

## Along the Coast

### A1A again a star on beaten path for Florida campaign

By Tim Pallesen

The presidential candidates who created a stir in coastal south county this year are only the most recent to discover the political magic along State Road A1A.

Barack Obama stayed at the Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan during a campaign stop in July.

Then opponent Mitt Romney checked into the oceanfront Delray Beach Marriott for the Oct. 22 presidential debate.

Romney actually reached the beach for a flag football game. He and his family found burgers along A1A.

But paradise has attracted others before them.

Gerald Ford endeared himself to coastal residents with five campaign stops between Manalapan and Highland Beach before the 1976 election.

George H.W. Bush rested in Gulf Stream after winning the 1988 presidential election. Delray Beach named George Bush Boulevard in his honor.

The political hoopla along the ocean last month was mostly Romney's doing.

His choice to stay at a Marriott hotel was predictable. Romney made the hotel chain the semi-official innkeeper

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Several seawalls, pools and yards in Manalapan were seriously damaged by the constant pounding of the surf from Hurricane Sandy and seasonal high tides. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

### Stairs, seawalls and a ceremony hit by Sandy

By Tim O'Meilia

No hurricanes have hit southern Palm Beach County this year. But, it's those breeze-by storms off the coast that oceanfront residents have to fret over.

In August, Hurricane Isaac dumped torrential rain on the area as it motored into the Gulf of Mexico.

In late October, as Hurricane Sandy advanced north off shore, its ripple effect chewed into seawalls, flooded streets and swimming pools, toppled lifeguard stands, ripped away beach stairs and crossovers and

toppled a new bride into surf. "We've never seen high tides, a full moon and wave action like that," said South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor. "It's a bad combination."

High tides are typically higher during a full moon and the storm surf churned by Sandy added two to three feet to the extra high tides, according to estimates by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, measured at the Lake Worth pier.

Worst hit were the seawalls that protect more than 30 oceanfront estates along the 1.6

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Jeff Beck and his son Hayden were caught off guard when a wave crashed into them on the beach in Ocean Ridge. Beck and his family were visiting South Florida from Snellville, Ga. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

## Delray Beach

### Residents voice reactions, seek to delay two development plans

By Margie Plunkett

Atlantic Plaza II, a \$200 million mixed use development west of the Intracoastal Waterway, and a separate shopping center project at Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway came before the Planning and Zoning Board in October — accompanied by a crowd of

residents anxious about what changes could be in store for the city and their homes.

The Board ultimately approved both requests by 4-3 votes and moved them to the next step — Commission, but not before lengthy discussions wore into the night.

Both projects were scheduled on Commission's Nov. 6 — Election Day —

meeting, prompting residents to push for the meeting or both the issues to be rescheduled.

As of Oct. 30, City Clerk Chevelle Nubin said the items could not be reset because they had been advertised.

If not rescheduled, commissioners have the option, if they wish, at the Nov. 6 meeting to continue the Atlantic Plaza issue, a

conditional use request. The Delray Place item is a first reading, which, if approved Nov. 6, would have a second reading and public hearing at Commission's Dec. 11 meeting.

At press time the meeting agenda had not yet been set. Residents can watch for any agenda changes at [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).

Atlantic Plaza II, which lost

some interested residents when unrelated earlier discussions at October's Planning and Zoning meeting pushed it later into the evening, had returned to the board to talk about incorporating resident and board comments from the September meeting.

The project abuts Veterans Park and asked for density

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Crime concerns spur oceanfront residents to request evening park closure.  
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Wendy Greenhut with a photo of her daughter, Jamie. When not busy with her foundation work, Greenhut is an actress with a part in the independent film *Callous*, which premiered last month at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival. She also enjoys photography and painting with acrylics. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Editor's Note

Season ushers in old friends and new features

The vultures are spiraling, the tides are high and the auto-transport trucks are blocking traffic on A1A. This can only mean one thing: "Season" has begun. Welcome back, snowbirds!

Thanks to you, dear readers, the signs of an improved economy are filling our pages with increased advertising. To accommodate this growth, we are debuting several new features with this November edition. We hope you find them useful and entertaining.

We have rebranded our Coastal Life section as Home, Health & Harmony. In this section you'll find stories to help you better enjoy our coastal lifestyle. All your favorite columnists will be found in this section, as will our popular House of the Month feature. We hope you find useful the mini-event calendars we've appended to each column and will appreciate the juxtaposition of topical content and related event listings. If you have events you'd like to see listed in any of our calendars, please email our calendar editor, Michele Smith, at thecoastalstarcalendar@gmail.com.

We've added a new feature focusing on philanthropy called Pay it Forward. This will highlight events in the community that raise money for worthy nonprofit causes. To send pre- or post-event photos

and announcements for this section, please contact our philanthropy editor, Amy Woods, at flamywoods@bellsouth.net. We have seen the power of philanthropy in our area and are excited to add this feature in support of the positive impact local philanthropic organizations make in the community.

- We've added a Secret Gardens column. Even if you never get your hands in the dirt, you'll enjoy the tours of area gardens provided by Certified Master Gardener Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley and our photographers.

- We've moved Thom Smith's popular column into its own Around Town section. This allows us to add more stories and photos from area events and expand our popular month-at-glance Community Calendar listings. As resources allow, we hope to plan even more features for this section in coming months.

We add these new features and sections as *The Coastal Star* moves into its fifth year of publication. It's been a labor of love for all us here at the newspaper and we send a sincere "thank you" to all of our advertisers and readers for making our little venture along the coast so successful.

Here's to a great season for everyone along the shore.



—Mary Kate Leming, Executive Editor

Daughter's illness inspires mom to get involved

By Suzanna Mahler

When it comes to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America's Florida chapter, Wendy Greenhut goes the extra mile. The coastal Delray Beach resident was recently elected to serve on the organization's board of directors.

"It's a big honor," said Greenhut, 46. "This position allows me to increase awareness within the community as well as create new ways to get the word out."

Six years ago, Greenhut's 19-year-old daughter, Jamie, was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis, an inflammatory bowel disease that affects the lining of the colon and the rectum.

At age 17, Jamie spent several weeks at the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, where she had numerous surgeries, including one in which her entire colon was removed. That was about the time Wendy started to volunteer with CCFA.

"The Cleveland Clinic is a phenomenal facility," said Greenhut. "My daughter lived four years of her life being sick constantly. Her colon was

If You Go

The Take Steps Walk is a fundraiser for Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America. Free for spectators, the walk raises money to aid the more than 1.4 million Americans affected by digestive diseases.

**Time:** 3-5 p.m. Nov. 10

**Location:** CityPlace, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach.

**Information:** 218-2929, or www.ccfa.org/chapters/florida/

diseased from end to end. If she wouldn't have gotten the surgery, she'd have stayed sick for life.

"I formed a 'mom committee' with other mothers at the clinic, and that made me realize just how important it is to have a support system when you're going through something like this."

Jamie's surgery has saved the teenager's life and her livelihood. She is a freshman at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

"My entire outlook on life has changed," Jamie said. "Because I'm healthy and able to do what I want to do without worry, I'm a much happier

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and more positive person. It's definitely changed me for the better and has enhanced my way of living."

Like her mother, Jamie devotes her time to creating awareness through her blog: <http://nocolon-noproblem.blogspot.com>.

"I don't blog as often as I'd like, because college has taken up almost all of my time, but it helps me reach out to others who have nobody to go to for guidance. I didn't have anybody who had been through the surgery to help me along, so it's nice to be that person for somebody else."

Thanks to this mother/daughter team, many people living with this disease don't have to feel alone anymore. Greenhut is chairing an event for CCFA called "Take Steps Walk." The fundraiser is scheduled for Nov. 10 at CityPlace in West Palm Beach.

Greenhut's husband, Doug, owner of a Delray Beach-based business called The Book Company, plans to walk with her. They've named their team We've Got Guts.

"Wendy and her family have been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for the foundation as well as creating more awareness about our mission and how the foundation is serving the 94,000 people in the state of Florida living with these diseases," said Amy Gray, executive director of the foundation's Florida Chapter. ★

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## Letters to the Editor

### Glad to see support for pets' presence

Thank you so much to Arden Moore for helping to publicize the new law passed by Boynton Beach city commissioners, welcoming well-mannered dogs to be a part of the dining experience.

At long last, we are following the European example, where pets dining at restaurants in the company of their owners has been a perfectly normal sight for many years. For far too long, we have permitted the "anti-pet" crowd to dominate discussion on this subject. Pets, particularly dogs, have come to be seen as "the enemy," and are banned from restaurants, stores, condominiums and any public gathering area — unless, of course, they are an officially certified service dog.

In a country where fully 65 percent of the population are pet owners, it is absurd not to allow well-mannered

pets to accompany their owners. The key to success for this law is that the animals are "well-mannered," and it is now clearly up to the owners to show their appreciation by seeing to it that their pets behave correctly.

Kudos to the Boynton Beach city commissioners who voted for this law. They have chosen to employ progressive thinking for their town, rather than allowing it to founder in the backwash of antiquated and illogical thinking on the subject. Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, this new law can be expanded to permit dogs to accompany their pets inside the restaurants as well. I don't see these eating establishments falling apart when my service dog accompanies me inside.

David Shapiro  
South Palm Beach

### Clarification

To clarify the October *Coastal Star* article on the Atlantic Plaza II project:

Edwards Companies and local private equity firm CDS International Holdings, owned by Carl DeSantis, are joint venture partners on the Atlantic Plaza II project. Mike Covelli of Covelli Design Associates and local developer Bill Morris are consultants on the development team.

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## Along the Coast

# Local governments predict higher tax rates under Amendment 4

By Tim Pallesen

County and municipal officials are warning voters to brace for higher property taxes if they approve tax breaks for homes that don't have tax exemptions now.

Amendment Four on the Nov. 6 ballot would give property tax exemptions to snowbirds, first-time home buyers and owners of rental property.

Coastal communities are most concerned about the reduction in tax revenue from their many winter homes.

County government would lose \$80 million over four years if voters approve the amendment to the state constitution.

"I think the Board of County Commissioners would end up raising the tax rate on all property owners to make up for the shortfall," County Administrator Bob Weisman said.

Coastal communities don't know potential losses yet. But the League of Cities, which is urging voters to reject Amendment Four, says all towns would have to cut services or raise taxes.

"Just when the housing market looks like it is stabilizing, we have these exemptions. It could be the death knell," said Richard Radcliffe, executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

Amendment Four was intended to boost Florida's lagging real-estate sales when legislators put it on the ballot in 2011 as an incentive for first-time home buyers. Sales have picked up since then.

Local governments have been cutting their budgets since the economic downturn caused a drop in property values and tax revenues three years ago. They say they can't cut anymore.

"We've cut, cut, cut for three years. We don't have any other place to cut except personnel," Ocean Ridge Town Manager Ken Schenck said.

"Everyone is running on fumes," Radcliffe said. "How do they expect us to keep pace?"

Snowbirds who own primary residences up north account for 40 percent of Ocean Ridge's residential properties.

"Tax breaks for non-homesteaded residents have the potential for a good-sized effect on our income," Schenck said. "If they cut our income, the only option would be to raise the millage."

More than half of the homes in Gulf Stream are owned by snowbirds who would qualify for the new exemption to save taxes.

"We would lose several hundred thousand dollars over four years," Town Manager

Bill Thrasher estimated. "Homeowners who are homesteaded now would be required to shore up that shortfall."

Water rates would have to be increased to compensate for lost revenue in Briny Breezes, where snowbirds own the majority of homes, Mayor Roger Bennett said. "We don't want to do that," Bennett said.

Amendment Four would take \$1.2 billion over three years statewide from Florida counties and cities if voters approve it.

The exemptions would be a shift from past years when tax breaks favored year-round Florida residents.

The Save Our Homes amendment in 1992 granted homestead exemptions to protect long-time homeowners who were being taxed out

of their homes because of increasing home values.

Now, the tax burden would shift back to those owners of homesteaded property, county and city officials agree.

"Tax exemptions historically had impact on long-term residents," Weisman said. "These new exemptions say forget about those people."

Florida Realtors, the group behind Amendment Four, has spent \$3 million in a campaign to get the referendum passed.

John Sebree, the group's president, counters that the new exemptions would "smooth out our system and make it more fair" while boosting the economy. ★

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## Gulf Stream

### First home site plan on Spence property approved

By Tim O'Meilia

The first of six homes to be carved from the old Spence estate was approved unanimously by Gulf Stream town commissioners Oct. 12 without a whisper of complaint from nearby neighbors.

The site plan for Lot 3 along North Ocean Boulevard includes a 9,200-square-foot, partial two-story, Bermuda-style home with a three-car garage and a swimming pool. A carriage house will sit atop the garage and will be connected with the main house by a breezeway.

It will be the first house built in the new Harbor View Estates by Seaside Builders following prolonged discussions over the fate of the 6-acre estate.

While neighbors in Hidden Harbor complained at a September Architectural

Review and Planning Board meeting about the vegetation buffer, drainage and wall around the new subdivision, no one appeared at the commission meeting.

"It should be acknowledged that no public comment was made at the meeting, and we must therefore assume that the community was satisfied," said Commissioner Bob Ganger.

Harbor View Estates architect Richard Jones said two more site plans will be presented to the commission in November and promised a variation in the design of the homes.

**In other business,** commissioners postponed a decision on replacing 85 street lights until they learn whether the state Department of Transportation will reimburse the town for meeting state road lighting standards.

Town Engineer Danny Brannon estimated that a 10-year agreement with FPL for the current yellow-hued, high-pressure sodium vapor lights would cost \$117,000, including installation, maintenance and power costs but no upfront cost.

Long-life LED lights, which emit a white light, have lower power costs but would cost \$208,000 to install and \$30,000 more over the life of the lamps. The town would be responsible for maintenance.

Brannon recommended the FPL-installed lights. "You don't have to deal with upfront money, and you don't have to pay upkeep," he said.

Commissioners also approved spending up to \$25,000 for accounting software to upgrade the more than decade-old software that is being phased out. ★

### Town aims to be perfectly clear: Businesses need not apply

What do the town of Gulf Stream and cities such as Wellington, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens and Boca Raton have in common?

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They're all part of PBC Interactive, Palm Beach County's newest website to connect business people and developers hungry for new sites with just the right location in just the right town.

Jupiter, Royal Palm Beach,

Riviera Beach, Boynton Beach and Juno Beach are also among those hungry to find business matches to keep their economic engines rumbling.

The site includes zoning, land-use designations and real-time, parcel-based data to make match-making a snap.

So why is Gulf Stream — with no commercial zoning and no businesses in town — on the site? If the other cities use the site to attract business, Gulf

Stream is the opposite.

"This makes it clear that if you want to start a business in Gulf Stream, you need not apply," said Town Manager William Thrasher.

The idea is, if you check out Gulf Stream as a likely place for a neighborhood dry cleaners, forget it.

"It will rule out the possibility of any commercial activity," Thrasher said.

— Tim O'Meilia

## Delray Beach



Construction has been under way at the Marriott Delray Beach to add eight new two-story cabana suites built around a pool near the resort's spa. In later phases of the expansion, approved in 2008, the Marriott's restaurant will be brought out to Atlantic Avenue and retail will be added, according to architect Gary Eliopoulos. The cabanas, expected to be completed by about February, have up to two or three bedrooms, kitchenettes and living rooms. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

### Charter changes will be on March ballot

Voters will decide whether to amend Delray Beach's Charter in the March 12 election after the City Commission approved four of five changes recommended by the Charter Review Committee.

The proposed amendments: clarify language to make the charter easier to read; change

the length of term for mayor and commissioners from two to three years with a six-year limit; allow a commissioner who assumes the post of mayor to serve six years in the latter capacity, even if he or she has already served six years as a commissioner; and allow the city manager's salary to be

reduced during his or her term of employment.

A fifth proposal was denied and won't appear on the ballot in the spring. That proposal would have allowed a city manager to be removed from office by a vote of 3-2, rather than the 4-1 vote currently required. — Margie Plunkett

### CRA helps Chamber to move so property can be sold

The Chamber of Commerce will relocate from the old library site on Southeast Fourth Avenue so that the Community Redevelopment Agency can sell the property,

appraised at \$2.6 million, for development. Commission consensus supports the move.

The CRA board voted earlier to give the city \$315,450 to help move the

chamber to a new location, possibly in the commercial spaces of Old School Square Garage, according to documents filed with the city.

— Margie Plunkett

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## South Palm Beach

# Town and union agree on police contract

By Tim O'Meilia

After two years of negotiating, the town of South Palm Beach and its new five-member police union agreed on their first three-year contract, which gives officers a \$1,500 bonus in the first year.

On the cusp of imposing a one-year contract because of lack of an agreement, Town Council members and the police worked out the longer-term deal during a five-hour session Oct. 22.

The union had sought a 1 percent increase to members' base pay and then increased the demand to add a lump-sum 1 percent payment when the contract was ratified. The town had agreed to the 1 percent but didn't want to increase the base pay because of the town's financial uncertainty.

Town Council members said they were sympathetic to the police but pointed to the loss of 40 percent of the town's tax base since 2008. No town employees have received a raise in four years.

The rate of base pay is significant, because it's used to calculate an employee's future pension benefits.

South Palm Beach Police Officer Mark McKirchy, the union representative, said council members persuaded him and the other three officers at the meeting (the fifth was on duty) that the council would consider base pay increases in the future.

"We didn't want to start with no base pay increase. We haven't had a raise in four years, and three more years would

be seven years," McKirchy said. "We were willing to forgo any kind of raise, but they found money for a stipend, so our fear was that was the way it was going to be in the future," he said. "We felt that they listened to us." Under the proposed contract, the police would receive another \$1,000 the second year or the right to reopen talks over wages. The increases would not be applied to their base pay.

The union members must ratify the new contract by a majority vote and the Town Council then must approve it before the agreement is final, perhaps in November. McKirchy said his fellow officers would ratify the deal.

Although the officers voted to unionize in October 2010, negotiations dragged on for two years before the sides declared an impasse. A special magistrate's hearing resolved some issues but seven remained, forcing the Town Council to consider imposing a contract, as required by state law.

"Ultimately this is about a difference in philosophy," said Police Benevolent Association attorney Gary Lippman, representing the five officers. "You've expended about \$40,000 in legal fees fighting these officers for \$229 per month. Not per officer, but total per month."

Jeffrey Pheterson, the town's union attorney, said the first contract was critical because it sets the basis for all future contracts.

Four of the issues were agreed to relatively quickly during the Oct. 22 meeting.

Besides wages, the sides could not agree immediately on shift assignment and arbitration procedures.

"It's not Mayberry and Barney Fife hasn't turned into a Bolshevik here," Lippman said. "These are relatively modest requests."

The union wanted the permanent 12-hour shifts to be assigned based on seniority with the department. Town officials wanted to preserve the chief's right to switch to rotating shifts.

"The chief already takes it personally that there's a union," said PBA negotiator Vinnie Gray. "The officers have a well-founded fear that he may overstep his bounds and do shift changes."

Currently, officers said they agree on the shifts and the police chief signs off on them.

"My philosophy is I don't care who works what shift as long as the shift is covered," Police Chief Roger Crane said.

Finally, the sides agreed that the officers could work out the shifts and seniority would prevail if an agreement couldn't be made. The chief retains the right to make reasonable shift changes.

The union accepted the town's insistence that the arbitrator of a grievance could uphold or deny a management ruling on disciplinary issues but could not alter the punishment.

"Apparently there's been some bad blood," Vice Mayor Joseph Flagello said of relations between Crane and the union. "At least that's what I'm hearing. I hope that diminishes with this contract." ★

## Briny Breezes

# Town looks for federal funds following seawall damage

Palm Beach County towns and other agencies tallied \$7.5 million in damage and cleanup costs when Tropical Storm Isaac's feeder bands tarried too long in August.

Last month, federal disaster officials agreed to reimburse local governments for 75 percent of their disaster costs.

Former Briny Breezes Mayor Jack Lee says Briny ought to get in line for a slice of the aid.

The seawall along Mallard

Drive pulled away from the land behind it, allowing water to flow on both sides of the wall during Isaac's visit, Lee said.

"Isaac started it. Why shouldn't we get reimbursed for it?" he asked the Town Council.

Town Attorney Jerome Skrandel promised to look into it.

One sticking point may be that the town doesn't own the seawall and isn't repairing it

anyway. The seawall belongs to the corporation that owns the town. The disaster relief is only for governmental bodies.

Parts of the seawall on South Heron Drive buckled as well. Corporation President Mike Gut said repairs have begun on both seawalls.

"My family's owned a lot on Mallard since 1958 and we've never had anything like this," Lee said. "It can't hurt to ask."

— Tim O'Meilia

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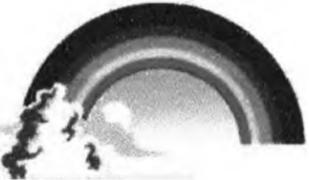
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## Lantana

### Bridge replacement proceeding on time

By Tim O'Meilia

The last concrete crumbs of the 62-year-old East Ocean Avenue bridge — aka the Lantana bridge — were scheduled to disappear silently, like a ghostly apparition, by Halloween.

The underwater demolition of the foundation of the last westside pier was slated for the last week in October.

Like others, the blasting would cause nary a ripple in the Lake Worth Lagoon nor rattle the windows of nearby residents.

The two-year, \$33.2 million replacement of the bridge is approaching the half-way mark.

"It's on schedule," said

Kristine Fazell-Smith, Palm Beach County project engineer. "Then it's full steam ahead on the stationary spans."

With the final bits of rubble of the old bridge now shipped by barge to shore up the Snook Islands restoration at the foot of the Lake Worth bridge, work continues on the installation of the piers for the new fishing pier that will be erected beneath the west end of the new bridge.

The seawalls on the west side have been erected and the caps will be installed soon. The pilings for the fishing pier have been installed and the caps come next.

Installation of the abutments and beams for the span also are being erected by Miami-based

contractor GLF Construction.

"We're happy it's on schedule," said Lantana Town Manager Deborah Manzo. "The only road closings we've had were to bring in the pilings."

The new bridge will be 11 feet taller at the center. It will remain two lanes, but the lanes will be slightly wider and include shoulders/bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides. A fishing pier will run beneath the Lantana side.

The new bridge is scheduled to reopen to car and pedestrian traffic by November 2013, but work will extend beyond that.

The taller, wider span is expected to reduce the need for bridge openings by 40 percent. Its life expectancy is 75 years.★

### Refinancing bonds will yield solid savings

Lantana council members were singing the praises of the new town manager at the Oct. 22 meeting. The kudos for Deborah Manzo came after she found a way to save between \$50,000 and \$90,000 a year by refinancing the town's water and sewer revenue bonds.

The bonds were first issued in 1991 and refinanced in 1998. The balance owed is \$4,845,000.

Payments will be made monthly, rather than annually or semiannually as they are

currently. Monthly payments, Manzo said, allow for quicker principal reduction, which translates to lower interest costs.

Mayor Dave Stewart complimented Manzo, who was hired in April to replace Mike Bornstein, who took the city manager post in Lake Worth.

"Ms. Manzo came up with this," Stewart said. "One of the reasons we hired her was because of her 27 years' municipal experience with just

two cities — Greenacres and Juno Beach."

Earlier this year during budget talks, Manzo also found a way to give town employees a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment. Employees hadn't received raises since the 2007-2008 budget.

Manzo said staff had "been working hard" on the bond plan, thanking the town's finance director, Stephen Kaplan, for his efforts.

— Mary Thurwachter

### Chamber to formalize lease with town

In Lantana, the Chamber of Commerce has made its home in the rent-free, town-owned building next to the tennis courts at 212 Iris Ave. since 1959.

Little will change going forward, but this year the town asked the chamber to sign a formal lease agreement renting the office building, which once served as town hall, for a \$1 a year. Under the lease,

the chamber is responsible for maintenance, including roof repairs, air conditioning, painting, plumbing, electrical wiring and floor covering.

The chamber will carry \$1 million worth of commercial liability insurance.

The town is responsible for water and sewer utility charges and lawn maintenance.

Earlier this year, the chamber said it wanted to paint

the building, which is currently barn red, and the lease agreement won't affect that.

A few years ago when the chamber wanted to paint the building, the project was halted over concerns about lead in the old paint. Going forward, recycled paint donated by the Solid Waste Authority probably will be used. No word yet on the color.

— Mary Thurwachter

### Drainage project nears completion

Islanders will have to wait a little longer for drainage improvement construction to wrap up on North Atlantic Drive and Beach Curve — but

not much longer.

"With rain delays and change orders, we will complete the project at the end of November," said Lantana

Utilities Director Jerry Darr.

Work that still needs to be done, he said, includes "electrical, force main lining and restoration of landscaping on Beach Curve Road."

On Atlantic Drive, electrical work remains to be finished, as does landscaping.

Money for the project was set aside during last year's budget talks.

Residents had been frustrated by poor water drainage for 30 to 40 years. Rising water made driving a car on Hypoluxo Island challenging after heavy downpours.

— Mary Thurwachter

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**A1A**

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of his presidential campaign because of a longtime family friendship that started between his father, George Romney, and hotel founder J. Willard Marriott.

Romney checked into the oceanfront Marriott on the Saturday morning before the Monday night debate. That gave him the weekend to explore the oceanfront on foot and travel up and down A1A in his motorcade.

A1A was a more practical north-south route than west on busy Atlantic Avenue to I-95. The police motorcycles and black SUVs headed north Saturday afternoon to carry Romney to a fund-raiser in Palm Beach.

Jenna Walsh, a bride returning to the Marriott with



Tom Gustafson and Ellyn Bogdanoff try to find some political magic along A1A. Jerry Lower and Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

her wedding party, will never forget when A1A was closed at Woolbright Road so the motorcade could pass.

But Walsh was no regular bride standing alongside the road in her wedding dress. Her family owns the local Marriott. So Romney later posed for a

photo with her, her husband and parents back at the hotel.

Romney then walked out of the hotel to find the nearest oceanfront cuisine. The Republican presidential candidate chose the upscale fast-food chain BurgerFi across the street.



“He was very obliging and hospitable,” BurgerFi manager Scott Zuckerman said. “Employees had their pictures taken with him.”

Romney ordered a veggie burger without bread for himself and cheeseburgers, milkshakes and fries for his wife, Ann, son Craig and his family. His bill: \$52.72.

Romney hit the beach after church Sunday morning wearing black shorts, a black Adidas T-shirt and gray sneakers for a flag football game between his staff and reporters covering his campaign.

“Figure out which of their players are best and take them out early. Don’t worry about injuries,” Romney joked with his staff before he tossed a coin that got lost in the sand. The game highlight came when Ann Romney threw a touchdown pass with Secret Service agents as her offensive line.

The frolic was cut short because a national poll released that day showed Romney and Obama in a dead heat going into the critical debate Monday night at Lynn University.

Obama passed on the oceanfront experience, checking into an inland Embassy Suites in Boca Raton. Romney left the beach to study his foreign policy.

But the fascination that presidents have shown for coastal south county has a long history that’s certain to continue.

President Warren Harding was the first to explore the area when he sailed down the Intracoastal Waterway aboard the presidential yacht *Mayflower* in 1923. Subsequent presidents did away with the presidential yacht, which was replaced by motorcades.

Palm Beach claimed John F. Kennedy during his presidency, and Richard Nixon enjoyed Key Biscayne.

But Briny Breezes will never forget when Gerald Ford stopped his motorcade to visit residents in 1976.

“The Briny people turned out in force because there are a lot of Michigan people in Briny,” recalled Rita Taylor, the Ocean Ridge clerk at the time. Giant banners welcomed Ford. People stood five deep along A1A.

“It rained something horrible that day,” Taylor said. “But the president rode up in his car, stood outside and presented his speech. It was quite an exciting

time for all of us.”

Ford also thrilled coastal residents when he spoke at the Lantana bridge, the Ocean Ridge Town Hall, the Delray Beach municipal beach and the Seagate of Highland condo in Highland Beach while traveling down A1A.

Ocean Ridge police covered Briny Breezes, and Ford telephoned to thank Taylor afterward to help make his motorcade a success. “That really made it memorable for me,” she said.

Taylor also remembers when George Bush senior fished and body-surfed at the Gulf Stream home of William Farish after winning the 1988 presidential election.

“I remember Barbara Bush swimming in the ocean with the Secret Service in a small boat beside her,” Taylor said.

Bush golfed across A1A at the Gulf Stream Golf Club. A U.S. Customs speedboat took him to Jupiter Island to attend church with his mother during his four-day stay.

“I think President Bush clearly enjoyed himself,” said Gulf Stream Police Chief Garrett Ward, who was a patrol officer at the time. “The townspeople were very proud that he was staying in our town.”

A year later, the Gulf Stream Republican Club caused a stir when it paid \$25,000 to rename Northeast Eighth Street as George Bush Boulevard. Merchants objected, but the name stuck.

State Road A1A has grown into even more of a political highway during the weeks before the Nov. 6 election.

Not only presidential candidates travel the road now.

State House candidate Tom Gustafson walked along A1A for his campaign last month. State Senate candidate Ellyn Bogdanoff rode a bicycle to greet coastal voters.

Bicycle and pedestrian visits by local candidates caused no problems for police along A1A. But the Romney motorcade that shut down Gulf Stream before and after the presidential debate was another story, according to Gulf Stream’s police chief.

“Thirty or so motorcycle escorts made for a major traffic disruption,” Ward said. “I don’t recall anything like that when President Bush was here. That visit wasn’t as excessive as what goes on today.” ★



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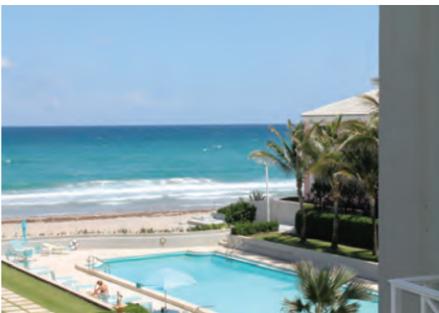
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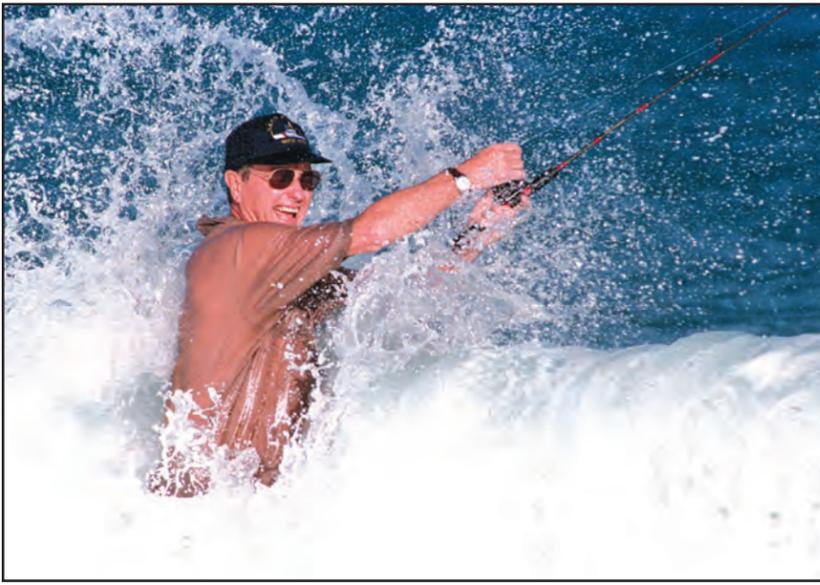
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President-elect George H.W. Bush fishes in the surf off Gulf Stream after his '88 win. Photo by Jim Virga



Michiganans in Briny Breezes prepare to welcome Gerald Ford in 1976. Courtesy of the Briny Breezes Historical Preservation Committee

## The coastal campaign trail, past and present



The morning after the debate at Lynn University, President Barack Obama spoke to a capacity crowd at the Delray Beach Tennis Center. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

For more debate coverage and photos see Thom Smith's column in our Around Town section



Mitt Romney leads the cheer in a football huddle with debate prep coach Sen. Rob Portman and his senior staff members. The game was held down the beach from the Delray Beach Marriott. Members of Romney's traveling press corps formed the opposing team. AP Photo

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Christopher O'Hare in his Pineapple Grove Designs factory. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Sculptor's artificial reefs ready for divers

By Cheryl Blackerby

Christopher O'Hare first started worrying about the fish in Lake Worth Lagoon when he moved to Ocean Ridge in 1992 and saw the sea walls that had replaced the native mangroves that grew at water's edge.

"Mangroves provide ideal habitats for fish. It's one of the big issues facing environmental management of Lake Worth Lagoon," O'Hare said.

The mangrove's long, tangled roots reach through shallow water, creating crucial nursery areas for fish and shellfish, as well as food for a variety of marine life, including snook, snapper, tarpon, jack, oysters and shrimp.

Twenty years of research later, O'Hare, 58, has perfected his Reef Cells modules, intricately designed cast-stone (a concrete) artificial reefs.

His fourth reef, south of Phil Foster Park and the Blue Heron Bridge, was installed in August in 6 to 10 feet of crystal-clear water. Six of his reef modules — each 5 feet by 8 feet by 4 feet and weighing 2 tons — were placed in a line of limestone boulders.

The 800-foot-long snorkel trail already is popular with divers — and fish.

O'Hare, a sculptor who now lives in Gulf Stream, is owner of Pineapple Grove Designs, which makes architectural art in cast stone for clients ranging from the Department of Defense to Notre Dame and Princeton universities.

It was natural for him to turn his experience with concrete and sculpture to underwater habitats for fish. His cast-stone reefs are a labyrinth of tunnels, half bowls, small and large cavities, and ledges that accommodate a wide variety of fish and mollusks.

"Fish are curious, and there were fish on the reef within a matter of four hours — a lot of lobster, snapper, snook, grunts, little blowfish, and parrotfish that nibble on the reef surface," he said.

He studied marine life and habitats to determine the right



The artificial reef above was designed by O'Hare and placed near the Boynton Inlet. Six months later, it is a thriving eco-system for marine life, at left. Photos provided To see a related video, visit [www.thecoastalstar.ning.com](http://www.thecoastalstar.ning.com)

materials for the reef, which he found to include silica sand and calcium carbonate, the same materials in seashells.

"It's super-tough and will grow as coral attaches to it, and last as long as a natural reef," O'Hare said.

Fish have vastly different house preferences, so there are no one-size-fits-all reefs.

"We had to find out what different species of fish require as far as shapes for that fish to survive. Sharks and barracudas are basically comfortable in the open ocean. Mollusks need a surface they can attach to, plus light and a water current to deliver food," he said.

Goliath grouper, which are around 400 pounds when mature, would need a very large cavity to back into. Some fish like to have a back door — if there's a threat they can escape.

"But a moray eel doesn't want something to come from behind," he said. "The general theory is to provide as much variety as possible and see what shows up."

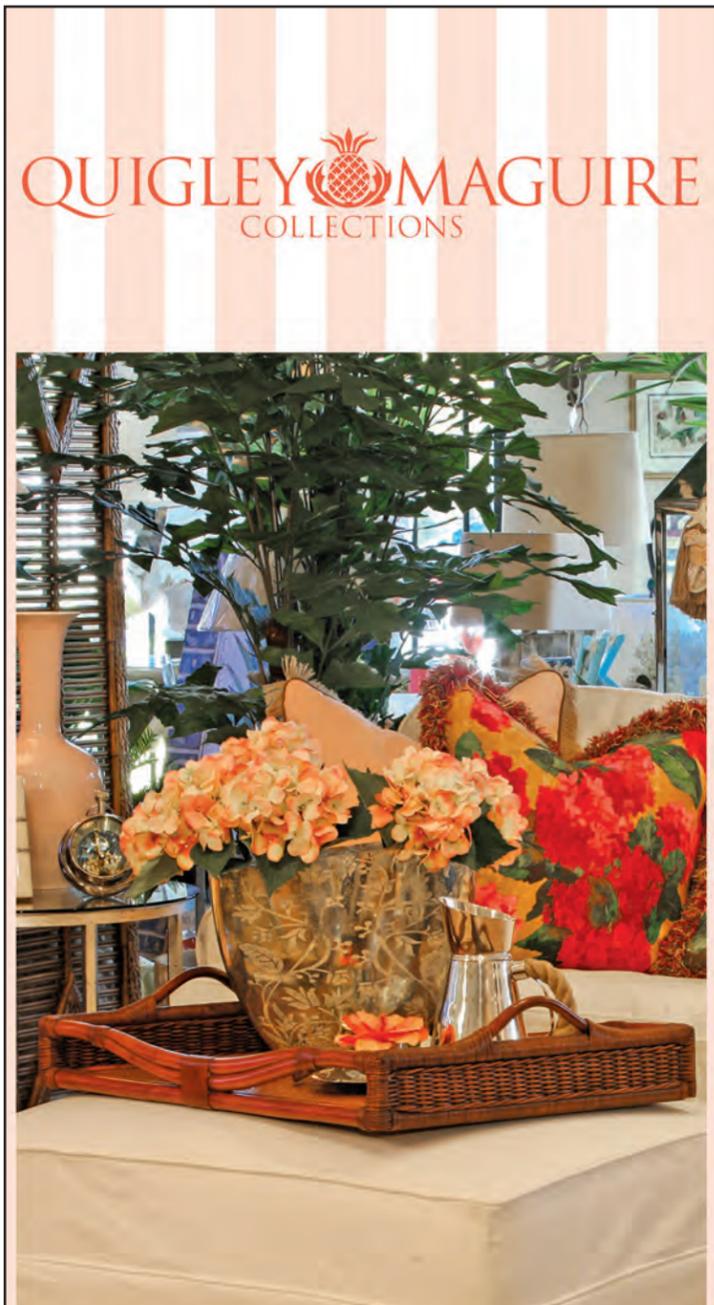
O'Hare's first reef was the

Firehock Memorial Reef, a tribute to firefighter Peter Firehock, founder of the Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Dive Team. Firehock was killed in December 2001 by a hit-and-run driver as he was bicycling in Boynton Beach. The second reef is in 30 feet of water due east of the Boynton Inlet, and the third is near the end of the pier on the northeast corner of Peanut Island.

O'Hare's four artificial reefs were installed with the help of Jim Vance of Vance Construction, the chief marine contractor for Palm Beach County, and Carman Vare of the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management. Paul Fitzgerald of Pinnacle Group International is planning to attach live corals to the Reef Cells to quicken colonization of the artificial reef.

"Everything we've done has been volunteered and donated," O'Hare said. "We hope to teach people around the world how to build these habitats with materials they have at hand." ★

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## Along the Coast

# Goliath groupers making comeback

By Cheryl Blackerby

Divers from around the world have been booking trips to local reefs to see a fish that's hard to miss, the giant goliath grouper.

The goliaths are big — up to 8 feet long and 800 pounds — and have been showing up for their annual spawn in groups of 100 or more, giving enthralling underwater shows that have kept dive boats busy.

"They're all over the place, particularly on the ledges of the reefs and wrecks. We've seen a big increase just in the last five years," said Capt. Tony Coulter, owner of Sun Star Aquatic Services and the dive boat *Diversity* in Boca Raton. He says his divers see at least a few on most trips to nearby reefs year-round, not just during spawning season from July through October.

The sightings have been even more exciting in the past few years because the big fish were nearly wiped out by overfishing in the 1980s. The goliath grouper is recognized as a critically endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, which estimate that at least 80 percent of the goliath population was lost.

These gentle giants are easy prey for fishermen because they are creatures of habit and not easily spooked. The goliath is well-known for staying perfectly still, watching curiously as a spear fisherman comes close and takes aim.

All fishing of goliath groupers was banned in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. Atlantic by emergency rule in 1990 and prohibited in Caribbean waters in 1991. The groupers have made a

slow rebound, making marine biologists cautiously optimistic.

"The fisheries have been closed since 1990, and there's definitely been a positive effect, although it has been pretty gradual. We have multiple research projects going on to evaluate how they're doing," said Angela Collins, fisheries biologist at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute in St. Petersburg, and principal investigator for the Goliath Grouper Cooperative Research Project.

The recovery of the goliaths has been slow due to its long life span and low reproductive rate. But anecdotal reports from divers suggest populations are increasing in U.S. waters, according to the fisheries service report.

"I remember seeing dead ones brought in by fishermen on the docks, and very few on the reefs. And now it's awesome to see them back on the reefs," said Lynn Simmons, owner of Splashdown Divers in Boynton Beach. A boat captain with a degree in marine biology, Simmons has been taking divers out to the reefs east of Boynton Beach since 1973 and has witnessed their near-disappearance in the 1980s and their steady recovery.

"It's hard to describe an 800-pound fish that pretty much owns their piece of the ocean," she said.

The groupers have been particularly abundant at three wrecks less than a nautical mile offshore due east of Boynton Beach, said Bill McKissock, who owns and runs Dolphin Sun Dive Charters at Sportsman's Park Marina in Lantana. The 258-foot-long *Castor*, a Dutch cargo ship, sits in 115 feet of water; the



Local dive-boat operators have been busy booking trips to dive sites where large schools of goliath groupers can be found. © 2012, John J. Lopinot, [www.johnjlopinot.com](http://www.johnjlopinot.com)

### Super groupers

Goliath grouper researcher Angela Collins gives us the facts about the giant fish:

- Goliath groupers can be as long as 8 feet and can weigh more than 800 pounds. The world record for a goliath is 8.2 feet.
- They are mottled brown or olive, and they can change color, sometimes blanching and becoming pale.
- The oldest grouper validated was 37 years old, but biologists believe they can live into their 50s.
- It's one of the world's largest fish and is the second-largest grouper species (the largest lives in the Pacific).
- The fish spawn from July to October, and will travel as far as 100 miles to their annual spawning area.
- They spawn in groups of 100 or more.
- They live in the shallow reefs off the east coast of Florida and the southwest coast of Florida, which provide very good nursery habitat with shallow mangrove estuaries. They also live throughout the Caribbean.
- The goliath grouper is very approachable, curious and not easily frightened.

167-foot *Captain Tony*, a Dutch freighter, is 85 feet deep; and the 169-foot *Budweiser Barge* is 95 feet underwater.

"We're taking trips just for people who want to see the goliath grouper. This (spawning) happens every year from July to October. It's a very cool event. We had a diver on

the boat who has been diving for close to 40 years, and he said he will be putting it on his calendar for next year, it was one of the most amazing things he's ever seen," McKissock said.

The goliaths delight divers because the fish seem to be as curious about them as divers

are about the fish. "They don't spook very easily," McKissock said. "If you weighed 600 or 700 pounds, you wouldn't, either. They will follow groups of divers to see if you're doing any spearfishing, and they'll try to take your lobster or speared fish away from you."

But the fish can startle divers with loud booms that send vibrations through the water. "It sounds like someone stomping on a deck above you," said McKissock. "They will also make the loud booms if divers get too close."

Even though divers are seeing more goliaths, they shouldn't get too confident about their recovery.

"It is probable that low-level harvest of this species continues by poaching and mortality upon release following accidental capture as a result of barotrauma," states an IUCN assessment report. "As a result, high uncertainty is associated with any predictions for recovery of the species." ★

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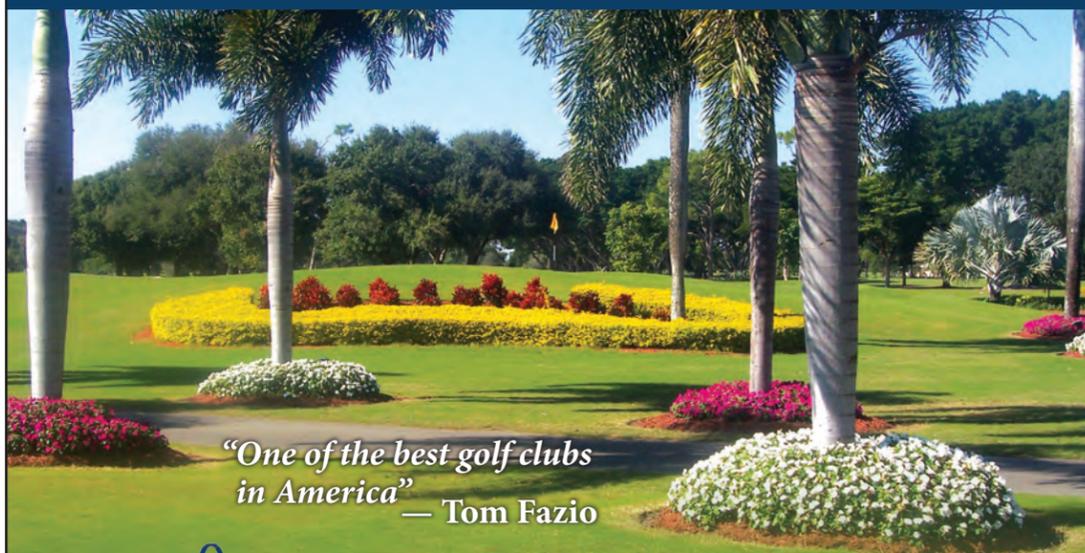
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The south end of the beach in Delray Beach eroded back to the dune line. The poles are what remain of the city's beach volleyball courts. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



**SANDY**

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miles of beachfront between the Ritz-Carlton Resort to Chillingworth Curve in Manalapan.

Portions of several seawalls collapsed and a swimming pool near the 1300 block of South Ocean Boulevard was washed away. A seawall failed at 820 S. Ocean Blvd., allowing the lawn to wash into the surf, said oceanfront resident Donald Silpe.

He also confirmed that the seawall at musician Yanni's property collapsed and the pool was washed out. "The problem is that if one seawall fails it puts in jeopardy the ones next to it," Silpe said. "This is the worst I've seen and I've lived on the ocean for 32 years. When the water hits my seawall it splashes up 18 or 20 feet into the air."

Manalapan town officials declared a state of emergency Oct. 29, enabling the issuing of emergency permits for seawall repairs and for sand replacement. Permit fees were waived and work hours were extended.

Storm effects across the area: **South Palm Beach:** Several condominiums lost beach stairs and some parking lots were flooded during high tide. "Huge waves came up two hours after high tide (Sunday morning) and washed the stairs away, brand new stairs," said Imperial House resident and Town Councilwoman Bonnie Fischer.

**Lantana:** The lifeguard stand that guarded the beach for 26 years washed away in the Sunday morning confluence of high tides and high surf. Storm



Neighbors photograph the storm's fury as waves cover the shore along Ocean Ridge. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

surge also flooded the Lantana beach parking lot and forced the Dune Deck restaurant to close.

"We got one big wave over our awning into the restaurant and both kitchens," said Costa Panais, co-owner of the restaurant. "When we got that cleaned up, three more waves came. We decided to close for the day. We can't risk our customers. Nobody can fight Mother Nature."

Sportsman's Park on the southwest side of the Lantana Bridge was flooded and the dock at the nearby marina was submerged temporarily, said Lantana Police Chief Scott Scheller. Several streets near Ocean Avenue also flooded.

Portions of Atlantic Avenue on Hypoluxo Island were flooded where a drainage project is currently under way.

**Manalapan:** State Road A1A in front of the Ritz Carlton flooded several times during high tides, prompting police

to place orange cones to direct traffic around the water. The Ritz's underground parking garage flooded and its seawall stairs and railing washed away.

**Ocean Ridge:** Ocean Avenue and nearby residential streets just east of the bridge flooded from tidal water backing up from the Intracoastal Waterway through the storm drainage system.

Inlet Cay and Spanish River drives also flooded from the Intracoastal, Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said.

A man riding a personal watercraft off the Ocean Club was rescued by a Palm Beach County lifeguard Friday night, Yannuzzi said.

Waves crashed over the deck at the Ocean Liner motel and apartments sending debris onto Old Ocean Boulevard.

"These are the highest waves and surge I've ever seen since I've been here, including [Hurricanes] Frances and

Jeanne in 2004," said Yannuzzi, who has worked in the south county for 32 years.

**Briny Breezes:** High tides breached the mobile home park's Intracoastal seawall, scouring sand and lawn from behind the retaining walls, said Briny Breezes Inc. President Mike Gut. Many residents lost cable television but he was not aware of any loss of electricity.

**Gulf Stream:** Some oceanfront parking lots and patios flooded during high tides and some pools had sand deposits, said Gulf Stream Town Clerk Rita Taylor but no structural damage was reported.

**Delray Beach:** Streets off A1A flooded, especially north of Linton Boulevard, leaving standing water for hours and forcing some residents to wade out of the neighborhood.

Bride Kaylee McClure and Jean Forim were nearly washed to sea when a huge wave interrupted their wedding vows

on the Delray Beach waterfront.

"I was just saying 'In the eyes of God' and whoomp, we got swamped," said Mitchell Cohen, who was officiating at the beachfront wedding. "He's pretty powerful. We felt his fury."

The newlyweds took it as a good omen. "Once the ceremony ended, another wave came in and nearly swept her off her feet," said groom Forim. The couple was facing the beach and didn't see the breaker coming. The tiny ring bearer and the flower girl were doused.

"We took it in a positive way. 'The ocean was blessing us, washing us off,'" Forim said.

The newlyweds took no more chances with storm Sandy. They are honeymooning in Seattle.

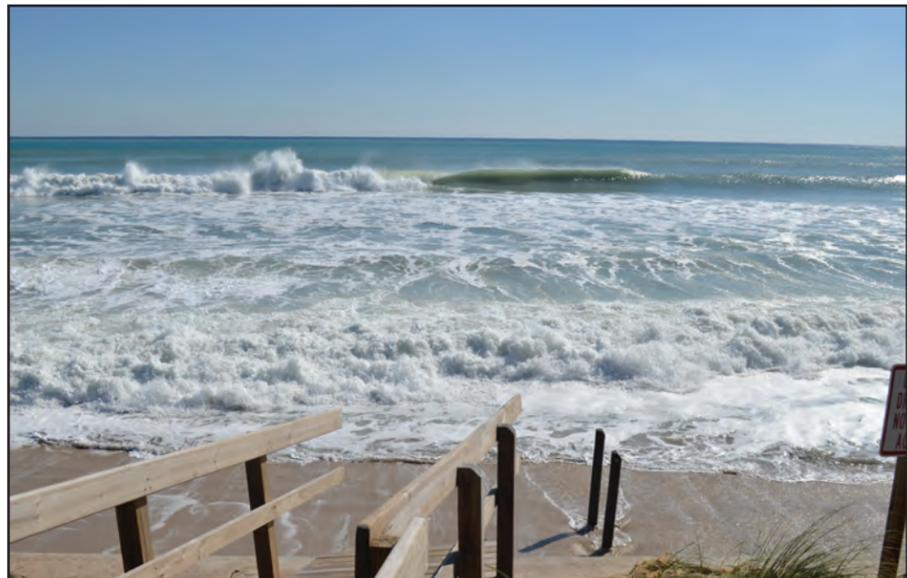
**Highland Beach:** Beach erosion was extensive and town officials called in state Department of Environmental Regulation representatives to inspect the damage, said Zoie Burgess, assistant to the town manager.

The Ambassador South condo lost its beach stairs and parking lot flooding occurred at several other condominiums.

**Boca Raton:** "We know we had some significant beach erosion," Assistant City Manager Mike Woika said. "Our storm damage was pretty much contained to the beach."

Storm erosion did force lifeguards at Red Reef and beaches south of Palmetto Park Road to work out of temporary locations (tents and picnic cabanas) when the steps to their guard towers washed away. ★

*Mary Kate Leming contributed to this story*



**BEFORE & AFTER:** The lifeguard station at Lantana's beach got pounded by waves on Oct. 27 and had disappeared by the next day. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



Husband, Jean, and family and friends help bride Kaylee McClure Forim after a wave swept her off her feet during a wedding photo shoot on the north end of Delray Municipal Beach. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

# Sandy's surging waters surprise coastal residents



Lotta Collard carries her son Lucas as she and her other son Marcus wade along Brook Lane toward A1A in Delray Beach. They chose to walk out to A1A because flood waters were too deep for a car to be safely driven down their street.



**ABOVE:** Town employee Arnaldo Aponte removes coins from parking meters at Lantana Public Beach. **LEFT:** Estel Van Castle talks to a power company employee after seasonal high tides flooded streets and caused minor cable TV interruptions in Briny Breezes.

## Along the Coast

# Towns, activists raise concerns about regional beach plan

By Tim O'Meilia

Officials of south county coastal towns fear that signing on to a regional beach management plan now in the works would cost their taxpayers money without guaranteeing any new sand on eroding beaches.

Several environmental groups think that the plan — designed to streamline obtaining permits and treat regions as a whole instead of

individually — will short-circuit their attempts to challenge projects.

The inlet-to-inlet plan being developed by state, county and local officials initially will not include any beach rebuilding projects for the South Palm Beach-Lake Worth-Lantana-Manalapan area, but those towns will be asked to help pay for ongoing beach, hardbottom and turtle monitoring programs.

Permanent beach

monitoring would make obtaining permits from state and federal agencies quicker, but there is no guarantee projects would be approved.

"It's all about the costs," Lantana Town Manager Debbie Manzo said of the monitoring. "Is it \$10,000 or is it \$100,000?"

South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor echoed her concern.

The state Department of Environmental Protection wants the four towns, Palm Beach, Palm Beach County and environmental groups to sign the agreement when its final form is agreed upon, perhaps as soon as December.

"In concept, we think the beach management plan is a good idea, but we have no idea what the costs are going to be," said Manalapan Town Manager Linda Stumpf.

She also is concerned with a cost formula based on each town's shoreline. Manalapan would be assessed for 17.2 percent of the cost for its 2.7 miles of the total 15.7 miles of beach from Lake Worth to the Boynton Inlet. Stumpf said that would be excessive.

Stumpf said it was unlikely any beach project would be undertaken in the town, and the beaches from the Ritz-Carlton Resort south are not considered in need of repair.

"Almost all of the beaches in Manalapan are considered private. Spending public tax

dollars for private property is not very likely," she said.

Under the monitoring cost formula, South Palm Beach would be assessed 3.4 percent, Lantana 1 percent and Lake Worth 1.2 percent. Lake Worth has not participated in any of the discussions to develop the regional plan.

Four of the five projects being considered in the plan are in the town of Palm Beach. The town would pay for 77.2 percent of the monitoring programs.

Danielle Fondren, chief of the state Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems, acknowledged that the towns have raised concerns about the monitoring costs and the value of the plan to them.

She said officials would calculate current monitoring costs by November and estimate future expenses by December.

Fondren said long-term monitoring would expedite developing any environmental impact studies, which are often necessary to obtain federal renourishment permits.

Palm Beach County commissioners earlier this year killed plans for 1.3 miles of breakwaters and groins from southern Palm Beach to Manalapan over concerns about the effects on nesting sea turtles and sea grasses.

But county commissioners later agreed to revive the issue if hard structures are not

considered. Federal officials said that the environmental study is stalled for the moment; county officials said computer modeling is under way to try to develop an effective plan without using hard structures. That testing won't be completed until March.

County officials urged the towns to stay involved in the plan. "As long as they continue to participate, it will make life easier for projects in the future," said Dan Bates, deputy director of Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resource Management.

Representatives of Surf Riders and Reef and Rescue quizzed Fondren at an Oct. 11 meeting over their ability to file challenges during the permitting process.

Fondren said there would be opportunities to question both the regional plan and also the individual plans as they are introduced.

"They still haven't addressed my concern on the impact of these projects to offshore reefs," said Ed Tichenor of Reef and Rescue.

Others complained that contractors do not monitor well the silting caused by dredge and fill projects.

"I don't see how streamlining a project is protecting the environment," said Palm Beach resident Connie Gasque. ★

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Marsha Love

When it comes to local pedigree, few can compete with Marsha Love of coastal Delray Beach.

Her great-uncle was the area's first physician, arriving in 1905. Her grandfather was Delray's first registered pharmacist, establishing the long-running Love's Drugs. Her great-grandfather, a minister, came out of retirement in the late 1920s to help rebuild a hurricane-damaged church that was later renamed in his honor: Cason Memorial Methodist Church.

Love's roots run so deep in Delray Beach, her childhood memories may seem surreal to those of us transplanted from elsewhere.

"I went to elementary school in the building that's now the Cornell Museum at Old School Square," Love said. "When I was in school there, my great-grandparents' house was across the street to the north, my grandparents' house was just across the street to the west, and two of the family drugstores were a couple of blocks away. Oh, and my great-uncle Van's house was on the corner, which is now DaDa Restaurant."

When not in school, young Marsha would often play around in the original Love's Drugs, located at the corner of Northeast Fourth Avenue and Atlantic Avenue (now the site of a bank).

"I used to climb up in a special place and squirt the pharmacists with my squirt gun, until my father found out and made me stop," Love said. She also used to raid the comic book section, taking copies of *Katy Keene*, *Little Lulu*, *Nancy* and *Sluggo*.

"I thought they were free because they belonged to the drugstore. My father straightened me out by saying, 'Honey, I am the drugstore.'"

With so much of her own history intertwined with local history, Love, 67, is devoting time these days to helping the Delray Beach Historical Society raise needed operating funds.

She rejoined the board of directors last fall and started a committee to promote Cason Cottage, the restored 1924 home built by her great-grandfather that serves as the Historical Society's headquarters and museum.

Love's committee has been busy planning "Christmas at Cason Cottage, a Designer Showcase House," featuring the work of 11 local interior designers. More than just decorating the cottage for Christmas, each designer will be assigned one room to redesign in the spirit of the period from 1915 to 1935.

A kickoff party is planned for Dec. 1, and the Designer Showcase will remain open until New Year's Day for public viewing.



Marsha Love is a descendant of Delray Beach pioneers. She will participate in the Delray Beach Historical Society's 'Christmas at Cason Cottage: A Designer Showcase House.'

Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

As an additional revenue source for the Historical Society, Love has written a children's book about a fictitious cat living at Cason Cottage. The book will be on sale for \$15 during the Designer Showcase and beyond. Love says its publication was made possible through contributions from local supporters Bob Ganger, Matt Gracey, Mary Ellen Cook, Charles and Priscilla Hardiman and Bob Currie, a local architect who sketched the book's illustrations for free.

"Our mission is simple: to raise awareness of Cason Cottage and raise money to keep our Historical Society going," she said.

— Paula Detwiller

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

**A.** At the time I was born, there was no hospital in Delray Beach, so I entered our world in West Palm Beach. However, I grew up in Delray as part of the fourth generation of my family to live here.

On my mother's side I am a sixth-generation Floridian, since her ancestors were living in the Jacksonville area before Florida became a state in 1845. I graduated from Seacrest High School, and then earned a B.A. in English from Florida State University, an M.A. in student personnel administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an interior design degree from the New York School of Interior Design.

I also took graduate courses at the University of South Carolina, where I studied under Dr. Ennis Rees, who later became poet laureate of South Carolina, and he influenced my desire to write.

I'm sure that living in Delray, surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles, great-aunts and uncles, and cousins taught me to appreciate family and the

joys of living in a small town where everyone knew everyone else. It also caused me to become accustomed to lots of light and to being near the sea. I feel landlocked when I am in a place that isn't near the ocean.

**Q.** How/when did you become involved in the Delray Beach Historical Society?

**A.** I don't remember the exact year that I became involved with the historical society, but I believe I was first appointed to the board in the 1970s after I returned to the area from graduate school. I later became president of the society in 1986 after my stint as president of the Junior League of Boca Raton, and was on the board for many years prior to that.

**Q.** Tell us about your book.

**A.** My children's book, *The Cat at Cason Cottage*, is essentially historical fiction combined with a ghost story, targeting 5- to 8-year-olds. In the book, Clarabelle, a lonely little marmalade cat who lives at the Cason Cottage Museum in Delray Beach, wants nothing more than to belong to a person who loves her. The story unfolds as members of the Cason family appear nightly to Clarabelle as spirits and tell her about their lives when they resided in South Florida.

**Q.** Have you had other careers (or hobbies)? What were the highlights?

**A.** I have always admired the brilliance and versatility of Thomas Jefferson. His ability to do many things well made me want to try to emulate him, so I have had — and continue to have — several careers.

I was assistant dean for student affairs at Florida Atlantic University for 10 years, which gave me a great deal of administrative experience.

Wanting more contact with students, though, led me to follow several other courses

simultaneously, which I still pursue today. I am currently adjunct professor of English at Palm Beach State College, an ex-designer with Tulane Kidd Interiors, and a writer of children's books and adult essays. I also have an online proofreading and editing service.

Needless to say, between these things and volunteer work, I don't have much free time! When I do, I love to read, travel, entertain, study art history and do genealogical research.

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

**A.** I have had many, many mentors. My parents mentored me into believing that I could do anything. (Fortunately, I believed them.)

Jean Wells, national president of my sorority and a board member of the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, taught me the importance of volunteering. Dr. Doris Seward, assistant to the president of Penn State University, mentored me in my choice of profession.

Imogene Lane, dear friend of 25 years, has helped me in how to deal with life's adversities. I am exceedingly grateful for these and many others who encouraged my writing, including Phyllis McGinley, Pulitzer prize-winning poet, and Catherine Marshall, author of *A Man Called Peter*.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Delray Beach?

**A.** I love being in familiar surroundings and seeing people I've known for years frequently. Old friendships sweeten life immensely. It's also nice to live in a small town with access to the benefits of a cosmopolitan city.

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

**A.** *The Flight of Gemma*

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- Sharon Koskoff, The Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches, Delray Beach
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*Hardy*, by Margot Livesey. I read about a book a week on average.

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

**A.** I am a fossil when it comes to music. I love show tunes, Sousa marches, Viennese waltzes and classical. I find Bach extremely relaxing and Tchaikovsky and Beethoven inspiring.

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

**A.** Meryl Streep. Her acting ability is, in my opinion, incomparable. Besides, we shop at the same store in Williamstown, Mass.: The Library!

**Q.** Who/what makes you laugh?

**A.** I think Will Ferrell is one of the funniest people on the planet. When he imitates "Dubya," I go into hysterics.

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greater than the city permits, with 50 residential units per acre as compared with the allowed 30 units. The 442-residential-unit project, with common areas and pools for residents, featured three- to five-story buildings and also asked for relief from height restrictions.

The development is planned with 82,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space as well as 80,000 square feet of class A office space.

Jeff Edwards of developer Edwards Companies showed renderings to describe what pedestrians would see from the ground, in an attempt to mitigate building height. "Some of you would say, 'You've obscured all the big buildings with trees.' I'd say that's exactly right," Edwards said.

The developer made concessions on height, moving five-story buildings that overlooked the park to the other side of the project at Atlantic near the Intracoastal, encouraging thanks from some residents at the public hearing. Residents also remained concerned that the residential density would cause traffic, drainage and other problems.

In addition, Edwards moved pools out of a central common area, creating a space for the public rather than limiting it to the development's residents. And the developer will also contribute \$150,000 to buy a

downtown trolley.

"These developers have really listened and made the changes requested," said Christina Morrison a Realtor and unsuccessful city commission candidate. She remained concerned, however, about the density and asked particularly about the truck traffic in and out of the development.

"We would be putting a lot of people, traffic and cars in the middle of town," said Bob Ganger of the Florida Coalition for Preservation in Delray Beach. "I'd much prefer design that came in with more open space. This is a dense area. I think the density could be reduced back to what was originally approved."

Another resident, Jack Malone, said the development isn't in keeping with the character of the town. "The project is out of scale for our town," he said. "We're a fun, small town — it's what gives our town the vibe that we have. This overwhelms our town."

The board approved height and density requests for Atlantic Plaza II, on the condition that at least one building be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified. The Board is advisory; it makes recommendations to the commission.

In the separate Delray Place development, just west of the Intracoastal on the southeast corner of Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway, the developer, Retail Property Group Inc., requested a zoning



Atlantic Plaza II as it would appear at the corner of East Atlantic Avenue and Northeast Sixth Avenue. Rendering provided

change to allow a commercial shopping center — a departure from the office space previously allowed for the site.

While the board had issues with the site plan, it voted to recommend the zoning change.

The center would feature both retail and restaurants. And while some residents of the neighboring Tropic Isles waterfront community were excited to have a center they could reach by foot or bike, others protested that the back of the center and a row of restaurants were only a few yards from their homes and would change their lifestyle as well as their property values.

Economic development officials spoke in favor of the project. "We're in a process of revamping and revitalizing certain sections of the community," said Economic Development Director Vin Nolan. "This is a spot that should be commercial retail."

Resident Michael Young was concerned that there would be "delivery trucks right

outside my front doors." He and other residents decried the route of the truck traffic, which would have to cross a lane of traffic to exit left on one side of the center. And on the other side, the trucks would have to make a U-turn to enter.

Sherri Crichton and her mother spoke on behalf of her brother against the shopping center plan. Crichton said her brother lost his voice to ALS. "My family grew up in Tropic Isle. It's an incredible place. You're here in multimillion homes on the canals. It feels like a piece of bliss. To think that you'd have to close your windows and stay inside."

Days after the meeting, resident groups continued a push for cancellation of the Election Day commission meeting or delay of the two items, noting that both items would generate lengthy discussions and a repeat of the late night Planning and Zoning meeting.

"It is clear to us that a strong majority of affected residents have concerns about (Atlantic Plaza II) that need to be vetted personally and directly to our elected officials," wrote Ganger and Kristine de Haseh in a letter to Commission from the Florida Coalition for Preservation.

The Coalition further asked commissioners to "take your time and carefully consider both immediate and longer term implications of the core decision you face — whether

to increase project density at the very center of the Atlantic Avenue Downtown Corridor."

A group of about 50 residents, including from the neighboring Barr Terrace condominium, met Oct. 30, listening to remarks on Atlantic Plaza by mayoral candidate and former Planning and Zoning Chairman Cary Glickstein, among others, according to John Pappas.

Many had attended both Planning and Zoning meetings about Atlantic Plaza. The outraged neighbors felt like they were being left out of the process, Pappas said. They feared the city will proceed with a project that will have long-term negative effects without doing due diligence, he added.

"Residents were very upset to learn that the next important meeting by the city commission is to be held on election night when residents would prefer to stay home and watch the returns," Pappas said. "Everyone had questions concerning traffic, parking, and how it will affect the surrounding neighborhoods. They feel like they are being railroaded and this project is on a fast track. Most important they feel as if City Hall is not listening."

The residents weren't alone in drumming up support for their view.

Developer Bill Morris, who works on behalf of developers Carl DeSantis of CDS International and the Edwards Companies circulated an email asking supporters to come to the Nov. 6 commission meeting.

"Having supporters present will be crucial," the email said. "We have been meeting with the neighboring homeowner groups to share facts, do our best to address concerns, and stress the importance of the project to enhance the vibrancy and sustainability of our Village by the Sea." ★



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Boynton Inlet

# Boynton Inlet park safety discussed among departments

By Tim O'Meilia

Spurred by the fears of oceanfront residents, Manalapan Police Chief Carmen Mattox has asked Palm Beach County recreation officials to close all of

Ocean Inlet Park at sunset, including the south section in neighboring Ocean Ridge.

County Parks Director Eric Call said in a reply letter that closing the entire park "seems to be an extreme measure," especially because

the south jetty historically has been a popular spot for night fishermen.

Call asked for a meeting among Manalapan, Ocean Ridge, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and parks department officials.

Ocean Ridge and Manalapan residents have complained about crime in the park ever since budget cuts last year prompted the sheriff's office to discontinue a permanent park ranger station at the park. Two armed robberies, two sexual assaults and two other serious crimes have occurred in the park since then, police say.

"There is a part of the community that can't go outside after dark with any sense of security," said Manalapan Commissioner Donald Brennan, who has complained about beachgoers trespassing on his oceanfront property.

The sheriff's office has begun an extra patrol system where cruisers are dispatched to patrol the park periodically. Mattox and Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said the additional patrols have been successful over the July Fourth and Labor Day holidays.

But the report of a possible gunshot or fireworks explosion has reignited fears. "I don't

think we're well-protected," said oceanside resident Dennis Hammond. "I don't have the sense of confidence some of you have."

In his letter, Call said the gunshot incident could not be verified and said criminal activity has not increased in the park since the park ranger unit was disbanded and the sheriff's marine unit moved.

"It has become a hangout without a great presence of law enforcement," Mattox told the Manalapan Town Commission at an Oct. 23 meeting.

Under an agreement with the county sheriff's office, Manalapan police patrol the section of the park on the north side of the Boynton Inlet, including Bird Island. That section closes at sunset.

"We've put up signs, increased our ATV (all-terrain vehicle) patrol and made sure the gates are locked at 8 p.m. every night," Mattox said.

"I'm making it uncomfortable for underage drinking or any illegal activity," he said. "I want to have zero events, although that's a pie-in-the-sky wish."

The section of the park south of the inlet is within Ocean Ridge boundaries, and police answer emergency calls there,

although primary jurisdiction remains with the sheriff's office.

The extreme south end of the park also closes at dark, but the section of the parking lot near the boat slips and with access to the south jetty remains open.

Call said that a county employee would be living in the park soon to offer around-the-clock supervision, but Manalapan commissioners noted he would have no arrest powers and would have to call deputies like any other citizen.

Yannuzzi said it's unlikely that county officials will close the entire park at night because of a 1985 agreement between the town and Palm Beach County. It calls for the park hours "not to be restricted" except in the far south end.

But the agreement also requires "adequate law enforcement" from the sheriff's office.

At least one oceanfront dweller thinks the complaints are overblown. "The issue has been a mountain out of a molehill," said Manalapan Commissioner Louis DeStefano, who lives immediately north of the inlet park. "I do not feel unsafe walking on the beach at 9, 10 or 11 at night. It's an issue of perception." ★

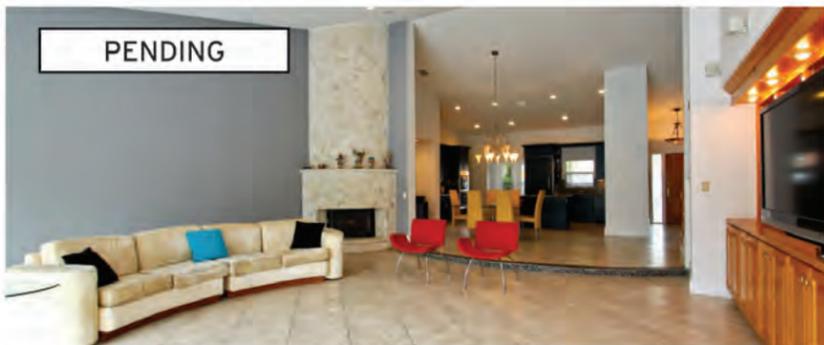
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## Ocean Ridge

# Public safety savings would come with loss of services

By Tim Pallesen

Ocean Ridge residents would lose quick response to burglar alarms and 24-hour access to Town Hall if the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office takes over town policing, a new analysis shows.

A code enforcement officer also would need to be hired, and the town would turn over \$300,000 worth of cars, guns and radios to the sheriff.

The cost comparison analysis prepared by Town Manager Ken Schenck will be presented to the Town Council on Nov. 5.

The sheriff has offered police protection to Ocean Ridge for \$1.1 million a year, compared with the \$1.9 million that the town pays for its own police force now.

But Schenck said the town would lose \$289,375 in revenue if it contracts with the sheriff, so the true cost would be \$1.4 million.

"The major plus in going with the sheriff would be saving half a million dollars a year," Schenck said. "But people say they don't mind spending a little bit more."

The recalculated tax savings if Ocean Ridge goes with the

sheriff would be \$369 a year for the owner of a home with \$500,000 in taxable value.

Schenck's report details services that Ocean Ridge residents would give up by losing their own police department.

"The savings need to be weighed against the services we would lose if we contracted with the sheriff," Schenck wrote. "There are several services and benefits that the residents presently enjoy that would be changed."

Town Hall with no police dispatchers on site would be open only weekdays from 8:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents now can go to Town Hall both at night and on weekends to speak with a town employee.

Sheriff's dispatchers wouldn't perform extra duties — such as registering pets and giving resident vehicle decals — that town dispatchers perform now. Schenck said the town would need to hire a code enforcement officer at a cost of \$50,000 to perform the building inspections that town police officers do now.

Ocean Ridge homeowners now can pay to have town police respond immediately when their home burglar alarm

sounds. The sheriff would require that an alarm company call dispatchers to request a response. "This will delay response time," Schenck wrote.

"Some people would say these are emotional issues that have no bearing. I would disagree," Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said.

"You shouldn't just look at the financial comparison between \$1.9 million and \$1.1 million," Yannuzzi said. "You would be going from a police department that's fully functional to one where services would have to be reduced." ★

## Obituary

### John 'Jack' Hake

By Emily J. Minor

DELRAY BEACH — Jack Hake didn't have any family. No sisters, no brothers. No aunts and uncles.

His parents, Paul and Louise, had been dead for years.

And so, when Mr. Hake died on Oct. 9 — taken to the hospital for the recurring cancer that would eventually take his life — he could have slipped away unnoticed.

Many men die lonely deaths.

But Mr. Hake did not.

John "Jack" Hake, a man born 77 years ago into Chicago privilege, never married, never had children, never knew the annoying joys of a big family holiday.

But he died loved and remembered by a downtown Delray Beach community that had become his life since he moved to Florida nearly 40 years ago.

"There was just something about him," said Tom Gmyrek, who met Mr. Hake at a Delray Beach drinking establishment a few years back. "Jack was a great talker. He could strike up a conversation with anybody."

By all accounts, Mr. Hake was an affable guy — a gentleman's gentleman — who took great care and great pride in forming these bonds in downtown Delray Beach. He lived along the Intracoastal at the Summit condominiums, right at the very end of Lowry Street. He frequented the restaurants and the bars and the shops. Merchants and residents often called him "Mayor."

"I think I started that," said Michael Wirtz, an interior designer who met Mr. Hake in the 1970s. "I knew the other side of him. He was very gregarious, but he was also very private, very caring."

"I think I was the brother he never had."

After moving to Delray Beach in 1974, Mr. Hake sold furniture and carpeting, often from the trunk of his Olds 98. He moved here from North Carolina to care for his ailing father, who died in 1984. His mother lived until 1999. Mr. Hake was at her side every step of the way.

"He was a great son," Wirtz said.

It is a stunning accolade, to be called a great son. But at the Green Owl restaurant, the city's venerable Atlantic Avenue breakfast joint, Mr. Hake was also a favored customer, the guy who came in every day, took a seat at the counter, ordered scrambled eggs, toast and coffee, then entertained the wait staff with funny small talk. He was an important part of the restaurant's morning rhythm, always talking sports or politics. He loved the Miami Dolphins. He loved playing golf.

But Mr. Hake apparently did not like grocery shopping. Most days he came back to the Green Owl for lunch.

"I have a lot of great customers, and Jack was one of them," said restaurant owner David Gensman. "Jack was a really cool guy."

And so it came to be that Mr. Hake was adored by so many everyday people. Often he forged these friendships without revealing much of himself. Still, everyone felt they knew him.

On the day of Mr. Hake's small funeral, the Green Owl staff went afterward to the Summit building where Mr. Hake had lived. There, in the condo's newly decorated party room, about 50 people stood and told their favorite Jack Hake stories.

There were plenty to choose from, but this one, about Mr. Hake's last words, was perhaps the most outstanding.

The Green Owl's chief cook had been there at the hospital, paying his proper respects to Mr. Hake, when he began to make noise about getting back to work at the restaurant.

"Any words for the girls?" he asked.

"Tell ... them ... I'm ... finally ... getting ... some ... good ... service," Mr. Hake cracked from his hospital bed.

"That's true," said Wirtz.

Not much later, Mr. Hake died — a little before noon on a Tuesday.

"It wasn't sad. It wasn't painful," Wirtz said. "It's almost like he just floated away."

## Manalapan

### Commission representation discussed, not acted upon

By Tim O'Meilia

Ten years ago, a gang of four Point Manalapan residents made a federal case out of voting districts in Manalapan, where oceanside residents had half the U.S. census-tallied residents but twice the number of seats on the Town Commission as those on the point.

Now, Town Commissioner Donald Brennan says that the resulting court-approved redistricting and reapportioning of the Town Commission has flip-flopped the power structure and left A1A residents with 70 percent of the tax bill but far less of the voting power.

"The judge was astute. She said be careful what you're doing because it may have the opposite effect," Brennan said during an Oct. 23 workshop meeting on possible town charter amendments.

The judge approved the revised voting district system overwhelmingly OK'd by Manalapan voters in 2002 that exists today — eliminating single-member districts but requiring two seats for ocean residents, two for the point and two more and the mayor for anyone, but all seven voted on by everyone.

Brennan, an oceanside resident, wants the commission to consider modifying that system because oceanfront voters feel powerless.

He proposed the at-large election of two ocean commissioners, two from the point and alternating the mayor between an ocean and point resident every four or six years, with term limits for all.

"It gives both a perception of fair representation and de-escalates who's paying for what and creates a commission that's more manageable," he said.

Brennan believes the seven-member commission is unwieldy and would be more effective with five commissioners. "We have the smallest population of any town around and the biggest commission," he said.

Other commissioners quickly challenged his contention that ocean residents weren't being represented adequately or their concerns being addressed.

A former mayor was an oceanside resident (Thomas Gerrard) and one of the recent at-large positions was held by another (Peter Evans), even though point voters outnumber those on the beach, Mayor Basil Diamond noted.

Brennan and beach resident Dennis Hammond said oceanfront security was at the root of the complaint.

Commissioners David Cheifetz and Bill Quigley challenged that claim, saying that the commission approved a weekend beach patrol beginning this month and a weekend marine patrol starting next summer.

"When people on A1A said they've had a problem, we've tried to solve the problem," Cheifetz said.

The commission took no action on Brennan's proposal, and he asked commissioners to consider it for the future.

On other proposals considered during the charter workshop, the commission also declined to act on Diamond's proposal to allow the mayor to be counted toward a quorum when four commissioners aren't present and to vote in that instance.

As an alternative, he suggested that the commission consider allowing the mayor to vote in all instances. Now, the mayor votes only in the event of a tie. No action was taken.

Unless the commission acts before Feb. 8, the only charter question on the ballot in March will be on term limits. Voters will decide whether to limit commissioners to two consecutive two-year terms or a commissioner and mayor in combination for three terms in a row.

In other business, commissioners voted unanimously to seek proposals to handle the town's police dispatch services. The town spends more than \$200,000 annually for three full-time and four part-time dispatchers to handle emergency and non-emergency calls. Police deal with only about 50 calls to 911 each month.

After experimenting with a 3 p.m. start of Town Commission meetings for one month, the commission decided to revert to a 9:30 a.m. time for its monthly meeting. October's meeting ran four hours, until 7 p.m. ★

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## Ocean Ridge/Boynton Beach

# Free beach parking for disabled coming to end

By Angie Francalancia

People displaying a disabled parking tag no longer automatically get free parking at Boynton Beach's Oceanfront Park, located within Ocean Ridge.

Boynton Beach city officials made the decision during their budget workshops earlier this year, and began the change in October at the start of the new budget year.

The exception is for people whose vehicles have been modified with special equipment such as a lift, a

ramp or hand controls to accommodate their disability, said Boynton Beach Parks and Recreation Director Wally Majors.

The city made the change as it sought new sources of money for its budget and became aware of the volume of nonpaying visitors to its only beachfront park. City officials reviewed the state law that allows parking fees to be waived for disabled drivers before changing its policy.

"We are struggling to make ends meet, and approximately 20 percent of the vehicles

coming into our parks were having their fees waived. That's an inordinate amount," Majors said.

"Certainly, we want to be benevolent," he added, "but ultimately, we have to maintain the parks in a manner that people would expect."

Parking fees cover less than half of the \$500,000 park maintenance budget, he said.

Last year, between October and December, there were 16,729 visitors to Oceanfront Park, and 3,411, or 20 percent, had their fees waived, Majors said.

Boynton Beach charges residents \$40 for an annual parking pass, or \$10 for a single day.

Majors noted that free parking is available at two county beaches within a mile north and south of the park for people who can't afford the fee.

"The bulk of our permits are sold in September, and we started advising people of the new policy well over a month in advance. Personally, I've gotten two phone calls (complaining)," he said. "It certainly gives me the sense that people agreed it's fair." ★

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## Along the Coast

# Guides to the past move on into new futures

By Rich Pollack

Two women who have been instrumental in creating historical archives in Boynton Beach and Delray Beach are, or soon will be ... well, history themselves.

Last month, Boynton Beach's historical archivist Janet DeVries left her job at the Boynton Beach City Library to become the archivist at Palm Beach State College's Harold C. Manor library. And next month, Dottie Patterson, the Delray Beach Historical Society's longtime archivist, will be retiring after more than two decades in the job.

"They together and individually have done wonderful things for the promotion of local history and the scholarship of history in southern Palm Beach County," said Susan Gillis, archivist for the Boca Raton Historical Society and a close associate of both Patterson and DeVries. "They were my go-to gals, and I will miss the ease of contacting them when I have a question that no one else can answer."

Both Patterson, who served as the historical archivist for 22 years, and DeVries, who held her job for 15 years, were instrumental in creating professional archives in their respective communities.

Today, those archives serve as critical resources for everyone from journalists and architects to visitors or callers from out of state who want to learn more about a long-lost relative who lived and died in South Florida.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining an easily accessible collection of historical information and artifacts, both the Delray Beach Historical Society and the Boynton Beach Library have begun searching for replacements.

The Delray Beach Historical Society has hopes of having someone on board by the end of the month to work



DeVries



Patterson

with Patterson before she retires, according to Howard Ellingsworth, a member of the nonprofit organization's board, who is helping to lead the search.

Ellingsworth said the historical society's goal is to find an archivist who will also be able to take on additional responsibilities and serve as the organization's director as well. Due to financial constraints, the position would remain part-time.

In Boynton Beach, Library Director Craig Clark says plans are in the works to fill the archivist position by early next year. One of the priorities for the new archivist, he said, will be to follow through on DeVries' efforts to electronically categorize artifacts so they'll be easier to locate.

"The archivist is a very unique position for our library," Clark said. "We've been fortunate enough to have a position to preserve and care for our artifacts."

But that position didn't always exist.

When DeVries was first hired by the library, the archive was little more than a small, dank space just a little bigger than a closet, called the Florida room.

"You could easily trip over boxes on the floor," she said.

Sorting through the old papers and unidentified objects took her some time, but eventually the archives at the library were transformed into a three-room professional environment with photographs and important papers carefully stored in plastic sleeves and binders.

"The archive is a fabulous

resource for the community," said DeVries, who remains active in the Boynton Beach Historical Society. The author of five books on the history of the city, DeVries says she plans to continue using the archives for her research.

Like DeVries, Patterson is a history detective of sorts who enjoys combing through old books and photos and helping others find information they're searching for.

And like her counterpart in Boynton, whose nomination letter helped her win Florida archivist of the year in 2009, Patterson is passionate about history and about making sure it is preserved for future generations.

"The reason I've stayed so long is I love working here," she said.

Over the years, Patterson has seen the archives grow from a walk-in closet to filling a rescued house on Swinton Avenue and Northeast First Street, now known as the Ethel Williams Archives.

She has been on hand to open several rediscovered time capsules, including one dating back to 1924, and has been around to help everyone from city officials to reporters find information they need.

"Dottie has been the epitome of someone whose heart and soul is into what she's doing," Ellingsworth said. "She has been a real godsend to the Delray Beach Historical Society."

DeVries said both she and Patterson were "lone rangers," often working independently, who were fueled by their desire to share the pasts of their respective towns with those who wanted to know more.

"One of our jobs is to lead people to treasures," DeVries said. "We act as tour guides and educators." ★

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Ocean Ridge

# FAU teacher has the formula to encourage women in math and science

By Libby Volgyes

It doesn't matter that Daniela Nikolova-Popova has studied and researched extraordinarily complex mathematics all over the world.

The brains of undergraduate Florida Atlantic University students still invigorate her these days.

"You need these young people, and they need you," she said. "Through the process of teaching, you develop these ideas. I have been doing both (research and teaching) all my life ... But you cannot be a good teacher without inspiring them into research and showing them your own research."

Nikolova-Popova came

to FAU six years ago at the urging of Professor Spyros Magliveras, the chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, who met her in Germany at a research conference in 2005.

Though she was born in Bulgaria to a family of mathematicians — her mother a university professor in geometry, her uncle a distinguished professor in complex analysis, her cousin a professor in modeling theory and her father an engineer — for a while she struggled with the decision of whether she should follow in those family members' footsteps.

"I was interested in mathematics and language," she said. "For some time, I had a dilemma — whether

to go into mathematics or languages. My mother was discouraging me, saying it would be hard to be a woman in mathematics one day. But I chose it, knowing that if I chose mathematics I would still use languages, but if I chose languages, I would not use mathematics."

By the time she was 25, she knew German, Russian, English, French and Bulgarian. Her choice of mathematics led her to specialize in group theory, computer algebra, combinatorics, artificial intelligence and computer science. She also has a special interest in gender studies.

"Usually boys and girls start on an equal basis, but then girls do not have the courage to persevere in careers



Daniela Nikolova-Popova demonstrates an equation during the conference Group Theory, Combinatorics and Computing, held in Highland Beach. Libby Volgyes/The Coastal Star

in STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) for different reasons," she said.

"So the purpose of gender studies in general is to promote, to encourage girls to have the courage to do that. They are not more stupid than men; they simply do not believe it. Of course, it's more difficult to have a family. But one is sure there's not a physical difference in the brain between girls and boys."

As part of her ongoing encouragement of women in mathematics, she gave a special session for women scientists at the most recent conference she hosted at FAU — Group Theory, Combinatorics and Computing, staged Oct. 3-8 at the Highland Beach Holiday Inn. The conference brought in mathematicians from all over the world, representing 14 different nationalities. Thirty percent of the speakers invited were women.

"It's a continuous process (passing information) from the older generation to the younger generation," she said. This is not the first notable

conference she's put on. She started organizing them in 2000 in Varna, Bulgaria — that one was titled "Algebraic Combinatorics and Computer Algebra."

Then, in 2002, she put on another for the group European Women in Mathematics. The conference coincided with her 50th birthday. Ten years later — though it didn't fall exactly on her birthday — she wanted to do it again for her 60th birthday.

Nikolova-Popova lives in Ocean Ridge and wakes up early every morning to do two things: photograph the sunrise and then go for a swim in the ocean.

While the words of Baudelaire float through her head, she gazes at the clouds and allows herself this time to enjoy Florida nature — the birds, the clouds, the sun shining down on her. Soon it will be time for her students once again.

"It's amazing how creative these students can be when you give them a hand and show them the way," she said. "When you show them how you can apply their knowledge, they get very excited."

She met her husband, Georgi Popova, in 1985 at the Technical University in Aachen, Germany. They got married exactly six months later.

Although Georgi is an engineer, their two sons are both dedicating their lives to music, not mathematics.

Theodor, 25, attended Princeton on a full scholarship and became an opera composer.

Borislav, 23, is a baritone opera singer graduating in Bulgaria this year.

Nikolova-Popova loves the arts and spends her time at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and the Kravis Center attending musicals, opera and theater.

"No wonder that my children went into art, because it was sleeping in me all my life," she said. ★

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## Gulf Stream



**ABOVE:** Teacher Glenn Harland helps Kelly Coughland and William Conder with their programming commands. **RIGHT:** Colette Vavrus (left) and Taylor Redd celebrate their robotic car's parking success. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



# Robotics class gets kids psyched up about science

By Emily J. Minor

In a bright, sunny classroom — the bright part being the students themselves — two seventh-grade girls are exploding in joy. Arms thrown over their heads, smiles wide, little beige uniform skirts flouncing as they bounce, these two have just done something most of the other kids are still scratching their heads over.

Their computer-programmed robotic car went straight, made a right and parked — perfectly — in the masking-tape parking spot right up against the classroom wall.

“This was about our 15th try, so it was very exciting,” said Taylor Redd, 13, a student in the robotics class taught by Shawn Harahush and his sidekick, Glenn Harland, at Gulf Stream School.

“It was A LOT of trial error,” said her partner, Colette Vavrus, 12.

You wouldn't think a gaggle of 12- and 13-year-olds would get all psyched up about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Education bureaucrats call those fields STEM for short.

But in this fifth-period class, kids have been known to stay after the bell. “Where did the time go?” Mr. Harland himself exclaimed on a recent Wednesday. Sure, these students will be driving in a few years. They're discovering puppy love. High school, and a whole new school campus, isn't far off. But there was one of them the other day, on her hands and knees, looking for the Lego piece she'd dropped on the classroom floor.

With bags of the click-together plastic toys that a lot

of them played with as young children, students are learning how to use math, science, engineering and plain old logic to make their robots do what they're supposed to do. A system called Lego Mindstorms, a computer program and the two lovable teachers help this process along.

“At first, some of them say, ‘I don't think I can do this,’” said Harahush, a self-avowed technology geek and a math teacher at Gulf Stream. “Then they start plugging away and trying things, and they start figuring it out.”

The robotics class that Harahush and Harland, the science-teacher part of this team, run at Gulf Stream is mandatory, but there are no grades. At first, say the students, they weren't sure they wanted to give up their study hall time for this.

Now, of course, these two are everyone's favorite teachers.

Harahush says he found the program a few years back on a YouTube video, and was immediately amazed because one of the students — a college kid, he thinks — had built a robot that could solve a Rubik's Cube. As Harahush tells the story, he looks at student Serena Martin, 12, as if to say she might someday be that college kid.

“If I do that, it will be a complete accident,” she assured him.

With computer software that's included in the kit, these students wire their robots to distinguish colors. (Follow the black line, not the red one.) The robotic vehicles turn, stop, back up, all programmed by the kids themselves.

And it's the buddy system, so it's all about teamwork — and range of motion, proportional reasoning and axis programming. (Whatever that is.)

“Right now, we're just trying to get it straight, but it keeps turning because the power

levels are different,” said Sophia Bourguignon, 12, explaining this so nonchalantly it's as though she's discussing a sale at Old Navy.

There are about a dozen kids in the class, most of them girls, which means Henry Chardack, 12, is sorely outnumbered — a

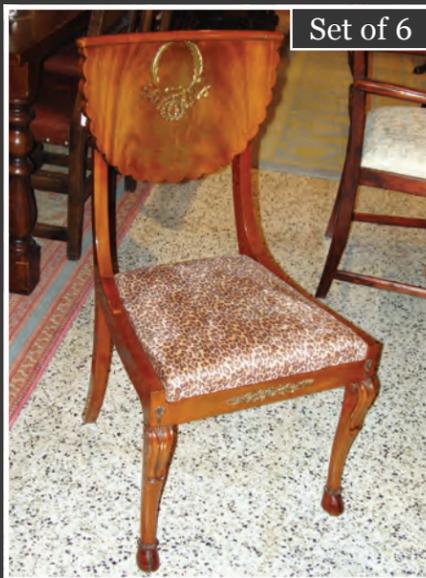
little something he's used to.

“I've been [in class] with every single one of these girls for nine years,” Chardack said. “And they're just better organized.”

Him? “I'm just really good at building things,” he said.

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ABOVE: Even the mannequins and shelving are for sale now at Mercer Wenzel. RIGHT: Between the two of them, Connie Wichman and owner Bruce Wenzel have worked more than 95 years at the store. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



## Delray Beach

# Store was an avenue fixture; now everything, including fixtures, for sale

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

When Bruce Wenzel started operating Mercer Wenzel in 1958, he lived in Fort Lauderdale. He drove to his store in Delray Beach along U.S. 1 because there was no interstate. Back then, he had to contend with only one traffic light.

The family-run department store he owned at 401 E. Atlantic Ave. was the only

large retailer in the area.

Of course, things changed.

And Wenzel has done well for himself and his staff, including his children who have worked with him full-time since 1988.

Daughter Chris Wenzel recalls wrapping gifts during the Christmas holidays when she was 8 years old. Today, she handles the business side and is the “go-to” person when there are problems.

“It’s a lot of responsibility,” she said.

Son Mark Wenzel has memories of stocking shelves and doing maintenance at age 14. Today he’s in men’s wear.

Together, the family has survived seasonal customers, hurricanes and even a firebombing in 1968 that destroyed the shop. No one has ever been arrested for the crime, and the family still doesn’t know why it happened.

But they shoveled out the store, threw a fire sale and rebuilt what stands today.

Late this month — probably before Thanksgiving — Mercer Wenzel will close its doors for the last time.

So if you pass the shop windows now, you’ll see vintage red “25 percent storewide clearance” signs. These are the very same signs the family hung for their long-ago fire sale.

“We are at the point where staying open requires major changes. My father is 85, and he has worked hard for 54 and a half years. It’s time for us to do something else,” Chris said.

It’s clear that tradition and the past mean a lot to this crew, but the future is now.

Founder Bruce hopes to continue breakfasting at the Green Owl Restaurant across the street. He’ll participate in Rotary activities and be an active member of The Ocean Club in Ocean Ridge.

He also hopes to travel. “Any place I go will be new to me because I haven’t been able to get away a lot over the years,” he says.

Mark is thinking of buying

houses and refurbishing them. “I want to do something positive that adds to the community,” he said.

And Chris has her future charted as the owner of Truly Tropical, a 5-acre grove in Delray Beach. She raises organic mangoes and other tropical fruits that she plans to market. She’ll also be able to spend more time with her own daughter, Kaeli Stenroos, 14.

At Mercer Wenzel, the merchandise and fixtures as well as the building itself are for sale. The family hopes the property will be refurbished and leased to other businesses.

The closing, however, leaves a hole in many lives.

Store buyer Connie Wichman has worked here for 41 years selecting merchandise and designing the store windows. “This has been a big part of my life,” she said, adding that she will miss her “amazing and wonderful staff.”

Anna Diebold, who works upstairs in children’s, linens and gifts, will put her master’s in education to work. She hopes to become a substitute teacher and then work with children with special needs.

Today, customers stop to catch the sales, chat with their favorite salespeople and wish the family good luck. Many have tears in their eyes.

Mindy Parsons, who works nearby, remembers coming to Mercer Wenzel as a child to buy her Brownie and Girl Scout uniforms.

Pam Dobson of Boca Raton admits to being around one more year than the store. She has often bought her husband’s clothes here because they are the only one to stock sports coats he’ll wear, she says.

Today she is shopping with her aunt, Anita Buckmaster of Delray Beach, who has been frequenting this store for about 20 years.

Together they’ve spent 1½ hours filling seven shopping bags. Perhaps Buckmaster said it best when she spoke of the closing: “It’s sad, very sad. I live nearby, and I will miss them.” ★

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## Business Spotlight

# Crane's celebrates first decade with fundraiser

By Mary Thurwachter

A decade has passed since Michael and Cheryl Crane scooped up a pair of plain-Jane 1950s apartment buildings and transformed them into a fetching boutique hotel with a whole lot of Key West-style appeal.

No two rooms are exactly alike, and each is decorated with local artwork and murals. "Guests love it," said sales and marketing director Ashley Mileschkowsky. "When they make reservations, they ask for the room with the sea turtle (mural) or the grotto shower."

Despite what guests at the 27-suite hotel may suspect, the hotel did not get its name from the long-legged birds known for noisy courting dances. Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar took its moniker from its owners, who have a home nearby.

But that doesn't mean guests won't encounter a crane or two at the resort perched at the corner of Gleason and Miramar, two blocks from the beach. The cranes at Crane's, however, have been fashioned by local artists and frequently find themselves in the background of vacation snapshots.

While the cranes don't dance around the hotel's tiki bars and pools (there are two of each), tourists do, especially during happy hour from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Happy hours are open to the public, says hotel manager Cathy Balestriere.

Since the early days in 2002, the staff has grown from three employees to 22 today, Balestriere says. Annual occupancy has risen from 23 percent to 68 percent. Some guests stay for a night, others for months.

While it's not technically a bed-and-breakfast, guests receive a complimentary continental breakfast in a large tiki hut constructed by Seminole Indians, and may opt for a soothing massage beside a waterfall in the lush tropical gardens.

"They think of this as their beach house," Mileschkowsky said. Couples are charmed by the place, she says, but families with children are welcome, too — as are dogs, who even get a special treat when they check in with their two-legged pals.

"The key has been having guests return," Balestriere said. "We invest in our guests."



Birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations are marked with special service, such as a bottle of wine or cake or other treats placed in the guests' rooms when they arrive. If a guest is allergic to feathers, the feather bed is removed ahead of time. Ice cream bars and other treats are stocked in the in-room refrigerators.

Crane's BeachHouse is gearing up for its own celebration this month.

"We are really excited about our birthday party on Nov. 15," Balestriere said. "Several of the top chefs in Delray will compete to win 'The Best Bite on the Avenue' contest. The buzz of competition is already starting, and I am sure each of the head chefs will bring their

top tastings to the event."

The event, billed as a 10-10-10 Win-Win-Win Party, takes place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 and caps this year's series of Third Thursday Fundraisers at Crane's. Admission is free, and there will be live music.

Every time someone buys a

drink, he/she receives a special gold coin. Visitors will be encouraged to drop their coins in their favorite restaurant/charity's treasure chest. By the end of the evening, each charity receives \$1 for every gold coin.

"That's why our 10-10-10 party is win-win-win for

everyone," Balestriere said. "Restaurants and charities get to promote themselves, and party-goers get to enjoy great food and great company." ★

TOP LEFT: A whimsical sign shows the way to points of interest at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar.

ABOVE: Guests can opt to have a massage by the waterfall at the pool.

LEFT: Rooms at Crane's boast Key West-style appeal. Photos provided

For more information on the party or the hotel at 82 Gleason St. in Delray Beach, call 278-1700 or [www.cranesbeachhouse.com](http://www.cranesbeachhouse.com).

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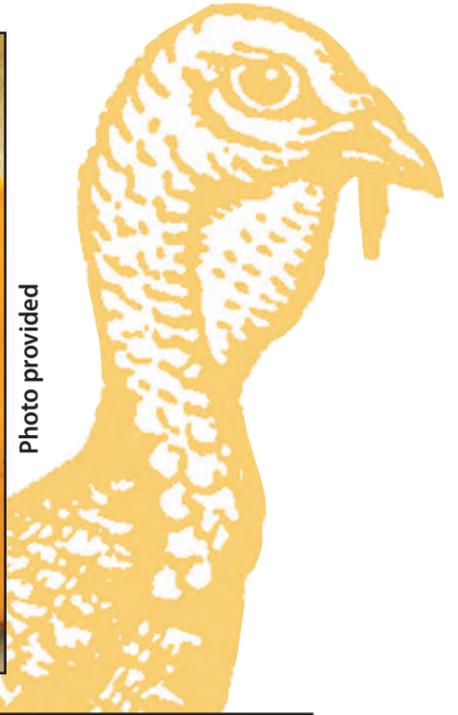
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## Talking TURKEY



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**TOP:** Amaretto pumpkin cheesecake is a twist on tradition. **Recipe, Page 3H**  
**MIDDLE:** Students take instruction from Rey De La Osa at Publix's Aprons Cooking School.  
**BOTTOM:** Students peel potatoes for a dish.

### Afraid to fix Thanksgiving dinner? Take a cooking class to learn how

By Jan Norris

Your repertoire might be tired, or you may just want a few tips for cooking for a crowd during the holidays. Or maybe you want some Florida-themed dishes to round out your turkey dinner.

At a local cooking class, students can hone skills or learn new recipes. Cooking schools, cookware shops, grocery stores and even hotels offer classes and demos that can help cooks out.

Already established as one of the larger cooking schools, Publix's Aprons has several hands-on classes available. Not all are holiday themed, but many have pieces of technique instruction that could be applied to a holiday meal.

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Chef Rey De La Osa heads up the classes, and at the annual Food Symposium hosted by the Delray Beach Public Library in October, he demonstrated knife techniques, fruit carving and plate presentation, as well as making cured salmon at home.

“Anyone can do this,” he said. “The classes are fun, and you learn something. We take groups as well as individuals.”

Classes at Aprons and at other schools often are casual, with students working alongside the chef and having time to ask questions and get individual attention.

“The best part is you get to eat your work,” De La Osa said. Wines are served with the meals.

The classes are so popular with some, the students sign up for repeat classes.

“We have a group of women who became friends over the course of their classes, and now come back to sign up for more classes as a sort of cooking club,” he said.

Private lessons are available for groups or individuals. Parties for showers or bachelorettes are popular — and students can request the lesson topic.

The chef recommends the Culinary Basics class series for new cooks or others who want to learn proper techniques and essential recipes that help with all meals. The six-week class begins Nov. 7 and teaches knife skills, essential sauces, sautéing, roasting, grilling and braising. The series of classes is \$300 for the hands-on instruction — and students eat or take



Students watch as instructor Anthony LoGerfo demonstrates a recipe at Publix's Aprons Cooking School in Boca Raton. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

home what they cook.

Other hands-on classes at Aprons in November include the Thanksgiving is Over — Now What? class (Nov. 10) with turkey turnovers, Thanksgiving quiche, pulled turkey cranberry BBQ sliders and leftover sweet potato cake; New Holiday Desserts (Nov. 16), with a creamsicle pie, apple crisp, espresso hazelnut caramel trifle, white chocolate raspberry bread pudding, and chocolate truffles; Where I Come From: the South at its Finest (Nov. 19), featuring cornbread-crust mac and cheese casserole, grilled peach and pecan cobbler, buttermilk honey biscuits with chicken gravy, and braised oxtails with collard greens.

A special class featuring Schnebly (Florida) wines from Homestead will be held Nov. 10, and the chef will be

preparing a Florida-themed menu to match the fruit wines.

While most classes are geared toward adults, some classes are designed for kids. The Gingerbread House class, Nov. 23-24 is a class designed for kids, at a special price — \$50 for four family members.

Other classes range from \$40 to \$300 for a series; the website has the calendar and details of each class posted. Note that class size is limited, and subject to change if not filled.

Sur la Table is a new cookware shop from Seattle coming into Boca's Mizner Park. A branch in Downtown at the Gardens in Palm Beach Gardens doesn't offer classes, but the new one, not open at press-time, will have a classroom where hands-on lessons and

demonstrations will be offered.

The November schedule posted online for all the stores includes classes on hors d'oeuvres party foods, and Ina Garten's "Foolproof Thanksgiving" dinner with tips, prep-ahead foods and recipes. That class includes Garten's new book, *Barefoot Contessa Foolproof Recipes You Can Trust*.

A Holiday Knife Skills class where you can learn to carve the bird properly is set for Nov. 19, and includes a 6-inch Wustof chef's knife for students.

Hearty Winter Soups and Stews are on the class menu Nov. 19 as a hands-on class, and Take and Bake Pies is scheduled for Nov. 21.

On Nov. 25, a class on Holiday Brunches with a focus on pairing gourmet brunch foods and wines with Jay Minzer is listed.

Several demos will be given at Whole Foods Market in Boca Raton during the holidays, according to the team member at the store, Abigail Nagorski. The demos focus on holiday foods and wines and will be held in the store, but the calendar of those was not available at press time. Classes there can be scheduled for groups or individuals, however, in their private classroom, Nagorski said.

Williams-Sonoma in the Town Center mall also will offer demos on turkey-day-related food and entertaining Sundays and Mondays before Thanksgiving; and holiday entertaining after that.

The Ritz-Carlton is scheduled to have classes on leftovers after Thanksgiving, open to hotel guests for free, and to the public for a small charge; reservations are required. ★



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pinch ground clove  
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1 quart chicken or vegetable stock  
1 cup heavy cream or half-and-half  
2 tablespoons molasses  
salt and pepper to taste  
chives and sour cream for garnish (optional)

Heat large pot on medium heat.

Add butter and allow to brown slightly. Chop squash roughly. Add vegetables, spices and thyme; cook until the vegetables start to caramelize slightly, stirring occasionally. Add stock and cook for 20 minutes. Remove from heat and take the thyme sprigs out of the soup.

Using a hand blender, puree soup until smooth. Add heavy cream and molasses; season with salt and pepper to taste.

Garnish with sour cream and chive cut into 1-inch pieces.

Makes about 2 quarts, or eight 1-cup servings.

### Turkey Turnovers

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¼ cup leftover cranberry

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Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Cut two thawed puff pastry sheets into fourths (making 8 squares).

Place squares on a lightly

oiled baking sheet and place several pieces of turkey on one side of the pastry, Top with a piece of brie, 1 tablespoon cranberry sauce and salt and pepper.

To assemble, fold one edge of the square over the other making a triangle. Crimp the bottom edge of the dough over the top edge-sealing the triangle. When all turnovers are folded, brush them with butter and sprinkle with a bit more salt and pepper.

Use a knife to make a small score on the top of each turnover, allowing air to escape while cooking.

Bake for about 15 minutes, until tops are browned.

Makes 8 turnovers.

Chef notes: Stuff these with a variety of items; leftover sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes and different cheeses, or turkey and stuffing. The possibilities are endless.

### Amaretto Pumpkin Cheesecake

For crust:

1 cup finely chopped pecans  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
½ cup brown sugar  
¼ cup cinnamon flavored graham cracker crumbs  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened  
1 egg yolk

For filling:

1½ cups pumpkin puree (chef recommends freshly baked pumpkin)  
½ cup brown sugar  
2 eggs, beaten

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg  
½ teaspoon ground ginger  
½ teaspoon salt  
3 (8 ounce) packages of cream cheese  
½ cup maple syrup  
2 tablespoons Amaretto liqueur  
1/8 cup sour cream

Note: Use how-to at <http://pegasuslegend-whatscookin.blogspot.com/2010/10/fresh-pumpkin-puree-how-to-make-it.html> for oven-roasted, fresh pumpkin, or good-quality canned pumpkin, not presweetened pumpkin pie filling.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Make crust: Butter a 9-inch springform pan and line the bottom with parchment paper.

Combine the pecans, flour, brown sugar, graham cracker crumbs, butter, and egg yolk together in a large bowl.

Press the mixture evenly onto the bottom of the springform pan. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes; set aside and cool.

Lower oven temperature to 300 degrees.

For the filling: Combine the pumpkin, brown sugar, eggs, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and salt in a large mixing bowl. Set aside.

With electric mixer, beat cream cheese, maple syrup, and Amaretto until smooth. Combine with the sour cream and pumpkin mixture. Pour over the prebaked crust.

Bake for 60 to 70 minutes. Cool completely before slicing.

Makes one 9-inch cheesecake.

Note: This freezes well.

Above recipes are from *Publix Aprons Cooking School*.



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## Health & Harmony

### Give gravity the slip for an hour of floating

Imagine bobbing gently like a cork on the surface of a warm, silent lake. It's midnight and the sky is moonless. You are alone with your mind, your weightless body and the universe.

Such an idyllic moment would be optimal for stress reduction and natural healing, according to those who practice holistic medicine. They believe that, devoid of external stimuli and free from the bounds of gravity, the human body is able to "reset" itself, with a variety of healthful results.

Welcome to flotation therapy — typically experienced these days in an enclosed chamber containing a tub of 98-degree water spiked with 1,000 pounds of Epsom salts. Step into the "float tank" (*au naturel* is best), close the door, and recline in the silent, buoyant darkness. Become the cork. See what happens.

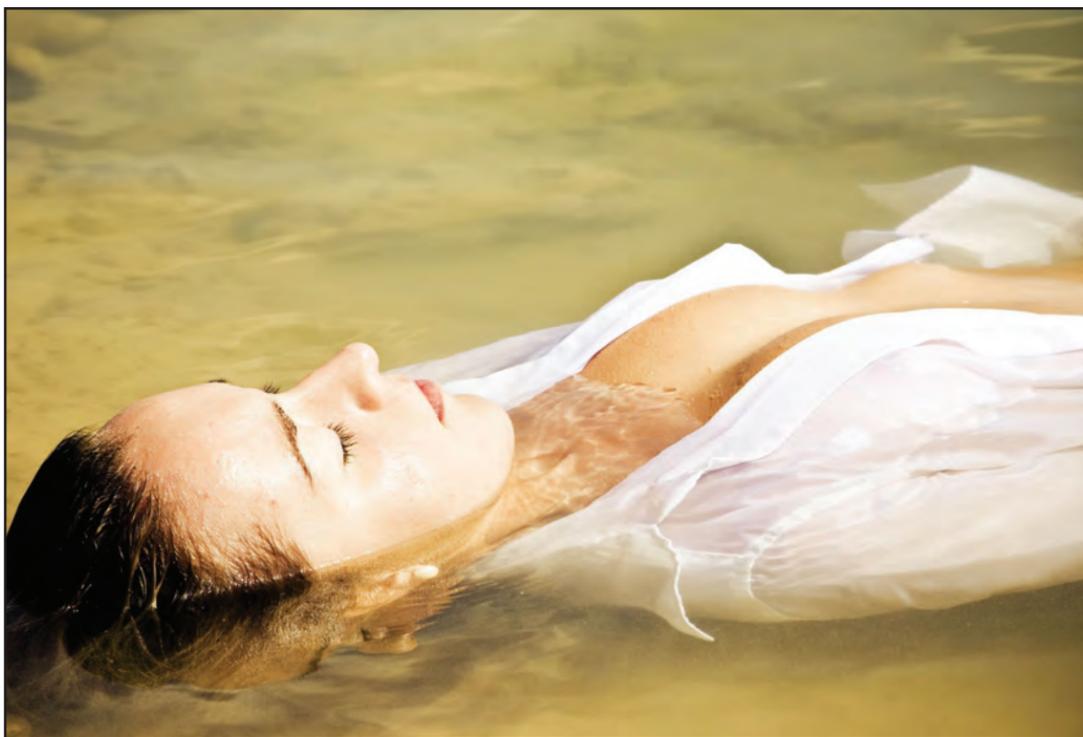
That's exactly what I decided to do, after hearing about the float tank at DU20 Holistic

Oasis in Delray Beach, one of three places you can find this kind of therapy in Palm Beach County. Co-owners Nick Kusturic, a doctor of Oriental medicine, and his sister Natalie gave me a thorough orientation beforehand.

"There's not one minute of the day that gravity isn't acting on your musculature and skeletal system," Kusturic explains, "and when you take that away, you're freeing up the flow of blood and body fluid, so things start to heal much faster. At the same time, removing the stimulus of sight and sound means your brain can focus on its main function, which is balancing all the systems of the body."

Flotation therapy dates back to 1954, when Dr. John Lilly devised the first isolation tank at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Md., to test the effects of sensory deprivation on the human brain and mind.

Kusturic says modern-day



Flotation therapy can provide relief from arthritis, lupus, fibromyalgia and post-surgical pain, among others, supporters say. **Photo provided**

flotation tanks are used to provide relief from arthritis, lupus, fibromyalgia, sports-related injuries, disc problems, post-surgical pain, psoriasis and eczema. He says regular floating has helped his own patients overcome infertility,

insomnia and menopausal symptoms.

Floating is also a pathway to meditation for many people, including 31-year-old Eddie Carter of Delray Beach, a busy IT entrepreneur who floats two or three times a month. Carter says he had a true out-of-body experience the first time he floated — "I started seeing myself from above" — and he was hooked.

"In general, I believe in the power of meditation, and the float tank is a perfect way to get into that deep relaxation mode that your body needs so much," Carter says.

My own flotation experience went something like this: Wow, I'm really buoyant. How lovely. Except I can't quite relax my neck. Maybe if I clasp my hands behind my head and cross my legs at the ankles, hammock style. Ah, that's better. It's nice and warm, but I'm restless. Wonder how much longer I have in here? Just breathe. Focus on the third eye. Hey, that pain in my back disappeared. In fact, my whole spine feels invisible. Oh this is delightful, I'm floating without a raft ... ZZZZZ.

Afterward, I am calm and centered. My joints feel strangely lubricated. I begin to sense the familiar tug of gravity again, and soon the pinch in my back returns. This must be how the astronauts feel when they re-enter Earth's atmosphere, I think wistfully.

Later, I call up float tank regular Thaddeus Gamory, 52, of Boca Raton, who trains swimmers and triathletes for a living. We compare notes.

"I finish a float and feel like

#### Where to float

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putty, so loose," Gamory says. "I feel a calmness, a quietness about me, like — what was that problem earlier? What was that thing I was so worried about before?"



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# Health & Harmony Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## NOVEMBER 3-10

**Saturday - 11/3 - SPIN® Class** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held seven days a week on the boardwalk. Sunrise to 9 am and 4 pm to sunset. Donations accepted. 287-0953.

**11/3 - Yoga Class** at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Class held each week as part of Saturdays @ Sanborn. Registration: 8:45 am; Class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703.

**11/3 - Yoga Class** at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Ongoing classes held T, Th&Sat: 9:30-11 am & T: 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**11/3 - Judo Class** - Saturdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks. 10 am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

**11/3 - Zumba Class** at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Class held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

**11/3-4 - Yoga Workout at the Beach** is held every Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Classes held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 am; Mon.: 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. Registration: 393-7807.

**Sunday- 11/4 - Yoga with Live Music** is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236 or www.colonyyoga.com.

**Monday - 11/5 - Chair Massage** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Licensed Therapist offers 10-minute sessions. Mondays, 1 pm. \$10/session. 278-5455.

**11/5 - Bereavement Support Group** meets every Monday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 1-2:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300 or www.groupcounseling.org.

**11/5 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Workout features weight training and stretching. Held every M, W & F. 8:45-9:35 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 347-3950.

**11/5 - Jazzercise** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. All ages and levels

welcome. Class runs M-Sat. 9-10 am. Fees start at \$38/month. 742-6240.

**11/5 - Yoga Class** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Ongoing classes held M-W-F, 9:30-11 am & Th, 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727.

**11/5 - Jazzercise/Light** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M, W & F. 9:40-10:30 am. First class is free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 347-3950.

**11/5 - Tai Chi for Beginners** of all ages at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Held every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/5 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Exercises that work to improve one's balance, flexibility and muscle strength. All ages. Held every M&W. First class is free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. M/11:30 am-12:30 pm, W/2-3 pm. 347-3950.

**11/5 - Joint Journey** is an educational program for those undergoing total joint replacement at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. Held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733 Ext. 84688.

**11/5 - Yoga Sunset at the Beach** is 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. Classes held next to Lifeguard stand number 18. 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. Registration: 393-7807.

**11/5 - Body with Style Aerobics** at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Ongoing classes held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/at the door. 742-6550.

**11/5 - Meditation Mondays** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Held every Monday. 7 pm. Free. 278-5455.

**11/5 - Sophisticated Discussions: A Singles Group** - Join over-50 peers in a supportive, singles group discussion at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Held Mondays. Refreshments served. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7807 or www.myboca.us.

**Tuesday - 11/6 - Fit Mom-To-Be Workout & Get Fit Mom's Bootcamp** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton.

For Moms-To-Be: a challenging, safe workout to increase muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. Doctors written release is required. For New Moms: Get energized and back in shape. Cardio/strength training bootcamp workout burns calories. Doctors' written release is required if the baby is less than eight weeks old. Held every T&Th. 8:45-9:25 am. First class is free. 4 classes: \$36/residents, \$45/non-residents; 8 classes: \$66/residents, \$82.50/non-residents; 16 classes: \$118/residents, \$147.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

**11/6 - Caregivers Support Group** meets every Tuesday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 483-5300.

**11/6 - Fitness Boot Camp** for ages 18 & up at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Class held every M & T. 6-7 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents. 243-7356.

**11/6 - Beginners Yoga** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Enjoyable program helps you stay fit. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Held every Tuesday & Thursday. 10:15 am. \$10. 278-5455.

**11/6 - Adult Folk Dance Class** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ongoing class held for ages 18 and up. Learn dances from around the world for physical fitness, exercise, and fun. Class held every Tuesday. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$6/class. 243-7356.

**11/6 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Ages 9 to adults learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. Class held every T & Th. 6-7:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents; \$6/non-residents; or monthly \$35/residents; \$40/non-residents plus a one-time \$25 for uniforms. 243-7356.

**11/6 - Women's Issues Support Group** meets every Tuesday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 7-8:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300 or www.groupcounseling.org.

**Wednesday - 11/7 - Yoga** for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Held every W&F. 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/7 - Belly Dancing Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun, safe, low-impact exercise class designed for beginners to help develop strength, flexibility, coordination, toning, cardio health and self-confidence. Class held Wednesdays through 12/12. 12:30-1:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$65/non-residents. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

**11/7 - Stem Cell Therapy & Vascular Disease** is presented by George Daniel, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist, as part of the Heart Symposium Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**11/7 - Tai Chi Class** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 650 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Held every Wednesday. 5:30-6:30 pm. \$10/class or \$48/six consecutive weeks. Registration: 955-5321.

**11/7 - Baby Care Prenatal Class** is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn how to ensure your newborn's health, safety and well-being. 6 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

**11/7 - Divorced and Separated Support Group** meets every Wednesday at The Center for Group Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6-7:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

**11/7 - Family and Friends** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 800 Meadows Road. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR and relief of choking. Held again 11/28. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468.

**11/7 - Mind/Body Development with Karate** at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Common sense self-defense techniques combined with exercises that help improve concentration. Held every Wednesday. 6:30 pm. \$10. 278-5455.

**11/7 - Judo Class** held Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

**11/7 - Zumba Classes** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Popular fitness program inspired by Latin dance. Class held Wednesdays. 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

**Thursday - 11/8 - Delray Beach Walkers Club** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Improve your health, make new friends, and enjoy the beautiful vistas Delray Beach has to offer. Ongoing class held every Thursday. Ages 18 and up. 8 am. Free. 243-7352.

**Friday - 11/9 - Incontinence: What You Should Know** - Presented by Dr. Edward Scheckowitz as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

**Saturday - 11/10 - Health & Wellness Fair** at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Featuring healthy snacks, health & wellness workshops, children's activities, health screenings, flu shots, chair massage, cooking demos, dance & fitness demos and more. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 954-328-9124 or www.fumcbocaraton.org.

## NOVEMBER 11-17

**Tuesday - 11/13 - Red Hot Mamas: Your Guide to Making it out of Menopause Alive** is held at Sanctuary Medical Center, 4800 N. Federal Hwy., Suite C100, Boca Raton. Functional medicine and anti-aging experts walk you through strategies to increase energy,

drop stubborn weight and transform the way you look and feel. 6 pm. Free. RSVP: 886-0970.

**11/13 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at The Red Tent, 20 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Join a community of mothers and mothers-to-be to discuss breastfeeding questions. For all stages of pregnancy through weaning. 10 am-11:30 am. Free. 309-4314.

**11/13 - Laser Techniques for your Foot & Ankle Conditions** - Presented by Jodi Schoenhaus, D.P.M., Podiatrist, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

**Thursday - 11/15 - The Next Best Thing After Sex is Sex After 65** - Presented by Dr. Stephen Charlap as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 736-8044.

**Friday - 11/16 - Alzheimer's Cafe** at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. A unique gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and related memory loss, along with their families, friends, caregivers and professionals. Held the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. 2-4 pm. Free. RSVP: 866-7086.

**Saturday - 11/17 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class** is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Provides an overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. 9 am-3 pm. \$75/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

## NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 1

**Tuesday - 11/27 - Tae Kwon Do Class** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Ages 6 & up learn the art of self-defense, discipline, self-confidence, self-respect, and respect for others. Students attend the introduction class for one session only, then move to the basic/intermediate level class. Runs through 1/15. Introductory session T&Th, 5:45-6:45 pm. Eight-week course runs T&Th, 7-8 pm and Sat. 9:30-11 am. \$95/residents, \$119/non-residents. 367-7035.

**Friday - 11/30 - Zumba** at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Sculpt your body through resistance training and Latin dances. For ages 16 and up. Held F through 1/4. 6:45-7:45 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. 742-6641.

**11/30-12/1 - Publix Health & Fitness Expo** at the Harriet Himmel Theater, CityPlace, 600 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. Showcasing health, sport and fitness products and services. F: 4-8 pm; Sat.: 10 am-6 pm. For more information, contact Jim Furuya: PalmBeachExpo@usroadsports.com

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**ABOVE:** A pair of Monarch butterfly caterpillars denude the stems of a milkweed. **BELOW:** A dune sunflower is one of many blooming native plants in the gardens at the Sandoway House. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

## Secret Gardens

# Natives make room for butterflies at Sandoway House

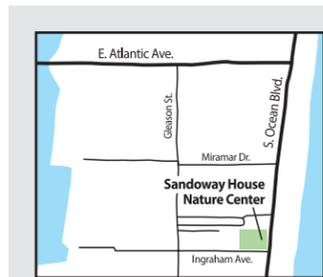
Whether you are riding your bike, taking a stroll or driving your car along A1A in Delray Beach, keep an eye out. Tucked between the sea grapes growing on the west side of the busy street, you may notice a low gray concrete wall with a white picket gate.

This is the entrance to the Sandoway Nature Center. Even if you think you are in a hurry, you may want stop and take a look.

“On any sunny day the butterflies are always here,” says executive director Danica Sanborn.

She’s speaking of the spotted gulf fritillary, striped zebra longwing and polydamus swallowtail butterflies that visit when they are hungry or looking for a place to deposit their young.

The center with its museum and garden opened in 1998. And according to a newspaper account from the time, the members of the Junior League of Boca Raton selected 300 native plants representing 100 species to put in the ground.



### If You Go

Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach; 561-274-7263

Admission to the garden is free; nature museum is \$4 for everyone over 2 years of age. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. The nature center is looking for volunteers to work in the garden. For information, call Executive Director Danica Sanborn.

Today you just have to step through the gate to enjoy what they created. Follow the brick path to enter a sunny native dune landscape with its salt- and wind-tolerant plants.

The yellow flowers of the beach sunflower, the miniature daisy-like flowers of the



Spanish needle and the purple trumpets on the railroad vine cover the ground. There are no neat rows or carefully tended beds. All is intertwined and overgrown.

That’s how nature wants it. After all, it’s up to these plants to hold the sand in place when the winds blow and waters rise.

“Things really grow wild here,” says Sanborn.

But that’s the beauty of the Sandoway’s butterfly and native plant gardens. They don’t need to be manicured to be pleasing. After all, weeds can be as pretty as natives. And wildlife doesn’t know the difference.

If you’ve come to see some of those native species, don’t miss the rare and endangered lignum vitae that is coveted for its hard and durable wood. If in bloom, it will have blue star-

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## SANDOWAY

Continued from page H6 shaped flowers.

Children will enjoy the necklace pod plant. It has yellow pea-like flowers and fuzzy brown pods that grow narrow between the seeds to resemble a necklace.

As you walk through the garden, you'll enter an area devoted to attracting butterflies. "The kids who visit love them," Sanborn says.

They may also learn a lesson. Butterflies go through four phases in their life cycle: egg, larva or caterpillar, pupa/chrysalis and, finally, adult butterfly. And if you want them to inhabit your garden, you need to cater to each.

Here at Sandoway-House, the golden orange blooms of the fire bush, the tiny pink- and raspberry-bursts of the penta, the curling white flowers of the scorpion's tail and the bright blue drips on the stems of the porterweed are just some of the blooms that provide nectar or nourishment for the adults.

Now look at the milkweed that attracts the monarch, the plumbago that is home to the cassius blue and the wild lime that hosts the giant swallowtail.

If their leaves have gaping holes in them, you can bet a butterfly has laid her eggs on the plants. The eggs have hatched into a caterpillar and now that creepy crawly is eating the leaves on its way to becoming a butterfly.

But don't worry. The caterpillars' eating binges don't hurt these host plants because they quickly regrow foliage.

It's only natural.

As if the butterflies aren't colorful enough, don't miss the garden's orange, red and yellow hibiscus blossoms. Not only do they add splashes of color to the landscape but also make a tasty meal for Speedy the gopher tortoise. He's another popular attraction at the Sandoway House Nature Center.

*Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley is a certified master gardener who can be reached at debhartz@att.net when she's not digging in her yard.*



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## Boynton Beach

# Hidden history of city's founding brought to light

By Ron Hayes

How does "Birdie Beach" sound to you?

Welcome to the city of Birdie Beach, Gateway to the Gulf Stream.

Call up the official Boynton Beach website and you'll learn that "Major Nathan S. Boynton, a native of Michigan who distinguished himself in the Civil War, founded the city ... Boynton directed the construction of the Boynton Beach Hotel from 1895 to 1897. He and his workmen, recruited from Michigan, brought their families and settled in the new town of Boynton. With other settlers ..." And so on.

Among those early settlers were Frederick and Lillie Pierce Voss, whose great-grandson, Harvey Oyer III, knows the story well. Boynton Beach history is also Oyer family history.

"So went the story I grew up hearing and, like others, have passed along ever since," Oyer writes in the foreword to *Pioneering Palm Beach*, by Ginger L. Pedersen and Janet DeVries.

"However, there was a problem with this story. It was not entirely correct. Major Boynton was not the person who platted the little town that today bears his name."

Before Boynton, there was Birdie.

The 160 acres of land that grew to become Boynton Beach was first owned and platted by a pioneering journalist, short-story writer, environmentalist and intrepid land speculator from Nicholasville, Ky., named Byrd Spilman Dewey.

Plug that name into the city's online search engine and you won't find her. But local historians Pedersen and DeVries have.

"In May 2011, I was at the county courthouse, trying to figure out exactly where Major Boynton's hotel had been," recalled Pedersen, the dean of curriculum and educational technology at Palm Beach State College. "I pulled the tract for area 27-28, which is Federal Highway east, and when I looked at the properties, all I saw was the name Dewey, over and over. Birdie Dewey."

Pedersen emailed her friend, historian and former Boynton Beach City Library archivist Janet DeVries.

"Who the heck is Birdie Dewey?"

DeVries had heard the name. "She wrote children's books."

"That's interesting," Pedersen said. And so began a search that took them to Miami and St. Augustine, Eustis, Jacksonville and the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Along the way, they found Birdie.

"Her only child, Elizabeth, died in infancy," says DeVries,



Janet DeVries (left) and Ginger L. Pedersen hold a copy of the book they wrote, *Pioneering Palm Beach*.  
Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star



Birdie Spilman Dewey wrote children's books and was an early pioneer of Boynton Beach. Photo provided

"so it's hidden history that's been buried for a hundred years."

Born Feb. 16, 1856, Birdie Spilman was a grandniece of President Zachary Taylor.

Her husband, Fred Dewey, was a cousin of Adm. George Dewey.

In 1881, the Deweys left their Salem, Ill., home and came by train to Zellwood, northwest of Orlando, where they built a home on 20 acres. Later, they moved to Eustis, where Dewey Street still recalls the site of their cottage. In Jacksonville, they lived on Monroe and Mattie streets. And then, in 1887, the couple came south and left their footprints all over this area.

In 1892, Birdie Dewey bought 160 acres in what is now Boynton Beach — 40 in the original town site and another 80 along the Intracoastal Waterway. Three years later, she sold 120 of those acres to William Linton for \$6,000.

Linton then sold 40 of his acres to Maj. Boynton. But he had paid only \$100 down. Linton had a contract, but no deed. He defaulted, Birdie foreclosed, and in 1897 the land was hers again.

The next year, she platted the land.

"If you read the early accounts," Pedersen noted, "they always say the town was named after Major Boynton, not founded by him."

When she wasn't buying Florida by the acre, Birdie

Dewey was writing about it.

In 1899, her novel *Bruno* was published, based on the couple's first year in Eustis as seen through the eyes of their dog. It stayed in print for more than 20 years and sold 100,000 copies.

In 1909, she fictionalized her time in West Palm Beach in *From Pine Woods To Palm Groves*, serialized in the *Florida Review*. Pedersen and DeVries found a rare copy in the Jacksonville Public Library.

She wrote for *The Tropical Sun*, West Palm's first newspaper, and national magazines such as *Good Housekeeping*.

The Deweys left Boynton for Palm Beach in 1911, but Birdie didn't sell her last bit of Boynton real estate until 1925, when she'd moved on to Winter Park and become the field secretary for the Florida Audubon Society.

Byrd Spilman Dewey died in Jacksonville on April 1, 1942. She was 86, and lived in a little cottage on Home Street.

"It's ironic," Pedersen said, "because in her writings, she always capitalized the word *home*, as if it were her concept of heaven or something."

In her will, she asked to be cremated and her ashes scattered from the pier of The Breakers hotel in Palm Beach.

Her surviving sister, Anna Louise Spilman, buried her in Jacksonville's Greenlawn Cemetery, in an unmarked grave near her brother and infant daughter.

Earlier this year, Pedersen and DeVries had a gravestone placed on the spot.

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This year, on Feb. 16, the 156th anniversary of her birth, they burned a copy of one of her stories and scattered the ashes from the beach behind The Breakers hotel. ★

*Pioneering Palm Beach: The Deweys and the South Florida Frontier is available at Barnes & Noble bookstores and amazon.com. For more information, visit www.byrdspilmandewey.com.*

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## Paws Up for Pets

### A fictional cat for president? She has a platform

As a reporter for the *Sun-Sentinel*, I had to leave the soft ocean breezes in the heart of the best weather in Palm Beach County each year to spend nearly two months inside brick buildings with closed windows to cover the Florida legislative session.

While reporting at the state Capitol, I witnessed my share of catty comments, dog fights and hissy fits displayed by members of both parties.

Yes, I am delighted that I no longer cover politics, but I am even more delighted to enlighten you about a new brand of politics just unleashed this election year. I'm talking about non-paw-tisan politics.

And leading this campaign has been a savvy cat named Sneaky Pie Brown (with help from her human scribe, *New York Times* bestselling author Rita Mae Brown). Together, they produced a must-read book called *Sneaky Pie for President*.

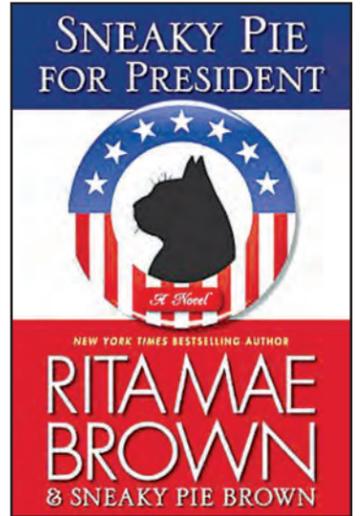
The subtitle says it all: "Ask not what your cat can do for you. Ask what you can do for your cat."

This is the 22nd book in the popular Sneaky Pie series and the first one to step outside of the comfortable mystery genre and enter the political arena. Don't dismiss this as a cute cat book with goofy pictures. Brown did her research into how political actions from both parties have had an impact on the health of every being on this planet.

The leading characters in the book — Sneaky Pie (a tiger-striped rescued cat), Tea Tucker (a wise Corgi) and Tally (a full-of-energy Jack Russell terrier) — rally domesticated animals and wildlife to produce a political platform that truly gives a much-needed voice to animals and a wakeup call to us two-leggers.

"Sneaky Pie wants to promote interspecies friendship and harmony," says Brown, during a recent phone chat. "The cat wants humans to really study the different species sharing this planet. The different species know who and what they are, but we humans are the ones who are sort of out of the mix."

Sneaky Pie also is



Author Rita Mae Brown's cat Sneaky Pie Brown (left) is running for president in the novelist's latest book, *Sneaky Pie for President*. Photo provided



Brown

championing for cleaner waters.

"She wants to end the use of all pesticides and poisons," explains Brown. "Specifically, we're campaigning against medical pollution. If you flush pills down the toilet, they get into our water supply and some of those compounds won't break down for years. It is insane."

And, this cat, rescued as a stray at a shelter, has a recommendation for anyone considering a career in politics.

"Sneaky Pie hopes that people will spay and neuter their pets and also strongly advises that any human being

running for political office should be spayed or neutered," says Brown. "She feels that it will calm the men and focus the women."

Interesting notion — and one never brought up during my days of covering the Florida Legislature.

Brown also did her homework on Sneaky Pie's eligibility to run for president.

"There is nothing in the Constitution that says you must be a human being to be president," says Brown. "You just have to be born in the United States and be 35 years old. And in cat years, she is. She was born in a cardboard box and taken to a shelter in

Virginia, where I adopted her. She is now 14 years old. She is very candid and genuinely cares about all animals, domestic and in the wild."

So, is Sneaky Pie a Republican or Democrat?

"Neither," barks back Brown. "Her political party is the Surprise Party and her campaign motto says it all: 'I can't do any worse.'"

Brown and Sneaky Pie have agreed — win or lose this election — to provide an autographed copy of *Sneaky Pie for President* to the 35th person to email me at Arden@fourleggedlife.com. She will include the winner's name, and the names of the pets in the home as well, in the autograph. Please be sure to put "Sneaky Pie" in the email subject field.

So, how farfetched is the notion of a cat running for office? Not so much of a stretch when you consider that critters who walk, swim and fly also have a stake in decisions made by politicians.

"Sneaky Pie and the other animals on my farm have taught me a lot about interspecies cooperation," says Brown, who lives on the Tea-Time Farm in Afton, Va. "We're looking at the whole environment. If you don't take care of Mother Earth, it doesn't matter if you're human or an animal, you won't be able to eat. We need to work together, really work together, on making this a better planet for all."

Sneaky Pie has my vote. To learn more, check out her website: [www.catprez.com](http://www.catprez.com).

Arden Moore, founder of *FourLeggedLife.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!*



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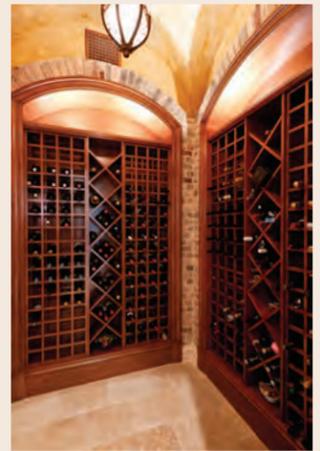
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## Finding Faith

# Interfaith organization distributes more than 1 million pounds of food

Boca Raton's interfaith effort to feed the poor has reached a milestone: 1 million pounds of food distributed since **Boca Helping Hands** was formed in 1998.

Three congregations — **St. Joan of Arc Catholic, First United Methodist** and **Temple Beth El** — got the feeding program started. Now almost every religious congregation in the city holds food drives and sends volunteers to serve meals.

Hunger in Boca Raton is increasing rapidly. Helping Hands distributed 4,500 bags of groceries this past September, up from 600 bags in September 2010. The soup kitchen served 4,625 hot meals, compared to 2,718 meals two years ago.

"The middle class is getting clobbered in this economy," executive director **James Gavrilos** said. "More and more families are not making it."

Helping Hands also operates a resource center for people in crisis.

Volunteers from five churches — **St. Gregory's Episcopal, St. Paul's Lutheran, Boca Raton Community Church, Grace Community Church** and **First United Methodist** — appear at five elementary schools every Friday to pack meals into backpacks to feed children on weekends.

Women at **St. Lucy Catholic Church** in Highland Beach kept busy this summer making friendships.

Social events in the past have only been held in the winter to cater to St. Lucy's many snowbirds who arrive when the weather gets nice. But the **Council of Catholic Women** found that many year-

round women are looking for summer friendships when the council did a survey last February.

Council leaders kept the ladies active this summer by teaching them to play bridge, to paint with watercolors, to play mah-jongg and to crochet and knit.

Summer outings included trips to the **Morikami Museum** and a Greek restaurant in Boca Raton. A film critic led the discussion after the women went to a movie theater to see *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*.

But most importantly, the ladies built new friendships.

"They shared the joy of each other's company," council president **Kay Maker** said.

"There's a need for that. As people grow older, they lose the friends and relatives whom they have enjoyed in life. We provide a network of friends," Maker said.

**Michele DeGennaro** was so excited about St. Lucy's summer opportunity to socialize that she organized an Intracoastal Waterway cruise for 20 women aboard the *Lady Delray*. "I didn't know anybody. I wanted to meet people," she said.

The older women also worry about such things as when to stop driving and what happens if they outlive their money, according to the results of the February survey. So the council will bring in speakers to discuss those health and financial issues.

The first will be a Nov. 13 speaker from **Boca Raton Regional Medical Center** to tell how to prevent falls in the home.

"We have a wealth of topics," Maker said. "We will have



Gary Peters (left), director of the board for Boca Helping Hands, and Art Remillard, who donated the building that houses the facility, applaud after a couple of boxes of food were weighed that pushed the organization's distribution to more than 1 million pounds of food. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

seminars to do for the next several years."

The **Journey Church** has building permits to begin \$1.5 million in renovations at the former **Grace Community Church** near downtown Boynton Beach.

The 80 members of Grace Community made news earlier this year when they gave their church building to the 1,500 members of the rapidly growing Journey Church.

The older Grace Community congregation was struggling to pay a \$600,000 mortgage on its property at 715 S. Federal Highway. The younger Journey congregation worships temporarily at **Park Vista High School**.

Journey senior pastor **Scott Baugh** challenged his congregation in April to give \$2 million to pay for renovations and assume Grace Community's debt.

Grace Community members are rejoicing after joining the larger congregation.

"We are working together and moving forward," member **Elwood Holley** said. "It's an exciting time for our lives and for East Boynton."

The **Music at St. Paul's** concert series celebrates 25

years of bringing fine music to Delray Beach this season.

"The series is our gift to the community," said the Rev. **Chip Stokes**, senior pastor of **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**.

St. Paul's requests a \$15 donation. But nobody has been turned away since the series began in 1987 because they couldn't afford a ticket.

"When we began, there wasn't a lot of fine music in the south county. We wanted to present good music to the community and to make it affordable," St. Paul's director of music **Keith Paulson-Thorp** said.

Music students from **Lynn University** join St. Paul's chamber ensemble on Nov. 18 to perform Baroque Scandinavian music on original instruments.

The most likely sellout during the 11-concert season will be the Feb. 3 violin



**Johnson**

performance of **Gareth Johnson**, a favorite in past years. "He's going to take the world by storm," Rev. Stokes said.

St. Paul's choir and chamber ensemble join the choirs of **Pine Crest School** and **All**

**Saints Church** on March 10 to perform the South Florida premiere of a major new work based on texts by **Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Anne Frank, Mother Theresa** and **Nelson Mandela**.

"We always have world-class musicians," Stokes said. "We as a church are taking our place in a long history of the church as a patron of the arts."

Jewish high school students are invited to attend an Israel advocacy course to prepare them for college.

The **Jewish Federation of Palm Beach** is sponsoring the "Step Up 4 Israel" four-course program for students and parents at **Temple Shaarei Shalom** in Boynton Beach.

"Who Needs Israel, Anyway?" sessions are designed to help Jewish students at college with study into the history of Israel, anti-Zionism and world news coverage of Israeli events.



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### NOVEMBER 3-10

**Wednesday - 11/7 - Chabad Drama Club** for ages 4-11 is presented by the Palm Beach Jewish Center at The Chabad House, 361 S. County Road. Channel your child's inner "drama queen" and help his or her talents emerge. Snacks will be served. Some time will be spent rehearsing for *Chanukah Lights*, the Musical theatrical presentation that the children will perform at the annual Chanukah on Worth celebration. Wednesdays through 11/28. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$70/session (includes participation in the club and the Chanukah musical). RSVP: 659-3884.

**11/8 - Living to Laugh: Humor as our Reason for Being** - Presented as part of the Lunch 'n Learn Series by Chabad of East Boca Raton at Asia Restaurant, 7600 W. Camino Real. Two times: Lunch 'n Learn: Noon-1 pm; regular class: 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch available for purchase. 361-3939.

### NOVEMBER 11-17

**Sunday - 11/11 - Kristallnacht Film Forum: Premier Screening & Reception** at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. The film *Nicky's Family* tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. Two shows: 3 pm, & 7:30 pm. Advance tickets: 3 pm show: \$10/adults, \$7/students with valid ID; 7:30 pm show: \$10/general admission; \$18/at the door. Reception: Thank 12 local rabbis for their spiritual contributions during trips to Poland and Israel. 5 pm. \$180 donation to March of the Living Scholarship Fund. 852-6045 or www.jewishboca.org.

**Wednesday - 11/14 - Lecture: Holocaust by Bullets** by Father Patrick Desbois is presented by FAU's Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education at B'nai Torah Congregation, 6261 SW 18th St., Boca Raton. Father Patrick Desbois, president of the Yahad-In Unum Association, has worked closely with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to preserve the memory of Ukraine's former Jewish community. His lifelong work of confronting anti-Semitism and promoting Catholic-Jewish understanding has received international media attention. His recent book, *The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews*, will be available at the event. 7-9 pm. Free. 297-1168.

**Friday - 11/15 - Jacob's Ladder: Actualizing Your Higher Calling** - Presented as part of the Torah Studies Series at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Two times: 11 am-noon; 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch available for purchase. 361-3939.

### NOVEMBER 18-24

**Sunday - 11/18 - The Kabbalah of Sleep: How to Reenergize and Prioritize Your Life** - Presented as part of the Rosh Chodesh Society Course at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave., Boca Raton. Seven-class course runs once a month through 5/11. Desserts and refreshments served. 7-8 pm. \$79.99 (book included)/seven-class course or \$15/class. 417-7797.

**Thursday - 11/22 - A Love Called Hatred: The Fascinating Story of King Menasheh** - Presented as part of the Torah Studies Series at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Two times: 11 am-noon; 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch available for purchase. 361-3939 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com.

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**Monday - 11/26 - Jewish Home Security System** - Presented by the Jewish Women's Circle at Craft Gallery, 5911 S. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. Learn the secret to the Jewish home's best face-lift and the beauty of the mitzvah of mezuzah. Create and design a one-of-a-kind fused mezuzah case or havdalah spice box. 7 pm. \$18. 659-3884.

**Thursday - 11/29 - The Tune of Ambivalence: Navigating Through Tough Existential Dilemmas** - Presented as part of the Torah Studies Series at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Two times: 11 am-noon; 8-9 pm. \$25 (book is included). Lunch available for purchase. 361-3939.

**Friday - 11/30 - T.G.I. Shabbat** at Chabad of East Boca, 120 NE 1st Ave. Monthly Friday night Shabbat dinner with Challah, gefilte

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**11/30 - Christmas Children's Chorus** at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Held again 12/2. 7 pm. Free. 395-1244.

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John Ferber poses for a picture with his girlfriend, Jenna Wehner, during 'Dinner in the Sky' above downtown Delray Beach on Oct. 20. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

## Around Town

# From pie in the sky to politics, South County-style

**F**ood for thought: A media colleague wondered recently if the presidential debate was the biggest event ever to occur in Palm Beach County.

Let's see. **Henry Flagler's** decision to create Palm Beach was certainly notable, though its importance grew over decades. The exploits of the bootlegging, bankrobbing **Ashley Gang** in the Roarin' '20s became fodder for Hollywood movies. Rock-and-rollers might tout the muddy, cold 1969 **Palm Beach Pop Festival** that attracted more than 40,000 for sets by the **Stones**, **Joplin**, the **Airplane**, **The Byrds**, among others. The **Pulitzer** divorce trial back in '83

certainly copped a few headlines, as did the **William Kennedy Smith** trial in 1991.

In 2000, **Bush vs. Gore** and the *Ballad of the Hanging Chads* hit No. 1, but that, too, developed over a period of several weeks.

**Obama-Romney 3** was hardly spontaneous. Planning began years ago. **Lynn University** anted up millions. The campus looked like the back lot at a huge circus. Traffic snarled. We'll never know if it changed the course of history — for good, or for bad — but the fact that it happened at all is good PR for Lynn, for Boca and for Palm Beach County.

For one thing, a lot more people now know how to pronounce Bocuh Ruh-TONE, including NBC political wunderkind **Chuck Todd**, who grew up in Miami and whose mother lives in Delray. After saying Ruh-TONN Monday, he made special note of the proper pronunciation Tuesday.



Sen. John McCain tweets before another interview in the 'Spin Room' at Lynn University. Thom Smith/The Coastal Star

The debate certainly didn't hurt business at local hotels and restaurants, although it did create a few problems. After performing in Live Oak, **Bonnie Raitt** had hoped to bed down in Boca before Sunday's show at **Mizner Park** but had to settle for a place "up the road." Still she managed to

take a swim, only to hear **John Lee Hooker's One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer** coming across the waves with a Jamaican dancehall beat. "Only in Florida!" Raitt howled.

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**ABOVE:** Jenna Walsh and Grant Stateman's wedding party watches Romney's motorcade pass as the trolley taking them to the Delray Beach Marriott is stopped by a roadblock at Woolbright Road and A1A. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

**RIGHT:** The wedding party with Mitt Romney (left), Jenna Walsh, Grant Stateman, Billy Walsh and Mary Walsh at the Delray Beach Marriott. **Photo provided**



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causes, both domestic and international, Raitt isn't afraid to speak her mind, acknowledging the debate and her take on **Mitt Romney** early in her set, with a quick, "Yeah, I've got binders of women for that guy."

No accommodation problems for **Ann Romney**, who appeared at a Mizner Park rally Saturday night and then headed right back to the campaign's local debate HQ — the **Delray Beach Marriott**.

Early risers who powered up their TVs to MSNBC's *Morning Joe* on debate Monday and Tuesday found themselves in Boca with hosts **Joe Scarborough** and **Mika Brzezinski** holding forth before a packed **Rack's** in Mizner Park. The show had to be a boon to **Gary Rack** and Co., since the bistro usually opens at 11:30.

Among those with a choice booth in frequent camera view: Boca Mayor **Susan Whelchel** (both days), City Council member **Constance Scott** (Monday) and U.S. Rep. **Ted Deutch** (Tuesday). The party at Mizner continued Monday night with a **Rock the Vote** concert and debate-viewing on giant screens in the amphitheater.

Hmmm, let's see: A concert in the oh-so-Republican city of Boca Raton (not the Democratic unincorporated west side); Romney in the neighborhood, and music by the **Neon Trees**, a band from Provo, Utah, with Mormon roots. No conspiracy, just coincidence. Neon Trees is one of many bands involved with Rock the Vote. Its music is a far cry from the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** or **Donnie and Marie**.

"Neon Trees has never set out to be a Mormon or Latter Day Saint band," front man **Tyler Glenn** told a Pittsburgh newspaper. "We're a rock 'n' roll pop band and in our lives, music is just one thing that we do." Glenn, in fact, fell off

a stage last year and chipped a tooth but not because he was drunk. No **Jim Beam** or **Bacardi** backing for the **Trees**: Their tour is sponsored by **Starbucks Frappuccino** ... and their dressing room was stocked with a large supply of **Red Bull**.

And it's not like everything else stopped while the debate was in town. The Saturday before, while Romney was prepping at the Delray Marriott, with five police boats patrolling just off the beach and squads of cops walking the streets, the ballroom was packed with 450 family and friends attending the wedding reception for **Jenna Walsh** and **Grant Stateman**. Jenna is a niece of **Michael Walsh**, boss of **Ocean Properties**, the hotel's parent company. Romney stopped by and posed for a photo with Jenna, Grant and her parents, Billy and Mary Walsh.

No confirmation that a **Secret Service** agent caught the bouquet. In fact, except for news reports, hotel guests wouldn't have known of Romney's presence. "It's a very controlled environment," Ocean Properties spokesman **Kerry Morrissey** said. "(Romney's) movement is restricted. He comes and goes out a back door. It's very low key."

But when he wanted to be seen ... Well, you can bet the TV cameras that capture Romney's coin toss for the staff touch football game on the beach or dinner at **Burger Fi** just "happened" to be there.

Fans who had hoped to get a glimpse of their candidates were out of luck: no waves to the public; nothing to see from the barricades at the motorcades whizzed by; nothing to see on campus as the entourages passed the afternoon in separate but microscopically equal (down to the same number of drinking glasses in each) motor-home-style suites, adjacent to the auditorium.

Political spin was left to lesser figures — senators, congressmen, party operatives and the occasional celebrity — who filed through the gym that had been converted into the press center, aka “Spin Room.”

**John McCain** arrived early in the afternoon, and made stops at most of the TV media cubicles in the hall, his entourage bowling over one anchor who was delivering an early report.

Rep. **Peter King** (R-NY) and Sen. **Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) reiterated their positions that Obama should come clean on **Benghazi**; while Vice President **Joe Biden**'s son, **Beau**, now attorney general of Delaware, and Democratic National Committee Chair and Florida Rep. **Debbie Wasserman Schultz** of Weston, defended the president.

Other visitors: Sen. **John Kerry**, former New Hampshire Gov. **John Sununu**, Florida Sen. **Marco Rubio** and Rep. **Mario Diaz-Balart**, retired Army Gen. **Wesley Clark**, Florida Gov. **Rick Scott** (briefly), and former Florida governor and senator **Bob Graham**.

A rumor floated that **George Clooney** had been seen on campus. Alas, it was a TV reporter who resembles the actor.

And then there was the vaguely familiar guy in the navy blue suit, red tie and black sneakers. Is that a congressman? Is he a staffer?



What party? No. No. And no. Just actor/comedian **Pauly Shore**, sans the **Kenny G** hair. He was holding (uncharacteristically low-key) court to promote *Pauly-Tics*, his soon-to-be-released documentary. Shore teased that he might run for office some day — maybe mayor of a small Southern town.

More food for thought. Candidates may offer pie in the sky, but for a few dozen adventurous souls a few blocks west of the Delray Marriott at **Delray Beach Center for the Arts** at **Old School Square**, the attraction was **Dinner in the Sky**. At four seatings, a maximum of 22 diners were strapped into grand prix-style car seats that were bolted to a platform. With chefs and servers, they were hoisted 180 feet up by cranes for a gourmet meal with a view. **Caffe Luna Rosa** and a new restaurant, **Candyfish**, provided the food. Main courses: filet mignon and Maine lobster.

Tickets initially were offered at \$500 each, but a few days before, the price was cut to \$350 for Delray residents. By Saturday afternoon, seats were being sold at Groupon-style levels — \$150,

and sources report a few bystanders were offered late dinners for free.

Good food. Good wine. Good time. No casualties, not even a nosebleed. But no descents for potty breaks either.

Back to food, the first **Delray Beach Wine and Seafood Festival** kicks off Nov. 10 and 11 on Atlantic Avenue east of the Intracoastal. Sponsored by the **Delray Chamber of Commerce**, the festival offers food, drink, live entertainment, and seminars. Guests may stroll among vendors or relax in the **New World Wine Garden**. Free admission, but special packages and seminars will cost you. (delraybeach.com).

Luna Rosa and Candyfish will be back to earth as participants, along with **La Cigale**, **Sundy House**, **Concha y Toro** and **Boston's**, which, in addition is offering on Nov. 12, Veterans Day, a complimentary meal (up to \$16) to anyone who's served in the military, present or past.

Bridge closing! What bridge?

**Plaza Del Mar** in Manalapan isn't letting a little bridge replacement project dampen its spirit, even if it will take two years. **John G's**, recently arrived from reconstructing Lake Worth Beach, still attracts regulars and visitors, **Ritz-Carlton** guests love to hop across A1A for an afternoon sundae, and **Thaikyo** and **Lantana Pizza** offer international variety. To enhance the plaza's image as a destination, management is reaching outward. On Nov. 10, it will host a food truck festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“With the bridge out, we have sort of a captive market, plaza spokeswoman **Stephanie Young** said. “We want to be more of a food destination.”

**Jochen Esser**, of **Gourmet Food Truck Expo** in Deerfield Beach, expects to dispatch 15 trucks. “We'll have barbecue, Mexican, Asian, Italian, Philly cheese, Mediterranean, lobster rolls,” he said. “It should offer something for everyone.”

Across the street, **Jason Adams**, described as “fun, savvy, creative, the ultimate neighbor” is the new executive chef at the **Ritz-Carlton** in Manalapan. Born in England, trained in Europe, Adams joined Ritz-Carlton in 1998 at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and comes to the Palm Beaches from Aspen.

After that meal at the Ritz, pampering is recommended at **Eau Spa**, which was just tapped by readers of **SpaFinder Wellness** for four awards in its annual survey of spas around the globe: best beach spa, best interior

design, best for weddings and the delicious best for girlfriend getaway and bachelorettes.

Up the road, other parts of the **Lake Worth Casino** renovation may not be ready, but **Mulligan's** is open and serving food. Two blocks north, the **Omphoy** continues its effort to attract locals as well as out of town guests. Newest addition is Wednesday blues nights with the likes of **Joey Gilmore** and **Bobby Nathan**, cocktail specials, a half-priced appetizers.

No blues across the bridge in Lake Worth, however, when it comes to a place to live and to work. The city's **Community Redevelopment Agency** is building a fledgling artists community of a

dozen “Urban Arts Lofts” along Lucerne near the city shuffleboard courts. The two-bedroom/2½-bath townhomes range from 2,275 to 2,653 square feet, and include work space and a garage on the ground floor. Prices range from \$115,000 to \$133,000. The lofts are part of the CRA's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and restrictions apply. Call 493-2550.

The lofts are a far cry from the first homes in Lake Worth 100 years ago, as residents will be reminded for the next six months as the city celebrates its centennial. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. Nov. 10 with a centennial-themed **Veterans Day** parade. Other related events include a family beach party Jan. 19; a homecoming dance Feb. 16 in the Casino Ballroom,

the **Taste of Lake Worth** on Feb. 22, a three-day scavenger hunt for city historic treasures in late May, and the final celebration on July 4. (www.lakeworth100.com)

All quiet on the southern front ... and **Kravis Center** management doesn't expect any noise on Nov. 10 and 11. There was a time when certain political groups would have had pickets all along Okeechobee Boulevard the day after the shows were announced, but they've received not the first protest about the upcoming appearance of the **National Symphony of Cuba**. Could art have triumphed over politics?

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Pay it Forward is our new calendar designed to celebrate the many philanthropic events in the community from October through April each year. Events in this listing are current as of 10/25. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**NOVEMBER 3**

**Saturday - 11/3 - 5th Annual Denim, Diamonds & Dice Casino Night** is held at The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Gaming complimented by hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Benefits the Unicorn Village Academy in Boca Raton. 7-11 pm. \$125/general, \$225/VIP, \$250/Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. 620-9377.

**NOVEMBER 4-10**

**Sunday - 11/4 - Caring Hearts Auxiliary Keep Memories Alive** at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road. Participate in the seventh-annual walk and help raise money for Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center at Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University. 9 am. \$30-\$40. 297-4066 or <https://fauf.fau.edu/memories>.

**Tuesday - 11/6 - Bethesda Hospital Foundation's Magnolia Society Brunch** at The Ocean Club, 6849 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Join a society that supports Bethesda Hospital Foundation's Women of Grace Luncheon. 10 am. \$250 for renewing members, \$500 for new members. 737-7733, Ext. 84445 or [www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org](http://www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org).

**Friday - 11/9 - David T. Harden Preservation Award** at Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. Honor Delray Beach's retiring city manager at a dinner sponsored by Delray Beach Preservation Trust. 6 pm. \$50. 276-8968 or [www.delraybeachpreservation.org](http://www.delraybeachpreservation.org).

**11/10 - "Make Waves on the 50" Gala** at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, Palm Beach Avenue, Boca Raton. Support the FAU President's Scholarship Fund at a black-tie event that will be capped by a fireworks display. 6:30 pm. \$250. 297-3010 or [www.fau.edu/2012gala](http://www.fau.edu/2012gala).

**NOVEMBER 11-17**

**Wednesday - 11/14 - Women of Grace Luncheon** at The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Honor five volunteers for their work and accomplishments and support Bethesda Hospital Foundation and Center for Women & Children. 10:30 am. \$100. 737-7733, Ext. 84445 [www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org](http://www.bethesdahospitalfoundation.org).

**Thursday - 11/15 - Palm Beach Closets Fashion Show & Luncheon** at Boynton

**Allegro Society  
Delray Beach Club**



**November 9:** Boca Raton Symphonia's support group, Allegro Society, is tuning up its instruments for the third annual Musical Luncheon and Music Scholarship Award. A performance by members of the symphonia and the presentation of a \$1,500 grant to a high-school student will highlight the event. The location is the Delray Beach Club, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd. Time is 11:30 am. Tickets are \$75. For information, call 866-687-4201 or visit [www.bocasymphonia.org](http://www.bocasymphonia.org). **Photo:** Committee member Joan Gallo and scholarship sponsor Marie Landoli stand outside the Delray Beach Club. **Photo provided**

**Dinner Cruise Aboard 'Lady Atlantic'**  
Veterans Park, Delray Beach



**November 9:** Veterans' Pathway to Business Success embarks on its first fundraiser as it sets sail on a mission to provide grants to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans seeking funding for their businesses. Dinner Cruise Aboard 'Lady Atlantic' includes a reception, dinner, open bar and dancing under the stars. The location is Veterans Park., 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Time is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$500. For information, call 235-4584 or visit [www.veteranspathway.org](http://www.veteranspathway.org). **Photo:** Herb Romanow; Veterans' Pathway to Business Success founder, Jerry Kramer; retired Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto and Gerry Goldberg plan the dinner cruise. **Photo provided**

**Delray Beach Stiletto Race**  
Southeast Fourth Avenue, Delray Beach



**November 16:** Vince Canning Shoes and Achievement Centers for Children & Families invite you to strap on your stilettos for this debut race beginning at Southeast Fourth Avenue and running toward Atlantic Avenue. 6 pm. \$25 per entry. Prizes awarded for fastest stilettos, best costume, most fabulous shoe and more. Men are invited to compete. For information, contact 266-0003 or [www.delraystiletto.com](http://www.delraystiletto.com). **Photo:** Achievement Centers for Children & Families preschoolers Janessa Deavers, Zachariah Rangel and Briana Jenkins with LaRonda Denkler, Sandra Lineberger, Connie Browser, Doreen Lalumiere, Mary Ford, Rebecca Jackson and Tanya Plath. **Photo provided**

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## Christmas Designer Showcase House

Cason Cottage Museum, Delray Beach



**December 1:** The Delray Beach Historical Society's special preview of the 2012 Christmas Designer Showcase House will feature decorations dating back to 1915 that were artistically crafted by eight accomplished South County designers. Proceeds will help support society projects, including education programs for elementary-school students. This year's house is Cason Cottage, 5 NE First St. Opening party at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$75. The house will be open to the public Dec. 2-Jan. 1. Times are noon-4 pm Sundays, 10 am-4 pm Tuesdays-Saturdays and noon-4 pm Jan. 1. Tickets are \$15. For information, call 274-9578 or visit [www.delraybeachhistory.org](http://www.delraybeachhistory.org). **Photo:** The designers of the 2012 Christmas Designer Showcase House include Sharon Koskoff, Marsha Love, Karen McClaren, Gus Martinez, Virginia Courtenay, Hazel McGuire, Kim Baguley and Annette Smith. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Holiday Trunk Show

Seagate Hotel & Spa, Delray Beach

**December 3-5:** This year's Holiday Trunk Show will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club, as more than 30 vendors offer everything from jewelry and accessories to Christmas ornaments and holiday décor. Money raised will go toward programming for the 300-plus children who attend the club.

A Preview Cocktail Reception on Dec. 3 kicks off the show at The Seagate Hotel & Spa, 1000 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Time is 6-8 pm. Tickets are \$85. The public can peruse the gifts and goodies Dec. 4-5. Time is 9 am-5 pm. Admission is free. For information, call 683-3287 or visit [www.bgcpbc.org](http://www.bgcpbc.org). **Photo:** Holiday Trunk Show chairwomen include Kari Shipley, Susan Mullin and Melissa De Baptiste. **Photo provided**



Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. Ten club members will model clothes, jewelry and accessories from Second Time Around Consignment Boutique to benefit Crossroads Program at Palm Beach State College. 11:30 am. \$20. 737-3392 or [www.boynntonwomansclub.com](http://www.boynntonwomansclub.com).

**11/15 - National Philanthropy Day** at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Recognize philanthropists Harry and Deborah Sargeant III for their contributions to society. 11:30 am-1 pm. \$100. 848-7200, Ext. 3250 or 3286 or [www.afppbc.org](http://www.afppbc.org).

**11/15 - "Best of Boca & Beyond"** at The Shops at Boca Center, 5050 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Join Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation to kick off the social season in the shopping center's newly renovated courtyard. 6-9 pm. \$50. 494-6888 or [www.hpbpcf.org](http://www.hpbpcf.org).

### NOVEMBER 18-24

**Monday - 11/19 - End Hunger** at DIG, 777 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Savor the five serving stations and sip soft beverages to help C.R.O.S. Ministries' hunger programs. 5-8 pm. \$35. 233-9009, Ext. 106.

### NOVEMBER 25-30

**Thursday - 11/29 - Grand Opening** at Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service Food Pantry, 430 S. Congress Ave., Delray Beach. Share the vision, work and generosity of those who make feeding the hungry possible. 5:30 pm. Free. 852-3333 or [www.ruthralesjfs.org](http://www.ruthralesjfs.org).

**11/29 - Havana Nights Exclusive Poker Event** at Boca Raton Resort & Club. Cocktail reception at 6 pm, tournament begins at 7 pm. Benefits the Achievement Centers for Children & Families. \$1,000 per player. 266-0003 or [www](http://www).

HavanaNightsPoker.com

**Friday - 11/30 - Wee Dream Ball** at Woodfield Country Club, 3650 Club Place, Boca Raton. Florence Fuller Child Development Centers' signature fundraising gala is an affair as energetic and unique as the children the center helps. 7-11 pm. \$250. 391-7274, Ext. 128, or [www.florencefullercenters.org](http://www.florencefullercenters.org).

### DECEMBER

**Saturday - 12/1 - Hair Saving Event in Support of Cancer Patients** at Lifestyles of Lynne, Royal Palm Plaza, 284 Esplanade, #52B, Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Volunteers will have their heads shaved to show support of everyone that has ever been diagnosed with some form of cancer. 10 am-1 pm. Free: Donations go to St. Baldrick's. 347-2933 or [www.royalpalmpalace.com](http://www.royalpalmpalace.com).

**12/1 - "Lady in Red" Gala** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno and Sultans of Swing headline a fundraiser for Leaders in Furthering Education. 6 pm. \$700. 865-0955 or [www.life-edu.org](http://www.life-edu.org).

**Monday - 12/3 - Bake for the Rescues** at Sundy House, 106 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Join 20 celebrity bakers and help raise money for Dezy's Second Chance Animal Rescue. 6-8:30 pm. \$25-\$30. 954-588-7045 or [www.dezyssecondchance.com](http://www.dezyssecondchance.com). **Thursday - 12/6 - Sandler Family Major Gifts Event** at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 W. Claridge Oval, Boca Raton. Listen to presentations by a CBS News correspondent and an Israeli intelligence expert while lauding Harvey and Phyllis Sandler for being the largest donors in the history of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Annual Campaign. 6 pm. \$125. 852-

3333 or [www.jewishboca.org](http://www.jewishboca.org).

**Saturday - 12/8 - River of Grass Gala** at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Support the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for the Everglades by attending a "green-tie" affair. 6:30 pm. \$350. 233-9004 or [www.artmarshall.org](http://www.artmarshall.org).

**12/8 - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Caridad Center "Wrapping up Your Holiday Wishes" Gala** at Four Seasons Resort, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. An evening of auctioning, dining and dancing will honor four dentists for their 20 years of volunteer efforts at Caridad Center. 7 pm. \$250. 582-2800 or [www.caridad.org](http://www.caridad.org).

**Friday - 12/14 - Jingle Bell Ball** at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Participate in a festive evening of dinner and dancing to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County. 7 pm. \$600. 683-3287 or [www.bgcpbc.org](http://www.bgcpbc.org).

### JANUARY

**Saturday - 1/5 - Your Medical School Gala** at The Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2425 Maya Palm Drive W., Boca Raton. A black-tie-optional

reception, auction, dinner and dancing will benefit the "Compassionate Care Through Education" Medical Scholarship Campaign at the Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. \$295. 6:30 pm. 699-7198.

**Wednesday - 1/9 - Bell Society Dinner** at Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Enjoy a black-tie event to benefit Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County, Inc. 7 pm. \$500. 832-2755.

**Friday - 1/11 - Caron and Hanley Treatment Centers Gala 2013** at The Breakers, 1 S. County Road, Palm Beach. Ring in the beginning of a new year and stay through the night for the Young Friends After Party. 7 pm. gala; 10 p.m. after party. \$500-\$1,000. 841-1048 or [www.hanleycenter.org](http://www.hanleycenter.org).

**Saturday - 1/12 - 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Pay tribute to Elaine J. Wold and celebrate the Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine. \$400. 955-4142 or [www.brrh.com](http://www.brrh.com).

**Friday - 1/18 - Iron Chef Competition** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Teams compete to benefit Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum. 6:30 pm. \$175. 395-6766.

**Thursday - 1/24 - Fine Wines & Hidden Treasures Gala** at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. A four-course gourmet dinner with wine pairing and silent auctions benefits Food for the Poor. 7:30 pm. \$450. 888-404-4248 or [www.foodforthe poor.org](http://www.foodforthe poor.org).

**Monday - 1/28 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. The celebration will include a keynote speaker, a reception, lunch and a presentation. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$125. 995-6773 or [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org).



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Philanthropy

# Gulf Stream residents honored for their contributions

By Mary Thurwachter

Four Gulf Stream residents who are generous with their time and money will be recognized this month.

Barbara Whittaker and Sheila O'Boyle are Women of Grace nominees who will be spotlighted during Bethesda Hospital Foundation's annual Women of Grace luncheon Nov. 14.

Deborah and Harry Sargeant III will be receiving the Outstanding Philanthropist award on Nov. 15 during the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon sponsored by the Palm Beach County chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Sargeants have given more than \$1 million to organizations in need. This year, they chaired the 57th annual Bethesda Ball, of which the net proceeds benefited the Foundation's Caring for Our Community Campaign. The campaign supports technology advancements at Bethesda Memorial Hospital's Centers of Excellence — including the Center for Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery, which included a surgical robot and a first-in-the state simulator needed for in-house training.

With the Sargeants' leadership and outreach to like-minded donors, they set a record raising \$1 million net through the event. In addition, the couple made a major effort to personally underwrite event expenses.

They have supported the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, the Junior League of Boca Raton, the Delray Beach Public Library and the Delray Beach Historical Society, in which they were not only significant sponsors, but Deborah Sargeant also served as a co-chair of the society's annual antiques show and sale for many years.

"The majority of my volunteer work during the last three years has been for the Bethesda Hospital Foundation," Deborah Sargeant said. "I serve as vice chair of the Foundation Board and the executive committee." She also does volunteer work for Gulf Stream School.

"I feel very fortunate to have the time and assets to share and give back to this community," she said. "It allows me to be productive and learn something



Deborah and Harry Sargeant III

### National Philanthropy Day Luncheon

The Association of Fundraising Professionals - Palm Beach County Chapter will recognize leaders in the categories of Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Philanthropic Private Foundation, Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation, Outstanding Philanthropic Corporate Foundation, Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser and Outstanding Planned Giving/Legacy Honoree.

**When:** 11:45 a.m. Nov. 15

**Where:** The Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

**Tickets:** \$100 for individual tickets

**Reservations, information:** Email Brian Edwards at [bedwards@gulstreamgoodwill.com](mailto:bedwards@gulstreamgoodwill.com) or (561) 848-7200, Ext. 3250, or see [www.afppbc.org](http://www.afppbc.org)

new. I know the community benefits from the time I give. I believe every community needs volunteers."

Barbara Whittaker volunteers with several organizations, including the Caring Kitchen.

"I help with the food preparation, cooking and serving for 225 people/guests for lunch," Whittaker said. "I've driven the van for pickups from Publix/Costco and do anything that's needed at the Health Department. I've also been involved in fundraising."

Whittaker also volunteers at Paul's Place After School Program, where she started a vegetable garden for the children.

"We plant everything from seed with the children and they help take care of weeding and

harvesting the garden," she said. "We try to grow what they would like to eat for dinner, which is prepared for them five nights a week." She is also involved in fundraising at St. Paul's.

Whittaker also volunteers with C.R.O.S. Ministries and the Florida Coalition for Preservation. She is vice president of both the Delray Beach Historical Society and the Gulf Stream Civic Association and is on the board of directors of the Grass River Garden Club.

"Volunteering is important to me because I feel that it is necessary to give back to your community, especially in Palm Beach County, where one in four children live in poverty," Whittaker said. "I would hope to make this community a



Sheila O'Boyle and Barbara Whittaker

### Bethesda Hospital Foundation's 13th annual Women of Grace luncheon

Susan Duane is serving as chairman and Suzanne Boyd, anchor of WPEC-News 12 will be the emcee.

**Honorees:** Laurie Gildan, Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County; Rosemary Krieger, Soroptomist International of Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach; Sheila O'Boyle, Lupus Foundation of America, Southeast Florida Chapter; Mary Pittman, Habitat for Humanity; and Barbara Whittaker, Christians Reaching Out to Society (C.R.O.S. Ministries)

**When:** 10:30 a.m. Nov 14

**Where:** The Ritz-Carlton, 100 South Ocean Blvd., Manalapan

**Tickets:** \$100 per person or \$1,250 for a VIP table of 10.

**Reservations, information:** [www.bethesda-hospitalfoundation.org](http://www.bethesda-hospitalfoundation.org)

better place to live and make a difference in someone's personal life."

Sheila O'Boyle says its easy to get involved and there are so many worthwhile causes being addressed by organizations like the Lupus Foundation of America, Southeast Florida, a nonprofit she has been volunteering with for 18 years. She has served on the board of directors and been a leader in advancing the mission to help those living with lupus as well as to raise awareness about the disease.

A strong supporter of LFA, O'Boyle has been instrumental in fundraising for the group. She served as chairman of the Butterfly Ball for numerous years, and in recent years started new events to benefit the organization: the Closet

Couture Luncheon and the Great Holiday Tea Party.

"About 18 years ago I was asked to attend a meeting with the Lupus Foundation," O'Boyle said. "At the time I knew nothing about lupus; but being a volunteer and invited to join a meeting for the Lupus Foundation, I went to the meeting — which was to plan a fundraiser. I learned a lot that day about lupus and how it affects so many women."

Then she discovered that most of the people at the meeting were suffering from it or had mothers who died from lupus.

"Volunteering makes me feel connected to the community that I live in," O'Boyle said. "It makes me feel good to contribute back to the community." ★

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## Celebrations

### Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square Launch Party – Oct. 12



Carol and Ian Barrett dance to Across the Universe, the Ultimate Beatles Tribute band during the Center for the Arts initial Free Friday Concert, as the center unveiled its new name and look. The Barretts live in the United Kingdom and have a home in Cascade Lakes. They grew up near Liverpool and recall seeing The Beatles play at a local dance hall. They have been coming to Delray Beach since 1975, and plan to attend future Free Friday Concert events. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

### AVDA Race for Hope Anchor Park, Delray Beach – Oct. 13



A shower dampened runners during the 13th-annual Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run and children's dash along A1A in Delray Beach. The race benefited the organization's 24-hour crisis hotline and emergency and transitional shelter. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

### Read for the Record Gulf Stream School – Oct. 4



**ABOVE:** Preschoolers Antonio Grillo, Ella Capri Spencer, Addison Terlizzi and Eleanor Dickenson react to the reading. **RIGHT:** Gulf Stream Mayor Joan Orthwein takes turns with sixth-grader Andrew Young as they read 'Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad.' The event was part of a Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County program to celebrate the joy of reading. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**



### Girls, Pearls, Hats & Heels Delray Dunes Golf and Country Club – Oct. 10



Delray Beach Public Library Development Director Kimberley Trombley Burmeister and Tandy Robinson enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of shopping for shoes and other accessories in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event, co-sponsored by the library and Bethesda Hospital Foundation, brought in more than \$6,600 for each of their education programs. **Photo provided**

### Woman Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Boca Raton Resort & Club – Oct. 18

The Junior League of Boca Raton held its 25th luncheon to honor 25 women volunteers for making significant and noteworthy contributions to the community. Debbie Pruce Abrams from the Boca Raton Historical Society was selected as the 2012 Woman Volunteer of the Year. **LEFT:** Lou Ann Such, nominee from Boca Helping Hands, Debbie Abrams, 2012 VOY and Jennifer Barner, PR/Marketing Chair for JLBR. **Photo provided**



Golf Exhibit

Rarities in collection help tell history of golf

By Craig Dolch

Even the casual golf fan knows Jack Nicklaus won the most professional major championships (18) and that Al Geiberger was the first player to shoot a 59 on the PGA Tour.

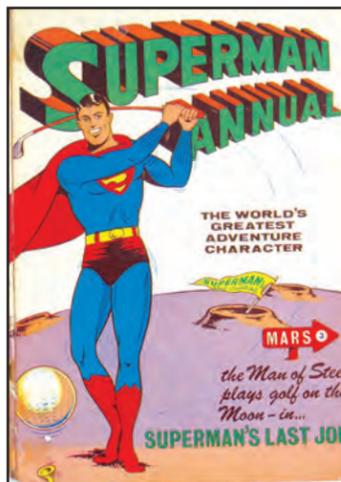
But not even an insider like Johnny Miller knows how many club heads the Karsten Solheim family was making out of the garage daily (100) when they started the golf company with the funny name (PING) or that trick-shot artist Joe Kirkwood Sr., who won 14 PGA Tour titles, used a driver that was one and a half times as long (67 inches) as the normal models.

No matter if you are a scratch golfer or someone who wouldn't know a divot from a duff, there is plenty to learn about the game that's so revered in Palm Beach County. It's no surprise that a Palm Beach County resident — Gary Wiren of North Palm Beach — has assembled a private golf collection that might be unique in all the world.

Wiren said he will have the best of his collection represented this fall with the South Florida premiere of the *Seagate Hotel & Spa World of Golf: The Gary Wiren Collection* at the renamed Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square. Wiren's collection will be accompanied by fine art from the Academy of Golf Art; both exhibitions will be on display in the Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture from Nov. 8 to April 21.

"The key word here is 'unique,'" said Wiren, one of the U.S.'s few master professionals who serves as senior director of instruction for Trump Golf Properties and wrote the *PGA of America's Teaching Manual*. "We are going to be displaying things that have never appeared in the World Golf Hall of Fame or the USGA's museum. They do a marvelous job telling the history of the game, and there will be a fair amount of that in ours. But we will have things they would never talk about."

In addition to the aforementioned little-known facts about Solheim and Kirkwood, Wiren's collection will show how, for instance, miniature golf started in Pinehurst, N.C., as well as the history of golf on comic book covers and golfing sheet music. Wiren has spent more than 60 years acquiring his collection, which has been featured on ESPN and has been viewed by Warren Buffett and Bill Gates.



ABOVE: Golf historian Gary Wiren, 77, has assembled a collection of golf memorabilia, including trophies, antique clubs and these vintage images. Photos from the Wiren Collection

Wiren knows the type of reactions he's hoping to receive. "If they don't play golf, I want them to walk out and say that was really interesting," Wiren said. "For the golfer who might have played for 40 years, I hope they say, 'My God, I saw things I never knew existed.' That's the reaction I got from (Hall of Fame instructor) Bob Toski when I told him some of the stories. For a guy like Bob Toski, who has been around the game forever, to say these are things he never knew, that's very gratifying."

The idea for the exhibit came from Boynton Beach resident Kevin Hammer, who once was the No. 2-ranked junior in the U.S. (behind David Duval) and lives in one of South Florida's top golf communities, Quail Ridge Country Club. Hammer and his partner at Merrill Lynch, Barry Rubin, helped underwrite some of the fees to stage Wiren's exhibition.

"We felt it was important to bring this collection to the public because it is something different and entertaining,"

Hammer said. "There are so many people in South Florida who are connected to the game of golf in some way. We felt there was an opportunity to entertain children and adults and give them an appreciation of the history of the game and the values that the game teaches." Wiren has set up

his collection to be interactive, where visitors can answer trivia questions to test their golf knowledge. Wiren said any golfer who belongs to a junior or First Tee program, or who plays on a high school or middle school team, will be admitted free. There are also plans to invite members from area country clubs. Wiren will give talks and PGA professionals also will stage an occasional clinic.

Guests can use putters from the 1890s, actually feel the molded grips used by Hall of Famers such as Arnold Palmer, Kathy Whitworth and Miller and see other golf items that date back to the 1500s.

"This is such a great golfing community down here, and we think everyone will be fascinated with what Gary has brought together," said Joe Gillie, president and CEO of Center for the Arts at Old School Square. "When you add in the golf art work from the Academy of Golf Art, we think this is going to have great appeal to a man or a woman, even if you're not a golfer."

The exhibit was originally supposed to end April 2, but it was extended by almost three weeks because Quail Ridge will be hosting the Florida State Senior Amateur Championship on April 16-18, and Hammer wanted to make sure those competitors had a chance to see Wiren's collection.

General admission is \$10, \$6 for seniors and students, \$3 for children and free for ages 5 and under. Exhibit hours will be 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, and 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays. ★

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# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 10/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## NOVEMBER 3

**Saturday - 11/3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**11/3 - Previously Owned Treasure Sale: A Bargain Hunter's Delight** at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. 7-11 am. Free. 367-7035.

**11/3 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup & Harvest Festival** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. 734-9128 or www.sandsifters.us.

**11/3 - Paddle Away** teaches kayaking and water safety tips at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Explore the Lantana Preserve and the Ocean Ridge Natural Areas. Ages 15 to adult. Held again 11/17 & 12/1 & 15. 8 am-11 am. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. 742-6221.

**11/3 - Charity Craft Sale** to benefit Hospice by the Sea and the Boynton Beach Community Caring Center is held at Sunny South Estates Clubhouse, 8710 Sunny South Ave., Boynton Beach. Local vendors showcasing handmade/homemade goods. Food court, coffee bar and bake shop. 8 am-3 pm. Free. 200-7078.

**11/3 - FootSteps for FosterCare 5K Walk & Family Fun Day** at John Prince Park, 2520 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth. Have some family fun while supporting Foster Adoptive Parent Association and the 1,500-plus children it serves. 9 am-2 pm. \$25 for participants. 352-2540 or www.fapapbc.org.

**11/3 - King Library Book Sale** at The Society

of the Four Arts King Library, 3 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Features refreshments, gift drawings and gently used fiction and nonfiction books as well as DVDs and CDs. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 655-2766 or www.fourarts.org.

**11/3 - The Writer's Studio** is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/10, 17 & 24. 10 am. Free. 638-7251 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**11/3 - Future Men and Women of Delray Beach** at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Mentoring program designed for adolescents ages 12-18. The mission is to provide adolescent boys and girls a positive role model to help guide them through the complex paths of social life; and to becoming a productive citizen in the global economy. Saturdays, 10-11 am. Free. 243-7356.

**11/3 - Art Appreciation: Awesome Authors, Amazing Artists** is held each Saturday at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Families make a Picasso potato head, create a Warhol soup sculpture and enjoy a visit from one of Jim Henson's characters. 10:30-11:15 am. Free with paid museum admission. 742-6780.

**11/3 - How to Get Published or Self-Publish** is presented by The Writer's Colony Seminar & Workshop at Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. 1-5 pm. \$90. 243-7922, Ext. 317.

**11/3 - The Little Mermaid** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 11/17. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

**11/3 - USA Netball Association** at Pompey

Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Netball is a fast, skillful, team game based on running, jumping, throwing, and catching. For females ages 6 and up. Held Saturdays, 2-5 pm. \$5/person per day. 243-7356.

**11/3 - 2nd Annual Fall Skate & Grind** at the Hobbit Skate Park, 505 S.E. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Live music, prizes, give-a-ways, food and fun. Beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Local skate vendors will be on hand. Ages 5 to adult. 3 pm. \$5/per entry, free/spectators. 243-7158.

**11/3 - Teen Car Club** - Held Saturdays at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Hands on learning on the basics on how to keep up on the maintenance of your vehicle. Girls welcome. For ages 12-20. 4-6 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. 243-7158.

**11/3 - Joseph Andrews staged reading** is presented by The Playgroup IIc at the Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. A two-act comedy based on Henry Fielding's novel, adapted by Peter Hawkins. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6169 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

**11/3-4 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show** - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666 or www.lwartleague.org.

**11/3-4 - 3rd Annual Fine Arts Festival** is hosted by the visual arts and art history department and University Galleries at Florida Atlantic University in the Performing and Visual Art Centers, 777 Glades Road. Includes work of professional artists and FAU students to benefit the visual arts and art history departments. Prices range from \$10-\$10,000. Food, fun, music and silent auction. 10 am-5 pm. Free. Public welcome. 297-3870.

**11/3-4 - Rumpelstiltskin** at Sol Children

# Municipal Meetings

- 11/5 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at [www.oceanridgeflorida.com](http://www.oceanridgeflorida.com).
- 11/6 & 11/20 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: [www.mydelraybeach.com](http://www.mydelraybeach.com).
- 11/9 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.
- 11/13 - Manalapan** - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda available at [www.manalapan.org](http://www.manalapan.org).
- 11/26 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at [www.lantana.org](http://www.lantana.org).
- 11/27 - South Palm Beach** - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at [www.southpalmbeach.com](http://www.southpalmbeach.com).
- 11/29 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at [www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com](http://www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com).

Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Runs through 11/11. F&Sat.: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$12/adults, \$8/children age 11 and under. 447-8829 or [www.solchildren.org](http://www.solchildren.org).

**11/3-4 - The Rocky Horror Show** - Presented by Entr'Acte Theatix at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$25/adults, \$15/children under 12, \$10/students with ID. 243-7922 ext. 1.

## NOVEMBER 4-10

**Sunday - 11/4 - 12th Annual Sun Capital Partners Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk** at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Event benefits the Boca Raton Police Athletic League. Pancake breakfast. 6:30 am. \$30/5K run/walk; \$50/half marathon. 361-1950.

**11/4 - Sunday Breakfast** is held each week at VFV Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.

**11/4 - 7th Annual Keep Memories Alive**

**Walk** at Town Center at Boca Raton, North Entrance, 6000 Glades Road. Proceeds to benefit the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. 9 am. Free. 297-4066.

**11/4 - Sunday in the Park: Paul Bee - Classic Rock** at the NE corner of E. Ocean Ave. and NE 4th St., Boynton Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free. 737-3256 or [www.boyntonbeachcra.com](http://www.boyntonbeachcra.com).

**11/4 - Football Party** is held at The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum Williams Cottage, 170 NW Fifth Ave., Delray Beach. Big-screen TVs feature match-up between the Miami Dolphins and Indianapolis Colts. Food and raffles. 1 pm. Free, donations welcome. 279-8883.

**11/4 - 21th Annual A Princely Affair** kicks off Boca Ballet Theatre's 2012-13 season at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Noon luncheon features Ashley Boudier, principal dancer with New York City Ballet, and Matthew Dibble. Noon-3 pm. \$90/adult, \$45/children 13 and under. 995-0709 or [www.bocaballet.org](http://www.bocaballet.org).

**11/4 - Patriotic Concert: Lynn University Philharmonia** - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 6 pm. Free. 393-7827.

**Monday - 11/5 - Quilting Bee** - Twice monthly class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/19. 10 am. Free. 266-0194.

**11/5 - Dance to Your Own Beat** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 1-5 engage in exercises and dance movements using scarves, musical instruments and a parachute. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6390.

**11/5 - Watercolour Painting Workshop** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Instructor provides a class lesson, and lecture with emphasis on composition and drawing, then a painting demo. Mondays through 12/17. For adults. 10 am-1 pm. Per class: \$30/residents, \$35/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/5 - Senior Bingo** at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. For adults ages 60 years young and up. Class held every M&W. 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356.

**11/5 - The Greatest Mysteries & Monsters of Our Oceans** is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Three session course is part of the fall semester, featuring discussion of the scientific, historical and informative data about the mysteries and monsters of the seas. First of a three-part series. Class continues 11/19 & 26. 2-3:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

**11/5 - Carlton: A conversation with Carlton Varney** kicks of the 2012-2013 season of Culture & Cocktails at The Colony Hotel Pavilion, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Varney is an international interior designer, author and design columnist. He will be interviewed by Robert Janjigian. Proceeds benefit the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. 5-7 pm. \$50. 472-3330 or [www.palmbeachculture.com](http://www.palmbeachculture.com).

**11/5 - Got Gaming?** is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Held again 11/19 & 26. 5:15-6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or [www.delraylibrary.org](http://www.delraylibrary.org).

**11/5 - Teen Gaming** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 11/19 & 26. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/5 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54** meets the first Monday of each month at Harvey Oyer Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 8 pm. 966-2158.

**11/5 - Deconstructing Jazz: A Road Map To Unfamiliar Terrain** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. First of four lectures presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Mondays through 11/26. 11:15 am-1 pm. \$34/member, \$54/non-member. 297-3171.

**11/5 - Music As A Lifelong Companion: Discovering Music's Meaning Across The Life Span** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. First of four lectures presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Mondays through 11/26. 1:30-3:15 pm. \$34/member, \$54/non-member. 297-3171 or [www.fau.edu/lfs](http://www.fau.edu/lfs).

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## Holiday Craft Shows

**11/3 - Annual Holiday House** at the Boca Raton Garden Club Clubhouse, 4281 NW 3rd Ave., Boca Raton. Club members work all year hand crafting decorations for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas, as well as unusual creations for year round enjoyment. There will also be a plant sale in the Gardens Club's beautiful gardens and a bake sale featuring homemade treats. 9 am-3 pm. Free. 994-5642 or 338-0593.

**11/3-4 - 2012 Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale & Raffle** - Presented by the Ascension Council of Catholic Women at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Sat.: 9 am-3 pm; Sun.: 8:30 am-2 pm. Free. 997-5486 or www.ascensioncatholicchurch.net.

**11/9-10 - Christmas Bazaar** at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Pick up hand-made items made by the ladies in the Holly House. Holiday decorations, hostess gifts or gifts for the holidays. 9 am-3 pm both days. Lunch served 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Sale continues at the Christmas House, 16 Bronson St. (on the church campus), T-Sat. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 276-6338.

**11/9-10 - The Christmas Emporium** is held at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Choose from over 150 gift baskets, Christmas decor, Attic Treasures sale, home baked goodies and more. Doors open 9 am-4 pm. Lunch is served 11 am-1 pm on 11/10. Emporium also open 11/9 from noon-8 pm. Free. 954-481-2236.

**11/15-17 - 20th Annual Southern Handcraft Society Holiday Craft Show: An Olde Fashioned Holiday** is presented by the Pineapple Grove Chapter at the Vintage Gymnasium, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL. Juried craft show featuring a variety of handmade gifts, jewelry, ornaments and other home decor. R&F: 9 am-9 pm; Sat.: 9 am-2:30 pm. Free. 369-1176 or www.oldschool.org.

**11/30 - Holiday Fine Craft Show** - Presented by the Friends of the Highland Beach Library at the Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. A juried event to benefit the library. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.



Classes held Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm. \$5/at the door. 742-6550 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/6-7 - Hammock Trails** - Go on a guided walk of a quarter-mile boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Tuesdays, 10-11 am & Wednesdays, 10 am-noon. Free. 544-8605.

**Wednesday - 11/7 - Love to Knit** meets every Wednesday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Make preemie hats, blankets for pets or other community-based knitting projects. 9 am-noon. Free. 742-6886.

**11/7 - Shuffle Board/Disc Knockout** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A fun game involving skill and strategy. For all ages, minors accompanied by an adult. Ongoing event held W & F 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/7 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. For ages 18 years and up. Enjoy a sport that takes skill and practice. Everyone is welcome. Held W & F 9 am-11 am. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

**11/7 - Family Storytime** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. Held again 11/14 & 28. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6380.

**11/7 - Socrates Café** - Weekly discussion group with rotating facilitators at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/14, 21 & 28. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194.

**11/7 - Art Activity: Paint 'n Play** is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Recommended for ages 2-4. Come dressed for a mess! Held Wednesdays through 11/21. Two sessions: 10:30-11:15 am & 11:30 am-12:15 pm.

Free with paid Museum admission. Registration: 742-6780.

**11/7 - Ballet Butterflies & Kids Jazz Bop Dance Classes** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Ballet Butterflies is a pre-ballet class that exposes the 2-3 year olds to ballet music, positions and movement. Kids Jazz Bop Dance is an upbeat class emphasizing rhythm and body part isolation for ages 4-6. Held Wednesdays through 12/12. Ballet Butterflies: age 2-3, 10:45-11:15 am; Kids Jazz Bop Dance: age 4-6, 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$78/residents, \$83/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/7 - Studio Painting Lessons** for beginners is held at Cacace Fine Art, 354 NE 4th St., Delray Beach. You go home with a finished painting. 1-4:30 pm. Held Wednesdays. \$75/class, \$100/everything provided. 276-1177.

**11/7 - Keep Calm and Carry On: British Films with Scott Eyma** - *In Which We Serve* (1942) at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Scott Eyma, *Palm Beach Post* arts writer and author introduces each film and leads a discussion after each screening. 1-4 pm. First of a four film series. Held again 11/14, 11/28, 12/5: \$30/members, \$45/non-members; Single films: \$12/members, \$15/non-members. 832-5196.

**11/7 - The Hitchiti Native American Dancers** perform at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with the only Native American Dance Team from South Florida All ages. 7-7:45 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/7 - Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poets: Edwin Arlington Robinson, Robert Frost & Elizabeth Bishop** is presented by Dr. Jeffrey Morgan as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Three

session course is part of the fall semester, features reading and discussing poems by the prize-winning poets. First of a three-part series. Class continues 11/14 & 21. 2-3:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

**Wednesday - 11/7 - Prominent Third Party Movements and Their Impact on American Presidential Elections** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. First of four lectures presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Held Wednesdays through 12/5. 11:15 am-1 pm. \$34/member, \$54/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lfs.

**11/7 - Wednesday Dinner** is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 4:30-7 pm. \$8. All are welcome. 732-1989.

**11/7 - Books as Aesthetic Objects** is presented by John Cutrone as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Three session course is part of the fall semester, explores what happens when something so mundane and ubiquitous is transformed by a change of perspective. First of a three-part series. Class continues 11/14 & 21. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

**11/7 - Itty-Bits Basketball** for children ages 3-5 begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Little ones learn skills and movements in a non-competitive, educational environment with the help of mom, dad or a coach. Six-week session runs Wednesdays through 12/12. 6-7 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. Registration: 742-6550 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/7 - Southern Handcraft Society, Pineapple Grove Chapter** meets at the

**11/5 - It's All In The Family** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. First of four lectures presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. Mondays through 11/26. 7-9:30 pm. \$34/member, \$54/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lfs.

**Tuesday - 11/6 - Election Day**

**11/6 - Pompey Park Senior Club** at Pompey Park, 1101 N.W. 2nd St., Delray Beach. Activities include field trips, breakfasts, games and events, strong presence in the community, fitness and health activities, senior board of directions and social gatherings. Meets every T. 10 am-1 pm. \$10-\$20 annually. 243-7356 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

**11/6 - Bounce into Books Storytime** - Ages 3-30 months listen to board books and picture books, sing songs, do fingerplays and dance at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 11/13, 20 & 27. 10-10:45 am. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/6 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm Sunday. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.org.

**11/6 - Chess Club at Veterans Park**, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game is necessary. All levels welcome. Held every T & F. Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7350.

**11/6 - Karate: Nisei Goju-Ryu Karate Academy** for ages 5-18 at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn self-defense techniques in a safe and structured environment to increase self-awareness and confidence. Tuesdays, 3-4:30 pm. \$40/residents; \$50/non-residents plus a one-time \$30 uniform fee. 243-7350.

**11/6 - Advanced Art Lab for Kids** ages 6-9 at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Students hone their creative energy by using both new and recycled materials to transform practical, everyday items into works of art. Tuesdays through 11/20. 3:30-4:30 pm. Members: \$4.50/class; Non-members: \$5.50/class. Registration: 742-6780.

**11/6 - Kid Swim Fit** for skilled swimmers ages 4-17 at the John Denson Pool, 225 N.W. 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Class is for those who wish to have a swim team workout without having to compete in meets. Children must be able to swim 25 yards freestyle and 25 yards backstroke. Runs through 5/31. T-F. 4-4:30 pm. Cost per month: \$45/resident, \$57/non-residents. 742-6645.

**11/6 - Games @ Your Library** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video games. Held again 11/20. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**11/6 - 10 and Under Tennis** - Junior Development Clinics for children ages 4-12 begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach. Four-week session held Tuesdays through 11/27. Next session (three weeks) held 12/3-12/18. Age 4: 4:30-5pm; age 5-6: 5-5:30 pm; age 7-8: 5:30-6:15pm; age 9-12: 6:15-7:15 pm. For ages 4-6, \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents; for ages 7-12, \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents.

Registration: 742-6550.

**11/6 - Line Dancing** at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd.



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**11/7 - Eco-Watch: Get on the Environmental Cutting Edge** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. World renowned manatee expert James "Buddy" Powell, Ph.D., Executive Director, Sea to Shore Alliance, talks about "Mermaids and Manatees in Florida." Ages 14 and up, teens under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 7:30-9 pm. \$5 suggested donation. Reservations: 391-8110.

**Thursday - 11/8 - Delray Reads Day** is presented by the City of Delray Beach's Campaign for Grade Level Reading, inviting community and business leaders, parents and other caring residents to participate in this community-wide effort to bring readers into every public elementary school classroom within the City. 8-10 am. Free. 243-7231.

**11/8 - Quilters** meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Share quilting information and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886.

**11/8 - Knit 'N Purl** - Twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 11/29. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**11/8 - Publix Apron's Cooking School Lecture & Cooking Demonstration** is presented by Chef Rey De La Osa at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**11/8 - Luncheon Meeting: Guest Speaker Warren Adams** is presented at the Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy. 11:30 am. \$7. Advance registration required for non-members: 369-2300.

**11/8 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park**, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. All experienced players are welcome. Partners not needed. Held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/residents + \$1/game, \$25/non-residents + \$2/game. 243-7350.

**11/8 - Adult Acrylics Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners and available for instruction to advanced painters as well. Call for list of supplies. Held every Thursday. For ages 18 & up. Noon-2 pm. Fee for six-classes: \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents; or \$10/class. 243-7350 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

**11/8 - Anatomy: Our Body, the Machine** for ages 6-9 at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Kids explore a different system of the human body each week. Thursdays through 11/15. 3:30-4:30 pm. Members: \$4.50/class; Non-members: \$5.50/class. 742-6780.

**11/8 - Read to Hogan the Dog** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Held again 11/15 & 29. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**11/8 - Clay Creations** at the Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. From beginner level to intermediate. Participants will learn how to use a kiln to fire their own work. For ages 8 and up. Six-week course held Thursdays. 6 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents, plus supplies. 243-7250.

**11/8 - Writers Corner** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Monthly program offers free manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/8 - Big Guy, Little Guy Storytime** for ages 4-7 is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Little guys, bring your favorite "big guy" (father, older brother, uncle, grandfather, etc.) to the library to listen to stories, sing songs and make a special "guy" craft. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

**11/8 - Industry Icon Series Program** at

## Green Markets

**Boynton Beach Community Farmer's Market** is held in the parking lot at the Southeast corner of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Federal Highway. Locally grown artisan food, fresh baked goods, specialty olive oils, handmade jewelry, and more. Held year round every Saturday. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 714-2745 or www.communityfarmersmarketsofsouthfl.com.

**Delray GreenMarket** is held each Saturday at the Old School Square Park, NE 2nd Ave., one block north of Atlantic Ave. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children's activities. 9 am - 2 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraycra.org.

**Lake Worth Farmer's Market** is held each Saturday at Old Bridge Park, A1A and Lake Avenue, northeast corner in Lake Worth. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 283-5856 or www.lakeworthfarmersmarket.com.

the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Leon Cooperman, a Forbes 400 member, founder of Omega Advisors, Inc. and former Chairman and CEO of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, will keynote this first event for the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's new Business & Professional Division. Guests enjoy networking and learning while helping the community. 8-10 am. \$36. 852-3128.

**11/8 - Making Sense of The American Civil War: Slavery to Emancipation** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1:30-3:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

**11/8 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Michael Miller** at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Michael Miller, founder of SellWare, LLC. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week speakers provide a brief overview of their individual businesses, as well as other professional experience, followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

**11/8 - Evenings with Dr. Raphael Wald: Bullying and Cyberbullying** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Presented as part of a monthly lecture series designed to give young parents and grandparents new information to facilitate the emotional, social, and creative development of their children. 6-7:30 pm. Free with museum admission. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

**11/8 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society General Meeting** at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month, October thru May. 6:30 pm. \$2/ suggested donation. 416-9600.

**Friday - 11/9 - Kindermusik Classes** are held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Six-week session held Fridays (through 12/14) according to age group. Ages 12-18 months: 9:30-10:15 am; 18-36 months: 10:30-11:15 am; 2.5 - 4 years: 11:30 am-12:15 pm; 1-12 months: 12:30-1:15 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 742-6221.

**11/9 - Stories in the Garden: Birds** - Presented at Mounts Botanical Garden, Garden Pavilion, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. In partnership with the Palm Beach County Library System this program features storytime, garden activity and craft project. For ages 2-6; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am. Free. Reservations: 233-1757.

**11/9 - Exhibition: The Eyes of Freedom** is held at the Crest Galleries, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. This traveling memorial, created by Ohio artist, Anita Miller, depicts the fallen of Lima Company 3/25, one of the hardest hit units in Operations Iraqi Freedom. Runs through 11/18. M-Sun.: 10 am-9 pm. Free. 243-7922 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

**11/9 - Science Exploration: Silly Science for Little Ions** age 2-4 at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129

E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Each class contains exciting demonstrations and hands-on experiments perfectly tailored for the budding young scientist. Fridays through 11/16. Two sessions available: 10:30-11:15 am and 11:30am-12:15 pm. Members: \$4.50/class; Non-members: \$5.50/class. Registration: 742-6780.

**11/9 - Social Dance for Beginners Class** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Participants will learn the basic steps to popular dances such as the Fox Trot and Merengue. Held every Friday. Noon-1 pm. \$5 at the door. 742-6240.

**11/9 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra** performs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band plays a variety of tunes to entertain lovers of music and dance in a social setting. Dances are held every Friday. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240.

**11/9 - Special Veteran's Day Program: Memories of the Greatest Generation** - Presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Fred Singer shows his latest film showcasing eight veterans and their spouses discussing their experiences during World War II and when they returned home. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**11/9 - The David T. Harden Preservation Award** presented by the Delray Beach Preservation Trust at the Delray Beach Golf Club, 2200 Highland Ave. The Delray Beach Preservation Trust will recognize longtime City Manager David T. Harden with the David T. Harden Preservation Award for his extensive work in historic preservation. 6 pm. \$50. 278-1882 or www.delraybeachpreservation.org.

**11/9 - Family Movie Night in the Park** at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 S.W. 6th St. Movies suitable for all ages. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and swim suit to enjoy the beautiful Florida weather outdoors while watching a movie and spending quality time with your family at the park. 6-9:30 pm. \$1. Refreshments available for sale. 243-7194.

**11/9 - Turnstiles: Billy Joel Tribute** - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722.

**11/9-11 - 3rd Annual Boca Raton Wine & Food Festival** is held at Boca Corporate Center & Campus (former IBM Headquarters), 5000 T-Rex Ave., Boca Raton. Events include: Dinner under the Stars, 7-10 pm 11/9. \$150; Vineyard Party, 7:30-10 pm 11/9. \$55; Perfect Pairings, 10:30 am-1:30 pm 11/10. \$45; Grand Tasting, 6-10 pm 11/10. \$100; Jazz Bubbles & Brunch, 11 am-2 pm 11/11. \$75. 338-7594 or www.bocaratonwineandfoodfestival.com.

**11/9-11 - Summer and Smoke by Tennessee Williams** at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. A simple love story between two people with vastly divergent attitudes toward life. Held again 11/16-18. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sun. & 11/17: 1 pm; \$20. 800-564-9539 or www.fauvents.com.

**Saturday - 11/10 - Sunrise Digital Photography Workshop** is held at Mounts Botanical Gardens, 531 N. Military Trail, West

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**11/10 - Bargains & Books** is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Sale of antiques, treasures, crafts and boutique items. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 266-0799.

**11/10 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour** departs from the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Held the second Saturday of each month. 10 am-noon. \$20. Reservations: 279-8883.

**11/10 - Art Demo: The Depth and Breadth of Abstract Expressionism by Brenda Hope Zappitell** at Hand's Office & Art Supply, 325 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Enjoy an introduction to the world of abstract expressionism. Brenda introduces "distracting" techniques and "limiting choices" designed to tap intuition and creativity. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 276-4194.

**11/10 - Gourmet Food Truck Expo** at Plaza Del Mar, 230 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. More than a dozen food trucks prepare a variety of culturally diverse culinary delights. Also featuring a DJ for entertainment, a live performance by The Plaza Theatre's conservatory and bounce house and body glimmer artist for kids. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 762-5340 or www.plazadelmarshopping.com.

**11/10 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana** - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. Four hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Held the second Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

**11/10 - City of Lake Worth Veteran's Day Parade** is held at the Cultural Plaza in downtown Lake Worth (Corner of Lake Avenue and M Street.) Family event. 2-4 pm. Free. 493-2559.

**11/10 - Junior Naturalists** - Spend some time outside this fall at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 7-11. 1-2:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.

**11/10-11 - First Annual Delray Beach Wine & Seafood Festival** - Presented by The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce along East Atlantic Avenue beginning at the Intracoastal and extending east to Salina. Great seafood dishes are on sale from participating food vendors including local Delray favorites Boston's, Caffe Luna Rosa and 50 Ocean. Live music on two stages and 150 artist and craft exhibitors. Sat.: 11 am-10 pm; Sun.: 11 am-8 pm. Free. Special advance ticket packages available. 279-0907 or www.dbwineandseafood.com.

#### NOVEMBER 11-17

**Sunday - 11/11 - Veteran's Day Ceremony** at Veterans Memorial Park, 411 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. The City of Boynton Beach and the Boynton Beach Veterans Council unveil a new monument dedicated to all soldiers who fought in Iraq. All are invited to the ceremony and encouraged to bring a chair and your patriotic spirit to honor these great soldiers. 10 am. Free. 276-1796.

**11/11 - 2nd Annual Art Garage Sale & BBQ** is held in the Boynton Beach Arts District, 422 W. Industrial Ave. 1-5 pm. Free. 786-521-1199.

**11/11 - With Their Voices Raised** at FAU's Boca Raton campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades, Road. Presented by FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. Documentary theatre performance based on stories from 51 survivors of the bombings of Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima. 7 pm. \$5-\$15 suggested donation. 297-3810 or www.fau.edu/theatre.

**11/11 - Veteran's Day Concert: The Wind Symphony of Florida** - Presented at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 393-7827.

**11/11 - Glam Girlz** is presented at the Lake Worth Playhouse, Stonzek Studio Theatre, 713 Lake Ave. A cabaret style drag show featuring glamorous queens. 7:30 pm. \$15. 586-6169.

**11/11 - Pancake Breakfast and Trash/Treasure Sale** is held at The Boca Raton Lions Club Clubhouse, 399 NW 35th St. Proceeds benefit sight and hearing needs in the community. Eye glasses and hearing aids will be collected. 8 am-noon. \$5/adults, \$2.50/children for all you can eat breakfast. 716-1288.

**11/11 - Veteran's Day Commemorative Ceremony: Tribute to Veterans** at Boca Raton Cemetery, 449 SW 4th Ave. 9-10 am. Free. 393-7827 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**11/11 - Tour of Boca** - Hosted by the Boca Raton Bicycle Club and the Recreation Services Department, riders meet at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road. Tour Boca Raton with an easy paced, police escorted bicycle ride. Promote safe cycling while spending a pleasant afternoon with family and friends. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by an adult if under age 14. All riders are required to wear helmets. Ride is approximately 14-15 miles, with a rest stop at Rutherford Park (mile 9) for beverages and snacks. Registration: 12:30 pm. Ride begins 1 pm. \$2/rider. 391-6109.

**Monday - 11/12 - Imagination Station** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 3-4 will exercise their imaginations while learning shapes, colors, numbers and the A-B-C's through creative art. Session runs M/W/F through 12/21. 9-11:30 am. \$71/residents, \$89/non-residents. 742-6221.

**11/12 - 2012 South Florida Veteran's Day Dinner** is presented at Benvenuto's Restaurant, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Event is special tribute to William "Bill" Kling and features speakers Congressman Allen West, Congressman Ted Deutch and guest speaker Dr. Raphael Wald. Lou Galtierio sings the Star Spangled Banner. 6:30 pm. \$39.95. 361-9091.

**Tuesday - 11/13 - Surviving the College Cafeteria** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn ways to eat healthy with no- and low-cook snacks for on the go. For grades 9-12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/13 - Creative Kids** for children 3-4 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. Held T&Th through 12/20. 9-11 am. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/13 - The Hungry Tide by Amitov Ghosh** is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**11/13 - U.S. Immigration & Ethnicity** is presented by Dr. Miriam Sanua Dalin as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Three session course is part of the fall semester, featuring an exploration of our nation's rich ethnic history and learn about its' successes and failures in addressing immigration, ethnicity, race and citizenship from the 1600's to the present time. First of a three-part series. Class continues 11/20 & 27. 6-7:30 pm. \$45/session. 266-9490.

**11/13 - Frank Sinatra - A Tribute: Lecture and Live Performance** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-8:45 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

**Wednesday - 11/14 - Little Hands Class** at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Caregiver and child enjoy creative play. Ages 12-24 months. Wednesdays through 12/19. 9-10 am. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/14 - Young Explorers** for ages 24-36 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Improve eye-hand coordination through creative movement and music. Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am through 12/19. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/14 - MadCap Science Lab** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Perform two science experiments and be like Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and Bill Gates! For grades 3-5. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/14 - Child Safety Prenatal Class** is offered as a one-day class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to eight years old and how you can assist in an emergency. 6 pm. \$25/couple. Registration: 369-2229.

**11/14 - The Flower Hour** for adults is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Basic floral arranging is just the beginning in this exciting new class. Wednesdays through 12/19. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$44/residents, \$52/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**11/14 - Adult Pottery** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Learn to use a slab roller, coil maker and an electric wheel while creating pottery. Wednesdays through 12/19. 6:30-9 pm. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**11/14 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting** is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays through 12/19. 6:30-9 pm. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**Thursday - 11/15 - Learn with Legos @ Your Library** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 make a truck, spaceship or whatever your imagination conjures up using Legos. 10-11 am. Free. 742-

6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/15 - The John O'Sullivan Memorial Lecture - Making Sense of America's Economic Crisis: Consuming Our Way To Economic Recovery** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1:30-3:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

**11/15 - Artists Guild of the Palm Beaches Reception** at Northwood University, Jeanette Hare Art Gallery, 2600 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 965-6180.

**11/15 - Classical Music Series** is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Four session course, part of the fall semester, covers the works and styles of several famous classical music composers. First of a four-part series. Class continues 11/29, 12/6 & 13. 2-3:30 pm. \$50/session. 266-9490.

**11/15 - Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Bring your cards and get ready to duel. Advanced tournament rules and standard tournament debt apply. Arrive ten minutes early to have your deck inspected. For grades 6-12. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/15 - Wine Tasting** is held at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E. Atlantic Ave. #3, Delray Beach. Held again 11/29. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 276-2076 or www.oldvinesdelraybeach.com.

**11/15 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Stephen Brown** at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Stephen Brown, former chairman and CEO of John Hancock. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week speakers provide a brief overview of their individual businesses, as well as other professional experience, followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

**11/15 - "Deca" Opening Reception** is held in the Ritter Gallery on the Florida Atlantic University campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Exhibit showcases artwork by 10 students as the culmination of their undergraduate studio art education at FAU. Exhibit continues through 12/7 during gallery hours. 7 pm. Free. 297-2661.

**11/15 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band Concert** at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7:30 pm. \$7 at the door. 742-6240.

**11/15-16 - Garage Blues: 3rd Annual South Florida Boogie Woogie Piano Festival** at

the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. One day: \$25-\$35/advance, \$30-\$40/door; Two day passes: \$40-\$50. 7:30 pm. 243-7129.

**Friday - 11/16 - Water Media Class** for adults begins at Intracoastal Park, 2240 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. Learn proper brush and stroke techniques with an emphasis in water color painting. Fridays through 12/21. 9:30 am-noon. \$50/residents, \$63/non-residents. 742-6221.

**11/16 - Scams Against Seniors** - Presented by The Club at Boca Pointe Performing Scam Troupe at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. The troupe demonstrates fraudulent schemes that target senior citizens and then shows in a funny yet informative way how NOT to be taken. Actors are themselves senior citizens. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**11/16 - Boynton Reads Kick-off Event** at the WXEL TV Studios, 3401 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. A community effort to improve the literacy of elementary school children in Boynton Beach, will kick-off a two-month

book drive, to run through 1/8. Kick-off event highlights the first donations of new books for the drive with a light reception. 4 pm. Free. 818-8785.

**11/16 - Skate Night Field Trip to Atlantis Skateway** - Ages 10-15 meet at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 S.W. 6th St., Delray Beach. Open to the first 14 participants. Staff provides supervision and transportation. Participants must bring back a signed permission slip and skating fees. Bus will leave the park at 5 pm. 5-8 pm. Skating & snack fees required. 243-7194 or www.myclaydelraybeach.com.

**11/16 - 1st Annual Lantana Poker Night: Support Our Troops** - Presented at the Lantana Recreational Center, 418 S. Dixie Hwy. by the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce and Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. Bob Nichols, is official MC for the event. Featuring Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, 50/25/25 raffle, plus 1st-3rd place prizes. 6-10 pm. \$50/advance, \$60/at the door. 585-8664.

**11/16 - Free Friday Concert: Rachel Andes**

**- Jazz Rock** - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.

**11/16-18 - Titanic** at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Winner of five Tony Awards, this sweeping musical recounts the dreams, hopes and aspirations of those aboard the Titanic through individual stories and breathtaking songs. High-tech imagery takes you inside the historic Titanic. Production features one of the largest casts ever assembled for The Crest Theatre stage. F & Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm; Sun.: 7 pm. \$42. 243-7922 ext. 1.

**Saturday - 11/17 - 26th Annual Delray Beach Turkey Trot 5K Run and Health Walk** - Run starts and ends at Anchor Park, 340 S. Ocean Blvd. Course goes north on A1A to George Bush Blvd. and then back south to Anchor Park. Awards for 5K run only - Male/Female First Overall; 15 different age divisions. Race day registration 6-7:20 am. 5K run and walk begins 7:30 am. 5K Run/Advance \$25, Race day \$30; 5K Walk/Advance \$20, Race day \$25. Online registration available at www.splitsecondtiming.com. 243-7277.

**11/17 - Community Yard Sale** at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Families, crafters and community members are invited to participate. Deadline to rent a space is 11/15. All proceeds benefit the Boca Raton Children's Museum. 8 am-noon. Free. 368-6875.

**11/17 - Corporate Cup Challenge** at Peter Blum Family YMCA, 6631 Palmetto Circle S., Boca Raton. Participate in Olympic-style activities designed to celebrate health and wellness in the workplace. Teams consist of between 10-15 participants (at least 3 females.) 8 am-2 pm. \$1,000 per team. 998-1995.

**11/17 - Mini Monets** for ages 5-12 is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn to achieve a variety of effects in pencil, watercolor, charcoal and paint. Saturdays through 12/22. 9-11 am. \$41/residents, \$52/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/17 - Claying Around** for children ages 8-14 held at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay. Six-week sessions held on Saturdays through 12/22. 9-11 am. \$41/residents, \$52/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

**11/17 - Pick Up the Pieces Class** for ages 5-12



Local artist Paul Slater installs *I Ching* by artist Jeff Kahn of Lenshartsville, Pa. The sculpture was installed in front of the Schoolhouse Children's Museum as part of the The 2013 International Kinetic Art Exhibit and Symposium to be held Feb. 8-10 in Boynton Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Students learn the basics of designing and creating original mosaic art pieces from tile and shells. Saturdays through 12/22. 9-11 am. \$41/residents, \$52/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

**11/17 - Start Smart Baseball** for ages 3-5 at the Catherine Strong Park, 1500 S.W. 6th St., Delray Beach. Introductory program teaches basic fundamentals of the sport. Saturdays through 12/8. 10:30-11:30 am. Four-week session: \$20/residents, \$30/non-residents. 243-7194 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

**11/17 - Piano classes** are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave on Wednesdays. Learn the basics of keyboard and piano without the high cost of private lessons while still enjoying individualized attention. For ages 6-12. Saturdays through 12/22. Beginner: 10:30-11:30 am; Intermediate: 11:30am-12:30 pm; Advanced: 12:30-1:30 pm. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

**11/17 - Magical Mangroves** - Discover the magic of mangroves at the Gumbo Limbo

Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Search for grabs & critters, spiders & snails, and owls & espreys. For ages 7-11. 11 am-12:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations: 338-1542 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

**11/17 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach** - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. Four hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Held the third and fourth Saturday of each month, year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. Held again 11/24. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

**11/17 - Family Fun Day: Roly-Poly Doll** at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Make a daruma or kokeshi in paper mache. For ages 7

and up only. Children must be registered with a parent/guardian. 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/with paid museum admission. Registration: 495-0233 ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

**11/17 - Guitar classes** for kids 8-18 are held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn chords, riffs, tuning and tunes. Students must have their own guitar (acoustic or electric). Saturdays through 12/22. Noon-1 pm. \$66/residents, \$83/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

**11/17 - Write Dialog that Works!** is presented by The Writer's Colony Seminar & Workshop at Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Learn how to make your writing come alive in fiction and non-fiction in this hands-on workshop. 1-5 pm. \$65. 243-7922, Ext. 317.

**11/17-18 - Artists in the Park** presented by the Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Fine art exhibition and sales. Held again 11/24-25. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311.

**11/17-18 - Art Fest Boca** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Showcasing some of the best contemporary fine artists from around the country, selected on the basis of quality, originality, and craftsmanship. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop for one of a kind holiday gifts for your friends and loved ones. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 393-7827.

**NOVEMBER 18-24**

**Sunday - 11/18 - Concert: Camerata del Re: The Nordic Concert** - Presented as part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Music of Baroque Scandinavia on original instruments with works of Buxtehude, Agrell, Roman and Ahistrom. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 278-6003 or www.st.paulsdelray.org.

**11/18 - Downtown Open Market** at Monument Piazza, Royal Palm Place, 308 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held Sundays through May 2013. Features food, art galleries, jewelers and a variety of boutiques. 10 am-4 pm. Free. www.downtownopenmarket.com.

**11/18 - Live! at the Norton: The Golden Age of Classical and Flamenco Guitar** at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Howard Greenblatt offers a program filled with the excitement and emotion of concert Flamenco and the richness of the classical guitar. Doors open 2pm, concert begins 3 pm. \$3/members, \$5/non-members. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

**Monday - 11/19 - Free Haircuts and Manicures** are offered at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. Held every 3rd Monday. Hair Design Institute volunteers services. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 742-6570.

**11/19 - Craft a Card** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Create a greeting card to send to a special someone. Participants are asked to bring ruler, scissors, pencil, paper cutter, rubber stamps, ink pads. For adults. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/19 - Annual Free Turkey Give-a-way** at the "505" Teen Center, 505 S.E. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. First come, first served. One turkey per address/household. For Delray Beach residents only. Driver's License must be provided upon receiving a turkey. 6 pm. 243-7158.

**11/19 - Murder in the Ten Thousand Islands** is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Professor John Childrey presents *Killing Mr. Watson and Shadow Country* by Peter Matthiessen. Co-sponsored by the Boynton Beach Historical Society. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6397.

**Tuesday - 11/20 - 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. 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

**11/20 - South Florida Symphony Orchestra Master Concert I: Beauty and the Bear** at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$55. 954-522-8445.

**11/20-21 - How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying** is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. T: 7:30 pm; W: 3 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/children. 588-1820 or www.theplazatheatre.net.

**Wednesday - 11/21 - Homestead Exemption Outreach** is presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. The Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's office will take your 2012 homestead exemption application and answer valuation questions. Bring a copy of your deed, proof of residency is required. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6886 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/21 - Fun Flicks @ Your Library: Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. For all ages. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/21 - Teen Gaming Tournament** is held at

the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Compete in the Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm Generations tournament. Grades 6-12. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6390.

**11/21 - Multi-Cultural Feast** at the "505" Teen Center, 505 S.E. 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Join us for cuisine from multiple cultures to celebrate the diversity of America. 6 pm. \$2/ guest pass, free/members. 243-7158.

**Thursday - 11/22 - Thanksgiving Day 11/22 - Boynton Beach Art District Art Walk** at 422 W. Industrial Ave. Featuring open studios, open galleries, food truck and entertainment. Held the fourth Thursday of each month. 5:30-9 pm. Free. 786-521-1199 or http://ActivistArtistA.com.

**Friday - 11/23 - Family Fun Fest** at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Interactive fun through a mobile learning adventure: science labs, fun activities, crafts, giveaways and more. 10 am-5 pm. \$11.95/adults, \$10.45/seniors, \$8.95/ children ages 3-12, free/children under age 3. 832-1988 or www.sfsm.org.

**11/23 - Special Concert at the Holiday Tree Lighting** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring Boca Raton Community High School Band and other musical groups, with food and fun for the entire family. There will also be "snow", handmade arts & crafts displays for holiday gift giving and a holiday stage show. Tree Lighting ceremony at 6pm. Mr. & Mrs. Santa will make an appearance. 5-8 pm. Free. 393-7806 selection 2. **11/23 - Holiday Carousel Opening** at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Runs through 1/1. Weekdays: 5-9 pm; weekends/school holiday break: 1-9 pm. Rides \$2. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org.

**11/23 - Free Friday Concert: Iko Iko - Blues** - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722.

**11/23-25 - The Nutcracker** - Presented by the Boca Ballet Theatre at Olympic Heights Performing Arts Theatre, 20101 Lyons Rd., Boca Raton. F: 7 pm; Sat.: 2 & 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$35/ adults; \$25/seniors & children. 995-0709.

**Saturday - 11/24 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup** is held at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held every last Saturday of the month. 8-10:30 am. 369-5501.

**11/24 - Wizard of Oz** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Held Saturdays through 1/12/13. 2 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626.

**11/24 - Haiti Coeur de Femme (Haiti Heart of a Woman)** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Emeline Michel and pianist Yayoi Ikawa. Presented by RHA1 Radio 980am. 7:30 pm. \$40/advance, \$50/at the door. 305-1813 or www.mizneramphitheater.com.

**11/24-25 - 13th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Thanksgiving Weekend Art Festival** is held at Pineapple Grove, 200 NE 2nd Ave. 200 artists with unique gift ideas for alternative holiday shopping. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 954-472-3755 or www.artfestival.com.

**NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 1**

**Monday - 11/26 - Mary Postgate** is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390.

**11/26 - The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff** is presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

**11/26 - Cercle Francais** - French Conversation group is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

**11/26 - Drop-in Craft Day** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. "Drop-in" and make a cool craft. Materials provided. Grades K-4. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393.

**11/26-27 - Palm Beach Pops: Home for the Holidays** is presented at The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 8 pm nightly. \$29-89. 832-7677 or www.palmbeachpops.org.

**Tuesday - 11/27 - Hans Brinker and the Quik-Silver Rocket Skates** is performed at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Classic children's story gets a modern twist as Hans builds super fast "Quicksilver Rocket Skates" to set a new world record and bring a happy holiday to his family. 11 am & 3 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/kids. 586-6410.

**11/27 - Teen Scene Premiere** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Review the teen scene skits movie premiere. For grades 6-12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

**11/27 - BMX Bike Night** at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Open night for BMX bikers for 3 hours. Helmet required. Plastic pegs only. For ages 5 to adult.

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**11/27 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks of the trade. 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638.

**11/27 - Gershwin's Porgy And Bess: Old Is Still New** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. This A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-9 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171.

**Wednesday - 11/28 - Jazz in the Garden** at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, Museum Sculpture Garden, 501 Plaza Real. Each musical evening includes a live jazz performance, a free glass of wine, and entrance to the Museum galleries. 6-8 pm. \$8/members, \$10/non-members. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

**11/28 - Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Life** is presented by Dr. Carol S. Gould as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Four session course is part of the fall semester, examining how relevant the works of the ancient Greeks and Romans are to our lives. Class continues 12/5, 12 & 19. 2-3:30 pm. \$50/session. 266-9490.

**11/28-30 - Home for the Holidays with Tamyra Gray and Tony DeSare** is presented by the Palm Beach Pops at Kaye Auditorium Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Enjoy holiday favorites along with standards from The Great American Songbook. 8 pm. \$125 and up. 832-7677.

**Thursday - 11/29 - Trip to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens** - Participants should arrive at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Tour Miami's beautiful historic Vizcaya Museum. Tour the garden area at your leisure and browse in the museum gift shop. Trip includes Motor coach transportation to and from the museum, gourmet sandwich style lunch, entrance fee and guided tour of the home. Check-in at 8 am. 8:30-2:30 pm. \$55/person. 367-7035.

**11/29 - Larry King's Story: Told By His Seven Wives** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. A one-time special lecture presented as part of the Fall Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1:30-3:15 pm. \$20/member, \$25/non-member. 297-3171 or www.fau.edu/lls.

**11/29 - Executive Forum Lecture Series: Rob Rosenweig** at FAU's Office Depot Grand Lecture Hall, Room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Guest speaker Rob Rosenweig, entrepreneur and former executive chairman, president and CEO of Anadigics. Presented by FAU's College of Business. Each week, the speakers provide a brief overview of their individual businesses followed by a discussion of key issues facing their industries. 5:30-7 pm. Free. RSVP online at business.fau.edu/executiveforum or 297-0927.

**11/29 - 100-Foot Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Display runs through 1/1, open 10 am-10 pm. Ice skating and carousel rides available. 5:30 pm. Free. 279-1380.

**11/29-30 - Ronin Taiko Presents Kon Jo (Spirit of Courage)** at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Ronin Taiko returns to the stage for another voyage into the art of wadaiko (Japanese drumming). Seating is first come, first served. Cash bar available during intermission. Theater doors open at 6:30 pm. 7-9 pm. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 495-0233 ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

**11/29-30 - Palm Beach Pops: Home for the Holidays** performs at the Carole and Barry Kaye Performing Arts Auditorium at the University Center on FAU's Boca Raton campus, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$29-69. 877-311-7469 or www.fauvents.com.

**Friday - 11/30 - Free Friday Concert: The Resolvers - Alternative Reggae** - Presented as part of the Free Friday Concerts series at the Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Featuring gourmet food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. 7:30-10:30 pm. Free admission; cash bar. 243-9722 or www.oldschool.org.

**11/30-12/1 - Concert: Voices of Pride** at the ArtsGarage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Tickets: \$35-\$50. 7:30 pm. 243-7129.

**11/30-12/1 - Dances We Dance Fall 2012** at Studio One on the FAU Boca Raton Campus, 777 Glades Road. Features students in dance classes and dance clubs performing dances created by faculty, students and guest choreographers. F & Sat.: 7 pm; Sat.: 1 pm; \$10. 800-564-9539.

**11/30-12/2 - Bowfire: Holiday Heart Strings** at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Bowfire puts its

unmistakable brand on an all new sounds-of-the-season extravaganza featuring some of the world's greatest fiddlers and violinists. All time holiday favorites, with added singing and step dancing. F&Sat.: 8 pm; Sat.&Sun.: 2 pm. \$42. 243-7922 ext. 1 or www.oldschool.org.

**11/30-12/2 - The Sound of Music** is performed at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St., Delray Beach. Held again 12/4-8 & 13-15, 8 pm; 12/8-9, 15-16: 2 pm). F-Sat.: 8 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2. \$30. 12/2 show sold out.ms 272-1281, Ext. 4.

**Saturday - 12/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:15 am. Free. Registration: 734-9128 or www.SandSifters.us.

**12/1 - Big Kids Prenatal Class** is offered at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Parent Education Resource Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Big brothers and sisters learn what to expect when the new baby arrives and how they can be great helpers for mom and dad. Recommended for children ages 3-8. 10:30 am. \$10/family. Registration: 369-2229.

**12/1 - I Love Art Classes** are taught at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Children create amazing art utilizing recycled items. Two sessions: 10:30 am-noon or 12:15-1:45 pm. For ages 4-10. Three week session runs through 12/15. \$27/residents, \$34/non-residents. 742-6221.

**12/1 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Boynton Beach & Boynton Harbor Marina** - Conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Ste. 483, Boynton Beach. Four hour tour includes a combination of both bus and walking tour and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Reservations required - check website for available dates. \$35/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

**12/1 - Music! Music! Music!** is presented by the Boca Raton Chapter Brandeis National Committee at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Classical piano concert by Darren Martin. 4 pm. \$20/members. \$25/non-members. 998-7784.

**12/1 - Boynton Beach Holiday Extravaganza and Annual Holiday Parade** is hosted by the Boynton Beach CRA at the Ocean Ave. Amphitheatre, E. Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd. & N.E. 1st St. Events include: 5 pm Parade - north on Federal Hwy. form S.E. 12th to Ocean Ave.; 6:30 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony on Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd. & S.E. 1st St. and 7 pm free concert on Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd. & S.E. 1st St. Food and beverages available, no pets allowed. Park at Bank of America, E. Ocean Ave. and Federal Hwy., and ride the free trolley to the event (6-11 pm). Free. 737-3256.

**12/1 - WRMF No Snow Ball** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Concert featuring Gavin DeGraw, Tristan Prettyman, Phillip Phillips and Hedley. 7 pm. \$10/advance, \$20/at the door. General admission, standing room only. Chair rental available inside venue. Food and beverages available on site. 393-7984.

**12/1-2 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show** - View and purchase works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.

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Renovated 4BR/3.5BA home with Old World finishes. Direct water views with quick Ocean access. Beach Club membership included. Web ID 1228 **\$2.495M**



**713 SE ATLANTIC DRIVE**

Charming Palm Beach style home located on tropical Hypoluxo Island. Renovated 3BR/2.5BA with heated pool and oversized loggia. Web ID 2606 **\$948K**



**4 LITTLE POND ROAD**

Designer renovated single story villa with 2BR/2BA and fine finishes. Rarely do these come on the market. Beach Club membership incl. Web ID 1097 **\$745K**



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