

Along the Coast



Boca Raton

Opposition to downtown plan yields Jan. 13 vote

Voters can change rules to let public decide project’s fate

By Mary Hladky

Boca Raton voters soon will decide whether the city can redevelop its 31-acre downtown campus in partnership with Terra and Frisbie Group without voter approval.

The City Council on Oct. 28 unanimously approved placing on a Jan. 13 ballot a proposed ordinance and a City Charter amendment, both of which would allow voters to have their say.

That decision came as Terra/Frisbie has for the third time substantially reduced the density of the project and increased green space in the most recent effort to win the support of irate residents who have opposed the redevelopment project for months.

“We are excited to collaborate with the city of Boca Raton on a vision created by the community,” Rob Frisbie, managing partner of Frisbie Group, said at an Oct. 27 meeting. “This proposal commemorates and honors veterans while delivering

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Scenes from big surge

Seasonal high tides, compounded by distant storms, leave beaches scoured and stairs broken. November promises to bring another threat.

By John Pacenti

Christy Turnquist looked like she was walking on water at Sportsman’s Park Marina in Lantana.

“So somehow I literally, by the grace of God, just ended up there. And it just happened to be my favorite time of year, which is king tide,” said the West Palm Beach woman who tries to go to a park or the beach daily to say her prayers.

The Sportsman’s Park parking lot was flooded on Oct. 9, practically right up to the doors of Kona Bay Cafe alongside the Intracoastal

Waterway. The Bar Jack Fishing charter, *The Lady K*, was docked, unable to traverse under the Boynton Inlet’s fixed bridge. At Lantana Municipal Beach, the ocean came right up to the steps that usually lead to the sandy beach.

The harvest moon put on quite a show, both day and night, but this king tide came on the tail of some rough surf churned up by the twin hurricanes of Imelda and Humberto in late September, causing severe beach erosion.

Beach stairs off Anna Street and See KING TIDES on page 18



ABOVE: Visitors to the beach just south of the Boca Raton Inlet in October contend with a cliff of sand taller than they are, which was created by the pounding surf. **Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star**

LEFT: Beach access stairs in Ocean Ridge were damaged by high waves and king tides in October. **Mary Kate Leming/ The Coastal Star**

Highland Beach

Agreement on reduced parking moves Milani Park forward

Summer construction anticipated as county, town end long feud

By Rich Pollack

The decades-long battle between Highland Beach and Palm Beach County over development of Milani Park could be ending thanks to a compromise reducing the initial

number of parking spots — with the county planning to put shovels in the ground as early as next summer for the \$8.6 million project.

The town and the county have squared off for almost 40 years as the town fought to stave off the 5.6-acre park straddling State Road A1A at its south end with everything from legal action to residents packing a County Commission meeting.

In September, however, County Commissioner Marci Woodward and County Administrator Joe Abruzzo met with Highland Beach Mayor Natasha Moore and Town Manager Marshall Labadie and came up with a plan to address one of the most contentious concerns: too many parking spaces on the park’s west side.

While county leaders’ hands were tied by a 2010

settlement agreement that requires 100 parking spots on that side of A1A, the county and town leaders agreed to the installation of just 46 spaces in the park’s first phase of construction. The remaining 54 spaces would be part of a second phase that’s left up in the air to a time to be determined by the county.

“This agreement appears to be bringing a resolution to a

decades-long battle between the county and the town,” said Woodward, whose commission district includes Highland Beach. “It is a collaborative agreement to bring the most palatable option for a small, peaceful park in a small, peaceful town.”

The agreement signals what could be the end of Highland

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The Coastal Star has moved to our new office on A1A, 4600 N. Ocean Blvd., Suite 102, Boynton Beach, FL 33435. The entrance is to the right, at the building's north end.

Move to new office prompts thankful feelings

A couple of months ago, I was bemoaning the fact that we were going to have to move our office to a new location. Our landlord had different plans for our comfortable space, and we were no longer part of them.

For the third time in 16 years, I was about to rent a truck and help move the computers, chairs, file cabinets and countless records that go with running a small business.

I knew it would be a simple move, just a few blocks south to a slightly nicer office. At least it would be easy to tell a guest that we are now just across the street from Nomad Surf Shop on State Road A1A.

In the same time frame, I was also reminded of changes shared by a couple of old newspaper friends. Their big-city paper was about to stop its printed edition after 157 years, and continues to trim the staff to be "online only." I'm grateful *The Coastal Star* is still able to publish both in print and online.

Reasons to be thankful

I am thankful that we had our last office for more than a dozen years in a building that Matt Gracey owns. A generous and tolerant landlord, he embraced our newspaper's mission in the community — and our casual office decor. We wish him luck as he pursues his artistic talents and converts

our old space into his painting workshop.

As I helped unpack boxes into the new office, our reporters, editors and ad sales staff were all striving to complete their parts in the jigsaw puzzle that makes our community newspaper.

I am thankful to be surrounded by such a talented group of professionals who embrace our shared mission of presenting some of the most accurate and balanced journalism in the state.

During the move, I was working on the display of the stories in this month's Philanthropy Season Preview, an uncomfortable reminder of the

tremendous needs of some people in our community — but also a heart-warming testament to the generosity of our neighbors.

I am thankful, and happy, to publish a newspaper that honors philanthropy — promoting charitable giving well beyond my own family's modest means.

So, as we head into November, the month of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for all this and more.



— Jerry Lower, Publisher

See our
Philanthropy
Season Preview
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Gail Speckamp of South Palm Beach holds a photo of her late husband, Rudy, a Vietnam veteran, alongside a table of her creations. Speckamp bakes for hospitalized veterans on an almost daily basis as her way of showing appreciation for their sacrifices. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Coastal Star

Homebound baker's treats for veterans sweeten their lives as well as her own

By Rich Pollack

For many at the VA hospital in West Palm Beach, the homemade cookies, tarts and occasional pie slices offered up at celebrations and special events serve as a reminder that the veterans are not forgotten.

For Gail Speckamp, making the sweet treats is a reason to get up every morning.

Trapped in her home by the pairing of a bacteria-driven disease and a severe immune deficiency that makes coming in contact with another person perilous, Speckamp is the founder of Baking for Veterans, a nonprofit she started to give back to vets like her husband, who suffered from a Vietnam War-related illness that led to his death in 2017.

"It was meant to be," she says of her decision right after the pandemic to start baking for vets. "God gives everyone special gifts; mine is baking."

Baking for veterans, she says, is her way of showing her appreciation for the service they gave to the country but also to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Speckamp is provided with full benefits — including coverage of costly medical treatments — in large part because she is the widow of a Marine who died from war-related injuries.

The decision to start baking for veterans, she said, was born out of her determination to not just sit at home and be unproductive.

"I had to think of something to do in order to stay busy," she said. "That's when I came up with the idea of baking."

Brainstorming with a few of her neighbors at their Dune

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Deck Condominiums in South Palm Beach, Speckamp arranged to have supplies delivered to her door and baked goods picked up by a gentleman who works at the VA hospital.

Soon the head of volunteer services at the hospital reached out to Speckamp asking her to bake for celebrations and special events, sometimes requesting as many as several hundred baked goods at a time.

That turned out not to be a problem for Speckamp, who is not your average at-home baker. She and her late husband, Rudy, owned a restaurant in Maryland for more than 20 years. Speckamp was the perfect sidekick to Rudy, a master chef who was later recruited to train others.

Speckamp, 73, is quick to reject the label of pastry chef — something she isn't — but her baking skills bring her pretty close.

Among her creations, some based on Rudy's recipes, others collected over the years, are Romeo and Juliet cookies with grated parmesan cheese, guava paste and chocolate chips, and chocolate chow mein cookies. She even adds an occasional cheese cake or Key lime pie to the mix.

"They're all delicious, one after the other," says neighbor Reinette Saleeby, who serves as taste tester along with one of the staff members at the condo. "Her banana bread is just so

delicious and natural."

All Speckamp's creations — including dog treats — are made with natural ingredients.

"She makes everything like she is making them for kings and queens," Saleeby said.

Speckamp doesn't just bake the sweet creations; she is also a master of packaging. All of her offerings are individually packaged with a label that lists the name of the item and all of the ingredients.

The labels also note that the sweets are made in a "cottage food operation," meaning they are not made in a commercial kitchen and are low-risk foods not requiring refrigeration.

"She loves to bake and she loves when the veterans love it," said Saleeby, who has bestowed the moniker "The Queen of Love and Giving" upon her friend and neighbor.

She says that baking does wonders for Speckamp, who could easily spend her days thinking about the challenges ahead. Instead, she thinks about what creation will come up next.

"Baking is helping her in such an extraordinary way," Saleeby said. "It gives her a purpose."

Speckamp had been baking for veterans for a year or so before she decided to launch her nonprofit organization to help offset the cost, which she estimated to be about \$1,000 a month.

The organization has a website: bakingforveterans.org.

Speckamp says that once she accepted that her ability to leave her condo was limited, she focused on what she could do.

"Now I get up every morning and say, 'What am I baking today?'" ★

Letters to the Editor

Town Commission isn't handling Ocean Ridge's water woes well

When I joined the commission in 2020, we were talking about the aging waterlines, constant water main breaks and the rising cost to Ocean Ridge of owning the waterlines.

A comprehensive plan was discussed to:

A) Get money from Boynton Beach to address water main repairs, since we are paying the same exact rate Boynton Beach residents do while Boynton Beach maintains the waterlines at that same price. We basically pay more for the water although on paper it is the same.

B) Find a long-term solution where Boynton Beach either takes over our waterlines as part of its service — or, what really was the proper way — to discuss sewer service along with water service from Boynton Beach.

The problem was that the very people who were trying to negotiate with Boynton Beach and discuss the greater picture were rudely cut off by the current seated commission and all discussions ended.

In fact, Ocean Ridge does not have a current contract with Boynton Beach for water service; the expired contract is simply being extended

automatically month after month.

Taking money from the reserves for capital projects like this leaves the town vulnerable to emergency needs. The \$2 million should have been funded a long time ago through added property taxes specifically for a water/sewer fund.

This commission, however, is incapable of looking at long-term solutions and would rather use fix-a-flat instead of replacing a tire that has no tread left!

Not properly budgeting for the improvements you need to make is about the same stupidity as cutting Medicare and Medicaid from 40 million people so 500 billionaires enjoy tax cuts.

Ocean Ridge enjoyed low taxes for decades and did not budget for 70- to 80-year-old waterlines we all knew were failing soon. Time to pay the piper.

The residents of Ocean Ridge deserve better from their government.

— Martin Wiescholek,
former town commissioner,
Ocean Ridge

Delray Beach police response times questioned

I live on the barrier island in Delray Beach and recently experienced 19-minute police response time (18:49 to be exact) after calling 911, confirmed by my phone records and surveillance footage.

At a recent City Commission meeting, a commissioner and the city manager publicly disputed this fact without evidence and Commissioner Juli Casale stated that she was “fairly certain” that my claim “wasn’t accurate,” followed by City Manager Terrence Moore saying, “not accurate at all. ... We’re doing great.”

This delay and lack of police presence on the barrier island is unacceptable and puts all barrier island residents at risk.

Furthermore, when city officials publicly challenge verified claims, it undermines trust in

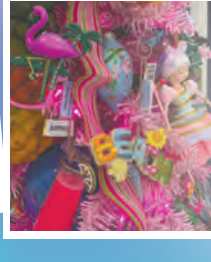
our local government.

I respectfully urge the city to allocate adequate police patrols here. Residents pay significant property taxes and deserve reliable public safety and honest communication.

For privacy reasons, I request that my name be withheld from publication.

— William,
barrier island resident
Delray Beach

Editor's note: An event report obtained from police by The Coastal Star shows the call was received at 5:01 p.m. and the first dispatch was 8 minutes and 16 seconds later. No time is listed for when the officer arrived. The report said the suspicious incident reported turned out to be an Instacart delivery.



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Gulf Stream

Water bills go up to offset Delray’s rate hike

By Steve Plunkett

Water bills in Gulf Stream went up sharply as of Oct. 1 to make up for the higher rates that Delray Beach is charging the town — turning a potential \$230,000 loss into a \$107,000 surplus.

“Delray is essentially gouging us at \$4.90 (per 1,000 gallons),” Mayor Scott Morgan said.

The city has been raising its rates to pay for a new water plant. It also adds a 25% surcharge, the most state law allows, for the drinking water it sends to Gulf Stream. The town then customarily adds an extra percentage to customer water bills to pay for repairs to the town’s water system and capital improvements.

The rate increase charged by Delray Beach to Gulf Stream is the sharpest hike yet — up 28.6% — from \$3.81 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.90.

Gulf Stream charges water customers in town using four “tiers” that are based on total usage and lot size. The town charges increasingly higher rates for customers using increasingly greater amounts of water — a system designed to discourage property owners from watering their grass too much. Despite that, officials noted, some sprinkler systems are still turned on twice a day seven days a week.

Town commissioners on Oct. 10 approved new rates for town customers starting at \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons for the first 20,000 gallons, and rising in tiers to \$10.60 per 1,000 gallons for use deemed excessive.

Those tiers all increased by \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons — to \$5.13 for the second tier, \$6.64 for the third and \$10.60 for the most punitive fourth tier.

The new rates in town have

increased even more than Delray Beach’s rate increase because of steps the town took last year to hold the line on its water rates.

“Right now, actually, we’re subsidizing slightly the first tier of water at \$3.60,” Morgan said, before voting to raise the rates.

Last year, the town kept the same \$3.60 first-tier rate despite the increase in the Delray Beach charge to \$3.81 per 1,000 gallons. The town ate the difference for customers consuming less water while still recouping dollars from residents who heavily irrigated their lawns.

Despite this year’s stiff increases, the future should be brighter for water customers in town.

Gulf Stream is in the process of switching providers and connecting to Boynton Beach’s system. When it does so in a year or more from now, the cost to the town will plummet to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons under a 25-year agreement Gulf Stream and Boynton Beach signed last fall.

Before that can happen, a water main must be laid from Seacrest Boulevard east along Gulfstream Boulevard to a connection just inside the entrance to Place Au Soleil on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway.

Delray Beach told the town last year it had to leave the city system. The city says it can only afford a new water plant large enough to serve its own population, which is expected to grow by 7,000 residents. It has supplied Gulf Stream with water since at least 1976.

Along with lower rates, Gulf Stream expects to get better water pressure from Boynton Beach once it connects. ★

Briny Breezes

Brizaga awarded \$1.1 million sea wall engineering contract

Construction drawings for new sea walls along the west side of Briny Breezes are on their way following authorization of a \$1,124,196 contract with consultant Brizaga Inc.

The Town Council voted on Oct. 23 to let Mayor Ted Gross sign the contract on behalf of the town.

In return for monthly payments, Brizaga will provide engineering services for the town’s “Coastal Protection Upgrades and Replacement Project.” Specifically, the firm will deliver:

- Review of the existing condition assessments of existing coastal infrastructure,
- Engineering design and preparation of construction

documents,

- Development of cost estimates and phasing strategies,
- Permitting at local, state and federal levels,
- Additional data collection and analysis necessary to support design and permitting,
- Bidding and procurement support,
- Construction administration and inspection services,
- Grant and funding support documentation,
- Coordination with utilities and other stakeholders, and
- Community engagement and public communication support.

The sea walls, which in some sections are riprap, are currently rated fair, poor and serious.

— Steve Plunkett

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Ocean Ridge



Florida Power & Light has started its project to bury power lines in Ocean Ridge. The project area (shaded on map) covers 1.43 miles and affects 86 customers. **Map provided**

Utility agenda includes buried electrical lines, natural gas pipeline, new water meters

By John Pacenti

It was a utilities open house at the monthly Ocean Ridge Town Commission meeting on Oct. 6, and residents got some exciting news: Electricity lines will be buried, new water meters will be installed and the town is exploring the idea of bringing in natural gas.

There were some caveats, though. For instance, not all of the town would have power lines put underground and it still must be determined if it's feasible to bring natural gas to Ocean Ridge.

Ari Monzon, the representative with Florida Public Utilities, said natural gas is 3.3 times more affordable than electricity and households that use it for heating, cooking and drying clothes save on average \$1,000 a year. It is nearly 100% reliable, he said.

Monzon said he met with town staff and the next step is a feasibility study conducted by the utility to determine the cost of extending the company's gas line from Gulf Stream along State Road A1A.

The problem is the line is a feeder, Monzon said, and "we're not sure if we extend it all the way, whether or not we'd have gas to feed" Ocean Ridge.

Preliminary estimates suggest connection fees of around \$4,000 per household, though this could be reduced through appliance conversion rebates, he said.

Mayor Geoff Pugh said the town explored spending about \$1.3 million in 2006 to connect all homes to natural gas. He said natural gas could feed the town's generators, which now rely on diesel fuel — something that can become scarce in the aftermath of a hurricane.

"What it does is actually goes to the next step of the infrastructure we're trying to do here in town," Pugh said. "This town needs natural gas."

Florida Power & Light updated the commission on the underground power line project — covering 1.43 miles and affecting 86 customers — to improve storm resistance. FPL is footing the bill after choosing the section of town because it was found to most benefit from undergrounding due to the extensive vegetation, which is the number one reason for power outages.

The boundaries for undergrounding run south from the Boynton Inlet along A1A and then the homes in the neighborhoods to the west, buttressed by Island Drive and Sabal Island Drive.

"We are already well underway, about 30% or so within the project," said Amy Kemp, a government liaison for FPL. However, no construction has started yet, with FPL focused on design, permitting and customer outreach.

"We are still very early on in the outreach phase where we're trying to place the transformers, right?" Kemp said.

Kemp wanted to tell residents that there is never any reason for any power company employees or contractors to go inside a home. All conversations about the project occur outside the properties, she said.

So are those ugly utility poles going bye-bye? Not necessarily, because they are still used by cable and telecommunication companies and the town would need those companies to agree to bury their lines as well.

Pugh pressed Kemp on when the whole town would have its power lines buried, but she said it depends on whether state requirements are met.

Last but not least on utility open house night, Poonam Kalkat, utilities director for Boynton Beach, updated commissioners on how the town gets its water. She said the city is preparing to modernize its two water treatment plants.

The utility has 37,000 water meters that are past their lifespan and are being replaced.

So far, 200 meters have been replaced in Ocean Ridge, with the 500 remaining to be swapped out in the next year, she said. ★

Along the Coast

'Open carry' now the law in Florida, but places also retain right to ban guns

By Jane Musgrave

When a Tallahassee-based state appellate court in September ruled that Florida's 1987 prohibition on openly carrying firearms was unconstitutional, gun rights activists cheered.

But even though open carry became the law of the state on Sept. 25 after Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier refused to challenge the decision, there remain few places where gun owners can publicly exercise what they — and now the courts — have said is their Second Amendment right.

"It's important to know that the open and concealed carrying of firearms remains restricted in numerous places," Boca Raton police officer Jose Martinez said in a Facebook video, explaining the far-flung limitations.



Martinez

Explaining that it is a "founding belief" to follow all laws, Publix is one of the few major retailers that said it would allow customers to carry firearms. Winn-Dixie, Walmart, Costco, Target and Trader Joe's are among the vast majority of big retailers that said they would not allow guns to be carried

in their stores.

Firearms will also remain off-limits in city, county, state and federal government buildings, including during public meetings.

It is still illegal to carry guns in police departments, jails, courthouses, polling places, airport terminals and schools, from elementary through college, including at athletic events. That prohibition extends to professional sports. Bars, including bar areas in restaurants, remain gun-free zones.

Private landowners also continue to have the right to ban firearms. Homeowners associations can vote to prohibit the open carrying of guns at meetings and in common areas, like clubhouses.

Likewise, the owners of banks, office buildings, shops, amusement centers, museums, places of worship and golf courses can prohibit people from carrying firearms and have violators charged with trespassing.

In the video, Martinez said basic rules remain in place. People must be at least 21 years old to purchase a firearm and over the age of 18 to possess one. Further, those with felony convictions or people who have been stripped of their ability to possess firearms by court order remain unable to carry guns in public. ★

Replacement for Caruso won't be decided until spring

A special election to fill the seat of former state Rep. Mike Caruso will be held March 24, four days after the Florida Legislature is scheduled to adjourn for 2026. In setting the timetable, Gov. Ron DeSantis also said a primary election for the House District 87 seat would take place Jan. 13.

District 87 includes most of Manalapan, the eastern part of Lantana, plus South Palm Beach and points north to Juno Beach.

The governor picked Caruso, a Republican,

to be Palm Beach County clerk and comptroller in August, after then-Clerk Joseph Abruzzo was hired as county administrator.

Announced candidates for District 87 include two Republicans — Lake Clarke Shores Council member Jon Maples and real estate agent Gretchen Miller Feng — and two Democrats: small-business owner Emily Gregory and comedian Laura Levites.

— Steve Plunkett

Ocean Ridge

Budget includes almost \$4.4 million for water pipes, other capital projects

By John Pacenti

Ocean Ridge commissioners passed the town's new \$14.8 million operating budget smoothly — a contrast to recent years, when elected officials clashed with the town manager and the math didn't add up.

Now Ocean Ridge is in the era of Michelle Heiser, the new town manager brought on in May.

The budget approved Sept. 15, though, is hefty by Ocean Ridge standards, representing a 9.6% increase over the fiscal year 2025 budget. It is also more than \$1 million higher than what Heiser originally proposed back in July.

The budget includes \$4.36 million allocated for capital projects, with a notable focus on infrastructure improvements. These include potential design and construction of changes to the town's aging water pipe system in the southern part of town to address hydrant-related challenges.

All this will be done with 4.7% less revenue, in part because of the sunset of a local sales tax initiative that expires in December, Heiser said. Gov. Ron DeSantis also

vetoed a \$600,000 state grant for the town's water main replacement program.

Operating expenses have increased by 7%, driven by contract obligations, insurance costs and utility expenses.

Which brings us to property taxes — the money coming directly from residents. Let's play good news, bad news.

The good news is that the tax rate is staying the same, at \$5.40 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. The town is using almost \$2 million from its reserves to balance the budget and cover the added capital projects.

The bad news is that residents' taxes are still going up, thanks to a 10.14% increase in property values.

Homesteaded properties

aren't seeing more than a 3% increase thanks to the Save Our Homes state law. The increase for commercial properties and non-homesteaded residential properties is capped at 10%.

Heiser said the extra \$1 million added to the budget from estimates in July is due to the commission's decision to address the water main issue and an emergency caused by poor hydrant pressure along State Road A1A from Ocean Avenue south to Thompson Street.

In July, she said, a \$13.3 million budget estimate for 2025-2026 fiscal year reflected that the town was just going to design what is called Phase 4 of the project, but now shovels will pierce the ground in January. ★



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Delray Beach

Commission may ask voters to reverse 2014 decision that made it easier to fire city manager

By John Pacenti

Delray Beach Vice Mayor Rob Long proposed a charter amendment that would restore a four-vote supermajority requirement for removing the city manager, potentially returning to a governance model the city abandoned years ago.

Long argued at the City Commission’s Oct. 14 meeting that the current three-vote simple majority standard has led to organizational instability and a “revolving door” for the city manager. He suggested putting the issue decision directly to voters in the March 2026 election.

“Delray Beach ran best when removing a charter officer took a

consensus, not a faction,” Long told his colleagues.

He incorrectly noted that neighboring cities like Boynton Beach already use a supermajority standard. A charter review committee in Boynton Beach has recommended requiring a supermajority when hiring or firing the city manager or city attorney, but no decision has been made on whether to put a charter amendment proposing such a change on that city’s March 10 election ballot.

Long emphasized his proposed amendment would not shield current staff from accountability but would force a broader consensus before city leadership would be destabilized. The final decision

would ultimately rest with Delray Beach voters.

The proposed charter amendment is expected to be reviewed in upcoming commission meetings, with potential placement on the March 2026 ballot.

The commission reached a consensus to direct staff to draft the amendment language, with Mayor Tom Carney and other commissioners expressing support for exploring the change. The proposal would require four votes instead of three to remove top city officials hired by the commission.

However, Commissioner Juli Casale brought the issue back up at the commission’s Oct. 21 meeting, saying Carney and Long misrepresented that other cities in Palm Beach County have a supermajority requirement.

Both Long and Carney interrupted Casale repeatedly as she tried to address the issue, noting City Manager Terrence Moore’s recent uneven evaluation and the

reason that voters got rid of the supermajority in August 2014.

At that time, City Manager Louie Chapman Jr. was found by the Palm Beach County Inspector General to have misled the commission about a \$60,000 trash bin purchase made without the commission’s consent.

Chapman was suspended for 90 days, but the commission could not fire Chapman under the supermajority rule because two commissioners stood by the embattled city manager. Delray Beach taxpayers ended up having to pay Chapman nearly \$70,000 in a buyout settlement.

Carney did say that at the previous meeting, some statements were made “without a lot of basis in fact.” He said the issue will be put on the Nov. 4 agenda for discussion.

“We will have a very lively conversation,” he said.

Casale, after the meeting, said she didn’t know why the commission is trying to address an issue decided by voters 11 years ago. “Especially now, when

City manager changes

Here is a look at what’s happened with city managers hired in Delray Beach since voters in 2014 approved a charter amendment lowering the number of commissioners needed to fire a city manager from four to three.

Don Cooper: Started on Jan. 1, 2015; resigned for family reasons on Dec. 30, 2016.

Mark Lauzier: Started on Nov. 6, 2017; fired on 5-0 vote on March 1, 2019.

George Gretsas: Started on Jan. 6, 2020; fired on 3-2 vote on Nov. 20, 2020.

Terrence Moore (current city manager): Started on Aug. 2, 2021.

our current city manager is so challenged. Residents shouldn’t be stuck with a failing city manager,” she said. ★



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Vice mayor asks city to post flyer informing immigrants of their rights

Delray Beach Vice Mayor Rob Long has proposed allowing community groups to post “Know Your Rights” flyers on city bulletin boards, providing

Constitutional information for residents potentially confronted by federal immigration officers.

Long, discussing the initiative during the Oct. 14

City Commission meeting, said the one-page flyer from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center offers five basic Constitutional reminders and is available in multiple languages. He said he got the flyer from Florida Rising, a statewide voting rights and grassroots organizing group, after meeting with Haitian-American community leaders.

After confirming with the city attorney that these flyers can be legally posted on city community bulletin boards, Long emphasized the importance of providing accurate, neutral information to residents.

“This is a simple public service step allowing advocacy groups to share accurate information about Constitutional rights that apply to everyone, regardless of immigration status,” Long said.

Long noted the proposal comes in response to increased federal and state enforcement actions in Florida this year, which have created anxiety among local immigrant communities.

Long stressed that the flyers are informational and nonpartisan, designed to ensure residents understand their basic Constitutional protections when interacting with immigration authorities.

The initiative aims to provide accessible, clear information to help residents feel more informed and secure, regardless of their immigration status.

— John Pacenti

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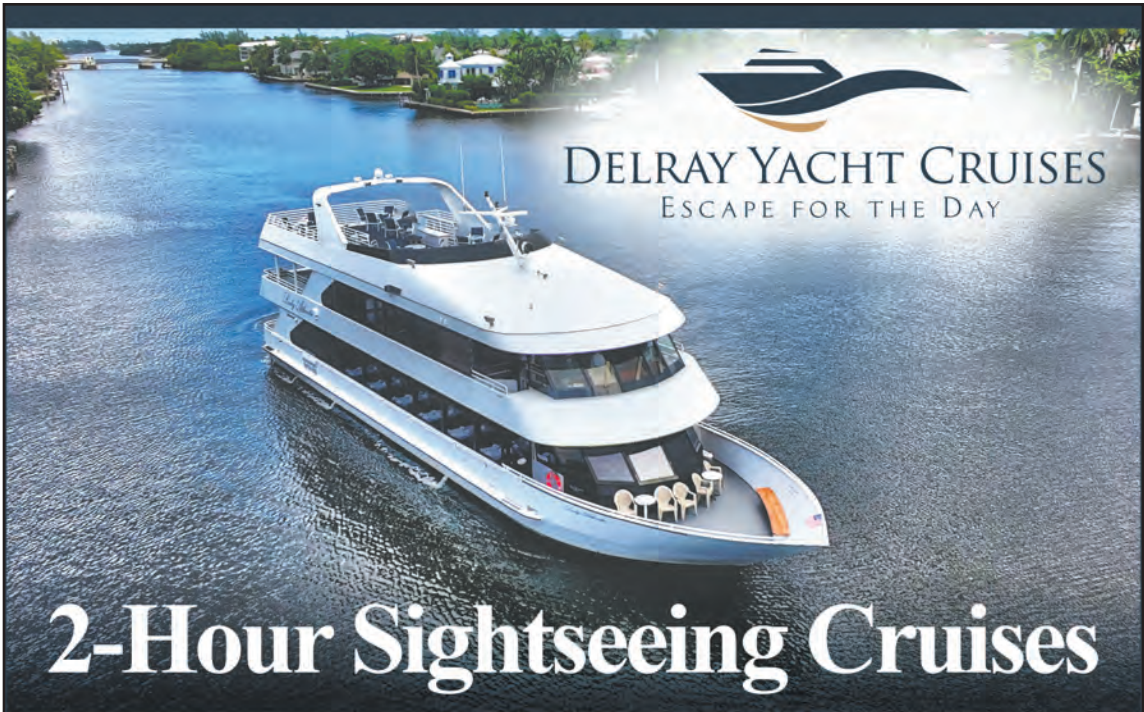
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Lantana

Park to close for eight months for sea wall improvements

By Patrick Sherry

Bicentennial Park will be closed for eight months starting next year after the Lantana Town Council approved entering into a grant agreement to improve the sea wall there.

The council at its Oct. 27 meeting pushed forward with the agreement with the Florida Inland Navigation District. The town will match FIND's contribution of \$900,000, for a total of \$1.8 million, to be used for the Lantana Seawall Hardening Project.

"Virtually this grant, in addition to the other grant that we got, will cover almost the entire construction cost," Town Manager Brian Raducci said, referring to a previous \$200,000 state grant that the town will match. "This money will expire if we don't go after it now. You've got to get it while you can — it's only going to get more expensive."

The grants will cover the rehabilitation of the 2,100-foot sea wall around the park along the Intracoastal Waterway directly adjacent to high-density multi-family housing, commercial structures and Ocean Avenue. In addition to rehabilitation, workers will raise and widen the sea wall.

Some council members were concerned about closing the park for such a long time. Doing so would cause the town to lose a space for events and parking.

"We're going to lose a lot of parking — that's our main staple — where everyone goes, aside from the beach," said Council member Jesse Rivero. "It's a very popular area, especially this time of the year. I'm not thrilled about the eight months. ... That's huge for this little town."

Staff members explained that they need to close the park for safety and cost reasons. Work has to be done from the land side to adhere to environmental regulations. Contractors also need the parking area to place equipment and materials.

Leaving parts of the park open would increase the cost of the project significantly.

To try to limit the impact of the park closure, the council agreed to look for other places to hold events and locate parking.

The town is expected to begin construction in January, and Bicentennial Park will be closed for the entire duration. Construction will be done in two phases, with the north side first and the portion closer to the Ocean Avenue bridge second. ★

Lantana News

Tall privacy wall earns support on Hypoluxo Island — The Lantana Planning Commission recommended approval of an application to build an 11-foot wall on a nearly \$8 million property near the Ocean Avenue bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway.

Ana Davie, owner of the property at 101 N. Atlantic Drive, explained to the commission on Oct. 22 that she and her husband want to build the wall for privacy and safety reasons. She recalled instances of fishers and unwanted visitors trespassing on their yard.

"It's really for the safety," Davie said. "We've had stuff stolen off the dock. I have videos, and I've filed multiple police reports."

Town ordinances allow walls with a maximum height of 6 feet. However, the owners asked for an exception to this to prevent people from getting on their property by going under or through the side of the bridge.

Commission Chairman Edward Shropshire said he doesn't think the wall is needed, and it wouldn't give the owners complete privacy.

"I saw very little evidence of any kind of trespassing or anything down there — to me, this seems excessive," Shropshire said. "I don't think it's appropriate for this place; I think it's too high. I don't think it's necessary."

The commission passed a motion recommending approval of the variance request 4-1. The wall will start at 11 feet at the bridge side of the property and become 9 feet as the ground rises to the east.

Police body cameras translate, too — Lantana police officers will be using new body cameras and tasers with improved technology to help them on the streets.

The new cameras will be able to translate conversations. They will activate if officers draw their sidearms, tasers, or turn on their blue lights.

The Town Council on Oct. 27 authorized the purchase of the cameras and tasers from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for \$760,000 with a five-year contract. Officers' current equipment will be out of warranty and obsolete in December. This gives them a new opportunity to use more advanced equipment.

The body cameras will be able to translate in multiple languages for people and officers out loud. Axon is also working to implement capabilities for translating Haitian Creole because of the large Haitian population in South Florida.

"They are very gung-ho about getting us on the street," Police Chief Sean Scheller said. "My office right now is full of boxes of tasers and body-worn equipment that they've already sent that [we are] just waiting to get trained on and implement."

— Patrick Sherry



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Boca Raton

Camino Square developers told to revise plans for second phase

Nearly six years after developers secured Boca Raton City Council approval for the first phase of the Camino Square project at 171 W. Camino Real, they now want to proceed with the second phase at the site of a former shopping center anchored by a Winn-Dixie that closed in 2010.

The first phase included two eight-story apartment buildings with 350 units, which are now more than 95% occupied, and two parking garages. The second phase, located on the western side of the 9.1-acre tract, was to have nearly 38,000 square feet of retail.

But now, landowner Kimco Corp. and FCI Residential Corp., an arm of sugar producer Florida Crystals, want to replace the retail with two more eight-story apartment buildings that have a total of 394 units and a parking garage. Only 8,600 square feet of retail would be constructed.

City Council members, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners, objected to the change when they considered the revamped project on Oct. 14. They gave the developers a month to revise it once again.

Project attorney Ele Zachariades reluctantly agreed, saying she understood the council’s wishes.

Earlier in the meeting, she explained that her clients were unable to secure a retail anchor tenant because an existing gas station blocks view of the property from the street so people driving by won’t know that retail is there.

“There is no marketability for retail at this location,” she said.

But Deputy Mayor Fran Nachlas and Council member Yvette Drucker said that development without retail would not bring people to the area to create a vibrant atmosphere. Mayor Scott Singer said he shared that concern.

“For me the bottom line is, does this satisfy the vision of the downtown. Does it create vibrancy in the downtown,” Nachlas said, before answering her own question by saying it doesn’t.

— Mary Hladky

Highland Beach/Delray Beach

Delayed A1A project down to finishing touches

By Rich Pollack

After months of delays, road work along State Road A1A in Highland Beach and southern Delray Beach appears to be winding down with returning seasonal residents discovering a newly paved and smoother highway to drive on.

But delays and travel interruptions are not totally in the rearview mirror yet. Finishing touches on the \$8.3 million project were still ahead while at the same time crews were fixing a sewer line break on A1A near Linton Boulevard, the project’s north end.

Construction workers, who began the road improvements in May 2024, have been doing the final paving since mid-October, but Highland Beach leaders say that’s not the end of the project.

Work remains, according Highland Beach Town Manager Marshall Labadie, including smoothing out the transitions from driveways to the road, which is now slightly higher than prior to construction. That work could result in some temporary lane closures and delays.

Those using A1A near Linton Boulevard and those heading east on Linton toward the bridge and A1A might also encounter traffic delays.

On Oct. 24, Delray Beach officials notified residents that a contractor on the A1A project damaged one of the city’s sanitary sewer mains.

Repairs on the main began Oct. 27 and were not expected to be completed until Nov. 3.

Those repairs were to include lane closures on eastbound Linton at the bridge and lane shifts on southbound A1A just south of the Linton intersection. Bicyclists and pedestrians could also expect detours.

In Highland Beach, Labadie emailed residents in October recognizing frustration with the slow pace of construction — which had an original completion target of sometime during the summer — and with continued drainage issues.

Labadie said that drainage on the roadway has improved but there is still flooding on swales and the sidewalk, which means some pedestrians will walk in the roadway to avoid the water.

“Whether you are awaiting a response or payment related to a claim with the contractor, are frustrated with the pace of construction, flooding issues, or overall project progress — please know that your concerns are valid and shared by the town,” Labadie wrote.

The email went on to point out that the project is being done by the Florida Department of Transportation, not the town, and urged “reaching out directly to both the FDOT District and State Offices to elevate your concerns.” ★

City’s March ballot growing

By Mary Hladky

A crowded field of Boca Raton City Council candidates seem certain to draw more voters than usual to the polls for the March 10 municipal election.

Two more residents have announced their council candidacies, with voters now able to choose among four running for mayor — as well as contested races for council seats A, B and D. All candidates still must qualify with the city clerk’s office to be on the ballot. The qualifying period begins on Nov. 3 and ends on Nov. 12.

Political newcomer Joshua Joffe is running for mayor, joining the high-profile matchup between Deputy Mayor Fran Nachlas and Council member Andy Thomson. The fourth is perennial candidate Bernard Korn, who so far has not won an election.

The winner will replace Scott Singer, who is prevented by term limits from seeking reelection.

Joffe is a civil engineer and active environmentalist who said he is not a member of Save Boca, the group pressing hard to halt the development of the city’s downtown campus.

In a brief interview on Oct. 23, Joffe declined further comment, but said that he would be posting more information online soon about himself and his campaign platform.

While Thomson’s three-year council term ends in 2027, Florida law requires him to resign from the council to run for mayor. He did so on Oct. 23, effective March 31, which is the day he or one of the other mayoral candidates takes office.

Jessica Gray, a well-known environmentalist who is executive director of Boca Save Our Beaches, is running for Thomson’s Seat D against former City Council member Robert Weinroth. He later served as a county commissioner and county mayor.

Gray originally filed to oppose incumbent Council member Marc Wigder for Seat B, but since has switched to Seat D.

Gray is not a member of Save Boca but says she shares that group’s “mission in preserving public land.”

She has served as a member of the city’s environmental and sustainability advisory boards.

“I am running because I really care about where Boca is headed,” she said. “I spent years to protect and preserve our environment. I want to make sure the city grows the right way and thoughtfully. I am running because Boca residents deserve trust and accountability.”

Wigder is opposed by Meredith Madsen, a Save Boca supporter who is founder and CEO of Sunshine & Glitter, which sells sunscreen products.

Planning and Zoning Board member and attorney Christen Ritchey has filed to run for Nachlas’ Seat A. Her opponent is Korn, a real estate broker, who has filed to run for this seat as well as for mayor.

The mayoral race already has shaped up to be a battle royale, with Nachlas and Thomson raising far more contributions to their campaigns than has been typical.

As of the last campaign finance disclosures on Sept. 30, Thomson had raised \$98,519 while Nachlas had \$189,876, which includes a \$100,000 loan to her campaign. These amounts are direct contributions and do not include additional amounts raised through their campaign committees. ★

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Along the Coast

Surprise storm soaks region; Boca hit the hardest by flooding

By Rich Pollack and Mary Hladky

More than 7 inches of rain soaked Palm Beach County’s southern coast in just four hours overnight Oct. 26, stranding motorists, flooding the lobby of The Boca Raton luxury resort and sending Boca Raton first responders to as many as 100 calls for help throughout the city.

The Boca Raton Airport was shut down for more than seven hours beginning at 11:30 p.m. Oct. 26 as crews scoured the property to ensure it was clear of any water and debris so the aircraft operations could resume safely. The airport reopened at 7 a.m. the next day.

Boca Raton police said they received calls from stranded motorists — some needing rescue from their vehicles. City officials estimated more than 80 cars flooded. One car reportedly stalled out on the Camino Real bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway. No serious injuries were reported.

In Highland Beach, fire rescue crews and police officers also responded to several reports of disabled vehicles.

In the Por La Mar section of coastal Boca Raton, standing water on Northeast Wavecrest Way remained ankle deep in the morning of Oct. 27, several hours after the rain had halted.

“It was unpassable,” said Katie Barr MacDougall, president of the Riviera Civic Association, which includes the Boca Raton neighborhoods of Por La Mar, Riviera and Sun and Surf.

Closer to the coast came reports of condominiums being flooded by the rain, according to Emily Gentile, president of the Beach Condo Association of Boca Raton, Highland Beach and Delray Beach, with greatest impact being felt in Boca Raton.



Atlantic Drive on Hypoluxo Island was impassable overnight and still a mess by 11 a.m. Oct. 27 (above). Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

At the Mayfair Condominium on South Ocean Boulevard, board members said that more than 2 inches of water had flooded the lobby, Gentile said.

Street flooding, which was severe in the downtown area where photos showed some cars with water almost to their hoods, seemed to no longer be an issue by mid-morning.

“Our storm water system functioned exactly as planned,” said City Manager Mark Sohaney.

At The Boca Raton, cleanup was still taking place into the early evening of Oct. 27 after water flooded the lobby, destroying furniture and toppling planters. One video posted online showed what appeared to be about 2 feet of water in the hotel’s lobby; another showed what looked like muddied water covering the lobby floors.

A spokesperson for the resort said crews responded quickly — and that guests and meeting attendees checked in without delays.

Boca Raton city officials, concerned the ground was already saturated, urged motorists in the event of more rain to be cautious if they see water on the road ahead. “Turn around, don’t drown,” the city posted on its website.

At the Boca Raton Airport, officials said they were continuing to monitor weather conditions and would notify the public and airport users of any operational updates.

The volume of water that fell in two hours was enough to fill 25 to 30 football stadiums, said Zachary Bihr, the city’s public works and engineering director. ★

KING TIDES

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Edith Street in Ocean Ridge were damaged and sand was piled up in Boca Raton higher than 6 feet.

“The beaches that align with these access points are also closed due to dangerous debris and the immediate drop-off caused by erosion,” Ocean Ridge posted on its Facebook account on Oct. 8.

‘Double or triple whammy’

Andy Studt, environmental program supervisor for Palm Beach County’s coastal resource management, said the seasonal king tides — combined with the hurricanes — created a one-two punch for the area’s embattled coastline.

“Those storms kind of set the conditions that followed from there. So, we didn’t really get too much from Humberto, but Imelda definitely started us off in the wrong direction with some hurricane-based swell,” he said. “And then that wrapped into king tides, which was, you know, a bit of a double or triple whammy in terms of waves and timing of elevated tides.”

Humberto reached Category 5 before passing north of Bermuda, generating dangerous swells that felled some coastal homes in the Carolinas. Imelda followed close behind and made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 2 storm. Like celestial objects, the two hurricanes interacted, with Humberto influencing Imelda’s track.

King tides are the highest high tides of the year, caused by the gravitational forces of the sun and moon aligning during specific points in their orbits. The tides are natural and predictable phenomena but are becoming more significant due to rising sea levels, providing a glimpse of what normal tides may look like in the future.

Another round of king tides is coming Nov. 4-8, with coastal flooding expected to be at its worst Nov. 5-7.

Studt said a lot of sand movement occurred throughout the county in early October. “I saw a photo last week that Boca Raton Inlet has sanded in,” he said. “We’ve seen upper beach and dune damage, I would say definitely from Ocean Ridge north through the county line, most intensely. And then you know, there’s definitely been some damage down in Delray and Boca.”

Stairs take a beating

After the steps were damaged, Ocean Ridge Town Manager Michelle Heiser got on the phone to Studt.

“So the wave action has now contributed to the sand erosion in those areas, and the sand erosion, of course, then contributes to the damage to the facilities, which are the staircases and the crossovers,” Heiser said. “And then subsequently on Anna Street and Edith Street, we’ve lost both of the staircases, so no access at this point.”

Heiser said the town has reached out to its insurance company and is working with the county to determine options for replenishment.

In February 2020, Ocean Ridge declared a state of emergency after winter storms damaged 1,700 feet of the town’s coastline, crumbling sea walls and tearing up dune lines.

The Town Commission approved a plan that would allow a half-dozen oceanfront homeowners to build protective sea walls along their eroded dunes, with three of those homeowners agreeing to spend \$70,000 of their own money to build a 20-foot section of sea wall for the town along the Anna Street crossover.

Some residents saw the stair damage as an opportunity at Edith Street.

“This isn’t the first time this has happened,” said Lisa Ritota. “I loved those stairs, but I would like wider stairs when they get replaced.” She said she brings big, bulky items to the beach, but the Edith Street stairs were the narrowest in all of the town.

Boca gets pumping

Down in Boca Raton, the sand had piled up near the sea grapes, while city crews did some emergency repairs during the king tides. Paul Baker, a stormwater supervisor, was up to his chin fixing a portion of the sea wall cap along the south end of Wavecrest Way in the Por La Mar neighborhood on Oct. 9.

The cap had become delaminated, allowing tidal seawater to collect in the roadway during the king tide event, said city spokeswoman Ileana Olmsted.

City staffers were immediately dispatched to the site to implement emergency mitigation measures, including setting up a continuous pumping system and strategically placing fill. This system will remain operational throughout the tidal season to protect the neighborhood.

The city has met with a contractor and is reviewing a proposal for full sea wall reconstruction, Olmsted said.

A sight to see

Back in Lantana, plenty of sightseers witnessed the power of nature during the king tides.

“I’ve been to Florida a bunch of times and I’ve never seen it like this,” said Billie Malone, visiting from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Lifeguard Sam Janssen nearby had his eyes peeled. “It gives my heart a start every time someone’s at the bottom of the stairs and a big wave comes in, water splashes everywhere,” he said.

Meanwhile, fishermen ate their lunch at Kona Bay, saying everyone makes a big deal about king tides, but this flooding is routine during October.

“How many people were telling you it’s global warming?” said Frank Umbrecht. “It’s not getting any worse. It’s like it’s always been.” ★



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LEFT: Christy Turnquist wades through the water at Lantana’s Sportsman’s Park. RIGHT: The Lady K was sitting so high, customers could not board.



Eleven Boca Raton city employees assist Paul Baker, a stormwater supervisor, who was up to his chin fixing a portion of the sea wall cap along the south end of Wavecrest Way in the Por La Mar neighborhood on Oct. 9.

Scenes from big surge: Minor damage reported



Some protective measures are helping to deal with typical king tide effects.
LEFT: In Briny Breezes, water-filled plastic bladders sit atop the sea walls, and industrial size sump pumps in multiple locations on the west side of the community provide some protection from the king tides.
ABOVE: The privately funded sea walls in Ocean Ridge near Anna Street did protect the homes of residents who paid for them, but could not protect the stairs down to the beach. Before October the sand at this location extended at least 5 feet beyond the concrete wall at high tide. Photos by Tim Stepien and Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

The Palm Beach County Office of Resilience says the next king tides are expected during the high-tide periods of Nov. 4-8. Another round of king tides is expected Dec.3-6.

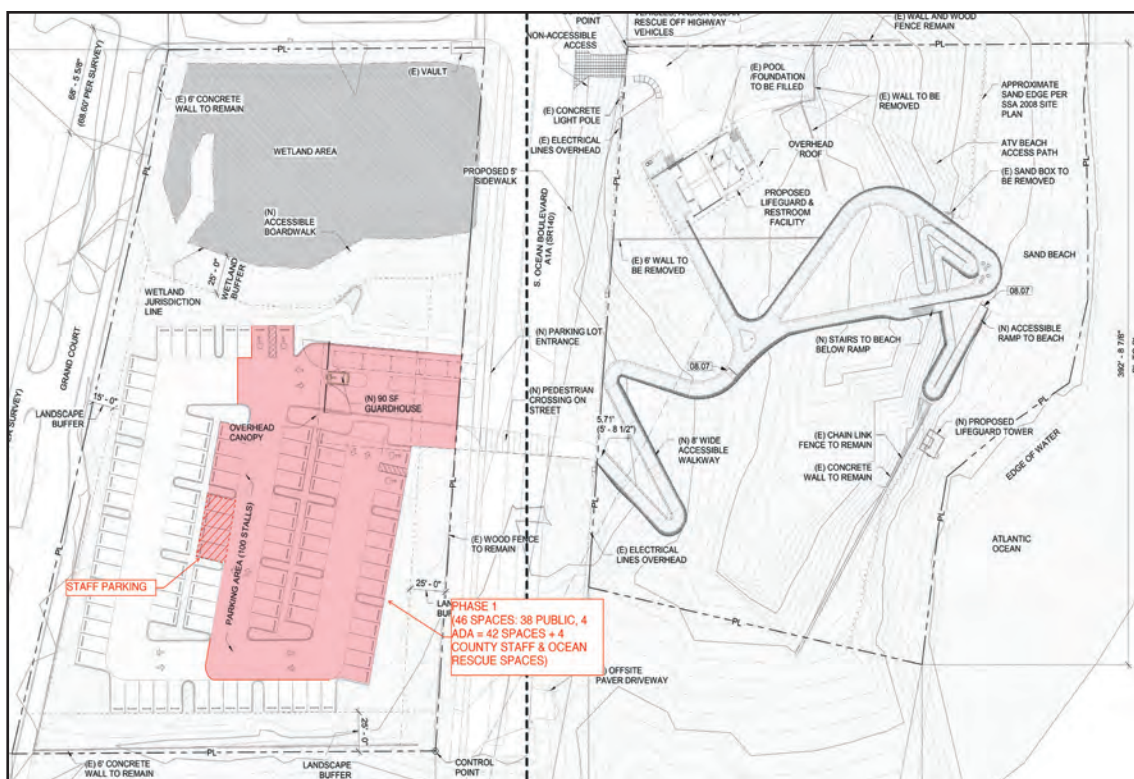
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An acceptable compromise

"It's the best outcome we could get based on the circumstances," she said. "Continuing to battle was a frivolous endeavor."

The idea of compromising on the number of parking spots was not new when county and town leaders met in September and agreed on the 46 spots.

A similar compromise was first proposed in 2022 by then-Mayor Doug Hillman and it was once again brought up by Woodward in 2024 when she heard from residents in a



The Milani Park plan has 46 parking spaces (shown in pink) to be built, with 54 other spaces that are left to an undetermined second phase. **Rendering provided**

contentious meeting.

It was shelved, she said, after town leaders passed a resolution opposing any park.

After hearing at a recent meeting from residents — including members of the Milani family, who asked for less parking — Woodward went back to county staff to see if a compromise on the number of spaces was feasible.

"The parking has always been the most contentious part of this," she said.

Less parking, less traffic?

The challenge facing the staff was to find a way to reduce parking without having to reopen the 2010 settlement

agreement, which contains more than 40 conditions agreed to by both the county and the town.

The plan the staff came up with includes green space on the western portion of the parking area.

"It's going to be a large grassy area," Woodward said. "It will be open space with trees all around it."

Of the 46 parking spaces, four will be for people with disabilities, four will be for staff and 38 will be for general parking.

Ron Reame, on the board of Boca Highland Beach Club and Marina, which borders the park property, believes some of

the area's outspoken residents might find the reduced number of parking spots acceptable.

"I think this could quiet the turmoil to some degree," he said. "This solution is certainly more palatable to the residents of Boca Highland."

Reducing the number of parking spots initially, Woodard said, makes sense since there's still no way of knowing how much use the park will get.

"Our parks people say that they think 46 spaces will be enough but we just don't know," she said.

Labadie says he believes reducing the number of parking spaces could address

another concern of residents:
traffic.

"One could reasonably deduce that less parking will mean less traffic," he said.

Park design almost done

Moore said that as the fight to stop a park dragged on, it became clear that the county was not going to relent.

“There was a certain point where there was no opportunity to avoid a park,” she said. “It then became a question of how do we collaborate and cooperate.”

The mayor said that she and a few residents were brought in by Woodward to look at early designs and provide feedback.

"It was important that we were at least involved in the planning," she said, adding that one of the upsides to the process has been an improved relationship between leaders of the two governments.

Woodward said that the County Commission has approved the budget for the park and that the design of both the west and east sides is almost done.

She said plans are for the heaviest of the construction to be in the summer when fewer residents are in town. She also sees the current plans as helping to preserve the east side of the park's historical and archeological significance.

"The park is still going to happen, and I believe this will be even better for the residents of Highland Beach," Woodward said. ★

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Highland Beach

Mingle Jingle party set for Dec. 4

Highland Beach's popular holiday celebration, the Mingle Jingle, returns on Dec. 4 with food, live music and more.

A free public celebration open to Highland Beach residents, this year's Mingle Jingle will again be held at St. Lucy Catholic Church from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event will feature several food truck vendors and other food vendors as well as a live band.

Visitors will have a chance to see the town's public safety equipment on display and can learn more about town departments, including the library, and volunteer boards. Town commissioners will have a booth at the event. Once again, trolley rides will be provided, with several stops along State Road A1A.

—*Rich Pollack*



Boca Raton

Cultural arts group
refocuses itself on
nurturing creativity

By Steve Plunkett

Ten months after walking away from its proposal to build a world-class performing arts center in Mizner Park, The Center for Arts and Innovation has resurrected itself with a new mission: promoting creativity. It planned to hold its first “What If?” Days Nov. 1 in Boca Raton and Miami Beach, and Nov. 2 in Fort Lauderdale. The 2-hour pop-up events promised to let young people explore their creativity with hands-on fun, live music, dancing, food, raffles and interactive stations.

Children ages 6 to 18 were also invited to enter the center’s “What If?” Challenge and dream up their very own “Center for Creativity” via a drawing and words, with the winner earning a spot on TCAI’s advisory Junior Creative Directors Board.

Andrea Virgin, chair and CEO of the organization, gave commissioners of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District a peek at the thinking behind the new endeavors on Oct. 20.

“For generations creativity has been in decline,” she said. “It starts at near universal levels for all of us as children, but around the ages of 8 to 14, that creativity capability (score) starts to really drop off, to about 30% around the age of 12, by the age of 15 to 12%.

“And then we get to the adults where we start to not really connect as much with our creative selves as much as we did when we were children. And then we pick it back up (going) into retirement.”

To combat the decline, the center is developing programming, like the What If? Challenge, to nurture creativity.

“We believe that creativity is for everyone. It is not just for artists, although we obviously work a lot with artists,” Virgin said. “But we believe creativity is for everyone from all ages, all industries, from any background; the world needs more imagination, not less.”

Coming in February will be a program called “What Do You See?”

“It’s a short film competition for our teenagers,” said Apryl Freeman, TCAI’s director of program development. “So, they are going to be with filmmakers to create their own short films and they’ll have their own screening and they will select the winner from there as well.”

The center also plans to offer

‘What If?’ Days

The Center for Arts and Innovation is holding a weekend of activities for children. Although all spots for its creativity pop-ups are gone, children can join a waitlist at thecenterforartsandinnovation.org or simply show up and take part in the fun. They can also drop off their entries for the ‘What If?’ Challenge or submit them online.

Sugar Sand Park,
Boca Raton
9-11 a.m. Nov. 1
Normandy Fountain,
Miami Beach
3-5 p.m. Nov. 1
Museum of Discovery and Science,
Fort Lauderdale
4-6 p.m. Nov. 2

intergenerational programming, or “creative kinship,” in which young and older generations come together for creative engagement; “creative reset” for adults in any industry who have lost touch with their creative selves; and “the gardens,” or programming that connects nature with creativity.

“We heard in a lot of our research that people feel they’re ... reset for their most creative work when they go out in nature,” Virgin said.

Virgin led a consortium of Boca Raton-based cultural organizations that in 2018 proposed a performing arts center at the north end of Mizner Park.

The project became The Center for Arts and Innovation, and its officials negotiated with the city for two years to hammer out a development agreement and the lease of city-owned land. The City Council approved the deals in 2022.

The next year the renowned Renzo Piano Building Workshop, which accepts only two or three commissions a year, agreed to design the center. The new design was unveiled in May 2024 with an estimated cost exceeding \$100 million.

But over the last three months of last year, it all came crashing down. Facing a shortfall in donations, TCAI asked city officials to amend the development agreement to give the group more time to raise money. Unable to persuade them to do so, TCAI terminated the agreement on Jan. 8. ★



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Delray Beach

City’s century-old golf course set for \$28.5 million renovation, restoration

The Delray Beach City Commission, at its Oct. 14 meeting, approved a \$28.5 million contract with NMP Golf Construction Corporation to renovate the city’s historic municipal golf course, originally opened in 1926.

The course is one of few in the country featuring designs by both Donald Ross and Dick Wilson, renowned golf architects. The project will restore the nine original holes

designed by Ross. The course grew to 18 holes in 1950, with the addition of the holes designed by Wilson.

The renovation will include new practice facilities, an updated irrigation system, improved parking, bridge replacements, a new maintenance barn, and cart paths. The golf course will close on Nov. 3, with the driving range remaining partially open.

The clubhouse will stay open

until Jan. 3, when it closes for renovations. The course and clubhouse are expected to reopen in November 2026.

Public Works Director Missie Barletto highlighted the project’s significance, noting NMP Golf Construction’s extensive experience with over 300 golf course projects nationwide, including recent work at Quail Ridge in Boynton Beach and the Waldorf Astoria in Orlando.

The comprehensive renovation aims to restore the course to its original design while adding modern amenities, preserving its unique architectural heritage.

At their Oct. 21 meeting, commissioners unanimously approved a \$33 million bond issuance for the renovation, marking a significant milestone after years of delays.

Financial adviser Jay Glover from PFM told commissioners

the bonds would be sold competitively in November, with the city maintaining its strong credit ratings.

“I’m just thrilled we’re getting it moving,” Mayor Tom Carney said, noting the project’s lengthy journey. “They won’t let me play there anymore because I am not a good golfer, and after the renovations, they’re not going to want me out there again to re-divot the entire place for them.”

— John Pacenti

Looks-real email scam seeks thousands from planning and zoning case applicants

Delray Beach is warning that an email scam targeting residents, developers and others looking to get on the agenda of the Planning & Zoning Board has been detected.

Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services director, revealed during the Oct. 20 board meeting that scammers are sending emails impersonating department staff, claiming recipients must pay outstanding fees to remain on meeting agendas.

“Some of our customers are getting emails that say they’re from us, and in order to remain on the agenda, you need to

remit some outstanding fee in several thousands of dollars,” she said.

She emphasized that the department will never request payments through Venmo or demand last-minute fees.

“These emails contain typos and mistakes, but could easily trick someone not familiar with the department’s processes,” Gianniotis said.

This is the second such targeting of Development Services customers, underscoring the growing threat of digital impersonation scams, Gianniotis said.

The department has already

taken preventive measures, including removing staff email addresses and phone numbers from public agendas. The legal team is actively investigating the attacks, which Gianniotis noted have become easier with advancing artificial intelligence.

- Development Services customers are advised to:
- Verify any suspicious emails with their project planner.
- Forward fraudulent emails to Development Services.
- Never pay unexpected fees without direct confirmation.

— John Pacenti

Delray Beach News

Police seek volunteers — The Delray Beach Police Department is encouraging residents to become members of one of its volunteer patrol teams. The teams act as goodwill ambassadors by welcoming visitors and residents alike and answering questions people may have.

Some teams patrol Atlantic Avenue from Swinton Avenue east to the beach. Other locations include shopping centers along Linton Boulevard and along the east side of Military Trail from Linton Boulevard to Lake Ida Road.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years old, fill out an application and submit fingerprints for a background check. Patrol shifts are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The program is run by Barry Tantleff, who holds the title of volunteer major. For more information, contact Tantleff at 561-243-7869.

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Boca Raton

Surf park draws most interest among North Park proposals

By Steve Plunkett

The best waves in Boca Raton would rise west of Dixie Highway if the parks district takes up a private company's pitch to build a massive wave-maker, creating Boca Surf Park on about 24 acres at the district's new North Park north of Yamato Road.

When it comes to surfing waves, the Atlantic Ocean along the city's coastline just doesn't cut it, the company says, with flat seas most of the time and only a few sporadic days on which the dudes can catch a decent ride.

The surf park — along with a recreation and entertainment complex and a golf-related facility — are being scrutinized for inclusion at the former Ocean Breeze golf course by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District.

District commissioners reviewed those proposals as well as one for a "state-of-the-art" Boys and Girls Club facility at what is now called North Park at their Oct. 20 meeting.

"Nobody's going to get a contract tonight. ... There's a lot more information to gather. There's a lot more public input needed," said Briann Harms, the district's executive director.

Commissioners at a special



Surf parks can provide reliable waves, something the Atlantic Ocean does not. **Rending provided**

Oct. 7 meeting ranked the surf park their top choice of 10 offerings by for-profit and not-for-profit entities, discarding six proposals. Already it has drawn opposition from residents of the Boca Teeca condominiums, which are surrounded by the parkland just north of Yamato Road and unevenly quartered by Northwest Second Avenue and Jeffery Street/Clint Moore Road.

Erin Wright, chair of the district board, said the man-made surfer waves would not be produced by a pneumatic system that would be disturbing to park neighbors.

"That is not the wave system that they will be using. The pneumatic system is very noisy with a lot of mechanical equipment," Wright said. "The Wavegarden system does not

use that. It's much quieter. It's electric."

The proposal by Boca Surf Park LLC, which was first received unsolicited in July and led to a request for bids and the resulting 10 offerings, has received the most buzz. The team is led by the hometown Cottrell family, which founded and operates the Island Water Sports surf shop in Deerfield Beach.

The surf park would be in the northwest quadrant of North Park. Its backers would build the park without district help and say it would generate about \$600,000 a year in payments to the district. They seek a 49-year concession agreement with two 25-year renewals.

"The question I get the most is, 'Why does Boca need a surf park — the beach is a mile

away,'" Cheyne Cottrell said at the Oct. 20 meeting. "And the reason is, we're the most densely populated surf state behind California in the country. We have over 250,000 surfers in the state. ... And we have a hunger that no other place has for good waves. The problem is we only have 40 days a year of waves in Boca, and surfing is hard, it's unpredictable, low-quality, tidal and just very low-quality waves in general."

Another proposal is for a multiuse, indoor-outdoor recreation and entertainment complex in the southwest part of North Park. The facility would have a performance gymnasium, climbing walls, an obstacle course, cafe and event space. It would also include 6,000 square feet set aside for an indoor soccer training program.

Its backers say they would pay the district \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year from its expected \$1 million annual net income.

The third proposal, from Kemper Sports for a golf facility, was the least detailed primarily because its backers switched from wanting a northwest location to the southwest sector. They will return to the district board in November with fleshed-out plans.

Their original idea was to have a short course, a Himalaya-

style putting green, driving range and a "village hub" with a clubhouse, restaurant and event lawn. They, too, project an annual payment to the district of \$150,000 to \$200,000 for their "family-friendly, social golf campus."

Harms was authorized at the meeting to hire an outside consultant to conduct financial feasibility studies on all four proposals for a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Before the meeting began in the 155-seat Willow Theatre inside Sugar Sand Park, at least three dozen people were turned away from the standing-room-only crowd after the anti-development group Save Boca put out a call for its supporters to lobby the district to break its agreement with the city to build softball fields on 11 acres of Sugar Sand's "urban forest."

The site is home to protected gopher tortoises, the group said, and the softball fields would not be needed if a March 10 referendum vote voids plans for a redevelopment of Boca Raton's downtown campus.

"The Beach and Parks District has the power to terminate this agreement and prevent any active work from going on at the site, until the voters have a say on the matter," the group said. ★

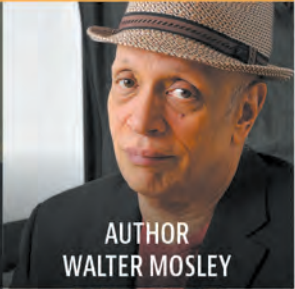


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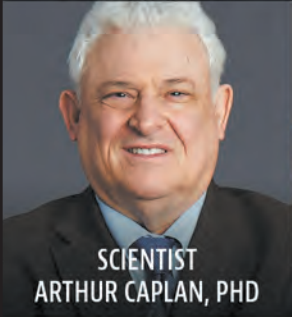
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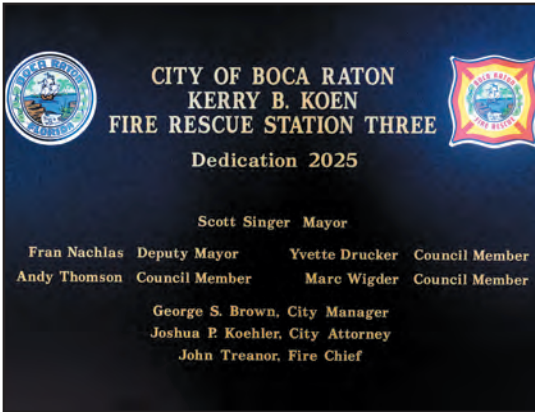
Kerry B. Koen Fire Rescue Station 3, Boca Raton — Oct. 6

Fire rescue and city officials participated in a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony to rename Boca Raton’s station at 100 S. Ocean Blvd. the Kerry B. Koen Fire Rescue Station 3. The city honored Koen, inset, who died April 11 at age 80, in recognition of the former fire chief’s service and lasting contributions to the community. He retired as chief in 1998, after joining the department for the first time in 1964.



Koen

He also served in Delray Beach. **TOP RIGHT:** (l-r) Boca Raton fire rescue officials Jay Sumner, Jeff Rupp, Robert Parks and David Eddinger; Lynn Koen, Kerry Koen’s widow; with Mayor Scott Singer, City Manager Emeritus George Brown, Council member Yvette Drucker, Deputy Mayor Fran Nachlas and Council members Marc Wigder and Andy Thomson. **BOTTOM LEFT** (l-r): retired Boca Raton Fire Capt. Kenny Bailes, Lynn Koen and Brown. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The plaque commemorating the station’s new name. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Boca Raton

Batmasians drop plan for park, file new tower proposal

By Mary Hladky

James and Marta Batmasian, the largest commercial property owners in Boca Raton’s downtown, have revised their proposal to build a 12-story hotel and retail project on Northeast Second Street immediately north of the Tower 155 condo.

The new submittal no longer states that the couple wants to buy a city-owned nearly 0.3-acre lot on Second Street that is now used as a parking lot. The first proposal would have replaced the parking with a Batmasian-built park.

The rest of the Mizner Plaza project just south of Mizner Park appears to be largely unchanged in the new submittal. Attorney Ele Zachariades, who represents the Batmasians, did not return calls requesting clarification on the changes.

The project would include two towers with retail and restaurants on the first two stories and hotel rooms in the top 10 stories. The number of rooms has decreased from 242 to 219. Parking would be on two levels underground.

The Batmasian lot purchase was strongly criticized by Tower 155 owners at an Aug. 21 Planning and Zoning Board

meeting that ended with the board’s near-unanimous recommendation that the City Council approve the project.

The owners’ attorney, Richard DeWitt, outlined what he said were several technical missteps by the city but focused on the sale of the parcel. He criticized the Batmasians for how little they wanted to pay for the land.

A staff memo on the subject said the land initially was appraised at \$2.4 million. But the Batmasians wanted to pay

nothing, saying they should get credit for replacing 17 public parking spaces now on the lot by moving them into the underground garage. They also wanted credits for park construction and maintenance costs.

Staff disagreed that they should get the land for free. After giving the Batmasians reduced credits for construction and maintenance, staff recommended a purchase price of \$883,558.

But DeWitt said there was an earlier appraisal that pegged market value of the property at \$3.3 million. James Batmasian balked at that amount and asked for a new appraisal. Yet he also indicated that the city was only asking for \$10 — essentially a giveaway. That’s when the city requested the second appraisal.

DeWitt asked the planning board to either deny approval of the sale or table the matter so the board could fully evaluate it. That would include whether

only the Batmasians would be entitled to buy the parcel.

Board members did not acknowledge his request. But they praised the project, with a majority describing it as beautiful.

Now that the Batmasians have revised the project, the approval process will be started anew, which will delay consideration by the City Council. ★

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Manalapan News

Town challenges state's sand transfer plant plan — When it comes to the sand transfer plant in Manalapan, it might as well be a four-letter word. Many in town blame the plant at the Boynton Inlet for depleting the town's beaches as it sends sand south — though it's a matter very much up for debate.

Now Manalapan is asking for an administrative hearing after the Florida Department of Environmental Protection moved to renew a 10-year agreement with Palm Beach County without consulting the town.

Town Manager Eric Marmer said at the commission's Oct. 14 meeting that a resident alerted the town to FDEP's unilateral move to proceed with the plan. In response, the town will seek a stay to evaluate the proposed agreement, he said.

"We talked to them. I thought they were gonna include us more. They did not," Marmer said.

"They were trying to negotiate something that was less formal, but I'm not really happy with the fact that they were doing that without consulting us at all," he added.

Even though the sand transfer plant is not as harmful to Manalapan's beaches as initially believed, Marmer emphasized that any project affecting the town warrants municipal input.

Town Attorney Keith Davis is preparing to file a notice of intent challenging FDEP's approach.

Town rethinks beach-raking strategy — Manalapan is considering a major overhaul of its beach maintenance approach, potentially replacing traditional beach raking with a more targeted trash collection method.

Town Manager Eric Marmer proposed at the commission's Oct. 14 meeting using part-time town employees with a side-by-side vehicle to conduct beach cleanup two to three times weekly.

The plan aims to reduce the costly and potentially invasive beach-raking services, which currently run around \$275 to \$300 per session.

"We saw so much trash getting picked up while the beach raker was out there," Marmer told town commissioners. "I got a text from a resident asking why there's so much trash on the beach even when the beach raker is working."

The proposed strategy would keep beach raking as an option for significant sargassum accumulation, but significantly reduce its frequency. The town would retain the flexibility to call private beach rakers when necessary.

By using part-time staff and a side-by-side vehicle, Manalapan hopes to create a more efficient and cost-effective beach maintenance program, while keeping municipal employees engaged.

A detailed plan is expected to be presented at the commission's Nov. 4 meeting.

In April, town officials tried to get to the bottom of which mechanical beach-raking company was leaving deep ruts near turtle nests. The two companies that clean the beach of debris, though, pointed the finger at each other.

Residents sign up for iguana eradication plan — Well, for those old enough to remember, as the cartoon icon Yosemite Sam used to say, "Varmint, I'm a-gonna blow you to smithereens!"

Manalapan Police Chief Jeff Rasor says approximately 25%-30% of residents have agreed to allow a police sharpshooter with an air rifle onto their property for iguana eradication.

The town decided in September to move away from an outside vendor and have a police officer give it a go.

"We've gotten a very positive response from the community," Rasor said at the commission's Oct. 14 meeting.

Residents interested in participating in the iguana removal program are encouraged to contact the town's Police Department for more information.

Sgt. Tracey Merritt, the Police Department's firearms range master and expert, will be tasked with trying to efficiently kill the iguanas. Signs will be posted at the guard station on Point Manalapan — which is the iguana beachhead, per se — to inform residents when Merritt will be on the property.

New garbage hauler selected — Manalapan has chosen Waste Pro as its new waste collection provider after a competitive bidding process. At the Oct. 14 Town Commission meeting, officials approved moving forward with negotiations for a contract with the waste management company.

Town Manager Eric Marmer reported that a selection committee reviewed three proposals and ranked Waste Pro as the top vendor. The initial first-year contract price is set at \$53,731, with future years to be negotiated based on potential cost-of-living adjustments.

"But I wouldn't negotiate a contract that we would, you know, go from \$53-to-\$100,000 the next year, or something like that," Marmer said.

Waste Pro services similar coastal communities, including Ocean Ridge, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and Hillsboro Beach.

The commission authorized Marmer to continue contract negotiations, with a final agreement expected to be presented at its Nov. 4 meeting. The proposed contract would have an initial five-year term.

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Less trouble to install emergency generators — Manalapan town commissioners on Oct. 14 took the first step to simplifying the permitting process for residents seeking to install emergency generators, eliminating the need for architectural review and creating a more direct administrative approval path.

The commission approved, on first reading, an ordinance that would allow emergency generator permit applications to bypass the town’s Architectural Commission.

Instead, these applications will now receive an administrative review before moving directly to the building department for permitting.

Town Attorney Keith Davis said the ordinance aims to expedite the process for residents seeking to install emergency generators.

The ordinance will return for final approval at the commission’s Nov. 4 meeting.

— John Pacenti

Cove neighbors say long docks would ruin their views — A Point Manalapan resident seeking to build a dock extending out into Manatee Cove withdrew his permit application just before his variance request was to be heard on Oct. 14 by the Manalapan Town Commission.

Many neighbors of the property at 1400 Lands End Road, purchased in April for \$4.5 million by Adam and Ana Bersin, said they face similar problems to the ones the Bersins are experiencing — shallow waters that sometimes make it impossible to launch a boat into the cove.

However, the neighbors said they were all aware of the cove’s limitations when they bought there — and did so because they knew that would limit boat traffic. The cove is in the Intracoastal Waterway but sees little boat traffic because of its shallowness.

Nearby homeowners, writing to the town in opposition to the variance, feared that if the variance was approved, more dock-extension variances would be requested in the future. They said they do not want to see their idyllic views turned into a marina vista with 25-foot dock extensions into the cove.

Adam Bersin told *The Coastal Star* he decided to withdraw the application at this time, but may consider reapplying in the future.

— Larry Barszewski

Lantana

Town may hold more food truck events — if it’s good for business

By Patrick Sherry

Lantana Town Council members like the idea of holding more town-sponsored food truck events as long as local restaurants aren’t hurt by the competition.

At their Oct. 10 workshop, council members discussed potential revisions to the town’s food truck regulations. Their biggest fear was seeing food trucks take business away from established restaurants.

“These restaurant owners are investors in our town, and if we’re going to allow these food trucks to come in here, we are taking away from investors who put their time and money — maybe even their savings — all into owning a restaurant,” Council member Chris Castle said. “If they leave, then what do we have for our people?”

Council members said they want to protect the restaurants while still allowing for food truck events that are popular in the community.

Currently, food trucks are only allowed on public property during town-sponsored events. Food trucks on private property are limited to three hours of operation at any given time and must have the written consent of the property owner. Other venues where food trucks are stationary in one location and operate like a standard restaurant must follow normal restaurant regulations.

Council members agreed to maintain their current stance on only allowing food trucks on public property for town-sponsored events, but they were open to implementing more events to improve community involvement.

As for food trucks on private property, officials will consider increasing how long the trucks are allowed to operate at any one time, how they

will dispose of their waste, and other potential permitting changes.

After researching the possible options, town staff will bring back recommendations for the council to consider at a future date.

“This is all about resources for the community,” Mayor Karen Lythgoe said. “It’s got to not hurt the neighbors on the next street over.”

The Town Council is preparing to hold more workshops on a regular basis. No formal decisions can be made at them; instead, they serve as a time for preliminary policy discussions where council members, through consensus, can give direction to staff on what they want to see brought back to them for official action.

The council tentatively announced its next workshop will take place on Nov. 21. ★

Lantana News

Organizations give to community groups — The Kiwanis Club of Hypoluxo-Lantana Sunrise and the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce made awards at the Lantana Town Council’s Oct. 13 meeting to the Lantana Police Explorers to support its efforts to help people in need. The Kiwanis Club gave \$2,000 — plus \$1,000 in grocery store gift cards — and the chamber \$589 to the explorers.

The money for the donations was raised through the Kiwanis Club’s food trailer and the Chamber of Commerce’s Shred Event proceeds.

A separate \$1,500 award from the Kiwanis Club was given to the Friends of Foster Children organization.

— Patrick Sherry



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Along the Coast



Downtown Delray Beach hosted the 14th annual Witches of Delray bike ride on Oct. 25. The event, a fundraiser for the Achievement Centers for Children & Families, has become one of the area's most whimsical and beloved traditions, blending Halloween fun with community involvement. **LEFT:** Kelli Freeman applies makeup to Catherine DuBois, two good witches. **RIGHT:** The Campbell Soup Witches. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Witches of Delray conjure a wicked ride to raise money for charity



Riders often share costume styles to make teams. These ten, the Spell Sisters, won the Best Team honor.



ABOVE: The 1980s Witches sported gigantic cell phones and boom boxes. **RIGHT:** What better way to propel your bike in a witches parade than with broom power?



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Susan Brockway

As of June, Boca Raton resident Susan Brockway concluded her nine years of board service with the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

"I first served at the Community Foundation as a grant reviewer for the MacArthur Grants, and after that I was asked to join its board of directors," Brockway said.

While she's involved with many charities, the Community Foundation holds a special place for her. "I am still a fund holder there," she said.

"I was quite excited when I was first introduced to them and became involved. The Community Foundation identifies the community's greatest needs and helps to fulfill those needs.

"I loved working with them. The growth it has experienced over those nine years was just fantastic in terms of dollars and its help to nonprofits and the community."

Brockway, 68, was especially proud of the Community Foundation's collaborative role within the Palm Beach County Funders Group during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Together, we created a common application for grant support, streamlining the process so that emergency funds could be distributed efficiently and quickly as the pandemic unfolded," she said. "The support reached health centers, food pantries, child care programs and homeless shelters, helping the most vulnerable with essentials to survive during those trying times.

"In the end, the Community Foundation distributed about \$3 million of our own funds while assisting others in this collaborative identify needs for their funding."

Having retired as an accountant, she said she feels blessed to have time for her volunteer work and to enjoy her family.

Among her volunteer endeavors, Brockway will continue as a board member of her alma mater, Stetson University, and she remains actively involved with Place of Hope. Additionally, she has just joined the board of the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

"Those are my biggest commitments," she said.

Brockway wishes to get the word out to fellow philanthropists that the Community Foundation has a deep knowledge of local needs.

"We have so many people who have moved here, and they don't know about the nonprofit world" in Palm Beach and Martin counties, Brockway said. "While they can still support the causes they care about back home, the Community Foundation can introduce them to how they can help" locally.

— Christine Davis

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

A: I have lived in South Florida since I was 9 years old. I lived in a very small



Susan Brockway, at home in coastal Boca Raton, looks back fondly on her nine years on the Community Foundation board and urges people to contact the foundation for guidance on where to donate. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

town in West Virginia prior to moving to Miami in 1967. From Miami we moved to Lake Worth in 1973. I attended public schools and experienced many facets of desegregation while in Miami. Following high school, I attended a small private university, Stetson University, in DeLand.

My background has given me empathy towards public school teachers, having witnessed what they had to deal with when I was a student, and then leaping forward to today, it is definitely a difficult career that is often underappreciated and undervalued. Second, I have a passion for helping students pursue college degrees that need financial help to do this. I truly wanted to attend a four-year university, and I vividly remember my high school guidance counselors strongly guiding me to attend the local junior college since I had financial need. I am so happy that I was able to attend Stetson for four great years.

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

A: I began working in public accounting upon my college graduation. I was a CPA with Coopers & Lybrand, now PricewaterhouseCoopers, in their West Palm Beach office in the audit area. I left Coopers to work for one of my audit clients as their financial controller at a real estate development in Boca Raton.

To share a bit of humor related to my audit career, I had the immense pleasure of serving on the audit team

at The Breakers hotel and working in a beautiful ocean view room that had been converted into a workroom for an extended time period, and also going to the PGA of America in Palm Beach Gardens and working in a lovely environment — and then having to pivot to work on the first-ever audit of Palm Beach County and spending days and nights in the bowels of windowless county building basements. It was all great experience, but no doubt this influenced my move to work in Boca Raton for a real estate development that had a golf course and tennis facility.

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

A: That is extremely difficult as we see how rapidly the world is changing with AI, world and domestic political views, and the desire for balance with career and personal life.

I think that it is important for young people to develop social skills and good manners. A positive first impression can open doors before your technical skills are even tested.

Q: How did you choose to make your home in coastal Boca Raton?

A: Purely out of geography. When my husband and I married he was working in Miami and I was working in West Palm Beach and we settled in Boca Raton, where we could both commute to our jobs.

Q: What is your favorite part about living in coastal Boca Raton?

A: Wow. Having been here 42 years it is tough to be concise on this. But my wonderful friendships are a blessing beyond compare, and I love the community for the generosity of its people and their philanthropic support of so many important causes.

Q: What book are you reading now?

A: A novel that I just finished reading is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. I love historical fiction and this is a great historical mystery novel inspired by the diaries of an 18th-century midwife in Maine. I am enjoying *Awestruck* by Jonah Paquette. It is a guide to cultivate the awe that is possible in our everyday lives.

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

A: I am a huge fan of Chris Stapleton, a country music artist, and I had the great pleasure of seeing him in concert in June. So, for relaxation, I must put his name at the top of the list. For inspiration, I often choose contemporary Christian music.

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

A: I certainly had people early in my years that guided my college and career decisions, but presently I am surrounded by so many unbelievably talented women that I serve with in various volunteer capacities I do not know where to start.

I am fearful to list names as there are too many to name, but I must share how Sherry Barrat, who I served with at the Community Foundation and now the Kravis Center, has inspired me. Her preparation and focus allow her to chair a meeting in an effective and timely manner. And her contributions as a committee member are always well thought out and well communicated.

Second, the three founders of Impact 100 Palm Beach County — Tandy Robinson, Lisa Mulhall and Cindy Krebsbach — inspire me every day with what they started and how smashingly successful it is. These women had a lofty idea that they succeeded in bringing to life in one short year — with the help of the Community Foundation initially serving as their 501(c)(3) — and Impact 100 PBC has flourished and granted nearly \$8 million to nonprofit programs serving southern Palm Beach County.

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

A: Reese Witherspoon! Only because I have been fortunate enough to have people tell me that I looked like her.

Q: Who/what makes you laugh?

A: Right now it is my five grandchildren. They bring me immeasurable joy and laughter each day.

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Along the Coast



Ocean Ridge commissioners recently got their first glance at the proposed fire station at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park at the Boynton Inlet. **Rendering provided**

Design for Boynton Inlet fire station contains contemporary, retro elements

By John Pacenti

As if pulled from the pages of some children’s storybook, the look of the new fire station planned for Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park at the Boynton Inlet was revealed to Ocean Ridge town commissioners at their Oct. 6 meeting.

While sporting a contemporary design, the look and feel of Boynton Beach’s two-story aqua-and-white building is definitely retro. One could imagine lifeguard Ken spending his day there before his big date with Barbie after work.

Boynton Beach Fire Rescue provides service on the barrier island to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

Fire Chief Hugh Bruder said Station 6 will have three stories

and will house an advanced life support fire engine with technical rescue capabilities and the city’s new fire boat — which is supposed to be delivered in November.

The station is badly needed, he said.

“We are averaging, if you look at Coast Guard numbers, one water rescue call per day on all of our waterways, including the inlet and the ocean,” he said.

Bruder emphasized the station will serve Delray Beach and surrounding areas, as well.

“We’re going to be running into Delray, we’re going to be running into South County. We’re going to be running anywhere we’re called to help save a life,” he told *The Coastal Star*.

The facility will include space

— including the boating dock — for the city Police Department and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. It features design elements like water-view rest areas for firefighters.

Construction is expected to begin within 90 days, following final approval by the Boynton Beach City Commission. The project is expected to take about 12 months, with projected completion in late 2026.

The only criticism at the meeting came from Ocean Ridge Commissioner David Hutchins, who wasn’t keen on the circle 6 adorning the building.

“Just when I was looking at the Station 6 up there, it kind of reminded me of Motel 6,” he said. ★

Along the Coast

Qualifying schedule for municipal candidates

Would-be candidates for the upcoming March 10 municipal elections have to qualify to be on the ballot by filing for the office they’re seeking with their town clerk or city clerk, and meeting the necessary requirements. The qualifying periods for the offices are in November, but the times vary by municipality.

Here is a look at the qualifying periods for local municipalities, the seats up for election in each municipality and the current holders of those seats:

Boca Raton: Mayor and three council seats

Qualifying period: 8 a.m. Nov. 3 to 5 p.m. Nov. 12

Seats currently held by: Mayor Scott Singer (term-limited), Deputy Mayor Fran Nachlas and Council members Andy Thomson and Marc Wigder

Briny Breezes: Mayor and two council seats

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 11 to noon Nov. 25
Seats currently held by:

Mayor Ted Gross, Alderman Jeff Duncan and Alderwoman Holly Reitnauer

Delray Beach: Two commission seats

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 3 to noon Nov. 21

Seats currently held by: Vice Mayor Rob Long and Commissioner Angela Burns

Gulf Stream: Five commission seats (one to be appointed mayor)

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 4 to noon Nov. 18

Seats currently held by: Mayor Scott Morgan, Vice Mayor Thomas Stanley and Commissioners Robert Canfield, Michael Greene and Joan Orthwein

Highland Beach: Mayor and one commission seat

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 10 to noon Nov. 25

Seats currently held by: Mayor Natasha Moore and Commissioner Donald Peters

Lantana: Two council seats
Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 10 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 21
Seats currently held by:

Council members Christopher Castle and Mark Zeitler

Manalapan: Three commission seats

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 4 to noon Nov. 18

Seats currently held by: Commissioners Elliot Bonner, Orla Imbesi and Dwight Kulwin

Ocean Ridge: Two commission seats

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 3 to noon Nov. 14

Seats currently held by: Commissioners Carolyn Cassidy and David Hutchins

South Palm Beach: Mayor and three council seats

Qualifying period: Noon Nov. 10 to noon Nov. 25

Seats currently held by: Mayor Bonnie Fischer, Vice Mayor Monte Berendes, and Council members Sandra Beckett and Elvadianne Culbertson

Source: Clerks’ offices and municipal websites



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world-class amenities and cultural institutions.”

The ballot measures would not allow the council to lease or sell any city-owned land greater than one-half acre without a vote by the public.

The city wants to lease its land for 99 years to Terra/Frisbie in a deal that would generate significant income for the city and spare Boca Raton residents from potential tax increases to pay for downtown campus improvements, including a new City Hall and Community Center.

Council members made clear that, while they support allowing voters to make a final decision, they are deeply concerned about the problems the two measures will cause.

The city often leases more than a half-acre to nonprofits and cultural groups, but would have to hold an election every time it does so were either ballot question to pass. That would be costly for the city and make it cumbersome to help these groups.

“I am against this nuclear option because it could provide some real damage to some of the people we are really trying to help,” said Council member Marc Wigder. Council member Yvette Drucker agreed.

Mayor Scott Singer listed examples of when an election would now be required. “I see a pathway to a lot of litigation here,” he said.

Save Boca, the residents group that proposed the ordinance and the charter change, prefers amending the charter. That’s because the council could strike down the ordinance in the future. A charter change would require another referendum.

Voters will cast their ballots on Jan. 13, well ahead of the city’s scheduled March 10 election when they will choose a new mayor and three council members.

Save Boca wanted a special election as soon as possible and sees approval of either question as an opportunity to effectively kill the project. A no vote on each referendum would give the council the ability to proceed.

Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link had said she could not schedule one for Boca Raton, so council members intended to put the two measures on the March 10 ballot.

That changed on Oct. 24 when Gov. Ron DeSantis issued an executive order calling for a special Jan. 13 primary election for the House District 87 seat that had been held by Mike Caruso, whom DeSantis recently appointed as Palm Beach County clerk and comptroller.

Link then told cities that they also could have special elections on that day. Boca Raton council members quickly agreed to do so.

The council’s actions are victories for Save Boca, which has upended the city’s fast-



ABOVE: A new version of the downtown plan shows park and recreation with City Hall to the west and development mainly to the east of Northwest Second Avenue. **LEFT:** A tree-lined, pedestrian-friendly area is envisioned. **Renderings provided**

But under pressure from Save Boca, the City Council on Oct. 14, by a vote of 5-0, pushed back the date of signing a master agreement with the developers.

The council was set to approve the master agreement on Oct. 28, three days before the interim agreement with Terra/Frisbie was set to expire. Under pressure from Save Boca, the council postponed that vote indefinitely.

The Oct. 14 action extended the interim agreement to as late as May 1, but after voters have their say in January.

Save Boca leader Jon Pearlman said he was “sad and surprised” by the extension.

“Don’t extend this agreement. Let it expire,” he said. “Don’t continue with this abominable plan. ... This project will be turned down by a landslide when it goes to a vote.”

Save Boca has kept up the heat, urging residents to attend and speak out at every council meeting. They have done so, speaking with passion.

A battle over facts

The city has responded by increasing its communication with residents on the city’s website, in emails and on social media. Officials have provided frequent updates on all new developments.

They also are pushing back against what they deem to be misinformation or distortions by Save Boca. This includes “Facts First” communications that attempt to correct the record. They have tried to do the same at council meetings.

But residents either don’t believe what officials are saying or aren’t listening. On numerous occasions after officials correct an erroneous statement, a resident has come to the microphone to make the same statement.

tracking of the redevelopment by demanding a vote by residents.

But what that project will look like and how much land the city will lease to Terra/Frisbie are far from settled matters.

In May, Terra/Frisbie eliminated a hotel, one office building and one residential building, reducing the number of residential units for the second time to a total of 740.

The amount of retail square footage was cut by nearly one-half to 80,000. At least eight clay tennis courts would have remained on site along with other recreational facilities. All six existing banyan trees would remain standing, and the 17 acres within the site known as Memorial Park would include a monument to veterans.

But when that did not satisfy Save Boca supporters, Terra/Frisbie proposed even bigger changes on Oct. 27.

Latest changes

Instead of leasing all 31 acres, the developers would leave in city control all its land west of Northwest Second Avenue where the City Hall, Community Center and recreational facilities now sit.

They would lease less than 8 acres on the east side of Second Avenue for construction of 769 apartments, 186 condos, a 150,000-square foot office

building adjacent to the Brightline station, a 180-room hotel and retail. The hotel now has been added back in.

A police substation would be part of the mix, and a grocery store and post office building could be built.

The rest of the east-side land will remain city-owned to protect the city from any additional development in the future that it does not want.

The west side would include a new City Hall and Community Center. The rest of the land would include recreation facilities including 10 clay tennis courts, a tennis club, a multi-purpose facility that would include basketball courts, and a large children’s playground.

A promenade lined with shade trees would run in the center from the north end to Palmetto Park Road. All the existing banyan trees would be preserved where they are now.

The concept is to preserve the west side largely as the existing Memorial Park, but to add elements that would commemorate veterans.

Uncertainty ahead

Terra/Frisbie is leaving open the door to more changes, although its officials have not said at what point they could no longer do so and would walk away from the project.

So far, the city shows no signs of cutting Terra/Frisbie loose.

Save Boca supporters have made numerous claims that city officials have tried to debunk.

Among them is that Pearlman has repeatedly said that the city has \$667 million in reserves, and so can easily afford to build a new City Hall and Community Center without entering into a public-private partnership with Terra/Frisbie.

Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Jim Zervis has explained several times that this is incorrect.

The city has reserves in 22 funds that are dedicated to covering various city functions such as providing water and sewer services. The city is legally required to spend the money for those purposes, and cannot divert it to build buildings.

Pearlman also said that Deputy City Manager Andy Lukasik has been paid \$267,000 to work on the redevelopment project. City Manager Mark Sohaney responded that no city staff member has been paid extra to do that work.

In an Oct. 26 Facebook post, Pearlman said that on Oct. 28, the council was going to put Memorial Park into the hands of a developer to bulldoze it and put office buildings and high-rise condos on it.

But Rob Frisbie, Frisbie managing partner, had told residents on Oct. 14 that Memorial Park will be preserved largely as a park.

A number of residents have accused Terra/Frisbie of soliciting only positive comments on the redevelopment plan on its One Boca website.

In fact, residents are able to make any comment they want. If, however, they support the project, they can access a link that allows them to sign a prepared letter about their support. ★×

Business Spotlight

Delray Beach cafe strives to create ‘a good moment’ in customers’ day

Icy Bean Hawaiian Shave Ice & Coffee cafe opened in May at 1200 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, and Gary Fishman, a Delray Beach resident and one of Icy Bean’s first customers, wants people to know about it.

“It wasn’t just the promise of caffeine or the sight of a rainbow-colored shave ice in a flower cup that made me stay. It was her,” he wrote about his first visit to the shop.

“The woman behind Icy Bean is Donna Thompson. You wouldn’t know it at first glance, but Icy Bean — Delray’s delightful new shop blending Hawaiian shave ice with specialty coffee — isn’t just a business. It’s a love letter to someone no longer here.”

That day, Thompson shared with Fishman that her younger sister, Jamie, had died by suicide in August 2023. That sad event was life-changing for Thompson, and in 2024, she and her family decided to move from Long Island, New York, to Pompano Beach.

“Not because it was easy — but because staying put was impossible,” she told Fishman.

By chance, while visiting downtown Delray Beach, Thompson happened upon an available shop space that she felt would be the perfect place to sell Hawaiian shave ice. And so Delray Beach is now home to Icy Bean Hawaiian Shave Ice & Coffee.

As she explained to Fishman, inspired by her sister, she designed her cafe to “promise people a good moment in their day. Even if it’s just five minutes with an iced latte. Even if they walk in heavy, I want them to leave just a little lighter.”

Soon, in honor of her sister, Thompson will place a “Hope Tree” in her shop, where cafe visitors can write messages, names or mantras. Thompson also plans to sell soulful



Icy Bean owner Donna Thompson (right) sits with her sister Kim McMillan and Kim’s son, Jamie, and daughter, Amaya. Photo provided

merchandise with proceeds to support mental health organizations and a scholarship fund in her sister’s name.

For Icy Bean’s backstory, Thompson with her family went to Maui for a Thanksgiving vacation in 2010 and fell in love with this Hawaiian specialty dessert. It consists of ice cream

on the bottom, layered with syrupy “shave ice” (note: this is true Hawaiian lingo — the ice is not shaved) and topped with a creamy “snow cap” (also a true Hawaiian description).

Visitors to her cafe love her Hawaiian “shave ice” dessert, Thompson said. “We’re close to the beach and it’s a refreshing

treat.

“People who have had it in Hawaii get excited,” Thompson said. “They ask me, ‘Is it the real thing? Is it authentic?’

“People from Hawaii have come in and shown me their license. They say, ‘Prove it.’”

Icy Bean’s menu consists of a variety of Hawaiian ices in fruit flavors and specialty fusions, paired with espresso drinks, teas and lattes. Icy Bean also serves snacks, sodas and pastries.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, visit icybean.com.

Three adjacent retail buildings in Delray Beach’s Pineapple Grove neighborhood to the north of the Hyatt Place hotel sold for a combined \$27.43 million in related transactions.

All three sellers were LLCs managed by Boca Raton-based attorney Daniel A. Kaskel. All three buyers were Delaware-registered companies that listed their address as 455 NE Fifth Ave., Suite D-358, Delray Beach.

In the largest deal, 186 NE Second Ave. was sold for \$10.2 million to 186 Pineapple Grove LLC by QCRE VIII LLC in September. The 1,888-square-foot retail building sits on 0.39 acres. It last traded for \$3.2 million in 2019.

Recorded in October, 140 NE 2nd Ave. LLC sold the 7,182-square-foot building at 140 NE Second Ave. on 0.35 acres for \$9.13 million to 140 Pineapple Grove LLC. It last sold for \$6.25 million in 2020.

Also in October, 162 NE 2nd Ave. LLC sold the 8,560-square-foot retail building on 0.31 acres at 162 NE Second Ave. for \$8.1 million to 162 Pineapple Grove LLC. It last traded for \$3.85 million in 2020. Zoning in Pineapple Grove allows for

four-story multifamily buildings or hotels.

Attorney Henry Rosen and his wife, Vanessa, paid \$22 million for a 5,792-square-foot oceanfront home at 3435 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream.

The seller was Bon Property LLC, managed by Aogan Darra O’Haolain, a financial executive from Ireland. Built on a 0.93-acre site in 1991, the five-bedroom residence is elevated 20 feet above sea level.

It was listed in February 2025 for \$25.25 million. The home last traded for \$21 million in April 2024. Candace Friis and Phil Friis of the Corcoran Group represented the seller in the deal, while the buyer worked with Sheldon Jaffee of Lang Realty.

James D. Terlizzi, the founder of Settlement Funding and chairman of DRB Capital, and his wife, Laura, sold their 7,293-square-foot, five-bedroom residence and guesthouse at 8 Driftwood Landing in Gulf Stream for \$15.9 million, to Zee El Ocho LLC, managed by Benjamin J. Bavly, CEO of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts-based BlackStar Capital.

Brora 0418 LLC provided a \$12.5 million mortgage to the buyer. The property was listed in January for \$17.85 million. The Terlizzis bought the 1.12-acre property on a point lot with 445 feet of waterfront in 2007 for \$4.3 million and then built a new home designed by Randall Stofft with interiors by Marc-Michaels Interiors. The estate offers two docks, 160 feet and 40 feet, respectively, and a lift. Candace Friis and Phil Friis of the Corcoran Group represented both sides of the deal.

A new construction British West Indies home with 119 feet on the water at 989 Marble Way, Boca Raton, owned by Lawrence and Ivy Freedman, recently sold to BFL Trust, with K Souders as trustee, for \$12.13 million. With five bedrooms and 7,677 square feet, the home was built in 2024 by National Custom Homes and designed by Brenner Architects.

The Matt and Nick Team (Matthew Moser and Nicholas Gonzalez), agents with Serhant Florida Realtor, handled both sides of the sale.

Robert and Molly Chiaramonte sold their four-bedroom, 5,472-square-foot home at 1007 White Drive, Delray Beach, for \$9.9 million.

The new owners are Gerardo and Brittany Castillo.

Completed in 2018 by builder Mouw Associates and designed by Gary Eliopoulos of GE Architecture, this property is just two lots from the Intracoastal Waterway, with water vistas. The property last traded in 2019 for \$3.975 million. Nick Mali-

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nosky and Michael O’Connor, agents with **Douglas Elliman**, represented the seller, with Malinosky representing the buyer.

With **Alina Residences Boca Raton** nearly 90% sold, El-Ad National Properties has listed residence 601 for \$7.816 million.

Spanning 4,910 square feet of interior living space alongside Southeast Mizner Boulevard, it is one of the largest remaining homes at Alina 220 with a corner four-bedroom-plus-den layout and wraparound terrace.

Appointments with Elliman Development Marketing can be scheduled at the sales gallery at sales@alinabocaraton.com.



Krieg



Stamper

Ezra Krieg and Christina Stamper were recently appointed to the **Delray Beach Housing Authority’s** board of directors. Krieg has held senior positions with organizations including Daily Bread Food Bank, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Kids In Distress, and Gulfstream Goodwill Industries. He has served as chairman of the Delray Beach Initiative to End Homelessness, program

chairperson for the Delray Beach Kiwanis Club, and as a member of several Palm Beach County advisory boards on affordable housing and homelessness. Stamper is currently the assistant director of operations for a family-owned electrical contracting company.

Florida Atlantic University moved up to No. 100 in the *U.S. News & World Report* list of “Top Public Schools” for 2026, rising from No. 103 in last year’s ranking of the nation’s best universities. Florida Atlantic also climbed to No. 30 this year from No. 32 last year in the “Social Mobility” category, based on public and private national universities’ rankings computed using graduation rates of first-generation students and those who receive Pell grants.

The university is also listed as No. 25 nationally for Pell Grant Graduation Performance. Additionally, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Florida Atlantic at No. 183 for “Top National Schools,” up from No. 189 last year.

The **American Heritage Schools** announced that 87 seniors (57 from the Broward County campus and 30 from the Delray Beach campus) from the class of 2026 were named National Merit Scholar semifinalists.

Additionally, 92 more seniors

were honored with the distinction of national commended scholar. The Delray Beach campus is the No. 1 school in Palm Beach County and the No. 2 school in Florida in the number of National Merit Scholar semifinalists.

The combined students from both campuses comprise 9% of all semifinalists throughout Florida’s public and private high schools. One in seven students from American Heritage Schools in the Class of 2026 is a National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

“To be a part of the National Merit group is honestly amazing, and I think it’s just a testament to the incredible opportunities, resources and support we have here at American Heritage,” said Daniela Staton, a senior at the Palm Beach County campus and a Delray Beach resident.

American Heritage Schools also announced that 95% of the students passed the Advanced Placement exams with a score of 3 or higher, compared to 69% in Florida and 73% globally. Advanced Placement scores range from 1 to 5.

Aspiring health care professionals at **American Heritage Schools** are making a difference.

On Oct. 3, students from both campuses in the schools’ premed program visited the pediatric cancer patients at the

Salah Foundation Children’s Hospital at Broward Health Medical Center for its 26th annual Superhero Party. During the party, the children wrote their wish lists for Santa and mailed them to the North Pole, played board games and dressed up as their favorite superheroes.

The premed students will work on raising money to make those wishes come true and celebrate with the children at their holiday party on Dec. 12.

Pebb Capital, a national real estate and private equity investment firm, announced the completion of Phase One at **Sundy Village in Delray Beach**. The 7-acre campus at Atlantic and Swinton avenues received a temporary certificate of occupancy, and retail and food-and-beverage leases bring the project to 88% leased.

Joining the early roster of lessees — Vertical Bridge, Barcelona Wine Bar, Van Leeuwen Ice Cream, Double Knot and Drinking Pig BBQ — are Industrious, a workspace provider; Maman cafe and bakery; Dragonfly MRI, a wellness imaging center; JTC, a global provider of funds; Fairstead Development, a real estate firm; Lost Coast Collective LLC, an investment management firm; Coastal Investment Co., a private equity real estate firm; and the restaurant Delray Beach Craft Brewing LLC.

Sundy Village’s Phase Two construction progress will continue with a 79,141-square-foot office building at 100 SE First Ave. and a 165-space parking garage at 48 SE First Ave. that will include 3,400 square feet of ground-floor retail. Through a partnership with the city, the garage will be available for public use after 6 p.m. on weekdays and throughout the weekends.

Fortress Investment Group has sold **Sonata Boca Raton** and **Sonata Vero Beach** to a public REIT. The two properties comprise almost 180 independent living, assisted living and managed care units along with on-site amenities.

Fortress acquired the properties in April 2021 from a REIT that was exiting its senior housing assets. Fortress then invested more than \$1 million in improvements and made operational enhancements, which drove occupancy across the two properties from 75% to 97%.

JLL Capital Markets represented Fortress in the sale. Agewell Solvere Living will continue to manage both Sonata properties.



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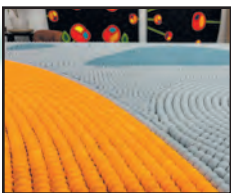
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The Coastal Star

Philanthropy Season Preview



Farm to table: Rosarian Academy staff members Peggy McCray and Linda Trethewey glean bell peppers at Bedner's Farm west of Boynton Beach. Photo provided
They led students in assisting the Caring Kitchen, which served David Barker one of its meals at St. Matthew's church in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

CROS Ministries has a hunger to help

Caring Kitchen serves meals
to all who show up,
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By Ron Hayes

You don't have to be homeless. You just have to be hungry.
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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays those lunches are available from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Southwest Third Street in Delray Beach. Tuesdays and Thursdays they're available at the same time at the Elks Lodge #1770 on Northeast Fourth Avenue in the city.

Lunch is served

Shortly before noon on a breezy Wednesday morning, about 50 hungry men and women are waiting outside St. Matthew's parish hall when the CROS van pulls in. The back doors open, and several people carry the insulated delivery bags inside. Volunteers are waiting there to serve the food from a long table, and other long tables wait to be filled with hungry men and women.
"We have grandparents who come here to help with their kids' budget, day laborers getting out of the heat," says Shona Castillo, the Caring Kitchen director.
Castillo, assistant director Jason Lorey, and one part-timer are the only staff.



Castillo



Lorey

"And we have about 75 volunteers who do the driving, food prep, cooking, cleaning and washing," she adds. The

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ministry hopes to attract more volunteers because they are needed. Today's lunch is Sloppy Joes and corn on the cob, water, Gatorade, and Cheetos for dessert. Some days it's meatloaf and mashed potatoes, chicken cacciatore or pastas, baked or fried chicken.
"Chick-fil-A and Whole Foods donate a lot," says Lorey, "and Bedner Farms. Bedner donates a lot of vegetables."
At the beginning of the month, the number of meals served is lowest because people have money from their Social Security checks. By mid-month, these volunteers will feed about 55 people each day.
"I try to keep it comfort food," Lorey said. "I know what they like and don't like."
He smiled.
"They don't like hot dogs."

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Junior League luncheon to crown Woman Volunteer of Year on Nov. 21

By Amy Woods

The 38th installment of a signature event honoring female philanthropy in the community will recognize 40 local nominees and the causes they support.

When the Woman Volunteer of the Year is crowned Nov. 21, she will receive a \$5,000 gift from the Junior League of Boca Raton to help her charity.

“To hear the amazing work that they do, that is a highlight of the event,” league President Victoria Matthews said of the much-anticipated luncheon. “Guests enjoy not only that but also the fashion show that is put on every year.”

Taking place at The Boca Raton, the affair includes a professional runway display of designer couture as well as live and silent auctions. New this year is a gift-card wall that features everything from

If You Go
What: Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon
When: 10:30 a.m. Nov. 21
Where: The Boca Raton, 501 E Camino Real, Boca Raton
Cost: \$200
Information: 561-620-2553 or wvoy25.givesmart.com

restaurants to retailers to salon services. More than 900 attendees are expected.

“The money that is raised not only helps us with our operations, but it also helps us with our projects and the focus areas that we work on,” Matthews said, referring to child welfare and nonprofit support.

The league has a range of programs for each focus area. Funds have been used to provide

books for Title 1 schools in an effort to improve literacy. Funds also have been used to provide feminine-hygiene products for girls in need. Free training is offered to nonprofit leaders throughout the year, and a grant library with a database of sources is accessible for those wanting to learn how to apply.

“We also offer training to learn how to be on the board and what it takes to do that and networking events to figure out issues and solutions,” Matthews said.

The ballroom doors open at 10:30 a.m., and the luncheon concludes at 1:30 p.m., although many guests stay to socialize for the rest of the afternoon.

“It’s just a fun environment,” Matthews said. “Everyone is dressed up and enjoying the beautiful resort so it ends up being the whole day.” ★

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

NOVEMBER

Saturday - 11/1 - Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton's Boca Raton Mayors Ball at The Boca Raton, 501 E. Camino Real. Celebrate city visionaries past and present at a black-tie dinner dance that raises funds to support health and wellness needs in the community. 6:30 pm. \$495. 561-289-0436 or rotarydowntownbocaraton.org.

Wednesday - 11/5 - Men Giving Back's Golden Grants Evening at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, 2425 W. Maya Palm Drive, Boca Raton. Recognize the 12 finalist nonprofits based in South County that will receive, in total, \$500,000 in funding. 6-9 pm. Free to members. 561-706-0163 or mengivingback.org.

Thursday - 11/6 - United We Rock Foundation's launch party at Thrōw Social, Delray Beach. Expect an unforgettable night of music, community and heart as the new nonprofit kicks off with its mission of bettering the lives of children, families and veterans. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 561-352-4458 or unitedwerockfoundation.org.

Friday - 11/14 - Fuller Center's Wee Dream Ball at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Revel in the "Emerald Enchantment" theme of the event's 20th anniversary and honor the work that has been done to transform the lives of at-risk children. 6-11 pm. \$350. 561-391-7274, Ext. 134 or fullercenterfl.org/wee-dream-ball-2025.

Friday - 11/21 - 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 38th-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 wvov25.givesmart.com.

DECEMBER

Tuesday - 12/2 - Boca Raton Historical Society's/The Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum's Walk of Recognition at The Addison, Two E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Welcome the 25 inductees of 2025 who will be honored collectively on a special Centennial Plaque in Mizner Plaza at Royal Palm Place. 6 pm. \$125. 561-395-6766, Ext. 100 or bocahistory.org

Saturday - 12/6 - YMCA of South Palm Beach County's Evening of Enchantment at DeVos-Blum Family YMCA of Boynton Beach, 9600 S. Military Trail. Celebrate the Y's 25th anniversary during a magical event unfolding in a grand outdoor tent with a whimsical forest theme. 6-10 pm. \$500. 561-237-0965 or ymcaspbc.org/25years.

Tuesday - 12/9 - Boys & Girls Club of Delray Beach's Cocktails for the Club at The St. Andrews Club, 4475 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Get ready for a wild night of giving back at the "Safari Soiree" featuring signature themed libations, gourmet action stations, live entertainment and a silent auction. 6-9 pm. \$195 until Nov. 16, \$250 after Nov. 16. 561-676-5472 or bgcpbc.org.

Thursday - 12/11 - Lake Worth Beach Rotary Club's Glitter & Glow Gala 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. 6:30-10:30 pm. \$135. 561-316-3565 or lakeworthrotary.org.



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Initiative provides \$10.3 million for 26 local charities

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has launched the George Elmore “Impact for Good” Initiative, a transformative effort that provides 26 nonprofits with resources to meet both short- and long-term goals.

Made possible through a \$10.3 million funding gift from Elmore, “Impact for Good” reflects his commitment to organizations that align with his vision, as each of the 26 were chosen personally by him.

“This community has given me everything,” he said. “It’s where I built my business, raised my family and made my home. My hope is that this gift not only says thank you but also inspires others to keep it going.”

Added Danita DeHaney, president and CEO of the foundation, “George Elmore’s generosity has shaped our community for decades, and with Marti (LaTour) by his side, his impact continues to grow. We are honored to partner with George and Marti in creating a lasting legacy for these 26 nonprofit organizations.”

For more information, call 561-659-6800 or visit yourcommunityfoundation.org.



L-R: Danita DeHaney, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, philanthropist George Elmore and Marti LaTour, a foundation board member. A foundation initiative was created in Elmore’s honor. Photo provided

Boca Helping Hands needs a hand for Thanksgiving

A local nonprofit plans to distribute all the fixings for a holiday meal to 4,000 families via its five drive-through locations in South County.

Recipients must be registered in advance with Boca Helping Hands to receive a Thanksgiving meal. Community members can

help by donating the cost of a box for \$29.72 or donating the traditional food items listed on the organization’s website.

“We recognize the difficulties many families are experiencing, and my wife, Anita, and I are proud to once again support the Thanksgiving Box Brigade this year,” sponsor Bob Kriensky said.

Added Boca Helping Hands Executive Director Andrew Hagen, “We are deeply appreciative of the way that the community helps each year with their food drives and Thanksgiving box donations. Thanks to them, families who might not have had enough money to afford to celebrate can now share a holiday meal

together.”

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Celebrations

Boca's Ballroom Battle

The Boca Raton — Sept. 20



This year's dazzling dance-off shattered fundraising records, hauling in an extraordinary \$1.7 million in support of the George Snow Scholarship Fund. The British Invasion-themed evening showcased the power of community generosity and the transformative impact of education. Eight local participants spent five months training with professional instructors while simultaneously leading ambitious donation campaigns. The winners were Michelle Hagerty and George Petrocelli. **TOP:** Hagerty follows Jan Clancy's lead. **ABOVE:** Petrocelli performs a lift with Sayra Vazquez. **Photos provided by Munoz Photography**

James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational

The Old Course at Broken Sound Club, Boca Raton — Sept. 18



The James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational presented a \$420,000 check to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation that was part of a record \$630,000 in proceeds from the inaugural golf tournament. Other major beneficiaries included Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, First Tee – Florida Gold Coast, and Nicklaus Children's Health Care Charities. 'Thanks to our fans, partners, volunteers and the philanthropic leadership of our community, year one delivered in a big way,' said Ken Kennerly, executive director of the event. 'We're deepening our commitment to South Florida, and year two will raise the bar even higher.' **ABOVE:** (l-r) Kennerly, Boca Raton Regional Hospital CEO Lincoln Mendez, Christine Lynn, Dick Schmidt, Terry Fedele, Jerry Fedele and Mark Larkin, president of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation. **Photo provided**

An advertisement for Voyage Boutique. It features two mannequins wearing colorful, patterned dresses. A large orange tote bag is prominently displayed in the foreground. The text "VB VOYAGE BOUTIQUE" is overlaid on the image.

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Here, they are not “the hungry,” “the needy,” or “clients.” They are called “participants.” About 90% are men, and less than half are homeless.

A growing need

Among the participants this Wednesday is Charles Keys, 59. He had helped unload the Sloppy Joes, and now he’s enjoying one.

“I help unload the truck,” he explains, “because they help me.”

Keys rents a room nearby, but has no cooking facilities. He’s been coming here, he guesses, about 10 years.

“A friend told me about it,” he says, “and it helps. It’s a big help.”

All the food is awesome, but his favorite is the meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

“It’s the best. I go to both places, here and the Elks Lodge,” he says. “I ride my bike.”

Charles Keys’ lunch was only one of about 50,000 the Caring Kitchen serves each year, which includes five meals a



week that are delivered to 120 homebound individuals in Delray Beach. And the need is growing. CROS Ministries was founded in 1978 as Christians Reaching Out to Society, created by a group of United Methodist churches. Today, the name remains, but in 47 years it has grown into an interfaith and ecumenical organization with a cash budget this year of \$2.1 million.



Samson Scarola and other volunteers from Rosarian Academy in West Palm Beach glean green peppers at Bedner’s Farm, which donates most of the vegetables the Caring Kitchen serves. **Photos provided; insets by Tim Stepien/ The Coastal Star**

In 2020, CROS Ministries distributed food to 71,986 individuals from its 10 food pantries in Palm Beach and Martin counties.

Last year, that number was 121,664 — a 69% increase in four years.

“The cost of living has gone up tremendously,” says Ruth Mageria, CROS’s chief executive officer. “Housing is a big driver, mortgages, insurance, having to pay rent or cut their food. Do they buy food or put the money into their car?”

On Oct. 4, a Hustle to End Hunger Run/Walk in John Prince Park raised

more than \$45,000, but expenses are rising and federal dollars have been cut.

“Federal funding cuts limit the food and financial support CROS receives, which directly impacts how much food we can provide,” Mageria said.

Farm to table

That ear of corn Charles Keys enjoyed with his Sloppy Joe lunch probably began life at Bedner’s Farm Fresh Market, which donates about 90% of the vegetables served at the Caring Kitchen.

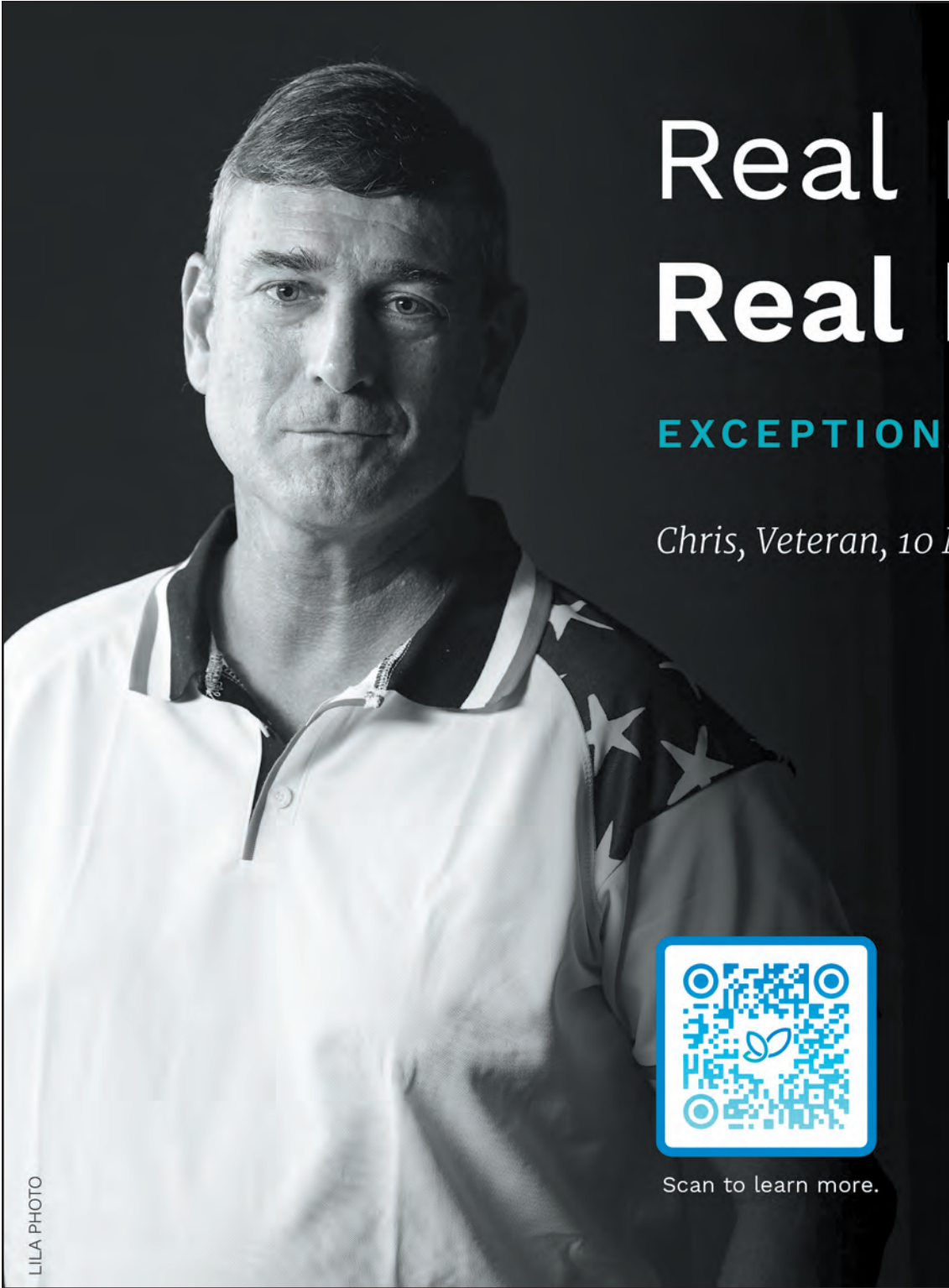
In addition to distributing, preparing and serving fruits and vegetables, CROS

volunteers pick them.

A lot of them.

Gleaning is the process in which remaining vegetables, for example, are picked at the end of the growing season, before the fields are plowed and prepared for replanting. Sometimes farmers donate their vegetables directly to food pantries; sometimes volunteers pick the produce from the fields, to be transported to area food banks, then distributed to organizations like CROS.

During this year’s gleaning season, ending in August, 3,707 CROS volunteers at 244 gleaning events in Palm Beach



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CROS board member Joe Black, who manages the farm at Agri-Gators in Palm City, got help from a young volunteer in loading red potatoes.

and Martin counties collected 460,245 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables, which is equal to 383,537 meals, CROS estimates.

The volunteers come from church groups and service organizations, high school students earning their community service credits. The Rosarian Academy Catholic school in West Palm Beach and Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County have sent volunteers.

One of the volunteers is Joe Black. Black is the farm manager at Agri-Gators in Palm City and a CROS board member.

“We grow red, white, and yellow potatoes, and sweet corn,” he explains, “and I facilitate about eight gleaning events a year.”

On a Saturday morning, volunteers might fill five-gallon buckets with ears of corn, for example, and carry those buckets to a bin that holds about 1,000 pounds. A forklift deposits the bin on a food bank truck, the truck takes it to the Palm Beach County Food Bank, which passes some along to CROS Ministries.

Early in October, Black planted potatoes, which volunteers will help glean beginning in February.

“I don’t want this to sound political,” he says. “You can blame anybody you want, but everyone is aware that a lot of people are having trouble making ends meet. The government can’t satisfy all of this, so good, red-blooded Americans have to roll up their sleeves and help one another.”

And when they do, Charles Keys enjoys an ear of corn.

CROS is there when the food is picked, and CROS is there when the food is eaten.

When money’s a problem

“This place has changed my life,” Oscar Conway says. “I was eating PB&Js seven days a week.”

He is a friendly man, smiling and chatty, happy to tell you anything except his age. He is not young; he is not old.

“I was a part-owner in Sloppy Joe’s Bar in Key West at one time,” he adds, chewing his Sloppy Joe.

He will also tell you that he came to Florida to make a movie called “Wise Guys in the White House,” which is currently being edited, and that his family was once very prominent in California politics.

He says he lives in a halfway house, and just made a year clean and sober with a group called Cocaine Anonymous.

He has been coming to the Caring Kitchen almost a year.

“I try to make it two days a week,” he says, “but my car’s in the shop. It needs wheel bearings and they want \$360, and I don’t have the money.”

Money’s a problem, he says. Delray Beach is expensive.



Konway

His favorite meal is, of course, the Sloppy Joes.

“All the meals are great, but some are hard to chew because I’ve only got one tooth on top and two on the bottom.”

Whether or not he once owned part of Sloppy Joe’s Bar, or made a movie, or came from a big political family is irrelevant here at the Caring Kitchen. He is hungry, so he is welcome.

“The food here is an 8.4 on a scale of 1 to 10,” Conway says with a smile. “And the fact that’s it’s free makes it a 9.6.”

‘A fabulous program’

By one o’clock, lunch is over. The participants don’t linger. They eat their lunches, chat with friends, and depart, leaving Shona Castillo, Jason Lorey and their volunteers to clean up and think about tomorrow, when lunch will be at the Elks Lodge.

“Tomorrow it’ll be shepherd’s pie and mixed vegetables,” Lorey says, “and I’ll probably make a salad.”

Among the volunteers still here is Linda Carney, who has been a CROS volunteer for 10 years, one day here at the Caring Kitchen and one at the Lake Worth Beach food pantry.

“I see basically the same people every week, and everyone’s very appreciative,” she says. “I just think it’s a fabulous program, and I get to feed these people and make them happy.”

“This is what we’re supposed to do.”

Drop-ins are welcome at CROS Ministries’ Caring Kitchen. However, registration is required to receive food from its food pantries. ★

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You’re a long-time resident of South Palm Beach County. How have you seen its civic needs change?

Over the years, I’ve watched our community grow, and with that growth has come a greater need for connection, inclusion, and support for families of all backgrounds. The Y continues to be a vital place where those needs are met with compassion and purpose.

Strong communities support the less fortunate. What causes do you personally find most compelling and why?

My lifelong love of the Arts began as a young girl in London, when my parents took me to the pictures (movies) and theatre. Later, my best friend and I would spend our Saturdays in the “gods” watching new shows from high above the stage. That joy stayed with me, inspiring my support of **The Wick Theatre, FAU’s Arts programs**, and most proudly, the **Myrna Gordon Skurnick Creative Arts Initiative at The LAB at the YMCA**, which helps young people discover that same spark of creativity and confidence.

You’ve donated to the YMCA. What was the focus of your investment and why did you pick the Y as a vehicle for that gift?

I first discovered the Y’s sense of belonging through childhood gymnastics. Now, I support the Y to ensure future generations experience that same joy and opportunity.

How would you describe the YMCA’s community role to someone who’s just moved into the area?

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Comedian T.J. Miller returns to headline ‘Laugh with the Library’

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For the second year, the library is bringing back actor and comedian T.J. Miller, known for his roles in the *Deadpool* films and the HBO sitcom *Silicon Valley*. Last year T.J.’s dry sense of humor and improvisation had the audience roaring with laughter.

Funds raised at the event will benefit continued support for the Lynda Hunter and Virginia Kimmel Children’s Library used by more than 9,500 families and children each year.

“Children’s books are the heart of the library, where imagination begins and generations of Delray families have discovered the joy of reading together,” said Mykal Banta, executive director of the library. “Many parents who once sat on the rug listening to stories, now bring their own children to those same shelves.

“It is our most borrowed



Comedian T.J. Miller and Angelo Bianco, CPG Cares event sponsor. **Photo provided**

collection, and among the most expensive to maintain and grow. As the cost of new materials continues to rise, we are hoping to raise over \$200,000 to help fund the creation of an endowment for children’s materials to ensure the magic never fades and that every child who opens a new book, begins to dream in our library.”

The festivities will begin with a cocktail hour featuring themed food stations with accompanying signature cocktails, including the popular sushi and sake bar

and this year’s new taco and margarita station. While browsing the silent and live auctions, guests can sample the delicious array of sweet treats and candy sponsored by Morocco Orthodontics.

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

To learn more, visit www.delraylibrary.org or call Kae Jonsons at 561-266-0798 or email kae.jonsons@delraylibrary.org

Publisher’s Note

Stories of local charities highlight reasons for giving

Since 2008, we have been doing our best to promote philanthropic giving with the coverage we provide in *The Coastal Star*. 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.

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Boca Raton Regional Hospital



New construction was needed to house the proton therapy capabilities at Lynn Cancer Institute. Rendering provided

Proton therapy: cutting edge in cancer treatment

New therapy added at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, part of Baptist Health

Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institute, located near Boca Raton Regional Hospital, is proud to welcome the latest in cancer treatment technology — proton therapy. This cutting-edge therapy uses high-energy protons to target cancer cells with incredible precision, minimizing damage to surrounding healthy tissues and organs. Proton therapy is changing the way we treat cancer, offering patients a safer, more effective alternative to traditional radiation therapy.

Earlier this year, hospital officials welcomed the arrival of the new proton therapy system’s cyclotron and gantry, which began their 4,700-mile transatlantic journey to South Florida from Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. The 55-ton cyclotron is the accelerator that speeds up the protons used in the therapy. The gantry is a 100-ton machine that rotates around the patient to deliver therapy using highly precise pencil beam scanning, which can conform to the size and shape of tumors.

“We’re growing closer to bringing this powerful, targeted cancer treatment to more patients,” says Louise Morrell, M.D., Lynn Cancer Institute’s chief medical executive. “We are thrilled to be moving forward to provide this cutting-edge treatment. It is a true nod to the future of healthcare in this community.”



Lynn Cancer Institute anticipates being able to offer the treatment in early 2026.

The \$64 million project was funded through generous gifts, including those of Barbara C. Gutin, a long-standing Boca Raton Regional Hospital philanthropist, Judy and Artie Canter, the Estate of Richard Blackman — and many other donors who contributed to the Keeping the Promise Campaign.

“We’re very thankful to the community for all their support and donations to help make this dream a reality,” says radiation oncologist Samuel Richter, M.D. “As somebody who grew up in South Florida and in Boca Raton, to be able to offer this technology to our patients right here in Boca is phenomenal.”

Proton therapy is just one of the many major advancements underway at Boca Raton

ABOVE: Samuel Richter, M.D. (left), and Ross Taylor, M.D., Lynn Cancer Institute radiation oncologists, celebrate the arrival of the cyclotron and gantry.

LEFT: The new Gloria Drummond Patient Tower is expected to be completed in June 2026. Photo and rendering provided

Regional Hospital as part of its ambitious expansion plans. Backed by more than \$1 billion in total capital investments, these efforts are designed to meet the healthcare needs of tomorrow with innovation and excellence. Remarkably, over \$290 million of this total was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of donors to the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation.

“This transformation is about more than expanding our campus — it’s about redefining what healthcare means for our community,” says Mark Larkin, President of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation. “We’re building a future of innovation, compassion and world-class care right here at home.”

Boca Raton Regional Hospital has celebrated several milestones over the past couple of years. The Toby and Leon Cooperman Medical Arts Pavilion opened, vastly expanding clinical capacity with a new outpatient ambulatory surgery center and physician offices specializing in orthopedics, urology and gastroenterology.

The hospital also launched the Abessinio Energy Plant, enhancing operational efficiency and resilience. The facility can power the hospital independently for several weeks — an invaluable asset during hurricanes and other emergencies.

At the heart of this transformation stands the Gloria Drummond Patient Tower, a nine-story, 427,000-square-foot addition that expands the campus to more than 1 million square feet. The tower introduces advanced surgical, imaging and neuroscience capabilities, along with an ICU and all-private patient rooms designed to promote comfort and healing. Once complete, the existing tower will also be renovated to meet the highest standards of modern patient care.

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Elementary school students celebrate their academic achievements, enhanced by tutoring programs funded by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. **Photos provided**

The Community Foundation: A charitable partner for the long term

The numbers tell a devastating story: Three out of every four children who can't read by the end of third grade will never graduate high school. As founder and president of Roots and Wings, a nonprofit dedicated to improving childhood literacy in Palm Beach County, Ted Hoskinson has seen firsthand how a child's reading level can shape their entire future. This crisis isn't abstract or distant; it's unfolding right here, in our own classrooms, affecting the children who sit in our local schools every single day.

"Third grade is a real marker," says Hoskinson. "In Palm Beach County, only 54% of third-graders passed the state's FAST reading test last year. Not only can we do better — we must do better."

Hoskinson, a longtime East Delray Beach resident, founded Roots and Wings in honor of his late wife, Anne, who passed away unexpectedly in 2016. The two shared both a love of education and a vision: to help children gain the foundational skills to dream of what could be, and to achieve it. The couple had even set aside funding in their will to one day bring that dream to life.

When the time came to ensure the organization's future, Hoskinson turned to the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties — a trusted philanthropic partner known for its longevity, credibility, and connection to the community.

With guidance from his financial adviser, Hoskinson established the Roots and Wings Legacy Fund through the Foundation in 2022.



LEFT: Ted Hoskinson (left) poses with a father and son who benefited from a bicycle and helmet giveaway.

RIGHT: Jeffrey A. Stoops, chairman of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors, and Danita R. DeHaney, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. **Photos provided**

"At the end of the day, when you give through the Community Foundation, you're not just making a donation — you're investing in the long-term future of our community," said Jeffrey A. Stoops, Delray Beach resident and Chair of Community Foundation's Board of Directors. "We ensure that every dollar entrusted to us is maximized for impact. This means that donors can focus on the causes they care about most, knowing their contributions are being carefully stewarded by an organization they can trust."

Since its founding in 1972, the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has helped thousands of donors transform their charitable visions into tangible

community impact — funding scholarships, strengthening nonprofits, and addressing emerging needs across South Florida.

To date, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$275 million in grants and scholarships aimed at addressing the area's opportunity gaps. It has provided grants to more than 3,500 local nonprofit partners, standing as a permanent pillar of hope and progress.

"The impact of our grants cannot be underestimated," added Danita R. DeHaney, President and CEO of the Community Foundation and longtime Boca Raton resident. "These dollars go directly to the organizations that are on the ground, helping our

communities in need. They reflect our deep commitment to strengthening nonprofits on the front lines of change."

For Hoskinson and Roots and Wings, the partnership with the Community Foundation ensures that the nonprofit's legacy and the dreams of thousands of young readers will continue to grow.

Roots and Wings' success is made possible by dedicated teachers, administrators, donors, volunteers and partners — chief among them, the Community Foundation. Beyond managing the Legacy Fund, the Foundation has also supported Roots and Wings through its competitive grantmaking program, which awarded over \$5.6 million in 2025 to 159 nonprofit

organizations.

Of those organizations, six (including Roots and Wings) received multiyear grants focused on youth literacy, allowing them to expand their reach into new classrooms and schools.

"Our Community Impact grants represent the very best of what we do at the Community Foundation," said Julie Fisher Cummings, Chair of the Community Foundation's Community Impact Committee. "These investments not only support the nonprofits themselves, but also inspire confidence in the donors and volunteers who make this work possible."

To learn more, visit yourcommunityfoundation.org.

LIFE

The Temptations and Rita Rudner headline LIFE’s 32nd Annual Lady in Red Gala

When it comes to Palm Beach’s glittering gala circuit, no evening captures the spirit of generosity and glamour quite like LIFE’s Lady in Red Gala. For more than three decades, this beloved event — known for its A-list entertainment, over-the-top menu, and delightfully short speeches — has reigned as one of the most anticipated nights of the season.

Now in its 32nd year, the Lady in Red Gala returns Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, to The Breakers Palm Beach, promising another sold-out celebration for a crowd of over 600 devoted supporters. Guests can expect a night brimming with music and laughter — and headlined by none other than Motown legends The Temptations and iconic comedienne Rita Rudner, both returning by popular demand.

Before the curtain rises, guests will savor giant shrimp and gourmet hors d’oeuvres during a lively cocktail reception accompanied by a special performance from the Palm Beach Symphony, featuring beloved Broadway melodies. The evening continues with a filet mignon dinner worthy of The Breakers’ reputation for excellence,



followed by the signature ice cream sundae — complete with toppings galore and a chocolate-coated martini glass filled with fruit and frozen decadence. As the night heats up, the Famous Legends Band will keep guests on their feet long after dessert.

And as any longtime attendee knows, speeches are kept to a minimum.

“From the very outset, I wanted the Lady in Red to be different from other fundraising galas,” says Lois Pope, the Manalapan philanthropist and humanitarian. I wanted this one to feel like a big, wonderful party. People still support the causes, but they also have an unforgettable night. It’s worked — we’ve raised millions and helped hundreds of thousands of people, all while having one heck of a time!”

That “heck of a time” has become legendary. Over the years, the Lady in Red stage has hosted a dazzling lineup of performers — from Diana Ross, The Beach Boys, and Paul Anka to Jay Leno, Howie Mandel, and Martin Short — earning the event its reputation as Palm Beach’s most entertaining philanthropic affair.

In addition to Mrs. Pope, the gala will be co-chaired by Suzi Goldsmith, founder of Animal Rescue. Ari Rifkin serves as honorary chair, with co-chairs Marti LaTour, Mike and Diana Retzer, and Gail Worth and Frank Orenstein rounding out the distinguished leadership team.

Elegant, exuberant, and always unforgettable, LIFE’s Lady in Red Gala is not just



LEFT: The Temptations. ABOVE: Rita Rudner with Lois Pope. Photos provided

another date on the Palm Beach calendar — it’s a tradition that unites fun and philanthropy in perfect harmony.

Amid the sparkle and exuberance of the Gala, LIFE’s mission remains front and center. Each year, the gala raises more than \$1 million to benefit vital local and national programs. This year’s proceeds will support:

- Pups4Patriots (American Humane Society): Providing free, certified service dogs to veterans with PTSD.
- Lois’ Food4Kids (Palm Beach County Food Bank): Supplying children in need with backpacks filled with nutritious meals during weekends, holidays and summer vacation.
- Lois’ Vision4Kids (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute): Offering free vision screenings and

glasses for children ages 2-18.

- Lois Pope Pet Clinic (Animal Rescue): Delivering affordable medical care for pets from low-income families.

Since 1993, Leaders in Furthering Education (LIFE) and the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation have been dedicated to helping and improving the lives of the voiceless and vulnerable in our society — those who are disadvantaged, marginalized, or forgotten because of disabilities, socio-economic status, neglect, age, abuse, and other barriers.

Founded by Mrs. Pope, one of America’s most committed and creative philanthropists and humanitarians, the two nonprofit organizations provide aid, assistance, and awards for disabled veterans, medical research, college scholarships, humanitarian relief, the performing arts, and animal welfare.

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Impact 100



Leaders of this year's event included (l-r) Lisa Sunshine, Zoe Lanham, Janean Mileusnic and Chair Carrie Rubin. Photo provided by Warner-Prokos Photography

Impact 100 Palm Beach County celebrates 15 years

Founded in 2011, the organization has delivered nearly \$8 million in transformational grants to local organizations

Impact 100 Palm Beach County welcomed a record crowd to its 15th Anniversary Fall Kickoff Celebration, held at The Addison in Boca Raton. The elegant evening brought together members, community leaders, and guests to celebrate 15 years of women's collective giving and philanthropic impact across southern Palm Beach County.

The event, sponsored by The Addison and Neiman Marcus Boca Raton, and presented in partnership with *The Boca Raton Observer* as exclusive media sponsor, marked the organization's best-attended Fall Kickoff to date. Guests enjoyed signature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an inspiring program highlighting the powerful work made possible by Impact 100 Palm Beach County's transformational \$100,000 grants.

"This year's kickoff was not just a celebration of our 15th anniversary — it was a celebration of what happens when women come together to make lasting change," said Janean Mileusnic, President of Impact 100 Palm Beach County. "The energy in the room was a true reflection of the generosity and commitment that define our members."

Throughout the evening, members and guests mingled beneath The Addison's iconic banyan trees, connecting over stories of community impact and shared purpose. Guests also had the chance to win luxury raffle prizes generously donated by Neiman Marcus

Boca Raton.

Since its founding in 2011, Impact 100 Palm Beach County has awarded nearly \$8 million in grants to local nonprofits, empowering women to pool their resources and make a measurable difference in the community.

Sponsors for this year's Fall Kickoff included The Addison, Neiman Marcus Boca Raton, *The Boca Raton Observer*, MIG Multi Image Group, and Cristino Fine Chocolates.

"We're deeply grateful to our sponsors, our chair, Carrie Rubin, our members, and all who helped make this milestone event so special," added Mileusnic. "Together, we're building momentum for a record-breaking year of giving."

About Impact 100 Palm Beach County

Impact 100 Palm Beach County is a women's collective giving organization that funds transformative grants to nonprofit organizations serving southern Palm Beach County. Over the last 15 years, its members have invested \$7.7 million through 124 grants — including 73 high-impact \$100,000 grants and 51 merit grants — each creating lasting, tangible change in the community.

For more information about Impact 100 Palm Beach County and how to become a member, visit impact100pbc.org.



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Literacy Coalition

Building Better Readers with community support

“By serving 64,464 adults and children this past school year, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County continues its unwavering commitment to making an impact in our community to help those in need gain literacy skills,” CEO Kristin Calder said.

Last year the Coalition distributed 137,031



Calder

Calder heralded the Coalition’s Building Better Readers program, in which 400 community members have been recruited

books to children, families and organizations, while more than 1,500 volunteers donated their time to help. Literacy AmeriCorps members completed a year of service by teaching, tutoring and mentoring adults, teens and children.

and trained to tutor students one-on-one to help students to improve their reading skills.

The program is provided at 42 elementary schools in addition to the Coalition’s Blume Literacy Center in Boynton Beach.

“We are also committed to fostering a love of reading and strengthening our community through funds raised for our programs and at events like Author Talks and the Love of Literacy Luncheon,” she said.

The Coalition offers volunteer opportunities ranging from once a week to once a month — or even just once a year — giving adults the chance to make a direct impact by stepping into classrooms and reading to children.

To learn more about helping the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, visit LiteracyPBC.org.

St. George’s Society

Celebrating English language, culture, traditions and history

The local St. George’s Society of Palm Beach was started in Palm Beach County on July 7, 2007, to celebrate all things British. The group celebrated its 18th birthday with a High Tea at The Ben in West Palm Beach this summer. The group’s aim is to continue to foster a love of England’s history, the English language and English culture, traditions and heritage, which have influenced unity between the U.S. and the U.K.

The long-term mission of the local group is to develop a stronger relationship between Great Britain and Palm Beach County, supporting educational, social and cultural efforts in England. The vibrant Anglophiles gather locally for dinners, cocktail receptions, walking tours, croquet lessons, luncheons, museum tours and other fun outings like movie screenings, lectures and presentations. Group service endeavors include tree plantings and educational events.

Monies raised support a variety of endeavors focusing on British building, animal charities, food banks, building preservation, environmental support, endowing a Chair of British History at FAU (already two-thirds of the way funded) and the restoring of ancient books. Another service activity in the recent past: A rare book donation to the archives at the FAU Libraries Weiner Collection has been achieved.

But funding tree plantings in England is a primary goal. One of the considered projects is to raise funds to help England plant its newest forest, the Western Forest of Avon. The city of Liverpool is another possibility since it is the least green large city in England. The society’s most recent project, A Walk in the Forest, was inspired by the popular 1965 song “A



To join

The member base is open to include all Brits, all Anglophiles and those who love to travel. Several new members bring a new level of excitement to the group. Upcoming meetings will likely be in some new locations and feature new events.

Memberships range from \$25 to \$125, which will act as a donation.

To learn more about donating to or joining the St. George’s Society of Palm Beach, visit SGSofPB.org.

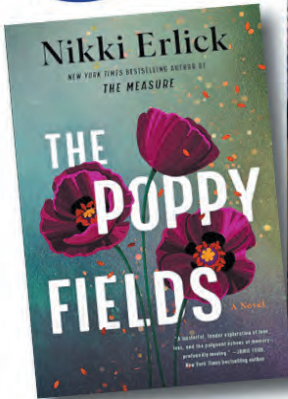
Walk in the Black Forest” by Horst Jankowski.

The goal was to raise funds to plant at least 1,000 trees in the U.K. to support the tree-planting efforts of the Queen’s Green Canopy to honor HRM Queen Elizabeth II for Her Platinum Jubilee. To further honor the Queen on her passing, 200 trees were planted outside of Edinburgh since she passed away in Scotland, a beloved location to her.

Plantings were made at Pan’s Garden in Palm Beach, at the historic Woodlawn Cemetery in West Palm Beach, in Boynton Beach on Woolbright Road west of Congress Avenue, and more than 10,000 trees in Tanzania.

For more information on the society’s charitable work: stgeorgessocietyofpalmbeach.org/charities-1

Join Us for an Afternoon with New York Times Bestselling Author **Nikki Erlick**



Jenna Bush Hager and Nikki Erlick (L to R) on The TODAY Show announcing *The Measure* as a **Read with Jenna** Book Pick.

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2025/2026 Social Calendar

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Cocktail Party

Remembering Guy Fawkes Day Speaker

6:00pm-8:00pm • \$35/\$45*

The Comeau Building, 319 Clematis St., West Palm Beach

Thursday, December 18, 2025

Christmas Dinner

6:00 pm Cash Bar; 6:30pm Dinner, Live Music, Speaker

\$85/\$95 • Black Tie Optional

The Marriott WPB, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Social Luncheon at BrickTops

12 Noon • \$40/\$50 Palm Beach casual

BrickTops, 375 S. County Road, Palm Beach

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Dinner with speaker

Speaker, 6:00pm Cash Bar; 6:30pm Dinner

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The Marriott WPB, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

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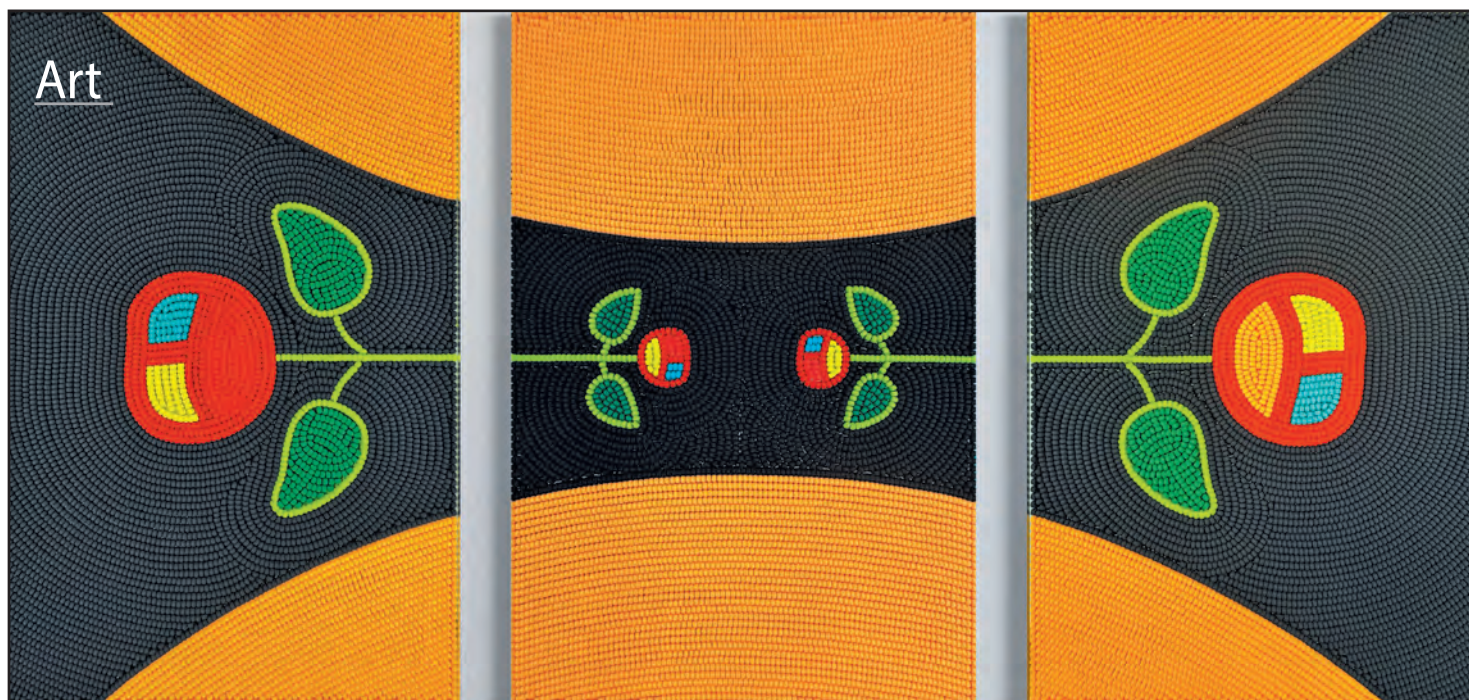
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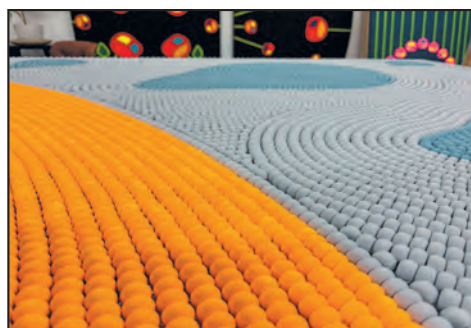
Canadian Indigenous artist's unique vision, technique on display at Gavlak Gallery

By Sandra Schulman
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Childbirth and quantum physics — the study of the behavior of matter and energy at the most fundamental, subatomic level — have led artist Renée Condo to a remarkable new body of work.

Her new show at the Gavlak Gallery in West Palm Beach, *Niskamij* (Sky World), is a solo exhibition that evokes her Indigenous cosmology through large-scale beaded compositions that are layered with symbolic depth and energy that vibrates. The show opens Nov. 15.

"It is new work I'll be showing," Condo, a Canadian artist of Mi'gmaq First Nation descent, said from her home base in Montreal. "I was asked to do a piece



TOP: An untitled beaded work by Renée Condo. **ABOVE:** Detail of *Ne'talqigwat Between Worldviews*, 2024 (wood beads, acrylic paint, epoxy on wood panel). **Photos provided**

for the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Ball. The space was 80 feet long by 20 feet long and 50 feet high, so it's quite a grand space, but it was only a one-night show. I was thinking, 'Ooh, this is a perfect opportunity for me to investigate new realms.'

"My area of interest is the sky lodge or the sky world," she said. "At the same

time, I was speaking with the Gavlak Gallery about having a solo show with them and I said it would be great if I could then turn it into a show that fits into a gallery."

Condo had come to art later in life after working in a government job, then having a baby, then going back to school for her master's degree.

"I returned back from Montreal to my community on a year's maternity leave and got into the arts, which I was interested in, but not knowing at the time that it was linked to consciousness or cosmology," Condo said.

"I wasn't raised in a traditional manner on a reservation, but those things are passed down anyway in us; there are certain ways of being and doing and acting.

"I was always fascinated in this idea of a larger interconnectedness and how that relates to us and relationships to everything else. How we treat each other

See **CONDO** on AT21

Theater

Glazer Hall announces impressive debut lineup

By Jan Engoren
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

After two decades of silence, a storied Palm Beach landmark is staging a comeback.

The former Royal Poinciana Playhouse, dormant for more than 25 years, will reopen in December as Glazer Hall — the island's only waterfront performing arts center.

Built in 1958 by architect John L. Volk on the site of Henry Flagler's Royal Poinciana Hotel — once the epicenter of Gilded Age glamour — the original theater was a focal point of Florida high society.

Now, thanks to its new founders and benefactors, Palm Beach residents Jill and Avie Glazer (whose family owns the Tampa Bay Buccaneers), they hope to bring that old cachet back to the island.



Glazer

"We are the first new nonprofit operation in Palm Beach in over 60 years and the only one with views of the Intracoastal Waterway on the island," Jill Glazer said.

After six years of construction and planning, Glazer said, "We are overjoyed to finally open our doors."

Glazer and her husband had the twin goals to do something great for the town and to save a

See **GLAZER HALL** on AT22

Music

King's X trio brings powerhouse playing, and pipes, to Fort Lauderdale

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

There's a veteran rock act that emerged from Houston, one with style and staying power that's literally both little and old.

And no, we're not talking about ZZ Top — but rather King's X, a band that's consistently chosen creativity, and not necessarily commerce, ever since its 1988 debut *Out of the Silent Planet* (Megaforce).

Vocalist/bassist Doug Pinnick, guitarist/vocalist Ty Tabor and drummer/vocalist Jerry Gaskill haven't headlined stadium shows in the process, but their non-sellout trajectory has made them cult heroes to musicians from all genres, including jazz and fusion.

But it's the Beatles-inspired three-part vocal harmonies that are arguably the most

powerful component of this formidable power trio.

King's X's vocal topography often hinges on the African-American bassist's gospel-inspired lead singing, spiritual lyrics, and those choir-like harmonies.

Combine those with Tabor's searing solos and the trio's lock-step rhythmic foundation, and you get what's been described as progressive metal: a grunge-adjacent blend of prog and metallic rock, pop, funk, gospel, and soul music that will be on display when King's X plays the Culture Room in Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 13.

On paper, and in the minds of many musicians, that formula equates to legendary status because of the trio's ahead-of-its-time alternate tunings, introspective lyrics, use of both common 4/4 and uneven time

See **KING'S X** on AT18



Drummer/vocalist Jerry Gaskill of King's X, which will play Fort Lauderdale's Culture Room on Nov. 13. **Photo by Bobby Dreher**

KING'S X

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both common 4/4 and uneven time signatures, and one of the darkest rock sounds since 1970s King Crimson.

In the round-hole business of music, King's X remains a uniquely square peg.

Pinnick, however, is used to being a square peg and seems to have no regrets.

The singing bassist has overcome racism and homophobia within the music industry, the Deep South and beyond. But while being interviewed via Zoom from Los Angeles, where he's lived for the past 15 years, he appears content. With his rack of basses in the background, Pinnick looks a generation younger than his 75 years.

"There's a loyal following of people who love what we do. It might not be on a huge scale, but we have our own scale," Pinnick said. "I eventually came to the conclusion that this was exactly the way the universe wanted it, and I'm OK with that. It's taught me a lot about myself, and about how to be a better person. I never got into music to be rich anyway."

The trio first emerged from Springfield, Missouri, as Christian players. Pinnick and Gaskill were already working together when they met the Mississippi-born Tabor, who'd traveled to Springfield to attend the private Christian school

Evangel University.

Their connections to the Christian label Star Song Records drew the three to relocate to its home base of Houston in 1985, where early experience included backing Christian singer/songwriter Morgan Cryar. It was also where they met future manager and producer Sam Taylor, whose credits included ZZ Top videos.

It was Taylor who convinced a trio formerly known as The Edge, and Sneak Preview to call itself King's X, and who had production credits on its first four albums. Those included the conceptual *Gretchen Goes To Nebraska* (1989), *Faith Hope Love* (1990) and *King's X*, the band's 1992 debut on the famed label Atlantic Records.

The band's early reviews and reception were highly positive. The buzz made sense. All three King's X members can be lead singers in a trio that harmonizes too well to be metal, yet sounds too darkly ominous to be Christian rock.

In 1991, on tour in support of *Faith Hope Love*, King's X opened for the popular Black rock quartet Living Colour at the Sunrise Musical Theater. That group was still riding high off of its Grammy-winning hit "Cult of Personality," from its debut album *Vivid*.

But by the middle of King's X's set, when guitarist Tabor mimicked air raid sirens on *Faith Hope Love*'s propulsive



Doug Pinnick is the lead vocalist and bassist for King's X. **Photo by Bobby Dreher**

track "Moanjam," the show had been roundly stolen from the headlining act.

"What I see in them is observation of truths in life, like love, peace and redemption," says Andre Boucher, bassist/vocalist for Stuart-based Christian rock trio Called.

"Due to the positive and spiritual leanings in their songs, the machine tried to brand them

as Christian, which they didn't want for business purposes. And then Doug came out of the closet, which put some ice between them and that machine."

By 1993, King's X decided that the often-overbearing Taylor hadn't accurately captured its natural heaviness. Enlisting producer Brendan O'Brien (Pearl Jam, Stone

Temple Pilots, Black Crowes) certainly upped that quotient on *Dogman* (1994). Its title track opened the disc with a vocal-and-instrumental downbeat that likely blew out some speakers, and the album ended with a raucous live cover of Hendrix's "Manic Depression."

Yet nothing from *Dogman* got substantial radio airplay, a recurring theme for a band that sounded like no one else in an industry where sound-alikes were increasingly courted by recording labels' A&R (artists and repertoire) men.

Subsequent albums were self-produced or employed various other sound engineers. *Ear Candy* (1996), the band's final release for Atlantic, yielded the rocking concert favorite "Looking for Love"; *Tape Head* (1998), its first of several on the self-explanatory Metal Blade Records, another live fave in "Little Bit of Soul."

The band's ascendancy peaked through the grunge era of the 1990s. But in 2000, King's X put on a banner headlining performance at the Culture Room in support of its Beatlesque album, *Please Come Home ... Mr. Bulbous*.

Four more albums were released between 2001 and 2008 as all three members participated in outside and solo projects. Fourteen years would pass before King's X's

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The third member of King's X is guitarist/vocalist Ty Tabor.
Photo by Bobby Dreher

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latest release, *Three Sides of One* (Inside Out, 2022). The main reasons for the delay were the obstacles that befell Gaskill, including heart attacks in 2012 and 2014, plus his New Jersey home being destroyed by Hurricane Sandy in-between. The drummer's approach is essential to King's X, and what most takes the trio away from the metal subgenre instrumentally. He eschews stereotypical speed-cyclist cacophony, rather saving his thunder for appropriate spots and accentuating the band's melodic gifts through his vocal harmonies and sparseness. Pinnick doesn't count out at least one more King's X recording with Tabor (now 64

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years old) and Gaskill (67). "It's hard, only because we all live in different parts of the country. But we're talking about it, and excited about it." Clearly, in spite of the advancing age of all members, the supposed metal trio that became a cult rather than occult sensation isn't coming to South Florida this month to retire.

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Theater

Boca Black Box contains an abundance of cultural gifts for audiences

By Jan Engoren
ArtsPaper Theater Writer

Eleven seasons ago, Boca Black Box was a modest comedy club tucked into a Boca Raton plaza. Today, it's a thriving venue for live music, immersive entertainment and big-name comedy acts — thanks to one man's vision and the partnership he created.

Located on Glades Road just west of the Florida's Turnpike, the Boca Black Box Center for the Arts has evolved into a 285-seat theater with a loyal following and a distinctly local flair.

Founded in August 2015 by partners Randy Singer, Larry Berfond and Scott Levine, the venue transformed from its former incarnation as the New York Comedy Club into a New York-style performing arts center.

"We've always believed that live entertainment should feel personal, immersive and unforgettable," says Singer, 58, the venue's managing partner and owner.

Singer's career path isn't typical. A real estate entrepreneur reeling from the 2008 market crash, he turned to stand-up comedy to relieve stress. Newly divorced and searching for purpose, he began booking shows for other comedians — often opening the acts himself.

That experience led him to create original productions such as, *That's Funny — You Don't Look Jewish* and *Three Hysterical Broads Off Their Medication*.

When theaters weren't available, he built his own — eventually partnering with Levine and Berfond, who owns the plaza and the Jewelry Exchange next door.



Comedian Rita Rudner performs at the Boca Black Box Center for the Arts on Feb. 9. Photo provided

"Randy showed up every couple of days and pestered me about buying the comedy club," recalls Berfond, a former advance man for Sly and the Family Stone while still in college. "After about a month, I said, 'If you do it the right way, I'm in.'"

The "right way" means catering to Boca's 55-plus, minimal drinking-or-drugs and maximum-nostalgia crowd. Berfond jokes, "Randy says the most popular drug in here is Lipitor."

Singer's hands-on approach — whether on stage, taking tickets, or mopping the floor — has earned him praise from

partners and performers alike.

"I give Randy 1,000 percent of the credit," Berfond says. "It's a mom-and-pop business, not a corporate one. That's why it works."

The venue's smaller space, Box 2.0, seats 72 and hosts intimate musical acts such as Charles Calello, 87, an original member of Frankie Valli's The Four Lovers (before it became The Four Seasons). Calello returns Dec. 19, with Berfond promising "It's one of the best nights you'll ever see on stage."

Other musical acts include Sounds of Soul (Nov. 23), Atlantic City Boys (Dec. 4) and

If You Go

The Black Box Center for the Arts is at 8221 Glades Road, No. 10, in Boca Raton. Info: 561-483-9036; bocablackbox.com

U.S. Bee Gees (Dec. 22).

The new year's lineup showcases Jersey Boys Tribute (Jan. 4 and 5), Always ABBA (Jan. 31) and the original Vanilla Fudge (Feb. 5).

On the theater side, comedians Elon Gold (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1), Pauly Shore (Dec. 12 and 13), Andrew Dice Clay and Jon Lovitz together (Feb. 6 and 7), and Rita Rudner (Feb. 9).

The venue also offers immersive experiences — from psychic mediums to comedy hypnotists and open mic nights.

Delray Beach comedian Peter J. Fogel, known for his one-man show "Til Death Do Us Part ... You First!" directed by Chazz Palminteri, credits Singer with bringing his work to Florida.

"I'm always thankful to Randy for giving me a shot," Fogel says. "He's a great marketer who knows what his audience likes."

"Randy, Larry and Scott took a hole-in-the-wall comedy club and turned it into a deluxe black box theater," he adds. "They know what they're doing."

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CONDO

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and why we should treat each other in a better way.

“I was super-fascinated with quantum physics because it was telling me at the fundamental level, we’re not separate. Fundamental particles that we thought are separate are all interconnected,” she said.

Condo was working in a studio next to Nico Williams, a master Anishinaabe beadwork artist in Canada.

“His work began to tie in to me with a perspective of the world, a link between quantum physics and an Indigenous ideology. Nico gave me a string of beads; I put them on my wall.

“Then one day I looked at the beads and I realized that every part contains the whole, every single unit contains the totality. If you look at it in one direction, it’s obviously a tiny unit. If you turn it to the side, you can see that it’s infinite in this loop that keeps going and going.

“I thought it was the perfect symbol to start speaking about the things that I was interested in. One placed beside another, placed beside another, placed beside another, becomes this giant tapestry.

“It all links into an understanding of harmonies within ecology and why it’s important to respect others and to look for harmony and balances to maintain cycles that



Artist Renée Condo applies theories of quantum physics to her large-scale beaded pieces. Her one-woman show opens Nov. 15 at the Gavlak Gallery in West Palm Beach. **Photo provided**

are beneficial for people,” Condo said.

For Condo, traditional floral motifs and stories and narratives are woven into the imagery that she chooses based on a particular show. To make the beads themselves became a

If You Go

The Gavlak Gallery is at 2406 Florida Ave. in West Palm Beach.
Info: 561-833-0583 or Gavlakgallery.com

master class in innovation. She first made them by hand using a dangerous wood lathe, though it was more a concept of a bead without a hole for threading. Then she found a wood wheel carver who could make them in quantities of hundreds of thousands as the work got bigger.

She paints the background with the patterns and then needs to hand-paint each bead with four to seven coats to get the surface she wants, then glues the beads on the panel. It’s incredibly labor-intensive; she now has assistants to help.

“It’s a very meditative process,” Condo said. “And it’s a process that you have to repeat over and over again. We’re talking about thousands and thousands of beads, many different layers. It’s important though to the whole piece at the end, the energy that we’re putting into the practice.”

What does she want people who are unfamiliar with this whole world of Indigenous beading to take away from this work?

“A larger picture of the

work is just this reflection of worldviews and thinking of other perspectives and even question our own perspective and worldview. Sometimes we’re so ingrained in a particular worldview, we don’t even understand that it is a worldview and that other people might be having different understandings or different experiences.

“Not everybody has to understand it on the first take. Art is like that, just being able to take it in and see how you feel about it being in front of the work as a starting point.

“Then if you have a particular interest, spending more time learning more about the work,” she said.

Gallery owner Sarah Gavlak said in a prepared statement that she was “beyond thrilled to welcome Renée Condo to the Gavlak family.”

“Renée’s sweeping beadwork compositions invite us to slow down, to feel, and to recognize the threads that connect us all. They carry beauty, empathy, and heart at their core — values that resonate so strongly with me and with the mission of our gallery,” Gavlak’s statement said.

Condo’s show at the Gavlak runs through Dec. 13. On Nov. 22, the gallery will host a conversation between Condo and Yale scholar and curator Sháindín Brown.



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GLAZER HALL

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historical landmark. More than a theater, the Glazers wanted to create a year-round cultural hub for the Palm Beach community, and one where people can come to dine, walk over to the theater and hang out in the lobby with its wall of windows overlooking the waterway.

“The response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic,” Glazer said. “It’s deeply rewarding to see the community embrace our vision.”

Glazer is most excited to bring the American Ballet Theatre to Palm Beach, noting that it is the group’s first time performing in the area. “They are the crème de la crème,” she said.

She’s a longtime fan, too, of *A Bronx Tale*, having seen both the film and Broadway show multiple times, and is thrilled to bring Chazz Palminteri to the theater to perform his one-

If You Go

Glazer Hall is at 70 Royal Poinciana Way, Suite P70 in Palm Beach.
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man show. And she’s happy to be welcoming the French Roma band Gypsy Kings, which she loves as well.

That excitement extends to the venue itself, which has been thoroughly redesigned.

The auditorium has been renovated from 800 seats to 400 state-of-the-art retractable seats, to make a more intimate setting. Upstairs is a 1,200-square-foot private event space that can be rented out for events such as weddings or bar/bat mitzvahs.

More than 40 performances have been scheduled so far and tickets for the first eight shows are now for sale. New performances in comedy, dance, film and more will be added to the website as they’re

confirmed. The inaugural season kicks off in December with a soft opening of activations, and main-stage performances begin at the end of January.

In the pipeline are American journalist and bestselling biographer Walter Isaacson; opera star Renée Fleming; the Beach Boys; and Broadway actor and singer Megan Hilty.

Glazer sees a role for Glazer Hall even though the region has other such venues.

“We’re much smaller and more intimate than the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts,” she said. “While their focus is on the big-name Broadway road shows, we focus more on smaller, one-night performances.”

“Because this is such an intimate theater, even if we host an artist you may have seen at another venue, it will be a completely different experience when you see him or her perform here,” she said.

Executive director Allison Stockel, former chief executive of the Ridgefield Playhouse in Ridgefield, Connecticut, came out of retirement to join the Glazers. With the opening logistics right on schedule, Stockel said: “Our inaugural season promises a remarkable lineup of performances.”

Glazer also hopes to have a film series and discussions; she notes that no movie theaters are in the immediate vicinity.

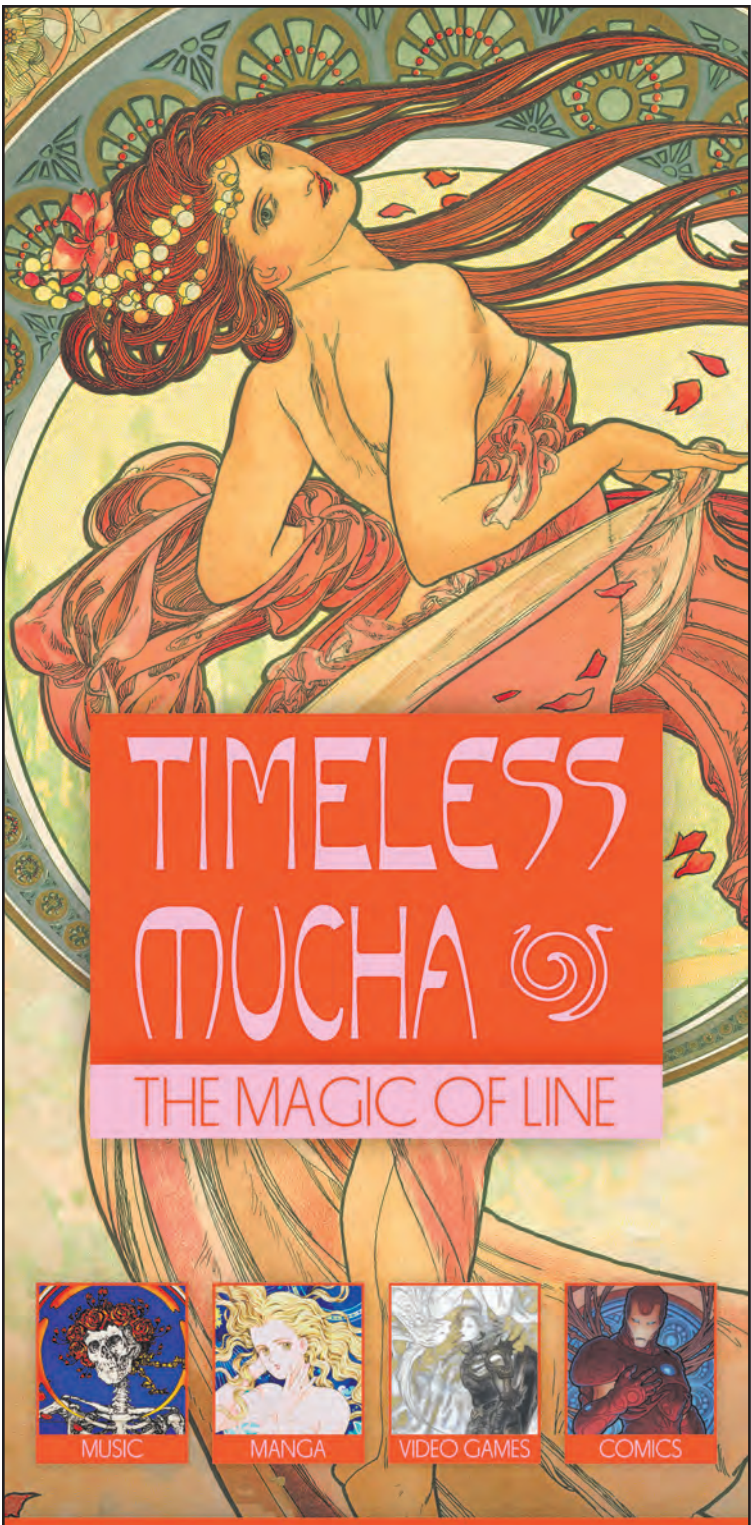
The venue is still offering individual and corporate memberships, as well as seat-naming opportunities. Members receive advance notice, newsletters and invites to member-only receptions.

While reviving a storied past, Glazer is focused on the future and creating a legacy and meaningful addition to Palm Beach’s cultural landscape.

“Come out and see what we have to offer,” Glazer said. “You’ll be happy you did.”

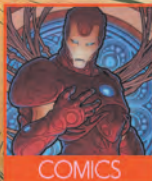
Tickets are on sale for the following shows:

- Jan. 22: **Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai Circus**
- Jan. 23: **Corinne Bailey Rae**
- Jan. 30 and 31: **American Ballet Theatre**
- Feb. 4: **Chazz Palminteri**
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Reviews

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Seraphic Fire (St. Gregory’s Episcopal, Boca Raton, Oct. 12)

Seraphic Fire, South Florida’s preeminent vocal ensemble, started its 23rd season with a program billed as “The Best of Seraphic Fire.”

Its Oct. 12 performance provided some old-time favorites performed with the usual technical accuracy and refined musicianship that have become the sonic trademarks of the group.

The program started with William Billings’s “Invocation,” a short work that inspired the group’s founder Patrick Dupré Quigley to call his newly created ensemble “Seraphic Fire.” Conducted by James K. Bass, the group’s balance and refined phrasing set the tone for a satisfying afternoon of exquisite music-making.

Bass, who will be taking over for Quigley in 2026, is not only a great conductor, but also a great communicator; his short introductions to each set of pieces were informative and, at times, amusing.

Seraphic Fire’s encyclopedic grasp of choral music from a wide historical span, however, resulted in a program that felt superficial. Indeed, there were so many offerings in short succession, from medieval music by Hildegard von Bingen to the closing rumba by Rafael Hernández, that the end of each set sounded as an unfulfilled promise.

To be sure, there were moments of sheer beauty, such as the *Funeral Ikos* by the English composer John Tavener. Another high moment came with the *Salve Regina* and *Regina caeli*, both by the late Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria. Here Bass’s command of the singers impressed thanks to his ability to render the most intricate imitative counterpoint in a clear, yet deeply spiritual manner.

Unfortunately, the listed *Ave Maria* by the great Josquin des Prez was not performed. Not performed either was *My Lord, what a mornin’*, that was supposed to be in the African American Spiritual set.

The program peaked with *I Am*, by Dominick DiOrio, a technically demanding piece that requires total control by the singers because of its highly dissonant lines. Its performance was nothing short of virtuosic and one wishes it had closed the program, which was actually finished with two rather pedestrian compositions by Alvaro Bermudez (*Padre Nuestro*) and Rafael Hernández (*Cachita*).

To be sure, this was a good concert. But, if you’ve attended many concerts of Seraphic Fire over the years, it was easy to realize that this was not, by any means, “the best of Seraphic Fire.” — Márcio Bezerra

Palm Beach Symphony (Kravis Center, Oct. 5)

The Palm Beach Symphony Orchestra scheduled Benjamin Britten’s *A Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra* to begin an afternoon of music celebrating the culmination of a year’s teaching program.

I first heard this work in 1946 in Manchester, England, where Sir John Barbirolli conducted the Hallé Orchestra; its performance of Britten’s brilliant suite spawned my love of classical music at age 15.

On Oct. 5, four fine young actors introduced the four orchestral sections in Britten’s *Young Person’s Guide*: Strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Lily Diaz, Leo Caplan, Raina Moore and Mark Fernandez were great, the orchestra was great and Britten’s music was great. But this was only the beginning; more surprises were to come.

Another 11 short, popular pieces were skillfully introduced by Kim Cozort Kay, a most delightful hostess for the rest of the afternoon who won the young audience with her charm and wit. Kay explained some of the many musical terms used, like “syncopation,” “crescendo” and how chords, major and minor, could change the mood of the music from happy to sad.

She also pointed to the fact that many classical tunes are used in television commercials and as background to movies.

Little quizzes popped up on a huge screen testing comprehension; kids in unison yelled the right answers. This music was fun. A few children danced in the aisles, encouraged by their parents. Kay deserves a Carbonell Award for her wonderful performance. The “pop” music demonstrating the musical terms included Rossini’s *William Tell* Overture; Grieg’s *Peer Gynt* Suite; part of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony and John Williams’s familiar *Star Wars* themes.

The term “pop music” is said to have been invented by English conductor Sir Thomas Beecham, who likened some “light” music to popsicles because they are sweet and easy on the ear.

It is inspiring how Palm Beach Symphony’s conductor, Gerard Schwarz, and his management team are setting new standards for attracting new audiences to classical music. The afternoon’s concert of short extracts was a wonderful way to introduce this music to a public that is not familiar with it. — Rex Hearn

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Armory Art Center: Opens Nov. 3: *Past the Eyes; Full Circle*. Through Dec. 29. Free. 811 Park Place, West Palm Beach. 10 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat. 561-832-1776 or armoryart.org

Arts Warehouse: Through Nov. 22: *What We Carry*, an exhibition by Arun Drummond inspired by Gullah folk art. Through Dec. 6: *Overflow*, art made from repurposed materials, created by sisters Ruth Avra and Dana Kleinman. Free. 313 NE 3rd St., Delray Beach. 10 am-8 pm W, Th; 10 am-7 pm F, 10 am-5 pm Sat. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

Boca Raton Museum of Art: Opens Nov. 20: *Timeless Mucha: The Magic of Line*, through March 1; *Too Late to Rewind: From the Collection of Elayne Mordes*, a collaborative exhibition of video art, celebrating technological advances through time, through March 29; *Eduardo Chacon: Postcards from Nowhere*. Through May 6. \$16; \$12 seniors. 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 11 am-6 pm W, F, Sat, Sun. 11 am-8 pm Th. 561-392-2500, bocamuseum.org

Cornell Art Museum: Through Feb. 22: *Crystal Bacchus in the Garden*, a gallery spotlight for the Trinidadian artist. Free. Noon-5 pm T-Sun. 561-243-7922 or oldschoolsquare.org

Flagler Museum: Opens Nov. 11: *May I Help You, Madame?: The Making of the Modern Department Store*. Through Jan. 18. \$28; \$14 ages 6-12. 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat, noon-5 pm Sun. 561-655-2833, www.flaglermuseum.us

Lighthouse ArtCenter: Through Nov. 15: *Delicate Expressions*, paintings of Florida plant life with an irreverent touch by Karen Tucker Kuykendall. \$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. 8: *Light as Air: The Buoyant Sculptures of Mariko Kusumoto*. Through April 5. Through Nov. 30: *Japanese Roof Tiles*. \$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 March 29: *Art and Life in Rembrandt’s Time: Masterpieces from the Leiden Collection*. Opening Nov. 16: *Shara Hughes: Inside Outside; Anastasia Samoylova: Atlantic Coast*; through March 1. Through Nov. 30: *Veiled Presence: The Hidden Mothers and Sara VanDerBeek*. \$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. 15: *Edgar Degas, the Private Impressionist*. Through Feb. 1. \$10. 100 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm daily. 561-655-7227, fourarts.org

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Saturday, Nov. 8, Sunday, Nov. 9

Lynn Philharmonia: The conservatory at Lynn University in Boca Raton presents its annual concerto winners competition; this year, the four winning students perform works by Nielsen, Tchaikovsky, Lalo and Dohnányi. 7:30 pm Saturday, 3 pm Sunday at the Wold Performing Arts Center on the campus of Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, in Boca Raton. \$35-\$50. 561-237-9000 or lynn.edu/events

Sunday, Nov. 9

Palm Beach Symphony: Conductor Gerard Schwarz opens the orchestra’s new Masterworks season with pianist Shelly Berg, former dean of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami, as soloist in Gershwin’s deathless Rhapsody in Blue. Also on the program is the same composer’s *An American in Paris*, Respighi’s *Pines of Rome*, and the *Prelude and Quadruple Fugue* of the American composer Alan Hovhaness. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. kravis.org or 561-832-7469

Sunday, Nov. 16

Seraphic Fire: The Miami concert choir has tackled the six motets by J.S. Bach several times in its more than 20 years of performances, and the group returns to this literature again, with founder Patrick Dupré Quigley, in his last season with the group, leading the Seraphic Fire Period Orchestra. 4 pm, St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. \$45-\$75. 305-285-9060 or seraphicfire.org.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach: The chamber music organization opens its new season with Beethoven’s Septet as well

as his whimsically titled *Eyeglasses Duet*, Neilsen’s *Serenata in vano*, and an arrangement of Strauss’s *Till Eulenspiegel*. Society artistic director Arnaud Sussmann is joined by Brian Isaacs, Nicholas Canellakis, Nina Bernat, Gina Cuffari, Alex Fiterstein and David Byrd-Marrow. 7 pm, Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, 141 S. County Road, Palm Beach. \$75. 561-379-6773 or cmspb.org

Sunday, Nov. 23

The Symphonia Boca Raton: The Boca-based chamber orchestra launches its season under conductor Alastair Willis with organist Timothy Brumfield in the Organ Concerto of Francis Poulenc. The program also includes Mozart’s *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and the American composer Aaron Jay Kernis’s *Musica Celestis*. 3 pm, St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. \$58. 561-376-3848 or thesymphonia.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Handel and Haydn Society: The nation’s oldest continually operating performing organization (except for the Marine Band), founded in 1815 in Boston, has been presenting George Frideric Handel’s oratorio *Messiah* every year since 1853. They’ll bring the tradition to the Kravis Center this year. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. kravis.org or 561-832-7469

Canadian Brass: The much-loved brass quintet from the North presents a concert of holiday music in the first concert of the season at the Society for the Arts in Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$40. 561-655-2766 or fourarts.org

DANCE

Saturday, Nov. 1, Sunday, Nov. 2

Jerusalem Ballet: The Israeli company founded in 2008 is making its US debut at Florida Atlantic University. The company will present *Memento*, about a Polish Jewish ballerina resisting the Nazis at the Auschwitz death camp. 7 pm Sat, 2 pm Sun, at the University Theatre on the FAU campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. fauevents.com or 561-297-6124.

JAZZ AND BLUES

Wednesday, Nov. 12

John Németh: The Idaho-grown electric blues and soul harmonicist won a 2014 BMA award for Best Soul Blues Male Artist, followed by a Best Soul Blues Album award for his 2015

album “Memphis Grease.” At The Funky Biscuit, 303 SE Mizner Blvd #59, Boca Raton. \$33-\$50. 561-395-2929 or funkybiscuit.com.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Eliza Neals: Fusing modern rock with contemporary blues, the Detroit singer-songwriter has won a host of Independent Blues awards. \$33-\$44. 303 SE Mizner Blvd #59, Boca Raton. 561-395-2929 or funkybiscuit.com.

Friday, Nov. 14, Saturday, Nov. 15

Ann Hampton Callaway: The Tony-nominated singer-songwriter and champion of the Great American Songbook is an annual guest in South Florida’s winter season; this year she performs for two nights at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357 or artsgarage.org

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Boney James: Four-time Grammy nominee Boney James (James Oppenheim) is bringing his saxophone to West Palm Beach’s newly renovated Sunset Lounge as part of his Slow Burn tour. 7 pm. \$10 adults and seniors, \$5 students, free for members. 609 8th St., West Palm Beach. 561-822-1550

POPULAR MUSIC

Friday, Nov. 7, Saturday, Nov. 8

Sting: The bassist and singer-songwriter born Gordon Sumner is touring the US and Europe as part of his Sting 3.0 tour, stopping in South Florida. joined by Dominic Miller and Chris Maas, formerly of Mumford & Sons. 8 pm, Hard Rock Live, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. \$126-\$600. ticketmaster.com

Sunday, Nov. 9

Bryan Adams: Well-known for his 1991 hit, “(Everything I Do) I Do It for You,” the Canadian singer-songwriter is joined by leather-lunged songstress Pat Benatar (“Hit Me With Your Best Shot”) and guitarist Neil Giraldo. 7:30 pm, Hard Rock Live, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood. \$177 and up. ticketmaster.com

THEATER

Through Nov. 2

The Fantasticks: Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones’s musical opened off Broadway in 1960 and ran for 42 years, by far the longest-running play in theater history. It’s a gentle tale, with a lovely score, about two fathers who pretend to feud so their children will marry each other. Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. thewick.org

Opens Nov. 7

The Pajama Game: The 1954 musical by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross about a union rep and a factory manager who fall in love while they argue about workers’ rights. \$55 and up. Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Opens Nov. 8

The City in the City in the City: A world premiere by Matthew Capodicasa, presented by FAU Theatre Lab. A young woman named Tess is bound for the ancient city-state of Mastavia to find a package left for her by her father; she travels with a mysterious woman named Laura who is trying to escape her life. Through Nov. 23 at Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. fauevents.com or 561-297-6124

Through Nov. 9

Misery: William Goldman’s stage adaptation of Stephen King’s popular novel and film about a novelist’s obsessed fan who holds him captive until he writes a novel reviving the fan’s favorite character, whom the writer has just killed off. At Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. \$50-\$100. 561-575-2223 or jupitertheatre.org.

The Mountaintop: Katori Hall’s 2010 Olivier Award-winner about Martin Luther King Jr.’s last night on earth in April 1968, when he meets a hotel maid who shares some upsetting news with him. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Call 561-514-4042 or visit palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 11-Sunday, Nov. 16

Kimberly Akimbo: The Kravis’s Broadway touring season opens with this 2021 Jeanine Tesori musical about a teenager facing multiple challenges including premature aging. Eight performances through Sunday at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. kravis.org or 561-832-7469

Opens Nov. 14

Our Town: Thornton Wilder’s 1938 play about life in Grover’s Corners, N.H., at the dawn of the 20th century. Through Nov. 30 at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth Beach. lakeworthplayhouse.org or 561-568-6410

Opens Nov. 29

A Christmas Carol: Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens’s musical adaptation of Charles Dickens’s immortal 1843 tale of miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his redemption. Through Dec. 24 at the Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. thewick.org

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For the chocolates
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640 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach; 561-640-4412; scheurerschocolate.com

This family-owned shop has been around since 1980, producing hand-dipped chocolate freshly made. It is so hard to choose from the many selections, but we like the dark chocolate truffles and, for those Florida-themed gifts to take back north, a box of solid chocolate seashells including dark, milk or a mix. A surprise shrimp is in there, too. (\$19.50 for the box.) Custom orders are available, and this staff is the epitome of friendly customer service.

5150 Chocolate

1010 N. Federal Highway, Delray Beach; 561-562-5731; 5150chocolate.com

This is a bean-to-bar factory, where the cacao beans are roasted and turned into edible chocolate. Unique here are handmade chocolate sculptures, as well as molded chocolates. So, if a corporate logo or special thank-you gift is needed, 5150 Chocolate.com can accommodate you.

We like baskets or combo gifts. A good one is a cutting board with a great loaf of bread and a good cheese, some olives and other starters for a charcuterie board. Or fish dip and some stone crab claws, crackers and spreaders. And always a go-to: wine.

For the bread
Palm Beach Bakery and Cafe

206 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana; 561-585-0222; palmbeachbakeryandcafe.com

If you can get past the bakery's everyday dark rye, or the delectable cardamom bread with raisins and almonds, order the special Joulu Limppu (Finnish Yule loaf). With those subtle warm spices and a touch of molasses, you'll find a new favorite for a ham sandwich or just morning toast with butter. Buy one for you, too. It freezes well.

For the cheese and more
Gourmet Market

2800 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; 561-609-2686; gourmetmarketboca.com



Gourmet Market offers a variety of meat and cheese platters sure to please the palates of people at any gathering. Photos provided

Whole wheels of cheese are on display and available for slicing. European — mostly French — varieties are sold, along with a pantry of other gourmet items. A knowledgeable, friendly French couple own the shop and can make recommendations for best pairings with wines, cheeses, breads and more. A complete board is possible here, along with other gourmet gifts.

For the meat
The Meating Place

277 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton; 561-368-1191

Freshly cut steaks and filets are the jam here, and they'd make a welcome gift for carnivores (as would a gift card). For party food, the Meating Place also has deli meats and cheeses to create your own board. Get suggestions from the store's experienced butchers as to what varieties to choose. Nice sauces to go with it all, as well.

For fish dip and crab claws
Captain Clay and Sons Seafood Market

1319 N. Federal Highway, Delray Beach; 561-266-2068; captainclaysseafood.com

The smoked seafood dip is made fresh and wins rave reviews from all who eat it. The holidays are right in the thick of stone crab season, and the shop has all sizes. If you're gifting, have the staff choose an assortment for a "raw bar" platter. You'll be No. 1 on your host's list.

Capt. Frank's Seafood Market

435 W. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach; 561-732-3663; Instagram: [cap.tainfranks](https://www.instagram.com/cap.tainfranks)

Stone crab claws and shrimp are big sellers here at the holidays, as is the smoked fish dip, so put orders in ahead. The must-have companions: housemade mustard, cocktail sauces, and the store's special coleslaw.

For the wines
The Wine Wave

900 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach; 561-276-2076;

thewinewave.com

This wine shop has a friendly, helpful staff that can help you choose something beyond the usual from its curated offerings. Many come from small batch producers, both domestic and international. Other spirits are on the shelves as well.

Another idea for a basket or bundle for the cooks is a cookbook, a new utensil or serving plate — and kitchen towel. Or think of barware for people who drink.

For the cookbooks

Of course you can order off Amazon. But seeking out older cookbooks, possibly regional ones, is a fun pursuit.

First try the library sales racks: Delray Beach Public Library, Lake Worth Beach City Library and Boynton Beach City Library all have book sales shelves that may have hard-to-find local cookbooks and reliable basics books among the mass-produced volumes.

Bookwise

145 NW 20th St., Boca Raton; 561-347-6455; bookwiseusa.com

This shop is a neat find for any book lover. Both new and used books are sold in a cozy space with reading tables set up throughout, and a friendly staff available to help. Plan for a visit — even if you're looking for a specific genre, in this case cookbooks, you'll be drawn to other shelves.

For the kitchen tools
The World of Cutlery

7461 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton; 561-672-7340; theworldofcutlery.com

If your cook needs a new knife, here's your gift source. Famous brands include Shun, Wusthof and Victorinox. The store also sharpens existing knives — get a gift certificate for a sharpening for your host. Choose from useful gadgets that make kitchen work easier, like the grater lid for a Mason jar, or any number of peelers and choppers, or scoops.

For unique tableware
Delray Beach Kollektive

424 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach; 561-873-8197; kollektiveshop.com/about-4-1

An artists collective, the shop features numerous collections from artisans. Serving ware, bar items, tableware — the shop is a place for browsing for unique gifts, small and large. We're keen on the glass swizzle sticks with colorful alligators, flamingoes, palm trees and sailfish atop the stirrers — so Florida.

Pie is another fail-proof idea this time of year.

For the Pie
Upper Crust Bakery

2015 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach; 561-586-5456; theuppercrustpies.com

After 47 years of pie baking, this place knows a thing or two. Step beyond your comfort and order the coconut cream or the German chocolate cream. Get orders in early (as in yesterday) if you're looking for the Thanksgiving pies. Prepare to stand in line for pickup.

Meals on Wheels
Pie it Forward

Pickup site: Duffy's Sports Grill, 1750 S. Dixie Highway, Delray Beach; Mowpbpie.org

The annual "buy a pie and feed a homebound senior" sale is here. The Meals on Wheels of the Palm Beaches takes orders for pies baked by professionals in the community, with the money going directly to feed a homebound senior or veteran for a week.

How to? Go to the website, choose your pie flavor, pay (\$30 per pie) and pick up Tuesday, Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving. South County site is Duffy's in Delray Beach, but other locations are available. Don't need a pie? You also can donate by buying a virtual pie, or buy a pie for a senior or veteran.

In brief
Angelo Romano, the culinary director and chef, will



lead the new **Oceanwalk by Benny's on the Beach** in Lake Worth Beach. It's set to open this month.

Romano is returning to his native county from New York City, where he earned critical acclaim at Roberta's, The Pines and for Grand Tour Hospitality. The restaurant will use renovated space in Oceanwalk, the old casino building at the beach. Romano created a menu that's familiar and creative, according to Angie Gutierrez, director of operations for Benny's on the Beach. Local foods from coastal waters and area farms are highlighted. Grilled seafood, prime steaks, pastas and a raw bar are planned.

Oceanwalk is at 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth Beach. For updates, go to oceanwalkbybennys.com. ...

Louie Bossi's Ristorante Bar Pizzeria

Boca Raton makes its comeback debut Nov. 3. Renovations after a fire include a new color scheme, lighting fixtures, a slight change in layout, and two semiprivate rooms. The bar is now called Louie's Lounge and features both early and late Happy Hours. Reservations start Nov. 10. More info is at louiebossi.com. ...

Amar Sandwich Shop is open at 522 E. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. The fast-casual Lebanese concept is based on street foods, including pita wraps and flat breads. Favorites such as falafel and shawarma are on a menu that has both vegan and vegetarian options.

Go to amarsandwichshop.com for a full menu. ...

Palm Trail Grill on George Bush Boulevard in Delray Beach has closed. Originally scheduled to reopen mid-October for a makeover and menu refresh, the restaurant instead is permanently shuttered, staff members said.

Jan Norris is a food writer who can be reached at nativefla@gmail.com.

Religion Notes

Christmas bazaar and musical events for the holidays

The 2025 Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the Ascension Council of Catholic Women takes place 4-7 p.m. Nov. 7 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Ascension Catholic Church Family Center at 7250 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. The event includes more than 25 vendors, raffle baskets, jewelry and fashion, new clothing, Christmas items, a gourmet table and a cafe with food. The proceeds benefit the parish and local charities. 561-997-5486; ascensionboca.org



L-R: Anne Asbury, Dee Caleeca, Carolyn Bethmann and Millie Stina were ready to satisfy every sweet tooth with their baked goods at the Gourmet Table at 2024's bazaar. Photo provided

Wycliffe Gordon's Jazz Christmas at St. Gregory's

Celebrate the magic of a New Orleans Jazz Christmas with an evening of world-class jazz, gourmet dining and festive fellowship at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton.

The gala begins with a champagne reception followed by a three-course dinner, plus dancing and silent and live auctions. But the highlight is the legendary trombonist Wycliffe Gordon in his only South Florida concert this season. The virtuoso will be accompanied by the jazz trio La Lucha.

Tickets are \$75 for the concert, \$75 for the dinner and silent auction, and \$135 to attend both the concert and the dinner. Seats at Wycliffe's dinner table are \$500. Call 561-395-8285.

Boca Symphonia to feature music of Mozart, Poulenc

The Boca Symphonia, South Florida's premier chamber orchestra, returns to St. Gregory's Episcopal Church under the baton of Alastair Willis for its opening concert of the season, featuring the music of Mozart and Poulenc, at 3 p.m. Nov. 23. The church's Tim Brumfield will join the Symphonia to perform the Organ Concerto in G

minor by French composer Francis Poulenc. St. Gregory's is at 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Tickets start at \$58, or \$10 for students at the box office only. Get tickets at thesymphonia.org/attend/calendar/mozart-and-tim.

St. Paul's Episcopal hosting Delray String Quartet

The Delray String Quartet, St. Paul's Artists in Residence, will perform at 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Concerts are also planned for Jan. 4, Feb. 4, May 3 and May 24. Tickets are available at delraystringquartet.com/concerts.

Advent Choral Evensong to be led by the choir

St. Gregory's Episcopal Church will feature an Advent Choral Evensong led by the choir at 6 p.m. Nov. 30. This musical version of evening prayer in the Anglican tradition is free. St. Gregory's is at 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 561-395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

St. Lucy Catholic Church to host Mass of Remembrance

St. Lucy Catholic Church will hold a Mass of Remembrance at 6 p.m. Nov. 3 at the church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach.

The Mass will feature a candle lighting for the deceased. All are welcome to submit a photo or two for a memory board that will be displayed at the entrance of the church for the Mass and for the month of November. Bring your photos to the parish office to be included. Call 561-278-1280 for more information.

Knights of Columbus event to honor all who served

The Knights of Columbus Assembly 3092 hosts a Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Dance at 6 p.m. Nov. 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, O'Shea Hall, 22094 Lyons Road, Boca Raton. A Mass precedes the dinner at 4 p.m. Cocktails will be served 5:30 to 6 followed by dinner, music and dancing. Tickets are \$35. Veterans are admitted free with reservations. Sponsor a Veterans Table for \$350. Call 718-200-3836 or email Sir-Joseph@outlook.com or register online at bocaratonassembly3092.com/event/veterans-dinner-dance-2.

St. Lucy's Horgan to lead flag retirement ceremony

Father Brian Horgan will lead an official "Flag Retirement Service and Ceremony" at 11 a.m. Nov. 9 at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 3510 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Sometimes called a Ceremony for Disposal

of Unserviceable Flags or Ceremony of Final Tribute, this solemn event includes refreshments after the service. Anyone with an old/worn/used flag is asked to bring it to the event. If you can't attend you can drop your flag off at the rectory office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Questions? Call the church at 561-278-1280.

B'nai Torah Congregation set to host Mitzvah Day

B'nai Torah Congregation hosts Mitzvah Day from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 16 at 6261 SW 18th St., Boca Raton. This powerful morning of service offers activities for all ages.

Tasks such as blood drives, making sandwiches and assembling care packages are designed to support underserved youth, veterans, people who are hungry or homeless, and those with special needs. For more info or to sign up, contact Summer Faerman at summer.faerman@bnai-torah.org or call 561-392-8566.

Blessing Tree to be held at Spanish River Church

Spanish River Church, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, is hosting The Blessing Tree again this year from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30. The Blessing Tree is designed to give hope and joy this Christmas to people who might otherwise miss out.

The three ways to participate are: Choose an ornament from the tree in person in the Worship Center Lobby on Nov. 16 and 23; choose your ornament online then shop and drop off, or purchase gifts and have them shipped directly through Amazon by Nov. 25.

Gift drop-off dates are Nov. 23 and 30 in the Worship Center Lobby, or Nov. 17 to Nov. 28 (except Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church office. For more

information, call 561-994-5000 or visit spanishriver.com/blessing-tree.

Noted rabbi and author to speak at B'nai Torah

Angela Buchdahl, senior rabbi of the Central Synagogue in New York City and author



Buchdahl

of the new book, *Heart of a Stranger*, speaks at Shabbat services at 5:45 p.m. Nov. 22 at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 SW 18th

St., Boca Raton. The Scholar-in-Residence shares her journey from outsider to senior rabbi of one of the world's largest congregations.

Born in Korea to a Jewish American father and a Korean Buddhist mother, she is the first Asian American to be ordained as a rabbi in North America. Her book is available to purchase for \$20.

The program is part of B'nai Torah's 2025-2026 author series. Registration is required online at btcboca.org/event/author-series-rabbi-angela-buchdahl, or call 561-392-8566.

Interfaith vigil held in solidarity with immigrants

More than 175 clergy representing Jewish, Muslim, Christian and other faith communities, as well as lay leaders and community members, stood together in solidarity for the fair and humane treatment of immigrants at the Interfaith Vigil — Supporting the Immigrants Among Us, held Sept. 10 at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton.

Hosted by the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association, the event featured prayer, reflection and public witness capped by the group leaders' message: "As leaders of faith, we stand together in witness of the challenging, sometimes heart-wrenching realities that immigrants and refugees in our communities are facing. Each of our spiritual traditions teach the moral obligation that we have towards those whose lives have prompted them to sojourn from the land of their birth to seek out opportunities for safety, security and prosperity. ... We come together to express our collective concern."

For the past 20 years, led by Father Andrew Sherman of St. Gregory's and Rabbi Emeritus David Steinhardt of Congregation B'nai Torah, the BRICA has brought Boca Raton's religious leaders together to deepen relationships and understanding among the traditions and to find ways to work together to serve the community.

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Finding Faith

The Jewish charity that delivers Christmas

More than 35 years ago, Myra Singer, a rabbi's wife, heard about a family in Boca Raton who had no money to celebrate Christmas and she decided to do something about it.

She rallied her friends, neighbors and local business owners, and using her garage as ground zero, bought and wrapped gifts, then packed them up with a holiday feast and delivered the bounty to the family on Christmas Eve.

Today, volunteers from Temple Beth El still work tirelessly each year to support her charity, the Giving Tree — Inspired by the Legacy of Myra Singer. What started in one neighborhood now has a brigade of volunteers working together to deliver about 10,000 hand-wrapped presents to 1,500-2,000 residents, from infants to seniors, all over the city.

Legacy of a Jewish mother

In 2005, Singer told writer Sandi Altner that the Giving Tree was born in response to a clear need: to make Christmas joyous for families who were having a tough time making ends meet. It's still true.

Singer was inspired, she said, by the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, a tenet that implores us to "repair the world," and Singer said that her small acts could do just that. She felt blessed that as she and her congregants were lighting their Hanukkah candles, hundreds of children were opening Christmas gifts. If a Jewish congregation fulfilling the holiday wishes of Christian children seems strange, she told Altner, it misses the bigger picture: "We're fulfilling these wishes not because these people are part of our synagogue but because they are part of our community."

Singer died in 2022, but in May, Rabbi Emeritus Merle Singer, Myra's husband, wrote in a post in remembrance of his wife: "She lived to help uplift others, and through that she became the guiding hand that supported all of us. Her influence was not just in our family, but was spread wide throughout our Temple Beth El community and the further community of Boca Raton in the many ways she found to help alleviate suffering and to encourage others."

He said she made him a better rabbi.

Not a toy drive

What makes the Giving Tree unusual is that it's not an anonymous toy drive but an intimate interaction between a particular child and an individual benefactor. Each wish list leaf is a personal request: a real person's wish. Through its tried and true system, the charity plans to fulfill 2,000 holiday wish lists, each with multiple specific gifts, in 2025. That means those children, teens and seniors will open



FAR LEFT: (l-r) Robin Eisenberg and Judy Gordon show off their wish lists of gifts for people in need. Gordon is one of the original Giving Tree leaders, and Eisenberg is a longtime volunteer and previous education director at Temple Beth El.

LEFT: The Giving Tree at the temple. **Photos provided**

How to help

Choose a leaf in person at Temple Beth El's Schaefer Campus at 333 SW Fourth Ave., Boca Raton, or the Beck Campus at 9800 Yamato Road, Boca Raton, or pick one online at thegivingtreeboca.org/2025-holiday-wish-lists/ beginning Nov. 1. Fill the requests on your leaves and drop your gifts off at either temple campus by Dec. 1. You can also leave them at an alternate Giving Tree site. Email thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com for that location and for drop-off hours. **For more info:** Call 561-391-8900 or email Susan Stallone, the director of social justice at Temple Beth El, at SStallone@tbeboca.org.

Other ways to help: If you can't fulfill a wish list but want to help, gift cards to Walmart, Target, Amazon or Visa/Amex are welcomed, as are donations for supplies such as wrapping paper and tape. Volunteers and corporate partners are always needed.

exactly what they wished for.

Clients are referred through a vast network of nonprofits that includes Best Foot Forward, Brothers Helping Brothers, Caridad Center, Dixie Manor, Moon of Hope and Vita Nova, as well as schools, police, religious organizations and others who serve local low-income and homeless populations.

"We are a congregation that believes in helping all people of all religions."

— Lauren Gross, co-president of the Giving Tree

"The social service agency caseworker asks what they would like, and we make that happen," Giving Tree co-president Lauren Gross said. In addition to the gifts, kids get necessities such as clothes and shoes in the right sizes.

Gross got involved with the Giving Tree almost four years ago. When Myra Singer died in 2022, a search for new leadership tapped Gross and Jennie Kreger to serve as co-presidents. Both had previous leadership experience at Temple Beth El. Now they coordinate 30 core volunteers and hundreds of others who help out at peak times, like showing up to wrap gifts every year.

Over the years, the program has expanded to serve people of all ages and religions, Gross said. Seniors at the Menorah House and Jewish Family Services are gifted with blankets and fuzzy socks, the two most popular requests.

"Last year we did a jogger set," Gross said. "We ask the senior centers what is most needed, and blankets and socks are always on the list."

The spirit of giving drives her as it did Singer, Gross said.

"The real meaning of Tikkun Olam is to repair the world, and we just keep chipping away at it, one little act at a time. It all comes down to that core Jewish value. Everyone is a human. Everyone deserves to feel respected, honored and worthy," she said.

Gross believes the Giving Tree does that.

"The feeling we get when

we hear back from the caseworker makes it worth it," Gross said. "For me, it's about making one small difference in someone's life, then doing that as many times as possible. My grandmother was very philanthropic and I got that gene from her."

There are two other branches on the Giving Tree. The Quiet Giving portion of the charity operates year-round assisting as many as 400 families in dire straits with emergency needs annually. The Back to School Program provides backpacks full of school essentials to about 500 local students each year. But the Holiday Program is the biggest.

How it works

The process is simple. The Giving Tree has a website, so you can pick a leaf online or from the tree in the lobby at either Temple Beth El campus.

Then, you shop. Don't

wrap. Drop off your gifts at Temple Beth El or email thegivingtreeboca@gmail.com to learn an alternate drop-off location and hours.

Gross says that as gifts come back, they're checked for accuracy to be sure they match the wish list, then sent on to gift wrapping. Once a Giving Tree captain is certain her batch of gifts is complete, the nonprofits pick up the gifts for distribution.

The only exception is Dixie Manor.

"We deliver the gifts to them each year because that's where it started," Gross said.

It takes tremendous coordination, but every wish is eventually filled. If someone takes a leaf and doesn't fulfill the wish, Gross says there's a plan for that.

Just like Santa, Gross said, "We will never let someone go without."

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NOVEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 11/2 - Zoom Bible Study at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Every Sun 7 pm. Free. Zoom link: communications@accboca.net; 561-997-5486; ascensionboca.org
Monday - 11/3 - Women’s Bible Study via Zoom at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every M 10 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com
11/3- Rosary for Peace at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 5:45-6:15 pm. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com
Tuesday - 11/4- Tuesday Morning Prayer Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. 10 am. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
Wednesday - 11/5 - 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
11/5 - Wednesday Evening Meditation Service at Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. 6:30 pm. Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
Thursday - 11/6 - Thursday Morning Telephone

Prosperity Coffee presented by Unity of Delray Beach Church, 101 NW 22nd St. Phone meeting (605-475-6006, passcode 3031030). Free; love offering. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org
11/6 - Men’s Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach Courtyard, 33 Gleason St. Every Th 8:30 am. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com
11/6 - Women’s Bible Study at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church Youth Room, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every Th 1 pm. Free. 561-395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org
Friday - 11/7 - Legion of Mary at St. Vincent Ferrer Family Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 9:30-11 am. Free. 561-276-6892; stvincentferrer.com
11/7 - 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
11/7 - 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

NOVEMBER 16-22

Sunday - 11/16 - 100 Centennial Celebration at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Featuring Bishop Tom Berlin, former Pastors and local dignitaries. 10:30 am. 561-395-1244; fumbocaraton.org

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Veterans Day Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 8-11

Saturday - 11/8 - Lake Worth Annual Veterans Day Ceremony of Honor at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 11 am-1 pm. Free. 561-586-1600; lakeworthbeachfl.gov
Monday - 11/10 - Veterans Day Tribute at Town of South Palm Beach, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Patriotic music, speakers and light refreshments. Accepting donations of non-perishable food for PBC Food Bank. 1-2 pm. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com
Tuesday - 11/11 - Veterans Day Ceremony 2025 at Old School Square Fieldhouse, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Special speakers, musical performances and the presentation of honors. 9-11 am. Free. 561-243-7250 x3; delraybeachfl.gov
11/11 - Lantana Veterans Day Celebration at Bicentennial Park, 321 E Ocean Ave. 10-11 am. Free admission. 561-540-5754; lantana.org
11/11 - Red, White & Boca: A Veterans Day Celebration at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 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. 561-393-7810; myboca.us/1467/Veterans-Day

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Health & Harmony

Free Alzheimer’s educational conference coming to Boca Raton

Amid rising rates of dementia, the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America is sponsoring a free educational conference open to the public on Nov. 19 in Boca Raton that will offer expert insights into brain health, caregiving strategies and the latest research on the subject.

The event is for caregivers, health care professionals and anyone else concerned about brain health. It is being held at the Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center.

Among the featured speakers at the Alzheimer’s & Caregiving Conference is James E. Galvin, professor of neurology, psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, who emphasizes a proactive approach to keeping your brain in top condition.

“You can take control of your brain health,” Galvin says.



Neurologist Dr. James E. Galvin, founding director of the Comprehensive Center for Brain Health in Boca Raton, will be among the speakers Nov. 19 at the Alzheimer’s conference in Boca. Galvin made lifestyle changes in weight, diet and exercise to mitigate his own Alzheimer’s risks. **Photo provided**

A growing concern

An estimated 7.2 million Americans age 65 and older live with Alzheimer’s dementia — the most common type of dementia today, according to Alzheimer’s Foundation figures.

This number could grow to 13.8 million by 2060, barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent or cure Alzheimer’s dementia.

The impact is felt locally as well.

In Palm Beach County, according to 2024 statistics provided by the Florida Department of Health, approximately 12.5% of the population, or almost 50,000 individuals, has “probable” cases of the disease.

Conference organizers hope to spread information that can make a difference in the lives of people experiencing Alzheimer’s — and offer tips for anyone else to reduce their risk of getting the disease.

“Knowledge is a useful and powerful tool that can make any situation easier to navigate, especially something as challenging as caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease,” Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., president of the nonprofit Alzheimer’s Foundation, says in a news release.

While there’s no cure for Alzheimer’s, experts stress that it’s not an inevitable part of aging — and many risk factors are within our control.

Besides age, other risk factors for developing the disease

include family history, genetics and head injuries. Women are more predisposed to the disease than are men.

Conference topics

A pair of conference speakers will discuss strategies to help interpret and address the behaviors of someone who has Alzheimer’s disease.

Karen L. Gilbert is with Alzheimer’s Community Care in West Palm Beach and Blake Davis provides Alzheimer’s-related training for area sheriff’s offices.



Davis

Gilbert and Blake will talk about how behaviors can serve as communication and how caregivers can respond to challenging situations.

Jeremy Koppel, co-director of Northwell’s Litwin-Zucker Research Center in Manhasset, New York, will address the basics of clinical trials, how people can participate in them and factors to consider before deciding to enroll.

This year, for instance, several new drugs targeting beta-amyloid plaque in the brain have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Clinical trials are ongoing to explore ways to reduce both beta-amyloid and tau tangles, which are proteins associated with Alzheimer’s.

Other current trials look to decrease brain cell

Learn about Alzheimer’s

What: Educating America Tour: Alzheimer’s & Caregiving Conference

When: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 19 (doors open at 9 a.m. for breakfast, registration and networking)

Where: Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton

Cost: Free

Registration: Visit alzfdn.org and look for the link at the top of the home page.

Sponsor: Alzheimer’s Foundation of America (AFA)

About AFA: The AFA is a nonprofit organization that provides support, services and education to individuals, families and caregivers affected by Alzheimer’s and related dementias. It also funds research for treatment and a cure.

Help for Alzheimer’s: If you cannot participate in the conference but have questions about Alzheimer’s disease, connect with licensed social workers seven days a week through AFA’s helpline at 866-232-8484, text 646-586-5283, or chat online at alzfdn.org.

inflammation, investigate how insulin may affect brain function, and better understand the connection between cardiovascular health and brain health.

Galvin, 61, who works out of the Comprehensive Center for Brain Health based in Boca Raton, practices what he preaches regarding how to build a better and healthier brain.

Tips for changing

His message goes beyond the conference — it’s written into his daily routine to improve his own health.

He lost 70 pounds, changed his approach to food, began exercising every morning — one hour of high intensity interval

training — and lifting weights twice a week with a personal trainer. Every weekend, he does a 5-mile walk on the beach.

Never a smoker and once a social drinker, Galvin has eliminated alcohol completely.

His transformation embodies the principles he advocates.

“You can’t tell people how to change if you haven’t changed yourself,” Galvin says. “Except for your age, sex or genes, almost all other risk factors for Alzheimer’s disease are modifiable or preventable.”

He notes that 45% of Alzheimer’s disease risk factors are modifiable.

Different factors can be modified at different stages of life:

- In our early years, a higher education is correlated with a lower risk factor.
 - In midlife, modifiable factors include smoking, air pollution, high blood pressure or cholesterol, diabetes and social isolation.
 - Later in life, vision or hearing loss can be risk factors.
- “There is a cumulative effect of things we can do to mitigate our risk for Alzheimer’s disease,” Galvin says. “Stop smoking, eat healthy and exercise. Cumulatively, setting these intentions can make a big difference in our lives.”
- In order to “build a better brain,” Galvin talks about the twin peaks of “risk” and “resilience.”
- To decrease risk factors, Galvin suggests watching your weight, staying active, treating diseases such as depression, and reducing vascular risk factors such as cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugars.
- To improve resilience, Galvin recommends:
- Being engaged in lifelong learning,
 - Staying physically and cognitively active (he just learned to play mahjong),
 - Doing artsy activities, such as reading, listening to music or joining a book club,
 - Following the “mind diet,” a Mediterranean-style diet rich in leafy greens, berries and whole grains,
 - Staying socially engaged and practicing mindfulness.
- “This is an exciting time in Alzheimer’s disease research,” says Galvin. “There’s abundant evidence these lifestyle choices have protective elements.”
- He suggests making a resolution to change your lifestyle behaviors and then, like the ad says, “Just do it.”
- “We have some control over these risk factors,” he says. “Lifestyle changes can make a significant impact on our health and quality of life.”
- His message to his patients and conference-goers is: “It’s never too early and it’s never too late, but it’s better to be too early than to be too late.”

Jan Engoren writes about health and healthy living. Send column ideas to jengoren@hotmail.com.





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Health Notes

Interventional cardiologist joins Palm Beach Health Network

Dr. Michael M. Halista, an interventional and structural cardiologist, has joined the Palm Beach Health Network Physician Group.

On staff at Delray Medical Center and West Boca Medical



Halista

Center, Halista specializes in treating heart conditions using minimally invasive methods. He is certified in four areas: internal medicine, cardiovascular disease, interventional cardiology and vascular interpretation.

His work mainly focuses on using catheters for treatments, including transcatheter aortic

valve replacement, repairing and replacing mitral and tricuspid valves, closing the left atrial appendage, percutaneous coronary intervention and complex coronary interventions.

He has also published research in several cardiovascular journals and has shared his findings nationally at meetings, including those held by the American College of Cardiology and the Heart Failure Society of America.

Halista earned his medical degree from Columbia University after obtaining his undergraduate degree at Emory University.

He completed his residency in internal medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and then specialized further at

New York University, where he was a chief fellow.

Later, he had a specialized fellowship in structural health care at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before joining the South Florida Heart Institute team at Delray Medical Center.

His office locations are 5352 Linton Blvd., Suite 100, Delray Beach; 5035 Via Delray, Delray Beach; and 9980 N. Central Park Blvd., Suite 304, Boca Raton. The phone number is 561-498-2249.

Boca Regional Hospital adds second MammoVan

Boca Raton Regional Hospital, part of Baptist Health, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to reveal its second Kathryn Krickstein Pressel MammoVan at Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute in Boca Raton in September.

MammoVans travel throughout South Florida to help more people access early breast cancer detection and to provide education on breast health. Each van includes special exam suites that are equipped with 3D mammography technology. The new MammoVan is made possible by donations from the Morgan Pressel Foundation and members of St. Andrews Country Club.

Golf tournament aids Huntington's patients

The Florida Chapter of the Huntington's Disease Society of America hosted its 2025 Hope for Huntington's golf tournament in September at Palm Beach National Golf Club. All proceeds supported the society's mission to improve the lives of people affected by Huntington's disease, which causes nerve cells in the brain to decay. To learn more about the disease, visit hdsa.org or call 800-345-4372.

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NOVEMBER 1

Saturday - 11/1 - Morning Beach Yoga at The Seagate Beach Club, 401 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Every Sat 8-9 am. \$20/person. Tickets: 561-330-3775; eventbrite.com/e/sunrise-beach-yoga-tickets-336433921917

11/1 - Pilates in the Park at Wildflower Park, 551 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Every Sat 9-10 am. Free. myboca.us/wildflower

11/1 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 8:45 am registration; 9 am class. Free. 561-393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/1 - Zumba Class at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10 am. Free. 561-393-7703; downtownboca.org

11/1 - Yoga Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every Sat 9 am. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

11/1 - 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 & 3rd Sat 10-11 am. \$10-\$12.50/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

11/1 - 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

11/1 - AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Sat 5:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

NOVEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 11/2 - Coco Market at Old School Square Amphitheater, 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

11/2 - Yoga Class at Wildflower Park, 551 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Every Sun 9-10 am. Free. myboca.us/wildflower

11/2 - 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 pm. \$10-\$12.50/class; 60-day membership \$65/resident, \$81.25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

11/2 - 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 - 11/3 - LGBTQ ACOA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Prayer Room, 101 NW 22nd St. Every M 6:30 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Tuesday - 11/4 - Adult Pilates Fitness Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th through 11/27. 5:30-6:30 pm. Per month: \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

11/4 - Yoga with Sophia at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. Held again 11/25 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/4 - Al-Anon Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Fellowship Hall, 101 NW 22nd St. Every T 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

Wednesday - 11/5 - Yoga at the Library at J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, 1330

Lands End Rd, Manalapan. Every W at 10 am. Seasonal library membership: \$400/members; \$550/non-members. 561-383-2541; manalapan.org

11/5 - Stretch & Strengthening Mindfulness Class at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every W/F 10:30 am. Free. 561-588-8889; southpalmbeach.com

11/5 - Bootcamp at Wildflower Park, 551 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 5:30 pm. Free. myboca.us/wildflower

11/5 - Scripps Research Front-Row Lecture Series: Sensing Danger: How the Nervous and Immune Systems Coordinate Inflammation w/ Alejandra Mendoza, Ph.D. 1-hour virtual lecture. 7 pm. Free. Register for link: frontrow.scripps.edu

11/5 - Yoga in the Museum at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every W/F 11 am-noon. \$8/class. Registration: 561-654-2220; delrayoldschoolsquare.com/events

Thursday - 11/6 - LGBTQ+ AA Meeting at Unity of Delray Beach Prayer Room, 101 NW 22nd St. Every Th 7 pm. Free. 561-276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

11/6 - Alateen Meeting at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 NE 4th Ave, Boynton Beach. Every Th 7:30 pm. Free. 561-278-3481; southpalmbeachafg.org

Friday - 11/7 - Fitness by Jilbear - Chair Fitness Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 55+. Every F through 12/19. 4-5 pm. Per class: \$10/resident; \$13/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - Fitness by Jilbear - Stretch & Flex Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18+. Every F through 12/5. 5:15-6:15 pm. Per class: \$10/resident; \$13/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

NOVEMBER 9-15

Thursday - 11/13 - Diabetology w/ Frank Lavernia - Heart Disease & Associates: Preventing the Perfect Storm at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org

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Tuesday - 12/2 - Adult Pilates Fitness Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Every T/Th through 12/30. 5:30-6:30 pm. Per month: \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident. 561-393-7807; myboca.us

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Paws Up for Pets

Four-legged models strike poses to raise money for Boca K-9 unit

K-9 police officers are best identified for their skills in sniffing out explosives and narcotics, as well as following scent trails to track down fleeing suspects.

Some of these highly trained, badge-wearing canines also bring on smiles and applause by performing demos and doing meet-and-greets at schools, libraries and public events.

At the Boca Raton Police Department, the K-9s answering to the names of Ivan, Pely and Zorro can now add a new role: calendar canine stars. That's because they strike poses in a variety of iconic Boca places for each month in a custom 2026 calendar produced by the Boca Raton Police Foundation.

"We were looking for a creative way to benefit the city's police dogs and the idea of a calendar featuring our police dogs seemed a natural fit for this city," says Bob Tucker, executive director of the Boca Raton Police Foundation. "The 2026



K-9 officer Pely models for the camera at Mizner Park for the cover of the 2026 K-9 calendar produced by the Boca Raton Police Foundation. Zorro (left) and Ivan are behind the sign. Photo provided by Tristen Garrison

K-9 calendars are \$35 each with proceeds benefiting the city's K-9 unit."

Let's introduce these special calendar canines:
• K-9 officer Ivan, a German

Calendar ordering info
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To learn more about the Boca Raton Police Foundation, visit bocaratonpolicefoundation.org.

shepherd mix from Germany, is trained in tracking, narcotics detection and suspect apprehension. Ivan's partner is Officer Sullivan Maguire.

• K-9 officer Zorro, a German shepherd, is originally from the Czech Republic. Since 2020, Zorro focuses on tracking, suspect apprehension and explosion detection. His partner is Officer Jimmy Jalil.

• K-9 officer Pely, a Belgian Malinois mix, comes from Hungary. He joined the department in 2024 and demonstrates skills in tracking, suspect apprehension and explosive detection. His partner is Officer Shawn Lyman.

Let's dive into these calendar pages with images captured by professional photographer Tristen Garrison:

Ivan kicks off January by hanging next to a boogie board and sand bucket at the Dog Beach at Spanish River. He also dons a mortarboard in front of the Lynn University sign for May and majestically poses in front of the sign at Sanborn Square for November.

Zorro perches on a wide wall with a large red heart at Lake Boca for February. He looks ready to fetch balls at the pickleball courts at Patch Reef Park for June and sports a ghoulish grin amid Halloween decorations at Mizner Park for October.

Pely stretches out next to a shamrock-green hat on a bench at the Boca Raton Innovation Campus for March. He then dons blue goggles in front of speedboats at the police marine unit at Spanish River Park for August and welcomes Hanukkah and Christmas among decorations at the Town

Center mall at Boca Raton for December.

This special 2026 calendar also honors the retired K-9 officer Dino, who protected the city for years before dying in August from cancer. He and his partner, Officer Lyman, the veteran member of the K-9 unit, are pictured on the inside page of the calendar.

The late, great Dino appears in three months for this calendar. He donned rabbit ears for the month of April at the Sugar Sand Park carousel, sat amid patriotic pinwheels at the Red Bridge at Camino Gardens for July, and stretched out next to a football helmet at the Flagler Credit Union Stadium at Florida Atlantic University for the month of September.

"Dino was a great dog to work with, and he excelled in detection work and patrol work in finding the bad guys," says Lyman. "I get teary eyed when I see the tribute to Dino in this calendar."

A calendar featuring the police dogs seemed a natural fit for this city.

"Boca Raton is a dog-loving community, and we knew this calendar would showcase four-legged heroes," says Tucker. "Just in time for the holiday season, we are rolling out this inaugural 2026 calendar featuring our city's four-legged friends who serve as partners in protection."

Arden Moore writes about pets and can be reached at fourleggedlife@gmail.com.



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Delray Beach is going to the dogs

Mark your calendar and bring your canine pal. The sixth annual Pooches and Presents in the Park event will be from noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 23 at Old School Square in Delray Beach.

This free pet-friendly event features a doggie splash zone and lure course, booths, adoptable dogs from local rescue groups, opportunities to take photos with Santa Claus, fun activities for kids and dogs, tasty treats and more.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the nonprofit led by Meredith Bruder called Pets Broward. Learn more at petsbroward.org/facebook-events-feed/.

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On the Water

Savvy anglers deploy perfect pitch when fish arrive out of blue

The most successful offshore anglers never leave the dock without pitch baits. Dead or alive, those baits can turn a fair day of fishing into an unforgettable one.

Those anglers always have pitch baits rigged and ready to cast because the baits will catch fish that show up unexpectedly. They'll also get the attention of fish that appear when you're trolling lures or baits but show no interest in eating.

A fisherman might be trolling for wahoo when a big dolphin shows up, but doesn't go after any of the lures. That's when a live pilchard or a rigged dead ballyhoo pitched to the dolphin can spark the fish's appetite. It's the same for a sailfish that typically isn't interested in eating a big lure but will happily wolf down a live herring.

A live sardine is the No. 1 pitch bait for Capt. Casey Hunt, with a live threadfin herring his second choice.

Hunt, who grew up in Pompano Beach pitching baits in inlets from Hillsboro to Jupiter, said the keys to successful pitching are having a bait ready and immediately getting it into the water when a fish shows up.

Especially when a sailfish is hooked.

"If you're fighting a fish, cast a pitch bait towards him and a lot of times you'll hook another sailfish right away," Hunt said.

He uses a 7-foot spinning rod with a reel that holds 400 to 500 yards of 20-pound monofilament fishing line along with a 15-foot leader of 30-pound fluorocarbon line tied to a size 5/0 or 6/0 circle hook. He hooks the baits through both lips so they don't fly off when they are cast.

The technique and that outfit work with other species, most notably dolphin but also wahoo, kingfish and tuna.



When Hunt high-speed trolls at 15 knots for wahoo, if he hooks one or two fish, he'll slow the boat and then have an angler cast a live goggle-eye with a wire leader in case there's another wahoo around.

With dolphin, Hunt doesn't pitch live baits until the colorful fish make it clear they won't eat anything else. If he gets into a school of dolphin, he'll have his anglers start off by casting lures such as jigs to the fish. When the fish lose interest in lures, he'll switch to chunks of ballyhoo or bonito.

When the dolphin stop biting the chunks, Hunt puts out the live baits. And before leaving a school of dolphin, Hunt has someone drop a live goggle-eye well below the school in case a larger fish is lurking 50 to 100 feet down.

When you're reeling a kingfish to the boat it's not unusual for one or two other kings to show up during the fight, and they'll usually jump on a live pitch bait. The same goes for when an angler is fighting a blackfin tuna behind the boat.

Pitch baits are most often used off Palm Beach County

when fishing for sailfish. The fish typically travel in pods, which is why Hunt always has someone pitch a sardine when a sailfish is hooked.

Other times when Hunt uses pitch baits are when sailfish pop up in a fishing kite spread, where he'll have three live baits dangling from each of the kites he has flying behind his boat, and when he spots a free-jumping sailfish.

"If you're sitting there kite-fishing and have a fish come up and look at a kite bait, you can cast a bait to him," said Hunt, who always has at least one pitch bait in a live well or



Pitch baits are especially effective at catching sailfish.

LEFT: Capt. Skip Dana prepares to release one caught off Boca Raton by angler Glenn Sapir. **TOP:** Anglers in the know have live baits such as sardines and herring hooked on spinning outfits and ready to cast.

ABOVE: Capt. Casey Hunt uses pitch baits when he spots free-jumping sailfish.

Photos provided

5-gallon bucket of sea water that's hooked on a spinning outfit and ready to cast.

"If you're running along and see a sailfish jumping, try to get ahead of him and cast three or four baits at him, even if he goes down. He might come back up and bring more fish with him."



Outdoors writer Steve Waters can be reached at steve33324@aol.com.

Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 1

Saturday - 11/1 - 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; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

NOVEMBER 2-8

Wednesday - 11/5 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells, the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

Friday - 11/7 - After-Hours 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 from the beach by the Seminole Chiki. Ages 7-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/21 5-6:30 pm. \$10/resident & member; \$13/non-resident. Registration: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

Saturday - 11/8 - Intracoastal Adventures: Intro to Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 7-adult; each child under 13 must be accompanied by one adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/resident & member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

NOVEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 11/9 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems.

Ages 13-adult; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/15. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. 561-544-8615; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

11/11 - Island Treks at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Visitors will be guided on a short trek along the shaded boardwalk through the tropical hardwood hammock forest, pausing for some intracoastal views. All ages; child must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 11/25. 10-10:30 am. Free. 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

NOVEMBER 16-22

Thursday - 11/20 - Early Birding w/ AI at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about native & migratory birds from an experienced birder; walk the Ashley Trail/boardwalk in search of warblers, gnatcatchers, woodpeckers, other avian species. Binoculars recommended. Meet on nature center front porch. Ages 10+; child must

be accompanied by an adult. 8:30-10 am. Free. 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

Saturday - 11/22 - Coast Guard Auxiliary Boat America: A Boating Safety Course at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Boating terminology, boat handling, navigation rules, regulations, more. Course provides knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate; possible insurance discount. 8 am-4 pm. \$30. 561-312-6439; birdlover5@bellsouth.net

11/22 - Intracoastal Adventures: Advanced Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida's unique animals/ecosystems. For experienced paddlers age 13-adult; child under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

NOVEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 11/23 - Intracoastal

Adventures: Advanced Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 7-adult; each child under 13 must be accompanied by one adult. 9-10:30 am. \$20/resident & member; \$25/non-member. Registration: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

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12/2 - Pinnacle Ecological Society: Coral Reef Marine Life Identification Lecture at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
Saturday - 12/6 - 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, 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

Tots & Teens

Boca High club gives manicures, companionship to older adults

By Faran Fagen

Lyla Wolf holds a wrinkled hand while gently brushing fingernails bright pink. Wolf’s school mates decorate nails the same way — with 50 assorted colors — while they talk to the senior citizens about family, movies, politics and whatever else is on their minds.

It doesn’t matter the topic — the residents at the Atrium at Boca Raton are just grateful to have a young person to chat with during a complimentary manicure.

“Our goal is not just to provide fun cosmetic services for free, but to brighten seniors’ days and give them something to look forward to once or twice a month,” said Wolf, a 17-year-old senior at Boca Raton High School.

Wolf is the founder and president of Glamour Gals, a Boca High club dedicated to providing senior citizens with companionship and conversation through manicures and makeovers.

The Gals have been gracing the nursing home for the past year and a half.

The residents “still love us and recognize us every single time,” Wolf said.

Wolf started this club chapter in February 2024 as a sophomore because she wanted



LEFT: The Glamour Gals include (l-r) Chloe Danesi, Makayla Dinon, Juana Peña, Mia Felizzi, Lyla Wolf and Reese Bellinger. ABOVE: Twins Aline and Celine Barakat with a resident at the Atrium at Boca Raton assisted living. Photos provided

to find ways to give back to her community.

The last time Wolf saw her own great-grandmother was in a nursing home in Canada. One night, her great-grandmother was so in need of company that she even asked Wolf to sleep over in her room. Wolf stayed the night, and when the opportunity arose to create Glamour Gals, she seized the moment. The only Boca Raton chapter of the national nonprofit was born at Boca High.

“I’ve seen the club grow tremendously in popularity within the school,” said biology teacher and Glamour Gals sponsor Alessandro Contessa. “That’s likely because of the genuine experiences students have spending one-on-one

time with elderly people from their community. The seniors love the attention from the high schoolers so much, even men will line up for clear nail polish sometimes.”

Contessa said the students — ranging from 20-30 per visit — get just as much from the experience as the seniors. “It’s hard for a lot of high school students to find fun, meaningful community service that makes a tangible impact, and we provide that for them,” Contessa said. “Club members always tell me how much they love volunteering, and how happy and fulfilled they feel afterwards.”

Wolf estimated that about 60% of nursing home residents don’t get visitors, so the Gals

aim to provide some sort of consistent companionship.

“They’re always ecstatic to see us and are usually already seated in the manicure area, waiting,” Wolf said.

“The students love getting to chat with different types of people while still getting to have fun and give manicures.”

The Gals also meet once or twice a month in Contessa’s room to write letters and create bookmarks to give the seniors during visits.

They smile as they read the kind messages and often ask the Gals to write their names on their creations.

The club has to limit volunteers as too many sign up to attend a single assisted living community. They will soon be

volunteering at several more elderly communities in the area. But for now, they’re sticking with the Atrium — about a mile away from the school on Northwest 15th Street — to get familiar with the residents.

The seniors get sad when the Gals have to leave.

Usually after the manicures, they sit to talk and enjoy each other’s company.

“As the students hold hands and partake in a genuine act of care with the elderly, listening to them and sharing stories while making their hands look beautiful, both parties are enriched by the experience,” Contessa said.

“I can’t praise president Lyla Wolf enough.” ★

Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 1

Saturday - 11/1 - 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

11/1 - ColorSpace: Teen Art Studio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 11/10 (5 pm) & 12/6. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/1 - Sandoway Discovery Center Daily Feedings at 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. Shark & stingray feedings 1 pm; aquarium feedings 2 pm; animal encounters 3 pm. T-Sat. Free w/\$10 admission. 561-274-7263; sandoway.org

NOVEMBER 2-8

Sunday - 11/2 - Rookie Rooks: Introduction to Chess for Youth at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 8-12. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Monday - 11/3 - Special Guest Storytime w/Fire Rescue at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/3 - Fun w/Fernanda: Bilingual Spanish-English Story Time at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 0-4. Held again 12/1 3:30-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/3 - Knots ‘n Needles - Teen Crochet Circle at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 11/17. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/3 - Growin’ Things: Agriculture in Palm Beach County at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 13-17. 5-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/3-5 - Homework Help at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. For grades K-5. Runs through 12/19. M-W 3:30-4:15 & 4:15-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/3-7 - Fall in Love with Plumosa at Creative Arts School at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Children and families are invited. Free; 6 pm.-9 pm. Registration: 561-243-7209; call 561-330-3900 for

info

Tuesday - 11/4 - Toddler Tales at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Stories, music, movement. Ages walking to 23 mos. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/4 - Toddler Time at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes & songs. Ages 12-24 months. Held again 11/18. 11-11:45 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/4 - Young @ Art at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Fun arts/crafts, principles of art. Ages 6-8. Held again 11/18 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/4 - Piano in Company Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Every T through 12/2. Ages 4-6: 3:30-4:30 pm; Ages 7-9: 4:30-5:30 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/4 - Teen Book Club: When Sleeping Women Wake by Emma Pei Yin at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 11/18. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/4 - Teen Tuesday at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 13-17. Every T 5-7 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/4 - Keyboard for All Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 10-17. Every T through 12/9. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/4 - Reinventing Embroidery for Tweens at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 9-12. Every W 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/5 - Reading & Rhythm for 2-3s at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Literacy enrichment class. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 10/29. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Ms. Marie’s Beading at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 6-8. Held again 12/3 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/5 - Clue Crew: Solving Mysteries for Kids at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 7-8. Every W through 12/10. 4-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/5 - Game Day at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 13-17. Every W 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 11/6 - Toddler Tales at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 2-3 yrs. Held again 12/4 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Drop-In Family Storytime at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Bilingual Storytime at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes, more. Ages 5 & under. Held again 11/20. 11-11:45 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/6 - Peter And The Wolf at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades K-5. 11 am. \$8. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

11/6 - Make & Take: Let’s Draw! Intro to Drawing at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 5-12. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

11/6 - Young @ Art at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Fun arts/crafts, principles of art. Ages 9-12. Held again 11/20 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Kindergarten Prep Pals at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 4-5. Every Th 4:30-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/6 - Gymnastics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 4-6. Every Th through 11/15. 5:30-6:15 pm. \$144/resident; \$180/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/6 - Cheers & Gymnastics Basics Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Every Th through 11/15. Ages 6-11: 6:30-7:05 pm. \$144/resident; \$180/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Friday - 11/7 - Music Encounters Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 3-5. Every F through 12/5. 10-11 am. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - Baby Bookworm at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Storytime for infants accompanied by an adult. Ages 0 months to non-walking. Every F 11-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org

11/7 - Haitian Classic Jazz Dance Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 6-17. Every F through 11/21. Ages 13+. 6:30-7:30 pm. Per class: \$15/resident; \$19/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

Saturday - 11/8 - Music Encounters Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 3-5. Every Sat through 12/6. 9:30-10:30 am. \$120/

resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/8 - Once Upon a Story at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 0-5. 11-11:30 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org

11/8 - Gaming Guild at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 11/22. 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Poetry in Pajamas at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 4950 Communications Ave. Presented in partnership with O, Miami. Children invited to step up to the mic and share their favorite poem before an audience of pajama-clad peers. Featuring lawn games, market, interactive activities, music. 5-8:30 pm. Free. Reservations: boca100.com

NOVEMBER 9-15

Monday - 11/10 - Baby Story Time at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Stories, rhymes & songs. Ages 6-12 months. Held again 11/24. 11-11:45 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Wednesday - 11/12 - Sensory Circle Time: Autumn Colors at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 2-5 years. 11 am-noon. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

Thursday - 11/13 - Little Lap Adventures at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 0 2 yrs. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/13 - Picture Book Club: Special Edition at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Saturday - 11/15 - Around the World with Impact Achievement Center at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 6-12. 10-11 am. Free. Registration: 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

11/15 - STEM Camp: Paleontology at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 7-12. 10:30-11:45 am. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/15 - Lab Rats at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/15 - Haitian Folkloric Dance Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 6-17. Every Sat through 11/29. Ages 13+. 12:30-1:30 pm. \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. Registration: 561-

742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/15 - Bones to Books at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Children read to dogs. All ages. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**11/15 - Autumn Diamond Art** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 13-17. 2-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org**NOVEMBER 16-22****Sunday - 11/16 - Wild Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Ages 3-6 w/an adult. 9:30-10:15 am. \$8/ resident & member; \$10/non-member. Reservations: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47**11/16 - Art For Everyone** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 3-12. 2-3 pm. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**Monday - 11/17 - Story Explorers Book Club** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 6-8. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**Tuesday - 11/18 - Ultimate Book Club** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 9-12. 4-5 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**11/18 - Karate Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 6-17. Every T/Th through 12/18. Ages 6-12: 5:30-6:25 pm; Ages 13+: 6:30-7:30 pm. \$90/resident; \$113/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org**Thursday - 11/20 - Ms. Lovely's Storytime** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 3-5 yrs. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**11/20 - Make & Take: Gratefulness Rocks** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**Saturday - 11/22 - Baby Sensory Play** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 3-12 months. 10-11 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**11/22 - Bones to Books** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 5-8. 11 am-noon. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**11/22 - STEM Specialty Program: Mad Science's Dino Dig Show** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 3-12. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**NOVEMBER 23-29****Monday - 11/24 - Thanksgiving Special Family Storytime** at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org**11/24 - Teen Advisory Board Meeting** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**11/24-25 - Wobbles Over Fall Break** at Boynton Beach City Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 13-17. 5-7

pm. Free. 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/25 - Teen Movie Night: Ready Player One (2018, PG-13) at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. 5-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**11/25 - Bedtime Story Time** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 3-5. 6-7 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**NOV. 30-DEC. 6****Monday - 12/1 - Special Guest Storytime w/ Police** at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Up to age 5. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org**12/1-3 - Youth Basketball League** at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Ages 5-7: M through 3/2; Ages 8-10: T through 3/3; Ages 11-15: W through 3/4. 6-8 pm. \$65/resident; \$81/non-resident. 561-742-6552; boynton-beach.org**Tuesday - 12/2 - Baby Doll Play** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18 mos-5 yrs. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**12/2 - Teen Book Club: Little Women by Louisa May Alcott** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 12/16. 5-6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org**12/2-3 - The Snow Queen** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Grades K-5. 11 am. \$8. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org**Thursday - 12/4 - STEAM for Little Hands - States of Matter** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 2-5 years. Dress for a mess! 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**12/4 - Holly Jolly Holiday Party!** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 5-12. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org**Friday - 12/5 - Rhythm Explorers** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 2-5 years. 10-11:15 am. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**12/5 - STEAM for Little Hands - States of Matter** at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Ages 2-5 years. Dress for a mess! 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org**12/5 - Winter Make & Take** at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3-8. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org**12/5 - Haitian Classic Jazz Dance Class** at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 6-17. Every F through 12/19. Ages 13+: 6:30-7:30 pm. Per class: \$15/resident; \$19/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org**Saturday - 12/6 - ColorSpace: Teen Art Studio** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Ages 13-17. Held again 5-6 pm 12/15. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOVEMBER 1
Saturday - 11/1 - Freestyle Saturdays Art Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18+. Every Sat through 12/20 10 am-12:30 pm. Per class \$29/resident; \$35/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
11/1 - Chameleon Chimera: An Anthology of Florida Poets at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/1 - Historic Walking Tour: Atlantic Avenue at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. 10 am-noon. \$30/person; \$20/ members. Registration: 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org
11/1 - Workshop: Still Life, Full Throttle: Bring the Ordinary to Life at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$65. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/1 - Ceramics by You Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18+. Every Sat through 11/15 1-2:30 pm. Per class \$15/resident; \$19/ non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
11/1 - \$5 Studio Days at Creative Arts School, 51 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Ages 5+. Held again 8/16. 1-3 pm. Free. 561-243-7209; delraybeachfl.gov/cas
11/1 - Sugar Plum Fairy Tea at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Features cast of characters from *The Nutcracker*, specialty teas, mimosas, lemonade and small bites. All proceeds benefit Boca Ballet Theatre. 3-5 pm. \$100/ adults; \$60/children. Reservations: 561-995-0709; bocaballet.org/sugar-plum-tea
11/1 - Stanley Jordan Plays The Dead at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Two shows: 5:30 pm & 8:30 pm. \$60-\$65. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/1 - Day of The Dead Party at Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, 1105 2nd Ave S, Lake Worth Beach. Featuring spooky surprises, prizes for best costumes, raffles, music and more. 7-9:30 pm. \$25. 561-508-7315; benzaitencenter.org
11/1 - A Perfectly Wicked Evening at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Sat: 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com
11/1 - Joe Devito at The Delray Beach

Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$45. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
11/1-2 - Fleamingle - The Flamboyant Flea Market at Vintage Gym at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Held again 12/6-7. 9 am-2 pm. Appointments: delrayoldschoolsquare.com/events
11/1-2 - 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
11/1-2 - The Thanksgiving Play at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Runs through 11/9 Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$28. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
11/1-12/6 - 8th Annual Holiday Toy Drive sponsored by the Ocean Ridge Police Department. Drop off new, unwrapped, toys in the police department's lobby, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Oean Ridge. The toys will be distributede throughout the county by Speak Up for Kids. 561-732-2635;oceanridge.gov

NOVEMBER 2-8
Sunday - 11/2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
11/2 - The Good Day Market on select Sundays through May 2026 at Boynton Beach Mall (outside near Dillard's), 801 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Features farmers, food vendors, artisans and wellness brands. Held again 11/16 & 30. 9 am-2 pm. Free. eventeny.com/company/?c=399873
11/2 - Hot Brass: Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago Tribute! at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. Tickets start at \$59. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
11/2 - Sunday Matinee Music Series: Dave DeLuca at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/2 - Jefferson McDonald's Great Balls of Fire at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$60-\$65. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 11/3 - French Culture through Film: Dramatic Moments in History w/ Valerie Sutter at Florida Atlantic University Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/24. 10 am-1 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$64/member; \$80/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

Municipal Meetings

11/3 & 12/1 – Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com
11/4 & 18 – Boca Raton Auditorium, 6500 Congress Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: myboca.us
11/4, 18 & 12/2 – Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Ocean Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org
11/4 & 18 – Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 5 pm. Agenda: delraybeachfl.gov
11/4 & 12/2 – Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: highlandbeach.us
11/4 – Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9 am. Agenda: manalapan.org
11/10 – Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 6 pm. Agenda: lantana.org
11/10 – South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 2 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com
11/14 – Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

11/3 - Seminar: Ripped from the Headlines w/ Eliot Kleinberg at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/24. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$69.60/ member; \$87/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/3 - Dance to Dawn Class at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Adults. Every M through 12/1. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$10-\$13; 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org
11/3 - Botanical Alchemy: Natural Dyeing on Silk w/ Veronique Cote at FAU's Ritter Art Gallery Bldg 39, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50.40/member; \$65/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/3 - Pop-Up: The Miracle of Israeli Missile Defense w/Ari Sacher at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35.20/member; \$44/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/3 - Advanced Squares at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. All ages. Every M 2-4 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
11/3 - Maimonides: The Great Eagle w/Rami Pavolotzky at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/3 - Pickleball at Hester Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Adults. M/F 6-8 pm. \$5-\$7; \$50-\$65/24-visit pass. 561-742-6550; boynton-beach.org
11/3 - Improvisation Class w/Micah Stinson at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Adults. Every M through 12/15 Class 1: 6-7:30 pm; Class 2: 8-9:30 pm. \$248/session. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/3 - Groove Class w/Karen King at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach.

Adults. Every M through 12/15 7-8:15 pm. \$233/session. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/3 - Global Perspectives: Unveiling the Richness and Variety of International Storytelling w/Shelly Isaacs at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 11/24. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$64/member; \$80/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
Tuesday - 11/4 - Career & Employment Help w/CareerSource PBC at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. Every T 9 am-4 pm. Free. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
11/4 - Guided Discussion: Living and Leaving Your Legacy w/Merle Saferstein at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$50.40/member; \$63/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/4 - General Meeting: Growing Orchids on a Balcony w/Barbara Jasko at Boca Raton Garden Club, 4281 NW 3rd Ave. 1 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org
11/4 - Socrates Café at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 561-393-7852; bocalibrary.org
11/4 - Book Talks - An Hour to Kill: The Shadows of Men by Abir Mukherjee at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/4 - Pinnacle Ecological Society: Coral Reef Conservation & Restoration Lecture at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2-3:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/4 - Movie Night at Highland Beach Library, 3618 Ocean Blvd. Held again 11/18. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/4 - Beginning Tap Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every T through 12/16. 5:30-7 pm. \$60/monthly session. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
11/4 - Comedy Open Mic at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 1st T 8-10:30 pm. \$10-\$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Wednesday - 11/5 - Voice Workshop at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 14+. Every W through 12/3. 10-11 am. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
11/5 - Workshop: Cloud Nine: Painting Big Beautiful Clouds at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-3:30 pm. \$115. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/5 - Wills, Trusts, and Estates at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
11/5 - Lunchbox Matinee: Artists & Masterpieces at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Noon. \$59. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
11/5 - Pastels Made Easy Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18+. Every W through 12/17 1-4 pm. Per class \$35/resident; \$44/ non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
11/5 - Workshop: Mystical Abstract Landscape w/Acrylic Paint at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 2-4 pm. \$60. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/5 - Workshop: Mastering Gradients: Oil Painting 2-Day at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Held again 11/12 5-8 pm. \$100. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/5-9 - The City in the City in the City by Matthew Capodicasa at FAU Theatre Lab, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/23. W-Sat: 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun: 3 pm. Tickets start at \$5. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com
Thursday - 11/6 - Quilters meet at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Limit 10 quilters at a time. Every Th 9 am-noon. \$1/lifetime membership. 561-742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org
11/6 - Germany at the Crossroads: Taking the Pulse of a Nation w/Anette Isaacs at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/6 - Line Dancing at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave.

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Holiday Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/22. Please check with organizers for any changes.

NOV. 1-DEC. 6

Saturday - 11/1-2 - Boca Raton Garden Club's Holiday House at 4281 NW 3rd Ave. Craft, plant and bake sale featuring handmade decorations & gifts as well as fresh-baked goods. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 561-395-9376; bocaratongardenclub.org

Tuesday - 11/4 - Holly House Holiday Gift Shop at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. Every T/Th and Sat beginning 11/29 through 12/20. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 561-276-6338; firstdelray.com

Thursday - 11/20 - 10th Annual Tree Lighting at Boca Raton Innovation Campus, 5000 T-Rex Ave, Boca Raton. Benefits Spirit of Giving's Annual Holiday Gift Drive, CPG Cares & Junior League of Boca Raton. Tree lighting & official Santa visit. 5:30-7:30 pm. Rain date 11/21. Free w/unwrapped new toy or monetary contribution to Spirit of Giving; VIP \$64.20/adult, \$17.12/child age 16 & under. CPGrouptreelighting2024.eventbrite.com

11/20-22 - 32nd Annual Southern Handcraft Society Art & Craft Show: An Olde Fashioned Holiday at the Vintage Gym 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. delrayoldschoolsquare.com

Friday - 11/21-23 - Scandinavian Christmas Market at Annan Maja at Finnish-American Village, 1800 South Dr, Lake Worth Beach. F: Noon-8 pm; Sat/Sun: Noon-6 pm. Free. 561-588-4333; farh.org

Saturday - 11/22 - 2nd Annual Holiday Lunch & Shop at Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St. 11 am. \$75/person; \$60/members. Registration: 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

11/22 - 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

All ages. Every Th 10:30-11:30 am. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/6 - Charity Golf Tournament & Cocktail Reception at Gleneagles Country Club, 7667 Victory Lane, Delray Beach. All proceeds to benefit Boca Helping Hands & Fuller Center. Registration: 11 am; shotgun start: 1 pm; cocktail reception: 5 pm. \$900/foursome; \$250/per golfer; \$75/cocktail reception. 561-391-7274; fullercenterfl.org/fuller-center-events/

11/6 - Retail Therapy at Le Colonial, 601 E Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach Begins with lunch reception, followed by trolley stops to premiere boutiques, then happy hour at Elizabetta's. Proceeds benefit the Delray Beach Library. 11 am-4:30 pm. \$135/person; \$200/duo. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/6 - Intermediate Tap Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every Th through 12/18 (no class 11/27). 5:30-7 pm. \$60/monthly session. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

11/6 - Exhibition Opening Reception: Fiber Optics at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. Runs through 1/3. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

11/6 - Concert: Sunnyside Swing - 1920s-40s at Highland Beach Library, 3618 Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us

11/6 - Voice Workshop at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 14+. Every Th through 12/4. 6-7 pm. \$120/resident; \$150/non-resident. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/6 - Night Market at Sanborn Square Park, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Food options, beer & wine, local artisans and live music. 6-9 pm. Free. myboca.us/2324/Night-Market

11/6 - 8th Annual Chef Showdown Country Club Competition at Delaire Country Club, 4645 White Cedar Lane, Delray Beach. Benefits Trustbridge Hospice Foundation. 6-10 pm. \$300. 561-848-5200; trustbridge.com

11/6 - Symphonies & Souvenirs at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

11/6-7 - Workshop: Self-Portrait Painting with Acrylic Paint 2-Day at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$90. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

Friday - 11/7 - First Friday @ 5 Concert: Jay Valor Band at Centennial Park & Amphitheater, 120 E Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Featuring food trucks, artisans, children's activities and music. 5-9 pm. Free. 561-742-6024; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-654-2220; delrayoldschoolsquare.com/events

11/7 - Beginner Squares at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. All ages. Every F 6-7 pm. \$6. 561-742-

Green Markets

Lake Worth Beach Waterside Farmers Market every Saturday under the overpass at A1A and Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 561-547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

Delray Beach GreenMarket every Saturday at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. More than 60 culinary and artisan vendors, plus live music. Every Sat through 5/16. 9 am-2 pm. 561-276-8640; delraycra.org/green-market

Boca Raton Green Market every Sunday through 5/3 at Royal Palm Place, 508 Via de Palmas, Boca Raton. Fresh fruits & vegetables, goods by local artisans, fresh curated & caught meats and seafood, locally-grown flowers, and a variety of handcrafted wares. 8 am-12:30 pm. Free. bocagreenmarket.com

Boca Farmers Market every Sunday at Boca Raton Innovation Campus (BRiC), 4950 Communication Ave, Boca Raton. Featuring 9:30 am yoga, fresh, local food and handmade goods. 9 am-1 pm. Free. bocafarmersmarket.com

6221; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - Castoffs Square Dance at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. All ages. Every F 6-9 pm. \$6. 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org

11/7 - Bonfires & Night Market at Lake Worth Beach, 10 S Ocean Blvd. Bring beach chairs/blankets. Held again 11/21 & 12/5 6-9 pm. Free; metered parking. 561-533-7395; lakeworthbeachfl.gov

11/7 - First Friday Art Walk at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 6-9 pm. Free. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/7 - Artist Blow-Out - Evan Schauss at Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, 1105 2nd Ave S, Lake Worth Beach. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$25-\$50. Reservations: 561-508-7315; benzaitencenter.org

11/7 - Sam Harris - Beyond The Rainbox at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$25-\$75. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com

11/7 – The Art of Laughter with Headliner Josh Sneed featuring Will Lopez at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/7-8 - Lunchbox Matinee: The Spaghetti & Matzo Ball Show at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Noon. \$59. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

Saturday - 11/8 - Calling All Serious Writers! Saturday Writers Studio presented by Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. All other Sats via Zoom. 10 am. Free. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org

11/8 - Open Figure Studio w/Model at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Ages 18+. Held again 6-8 pm 11/20. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/8 - Workshop: Jewelry Wax to Silver - Ring Carving at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Held again 11/14. 12:30-4:30 pm. \$195. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/8 - Workshop: Still Life, Full Throttle: Florals & Reflections That Shine at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 1:30-4:30 pm. \$65. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/8 - The Tequila Festival at Mizner

Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Art, music, food. Ages 21+. 5-10 pm. \$85.61-\$119.72. thetequilafest.com

11/8 - The Original Studio 54 Band at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$55-\$60. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/8-9 - David Orson & Gary Clark: The Dazzling Dynamic Duo at Wick Theatre, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat: 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$65-\$75. Reservations: 561-995-2333; thewick.org

NOVEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 11/9 - The Good Day Market on select Sundays through May 2026 at Lake Biwa Pavilion (Near Morikami Japanese Gardens), 16800 S Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Features farmers, food vendors, artisans and wellness brands. Held again 11/23. 9 am-2 pm. Free. eventeny.com/company/?c=399873

11/9 - Winter Season Kickoff & Breakfast: From Crisis to Victory: Israel's Role in the Realignment of the Middle East w/Amir Avivi at Boca Beach Chabad Jewish Center, 490 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 10 am-noon. \$18. 561-394-9770; chabadbocabeaches.com

11/9 - Concert Percussion Ensemble at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

11/9 - The Boomer Legacy - A Staged Reading by Stephen Young at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Monday - 11/10 - Meet ChatGPT: Your New Best Friend in the Digital World w/Tiffany DiPanni at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/10 - Falafel, Farfel and Fish: Forays into American Jewish Food w/Dana Adler at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/10 - Monday Movies - Documentary: Jiro Dreams of Sushi directed by David Gelb at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5:30-8 pm. Registration: 561-

393-7906; bocalibrary.org

Tuesday - 11/11 - Veterans Day (For events, see page AT28)

11/11 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 2nd T 7 pm. Free. 561-573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.org

11/11 - All Arts Open Mic Night at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 2nd T 8-10:30 pm. \$10-\$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

Wednesday - 11/12 - GFWC Woman's Club of Delray Beach Meeting at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Bring your own refreshments/coffee. 10 am. Free. delraywomansclub.com

11/12 - Workshop: Sea & Sky: Abstracting the Coastline at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-3:30 pm. \$115. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/12 - Wheel Throwing for All Level Potters at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Ages 16+. Every W through 12/10 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$360/4 sessions. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/12 - Lunchbox Matinee: Tell Me A Story at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Noon. \$49. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

11/12 - Seminar: It's Hard to Defeat a Dragon!: Life Coaching from Myths and Fairy Tales w/Cora Bresciano at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/12 - Town Hall Talk: Medicine & Surgery During The Revolutionary War Period w/Robert Feeney at 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

11/12 - Music Through Time at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

11/12-13 - Workshop: Mimic the Masters Acrylic Painting 2-Day at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$90. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

Thursday - 11/13 - 3rd Annual We Are Delray - The Ultimate Block Party at Bounce Delray, 33 SE 3rd Ave, Delray Beach. 5:30-8:30 pm. Tickets start at \$95. Registration: 561-278-0424; delraybeach.com/wearedelray

11/13 - Songs of the American Folk Music Revival w/Matthew Sabatella at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/13 - A Tribute to The Duke at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

11/13-14 - Workshop: Intro to

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). Ages 7 & up, child under 18 must participate w/an adult. 10-11:30 am. \$12/resident & member; \$15/non-member. Reservation required: 561-544-8605; myboca.us/calendar.aspx?CID=47

12/6 - Annual Boynton Beach Holiday Parade in Downtown Boynton, Federal Hwy & Ocean Ave. 4-6 pm. Free. 561-742-6010; boynton-beach.org

12/6 - Deck The House - Decorating Contest is open for residents of the City of Boca Raton ONLY. Entry application due 12/20 5 pm. Winners announced 12/22. 561-393-7810; myboca.us/2350/Deck-the-House---Decorating-Contest

12/6 - 2025 Holiday Showcase at Old School Square Amphitheatre, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Local schools take center stage. 6-9:30 pm. Free. 561-243-7250 x3; delraybeachfl.gov

12/6 - Holiday Pops Concert at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6-10 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 561-424-5226; myboca.us/2074/Merry-in-Mizner

12/6 - George F. Handel's Messiah at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 370 SW 3rd St, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20/general public; \$10/alumni; free/FAU faculty & staff, students & children under 18. 561-297-6124; fauevents.universitytickets.com

Photography 2-Day at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 5-8 pm. \$98. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/13 - Sounds of the Set at Libby Wesley Plaza, 2 SW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Stroll the neighborhood from Libby Wesley Plaza (2 SW 5th Avenue) to The Hive (34 SW 5th Avenue) as you enjoy live music, shop local small business vendors, and connect with community. Free. 5:30 pm.-8:30 pm.; call 561-852-9200

Friday - 11/14 - Plant Giveaway at Wildflower Park, 551 E Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am. Free. myboca.us/wildflower

11/14 - Wheel Throwing for All Level Potters at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Ages 16+. Every F through 12/12 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$360/4 sessions. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/14 - Seminar: Stephen King's Early Years: Carrie, Salem's Lot, and The Shining w/Matthew David Klauza at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/14 - Trump, the Middle East, and Unconventional Diplomacy w/Mitchell Bard at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu

11/14 - Afternoon of Stories, Coffee and Connection with Author Nikki Erlick at Blume Literacy Center, 3651 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach. 2-4 pm. \$175/reserved seating; \$100/general admission. 561-767-3370; literacyabc.org

11/14 - Workshop: Line, Shape and Composition 2-Day at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. Held again 11/21. 2-4 pm. \$140. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/14 - Exhibition Opening: From Primitive to Surreal by Gustavo Novoa at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Runs through 1/14/26. 6-8 pm. Free w/ \$5 suggested donation. 561-654-2220; delrayoldschoolsquare.com/events

11/14-15 - The Best of Ann Hampton Callaway featuring John Proulx at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$65-\$70. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

11/14-16 - Pirates of Penzance at FAU Marleen Forkas Studio One Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 11/23. F/Sat: 7 pm; Sat/Sun: 2 pm. \$20-\$27. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com

Saturday - 11/15 - Annual Mayors' Chess Challenge at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. 10 am-noon. Free. 561-243-7250 x 6042; delraybeachfl.gov

11/15 - Warehouse Market 2025 at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Pop-up indoor market featuring makers and creatives. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org

11/15 - Author Meet & Greet: Berwick

Augustin at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 11 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/15-16 - Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* at The Wick Theatre, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat: 7 pm; Sun 4 pm. \$35-\$55. Reservations: 561-995-2333; thewick.org

NOVEMBER 16-22

Sunday 11/16 - Culture Talks: Alastair Willis in Conversation with Greg Stepanich at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Hosted by The ArtsPaper & The Coastal Star. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com
11/16 - Exhibit Opening Reception at Artist’s Eye Gallery Boutique, 604 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth. Runs through 12/12. 2-4 pm. Free. 561-586-8666; lwartleague.org
11/16 - Story Central Storytelling Slam at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/16 - Bach Motets at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$45-\$75. 305-285-9060; seraphicfire.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/#/
Monday - 11/17 - Louis Comfort Tiffany: Nature, and Exoticism w/ Armando Droulers at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/17 - Elizabeth Taylor: A Life of Passion and Resilience w/Richard Rene Silvin at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/17 - Guided Discussion: The Ethics of ... w/Rabbi Michael Gold at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Every M through 12/8 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$100.50/ member; \$134/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/17 - Boca Chamber’s 45th Annual Holiday Auction at Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. 5:30-9 pm. \$50. 561-395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com
11/17 - 48th Annual Carbonell Awards Ceremony at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. \$45. carbonellawards.org
11/17-18 - The Edwards Twins Holiday Show at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 3 pm. Tickets start at \$79. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
Tuesday - 11/18 - Issues in United States National Security w/Robert Rabil at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/18 - Katharine Hepburn: Talented, Stylish and Spirited w/Richard Rene Silvin at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/18 - Book Talks - Non-Fiction/ Biographies: Rogues & Scholars: A History of the London Art World, 1945-2000 by James Stourton at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/18 - Wills, Trust and Estates w/ Jennifer Gomez at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/18 - Versed in Verse: Poetry Reading with Poets on the Fringe and Community Open Mic at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 5-6:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/18 - Heritage Lecture - Clear Havana Cigars & Cuban Independence in Key West w/Kayleigh Howald presented by The Delray Beach Historical Society at Crest Theater Suite C, 51 N Swinton Ave. 6 pm. \$15/person; free/ members. Registration: 561-274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org
11/18 - Wandering Stars by Tommy

Library Classes

Local libraries offer hundreds of adult classes each month. To discover what you can learn at your library, please visit:
Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
For children and teen classes, please see our **Tots & Teens** calendar.
"Libraries are the free universities of the people." — Andrew Carnegie

Orange part of Tuesday Book Group at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/18 - Delray Beach Orchid Society Meeting at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 561-573-2422; delraybeachorchidsociety.org
11/18 - Spoken Word Open Mic: Poetry, Storytelling & Lyrics at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 3rd T 8-10:30 pm. \$10-\$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/18 - FAU Astronomical Observatory public viewing at FAU Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1st F & 3rd T 8 pm. Free. Subject to change; check website. 561-297-7827; physics.fau.edu/observatory/events/
Wednesday -11/19 - Book Buzz Adult Book Club at Boynton Beach Library, 100 E Ocean Ave. Adults. 10:30 am-noon. Free. Registration: 561-742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org
11/19 - The Great Protest Songs w/Rod MacDonald at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-5 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
Thursday - 11/20 - How Much Power Should the President Have? The Debate Over the “Unitary Executive Theory” w/Roy Klein at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/ member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/20 - Seminar: Forever and Always? Evidence-Based Strategies for Long-Lasting Happy Marriages w/ Bert Diamant at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/20 - Concert: Neil Bacher Jazz Quartet at Highland Beach Library, 3618 Ocean Blvd. 5:30 pm. Free. 561-278-5455; highlandbeach.us
11/20 - Peace River: Florida in the Civil War w/Eliot Kleinberg at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/20 - Songs and Dances at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com
Friday - 11/21 - The Americas Speak in Song at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$25/ general admission; \$5/students with ID. scholacantorumfl.org/
11/21 - The Pixels Retro Eighties Experience at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$31.70. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com
11/21 - Mec Lir - High Energy Trad from Scotland at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$45-\$50. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Saturday - 11/22 - 39th 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. Run \$35-\$45/adult, \$25-\$35/ under Ages 15; Walk \$30-\$40/adult, \$25-\$35/under age 15; \$17.50-\$19/City of Delray Beach employee. 561-243-7250 x3; delraybeachfl.gov
11/22 - Workshop: Abstract Composition Foundations: Own Your Color, Own Your Space at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 10:30 am-1:30 pm. \$115. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/22 - Workshop: Monotype: Painterly Printmaking at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 1-4 pm. \$75. 561-330-9614;

artswarehouse.org
11/22 - Jarana: Candela le canta al Peru at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$5-\$10. 561-297-6124; fauevents.com
11/22 - Greggie & The Jets - A Tribute to Elton John at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$55-\$60. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org

NOVEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 11/23 - 6th Annual Delray is Going to the Dogs at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Hosted by Pets’ Broward. Noon-4 pm. Free. Info: mbruder@petsbroward.org
11/23 - Trillium Piano Trio at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
11/23 - Delray String Quartet: Masterworks 1 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$35-\$50. 561-808-5084; stpaulsdelray.org
11/23 - Mozart & Tim at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Presented by The Symphonia. 3 pm. Tickets start at \$58. 561-994-4909; thesymphonia.org
11/23 - FAU Band-O-Rama at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real. City of Boca Raton hosts FAU Wind Ensemble, Marching Owls, Jazz Orchestra, Chamber Winds. Bring chairs/blankets. Chairs available for rent \$5/cash. 6 pm doors open; 7 pm concert. Free. 561-393-7890; myboca.us
11/23 - How Sweet It Is! Steve Leslie sings James Taylor at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 11/24 - The Evolution of American Musical Theater w/Aaron Orin at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/24 - Foster and Small Things Likes These by Claire Keegan part of Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0196; delraylibrary.org
11/24 - Monday Movies - Feature Film: The Taste of Things directed by Tran Anh Hung at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 5:30-8 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
11/24-26 - Her Name is Barbra at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Lunchbox noon add-on available. 1 pm. \$45 w/ optional \$10/lunch add-on. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
Tuesday - 11/25 - Cher ... Turning Back Time, Part I w/Robert Versteeg at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
11/25 - Friends Virtual Book Club: Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow: A Novel by Gabriel Zevin presented by Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7968; bocalibrary.org
Thursday - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Day Friday - 11/28 - Matt Stone as Elvis In Person at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/28-30 - The Nutcracker at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater, 20101 Lyons Rd. Boca Raton. Presented by Boca Ballet Theatre and Edith & Martin Stein Family Foundation. Featuring American Ballet Theatre Dancers. 11/28: 7:30 pm; 11/29: 2 pm & 7:30 pm; 11/30: 2 pm. \$25-\$55. 561-995-0709; bocaballet.org.
Saturday - 11/29 - Shop Small 2025 in downtown Delray Beach. Support downtown shops. Get the free mobile pass, check-in at retail stores to earn

points and win gift cards. 561-243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com/ShopSmall
11/29 - Workshop: Mixed Media Nature’s Mandala at Arts Warehouse, 313 NE 3rd St, Delray Beach. Adults. 2-4 pm. \$65. 561-330-9614; artswarehouse.org
11/29 - Beautiful Loser - The Bob Seger Tribute at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
11/29-30 - Boca Ballet Theatre: The Gingerbread Ball at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theater, 20101 Lyons Rd, Boca Raton. Held after the matinee performances of *The Nutcracker*. 4 pm. \$12. 561-995-0709; bocaballet.org

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Sunday - 11/30 - Bob Marley Tribute by Yvad & The Legal Roots at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Monday - 12/1 - Checks and Balances: A Closer Look at Trump’s Presidency w/Kevin Wagner at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/ member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/1 - Genealogy: Discovering and Preserving the Stories of Your Ancestors w/Pam Ricciardi Paschke at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/1 - An Afternoon with Lucille Ball w/Leslie Goddard at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
Tuesday - 12/2 - Book Talks - An Hour to Kill: Death at the Sanatorium by Ragnar Jonasson at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 2-3 pm. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
12/2 - Beginning Tap Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Ages 18+. Every T through 12/16. 5:30-7 pm. \$60/monthly session. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
12/2 - Comedy Open Mic at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Every 1st T 8-10:30 pm. \$10-\$15. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
12/2-3 - “Chai” Fidelity: Our Favorite Jewish Songs and The Stories Behind Them at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$35. 561-272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com
Wednesday - 12/3 - Anne Frank Betrayed w/Rabbi Leon Weissberg at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/3 - The Middle East Between Wars and Freedom w/Walid Phares at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35.20/member; \$44/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/3 - Heartstrings Ukulele Group Performance at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Registration: 561-266-0194; delraylibrary.org
12/3 - Contested Freedoms: White Patriots, Black Loyalists, and the Crisis that Spurred the American Revolution w/Andrew Lawler at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/ member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/3 - Bobby Darin: The Mack of all Music w/Taylor Hagood at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
Thursday - 12/4 - Seminar: Where’s the Party? The Development of Political Parties in America w/Bill Thomas at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10-11:30 am. \$60/annual membership; \$40/member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/4 - OLLI Excursion: Create Your Own Mosaic Lamp at Craft for Art, 141 NW 20th St, Ste F3, Boca Raton. 1-3:30 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$100.50/member;

\$134/non-member. RSVP by 11/5: 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/4 - Comedy, By George! w/Lenny Dave at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/ annual membership; \$30.40/member; \$38/ non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/4 - Exhibition Opening Reception: Fall Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition at FAU Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Runs through 12/17. 4:30-8:30 pm. Free. fau.edu/artsandletters/galleries/exhibitions/
12/4 - Intermediate Tap Class at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. Every Th through 12/18. 5:30-7 pm. \$60/monthly session. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
12/4 - Senior Fraud Protection: A Moderated Discussion at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
12/4 - Bob Dylan: The First Ten Years w/Rod MacDonald & The Humdingers at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35.20/member; \$44/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/4 - Jingle Jams - A Community Open Mic & Art Exhibit at Milagro Center Community Art Garden & Oasis, 695 Auburn Ave, Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. Free. Donations of new/unwrapped present for ages 6-18 or monetary contributions accepted. 561-279-2970; milagrocenter.org/event/jingle-jams
12/4-5 - A Live Radio Play: It’s A Wonderful Life at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Th/F 7:30 pm. \$25. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org
Friday - 12/5 - Seminar: Avian Superpowers: Discovering the Extraordinary Gifts and Abilities of Birds w/Scott Zucker at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 12:30-2 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$40/ member; \$50/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/5 - Words ... Alive! A Dramatic Reading of The Light of Luna Park at FAU Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 3-4:30 pm. \$60/annual membership; \$35.20/member; \$44/non-member. 561-297-3185; olli.fau.edu
12/5 - Exhibition Opening Reception: HumanUnity by Debra Robert at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth Beach. Runs through 1/11. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 561-471-2901; palmbeachculture.com
12/5 - Lemon City Trio at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$31.70. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com
12/5 – The Art of Laughter with Headliner Rich Aronovitch featuring Brittany Brave at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
Saturday - 12/6 - Ceramics by You Class at Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, 125 E Ocean Ave. Ages 18+. Held again 12/20 1-2:30 pm. Per class \$15/resident; \$19/non-resident. Registration: 561-742-6221; boynton-beach.org
12/6 - Mark Binder - A Story Central Performance at Boca Raton Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4:30 pm. Free. 561-393-7906; bocalibrary.org
12/6 - Late Night Catechism at The Studio at Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 3 pm & 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$56.05. 561-203-3742; thestudioatmiznerpark.com
12/6 - Holiday Pops with The Symphonia at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15 and up. 561-994-4909; thesymphonia.org
12/6 - Cortadito - A Tribute to the Buena Vista Social Club at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$50-\$55. 561-450-6357; artsgarage.org
12/6-7 - 25th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Art Festival, 401 E Atlantic. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 561-746-6615; artfestival.com
12/6-7 - My Son The Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy & Still Not Famous at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Sat: 7:30 pm; Sat/Sun: 2 pm. \$45-\$65. 561-586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

House of the Month



LEFT: Step outside to enjoy a rebuilt marble pool and sun deck surrounding the heated pool. **RIGHT:** A newly constructed balcony with sleek modern railings, waterproof materials, and upper-level access is ideal for soaking in waterfront views.



This residence blends thoughtful, high-end updates throughout. It has 90 feet of water frontage with a 40-foot private dock just a stone's throw from the Intracoastal Waterway.

Boca Keys waterfront redesign



The primary bedroom suite is upstairs. It overlooks the water from several vantage points via the balcony and floor-to-ceiling windows.

This fully renovated 3,603 total square foot waterfront home is in East Boca Raton's highly sought-after Boca Keys community on a cul-de-sac at 872 Gloucester St. Inside, you'll find four bedrooms and four baths with contemporary amenities in a seamless combination of porcelain tile and white oak flooring, a custom floating staircase crafted from white oak with open risers, and a dedicated wine cellar.

The home is outfitted with code-compliant PGT hurricane impact windows and doors to ensure top-tier storm protection. The open kitchen has been completely remodeled, featuring premium cabinetry, quartz countertops, top-of-the-line appliances, and a stylish designer backsplash.

Step outside to a brand-new paver circular driveway and a three-car attached garage. A new concrete tile roof adds the finishing touch, making this home truly move-in ready.

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