

## Hurricane Irene

The coastal communities caught the wave of Hurricane Irene as the storm moved through the Bahamas. A look at Irene's local impact, PAGE 11

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Photo by Tim Stepien



## Boca Raton



Diane Hoffman presented more than 200 signatures to the P&Z board opposing the expansion of the property. Photo by Jerry Lower

## Petitioners fail to sway P&Z Board

By Mary Thurwachter

A plan to expand and redevelop a building on East Palmetto Park Road narrowly won approval from the Planning and Zoning Board after dozens of merchants and neighbors voiced opposition.

The plan, presented during an Aug. 18 meeting at City Hall, calls for a 777-square-foot addition to the building at 831 E. Palmetto Park Road.

Armen Batmasian of Investments Limited, owner of the property, said the building and the shopping center are outdated, and the company has been struggling to find tenants.

Approval of the plan, the residents said, would bring a 7-Eleven convenience store to the store space, when the

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## County seeks grant to increase public access to waterway

By Steve Plunkett

The county plans to convert an overgrown spoil island in Lake Wyman into a seagrass restaurant for manatees and a picnic site for humans, if enough money can be found.

Rob Robbins, deputy director of the county's Environmental Resources Management Department, said his staff is "right now in a competitive grant mode" to win \$2.1 million from the Florida Inland Navigation District, the taxing body that maintains the Intracoastal Waterway and owns the spoil island.

The project would also need \$419,000 in matching money from the county and \$419,000 from the city, the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District or some other local source, Robbins said. The county must have state and federal permits in hand to meet FIND's Sept. 27 application deadline.

"We've been moving as quickly as we can to try and qualify for funding," Robbins told the Boca Raton City Council at its July 25 workshop.

County Commissioner Steven Abrams said residents had asked him to find a way to clean up Lake Wyman Park and neighboring Rutherford Park on the west side of the Intracoastal.

"It was a mess," Abrams said. "The canoe trails had clogged up, the exotics were taking over, the mangroves were deteriorating. It was even a focal point for some criminal activity."

The project would remove 11 acres

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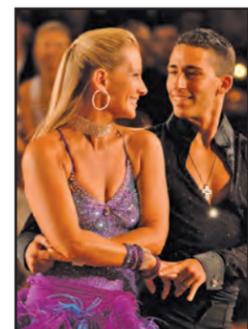
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## Coastal Star



Artist Yaacov Heller created a painting of Jackie Evancho singing with the Boca Raton Symphonia at Festival of the Arts Boca. The Symphonia will use the painting as a fundraiser, selling it to a donor it hopes will license back giclée prints that can be sold. Photo by Tim Stepien

## Artist donates his efforts for good causes

By Paula Detwiller

When 10-year-old singing sensation Jackie Evancho performed with the Boca Raton Symphonia at Festival of the Arts Boca in March, internationally renowned local artist Yaacov Heller was not there.

"I had tickets and was looking forward to going," Heller, a Boca Raton resident, says. "I'm a big fan of Jackie's. But I had twin grandsons being born in Israel, so I flew to Tel Aviv to see them and had to miss the performance."

You wouldn't know it by looking at Heller's re-creation of the performance on canvas. His 40- by 60-inch painting shows Evancho center stage surrounded by the orchestra, with lights strung in the background and the Centre for the Arts logo hanging above.

Heller's friend and fellow Rotarian Steve Pomeranz, president of the Symphonia's board of directors, suggested Heller make the painting as a fundraising mechanism for the orchestra.

"The idea is that someone can actually own the painting in exchange for a substantial donation," Heller says, "and then license it to the

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Symphonia to make a limited number of giclée prints on canvas. I will hand-embellish and sign each one to make them more valuable. You'll hardly be able to tell them apart from the original."

Heller, 70, says investing his time in such a worthy cause is "what Rotarians do." When he's not sculpting, painting or making his signature silver jewelry at his art gallery/studio — Gallery 22 in the Royal Palm Place shopping center — Heller works on Rotary initiatives.

He helps raise money to send talented local kids to college.

He plans fundraisers for Home Safe, a nonprofit that provides care and treatment to abused, neglected and abandoned children in Palm Beach County.

And lately he's been promoting and co-sponsoring Wednesday night "Jazz, Bossa and Blues" performances held at the top of the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel.

Heller's artistic talents emerged at a young age. His

family ran a hardware store in his native Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He would tinker in the back room, making animal sculptures with scraps of glass, pipe and metal.

"One day I came home from kindergarten with a small clay elephant. My parents said, 'Take this back to whoever you stole it from.' I said, 'No, I made this.'" His parents enrolled him in an after-school program at the Cleveland Museum School of Art.

Following high school and a stint in the U.S. Navy, Heller joined his family in Florida and became a high-end Miami Beach hair stylist, sculpting hair instead of clay. In 1972 he moved to Israel, where his eldest sister was raising her family on a kibbutz. Heller set up a workshop in Jerusalem and began to sculpt figures and scenes from the Bible.

One of Heller's proudest works is a sculpture of David and Goliath commissioned by former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin and given to President Gerald Ford during a White House visit in 1974. "David and Goliath was an analogy for the state of Israel," he says. "A small country surrounded by great oppressors." ★

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## Editorial

### Your newspaper is celebrating its first birthday

Let us be the first to extend birthday wishes to Boca Raton philanthropist Countess Henrietta de Hoernle, who turns 99 later this month.

The countess has been doing good in Boca Raton since she and her husband moved here in the 1980s and will be honored by friends and fans at Mizner Park Amphitheater on Sept. 24, when a large statue of the couple will be unveiled with names of the buildings they have endowed over the years engraved on the granite base.

Here at *The Coastal Star*, we're marking a birthday, too.

It's been exactly one year since the Boca/Highland Beach edition of *The Coastal Star* launched.

If you've had a chance to see our core edition, which covers the coastal communities from South Palm Beach to Delray Beach, you'll see that while some of our features are shared, most of the stories in your newspaper are unique and

geared toward folks like you who live in eastern Boca Raton and Highland Beach.

We have our own Coastal Star of the Month. We have our own Meet Your Neighbor. Both of these features give you (and us) a chance to get to know some of our neighbors.

Our seasoned and award-winning journalists continue to cover what matters most to you, from local government to the environment to schools to special events.

It's been a good year and it just keeps getting better. It's been especially good to get to meet so many of you. We look forward to more of that.

In the meantime, we remain committed to providing local news, information and advertising to you, our coastal neighbors in Boca Raton and Highland Beach.



— Mary Thurwachter, managing editor

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By tasting samples of Delray Beach's water gathered from Gulf Stream Town Hall [*Whose water tastes best?*, August 2011] we may have implied that all of Delray Beach's water would taste the same regardless of where the sample was gathered. A more comprehensive sampling may have been to

gather water from the city halls in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach as well from the coastal towns.

*The Coastal Star* article described a purely subjective taste test and in no way suggested that any municipal water was unsafe to drink.

## Local Voices

### 9/11 a time for reflection, reminder of need for Real ID

September is a transitional month for Americans. We celebrate Labor Day, enjoy the start of autumn, and football season begins. In Florida, September is also viewed with caution as it's the peak month of hurricane season.

For all of us, the events that occurred on 9/11 10 years ago gave September an entirely different meaning.

Most people remember exactly where they were the moment we learned that American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. America had been attacked by terrorists, who had boarded and hijacked planes and turned them into weapons of mass destruction.

The terrorists were able to operate openly and escape detection in part because they secured legal state driver's licenses and ID cards. A driver license not only grants driving privileges, it also serves as an identification to access a variety of banking, retail, transportation and community services and benefits. It presumes legitimacy of the holder.

Thirteen of the 19 9/11 terrorists secured Florida driver licenses and IDs. Eight of these terrorists had lived in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach and three in Hollywood.

Before 9/11, many people viewed the issuing of driver's licenses or state ID cards as a clerical task — if they thought about it at all. Some saw this as a simple "administrative" function.

Now we know better. Post-9/11, driver licenses and ID card issuing has become part of our national security system. Constitutional tax collectors are now part of that "security system" because the Florida

Legislature transferred these services to us in 2010.

The federal Real ID Act requires that every person prove his or her identity to receive a state driver license or ID card. That requires everyone to visit a service center with specific and original documents. The Department of Homeland Security requires proof of birth, Social Security and residence.

You have until 2014 (50 or younger) or 2017 (50 or older) to comply. After 2017, possession of a Real ID will be required to board a commercial flight or enter a federal building.

The Real ID security process has resulted in a dramatic increase in people coming to our offices. We have longer lines and wait times. The increase is temporary, though, because a person only has to become Real ID compliant once. We expect the crowds to diminish after 2017, because users will be able to renew online.

Our staff works hard to process residents' Real ID driver license or ID card as quickly as possible. Readers can help by taking the time to prepare and by bringing the correct documents.

Our website, at [www.taxcollectorpbc.com](http://www.taxcollectorpbc.com), has a listing of the documents.

Terrorists murdered 2,977 innocents on 9/11. The death toll didn't stop there. America was soon at war. More than 6,000 members of our armed services have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11. My prayers are with the surviving families and friends. As Americans we feel their loss and hope to see the safe return of our troops serving abroad in the very near future.

— Anne M. Gannon,  
Palm Beach County tax collector

## Highland Beach

### Police chief's rescue wins him lifesaving award

Highland Beach Police Chief Craig Hartmann was presented a framed Lifesaving Award at the Town Commission's regular meeting in August for helping to save a resident from jumping from a 10-story building in June.

Hartmann "personally took charge" of a difficult situation, "one that if not handled correctly could have disastrous consequences," Assistant Delray Beach Fire Chief Russ Accardi said. The Delray Beach department provides Highland Beach with fire-rescue services.

Hartmann said that fire-rescue officials and other police officers were involved in the incident.

"That was very nice, unexpected of you. [I'm] very appreciative, very humbled by that award," Hartmann told the Delray Beach fire officials.

Hartmann became Highland Beach's police chief in January 2008 after more than 26 years with the Delray Beach Police Department, where he rose from rookie to deputy chief.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy with a bachelor's degree in organizational resource management from Palm Beach Atlantic University and a master's in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University.

— Steve Plunkett

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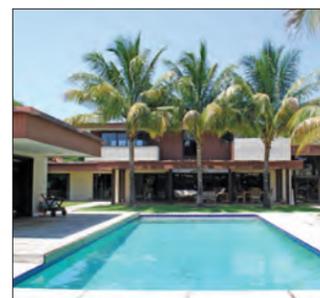
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## Around Town

## Club manager's quick-step a winner at Ballroom Battle

A community the size of **Boca West** couldn't get by without a ballroom, but if club manager **Jay DiPietro** is on the dance floor, he's probably scurrying somewhere. Not much time for dancing.

Still, when summoned to compete in the **Fourth Annual Boca's Ballroom Battle** to benefit the **George Snow Scholarship Fund**, Jay was on his toes.

Before an SRO crowd of 763 including 14 tables of supporters at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club** Aug. 19, Jay's cabaret quick-step was judged best among the four male dancers. The \$36,000 he raised was tops, too!

When tapped as a contestant earlier in the year, veteran community activist **Pat Thomas** declared she was "in it to win it." Well, her cha cha wasn't the best dance — that honor went to rhumbaing financial manager and Junior League President **Jackie Reeves** — but the \$49,000 she raised was tops over-all.

As usual, the judges were assisted by a real pro — from TV's *Dancing With the Stars*. This year it was the glamorous **Chelsie Hightower**.



Hightower

The event raised a record \$211,000 for the fund. Entering its 30th year, it has awarded nearly \$5 million in college scholarships to 1,236 students.

A few weeks earlier, another standing-room-only crowd packed **Mizner Park Amphitheater**. The occasion was the first-ever tour concert for **Selena Gomez**, the hottest topic in female popdom. Rising to the elevated stage by hydraulic lift, the just-turned-19 Gomez opened with *A Year Without Rain*. Late she sang a medley by another pop princess who made a similar tour debut in June 1999 at **Pompano Beach Amphitheater** — **Britney Spears**.

Gomez appeared to have borrowed some costuming ideas from Spears, too. She opened in a Bob Mackie-ish Vegas showgirl costume that would have made **Cher** proud and later switched to a shredded fabric skirt and overly-padded, sequined bra. Her voice was strong but she seemed nervous and not yet at home with the choreography required of a full-bore tour. In a word, she was stiff.

In one nice touch, Gomez's pre-concert sound check was open and lots of lucky fans were able to watch at the edge of the stage as she rehearsed in gray backless T-shirt and



Jay DiPietro struts his stuff on the dance floor with Pam Casanave, co-owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Boca Raton.



cutoff jeans. She even shared the mic with them.

Oh yeah, and backstage through all this ... boyfriend **Justin Bieber** and his bud, singer **Sean Kingston**. They show up in some of the online videos, which include a nice pre-show, hand-holding pep talk by Gomez. However, no one connected with the tour or the amphitheater would confirm Internet reports that Bieber "narrowly missing

being trampled by a crowd of screaming teenage girls" who forced him to rush him backstage and to flee to a waiting car.

Next up at the amphitheater on Sept. 10, catch **Chick Corea** with **Return to Forever**. Rejoining keyboard wiz Corea are original RTF members **Lenny White** on drums and **Stanley**



LEFT: Junior League President Jackie Reeves gets a lift from her dance partner Ivan Rivera on her way to winning the womens dance competition. ABOVE: Supporters of Pat Thomas who raised \$49,000 to benefit the George Snow Foundation, brought pom-poms and a sign to show their support. Photos by Jerry Lower

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**Clarke** on bass, plus violinist **Jean-Luc Ponty** and guitarist **Frank Gambale**. Opening the show is **Dweezil Zappa's** Grammy-winning *Zappa Plays Zappa*, a celebration of his father's music.

Heading west, season tickets at a 25 percent discount are going fast for the "Live at Lynn" series at **Lynn University's Wold**

**Performing Arts Center**, which opens Oct. 15 and 16 with **Clint Holmes**, and follows Nov. 12 and 13 with **The Capitol Steps**.

Also on the bill this season are **Bravo Amici**, Jan. 21 and 22. **Five Guys Named Joe**, Feb. 11 and 12, **Jack Jones**, Feb. 25 and 26, **Florida Grand Opera Young Artists**, March 17 and 18, **The Beatlemaniacs**, March 31 and April 1 and **David Osborne**,



Band Boosters for Boca Raton High School's Marching Band host a dinner, concert and auction Sept. 24 at the school. The event includes an evening of performances by the symphonic and jazz bands, as well as a pasta dinner. Tickets are \$20. **LEFT:** At a recent practice Evan Stoltz on bass guitar and **RIGHT:** Rachel Hornbeck on mellophone and Martin Gelwasser on baritone. **Photos by Jerry Lower**

April 10. (www.lynnntix.com).

At the other end of **Mizner Park**, the long-vacant second floor of the building formerly occupied by the **International Museum of Cartoon Art** is taking a dramatic turn times two.

Revived as the **Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center**, the fully equipped studio theater will be occupied by two groups: **Caldwell 2@ Mizner**, a spinoff of **Caldwell Theatre Co.**, and **Parade Productions**, a new venture headed by **Kim St. Leon**.

Caldwell 2 held a reception and preview Aug. 19; now it's up to artistic coordinator **Kenneth Kay** to assemble a lineup. (www.caldwelltheatre.com).

Parade, on the other hand, will debut Jan. 26 with local vet **Avi Hoffman** in Donald Margulies' *Brooklyn Boy* for a two-week run. (www.paradeproductions.org)

If you've strolled around **Royal Palm Place** lately, you couldn't miss the life-sized statue of Boca Raton's philanthropists **Count** and **Countess de Hoernle** outside **Yaacov Heller's Gallery 22**. The statue, created by Heller, has been there since June, but at 3 p.m. on Sept. 24 it will be formally dedicated at **Mizner Park Amphitheater** to mark Countess Henrietta de Hoernle's 99th birthday.



Yaacov Heller's statue of the Count and Countess de Hoernle stands at Royal Palm Place. **Photo provided**

(Count Adolph de Hoernle died in 1998). The artwork will remain at the amphitheatre next to the stage.

The granite foundation will be engraved with names of all the buildings the couple financed over the years.

Boca restaurants will be busy this month with special promotions — "**Dine Around the World**" in east Boca and **Tastemakers** in Mizner Park.

For the entire month, 21 restaurants in east Boca from **Gary Woo's** (3400 N. Federal Highway) to **Rocksteady Jamaican Café** (1179 S.

Federal) are offering special prix fixe meals. The tabs range from \$7.99 for a three-course lunch at **Boca Skewers** to \$49 for a three-course chef's tasting at **Chops Lobster Bar**. For a full list, call 392-8920

The third annual **Tastemakers of Boca**, Sept. 13 and 14, will feature progressive tastings and cocktails at 11 Mizner Park restaurants. A VIP ticket (\$30) is good for one sampling plate and one drink at each spot, including **Max's Grille, Racks, Uncle Julio's, The Dubliner** and Mizner's newest, **Kapow! Noodle Bar**. Ticket holders also can take advantage of **Tastemaker specials** at each restaurant through Oct. 31. For more info, go to [www.ggp.com](http://www.ggp.com).

Unfortunately, business didn't go and better the second time around for **Old Town Tavern**. Located a block north of Palmetto Park Road on Dixie, the former steakhouse was revived last spring as a family-friendly sports bar. In a move unusual in South Florida's whacky restaurant market, the management had the decency to send out an email announcing it would close Aug. 3.

**Chris Evert** thought she was going to have old rival **Steffi Graf** on the court with her in November at the 2011

**Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** in Delray Beach. Not to worry, she's lined up plenty of other stars.

Thus far the list includes a healthy list of TV and film stars including **Elisabeth Shue** (Oscar nominee for *Leaving Las Vegas*), **Christian Slater** ("Oz" in TV's *Breaking In*), **Scott Foley** (*Grey's Anatomy, Cougar Town*), **Jeffrey Donovan** (*Burn Notice*) and NBC's **Hoda Kotb**, who'll no doubt grab some cuddle time with new boyfriend, Boca Raton attorney **Jay Blumenkopf**.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event is set for Nov. 11-13, with the celebrity gala on Nov. 12 at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. More at [www.chrisevert.org](http://www.chrisevert.org).

Taking civic duty to a new level. Office holders worthy of election should be able to take a few shots, but can they pour a decent one? On Sept. 21 the mayors of south county's big three — Boynton's **Jose Rodriguez**, Delray's **Woodie McDuffie** and Boca's **Susan Whelchel** — will test their skills as guest bartenders at **Bru's Room** in Delray. The first "**Mayors Throwdown for the Arts**," a benefit for Delray's **Plumosa School of the Arts**, goes from 5 to 7 p.m.. Tips and a percentage of the take will go toward a bus to transport students for field trips and performances.



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## Boca Raton

# Golf course sale suggested, but not likely

By Margie Plunkett

Boca Raton leaders looking for creative ways to drive revenue up in another tight budget year have raised the possibility of selling a city golf course.

The idea came up at a recent council meeting, during which members struggled with covering ever increasing revenues without raising taxes — or dipping further into the city's reserves.

"I feel strongly about looking at alternate ways of raising money," said council member Constance Scott, pushing to get an appraisal of the property and to look at alternatives for the property.

Selling a property could raise cash, but the city

manager, residents and fellow lawmakers offered cautions against considering filling budget coffers with one-time income generators, such as sale of the city-owned golf course.

The city-owned and operated greens are Boca Raton Municipal Championship/ Executive Golf Courses at 8111 Golf Course Road, which is on the north side of Glades and west of the turnpike, and Red Reef Park Executive Course at 1221 N. Ocean Blvd.

While selling a property can provide needed revenue, City Manager Leif Ahnell said the danger in relying on a one-time gain: There may not be future options for replacing that income stream or the expenses that have since grown.

Mayor Susan Whelchel

didn't think it likely a property would sell fast enough to generate revenue for the budget that has to be approved by September. "I'm not interested in talking about the golf course," she said during the same meeting. "You're not going to sell it in time for this tax year. Let's live with what's in front of us rather than pie in the sky — something that can be done quickly."

Resident Lenore Wachtel urged council to hold on to its courses, listing a host of reasons it's not time to sell. Golf courses enhance Boca Raton's prestige and are important to corporations with a presence here or that might want to move here. Hard assets like property are more attractive than soft assets, like

the dollar, right now, Wachtel said.

Besides providing enjoyment for residents, the golf course produces income, has paid off its municipal bonds and it has reserves, she said.

With the economy still lackluster, the course "is still having problems, but what doesn't?" Wachtel asked. "I don't hear anyone talk about selling City Hall. I don't think you should sell the municipal golf courses either."

The resident also pointed out that the property has appreciated tremendously since purchased — and the city would have to answer to the public about what it would do with the dollars from such a property sale.

Meanwhile, the city won't

get the price the property is worth by selling into the weak market, Wachtel said. "Commercial is certainly at a low and it's not time to do something," she said. "It's not a good time to lease or sell. Those people forced to are selling at bargain prices."

A quick search of the Internet also indicates that if the city put its golf course on the market, it wouldn't be alone.

One website indicated the 55-acre Boca Raton Executive County Club course recently was for sale. The course, which is east of I-95, has been closed since it was damaged by a hurricane years ago. A fire ravaged the country club in December.

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of exotic vegetation, mostly Australian pine and Brazilian pepper, from FIND's island and two smaller spoil islands created in the 1930s as the Intracoastal was dredged. Then approximately 72,000 cubic yards of spoil material would be excavated to create mangrove and seagrass habitat and maritime hammock. The excavated earth would be spread over Lake Wyman Park to elevate ball fields and reduce flooding.

The FIND island will be scooped out to create a 3.3-acre seagrass basin for manatees to munch on. A dock on the island's east side will provide six slips for day boaters. Upland areas will have picnic tables and a crushed-rock road for emergency and maintenance vehicles.

About one mile of the canoe

trail system would be restored to increase tidal flushing around mangroves and make the trail passable at low tide.

The existing boardwalk would be extended to reach the picnic areas, two beach areas and an observation platform near the shore opposite Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

Robbins tried to allay residents' concerns that the seagrass would draw manatees too close to boat motors at the day slips.

"So far we haven't had any negative interactions between boats and manatees at other projects — Ocean Ridge, Juno Beach, some others like it," he said at an Aug. 16 informational meeting.

The navigation district has seagrass beds at Ocean Ridge and Juno Beach to mitigate possible damage to seagrass during routine dredging of the Intracoastal. The Lake Wyman project would become its south county sanctuary.



The existing boardwalk areas of the parks would be expanded to provide more access to picnic areas and the mangrove stands. Photo by Jerry Lower

Robbins also said the plan had changed to accommodate residents south of the project.

The boat slips at first were planned for the south end, then moved to the eastern side.

After the City Council presentation, the seagrass lagoon and picnic areas were

reconfigured to move the access road farther from the neighbors.

Neither the county nor the city has made a presentation to the Beach and Park District yet.

"We'll hear about it when they need money," beach-park Commissioner Dirk Smith said.

Assistant City Manager Mike Woika told residents at the Aug. 16 meeting that Boca Raton's proposed 2012 budget does not have money for Lake Wyman, but said the City Council could change that during hearings in September.

## 7-ELEVEN:

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shopping area already has two convenience stores and doesn't want or need a third.

The vote to approve was 4-3, with Grace Johnson, Arnold Sevell and Kenny Koen dissenting.

Board member Steve Utrech said he liked the idea of money being put into redeveloping the area and hated to tell any developer "that we don't want to move the ball forward."

But even before the steady stream of residents opposing the site plan could speak, board member Grace Johnson and city planner Daryl Johnson made it clear that the board had no control over the use of the building.

The zoning code determines use, Grace Johnson said. So a 7-Eleven could go in with or without the proposed expansion.

Expansion of the retail area is the first step in a plan



The proposed expansion also calls for a facelift for the building.

to redevelop the entire city block, said Douglas Mummaw, architect for Investments Limited.

"We propose to completely reform this aging asset into something that retail businesses, both local and national businesses, would want to lease and then serve the neighboring community," Mummaw said.

"The project before you is a very simple request," Mummaw

said. "We're asking for an increase of less than five and a half percent of the overall density to expand our retail area in this one particular building."

The plan, which includes a façade remodel, also calls for four handicap-accessible parking spaces where there were none, circulation routes and an articulation of entrance points to Palmetto Park Road, Mummaw said.

It reconfigures the parking lots to provide 74 spaces, where only 67 are required according to shared parking calculations. A new bus stop would also be added.

Five residential units occupy the second floor. A lease has not yet been signed for the first floor of the building, Mummaw said.

But many residents at the meeting weren't buying that, saying maybe a lease with 7-Eleven hadn't been signed yet, but surely it would be.

Diane Hoffman, owner of the Boca Beach House at 887 E. Palmetto Park Road, delivered a petition signed by more than 200 residents opposed to a 7-Eleven moving in to the shopping area. She said she had spoken to Batmasian and he told her about his desire to lease the building to 7-Eleven.

"We don't want this for several reasons," Hoffman, whose home is directly behind the building set for expansion, said.

She said she worries about delivery trucks' light coming into her home at night, property values dropping, not enough parking and vagrants hanging out around the store.

Hoffman's husband, Howard Hoffman, asked that the vote be postponed until February.

"No one has been notified and I think this has been done strategically when people aren't here. I'd like a traffic report done when there is traffic," he said. (A traffic study was done in late April).

City staff said proper notice had been given with signs posted and newspaper notification. But merchants argued that the signs weren't up long enough and many hadn't seen them.

Doris Majhess, a local Realtor, said a 7-Eleven with increased parking demands could hurt real estate values in the area.

"People pay big money to live here and they won't with a 7-Eleven," Majhess said.

## Boca Raton

# Higher property tax rate and fire-services fee help balance budget

By Angie Francalancia

Average taxpayers in Boca Raton would pay about \$52 more to the city in the budget year that begins Oct. 1 under a plan presented by City Manager Leif Ahnell that combines increased property taxes and higher fire-service fees.

In a budget workshop in late August, Ahnell outlined how a property tax rate of \$3.51 per \$1,000 of taxable value plus an additional \$20 for fire service would fill the hole in Boca Raton's \$120 million operating budget. In addition to cutting expenses and raising taxes, Boca Raton would use \$1 million from its reserves to fill a gap between dollars and

expenses that started out as a \$7 million shortfall.

The budget includes \$3.1 million in increased expenses, mostly for public safety salaries and pension benefits, but city officials also cut nearly \$2.7 million for a net increase in spending of about \$385,000.

While Councilman Anthony Majhess objected to increasing the fire-service fee — a move he describes as circumventing increases to the property tax rate — other council members said they believe the fees are a fairer way of ensuring everyone pay equally for the service.

The owner of a home with a taxable value of \$300,000 would pay to the city \$1,053 in

taxes — \$32 more than last year if property values remained the same — and an \$80 fire service fee, up \$20 from last year's \$60 fee.

Overall, property values dropped about 2.2 percent, meaning some people's taxes might be lower. But owners of homesteaded properties capped by Florida's Save Our Homes Act would continue to pay increases in taxes if the property's capped value is lower than its appraised value.

City officials believe the higher tax rate, coupled with cuts in spending will bring the budget more closely in line for the future, Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said.

"Next year we expect kind

of another break-even year. If you look at property values now, we're still seeing some drops. We're looking at another flat, slightly down year before things start to go in the other direction. So these proposed adjustments get us through the flat years," Woika said.

Boca Raton saw new construction offset some of the existing properties' decrease in value, for a net decrease of only .65 percent, Ahnell said.

Most of the \$3.1 million increase in spending is for fire and police salaries and pension obligation, Ahnell said. That portion amounts to \$2.9 million. To find those dollars, Ahnell said, he cut \$2.7 million from the budget,

including reducing what was spent last year for property insurance, liability insurance, workers' comp insurance and facilities maintenance costs.

The budget amounts to the fifth straight year of cuts, and a 22 percent reduction in expenses since 2008, Ahnell said.

"Cutting these amounts of money are having significant affects on services," he said. "If we cut anymore, it will affect services."

"This should not be a surprise to anybody. There is no money for anything new," he said.

Boca Raton will hold public hearings on the budget on Sept. 12 and 26. ★

## New tanks take shape at Gumbo Limbo

Work continues on the sea tank project at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, which will mean four new saltwater tanks — two shallow and two deep.

The tanks will have side-viewing windows and have a hard roof with fans and lights, says Stefanie Ouellette, nature center manager. The deep tanks will have a second-story viewing gallery.

Partly funded by a \$1 million put aside by the Boca Raton Beach

and Park District, the tank project is expected to be finished in February. Brang Construction of Boca Raton is doing the work.

Friends of Gumbo Limbo, the nature center's fundraising arm, has committed to raising \$300,000 to provide replica habitats, native residents and interactive displays for the new tanks.

To date, \$145,000 has been raised.

In the meantime, Gumbo

Limbo continues with its regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday), programs and tours.

The old turtle tanks have been moved off-site to house FAU research animals and Gumbo Limbo animals that can't be released. Turtle walks and hatchling releases continue as scheduled.



Workers from Brang Construction build new tanks at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Photo by Mary Thurwachter

— Staff report



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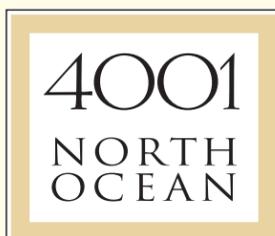
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## Boca Raton

### Open house to mark 85th birthday of Addison building

The Boca Raton Historical Society and the Addison will celebrate the 85th anniversary of the historic Mizner Development Corp. administration building, now home to the Addison restaurant.

The event will feature complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and tours of the historic Mizner-designed building.

Famed Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner brought the little farming town of Boca Raton to national attention in

1925 with his Boca Raton development project.

All of the Florida-boom era projects boasted an administration building to house its offices and task force. Mizner designed the headquarters for his Mizner Development Corp. based on El Greco's house in Toledo, Spain, for a location at Camino Real and Dixie Highway.

Completed in 1926, the "Ad Building" boasted an alfresco restaurant in the courtyard, where Mizner was known to "do lunch."

Today the building is listed



The planning committee for the Addison's 85th birthday poses in front of the historic structure at 2 East Camino Real, Boca Raton. From left: Patrick Duffy, Addison executive chef; Chasity Navarro, Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce; Susan Gillis, Boca Raton Historical Society; Helene Parsons, the Addison; Mary Csar, Boca Raton Historical Society; Cindy Knecht, the Addison; Cody Tomczyk. Photo provided

on the National Register of Historic Places, one of the few Mizner-designed public buildings still standing and an icon of the city's glamorous

boom-time heritage.

The open house will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Addison, 2 E. Camino Real. Cost is \$10 per guest

and proceeds will benefit the Boca Raton Historical Society and Museum. RSVP to the Addison at 372-0568.

— Staff report

## Highland Beach

### Town clerk, not taxpayers, to pay her legal fees

By Steve Plunkett

Taxpayers will not pick up the \$6,000 legal bill Town Clerk Beverly Brown incurred fighting a one-month suspension for sending offensive emails at work on her official computer.

"I decided it wouldn't be appropriate," Town Attorney Tom Sliney said following the

Town Commission's Aug. 30 workshop. The issue was not discussed at the meeting.

Sliney reasoned Highland Beach should not pay Brown's legal fees, Brown said, because she admitted sending the emails, a violation of town policy.

Former Town Manager Dale Sugerman told Brown in January he planned to suspend

her for a month without pay after she mistakenly emailed him jokes about Canadians not being politically correct. Sugerman investigated and found more jokes, some "sexually-oriented or defamatory," that Brown had forwarded at work, including one alluding to President Obama and using the N-word.

But before he could suspend

her, Sugerman was suspended — with pay — until his contract expired June 30. Town commissioners hired Kathleen Weiser, a former assistant Charlotte County manager, as his replacement.

Former Commissioner John Sorrelli, who while in office made the formal motions to suspend Sugerman and not extend his contract, led the

charge in asking Highland Beach to pay Brown's attorney fees, which nearly equal her \$6,200-a-month salary.

"She should be reimbursed. It was not her fault; she had nothing to do with it. Let's bring this town back to the peace we had in town before," Sorrelli said at the commission's Aug. 2 meeting.

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Coasting Along

Boutique proves it's sew true — sewing is fun!

By Liz Best

Even if you don't consider yourself a seamstress, the first thing you feel when you walk into Lori Wyllie's sewing shop is a sense of happiness.

The walls are lined with vibrant bolts of fabric, brightly colored buttons, spools of thread and other sewing notions. A bulletin board is plastered with pictures of smiling children wearing their latest creations from Wyllie's summer sewing camp.

The second thing you notice is Wyllie herself, a 56-year-old mother of one who opened Sew Much Fun and More on Federal Highway in Boca Raton last November.

Wyllie has been sewing since she was a child and her joy in being the owner and teacher in her own boutique is written all over her smiling face.

But Wyllie didn't parlay her love of sewing into a business opportunity until she retired from a nearly 20-year corporate career. And she seems to know how to get people into her shop — and how to keep them coming back.

Not only does she sell fabric and notions, she also has an inventory of high-end Brother sewing machines for sale and offers group and private lessons for budding seamstresses of pretty much any age.

Her summer sewing camp, Project Runway, attracted girls ranging in age from 8 to 14. Her individual classes and adult group lessons are popular

with people who are looking to revamp their wardrobes with something of their own creation that costs only a fraction of department store prices.

"I mean, you can spend \$35 on fabric and make your own or you can go to Macy's and spend \$100 on a dress," said Wyllie, who lives in Boca Raton with her husband, Mark.

She saw a resurgence of interest in sewing over the past few years, which she says is based on a pretty simple string of events.

Many female Baby Boomers, after choosing the briefcase and office job over domestic activities, are now staring at an empty nest and have the time and money to pay for classes to learn the basics of sewing.

Wyllie also says the lousy economy has more people taking inventory of clothes they already have and looking for ways to revamp them.

Wyllie feels lucky to have learned the beauty of mastering her own wardrobe at an early age.

Her first sewing memory was when she was 2 years old. Her grandmother had a now-classic Singer sewing machine and Wyllie played on the machine's treadle — while her grandmother was using it.

"She obviously found that annoying, so one day she pulled me up into her lap and started showing me how to use it," said Wyllie.

Wyllie's light-bulb moment came in second grade when her



Lori Wyllie (center), owner of Sew Much Fun & More, a sewing store in Boca Raton, is pictured with some of her more youthful sewing students (back row, from left): Kaitlyn Blade, 13, Deerfield Beach; Minami Guido, 12, Boca Raton; Megan McGuire, 14, Boca Raton; Brittany English, 20, FAU student (assistant); (front row, from left), Kayla Belafonte-Young, 11, Boca Raton; Ricca Lopatukhin, 9, Boca Raton; and Victoria Fusco, 12, Boca Raton. Photos by Tim Stepien

mother gave her an ultimatum: "She said, 'You can either have your sister's hand-me-downs or I'll get you some fabric and teach you how to sew.'"

Wyllie chose the make-your-own-clothes route and by the time she was 12, had graduated from simple projects like skirts to a sophisticated pink suit.

When she launched her summer camp for kids, Wyllie offered theme classes such as Re-Do Re-Use Week (bring in dad's old shirt and turn it

into a cute dress), Look Ma No Pattern Week (work with ideas rather than patterns) and Pay It Ahead Week (make items to donate to charity).

And her group and individual lessons attract people of all ages — kids, Baby Boomers and grandmothers.

Advertising executive Barbara Giannattasio of Boca Raton is one of the Baby Boomers who takes adult group lessons on Saturday mornings. So far, Giannattasio, who

had never sewed a stitch before last January, has made two blouses, a skirt and is working on a dress made from an organic cotton blend fabric she found in Wyllie's shop.

She says Wyllie is the perfect teacher, with the patience of Job and an encyclopedic knowledge of her craft.

"She knows everything." ★

In Coasting Along, our writers stop to reflect on life along the shore.

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His appeal was echoed in quick succession by former Mayor Harold Hagelmann, onetime commission candidate Joe Yucht and former Vice Mayor Joseph Asselta.

Commissioners balked at immediately approving the request.

Acting Finance Director Cale Curtis assured them the current budget had enough money set aside, but they asked Sliney to investigate whether Highland Beach's insurance policy would cover the bill.

An independent hearing officer reviewed the case in April and sided with Brown's lawyer and Sliney, saying the proposed suspension without pay was "draconian."

"I am absolutely reversing the punishment," said hearing officer Kenneth Stern, a recently retired Palm Beach County circuit judge, who decided a written reprimand was more than adequate.

Brown's attorney told Stern tensions between the clerk and Sugerman started months before the Canadian jokes were emailed.

Mayor Jim Newill broke a 2-2 vote in January to discuss Sugerman's planned punishment of Brown, then lost a reelection bid in March in part because of his handling

of the case. Newill's wife, a breast cancer survivor, was helping Brown, who had been diagnosed with the same disease.

Besides paying Sugerman's

\$12,000-a-month salary and letting him continue to use a leased Nissan SUV, the town paid Weiser \$6,000 a month as interim town manager, Stern \$375 an hour to arbitrate the

case, and a West Palm Beach labor attorney \$400 an hour to review its contract with Sugerman. ★

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# HURRICANE SEASON A-Z

Any way you look at it, it spells trouble!

### Coastal Star Staff

**A** is for the **African coast**. We have it to thank for the birth of our Caribbean storms. Also **Alka-Seltzer**. Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is when hurricane warnings get downgraded to tropical storm, or when a hurricane misses you all together like Irene did.



**B** is for **barometric pressure**. Watch the pressure drop as the storm approaches, hoping that your roof will hold up so you won't need any **blue tarps**. Also for **batteries**, of which no post-storm home can have too many.

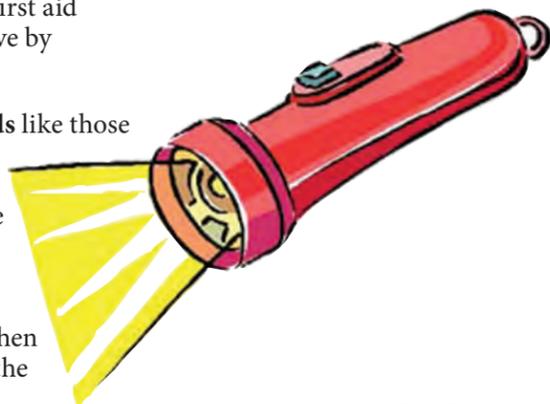
**C** is for **cone of destruction** or **cone of terror**. Some forecasters may call it the "cone of probability," but we know better. C is also for **cash**. You'll want to have some on hand when the power goes out and ATMs are rendered useless.



**D** is for **debris** — like that very large oak tree branch that falls on your house. Also for the **disaster supply kit** (water, food, flashlights, batteries, first aid kit, etc.) that you should have by now!

**E** is for **evacuate**, what barrier island residents should do when a hurricane warning is issued.

**F** is for **feeder bands** like those that marched through Boca from Irene. Those bursts of wind and rain are notorious for knocking out power; and for **flashlights**, which you're gonna need when the power goes out during the next big storm.



**G** is for **generator**. How we hate those smelly, noisy and expensive machines, but put up with it all just to keep the refrigerator running. Also for **gas lines** at the filling station.



**H** is for **happy dance**, which you'll be doing when the power finally comes back on. Also for **Home Depot**, where you'll be standing in line for plywood or shutters, if they still have them in stock. And then there's **hurricane hunters**, those brave folks who fly right into storms to check them out.



**I** is for the **Irene**, that frightening Cat 3 that skirted us in late August in favor of a trip to New York. We're glad she remained stand-offish! Also for **ice**. Stock up!



**J** is for **Jim Cantore** (right), the guy you hope *isn't* sent by the Weather Channel to cover your storm. It's always devastating when he's around.



**L** is for the love you'll try desperately to remember you have for your family after being stuck in a shuttered-up home for 12 hours while the storm passes over.

**K** is for **kitchen**, where your fridge and freezer are just waiting to go out. (Clean 'em out now!)

**M** is for **misery index**. It's bound to soar if, and after, a storm strikes.



**N** is for that wonderful **neighbor** who runs a *looooooong* extension cord from his kitchen to your bedroom — and suddenly you have TV, a fan and a reading lamp. Also for **next-of-kin**, which the police ask for when you tell them you plan to weather the onrushing storm in your barrier-island home.

**O** is for **overwhelmed**. Hard to escape feeling this way, although a plan will help. Look under **R** for a remedy.

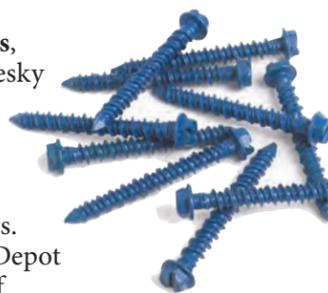
**P** is for **power outages** and **prayer**. If you have the first one, you'll be using the second one to get your power back.

**Q** is for **questioning** what family heirlooms to pack in the car before evacuating the barrier island. Also, for the eerie **quiet** when the hurricane's eye passes over your neighborhood.

**R** is for **reservations**. Make them as soon as you can and preferably at a fine hotel where you can ride out the storm in style.

**S** is for **surfing safety**. Rip currents abound as hurricanes loom and surfers need to exercise extra caution while hanging 10. Also for **shingle**, the kind that flies off the roof and is capable of decapitating delicate daisies and then boomeranging back for more. Also: **shelters**, where you'll need to go if you can't prevail on family, friends or a nice hotel.

**T** is for **Tapcons**, those pesky little concrete screw anchors often needed to secure hurricane shutters. That is, if Home Depot doesn't run out of them.



**U** is for the **uncertainty** of waiting and wondering and watching TV as the storm approaches. Will it veer north or south? Will it fizzle out before it arrives? Or will we get hammered head-on? Who knows? Also: For "**uh-oh**," which you'll be saying every time you listen to the weather forecasters predicting, "This will be the Big One!"

**V** is for **vodka**, large swallows of which can help you endure the pelting rain and howling winds.

**W** is for **watch** and **warning**. Do you know the difference? A hurricane **watch** indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours. A hurricane **warning** indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

**X** is for **X-ing out** the days on the calendar until hurricane season is over. The season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

**Y** is for the **yelling** we will all try not to do because it's so darn hot after the storm passes and we have no electricity.

**Z** is for the **ZZZZZZs** you'll be missing staying up to watch the Weather Channel.



### What's in a name?

New definitions of tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings, as of 2010:  
**Hurricane Watch:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible within the specified coastal area. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued **48 hours in advance** of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds.

**Hurricane Warning:** An announcement that hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are expected within the specified coastal area. Because preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, a hurricane warning is issued **36 hours in advance** of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds. A tropical storm has maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph.

# Hurricane Irene

High waves splash along the pumping plant at the Boynton Inlet as Hurricane Irene passed over the Bahamas. A few hours after this photo was taken, a wave knocked over eight stormwatchers and officials closed the jetty. Photo by Jerry Lower



TOP: Irene turned into a spectator event at the boardwalk at Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton. BELOW: Surfers and nature put on a two-day show of energy. Photos by Tim Stepien

## Along the Coast

### Equinox can exaggerate tidal flooding this fall

By Tim O'Meilia

The autumnal equinox arrives Sept. 23 and that means higher than usual spring tides could threaten to slosh down coastal streets this fall.

Huh? Spring tides in the fall? "It all has to do with the Earth, the sun and the moon lining up during the full moon and the new moon. And it has to do with the equinox," said National Weather Service meteorologist Dave Ross in mysteriously vague terms.

And twice-monthly spring tides have nothing to do with the seasons. The strongest tides — usually 20 percent higher than normal — occur during the new moon when the gravitational pull of the sun and moon are aligned on one side of the Earth.

Add a pinch of help from the equinox, when the sun crosses the Earth's equator, and the spring tides that follow are usually the strongest of the year.

The Boynton Inlet will have tides 3.8 feet higher than mean low water Sept. 27-28 and 3.9 feet higher Oct. 27, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasts.

Compare those with other high tides that typically reach 2.8 to 3.1 feet above the mean low water levels.

Along the Intracoastal Waterway near Highland Beach, tides will rise 3.7 feet higher Sept. 27-28 and 3.9 feet Oct. 27. At Lake Boca, near the Boca Inlet, the September highest tides are 3.5

feet Sept 27-28 and 3.6 feet Oct. 27.

But the biggest difference will be along the Intracoastal Waterway in Ocean Ridge. The Sept. 27-28 tide will reach 4 feet higher and 4.1 feet Oct. 27.

The high tides of autumn sometimes have caused street flooding, but many coastal towns have updated their drainage systems in recent years. Ocean Ridge, for example, installed \$4 million in improvements near Woolbright Road several years ago and another project is under way at the end of Coconut Lane to ease flooding problems.

Occasionally silt buildup on the ocean side of the Ocean Avenue bridge will flood the street, as it did several months ago.

"Our main concern is not storm surge because of the coastal ridge. Our concern is flow into the inlet that will hit us from behind," said Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi.

The same is true for Highland Beach, where flooding from the Intracoastal is more worrisome than ocean tides.

Two years ago, Manalapan cured its frequent flooding problem along State Road A1A near the Ritz-Carlton and the Plaza del Mar with a state-financed drainage program that installed new drainage and raised the road 18 inches.

"It happens every year," said meteorologist Ross. "We have the spring tides and the equinox to enhance them even more." ★

## Paws Up for Pets

# Pooch Prom ups the ante on doggie dating

Raise your hands if you've ever experienced a dog of a date. Yes, we all wish to forget them. But it's 2011 and now the hot trend is to stage a date night with your dog. Often, these events feature a "paws for a good cause" theme to raise money and awareness.

Earlier this summer, I boldly created a national pet holiday — see [nationaldogpartyday.com](http://nationaldogpartyday.com) — and hosted simultaneous parties in New York City and San Diego. I instructed attendees in advance that this was "not your mother's typical yappy hour," but rather, a party with a purpose. And during the three hours, your date would be your dog.

I'm happy to report that people reveled in the rare opportunity to live in the moment and well-mannered dogs got to partake in games and healthy treats.

We raised money for two worthy pet charities and plan to expand to four locations in 2012, including one in South Florida.

Cheryl Crowley, a lifelong pet lover, is taking this dog date concept a creative step further. On Sept. 24, she will host the inaugural Pooch Prom at Downtown at the Gardens in Palm Beach Gardens. A pack of clothing-clad canines will strut the runway in their finest attires with two being crowned Prom King and Prom Queen, based on a vote by a panel of celebrity judges.

"Imagine a beagle in a tuxedo or a Yorkie in a frilly gown," says Crowley, president of ImMEDIacy Public Relations, based in North Palm Beach. "Well, that's what you may actually see on Sept. 24."

Don't let distance stop any of you living in south Palm Beach County. It's an easy ride up I-95 and you will have your cool dog as your copilot.

In fact, the soiree is limited to 50 well-mannered, well-groomed, party-seeking dogs, and Crowley says the word is spreading fast that this is



John Fowler, Sally Mohler, Genie Serrano, Kendall Rumsey, Cheryl Crowley, Deb Praeg, Jennifer Finnell and Christine DiRocco, along with some of their 'pooch advisers' are working to unleash the inaugural Pooch Prom on Sept. 24 at Downtown at the Gardens in Palm Beach Gardens. Photo Tracey Benson

one of the social events of the season.

Cost is \$45 for one dog and human "chaperone," or \$85 for one dog and two human "chaperones," with the ticket price including food and libations, a band, live auction and door prizes. And the opportunity to witness the historic crowning of Pooch Prom queen and king would be a memory maker that is simply, well, priceless.

Learn more by visiting [www.poochprom.org](http://www.poochprom.org) or by contacting Crowley at 561-

776-7659.

The benefactor of this tail-waggers-in-tuxedos event is the programs of the Drug Abuse Treatment Association, a nonprofit group that delivers effective programs for children, teens and their families coping with substance abuse and/or juvenile delinquency in five counties: Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee. Learn more by visiting [www.drugabusetreatment.org](http://www.drugabusetreatment.org) or by calling 561-743-1034.

The always-clever Crowley also found a way to come up with a canine acronym for DATA that aptly fits this inaugural event: "Dogs are totally awesome."

A key member on the event committee is Christine DiRocco of Lake Worth, who works at the pet-welcoming Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan. Happy to report that the pre-planning activity inspired her to adopt a sweet-eyed Cavalier King Charles spaniel pup named Mia.

"Yep, I confess. I'm one of those crazy pet owners now," says DiRocco with a laugh. "Mia is only 3½ months old and she is soooooo cute. She is very friendly, easy going



Christine DiRocco predicts her Cavalier King Charles spaniel pup will be a winner at next year's prom. Photo provided

and loves to cuddle. She is a bit young and still getting her puppy [vaccinations], so she won't be at this year's prom, but I predict she will be a runaway winner next year."

OK, the canine challenge has been made. But barking out optimistic predictions is one of the many side benefits of being paired with a pet. Medical studies conclude that dogs, cats and other pets do a body good.

"Since I got Mia, I am happier and I look forward to going home and scooping her up in my arms and loving her," says DiRocco. "Mia has changed me for the better." Crowley agrees. "My mom bought a dog three months before I was born and I have never been without a dog or a cat or both during my entire life. To me, pets make you a happier, more passionate person."

You won't get any arguments from me. What are your thoughts on dressing up dogs? Or planning a "date night" once in a while with your canine chum? Email me at [Arden@fourleggedlife.com](mailto:Arden@fourleggedlife.com).

*Arden Moore, founder of Four Legged Life.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, professional speaker and certified pet first aid instructor. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her Oh Behave! show on Pet Life Radio.com and learn more by visiting [www.fourleggedlife.com](http://www.fourleggedlife.com).*

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*You Go Girl*, by Missionary Mary Proctor, is one of the works that will be in the Boca Raton Museum of Art's *Outsider Visions: Self-Taught Southern Artists of the 20th Century*.

Musical series parked at Arts Garage

To walk in on the office of the Arts Garage in downtown Delray Beach these days is to see the familiar signs of creative chaos that bespeak an energetic enterprise in progress: heaps of papers, clusters of wires, takeout coffee cups.

In its short lifespan, the arts organization outgrowth of the Creative City Collaborative has made vigorous use of its space in the city parking garage building at 180 N. First St., most notably with a twice-monthly jazz concert series that has drawn some of the best-known South Florida jazz performers to the Garage, and to what Executive Director Alyona Ushe calls a "phenomenal" response.

That series is pretty well sketched out through the end of the year — rising Boca Raton vocalist Chloe Dolandis will star in the Garage's New Year's Eve celebration — but late last month the group added Classical Explosion, a series of chamber music concerts done in tandem with the South Florida Symphony, formerly the Key West Symphony.

It's all part of the growth of the Garage, Ushe (pronounced Ahsh) says.

"The idea for the Arts Garage has always been interdisciplinary. The classical component has always been a part of our programming," said the Russian-born Ushe, who came to the Garage from the New Orleans Opera. "We started the jazz to experiment, and then we didn't want to take too much on when we first opened our doors. We wanted to focus on getting the jazz off the ground. But while we were doing that, we were thinking about what else we could bring to the table."

In addition to the South Florida Symphony, which is scheduled to perform three concerts at Old School Square's Crest Theatre (Dec. 4, Jan. 29 and March 11), the Garage will be working with Jon Robertson, who leads the Lynn University Conservatory of Music, and the Palm Beach Opera, whose members will perform a season-preview concert in December.

This month, musicians from the South Florida

Symphony will perform the *String Quintet in C* (D. 956) of Franz Schubert, as well as the *C major Quintet* of Luigi Boccherini, on a concert set for Sunday, Sept. 11. Jace Vek, an Emmy-winning composer now resident in Delray Beach, offers his *Buddha Sky* music exposition on Sept. 17, and on Sept. 18, singers Edwin Cahill and Julia Kogan present an evening of songs by Kurt Weill, spanning the German composer's output from Weimar to Broadway and Hollywood.

That's in addition to the ongoing Jazz Project, which brings vocalist Nicole Yarling to the Garage on Sept. 10 and singer Debbie Orta on Sept. 24. Ushe says the ultimate goal of the organization is nothing less than artistic freedom.

"The mission ... is to create a venue where artists really want to experiment and blossom," she said. "I don't want to do strange things for the sake of doing strange things, but if there's logic and meaning and passion involved, absolutely."

For tickets, visit [artsgarage.eventbrite.com](http://artsgarage.eventbrite.com); for more information about Arts Garage, visit [www.delraybeacharts.org](http://www.delraybeacharts.org) or call 245-0180.

The actress Karen Stephens, who last month played Lorraine Hansberry in a Women's Theatre Project mounting of Ann Davidon's *Chitterling Heights*, returns to her Carbonell-nominated performance in Sarah Jones' *Bridge and Tunnel* at the Boca Raton Theater Guild this month.

*Bridge and Tunnel*, which was first produced by Meryl Streep and won a special Tony in 2006, is a tour de force of acting and accent chops in which Stephens plays 14 characters from New York City's outer boroughs who have gathered in a Queens theater basement for a poetry jam. The characters include a Chinese woman whose lesbian daughter is having

a relationship crisis, an aging Jewish grandmother, a Jordanian woman obsessed with The Beatles, and a wheelchair-bound Mexican man.

Jones' play is about the immigrant experience, and about the least-heard voices in the national conversation. Stephens won warm reviews for her performance of the piece in December 2009 at the Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota, and in October 2010 at the Women's Theatre Project, which performs in Fort Lauderdale.

The Theatre Guild shows are set for Sept. 9-11 at the Willow Theatre in Boca Raton's Sugar Sand Park. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Tickets are \$15; call 347-3948. Visit [www.brtg.org](http://www.brtg.org).

**Art notes:** The Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach will be closed from Sept. 12 to Sept. 30 while workers reinstall galleries. Museum officials said the rehanging will give visitors "a more engaging experience" with its collections. The first new exhibit, debuting Nov. 3, will be American artist Dave Cole's installation *Flags of the World*. ... Three new exhibits open at the Boca Raton Museum of Art this month, including portraits from the museum's collection (Sept. 6-May 13), and work by the Colombian conceptual artist Federico Uribe (Sept. 21-Dec. 4). Also opening Sept. 21 is *Outsider Visions: Self-Taught Southern Artists of the 20th Century*, a collection of 75 works by creators such as Mose Tolliver (aka Mose T) and the remarkable Howard Finster. The show closes, fittingly enough, on Jan. 8, the birthday of another self-taught Southerner, Elvis Presley.



Greg Stepanich is the editor/founder of the *Palm Beach ArtsPaper*, available online at [www.palmbeachartspaper.com](http://www.palmbeachartspaper.com).

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## 10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: **Alyce Erickson**

You know how some people simply sparkle? They light up a room just by walking in?

Alyce Erickson is one of those. And, if you're one of the fortunate folks to visit her home in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, you can't help but feel the love. A Puccini aria fills the house and the sweetest little tan poodle scampers to greet you. Her name? Miss Puccini.

It's no secret a music lover lives here.

Erickson says she doesn't play an instrument herself.

"I play at the piano," she says. "My gift is listening."

She does much more than listen, though. She works arduously to open doors for young musicians by organizing concerts and competitions at the Lynn Conservatory of Music. "These kids are so talented," she says. "Each one is a walking genius."

The mother of two sons, a daughter-in-law she considers her daughter, and one "adorable" grandson, Erickson has immersed herself in Boca Raton since she arrived in 1984. Her finely honed organizational skills have served her well.

"I got involved with the Boca Raton Museum of Art right away," she says. "I was bored stiff boating, playing tennis and shopping. I needed a project."

She walked in to the Museum of Art, then located on Palmetto Park Road, and offered to organize a fundraising ball at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. "They said 'you'll never get it there,' but I knew I would, and I did." In fact, she reserved the luxurious hotel for the next year's ball at the same time.

Although she didn't know anyone in town then, she persuaded the art museum to let her pick her own committee made up of presidents of every organization in town.

It was called "The Presidents Ball" and it was a huge success.



Alyce Erickson, with her poodle Miss Puccini, lives in a home at Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club, from which she can organize fundraisers for such organizations as Lynn University and the National Society of Arts, among others. **Photo by Tim Stepien**

"Of course, there was payback," she says. Over the years, she's volunteered to help all those organizations.

Her other involvements include Lynn University, National Society of Arts and Letters, Boca Raton Children's Museum, American Red Cross, Florida Symphonic Pops and Florida

Atlantic University.

Two years ago, she was awarded the Junior League of Boca Raton Woman Volunteer of the Year Award, and this year she received a star on the Boca Raton Historical Society's Walk of Recognition.

The Walk of Recognition (at Royal Palm Place)

honors people who have demonstrated a significant long-term commitment to serving in the interest of Boca Raton and have enriched the lives of citizens.

That's Alyce Erickson all right.

— Mary Thurwachter

**Q.** Where did you grow up and what's your educational background?

**A.** I was born in North Carolina, went to school in West Virginia, moved to Florida in 1982. I have a medical degree in nursing. My husband and I retired to Florida after we sold our cable TV business.

**Q.** What are your hobbies?

**A.** Miss Puccini, Lynn

University Conservatory of Music, National Society of Arts and Letters, volunteerism, music art, photography and bridge.

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

**A.** We had friends here and had been coming down on vacations.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club/ Boca Raton?

**A.** Friends and family and the young talent, the culture — opera in [West] Palm Beach, music at the Conservatory of Music, theater and ballet.

**Q.** Why is volunteer work so important to you?

**A.** I believe we are here to serve. I think God puts us where we're supposed to be to get things done. My gift is organization.

**Q.** If someone made a movie of your life, who would you like to play you and why?

**A.** Meryl Streep. She played the violin in *Music of the Heart*. I don't play violin, but I love music.

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

**A.** *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi, Pachelbel's *Canon in D*, the Christmas classics like *O Holy Night* and *Ave Maria*; harp music, opera and so much more.

**Q.** What's your favorite childhood memory?

**A.** Getting together with the family around the table on Christmas morning. I love Christmas. It's my favorite season.

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

**A.** Yes, two: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (the Golden Rule); and "I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul," from *Invictus*, by William Ernest Henley.

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

**A.** Ruth McGoldrick, the lady who ran the Debbie-Rand Thrift Shop for all these years, and her sister, Sally Crow, who was in every organization in this town.

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# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## SEPTEMBER 3

**Saturday - 9/3 - Dance or Acting Classes** offered at Showtime Children's Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Develop skills and readiness to audition for Showtime's Musical Theatre Performance class or Showtime's Main Stage productions. Join anytime - classes run through 9/30. Tiny Toes-Ballet/Tap: ages 2-4, 9-9:45 am; Tots On Stage - Acting: ages 2-4, 9:45-10:30 am; Ballet/Tap: ages 4-6, 10:30-11:15 am; and Kidz On Stage - Acting: ages 4-6, 11:15 am-noon. \$15/class. 394-2626.

**9/3 - Art Exhibit: Palm Beach County Art Teachers** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 9/28. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900.

**9/3 - Art Exhibit** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Seeking the Ultimate Image by award winning fine art photographer Alan Feinberg. Exhibit runs through 10/24. M-Th: 10 am-8 pm, F: 10 am-4 pm, Sat.: 9 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**9/3 - Zumba Class** - Saturdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Zumba fuses Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves that create a dynamic workout system. 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$15/resident, \$18.75/non-resident; Per 4 weeks: \$50/residents, \$63/non-resident; Per 8 weeks: \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. For more specific class information contact instructor Nicole Rosen (954) 471-6425.

**9/3 - Exhibit: Brain Teasers 2** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Visitors must use creative thinking and problem solving strategies such as looking for patterns, thinking ahead, setting aside preconceived ideas and look at problems from different perspectives. Runs through 9/5/11. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

**9/3 - Exhibit: Newman Robot Collection** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This exhibit is the brainchild of Richard Newman, who founded High-Tech Productions over 35 years ago. This privately owned company in Florida is one of the leading tape and disk duplication business in the world. He has also amassed the world's largest private collection of authentic flown space artifacts. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

**9/3 - Drop-In Story time** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held every Saturday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**9/3 - Judo Class** - Saturdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. For all ages. 10 am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**9/3 - Science Stories** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Saturday. 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912.

**9/3 - Exhibition: Time Flies When You're Having Fun** at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Exhibition is the backdrop for the library's summer-long celebration in honor of Arthur Jaffe, founder and curator of the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center, who in May turned 90 and announced his retirement. Features a timeline of Jaffe's life, photographs and artists' books and broadsides that artists have donated in honor of Jaffe's birthday and retirement. Exhibit runs through 10/9. Library hours: M-R 8 am-midnight; F: 8 am-6 pm; Sat.: Noon-6 pm; Sun.: Noon-midnight. Free. 297-0455 or www.jaffecollection.org.

**9/3 - Exhibition: The Art of the Image** - An Eclectic Mix of Photographs by Nathan Dean - at FAU's Wimberly Library, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Nathan Dean, Ph.D., is an award-winning photographer, as well as the former dean and professor emeritus of FAU's Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. Dean's images are notable for their simple, clean composition and brilliant use of light and shadow. Exhibit runs through 10/27. Library hours: M-T 8 am-midnight; F: 8 am-6 pm; Sat.: Noon-6 pm; Sun.: Noon-midnight. Free. 297-0455 or www.jaffecollection.org.

**9/3 - Chili Cook Off!** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Join a tasting around the store and vote for your favorite chili. Noon-3 pm. Free. 447-0000.

**9/3 - 60th Annual All Florida Juried Competition and Exhibition** at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. The state's oldest juried competition has introduced the work of thousands of Florida artists working in all media - emerging, under recognized, and established younger and mid-career artists. Exhibit runs through 9/11. T-F 10 am-5 pm, Sat. & Sun. Noon-5 pm. First Wed. of every month 10 am-9 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/seniors, \$4/students with ID, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**9/3 - Art Film - City Lights (1931 - NR)** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Eighth annual series celebrating silent film from the early 20th century cinema. 2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**9/3-4 - Yoga Workout at the Beach** - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 10-11 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/3-4 - Science Demonstrations** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear science-inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Held weekly on Sat. & Sun. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

**9/3-4 - Six Years** at the Caldwell Theatre, Count de Hoernle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Sat. 8 pm; Sun. 2 pm. Tickets \$38-\$50, depending upon seating and date of performance; Full time students \$10. 241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com.

## SEPTEMBER 4-10

**Sunday - 9/4 - Yoga Wake-up at the Beach** - Held every Sunday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes are held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 8-9 am. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/4 - Kabbalah & Coffee** at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. The best part of waking up is coffee in your cup and Kabbalah in your "kop" (head in Yiddish). Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. The class can be viewed by logging on to <http://torahcafe.com/chassidic-heritage-series.pho>. Viewers are encouraged to purchase Full Devotion at [www.kehonline.com](http://www.kehonline.com). Held every Sunday morning. 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797.

**9/4 - Boca Ballet Theatre Family Picnic** at the Grande Orchid Estates Clubhouse & Pool, Jog Road between Linton and Clint Moore, Boca Raton. Food, games and swimming. Bring a side dish to share. 3 pm. Free. R.S.V.P. Sarah Markert: 865-7089.

**Monday - 9/5 - Labor Day**

**9/5 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sculpted arms, a strong core, tight glutes, and firm legs are the focus of this challenging 50-minute muscle toning workouts that feature a creative combination of weight training and stretching. Held every M, W & F. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 8:45-9:35 am. 347-3950 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

**9/5 - Jazzercise/Light** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This 50-minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M, W & F. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 9:40-10:30 am. 347-3950.

**9/5 - Exhibition: Mizner Industries, Mizner Style** at the Boca Raton Historical Society, Old Town Hall, 71 N. Federal Hwy. Exhibit showcases Mizner Industries products and artifacts which represent the Mizner style. Also on display are furniture and artifacts from Mizner's apartment on Worth Avenue. Exhibit runs through September. M-F, 10 am-4 pm. Free. 395-6766 ext. 100.

**9/5 - Exhibition - IBM Boca Raton: A Centennial Celebration** is presented by



Paul Shersty (center) announces the weight of a wahoo caught by team 'Killer Buzz' from Boca Raton during The Mark Gerretson Memorial 17th Annual Fishing Tournament in Delray Beach. The 42-pound wahoo was 1 pound heavier than the closest competitor and was good enough to give the team the \$4,050 prize for overall largest fish. Chris Green (left), Chris James, Blake Johnson and Ben Zafir. Photo by Tim Stepien

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**9/5 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held every Monday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$35/residents, \$43.75/non-residents. 16 classes: \$64/residents, \$80/non-residents. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. 347-3950.

**9/5 - 25th Annual Labor Day Police Challenge** is held at the beach on Atlantic Avenue and A1A in Delray Beach. Contest between police departments of Delray Beach, Boca Raton and Boynton Beach. Challenges begin at Noon. Awards Ceremony at 3 pm at Boston's on the Beach, 40 S. Ocean Blvd. Free for public. 276-9657.

**9/5 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library**, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Held again 9/12, 19 & 26. 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**9/5 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach** - Held every Monday at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before a class begins. Classes are held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. Cash will not be accepted on-site. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

**Tuesday - 9/6 - Toddler Tales** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and puppets that teach the love of books to children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For ages up to 3 years. Registration required. Held every Tuesday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**9/6 - Tai Chi Class** at Lynn Regional Cancer Institute, 701 NW 13th St., Boca Raton. Held every Tuesday. 2-3 pm. Free. 955-5406.

**9/6 - Advanced Tai Chi Class** - Tuesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Sessions available as 8 or 12 classes. 5:45-6:45 pm. 8 classes: \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes: \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807.

**Wednesday - 9/7 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 1 mo.-4 yrs. Through interactive classes, children explore rhythm, melody, and other musical building blocks. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Thirteen-week session runs Wednesdays through 12/14 (no class 10/26 & 11/23). Ages 1-16 mo.: 9:30-10:15 am; 15 mos-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 2-4 years: 11:30-12:15 pm. \$208/resident, \$260/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/7 - Super Tales for 3-5's** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Delightful stories, songs and crafts for children 3-5 years old. Child attends independently - parents remain in the YS

area. Registration required. Held every Wednesday. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

**9/7 - Current events discussion group** - Led by David Yarosh at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held every Wednesday. 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455 or [www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us](http://www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us).

**9/7 - Scrabble** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Organized by Ruth Flynn & Pat Schrade. Held every Wednesday. 12:30-4 pm. 278-5455.

**9/7 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Components of this program provide exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. For people of all ages. Held every Wednesday. First class is free. 8 classes: \$35/residents, \$43.75/non-residents. 16 classes: \$64/residents, \$80/non-residents. 2-3 pm. 347-3950 or [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org).

**9/7 - Meet Me at the Museum: Hot Summer Night** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate the last days of summer with tasty BBQ treats from Mississippi Sweets and two glasses of wine. View a collection of vintage surfboards while you unwind with the Caribbean sounds of live steel drums. Take a guided tour of the 60th Annual All Florida Juried and Art For The People: 20th Century Social Realism exhibitions. 5:30-8 pm. Museum members: \$10/advance, \$15/at the door; non-members: \$15/advance, \$20/at the door. 392-2500.

**9/7 - Habitat for Humanity 20th Birthday Celebration** at Ovenella, 499 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 5:30-8 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. 829-6070.

**9/7 - Friends and Family** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center Classroom B (building to the right of the ER), 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. This class teaches the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. The course includes a course book and runs 2-3 hours. Course is held every Wednesday. 6-8:30 pm. \$20 per class. Registration: 955-4468.

**9/7 - Tai Chi Classes** - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Beginner classes: 6:10-7:10 pm. Intermediate classes: 7:10-8:10 pm. Sessions available as 8 or 12 classes. 8 classes: \$48/resident, \$60/non-resident; 12 classes: \$66/resident, \$82/non-resident. 393-7807.

**9/7 - Judo Class** - Wednesdays at the Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Classes consist of warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. For all ages. Mixed ages and ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

**9/7 - Turk Mauro Quartet** - Presented as part of the Jazz Bossa & Blues Live at the Top of the Bridge series at Carmen's Restaurant At the Top of the Bridge, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. 7-10:30 pm. \$10/person. 886-4570 or [www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com](http://www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com).

**Thursday - 9/8 - Kindermusik with Ms. Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 1 mo.-4 yrs. children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Classes feature a variety of musical styles for a fun and positive experience for both parents and children.

Materials fee paid to the instructor. Thirteen-week session runs Thursdays through 12/15 (no class 10/27 & 11/24). Ages 13 mos.-2.5 yrs.: 9:30-10:15 am; 16 mos-2.5 yrs.: 10:30-11:15 am; 0-16 mos.: 11:30-12:15 pm; 0-7 years: 4-4:45 pm. \$208/resident, \$260/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/8 - Drop-In Story time** - Music, stories, fun finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Held again 9/15, 22 & 29. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/8 - Lunch 'N Learn** - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Cuisine by Silvia, Royal Palm Place, 141 Via Naranjas, Suite 45B, Boca Raton. Textual study of the weekly Torah portion with delicious dairy lunch. Held every Thursday. Noon-1 pm. 361-3939.

**9/8 - Just for 6-8's: Creative Craft** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Great crafts and reading adventures for kids 6-8 years old. Registration required. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/8 - The Lion King Musical Review: Performance Class** - Offered at Showtime Children's Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Students work in a fun, up-beat and supportive atmosphere. These workshop sessions incorporate singing, acting, dance and stage movement. Team-building is explored through theatre games, script work, and improvisation. The program culminates in a performance of The Lion King Musical Review on 12/15 on the Showtime stage. Students will be working in groups ages 4-7 and 8-11. 13-week class runs Thursdays through 12/15. 3:30-5 pm. \$390/session. 394-2626.

**9/8 - Ellenville's Moonlit Farmer's Market** is held each Thursday at Ellenville Garden Center, 220 NE 11th St., Boca Raton. Food, wine, kids activities, music, local farmers and artisans, fresh produce and more. 4-8 pm. Free. 245-7347.

**9/8 - Tween Book Discussion** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Come hang out and share your favorite summer read. For ages 9-12. Held the 2nd Thursday of each month. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**9/8 - Executive lecture Series at FAU** - Duane Stiller, founder and president of Woolbright Development, speaks from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton campus. Free. RSVP to 297-2980 or [japtman@fau.edu](mailto:japtman@fau.edu).

**Friday - 9/9 - Good Grub Club: Burger Bash** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Enjoy live music in a community setting in the cafe where participants will be treated to a four course meal. Pre-registration required. 6-7:30 pm. \$10. 447-0000 or [www.wholefoods.com](http://www.wholefoods.com).

**9/9 - Talent Show Social** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Join an evening of family fun. Meet and greet directors, teachers and actors. Featuring theatre games and refreshments. 6-8 pm. Free. 447-8829.

**9/9 - Ballroom Dance Class: Salsa** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Singles and couples welcome. This five-week session runs

## Municipal Meetings

**9/6 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at [www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us](http://www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us). Budget hearings are at 5:01 pm 9/6 and 9/21.

**9/13 & 9/27 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesday of each month at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us). Budget hearings are at 6 pm 9/12 and 9/26.

through 10/7. 7:30-8:45 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/9 - Eyes to the Skies** with the 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This informal event is held in the parking lot (weather permitting). All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. Note: Stars must be visible for the telescope to align. 8 pm. Free. 347-3912.

**9/9-11 - Bridge And Tunnel by Sarah Jones** at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. This one woman Off-Broadway show showcases several individuals who provide their own distinctive perspectives on the American dream, as well as their perception of the immigrant experience. Rated PG-13. F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun. 2 pm. \$15. 347-3900.

**Saturday - 9/10 - Chess Club** at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Enjoy the challenge while having fun learning the rules and basic strategies of chess. Sponsored by the Boca Raton Education Advisory Board. For ages 7 to 17. Held again 9/17, 24 & 10/1. 10-11:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/10 - Showcase Theater Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This adult class is an on-your-feet class with students learning the skills of acting and/or musical theater. This 13-week session runs through 12/10 (no class 11/26). All materials provided. 10:30 am-1 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 393-7807 or [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us).

**9/10 - Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaur (PG)** - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. Noon-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**9/10 - West African Masks** is presented as part of the Meet a Master, Create a Masterpiece series at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Students have an opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the featured artist. For grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/non-members; free/members. Reservations required. 392-2500 Ext. 106 or [www.bocamuseum.org](http://www.bocamuseum.org).

**9/10 - Concert: Return to Forever IV with Zappa Plays Zappa** - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Return To Forever IV members include Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke and Lenny White with Jean-Luc Ponty and Frank Gambale. Zappa Plays Zappa features Dweezil Zappa playing the music of his late father, Frank Zappa. Gates open at 7 pm, concert 8-10 pm. \$50.85-115.30. 393-7827 or [www.myboca.us](http://www.myboca.us).

**9/10 - Concert: Rev. Delores Berry** - Presented as part of the Summer Concert Series at First Congregational Church UCC of Fort Lauderdale, 2501 NE 30th St., Fort Lauderdale. Rev. Delores Berry will entertain.

7:30 pm. \$10. 954-563-4271.

**9/10 - Middle School Dance Party** at the Sugar Sand Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Features a live DJ and free raffles. Presented by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District & The City of Boca Raton Recreational Services Department. Once students have entered, they must stay in the building until the dance is over. School ID, report card, or other proof of attending a middle school is required. 7:30-10 pm. Admission \$5. 347-3908.

### SEPTEMBER 11-17

**Sunday - 9/11 - Cruz-N-America Car Show** at Royal Palm Place, 101 Plaza Real South, Boca Raton. View muscle cars, exotics, classics and a boat. Held every second Sunday of the month. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 392-8920.

**9/11 - Celebrate Freedom: A Time of Healing and Remembrance** at St. Paul Lutheran Church & School, 701 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Community event to honor American heroes hosted by St. Paul Lutheran Church & School in partnership with civic leaders and the Greater Boca Raton community. Freewill offering to benefit Boca Helping Hands and Community Youth. Appreciation ceremonies for police, fire and U.S. military personnel. Special guests Congressman Allen West, Boca Mayor Susan Whelchel and Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie. Free food and refreshments, live music from Rip Tide & Jericho Rising, Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, children's activities and craft fair. Noon-4 pm. Free. 395-0433 or [www.stpaulboca.com](http://www.stpaulboca.com).

**9/11 - Patriot Day** at the Lantana Center, 3rd St., Lantana. Join in a day of remembrance, awareness and fundraising. Special guests include American Legion and VFW Posts, Firemen and Police of Palm Beach. BBQ, buffet, pizza, bake sale, face painting, crafts, raffles and children ID's. Proceeds benefit the Palm Beach Fireman's Benevolent Fund, Palm Beach Police Fallen Officer Memorial Fund, Operation Home Front Florida Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. 11 am-6 pm; remembrance ceremony at noon with VFW Colorguard presentation, Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. \$7/plate for BBQ, buffet and pizza. 752-6195.

**9/11 - "Initial" Art** is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. This family program features art workshops or live performances by talented actors, musicians or dancers. 392-2500.

**Monday - 9/12 - Broadway Superstars Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 4-6 will be singing, acting and dancing to popular Broadway songs. Group numbers will include *Beauty & the Beast*, *Sound of Music*, *Mary Poppins* and more favorites. Class will use props such as ribbons and kites. This seven-week session runs Mondays through 10/31 (no class 10/10). 4:30-5:15 pm. \$84/



Reinaldo Padrino (left), Christina Padrino, Gale Padrino, Marlene Roberts and Linda Albertson attended the opening of a show by author and photographer Alan Friedman at the Highland Beach Library.

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residents, \$105/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/12 - Acting and Musical Theater Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 6-10 will focus on creative skills, vocal exercises, and improvisation and individual monologues. Scenes and routines will be from *Beauty & the Beast* plus other popular shows. This call will work on team building and help in gaining self-esteem, overcoming shyness, improve public speaking skill and enjoying the art of acting. Recital to be held in December. This seven-week session runs Mondays through 10/31 (no class 10/10). 5:15-6 pm. \$84/residents, \$105/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/12 - Bieber Fever** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Children ages 5-9 will sing, act, and dance to their favorite songs from Justin Bieber. Learn choreographed warm-ups, dances, and put on play performances using fake microphones, guitars and tambourines. Recital to be held in December. This seven-week session runs Mondays through 10/31 (no class 10/10). 6-6:45 pm. \$84/residents, \$105/non-residents. 393-7807.

**9/12 - Sign Language Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Students will learn to describe foods, clothing, professions, animals, and sports, as well as learn the alphabet and numbers. They will also learn songs and word games, which will increase their fluency in fingerspelling. Progress will be monitored by a weekly "test." This eight-week session runs through 11/7 (no class 10/10). Children may attend this class, but must be accompanied by an adult. \$100/resident, \$125/non-resident. 393-7807.

**Tuesday - 9/13 - Airman by Eoin Colfer** is presented as part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. Receive a free copy of the book at the time of required registration. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968.

**9/13 - From Fairy Tales to Children's Book Sales: The Magic of Writing For Kids** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Participate in writing exercises, book discussions, and manuscript critiques. Ages 19+. Class held Tuesdays through 10/11. 7-9 pm. \$115/resident, \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/13-14 - Tastemakers at Mizner Park** - Two nights of food, wine, cocktails & entertainment at the restaurants at Mizner Park, 327 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6:30-9:30 pm. VIP Tickets \$30 covers both nights. 362-0606 or [www.miznerpark.com/events](http://www.miznerpark.com/events).

**9/13-15 - After School Science Series: Robotics** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The new exhibit, Robot Carnival, explores how robots affect our lives. In this program, participants will design and build their own robot marvel. Tues.: Ages 5-6 (with parent); Wed.: Ages 7-9; Thurs.: Ages 10-12. 4-5 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912 or [www.scienceexplorium.org](http://www.scienceexplorium.org).

**Wednesday - 9/14 - Lecture: Watson and More** at Sugar Sand Park Maple Room, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Presented by the Boca Raton Historical Society, IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association and IBM South Florida and In conjunction with IBM's 100 anniversary in 2011. Learn more about IBM's Watson supercomputer in this moderated panel discussion. 2:30 pm. Free but RSVP is required. 395-6766 Ext. 100.

**9/14 - Concert: Nicole Yarling with the Gold Coast Jazz Society Quartet** at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**9/14 - The Hal Roland Trio** - Presented as part of the Jazz Bossa & Blues Live at the Top of the Bridge series at Carmen's Restaurant At the Top of the Bridge, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. 7-10:30 pm. \$10/person. 886-4570 or [www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com](http://www.bocaratonbridgehotel.com).

**9/14 - Community Cabaret** - Calling all singers, dancers, musicians and stand-up comedians to the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Performers must register in advance. Box office hours: T-F, 10 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm; Sat. 1-5 pm and 1 hour prior to shows. 7:30 pm. Admission: \$5. 347-3900.

**Thursday - 9/15 - Playground Playdate** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs and enjoy free kid's activities. 1 pm. Free. 347-3900 or [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

**9/15 - Sand Casting** at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Collect shells on the beach in Red Reef Park and make a mold in the sand. Fill in your sand shape with plaster, making a sandy shell-covered wall hanging. Meet at Gumbo Limbo and caravan to Red Reef Park. Ages 7-14 with an adult. 2-3:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**9/15 - Auditions for Narnia The Musical - at Sol Children Theatre**, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Looking for actors age 10 and older for a cast of 13. To schedule an audition, call 447-8829 or e-mail [solchildtroupe@aol.com](mailto:solchildtroupe@aol.com).

**9/15 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Allan Schuman** - at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Allan Schuman, chairman emeritus of Ecolab, Inc. Presented by FAU's College of Business. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP at [www.fauadamscenter.org](http://www.fauadamscenter.org). 297-2980.

**9/15 - Thursday Movie Classics: The Maltese Falcon** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948 or [www.sugarsandpark.org](http://www.sugarsandpark.org).

**Friday - 9/16 - 23rd Annual Golf Classic** - Presented by the Steve Bagdan Charitable Foundation at the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club, 199 Royal Palm Way, Boca Raton. 7 am-3 pm. \$500. 347-6799.

**9/16 - Craft Crew: Beading** - Kids ages 9-14 can unleash their creativity at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Create your own beaded masterpiece - necklace, bracelet or a bookmark. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968 or [www.bocalibrary.org](http://www.bocalibrary.org).

**9/16 - Concert: Jackiem Joyner** at The Funky Biscuit (formerly Club 303), Royal Palm Place, 303 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. Free. 392-8920.

**9/16 - Wine Dinner** at Carmen's Restaurant At the Top of the Bridge, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Hosted by Wine Connoisseur Frank Reider, Author of "Wines of Passion: The Best of South America". 7-9 pm. \$69/person. 368-9500.

**9/16 - T.G.I. Shabbat** - at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Monthly Friday night Shabbat dinner replete with Challah, gefilte fish, chicken soup, and all the other traditional foods. Features singing, a Chassidic tale and the chance to meet some wonderful new people. 8 pm. \$25/adults, \$12/children ages 3-12. 417-7797.

**Saturday - 9/17 - International Coastal Cleanup** at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and locally by Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful, Inc. Groups and individuals must pre-register with Gumbo Limbo; community service hours awarded. All ages may participate, but adults must participate with children under the age of 18 - no drop-offs. 8-11 am. Free. Call Susan Elliott at 338-1542 or [www.gumbolimbo.org](http://www.gumbolimbo.org). Also held at The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 100 South Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, with coffee and light breakfast available. Supplies provided. 8-10 am. Free. 540-4819.

**9/17 - The Top 20 Secrets of Great Singers: Their Mindset & Methods** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. This adult class teaches aspiring singers the coveted professional standards and musical/non-musical

techniques of unforgettable performances. This 10-week session runs through 12/3 (no class 11/12 & 26). 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. \$25 materials fee. 393-7807 or [www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us](http://www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us).

**9/17 - Egg Drop Challenge** - Presented as part of the Monthly Family Challenges Series at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 5+ with parent/guardian. Each month the CSE will be hosting a friendly competition where families can put their skills to the test and work as a team to build, create, test and change up their weekend fun. Use a variety of recyclable materials to design and build a raw egg protector. 10:30 am-noon. \$15/adult-child pair, \$5/each additional person. 347-3912 or [www.scienceexplorium.org](http://www.scienceexplorium.org).

**9/17 - Meet the Artist Reception: Palm Beach County Art Teachers** - Art Exhibit at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 9/28. 11 am. Free. 347-3900.

**9/17 - Audition for Haunted House Actors** - Volunteer actors who are ages 14 and up should come prepared to improvise, be scary, and have fun at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The theme for the annual Shriek Week 2010 event is Olde Tyme Picture Show, which will draw on classic mummy, vampire, werewolf, underwater creature and zombie characters. Students can earn community service hours. 2-3 pm or Tuesday (9/20) 6-7 pm. To schedule an appointment call 347-3900 or [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

### SEPTEMBER 18-24

**Sunday - 9/18 - Weekend Movie Madness: Monsters, Inc.** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. Ticket box office: 347-3948.

**Monday - 9/19 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Start Your Engines** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9: 1-2 pm; ages 10-12: 2-3 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912.

**Tuesday - 9/20 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** - Public viewing day observations at FAU's Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, #43, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Viewings will be held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 8 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

**Wednesday - 9/21 - Open House at The Addison**, 2 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate the 85th anniversary of the historic Mizner Development Corporation Administration Building, home to the Addison Restaurant. 5-8 pm. \$10. RSVP at 372-0568.

**Thursday - 9/22 - The Creative Genius of Federico Uribe - Curator's Highlight Tour** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Senior Curator Wendy Blazier presents an informative gallery tour, exploring the conceptual framework of Federico Uribe's art to better understand the connection between the genius, creativity, insight and execution that is inextricably woven into each piece. 2:30 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**9/22 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Dave Blazkowsky** - at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Dave Blazkowsky, associate director of data and analytics of the Securities and Exchange Commission. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP at [www.fauadamscenter.org](http://www.fauadamscenter.org). 297-2980.

**9/22 - Champagne & Caviar Tasting to benefit Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation** at One Thousand Ocean, Boca Raton. Joann Economou of Petrossian will guide you through an exclusive caviar tasting while educating you about the differences in

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**Friday - 9/23 - Wine Tastings** at Carmen's Restaurant At the Top of the Bridge, 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Hosted by Wine Connoisseur Frank Reider, Author of "Wines of Passion: The Best of South America". 6-8 pm. \$30/person. 368-9500.

**9/23-24 - Simon Fashion Now Fashion Show** at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road. F: Runway fashion show, 7:30 pm; Sat.: Design Wars, noon; Ready, Set, Style! competition, 1:30 & 3:30 pm; Live performance by Americal Idol contestant Brett Loewenstern, 2:30 pm. 368-6000.

**9/23-25 - Cloud 9 by Caryl Churchill** at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Winner of multiple awards, Cloud 9 had a long run Off-Broadway to rave reviews. Held again 9/30-10/2. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sun.: 1 pm; \$20. 800-564-9539.

**Saturday - 9/24 - 6th Annual 5k Walk/Run For Hunger** at Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach. Registration cost includes a T-shirt and lunch and begins at 7 am. 6 am-noon. \$20/adults, \$15/children 6-10, free/ages 5 and under. 888-404-4248.

**9/24 - Art Film - John Marin: Let the Paint Be Paint! (2010 - NR)** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 9/25 & 28. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, free for children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500.

**9/24 - Beauty and the Beast** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 11/19. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children. 394-2626.

**9/24 - 24-Hour Theatre Project** at the Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Hoerle International Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. In 24-hours, students, faculty, staff and professional writers will create a brand new productions. Beginning at 7:30 pm, 24 hours before curtain, writers are given a cast of actors, a director and a list of play titles. The following morning, the actors and directors receive their scripts and begin rehearsal. Exactly 24 hours after the process began, the curtain goes up. 7:30 pm. Tickets \$10. 237-9000.

**SEPT. 25-OCT. 1**

**Sunday - 9/25 - Downtown Open Market** at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held once a month on Sundays through May 2011. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 50 vendors. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

**Monday - 9/26 - An American Jewish New Year: Jazz Wisdom Spirit** at The Count de Hoerle Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Join acclaimed music director Aaron Kula and his award winning Klezmer Company Orchestra (KCO), ensemble in resident at FAU Libraries, and Irwin Kula, acclaimed author, media commentator, social conscious curator. 3 pm. \$26-36. 241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com.

**Tuesday - 9/27 - Boca Beachcombing** - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals the make them at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

**9/27 - Lyrics Alley by Lelia Aboulela** is

presented as part of the Book Club discussion by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Held 4th Tuesday of each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

**9/27 - Learn To Sew** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Make clothes for yourself or family. All levels taught. Also learn how to alter clothes professionally. Must bring own sewing machine. This eight-week session runs through 11/16. Two sessions available: 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm. Per session: \$50/residents, \$62.50/non-residents. 393-7807.

**Wednesday - 9/28 - Seining the Lagoon** at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3:30-5 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**9/28 - Film Making with The Directors Cut** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. You and your film crew will participate in all areas of the film making process, including story board, concept development, shots and location planning. Session runs eight weeks through 12/7 - no class 10/12, 10/26 & 11/23. Feature Film Making: ages 9-12, 4-5:15 pm; Advanced Film Making: ages 13-17, 5:30-6:45 pm. \$175/resident, \$218.75/non-resident. 347-3900.

**9/29 - Executive Forum Lecture Series:** Steve Calkins - at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Steve Calkins, senior vice president of contract sales of Office Depot. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP at www.fauadamscenter.org. 297-2980.

**9/28-29 - Rosh Hashanah Dinner** at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. The popular traditional menu will be in additions to the regular American Bistro menu. 6 pm both days. \$19.95 plus tax and tip. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

**Thursday - 9/29 - Rosh Hashanah 9/29 - Signs of Fall** - Learn to see the signs and enjoy a fall hike at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 7-11, adults must sign-in children, but do not have to stay. 10:30 am-noon. \$9/members, \$14/non-members - per child. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

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**Saturday - 10/1 - Art Exhibit: Arnold Moskowitz and Artists With Autism** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exhibit continues through 10/29. Hours: M-F 8 am-10 pm, Sat. 8 am-5 pm, Sun./Holidays 10 am-5 pm. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

**10/1 - Exhibit: Robot Carnival** at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Demonstrating the use of robotics relevant to everyday lives - from movies to Mars and entertainment to the environment. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Weekends/holidays: 10 am-5 pm. \$5. 347-3912.

**10/1-2 - Lynn University's Philharmonia Orchestra No. 1** - Students perform pieces from Mozart and Mahler under the direction of Albert-George Schram at the Keith C. and Elaine Johnson Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Sat. 7:30 pm; Sun. 4 pm. Tickets \$35-\$50. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/tickets

**InterFaith21**



Parishioners unite in prayer at St. Joseph Episcopal Church. Photo by Lauren Loricchio

**Pastor reaches out at St. Joseph, finds responsive community**

The story of St. Joseph Episcopal Church's pastor of nearly 11 years, the Rev. Martin Zlatic, and the Boynton Beach church's innovative, youth-driven expansion is one that warms the cockles of the heart.

It all started coming together when "Pastor Marty," as he affectionately is known, was literally out in



Zlatic



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the corporate world, traveling the planet for Motorola Inc. His experiences undoubtedly could fill a book. For our purposes, let it suffice that he says, "Where Renaissance Commons is now, there used to be 5,000 Motorola employees in Boynton. Now there's zero."

The former Catholic priest and his wife, Dee — now Children's Minister at St. Joseph's — found an Episcopal home in Jacksonville where they married. Answering his hankering to return to the priesthood, he was a worker-priest — one who, in addition to his priestly duties, works a secular job — between Motorola and St. Andrews Church in Lake Worth, before being tapped by St. Joseph's in 2001.

He was blessed with a congregation whose charisms, or special virtues, include reaching out to youths and to young adults who want a worship experience but for whom the traditional form of worship

might not be the thing. "And we were able to hire Charles Miley, who was just coming out of Berkley School of Music, and who had a background doing contemporary music in a traditional Episcopal setting, which is a very unique combination," Zlatic said. "And Charles came and we started what we call the 'unplugged' service." After settling on the Sunday 11:45 a.m. time niche for the less formal, Episcopal twist on "Rock Church," there's been continuous growth. "Unplugged" is the second largest of the four Sunday services.

But having established the service, its time frame and its musician "who has since forged relationships with local musicians and put together this incredible group who come together to help to lead the music, we didn't have a place to put him," said Zlatic. For five years what literally was a storage closet has served as the rehearsal room. Underscoring the urgency of prioritizing a planned expansion was that the church's traditional choir also is outgrowing its practice room.

Moreover, weekend attendance of around 350 makes St. Joseph's a medium-to-large congregation, difficult for one person to manage alone. Recognizing "unplugged" as where the need is, that's where the church is concentrating. The Diocese of Southeast Florida's enlightened investment of a \$150,000 total matching grant over three years has helped St. Joseph's hire an additional priest for this

focus. Of 50 people who formally applied, the best fit was Wendy (Warnke) Tobias. "Her family has been in Boynton forever," Zlatic said, "and she also happens to be someone who grew up in this church." After working at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., the past three years, she's due on board in October, "hopefully coinciding almost with the launch of the new building, so it's all going to come together sort of at the same time. So that's exciting," he said.

Soon after, the South Palm Beach Deanery of the diocese, of which Zlatic is the dean, will host for the first time in St. Joseph's history the annual convention of the 83-congregation, Key West-to-Jensen Beach, Glades-to-the-coast diocese.

"It will be here Nov. 11, 2011, a very easy date to remember," Zlatic said. In honor of the nation's veterans, "We are having the Episcopal bishop for the armed forces to be our guest preacher."

St. Joseph's is honoring the past and present, yet developing an innovative ministry for the future. It's a success story of a family- and youth-oriented church, and of the adaptability required to truly serve that makes one want to pray for even more.

C.B. Hanif is a writer and inter-religious affairs consultant. Find him at www.interfaith21.com.



**Boca Raton**

**Beach and Park District residents may be able to use Boca library**

The 23,000 people who live outside city limits but inside the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District may get something new for their tax dollars — a free city library card.

"It'd be nice to see some of the money flow the other way, instead of always from us to them, a little bit from them to us," said beach-park Commissioner Dirk Smith, who proposed asking Boca Raton to extend the library privileges.

Commissioner Earl Starkoff noted the city let district residents use Mizner Bark dog park after the district asked, but "we have since carried all the maintenance expenses." He said the request should specify the library cards will be passed out "with no fees attached."

Boca Raton's population is about 86,000. Mizner Bark charges users who do not live in the city or the beach and park district \$25 a month or \$265 a year. — Steve Plunkett

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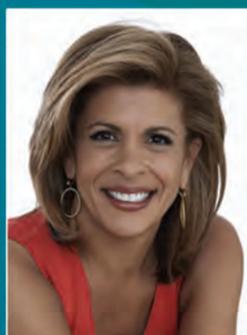
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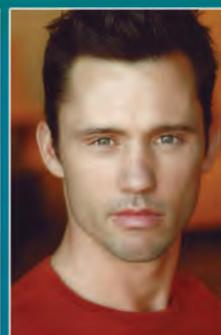
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