpkin volcanoes.

The Discovery Series has been a program at Sandoway for several years. The staff reinvented it this fall to make certain that kids immersed themselves in phenomena of the natural world and learned concepts that they will need to know in elementary school.

The series targets preschoolers because ages 3-5 are such critical years to shape the way kids feel about learning. Sandoway also offers a Young Scientists Series twice per month on weekends to allow a broader age range of kids to experience what scientists do and to develop a better understanding of the science process.

As for admission to the Discovery Series, the fee for non-members is \$12 per child and \$2 per child for members. Each accompanying adult is \$10 (free for members).

Fee includes all materials and admission to the center for the day. To reserve a spot, call 561-274-7263 or email Suzanne.sandoway@gmail.com. Payment will be accepted upon arrival. ★

## Tots &amp; Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4 - Gymnastics Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-11. Every Sat through 12/16 9:30-11:15 am. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**11/4 - 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

**11/4 - Saturday Morning ART (smART)** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Based on artwork at the Museum, links art making w/learning about art. Held again 12/2. Age 5+. 10-11 am. \$15/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/4 - STEM Camp: DiNovember** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7-12. 10:30-11:45 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/4 - Play & Learn Storytime** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 0-5 yrs. Every Sat 10:30-11 am. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/4 - Intro to Kickboxing** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**11/4 - 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; spadmuseum.com

**11/4 - Daily Shark & Stingray Feedings** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sun 1 pm. Free w/\$10 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

**11/4 - STEM Camp: DiNovember Specialty Program: All About Reptiles Show by Sandoway Nature Center** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-17. Held again 11/18. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/4 - International Games Month: Comic Con** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W

Atlantic Ave. Age 11-17. 1:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/4 - Daily Aquarium Feedings** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sun 2 pm. Free w/\$10 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

**11/4 - Animal Encounters** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. T-Sun 3 pm. Free w/\$10 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

## NOVEMBER 5-11

**Monday - 11/6 - Fun w/Fernanda: Bilingual Spanish-English Story Time** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 0-4. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/6 - PAWS to Read** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Join Ms. Rose & her therapy dog, Cloud, to practice reading. Age 5-12. Every M through 11/27 4-5 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/6 - Zestful Zumba** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 11/13. 5:15-6:15 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Tuesday - 11/7 - Teen Tech Sandbox** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 11/14 & 28 3-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - Teen Tuesday** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 13-17. Every T 5-7 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/7 - Teen Book Club: The Selection by Kiera Cass** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 11/28 & 12/19 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - Karate Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 6-17. Every T/Th through 12/21 5:30-6:25 pm. \$85/resident; \$106/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**11/7 - Tween Book Jam: Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/7 - Tuesday Night Chess Open Play** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 6+. Every T 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/7-8 - Sensational Story 'n More** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Age 2-5. Every T 10-10:45 am & W 3-3:45 pm. Free w/paid admission. 561-742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Wednesday - 11/8 - Outdoor Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library under the Banyan tree, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. May be cancelled in inclement weather. Held again 11/22 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/8 - 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. Held again 11/15 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/8 - ART Tales Story Time** at Boca Raton Museum of Art Wolgin Education Center, 501 Plaza Real. Literacy/visual arts program; Boca Raton Library joins w/book readings. Special art project follows. Age 4-8 w/guardian. 3:30-4:30 pm. \$15/member family; \$25/non-member family. Registration required: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/8 - Ms. Lovely's Playdate** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Interactive play. Age 3-5. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/8 - Pajama Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. 6:30-7 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Thursday - 11/9 - Make & Take** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Friday - 11/10 - Pop-Up Pages** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 0-5. Held again 11/30 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/10 - Anime Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 3:30-

5:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

## NOVEMBER 12-18

**Sunday - 11/12 - Rookie Rooks: Introduction to Chess for Youth** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 9-12. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/12 - Young Scientists: Python Patrollers** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Outdoors, limited to 15 children. Age 3-9. 1:30 pm. Free w/admission. RSVP: 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

**Monday - 11/13 - Kindergarten Readiness Story Time w/Ms. Tea** at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Age 3-5. 2nd & 4th M 10 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/13 - Seeds of Creativity Graphic Novel Workshop** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 4-week workshop: instruction in art, writing, production. Create your own graphic novels to be bound/published for keeps. Registrants must commit to each of the 3 sessions. All materials provided. Age 8-12. Held again 11/27 & 12/11. 4-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**11/14 - Toddler & 2 Tales** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class: stories, music, movement. Age walking to 2 yrs. Every T through 12/5 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/14 - 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 through 12/5 10:30-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Wednesday - 11/15 - Bilingual Outdoor Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library under the Banyan tree, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Held again 11/29. May be cancelled in inclement weather. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/15 - Square Off The Square: Young @ Art** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Create fun arts/crafts, learn principles of art. Age 6-9. 3:30 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/15 - Preschool Storytime** at Boca Raton

Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 3-5. Every W through 12/6 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/15 - Play & Learn for Preschoolers** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 3-5. Every W through 12/6 4-4:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/15 - STEAM Lab** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 8-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Thursday - 11/16 - Special Guest Storytime w/Fire Rescue** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 8. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/16 - K-Pop Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

**11/16 - Library Picassos** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 6-9. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/16 - Family Lego Challenge** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. Every Th through 12/7 4-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/16 - Picture Book Club - Special Edition: Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/17 - 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 F through 12/8 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**11/17 - 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 F through 12/8 11:30 am-noon. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/17 - Discovery Series: Ice Cream Science & Cranberry Oobleck** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Outdoors, limit 5 families per class. Age 3-5. 2:30 pm. Child \$12/non-member, \$2/member; adult \$10/non-member, free/member. RSVP required: 561-274-7264; sandoway.org

## Paws Up for Pets

# Senior Pet Month a reminder of the joy older dogs, cats provide

I just realized that four of our pets would qualify for Medicare if they were humans. Where did the years go?

Kona, my terrier mix, and Casey, my orange tabby, are both 9. We are guessing that our black-and-white cat, Baxter, whom we rescued from the streets, is about 12, and topping the age chart is our 19-year-old black cat, Mikey. Our youngsters are 4 years old: Emma, a poodle-Chihuahua mix, and Rusty, another orange tabby.

It seems like yesterday that Kona was a frisky youngster who loved marathon ball-fetching sessions. The brown markings on her face have faded to white and she is now content to end the fetch game after retrieving five balls. I recently found a 7-year-old Facebook video clip of Mikey happily stalking and pouncing on a feather wand toy. Now, he much prefers napping by the sunny window on his orthopedic bed.

The graying of America is not limited to people. One out of every three cats and dogs is 7 years or older. That equates to senior citizenship status. Fittingly, November is a month noted for gratitude with the celebration of Thanksgiving. It is also designated as National Senior Pet Month.

Debbie and Wally Majors, of Delray Beach, weren't planning to adopt a senior dog, but they are glad that they did. They now have wonderful memories centered on a rescued poodle named Lily.

"She was in bad shape with only one tooth, a dislocated hip and her hearing and sight nearly gone when we adopted her in 2018," says Debbie. "We



Debbie and Wally Majors of Delray Beach adopted Lily in 2018, when the poodle was about 10. Lily died in 2020. 'We knew that she had had a hard life, but we wanted to make her senior years the best we could,' Debbie Majors said. **Photo provided**

were guessing that she was about 10 or 11 at the time. Lily was so kind and gentle and such a joy. We knew that she had had a hard life, but we wanted to make her senior years the best we could."

Lily died in 2020, but every day the couple remembers the impact she made in their lives. At the two-year adoption date, the Majors treated Lily to a celebration that included pupcakes. Lily happily sported a party hat.

"We tried to make up for all she had been through," says Debbie. "Lily seemed to give us love every second. She was such a wonderful dog."

The Majors household today includes a pair of seniors: Boone, an 11-year-old labradoodle, and Tequila, an 11-year-old cat. The couple also has a 5-year-old labradoodle named Cassidy.

"I have had puppies. Yes, they are cute, but they are also a lot of work," says Debbie. "Dogs

in their senior years are really the best."

The staffers at Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League in West Palm Beach agree. They encourage the adoption of senior dogs and cats at their center through a program called the Grey Whisker Club.

"Senior pets make the best pets!" says Kelsey Otocky, Peggy Adams spokesperson. "Research shows that having a pet helps people lead healthier lives and the benefits are many: companionship, lowered blood pressure, stress relief, sense of purpose and responsibility."

Animals up for adoption in the Grey Whisker Club are 7 years and older. By adopting a senior pet, you receive a lot of perks that include:

- 50% off the adoption fee
- Starter bag of food courtesy of Hill's Pet Nutrition
- 30 days of free pet insurance with MetLife
- Complimentary spay/neuter and microchipping, plus

### Enroll your dog in a national study on aging

What are the keys to a healthy, long life in our dogs? That's the challenge facing leaders of the Dog Aging Project. This is a long-term, comprehensive canine science health study that includes veterinarians, researchers, volunteers and pet parents. The goal is to better understand how genes, lifestyle and the environment affect aging in dogs and future generations of dogs.

And you're invited to participate by enrolling information about your dog. The project welcomes dogs of all ages, breeds and health conditions. You must have a good idea of your dog's actual age. Learn more at <https://dogagingproject.org>.

ensuring the adopted senior is updated on all age-appropriate vaccines

- A comprehensive senior exam that includes bloodwork and dental evaluation is conducted prior to adoption.

More information on the Grey Whisker Club can be found at [www.peggyadams.org/what-we-do/grey-whisker-club-benefits](http://www.peggyadams.org/what-we-do/grey-whisker-club-benefits).

Jill Merjeski, founder of the award-winning Jill's Next Door Dog Walking and Pet Services ([www.jillsnextdoor.com](http://www.jillsnextdoor.com)), based in Highland Beach, does a high percentage of her business catering to senior pets.

"Although we always keep a keen eye on all of our clients' pets' health, we pay close attention to senior pets," says

Merjeski. "For senior pets, we perform a house check to make sure that their beds, food and water are easily accessible for them and that the home temperature is comfortable for them."

Merjeski also customizes play time for senior pets.

"On walks with older dogs, we may walk slower and take more time and maybe include backyard time in a secure, fenced-in yard to customize the visit," she says. "For older cats, we may include wand toys that we move more slowly and at ground level to be mindful of the senior cat's mobility."

Her pet-sitting service also offers Canine Aqua Fitness, which enables safe mobility exercises for senior dogs struggling with arthritis.

Merjeski shares her home with 5-year-old cats named Jules and Izzy, but also fosters elderly cats from All About the Cats Animal Rescue ([www.allaboutthecatsrescue.org](http://www.allaboutthecatsrescue.org)).

"We absolutely love our senior pet clients," she says, adding with a laugh, "They also don't seem to get in trouble as much as their kitten or puppy counterparts."

Got a senior pet? Or looking to adopt an older dog or cat? You can make their senior years truly golden ones.

Arden Moore is an author, speaker and master certified pet first-aid instructor. She hosts a radio show, *Arden Moore's Four Legged Life* ([www.fourleggedlife.com](http://www.fourleggedlife.com)), and the weekly Oh Behave! podcast on *PetLifeRadio.com*. Learn more by visiting [www.ardenmoore.com](http://www.ardenmoore.com).



**Saturday - 11/18 - Handle Life Basketball** at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 3-14. Every Sat through 12/16 9-10 am. \$70/resident; \$88/non-resident. 561-742-6550; [boynton-beach.org](http://boynton-beach.org)

**11/18 - Blissful Yoga** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. 10-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**11/18 - Little Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Age 3-4 w/an adult. 10-11 am. \$8/resident & member; \$10/non-member. Reservations required: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**11/18 - Nature Detectives** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. New mystery each month. Age 5-6 w/an adult. 11:30 am. \$8/resident & member; \$10/non-member. Reservations required: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**11/18 - STEM Camp: DiNovember Specialty Program: DINO Dig by Sandoway Nature Center** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 3-10. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**11/18-19 - Creation Station** at Boca Raton Museum of Art Wolgin Education Center, 501 Plaza Real. Limited seating. Noon-4 pm. Free w/ admission. 561-392-2500; [bocamuseum.org](http://bocamuseum.org)

### NOVEMBER 19-25

**Monday - 11/20 - Story Chasers Book Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 6-8. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**11/20 - Family Fun Night** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. 5-6:30 pm. Free.

561-742-6390; [boyntonlibrary.org](http://boyntonlibrary.org)

**11/20-22 - Fall Break Camp** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Games, crafts, educational activities. Young conservationists learn about importance of caring for/protecting sea turtles, other marine life. Age 9-12. 8:30 am-noon. Per day \$30/member; \$37.50/non-member. Reservations required: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**11/20-22 - Thanksgiving Break Pop Up Camp** at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Art camp embraces vibrant colors, painting creative crafts, more. Age 3-8 (potty trained). 9 am-noon. \$195/3 days; \$75/day. 561-203-3742; [thestudioatmiznerpark.com](http://thestudioatmiznerpark.com)

**Tuesday - 11/21 - Teen Book Talks: Star Daughter by Shveta Thakrar** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 13-17. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**Wednesday - 11/22 - Suzy Hammer Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-742-6390; [boyntonlibrary.org](http://boyntonlibrary.org)

### NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**11/26 - Young Scientists: Thanksgiving** at Sandoway Discovery Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Transform eggs into turkey figures, craft protective baskets for turkey-egg drop. Outdoors, limited to 15 children. Age 3-9. 1:30 pm. \$10/non-member. RSVP: 561-274-7263; [sandoway.org](http://sandoway.org)

**Monday - 11/27 - TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**Tuesday - 11/28 - Booktastic Book Talk:**

**Magic Tree House: Afternoon on the Amazon** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Free copy of book upon registration. Child attends independently. Age 6-8. 3:30-4:15 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org)

**11/28 - Readers Are Leaders Book Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Free copy of the book to keep. Ages 9-12. 4-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**Wednesday - 11/29 - Math Magicians: Improve Your Math Skills** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Grades 2-5. 5-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; [boyntonlibrary.org](http://boyntonlibrary.org)

**Thursday - 11/30 - Library on the Go! Group Leadership Games** at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Yard, 40 NW 4th Ave, Delray Beach. Each month librarian Ms. Tea drives the Library on the Go golf cart to a different Delray location for an engaging pop-up library program & children's books to peruse/enjoy. Age 7-11. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Sign-in sheet provided on site. 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**11/30 - Dino Tea Party** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Age 5-12. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; [boyntonlibrary.org](http://boyntonlibrary.org)

**Saturday - 12/2 - STEM Camp: Coding** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 7-12. 10:30-11:45 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)

**12/2 - Got Gaming Club** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-17. Held again 12/16. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; [delraylibrary.org](http://delraylibrary.org)



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Golf

# PopStroke brings country club trappings to mini-golf in Delray

By Brian Biggane

As PopStroke golf opens new facilities around Florida, from Port St. Lucie to Fort Myers to Sarasota to Orlando, the obvious question is: What is PopStroke, anyway?

Tim Glita, operations manager of the Delray Beach PopStroke, which plans to open the week of Nov. 6, explained.

“It’s a mini-golf experience, but not your traditional miniature golf,” Glita said of the 36-hole layout on Federal Highway just north of George Bush Boulevard.

“Traditional mini-golf features clowns’ mouths, lighthouses, alligators and windmills, all that fun stuff,” Glita said. “We look for a real-life putting experience, something you see on a traditional 18-hole golf course. Our courses are designed by Tiger Woods’ company, TGR Design. It’s a unique putting experience at every course.”

PopStroke is the brainchild of Jupiter businessman Greg Bartoli, who founded the company in 2019 and got a big boost when Woods signed on as a partner in the fall of that year. Manufacturer Taylor Made came aboard a year ago, and another notable addition is consultant Ken Kennerly, former longtime executive director of the PGA Tour’s Honda Classic in Palm Beach Gardens.

The two 18-hole courses in Delray Beach are intertwined



Construction of PopStroke in Delray Beach was in full swing in October. The 36-hole venue designed by Tiger Woods’ company is set to open the first week of November. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

yet different. The Black course is a bit easier and ADA accessible, meaning it can be navigated by strollers and wheelchairs. The Blue course features more sloped greens. Greens are artificial turf, with the rough slightly taller and sand traps painted white.

Only putters are allowed. “They’re all a combination of 36 unique putting holes, so every PopStroke has a different experience,” Glita said. Delray will be the sixth such facility in Florida; Port St. Lucie was

the first to open about a year ago and Fort Myers, Sarasota, Tampa/Wesley Chapel and Orlando have followed.

And each has more than golf. A restaurant and full-service sports bar overlook the courses, offering everything from burgers to local craft beers and cocktails. Ice cream will be available in the pro shop. Another bar sits among the courses so patrons can order drinks and food from their phones. The tees have cup

holders, and misters will be in operation during summer play.

There’s also a gaming area featuring foosball, table tennis and cornhole.

Glita said pricing has yet to be determined in Delray Beach but the Port St. Lucie venue charges \$20 per person for the whole day with \$16 for seniors over 60 and military, active or retired. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday and 9 a.m. to midnight Thursday to Saturday, with

parking available for up to 100 cars and valet service available.

The facility is about a half-mile north of the mini-course Putt’N Around, which has been in business 13 years. Manager Kaylee King said ownership endorsed the new project when it came before the city. “Our owner is very pro-Delray,” King said. “The feeling was what’s good for Delray is good for us.”

“It’s different. It’s date-night, partying, while we’re kind of low-key, family-oriented, we decorate for the holidays. I’m kind of excited for it. They might hurt us the first few months, but they’re pretty different.”

Three PopStrokes have opened in other states — one in Katy, Texas, and two in the Phoenix area — and Glita said plans are to open eight to 10 more every year going forward. One of those is set for Wellington next year and another in mid-to-late 2024 in West Palm Beach near the airport, which Glita said will be the flagship for the company.

“That will be two stories, with five bars, multiple dining facilities, a playground, VIP lounge on the second floor, and party and event space for up to 200,” he said. “We’re based in Jupiter so that will be the closest to us.” ★

For more information, see <https://popstroke.com/delray-beach-fl/>

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## On the Water

# Exotic fish ready to be caught in Palm Beach County canals

Although South Florida is renowned for its largemouth bass fishing, exotic fish such as peacock bass and snakeheads have established themselves as bucket-list fish for both local and visiting anglers.

One of the best places to catch the latter two species is Lake Ida and the canals that are connected to the lake. They extend from Boca Raton to Boynton Beach.

Peacock bass were stocked in several canals in Miami-Dade and Broward counties in the mid-1980s by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission fisheries biologist Paul Shafland. His goals were to provide recreational fishing opportunities and for the peacocks, which feed primarily on fish, to control the expanding populations of illegally introduced exotic species such as tilapia and Mayan cichlids.

Shafland's plan was a huge success. The colorful fish that are native to South America's Amazon River and its unspoiled jungle tributaries are equally at home in the bustling canals of Palm Beach County. After being stocked, peacock bass migrated north into the Lake Ida chain.

Some of the best fishing is in the C-15 Canal along the Boca Raton-Delray Beach line, the Hunters Run canal just north of the boat ramps at Lake Ida Park in Delray Beach, and the Boca Rio canal that runs along the western side of Florida's Turnpike in Boca Raton.

Those same waterways also are home to snakeheads. According to the FWC, bullseye snakeheads are native to Pakistan, Malaysia and southern China. They were first documented locally in 2000. No one knows for



**TOP:** Alan Zaremba holds a peacock bass he caught in a southern Palm Beach County canal. **ABOVE:** Angler Ed Connell shows off one of 38 big snakeheads he caught on a single fishing trip with Zaremba. **RIGHT:** Snakeheads are known to be attracted to frog lures floating on the surface of the water. **Photos by Steve Waters/The Coastal Star and provided**

certain how they got here, although they were sold by some pet shops, so it's likely that aquarium owners released the fish, which can grow to about 15 pounds.

What anglers do know is that snakeheads love to chase down lures fished on the surface, they fight hard and their firm, white flesh is low in mercury and can be prepared in a number of tasty ways.

Capt. Alan Zaremba, who specializes in fishing for snakeheads and peacock bass, said his anglers can catch both species on the same trip using hard jerkbaits

and topwater plugs in local canals. Snakeheads also bite soft-plastic frogs and jerkbaits fished on the surface.

"To me, this is the best time to go after snakeheads," Zaremba said. "They seem to be done with all of their spawning; they're done with protecting their young. And they're sitting underneath the cover waiting for food, and they're feeding right now."

One of his best days was just before a November cold front when he guided his angler to 20 snakeheads. He later smashed that personal best when he and his customer Ed

Connell caught and released 38 snakeheads up to 11 pounds.

They were fishing in shallow, narrow, shabby looking canals in Boca Raton. Snakeheads breathe air, so water quality does not matter to them. They do like canals lined with vegetation, where

they wait to ambush small fish as well as frogs, lizards, snakes and baby ducks and birds.

"When I get somebody who wants to target snakeheads, I take them into my ugliest canals and that's where the best fishing is," Zaremba said, adding that many of those canals are 4-5 feet deep and shallower. "That's not to say you can't find snakeheads in deeper canals, but the ones that are actively feeding are usually in canals with not much water in them, and they're usually very narrow."

Zaremba said snakeheads are wary, so long casts are essential to avoid spooking the fish.

He rigs his spinning outfits with 15- and 20-pound braided line, which casts farther than monofilament line of the same strength, and has his anglers retrieve the lures across the surface and parallel to the bank.

When you see the wake of a snakehead following your lure, keep reeling until the fish hits it. Then drop the rod tip, reel up the slack line and set the hook. If all goes well, you can check off the snakehead from your bucket list and even take it home for dinner.



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## Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4 - 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](mailto:jefflev02@gmail.com)

**11/4 - Annual LagoonFest 2023 Celebrates Lake Worth Lagoon** at West Palm Beach Waterfront, 100 N Clematis St. Live music, wildlife presentations, exhibitions, children's activities, lagoon tours, water sports, more. Family fare. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 561-279-0907; [thepalmbeaches.com/lagoonfest](http://thepalmbeaches.com/lagoonfest)

**11/4 - 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](http://gumbolimbo.org)

### NOVEMBER 5-11

**Friday - 11/10 - 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. Held again 11/28. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**11/10 - Golden Hour Guided Tours** at Gumbo

Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided tour through outdoor aquariums, open-air butterfly garden, nature trail; ends w/ sunset views of the Intracoastal Waterway. Age 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/14 & 28. 5-6:30 pm. \$10/resident & member; \$13/non-resident. Registration: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](mailto:gumbolimbo.org)

### NOVEMBER 12-18

**Sunday - 11/12 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 7-adult; each child under 12 must be accompanied by one adult. Held again 11/25 9-10:30 am. \$20/resident & member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

### NOVEMBER 19-25

**Sunday - 11/19 - Intracoastal Adventures: Intro to Canoeing** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Includes short talk about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. Age 12-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Advance reservation required: 561-544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Saturday - 11/25 - 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](http://seaangels.org)

**11/25 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating America Safety Course** at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Boating terminology, boat handling, navigation rules, federal & Florida regulations, more. Certificate & Florida Boating ID card on completion; possible insurance discount. 8 am-4 pm. \$20. 305-778-9640; [fernandez.christopher.r@gmail.com](mailto:fernandez.christopher.r@gmail.com)

### NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**Thursday - 11/30 - Early Birding w/Al** 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](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Saturday - 12/2 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat America: A Boating Safety Course** at Spanish River Park HQ Building, USCG Auxiliary Classroom, 3939 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Boating terminology, boat handling, navigation rules, federal & Florida regulations, more. Course provides knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate; possible insurance discount. 9 am-5 pm. \$35/adult; \$5/teen. 561-391-3600; [peauxboca@gmail.com](mailto:peauxboca@gmail.com)

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# Community Calendar

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## NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4 - 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

**11/4 - Charity Shred Event** at Lantana Chamber of Commerce, 212 Iris Ave. Benefits Casuarina Woman's Club. On-site shredding. 9-11 am. \$5/box. 561-585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**11/4 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Sat through 12/30 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration required: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**11/4 - Free Fun Saturday at The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum** at 71 N Federal Hwy. Family fare. Held again 12/2. 10 am-4 pm. Free/member & non-member. 561-395-6766; bocahistory.org

**11/4 - Indie Author DayDrop-In Family Storytime** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/4 - 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

**11/4 - Current Events Discussion** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 561-266-9702; highlandbeach.us

**11/4 - Virtual Saturday Morning Writers' Group** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1st & 3rd Sat 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/4 - Crafted on the Ave** at Libby Wesley Plaza, 2 SW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Open-air craft market highlights local small & microbusinesses, merchants/creators of handmade products, art, other crafts/goods. 1-5 pm. Free. 561-651-9565; delraycra.org/events

**11/4 - Stories of Florida: Con Sabor!** at Lantana Public Library Community Room, 205 W Ocean Ave. Presented by Lantana Public Library & Florida Humanities. Part of Lantana Public Library Florida Talks. Personal, historical, traditional Florida tales. 1:30 pm. Free. 561-540-5740; flahum.org

**11/4 - Sunset Tequila & Mezcal Festival** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Kula Cares. Tequila/mezcal tastings, music, restaurant pop-ups, more. 4-10 pm. \$65/general admission; \$175/VIP. sunsettequilafest.com

**11/4 - TEDx Delray Beach** at Old School Square Vintage Gym, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5:30 pm. Tickets start at \$40. tedxdelraybeach.com

**11/4 - Gary Puckett & the Union Gap Band** at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$62-\$120. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com

**11/4 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Extravaganza Show** at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every Sat 7:30 pm. \$20-\$305. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

**11/4-5 - Annual Boca Raton Fine Art Show** at Sanborn Square Park, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 941-755-3088; hotworks.org

**11/4-5 - No Exit** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Adult language/content. Runs through 11/14. Th/F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**11/4-5 - Wait Until Dark** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Runs through 11/5. Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$39-\$69. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

## NOVEMBER 5-11

**Sunday - 11/5 - Daylight Saving Time Ends**

**11/5 - Pancakes Pints & Pigskins: Miami Dolphins Watch Party** hosted by Delray Beach Kiwanis at Tim Finnegan's Irish Pub, 885 S Federal Hwy. Benefits Delray Beach Kiwanis Foundation. Dolphins play Kansas City Chiefs in Germany. Full buffet, one bloody Mary or mimosa or beer, drawings, games, prizes. 9 am. \$35. delraybeachkiwanis.org

**11/5 - 3rd Annual Pooches & Presents in the Park** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Noon-4 pm. downtowndelraybeach.com/events/delray-going-dogs

**11/5 - All Souls' Requiem: For Us The Living** 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

**11/5 - Sunday Matinee Music Series: Rome Saladino: Michael Buble Tribute & More** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/5 - Boca Raton Championship Wrestling** at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5 pm. Tickets start at \$50. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com

**11/5 - A Mile In My Shoes by Kathryn Taylor Smith** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Presented in collaboration w/Delray Beach Initiative to End Homelessness. 7 pm. \$25. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**11/5-7 - Musical Memories: The Music of George Gershwin** at The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/14. M/T 2 pm; M 7:30 pm; Sun 5 pm. \$53. Reservations required: 561-995-2333; thewick.org

**Monday - 11/6 - The Supreme Court: The Cases, Controversies & Personalities that Shaped American History w/Eric Williams** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every

# Municipal Meetings

- 11/6 - Ocean Ridge** Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com
- 11/7 & 21 - Highland Beach** Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us
- 11/7 & 14 - Delray Beach** City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 5 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov
- 11/7 & 21 - Boynton Beach** City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org
- 11/9 - Gulf Stream** Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org.
- 11/13 - Lantana** Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 6 pm. Agenda: lantana.org
- 11/14 - Manalapan** Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 10 am. Agenda: manalapan.org
- 11/14 - South Palm Beach** Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 2 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com
- 11/14 & 28 - Boca Raton** Auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us

# Veterans Day Events

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**Thursday - 11/9 - A Veterans Day Musical Tribute w/PinkSlip Duo** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4-5:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**Friday - 11/10 - Veterans Day Tribute: The Resilient Band** at Old School Square Amphitheatre, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-10 pm. Free. delrayoldschoolsquare.com

**11/10 - Veterans Day Celebration: South Florida Professional Wind Band** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. In conjunction w/City of Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. calendar.fau.edu

**Saturday - 11/11 - Lantana Veterans Day Celebration** at Bicentennial Park, 321 E Ocean Ave. 10-11 am. Free admission; free event parking at Sportsman's Park. 561-540-5754; lantana.org

**11/11 - Musical Program In Honor of All American Veterans** at South Palm Beach Town Hall Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Refreshments served. 11 am. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**11/11 - Lake Worth Annual Veterans Day Ceremony of Honor** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 561-586-1600; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

**11/11 - Red, White & Boca: A Veterans Day Celebration** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Ceremony, free lunch for veterans, concert, veterans resource fair, classic car show, more. Seating/chairs available; food/beverage available for purchase. 4-8 pm. Free admission. 561-393-7890; myboca.us/communityevents

**Monday - 11/13 - A Musical Tribute to Veterans w/PinkSlip Duo** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$35-\$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

M through 11/27 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/6 - Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Community Webinar**, a virtual event. Get an update on Israel from Miri Eisin, who has deep insight into the intelligence, security and diplomacy of the state and who serves on the faculty of Reichman University. Noon. Free. 561-852-6061 or jewishboca.org.

**11/6 - Appy Hour: eBooks** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/6 - 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

**11/6 - Getting the Shot: Capturing Stunning Images in Challenging Situations w/Diann Johnson** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through

11/27 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$70/member; \$90/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/6 - Shut Up & Sing? Why Pop Culture Should Matter to American Politics w/Kristin Shockley** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/27 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

**11/6 - Versed in Verse: Poetry Reading w/Poets on the Fringe & Community Open Mic** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/6-7 - Auditions: Oklahoma** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Production dates 1/19-2/4. 7 pm. First come first served. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Tuesday - 11/7 - U.S. National Security w/Robert G. Rabil** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 11/28 10-11:30 am. \$60/

annual membership; \$60/member; \$80/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/7 - Boca Raton Garden Club** at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Speaker Sandra Deery: Designs for Birthday Celebrations. 1 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

**11/7 - Hooks & Needles: Learn to Knit or Crochet** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. Every T 1-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - 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

**11/7 - Sustainability: Handmade Candles** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/7 - Appy Hour: eBooks** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Drop-In Tech Help** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/14 2-4 pm. Free. By appointment only: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - Philosophy 101: In Case You Slept Through it the First Time w/Samuel Director** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every T through 12/5 (no class 11/21) 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$70/member; \$90/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/7 - Bombing the Nazis: The Wartime Service of Harold L. Glasser w/Jay Stout** at Florida Atlantic University Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. Registration required: glasser.eventbrite.com

**11/7 - Poets on the Fringe** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Every T 4-5:45 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/7 - Bark at the Park** at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Tri-County Animal Rescue. Music, photo booths, caricature artists, dog psychic. 5-7:30 pm. \$20/person includes pets. Advance registration advised: miznerbarkinpark23.eventbrite.com

**11/7 - Beginning Tap for Adults** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every T through 11/28 5:30-7 pm. \$60/4 weeks; \$20/drop-in. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**11/7 - Book Talks - Modern Literature: Lunar Park by Bret Easton Ellis** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/7 - Understanding & Implementing Play-Based Learning** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by The P.L.A.Y. School. Special workshop for educators/caregivers who work w/children age 1-8, have an interest in learning more about incorporating play into their day! 2 in-service hours given. 6-8 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0197; delraylibrary.org

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# Holiday Calendar

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## NOVEMBER 4

**Saturday - 11/4-5 - 2023 Holiday House** at Boca Raton Garden Club, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Crafts, plants, jewelry, ornaments, bake sale, holiday raffles. 9-2 pm. Free admission. bocaratongardenclub.org

## NOVEMBER 12-18

**Thursday - 11/16 - 8th Annual Tree Lighting** at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Boca Raton. Benefits Spirit of Giving's Annual Holiday Gift Drive & Junior League of Boca Raton. Tree lighting & official Santa visit. 5:30-7:30 pm. Rain date 11/17. Free w/unwrapped new toy; VIP \$50/adult, \$15/child age 16 & under. CPGroupreeighting2023.eventbrite.com



**11/16-18 - Southern Handcraft Society Annual Art & Craft Show: An Olde Fashioned Holiday** at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Th 10 am-7 pm; F 9 am-7 pm; Sat 9 am-2 pm. Free admission. 754-800-1166; msha.ke/southfloridascraftshow

**Friday - 11/17 - Tree Lighting & Festivities: Spark the Magic of the Season** at The Shops at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Cir. Santa & Mrs. Claus, sweet treats, letters to Santa craft station, holiday music, more. 5:30-8 pm. bocacenter.com

**11/17-19 - A Christmas Carol** at Lake Worth

Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 12/3. F/Sat 8 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$64-114/dinner & show; \$38/show. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Saturday - 11/18 - Holiday Tree Lighting** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. Hosted by City of Boca Raton Recreation Services. Tree lighting ceremony, stage show, food vendors, more. 6-10 pm. Free admission. myboca.us

## NOVEMBER 19-25

**Saturday - 11/25 - Holiday Tree Lighting** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 6-8 pm. Free. 561-586-1600; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

## NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**Tuesday - 11/28 - Sip & Shop w/Spirit of Giving** at Kendra Scott, 411 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Spirit of Giving's Annual Holiday Gift Drive. 1-3 pm. spiritofgivingnetwork.com

**11/28 - 100 Ft. Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration** at Old School Square, 51 N

Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Holiday Village 6-9 pm. Free. 561-243-7250; 100footchristmastree.com

**Friday - 12/1 - Light the Lights** at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. Annual celebration includes a visit from Santa. Family fare. Town residents only. 5-7 pm. Free. 561-732-2635; oceanridgeflorida.com

**12/1 - Holiday Tree Lighting** at Centennial Park & Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Music, food trucks, holiday markets, more. 5-9 pm. Free admission. 561-742-6024; boynton-beach.org

**12/1 - Boca Chamber's 43rd Annual Holiday Auction** at Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Cir. 5:30-9 pm. \$50. 561-395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

**12/1 - Winter Wonderland Laser Lights & Bites** at Cox Science Center & Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Presented by FPLSolarNow. Dazzling lights, science-themed activities, food trucks, laser shows, more. 6-9 pm. \$22/adult; \$20/senior; \$18/child; \$15/adult

member; free/child member & child under 3. 561-832-1988; coxsciencecenter.org

**Saturday - 12/2 - Christmas Market** at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, 3300 Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Photos w/Santa & Mrs. Claus, crafts, collectibles, jewelry, handmade items, baked goods, more. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 561-732-3060; stjoesweb.org

**12/2 - 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, child under 18 must participate w/an adult. 10-11:30 am or 1-2:30 pm. \$12/resident & member; \$15/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**12/2 - Merry Heart Comedy Show** presented by Resurrection Life Fellowship at Siemens-Evert Auditorium, 400 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Doors open 4:30 pm; show 5 pm. \$30/advance; \$35/at the door. 561-463-6293; eventbrite.com

**11/7 - Bingo Tuesday** at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S Ocean Blvd, Highland Beach. Every T 6 pm doors open; 7 pm games start. \$15/11 games. 561-278-1280; stlucycommunity.com

**11/7 - English Conversation for Adult Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every T through 12/19 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/7 - Comedy Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday - 11/8 - GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach Meeting** at Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave. Bring your own refreshments/coffee. 10 am. Free. delraywomansclub.com

**11/8 - Exploring ChatGPT** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/8 - Workshop: Indigo Ferns in Watercolor** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/8 - Florida's Archaeology Threatened by Rising Seas w/Sara Ayers-Rigsby** presented by FAU Lifelong Learning Institute at The Field House at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-noon. \$30/member; \$35/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/8 - Art Shots; Artwork Photo Sessions** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Held again 11 am-3 pm 11/14. 3-7 pm. \$35. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/8 - Avoiding Overspending During the Holidays** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Noon-1 pm. Free. In person & virtual. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/8 - Lunchbox Matinee: Artists & Masterpieces** at The Delray Beach Playhouse,

950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**11/8 - The Chip Shot, Part I: The Internet Awash in Cyber Crime & Confirmation Bias w/Stephen Kowel** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 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

**11/8 - Expressive Pastels Art Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every W through 12/17 1-4 pm. \$35/resident; \$44/non-resident. Registration required: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**11/8 - Microsoft Word Intermediate Class** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/8 - Antiques Appraisal Show w/Ron Benjamin** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Presented by Friends of Boca Raton Public Library, Inc. 4-6 pm. \$10/member; \$8/non-member. 561-393-7968; friendsantiqueshow.eventbrite.com

**11/8 - Workshop: The Art of Kokedama Plants** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$90. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/8 - Artistic Journeys Art Talk & Reception** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/8 - 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

**11/8 - 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 - 11/9 - 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

**11/9 - Image Compositing w/Adobe Photoshop Class** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/9 - Tech Talk Thursdays** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every Th 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/9 - 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

**11/9 - Kristallnacht: The Beginning of the Road to the Final Solution w/Irving Berkowitz** 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

**11/9 - How to Use a Heat Press: Design a Journal Cover** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/9 - Leaf Studies in Watercolor** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 2-4 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/9 - The Jazz Soul of Rodgers & Hart w/Mark Gridley** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th through 12/7 (no class 11/23) 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$70/member; \$90/non-member; \$35/one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/9 - Open Figure Studio w/Model: Long**

**Pose** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 18+. 6-8 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/9 - Lecture: Ancient People of South Florida: A Trail of Palm Beach County Heritage** at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. Q&A follows. 6 pm. \$12/person; free/member. Registration required: 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

**11/9 - History of Food & Eating w/Dr. Christopher Ely** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/9 - Town Hall Talk: My Personal History of the Personal Computer w/Dr. Dave Bradley** at The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 6 pm check-in/refreshments; 6:30 pm lecture. Free/BRHS member; \$10/guest. RSVP: 561-395-6766 x100; bocahistory.org

**Friday - 11/10 - 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

**11/10 - Sick Puppies Stand-Up Comedy Show** at Doghouse Theater, 105 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Every F 8 pm. \$30-\$35. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

**11/10 - The Peace & Love Concert: Paisley Craze Tribute** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**11/10-12 - 9 To 5** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/19. F/Sat 7 pm; Sat/Sun 2 pm. \$25. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**Saturday - 11/11 - Veterans Day 11/11 - Open Figure Studio w/Model** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 18+. Held again 6-8 pm 11/16. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/11 - Pulp Painting: A Paper Making Workshop** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd

St, Delray Beach. 1-3 pm. \$50. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/11 - Organ Concert: Gary King** at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 1901 12th Ave S, Lake Worth Beach. Music (not hymns) from the 20s-60s & 90s. 1 pm. Call for tickets: 561-585-7519; lakesideumchurch.org

**11/11 - Inventors Society of South Florida Virtual Meeting.** 2nd Sat 1 pm. 1st meeting free. Registration: 561-676-5677; inventorsociety.net

**11/11 - Movie Night in the Park: Coming 2 America (2021 PG-13)** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. Free. 561-243-7358; delraybeachfl.gov

**11/11 - Livin' in the USA! Linda Ronstadt Tribute** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**11/11 - The Ladies of Simone: A Tribute to Nina Simone** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**11/11-12 - Orchid Obsession: 11th Annual Orchid Show and Sale** at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton. Presented by Deerfield Beach Orchid Society. Sales, supplies, displays, AOS judging, educational lectures. 10 am-5 pm. Admission \$5/adult; free/child under 12. Deerfieldbeachorchidsociety.org

## NOVEMBER 12-18

**Sunday - 11/12 - Lunchbox Matinee: The Victory Dolls** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 12:30 pm. \$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**11/12 - Exhibit Artists Reception: This & That** at Artist's Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/9. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-586-8666; lwartleague.org

**11/12 - First Annual Greater Lantana Awards Dinner** at The Carlisle Palm Beach, 450 E Ocean Ave. Reception w/cocktail hour,



**DELRAY BEACH CRA**  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**EVERY SAT GREENMARKET** Accepts SNAP!  
9am - 2pm  
51 n. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444

**NOV 04 CRAFTED ON THE AVE**  
1pm - 5pm | Libby Wesley Plaza  
2 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach FL, 33444

**NOV 16 CRA REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
4pm | City Hall  
100 NW 1st Street, Delray Beach FL, 33444

**NOV 18 WAREHOUSE MARKET**  
10am - 3pm | Arts Warehouse  
313 NE 3rd Street, Delray Beach, FL 33444

**DEC 02 CRAFTED ON THE AVE**  
1pm - 5pm | Libby Wesley Plaza  
SW Corner of SW 5th Avenue & Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach FL, 33444

**DEC 04 CRA SOCIAL**  
5pm - 7pm  
98 NW 5th Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444

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silent auction, dinner. 5-8 pm. \$60. 561-585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**11/12 – Coyote Wild: A Tribute to the Country Hits & Rock Classics** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$25-\$30. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Monday – 11/13 - Coffee w/A Cop** at South Palm Beach Town Hall Fire Bay, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue there for blood pressure checks. 10-11:30 am. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

**11/13 - Hand Crafted Greeting Cards** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Create custom greeting cards w/Cricut Maker & Sizzix Big Shot machine. Adults. Held again 5-7 pm 11/15. 10 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/13 - A Tale of Two Banking Crises w/ Rebel Cole** 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

**11/13 - Pop-Up Lecture: Israel & Zionism in the Crossfire: A Discussion w/Professor Eyal Lewin & Robert G. Rabil** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 4-5:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35/member; \$40/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/13 - Social Media 101** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5-6:30 am. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/13 - Monday Movies: Documentary: Hitchcock/Truffaut** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5:30-8 pm. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.or

**11/13 - The Auschwitz Album presented by Marlene W. Yahalom, PhD** at Beth Ami Congregation, 1401 NW 4th Ave, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Registration required: 561-249-4105; holocaustlearningexperience.org

**Tuesday – 11/14 - Fundamentals: Application & Proposal Writing for Artists** at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. 9-10:30 am. Free. Reservations required: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

**11/14 - Workshop: Fluid Florals in Watercolor** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/14 - Author Talk: Jeff Keene II** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/14 - The Wonder of Palm Beach County Birds: Connecting People to Nature w/ Scott Zucker** - 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

**11/14 - The Woman in Gold: Separating Fact from Fiction: Issues of Nazi-Looted Art w/Laura Reich** 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 the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/14 - Chita Rivera: A Memoir** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 5 pm. \$35. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**11/14 - Dust by Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor** part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/14 - Book Talks - Historical Fiction: Only the Beautiful by Susan Meissner** Lisa See at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/14 - All Arts Open Mic Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 2nd T 8-10 pm. \$10. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Wednesday – 11/15 - Book Buzz Adult Book Club** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/15 - The Chip Shot, Part II: AI Undermining Reality & Threatening Our Dominance w/Stephen Kowel** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 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 - A-Z Database Introduction** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 2-3:30 am. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/15 - Microsoft Word Advanced Class** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 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. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**Thursday – 11/16 - America's Geopolitical Earthquakes in the Middle East w/Walid Phares** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35/member; \$40/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/16 - Film: Jews of the Wild West** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**11/16 - Business Money Mindset** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/16 - Annual We Are Delray, An Evening of Events at Throw Social**, 29 SE 2nd St, Delray Beach. Hosted by Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, presented by Posh Properties. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$95. 561-278-0424; delraybeach.com

**11/16 - Exhibition Opening Reception: Whimsy & Wonder** at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Exhibition runs through 1/13/24. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free/member; \$20/general admission. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

**11/16 - Crafting for Fun & Small Business: Knit a Decoration** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/16 - Artist Talk/Performance: Jeanette Andrews** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-7 pm. \$8/member; \$18/non-member. Reservations required: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/16 - MolecuBar** at Cox Science Center & Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Interactive mixology demos, sample tastings, light bites, laser light concerts, vendors, more. 6-9 pm. Age 21+. \$23/advance; \$28/general; \$50/VIP; \$45/member VIP. 561-330-7740; coxsciencecenter.org

**11/16 - Dr. Courtney Jones & the FAU Jazz Orchestra** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Sponsored by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library. All ages. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/16 - Friends Virtual Book Club: Six Years by Harlan Coben** presented by Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Email for zoom link: DTLbookclub@bocalibraryfriends.org; 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**11/16 - Vibrant & Joyful** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**11/16 - The Dave Matthews Tribute Band** at Crazy Uncle Mike's, 6450 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Includes free ticket to 25th Annual South Florida Garlic Fest (2/3-4/2024 in Wellington, FL). 8 pm. Tickets start at \$20 + tax/fees. 561-931-2889; crazyunclemikes.com

**Friday - 11/17 - Read With Me!** Presented by Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. Read to kindergarten students; students take home books. Held again 1/19, 2/16, & 4/19. Volunteer. Call/visit website for times/locations: 561-279-9103; literacycplbc.org

**11/17 - iPad Intermediate Class** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**11/17 - Learn Digital Marketing** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1:30-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/17 - California Uncorked! Wine Tasting** at Total Wine & More, 5050 Town Center Cir, Boca Raton. Presented by Florida Atlantic University. 4-6 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50/member; \$55/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. RSVP by 11/13: 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/17 - Smoke & Mirrors: A Night of Magic at the Museum** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-9 pm. \$99/member; \$199/non-member. Reservations required: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/17 - Bonfire on the Beach** at Lake Worth Casino & Beach Complex, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs/blankets. Held again 12/1. 6-10 pm. Free; metered parking. 561-533-7395; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

**11/17 - 10th Annual Student Composition Concert** at Florida Atlantic University Marleen Forkas Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10/general public; free/faculty, staff, child under 13. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**11/17 - Joe Devito** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Saturday – 11/18 - 37th Annual Delray Beach Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk** at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. 6:30 am registration; 8:45 am award ceremony.

## Green Markets

**Mizner Park Friday Night Artisan Market:** every Friday 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 4-9 pm. 561-362-0606; miznerpark.com

**Lake Worth Beach Waterside Farmers Market:** every Saturday under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 561-547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

**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. 9 am-2 pm. 561-276-7511; delraycra.org/green-market

Run \$35/adult, \$20/under age 15; Walk \$30/adult, \$15/under age 15. 561-243-7000; victorysportsmtg.com

**11/18 - Warehouse Market 2023** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Pop-up indoor market; 20+ Makers/Creatives, specialty goods vendors. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/18 - Story Central: Shady Business in the Sun: A Reporter's Education in Florida Hustlers** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/18 - 2nd Annual Grand Tasting** at Gourmetphile, 323 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 6-9 pm. \$100/person. 561-757-6208; gourmetphile.com

**11/18 – Chicago Blues Legend Lurrie Bell** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**11/18-27 - Small Mouth Sounds by Bess Wohl** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 5/14. F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

## NOVEMBER 19-25

**Sunday - 11/19 - ThanksFeeding & Family Fun Day** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Live music, kid zone, face painting. City gives out Thanksgiving dinner kits. 1-5 pm. Free. 561-243-7358; delraybeachfl.gov

**11/19 - The Symphonia Concert I: Native Wonders** at Saint Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. 2 pm pre-concert conversation; 3 pm concert. \$55-\$90; \$10/student. 561-376-3848; thesymphonia.org

**11/19 - Music in the Museum w/Palm Beach Opera Apprentice Artists** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-4 pm. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/19 - Story Central Storytelling Slam** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/19 - FAU Band-O-Rama** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. City of Boca Raton hosts FAU band's FAU Wind Ensemble, Marching Owls, Jazz Orchestra, Chamber Winds. Bring chairs/blankets. Chairs available for rent \$5.00/ea. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. Free. myboca.us

**11/19 - Marlow Rosado** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**11/19-22 - The Dean Martin Story: A Musical starring Las Vegas Headliner Drew Anthony** at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. M-W 3 pm; Sun 7:30 pm. \$55-\$65. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Monday – 11/20 - Michelangelo's Last Judgment: Controversy & Devotion in the Pope's Chapel w/Emily Fenichel** 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

**11/20 - Simple Steps Towards Internet Safety** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5-6:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/20 - Poetry Night** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 3rd M 8-10 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Tuesday – 11/21 - Concorde & its Place in Aviation History: Technology Meets Glamour w/Rene Silvin** 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

**11/21 - Open Figure Studio w/Model: Portraits** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Age 18+. 6-8 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/21 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** public viewing at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 8 pm. Free. Schedule subject to change; check website: 561-297-7827; cescos.fau.edu/observatory

**Thursday – 11/23 – Thanksgiving Friday – 11/24 - Railcar 91 Tea Room Opens** at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Gilded Age afternoon tea. Seatings Tu-Sat 11:30 am & 1:30 pm; Sun noon & 2 pm. \$40/

member; \$55/non-member. Advance purchase recommended: 561-655-2833; flaglarmuseum.us

**11/24 - Reggae Farm Fest: Jennifer Strong Fundraiser** at Fish Depot Bar & Grill, 511 NE 4th St, Boynton Beach. Live music, more. 5-10 pm. 561-806-5441; thefishdepot.net

**11/24 - Comedian Bret Ernst** at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6:30 & 8 pm. \$25-\$35. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com

**11/24 - Southbound 75** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday – 11/25 - Shop Small 2023 Delray Beach** at multiple locations. Indoor/outdoor promotions, entertainment, decorations, light bites, more. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com

**11/25 - Georgie & The Jets: A Tribute to Elton John** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

## NOV. 26-DEC. 2

**Sunday – 11/26 - Salsabor All Stars Band; Havana Nights** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8:30 pm. \$40-\$45. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Monday – 11/27 - A Down Home Meal for These Difficult Times: Stories by Meron Hadero** part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**11/27 - Protect Yourself Against Scammers, Spammers & Hackers** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5-6:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 5561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/27 - Monday Movies: Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5:30-8 pm. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**Tuesday – 11/28 - Sewing: Intermediate Projects** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Requires previously completed beginner's class. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/28 - Book Talks Staff Picks: Mrs. Claus and the Santaland Slaysings by Liz Ireland** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Registration required: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/28 - Bright Puppy Class** at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. For puppies 9-20 weeks old. Age 18+. Every T through 12/26 6-7 pm. \$148/resident; \$185/non-resident. 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**11/28 - Book Talks Staff Picks: Mrs. Claus and the Santaland Slaysings by Liz Ireland** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**11/28 - The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. \$50. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Wednesday – 11/29 - The Power & Magic of Play w/Ken Seiter** 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

**11/29 - Zora Neale Hurston: Their Eyes Were Watching God w/Sika Daghovie-Mullins** at Florida Atlantic University Lifelong Learning Classroom, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/29 - West Bank Story: A Performance for Peace** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 2 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

**11/29 - Logo Creation Using Adobe Creative Cloud Express Class** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/29 - Impact Talks Speaker Series: Morgan Pressel** at BRIC Presentation Hall, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Boca Raton. First of 3-part series features leading women who have built impressive careers while prioritizing the importance of commitment to their community. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 561-336-4623; impact100pb.org

**11/29 - Crafting in the Library: Macrame Bookmark** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 5-7 pm. Free. Registration required: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**11/29 - Professional Acting Classes** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Adults. Every W through 12/20 5:30-7 pm. \$120-\$150. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

**11/29 - Workshop: Shadow Play w/ Sumi Ink** at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$40. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

**11/29 - The Book of Moron** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. \$50. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Thursday – 11/30 - Florida's Role in the Civil War w/Wesley Borucki** 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 the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/30 - Forgotten Florida History: Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage w/Derek Hankerson** 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

**11/30 - The Abraham Lincoln They Never Taught You About in School w/Robert P. Watson** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35/member; \$40/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**11/30 - Film: An Honest Liar** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-8 pm. \$5/member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**11/30 – Twilight Concert Series: Jutt Huffman** at Old School Square Pavilion Amphitheatre, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-243-6209; delraybeachfl.gov/parksandrecreation

**11/30 - Stand Up Jesus** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 7:30 pm. \$50. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**11/30-12/3 - Franklin Delray Beach Pickleball Classic** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Info: downtowndelraybeach.com

**11/30-12/17 - Wait Until Dark by Frederick Knott** at Boca Stage at Sol Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/17. Th preview 8 pm; F/Sat 8 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$40-\$60. 561-447-8829; bocastage.org

**Friday – 12/1 - Lilly Pulitzer Shop & Share** w/Spirit of Giving at Lilly Pulitzer, 6000 Glades Rd #1213A, Boca Raton. Noon-4 pm. Spiritofgivingnetwork.com

**12/1 - Humiliation & Hegemony: How History Informs Chinese Attitudes & Behavior w/Andrew R. Wilson** at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$45/non-member & one-time guest pass at the door. 561-297-3185; olliboca.fau.edu

**12/1 - Candela: The FAU Salsa & Latin Jazz Ensemble** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

**12/1 – Tammy Pescatelli: The Art of Laughter** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$30-\$35. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Saturday – 12/2 - Tour Palm Beach County Historical Society Museum & Palm Beach Resort Wear Exhibit** conducted by St. George's Society of Palm Beach. Dutch lunch on Clematis St, West Palm Beach. 9:45 am. Tour \$20/member; \$25/guest. Reservations: teorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org

**12/2 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Age 18+. Every Sat through 12/30 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration required: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**12/2 - Crafted on the Ave** at Libby Wesley Plaza, 2 SW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Open-air craft market highlights local small & microbusinesses, merchants/creators of handmade products, art, other crafts/goods. 1-5 pm. Free. 561-651-9565; delraycra.org/events

**12/2 - Elvis: In Person** at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

**12/2-3 - 23rd Annual Downtown Delray Beach Art Festival**, 401 E Atlantic. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-746-6615; artfestival.com

**12/2-3 - Ballet Palm Beach: The Nutcracker** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Sat 2 & 7 pm; Sun 1 & 5 pm. \$20-\$95. 561-821-7469; kravis.org

## House of the Month



The quartzite oversize kitchen island in Aegean teal has USB outlets, microwave and undercounter lighting. Wine fridge is in the butler's pantry.

# Luxury townhouse with a view

**T**his luxury townhouse in Ocean Ridge has been renovated from stem to stern and is truly a yachtsman's dream home.

A rare find with two private, completely equipped, protected dock slips that will hold up to two 60-foot yachts, this home has unobstructed views of a nature preserve and the Intracoastal Waterway. Located in the gated enclave of Pelican Cove, with only 40 waterfront residences, it is just a mile or so from the Boynton Inlet for easy ocean access, and the community is mere steps to its dedicated beach access.

The three-bedroom, 3½-bath residence is 2,972 square feet of living area under air, complete with impact windows. It also has a two-zone air conditioning system and 40-by-40-inch porcelain flooring. Solar screen window treatments and custom overhead lighting and light fixtures are part of the design. Patio ceilings are painted pecky cypress.

The new privacy glass front door welcomes you, but the renovated kitchen is the true heart of the townhome. It has custom cabinets in Aegean teal with a sea glass backsplash, a new SubZero refrigerator, new Wolf induction range and a new ZLine wall mount range hood in stainless steel, a Matte graphite farmhouse sink with a high-arc kitchen faucet, and an instant hot/cold filtered water faucet.

Offered at \$3,170,000.

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**ABOVE:** The loggia offers Intracoastal views.



A modern floating walnut staircase with walnut railing leads from the living room to the second floor.



**LEFT:** A custom designed Dell Anno Italian master suite closet has glass front dresser drawers.

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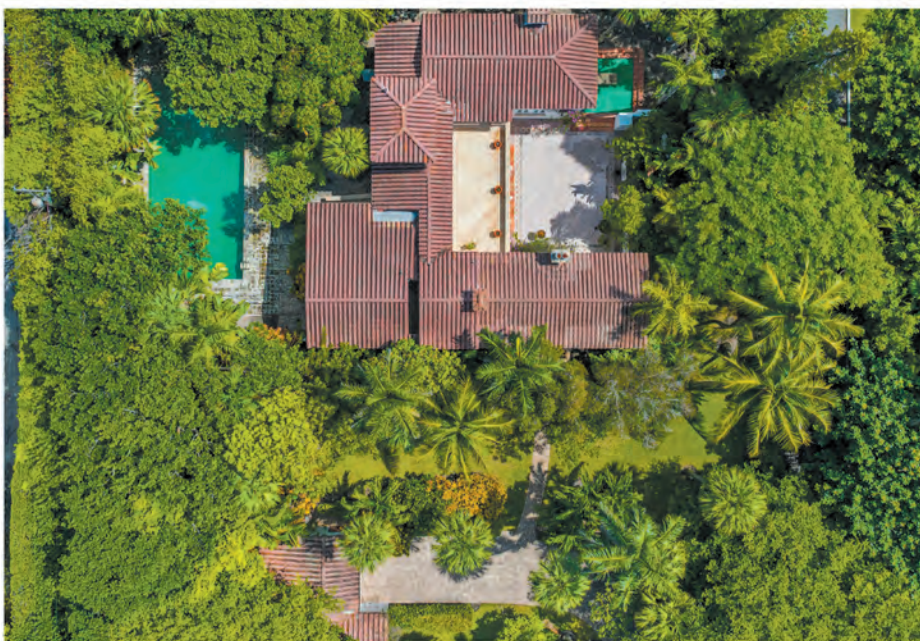
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