

Boynton Beach



THE NEW **GALAXY** **ELEMENTARY**

Florida's greenest school

By Paula Detwiller

When school starts on Aug. 19, students enrolled at the brand-new Galaxy Elementary on Boynton Beach Boulevard just east of I-95 will be walking into Florida's greenest school.

That's "green" as in highly energy efficient and sustainably designed. The nearly completed \$30 million school is likely to qualify for the highest level of certification available from the U.S. Green Building Council: LEED Platinum. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

No other school in Florida, and few in the entire country, has

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ABOVE: The new Galaxy Elementary School in Boynton Beach will be the greenest school campus in the state when it opens this month. At its heart is a two-story Wonderment Center, a gathering and learning spot.

LEFT: Builders used environmentally friendly materials throughout. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

Along the Coast

Delray to get Trader Joe's of its own

By Tim Pallesen
and Steve Plunkett

Don't fret, Delray Beach. You are going to get your very own Trader Joe's after all.

City officials began to worry after the California-based specialty grocer announced early last month that it will open a store on South Federal Highway in Boca Raton next year.

Boca Raton officials and residents greeted the food store — known for a \$2.99 bottle of wine dubbed "Two Buck Chuck" and employees wearing Hawaiian shirts — with open arms.

"Welcome, Trader Joe's, to the city of Boca Raton," CRA Chairwoman Constance Scott said after the agency voted 5-0 on July 18 to formally approve the retailer.

Trader Joe's first opened in 1958, and is said to enjoy a near cult-like following. It sells a mix of gourmet, organic, vegetarian and imported foods, mostly as private label products, along with milk, eggs and other basics, all at low prices.

Employees refer to themselves as "crew members" and "traders of the culinary high seas." The walls are cedar-covered and adorned with local artwork.

Delray Beach officials had been planning for a Trader Joe's to help anchor Delray Place, a new shopping center on Federal Highway and Linton Boulevard, but worried they had lost their bid when the company announced its Boca Raton location first.

"It's never been a situation of either Delray or Boca," company attorney Jeffrey Lynne said. "A lot of people had their ego and pride hurt that Delray Beach was not announced first."

But the company waited until July
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Along the Coast

A tale of two seaside golf courses

By Cheryl Blackerby

This is a story of two public golf courses, both built on A1A in the early 1960s, and both on prime Palm Beach County real estate between the Intracoastal and the ocean. Both are city-run courses, and, surprisingly, both attract more nonresidents than residents.

But 50 years later, there's one huge difference: One makes money and the other loses a quarter of a million tax dollars a year. And the one that makes money stands to make even more with the addition of an upscale restaurant.

The Red Reef Executive Golf Course in Boca

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Boca Raton resident John Granath walks toward the 8th tee at the Red Reef Executive Golf Course. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

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Coastal Star

Speed hones her quick-step for dance fundraiser

By Ron Hayes

Oh, the things a good woman will do for a good cause.

For five years, Marie Speed maintained, “No, absolutely not.”

She was honored to serve on the application review committee of the George Snow Scholarship Fund. Since 1982 the fund, named after the late developer, has donated \$4 million to deserving students. Last year alone, 73 young scholars shared \$500,000 in grants. Speed helped evaluate their applications.

And then, in 2008, the foundation introduced a new fundraiser. “Boca’s Ballroom Battle” was a local version of television’s *Dancing With The Stars*. Eight local “stars” competing. Donors sponsoring their favorites. A night of cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and dancing at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. And a coveted “mirror ball” trophy to the first-place winner.

By any standard, Speed is a local star. Since 1991, she has edited *Boca Raton* and *Delray Beach* magazines. She has served on the board of the Caridad Center, worked with the Boca Chamber of Commerce and edited *Mizner’s Dream*, its annual publication.

But ... dancing? “I’m too shy,” she protested. “Too old, too clumsy, too self-conscious.”

Actually, she’s 61 but doesn’t look it. Born in Virginia, she grew up in St. Petersburg and lived two years in London, where she saw the Beatles perform live before Americans had heard their name. And she’s very far from shy.

This year, Marie Speed surrendered. On Aug. 16, the editor will dance. Or something like it.

“I’m the oldest and the chubbiest, and I’m terrified!” she said recently, managing a resigned smile in the home office of her Ocean Ridge cottage. “I’m so far out of my comfort zone. I’ve always loved to dance, but this is real dancing. With steps!”

Fortunately, she’s been paired with a real dancer to help her learn those steps.

For the past three months, Speed has been meeting three times a week with James Brann, a professional instructor at Boca Raton’s Fred Astaire Dance Studio.

“You strap on your dance shoes, and then you strap on a guy like James and hope you don’t make a fool of yourself.”

She remains silent on the dance itself, except to say it has a Broadway theme.



Marie Speed takes a moment from an hourlong practice session to pose with her dance coach and partner James Brann. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

If You Go

What: The sixth annual “Boca’s Ballroom Battle,” a local version of television’s *Dancing With The Stars*, to benefit the George Snow Scholarship fund
When: 6-9:30 p.m. Aug. 16
Where: Boca Raton Resort & Club
Cost: Seats are \$150 each, or \$225 for ‘preferred seating.’
Donations: To sponsor Marie Speed and meet her seven competitors, visit www.ballroombattle.com and click on donate

“I will say it’s totally age-inappropriate, overly ambitious for me and completely hilarious.”

The entire routine lasts only 90 seconds.

“My dance is so fast that if I miss one step it throws the

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whole thing off,” she says. For Speed, speed is of the essence. But she is resigned; she is rehearsing three times a week. And she is scared.

“My greatest fear is forgetting my steps,” she says. “I have this image of myself freezing and having to be wheeled off like Hannibal Lecter on one of those dollies.”

She sighs and tries to concentrate on all the young students those scholarships help.

“I don’t hope to win the trophy, I just want to finish with my dignity somewhat intact,” she says.

“And then I’m going to have the biggest martini ever known to man.” ★

Editor’s Note

Staff brings home (more!) professional recognition

Congratulations are in order. The Florida Press Association has awarded *Coastal Star* staffers with eight awards in its 2012 Weekly Newspaper Contest. We consider this quite an honor since we are the only monthly newspaper in the competition.

The honors are awarded by journalism professionals outside of Florida and came in Division A — which is for newspapers with a circulation of over 15,000.

First place awards went to the staff (special kudos to Scott Simmons and Jerry Lower) for overall graphic design, and to writer Tim O’Meilia for agricultural and environmental reporting for his story on the coastal whitefly epidemic. O’Meilia also received a third place in

this same category.

Tim Pallesen placed second and third for both local government and state and local tax reporting. Greg Stepanich of the *ArtsPaper* was awarded a second place for arts, entertainment and review reporting, with Paula Detwiller placing third for health, medicine and science reporting and Ron Hayes placing third for best obituary.

We are extremely proud of the topical range of these awards and believe they illustrate the excellence and scope our unique publication.

Please join us in congratulating our staff for a job well done.



—Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Publisher’s Note

This month, we are happy to expand the range of coverage in *The Coastal Star* with a new feature, Business Spotlight, which highlights the news and announcements of local businesses.

Christine Davis, a veteran real estate and business writer,

will anchor this column for us. Reach her at cdavis9797@comcast.net.



We look forward to reading about you.

Jerry Lower, Publisher

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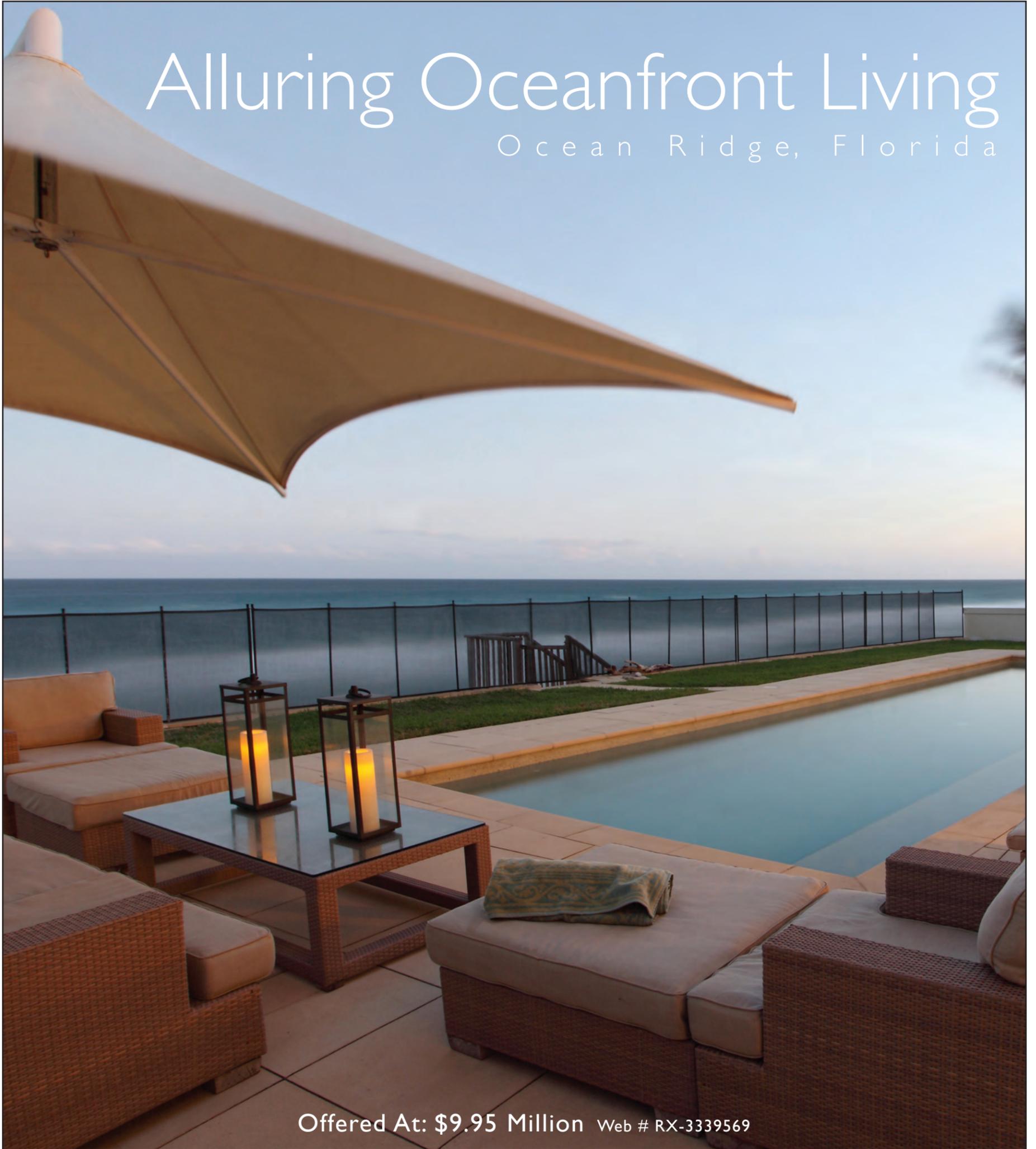
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Local Voices

Encourage involvement in local development decisions

Florida real estate seems to be making a solid recovery. That is good news.

At the same time, large-scale developers see investment opportunities in our coastal communities and are seeking more height and density in new multifamily and mixed-use projects than current rules allow.

Municipalities that are still rebuilding their property tax base are understandably eager to see real growth.

In Delray Beach, for example, all five of the major downtown projects recently approved, or obtaining approvals, have asked for twice or more the number of residential units per acre than called for in the city's comprehensive plan. The result is a downtown that may be growing far faster than the infrastructure can accommodate and, worse, running the risk of forever losing the charm and scale of a "Village by the Sea."

How can residents play an effective role in reining in overdevelopment?

The news is not good. Our state elected officials and legal system have stacked the cards against residents' input.

The Florida Department of Community Affairs (the state's "umpire" in major contested development projects) was essentially disbanded several years ago, and the state Legislature has banned the right of voters to call for a referendum on disputed development decisions.

New rules also require that lawsuits opposing a development order be filed within 30 days of commission

approval — an almost impossible task for all but well-funded and experienced groups.

And finally, when opponents file a strong lawsuit, developers will often countersue and demand damages from plaintiffs and their attorneys.

All of this leads to an inevitable conclusion: The court of public opinion is where the game must be played.

Caring residents need to be involved in local development projects very early in the game. They need to understand how the project fits into their hometown's comprehensive plan, and to hold review boards and commissions accountable for inconsistencies. They need to speak directly with their commissioners, and to use the precious three minutes allowed for public comment in quasi-judicial hearings effectively.

Commissions do listen to, and learn from, their constituents.

Enlightened developers are also willing to listen to citizen groups, not just for window dressing, but in an honest attempt to make their projects compatible with neighborhood goals.

The Florida Coalition for Preservation has worked with numerous citizen groups on complex development projects during the past half-dozen years. We have seen some change for the better when commissions take the time to listen before acting on controversial projects. The best decisions are made with the support of local residents.

*Bob Ganger, Chairman,
Florida Coalition for Preservation*

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Gulf Stream

Lawsuits and lamplights put stress on budget

By Tim O'Meilia

If Gulf Stream residents want new street lights and street signs, they'll pay for them with a 24 percent increase in town property tax that will stretch over the next two years.

That tax hike was also slated to pay for the town to defend 21 lawsuits filed by resident Martin O'Boyle, who sued over the denial of his home renovation, public records requests and the town's sign code. But O'Boyle and the town settled their dispute July 26.

Town commissioners set a preliminary tax rate of \$3.70 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value for the budget year beginning Oct. 1, up from this year's \$3.10 rate. But they plan to "chip away," as Commissioner Bob Ganger said, to reduce the rate before final budget hearings in September.

The owner of \$1 million in taxable property value this year would pay \$600 more next year, if his property value remained the same. But values in Gulf Stream increased an average of 5.4 percent so the added tax would be more.

"I know the headline will be that taxes are going up 24 percent," Ganger said. "But we need the subhead and the story to say it's costs that hadn't been anticipated and the town

needs to be gussied up."

The town's civic association has said it supports increasing the tax rate to install 88 new street lights, estimated to cost \$380,000. The town would repay a low-interest loan over 18 months, including \$280,000 in the new budget.

Town Manager William Thrasher said the legal budget would be reworked since the expenses for the O'Boyle suits would no longer be necessary. Some of the additional \$120,000 in legal and professional fees will be shifted to other projects as the commission determines. But the overall budget is likely to stay the same, he said.

The \$3.4 million budget proposed by Thrasher — about \$400,000 more than the current year — would repay the town's reserve fund about \$6,700, based on a \$3.49 tax rate. The commission took about \$50,000 from reserves this year to balance the budget.

But Ganger and Commissioner Garrett Dering wanted to return more to the reserves. "We had \$1.5 million in (reserves) and now we're down to \$981,000," Dering said. "We can't keep doing that. Let's go to \$3.70."

Ganger agreed: "If we should put more into our budget, now's the time to do it."

The budget includes a 2.5 percent salary increase for

general town employees. Police will get a 3 percent increase under a new two-year contract signed in May. Fire service from Delray Beach will increase 5 percent.

Commissioners set public hearings on the budget for 5:01 p.m. Sept. 13 and Sept. 24. They expect to discuss the budget further at the Aug. 9 meeting.

In other business, commissioners:

- Learned Thrasher had canceled this year's software purchases, a Town Hall expansion design, a barrier island fire district study and Town Hall painting because of increased O'Boyle lawsuit costs and police payroll.

- Agreed unanimously to ask the advisory Architectural Review and Planning Board to consider changes to roof styles and roof and building colors. "It's time Gulf Stream needs to be a little more open-minded," said Mayor Joan Orthwein, who proposed the examination. Residents have complained about a too-restrictive town code on design and color. "Twenty years ago there was a fear of McMansionization. Now there's so many young families and so much new construction. We have a lot of cookie-cutter houses. We need some diversification," Orthwein said. ★



Just before the settlement, nearly 20 signs had been painted on the walls and shutters of Martin O'Boyle's home. Most had been removed by July 30. Jerry Lower/ The Coastal Star

Remodeling approved in O'Boyle lawsuit settlement

By Tim O'Meilia

Tweedledum and Tweedledee will soon be gone from the south side of Martin O'Boyle's Gulf Stream home, banished back into Lewis Carroll's imagination.

Also vanishing is the array of murals and signs on his house skewering town commissioners and officials. By mid-August his canal-side home will be back to a town-approved beige tone.

Disappearing soon are the nearly 20 lawsuits and one federal case O'Boyle has filed against the town since April.

All are part of a settlement reached July 26 by the town and O'Boyle to end their four-month dispute that has already cost several hundred thousand dollars.

In exchange, O'Boyle will get what he wanted from the start — approval for the home remodeling he was denied in March, including a 25-foot-tall entryway.

Gulf Stream also will pay him \$180,000, a sum O'Boyle said he has paid so far in legal fees battling the town.

The town also will drop code violation citations issued to O'Boyle for the colors of the paintings and signs. After a code enforcement hearing lasting nine hours over three days, the special magistrate will issue no ruling.

And the town issued an apology to O'Boyle:

"The town is indebted to O'Boyle for the many deficiencies in connection with the town code that he has identified since his submission of the application. The town commission believes that O'Boyle's actions will ultimately result in Gulf Stream being a better and friendlier place to live," says paragraph 34 of the 21-page settlement.

O'Boyle called it a win for both sides. "It's a tremendous victory. I will be able to transform my house into what I think is a beautiful home. But the biggest victory of all is the town recognizing the code

is not what they thought it was," he said.

O'Boyle praised Mayor Joan Orthwein for spearheading the Town Commission's move to urge the town's planning advisory board to re-examine parts of the town's code "so we have little more flexibility. You can't pigeonhole everything," he said. "I'm very, very proud of her."

Orthwein and Town Manager William Thrasher, who interprets the code, were the primary targets of O'Boyle's satiric lampoons on the side of his \$1.6 million house, the yard signs and writings on plywood shutters over his windows.

He said his inability to install hurricane-resistant windows made his home uninsurable.

O'Boyle said the town was the bigger victor by agreeing to rewrite the code to account for oddly shaped lots. "It's going to be a much better place to live," he said.

Town commissioners held a closed-door session to discuss their legal options July 24 then held a special session July 26 that recessed numerous times while lawyers wrangled over the details of the settlement.

The commission voted 4-0 to approve the settlement. Commissioner Garrett Dering was absent.

"Not doing it would have cost unpredictable magnitudes more," said Commissioner Bob Ganger, who with Dering voted to approve O'Boyle's plans in March. He said O'Boyle was determined to get what he wanted.

Town Clerk Rita Taylor could not say how much the town had spent dealing with the lawsuits and hundreds of public records requests from O'Boyle and his lawyers. She said not all the bills were in.

"The applicant was extremely knowledgeable, very creative and extremely persistent," Ganger said. "His tactics would not be something you hope anyone else would use." ★



Gulf Stream School administrators are asking residents to donate historic photos, old yearbooks, uniforms and other memorabilia of the early decades of the school. Photo provided

School looking for help with its history

By Rich Pollack

If you went to Gulf Stream School and have old uniforms, photographs, yearbooks or even old paperweights, your alma mater wants to hear from you.

As the school prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary later this year, members of the event's planning committee are collecting memorabilia that will be on display at the school and during a gala celebration on Dec. 7.

Committee members have already sifted through dozens of boxes of photographs and old papers taken from archives and attics, but the search continues — especially for some early yearbooks as well as for items that reflect the school's history

and traditions.

"If former students or their relatives have old uniforms they'd like to share with us, that would be great," says Casey Wilson, Gulf Stream School's director of development.

Wilson said the committee is especially in need of items from the early years of the school, which was started by Ada Belle and Bill Johnston, who came to Florida from Connecticut in 1938 in search of a better climate for their daughter Judith, who suffered from asthma.

"We have all the yearbooks from the 1970s on up, but we're still missing several from the 1950s and '60s," Wilson said.

In addition to looking for these items, committee

members also are searching for alumni and their relatives who can help identify some of the students and faculty members whose images were captured in early photographs.

"There are a lot of names of students from the early years that we just don't know," Wilson said.

The committee is also inviting former students to come by and share their memories.

"I'm sure there are a lot of stories we haven't heard," Wilson said. ★

To share memories or memorabilia with Gulf Stream School, contact Casey Wilson at 276-5225 or at cwilson@gulfstreamschool.org.

Around Town

Boca singer finds her 'Way' on charts

Nice early birthday present for Boca-born **Ariana Grande**. Two weeks before she turned 20, her new song *The Way*, with Pittsburgh rapper **Mac Miller**, was certified platinum for sales of a million records. That doesn't happen very often in this day and age. Seven hours after its iTunes release, it was the No. 1 single. It debuted at No. 10 on Billboard's Hot 100 and peaked at No.



Grande

9. Its sales in the first week were exceeded only by *Suit & Tie*, by **Justin Timberlake** featuring **Jay-Z**.

Not bad for Grande, who grew up in Boca and attended North Broward Prep. (Her father, **Ed Butera**, owns **ibi designs** in Boca.) After making a name vocally, the tiny girl (only 5 feet) with the big four-octave voice made the big jump to Broadway — as Charlotte in *13* — and then to Nickelodeon's *Victorious* as Cat Valentine. She now stars in Nick's *Sam & Cat*. In 2012 she won a Hollywood Teen TV Award for Favorite Actress. This year she was named Best Newcomer at the Billboard Mid-Year Music Awards and *The Way* is nominated in three categories for the Teen Choice Awards. Her first album, *Yours Truly*, will be released Sept. 2.

And to wrap up a wild

and crazy summer, Grande will open three shows for **Justin Bieber** this month ... in Jacksonville (Aug. 7), Tampa (Aug. 8) and Atlanta (Aug. 10). Let's hope the bad boy can handle it.

For **Shane Todd's** family, no joy — and few answers. On July 8, a Singapore coroner ruled that the former Boca Raton resident's death was a suicide. The family refuses to accept the finding, according to published reports in national and international media, claiming the suicide — asphyxiation by hanging — was staged to cover up murder.

Todd was born in California, his father a Navy pilot. They moved to Boca Raton, where Todd was an honor student and athlete at Boca High. Todd completed his undergraduate and master's work at the University of Florida and a Ph.D. in engineering at the University of California Santa Barbara. He then signed on with the Institute for Micro Electronics, a division of the Singaporean government's Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR). The work involved a gallium nitride-powered amplifying device for the controversial Chinese telecom company Huawei.

As the work continued, Todd confided to his family, who had since moved to Montana, that he was uncomfortable with some of the work he was asked

to do. His mother said he once told her if she didn't hear from him every week to contact the American embassy. He was prescribed antidepressants to help him cope with the stress. He gave 60 days' notice at IME, then stayed an additional 30. On his last day, friends and co-workers said he was upbeat. His girlfriend discovered his body a day later.

When Todd's family arrived in Singapore they noted many inconsistencies in the police report and signs that didn't point to someone considering suicide — unfinished laundry, recently written price tags to sell his furniture, his airline ticket on a table. A Missouri medical examiner consulted by the Todds argued that photos of marks on the body didn't support suicide but after seeing additional information retracted his statements. An Illinois criminologist said the tone of Shane's suicide note didn't match his personality.

The Todds sought help from members of Congress and a petition was circulated online asking **President Obama** to authorize a Justice Department investigation. The FBI offered to cooperate with Singapore police, but did not come to any official conclusions regarding the case.

At the inquest, numerous witnesses supported the suicide scenario, including two chief medical examiners from the United States who were brought in as independent experts.

Centennial Celebration

Lake Worth — July 4



Greg Rice and his wife, Lori Miller, take a break during activities at Lake Worth's July Fourth celebration. Photo by Annamarie Hunt

Saying they no longer believed in the "transparency and fairness of the system," the Todds discharged their lawyers, withdrew from the inquiry, and returned home to continue their mission in "the court of public opinion for judgment."

Lake Worth may not have been born on the Fourth of July, but what better day to celebrate a centennial? And they did it up right with a big dance at the newly restored pavilion on the beach, a sink-or-swim parade of homemade rafts in the lake and a boffo fireworks display.

Greg Rice, the city's unofficial ambassador and the centennial committee's official vice chair, wasted no time celebrating the success of the celebration and tossing a friendly jab at the much bigger neighbor to the north. "I wanted to point out," Rice wrote in an email, "that the fireworks display for Lake Worth's Centennial was bigger and lasted longer than the city of West Palm Beach's Fourth on Flagler Celebration. (And) no, there's no ED joke intended here. Happy birthday, Lake Worth and America!"

Farther south, reviews are still mixed on the controversial move of Boca's fireworks to the new **de Hoerle Park** on Spanish River Boulevard, just across I-95 from the old site on the FAU campus. The recently opened park is the newest contribution to the city by the **Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District**.

The district is a separate taxing agency, yet, without consulting the district board, city officials decided to relocate the event. Unlike the campus, which offered unlimited parking and four access points, the park has space for fewer than 300 vehicles and only one way in and out. To compensate, the city ran shuttle buses from parking lots at the **T Rex Corporate Center** to the north.

Assistant City Manager **Mike Woika** claimed a turnout of 10,000, with about 2,300 cars parked and the last shuttle leaving the park at 10:30. Many attendees, he added, walked in or rode bikes.

Boca police, however, said the park wasn't clear until 11:30,

and observers experienced in crowd estimates said 4,000 to 5,000 would be a more realistic count. Of greater concern was the number of attendees who forsook the shuttles for a risky walk along Spanish River between the park and T Rex.

The Tax District's annual budget includes a sizeable contribution to the city for its fireworks, but unless the city adopts a new policy — communication — that money may go elsewhere. As one board member explained: "It's called respect."

Back in 1925, Boca Raton was little more than sand, scrub and **The Cloister**, the swank hotel on Lake Boca Raton. When **Addison Mizner**, the dreamer who built the hotel, began building his headquarters just east of the Boca Raton railroad station on Camino Real, he named it, rather unglamorously, **The Administration Building**.

The promise of millions soon fizzled; a year later, Mizner was broke. For six more years he scrambled to keep his business afloat, but in 1933, he died in Palm Beach from a heart attack.

Fortunately for us, his legacy lives on in his buildings: the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**, the **Old Floresta** homes in Boca and estates in Palm Beach, California and Colorado, **The Cloister** in Sea Island, Ga., even a Baptist church in Jacksonville, and yes, the old Administration Building.

Now **The Addison**, it hosts some 500 private events each year — small club luncheons, corporate extravaganzas, weddings — plus the occasional public party. Last month the **American Academy of Hospitality Sciences** presented The Addison with its Five Star Diamond Award, citing its historical architecture, cuisine, charm and service. It's the only private events venue in South Florida to be so honored.

Just up the road, **The Wick Theatre** is alive with the sounds of construction, renovation and, most of all, ticket sales for the theater's Sept. 20 opening gala and performance of *The Sound of Music*. Last spring the Wick took over the bankrupt Caldwell Theatre Company

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complex at the north end of Boca with elaborate plans to offer live theater, dining and a theatrical costume museum based on founder **Marilynn Wick's** world-class collection. "Ticket sales are going great," Wick said. "Subscriber-ship, too! We're working feverishly. The museum won't be ready until November, but we plan to have four huge cocktail parties for opening week. Be ready to eat and drink."

Profit is profit, and speculators have made lots of it in Florida since Juan Ponce de Leon first arrived. But when you're movie star **Kevin James** and you've just paid \$18.5 million for a beachfront home in Delray, it hardly makes sense to put it back on the market a couple of months later for a mere \$19.95 million.

That was the news in early July, but it was all a mistake. The agency that initially listed the home erroneously blogged that several big homes were on the market, including James'. **Zillow**, the real estate website, quickly picked it up. Then the media picked it up and called James' people to inquire. James people called the agency and the item was quickly pulled, but no one was sure how it all happened.

The 12,828-square-foot Delray estate features a saltwater pool, massage table, wine room and staff quarters. It isn't much larger than his old place in Encino, Calif., (11,291 square feet) that boasted a state-of-the-art movie theater, gym, chef's kitchen and backyard vistas of the valley and mountains beyond. James bought it in 2003 for \$3.2 million and put it on the market for \$5.49 million. Actual selling price: \$5.55 million.

Natasha Tretheway was born in 1966 in Mississippi, at the height of the civil rights struggle, to an African-American mother and a Canadian father — when mixed-race marriages were illegal in that state. Her parents divorced when she was young. Her mother remarried and shortly after a second divorce, when Tretheway was 19, was murdered by her second husband.

"That was the moment when I both felt that I would become a poet and then immediately afterward felt that I would not," Tretheway recalled. "I turned to poetry to make sense of what had happened."

Tretheway's verse continues to make sense ... and to inspire. In 2007 she received the Pulitzer Prize for her collection *Native Guard*. She directs the creative writing program at Emory University in Atlanta. In June, Librarian of Congress James Billington appointed her to a second term as the 19th United States poet laureate.

And next Jan. 20 at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square, she'll headline one of the most auspicious gatherings of poets ever at the **10th annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival**.

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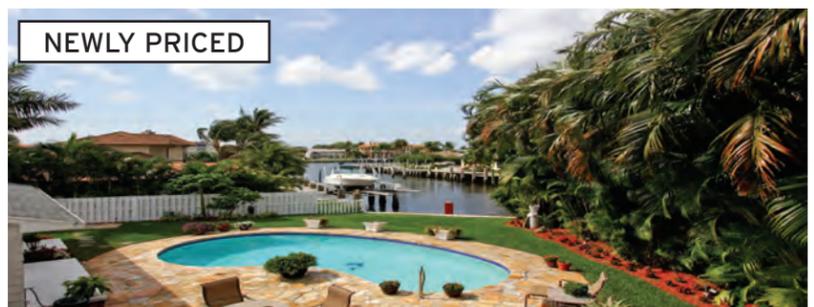
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Delray Beach

DJ permit approval not music to neighbors' ears

By Dan Moffett

Hardly anyone in Delray Beach thought the first test of the city's new noise ordinance would come in the form of a Zen riddle.

But city commissioners found themselves trying to unravel a decibel mystery that seemed every bit as perplexing as the sound of one hand clapping or a tree falling deep in the forest: Is a disc jockey without a microphone an entertainer, or merely a human extension of a recorded music system?

Tom Graham, the general manager of the Sandbar tiki bar, argued the latter when he appeared before commissioners on July 25 and asked them to approve a conditional use permit to allow his business a DJ to select the music it plays outside.

"The DJ has no equipment,"

Graham told the commission. "I am ultimately responsible for the music. The DJ can't turn it up."

Graham's position was itself complicated, in that the DJ in question is his wife, Cheryl. She told commissioners she had "20 years" experience doing corporate events, but was not an entertainer and would not be trying to incite bar patrons into raucous behavior but rather "just give them the kind of music they want to hear."

As Alan Ciklin, the Sandbar's lawyer put it, "She is not a performer. She is not a cheerleader. The DJ operates without a microphone and is not amplified. She maintains the music so if you had a Frank Sinatra crowd you don't get the Beach Boys."

After two hours of debate, comment and reflection, commissioners voted 4-1 to approve the DJ permit for

the bar, with Mayor Cary Glickstein dissenting.

Glickstein said the request was "pushing the envelope of acceptability" for the noise ordinance and area residents' desire for peace and quiet. "My job is protecting the reasonable expectations of people who were there first," he said.

Commissioner Al Jacquet said his vote for the DJ was predicated on conditions the commission also approved. If the city finds the bar guilty of three violations of the noise ordinance, then the permit can be repealed.

"This is more of a noise concern than it is a DJ concern," Jacquet said. "I do agree with the 'three strikes and you're out' rule."

Also, the approval makes Ocean Properties, the owner of the bar, ultimately responsible for any noise problems and requires the owner to install

an acoustic wall to deaden the sound. The music must cease at 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

More than a dozen nearby residents told the commission they opposed allowing the DJ.

Dennis Rooney said the plan "was sure to make Delray Beach more of a party town" and that the bar's request "serves no public benefit."

Genie DePonte questioned the bar's motivations. Why was it going to the trouble to launch an advertising campaign to promote the DJ's appearances, if in fact she was insignificant and had no role other than selecting music? "If the DJ's just changing records, why advertise that?" she said.

Commissioner Shelly Petrolia said, "I believe a DJ is live entertainment," and she worried that the city was "opening a can of worms" by

allowing the exception. But in a fittingly perplexing end to the highly conceptual debate, she voted for approval anyway.

In other business, the commission voted 5-0 to approve a proposed total tax rate of \$7.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the 2014 budget year. The city's proposed operating millage is tentatively capped at \$7.45 and the debt service is at \$0.35.

The proposed total tax rate is down 0.034 from last year, according to city Finance Director David Boyd, who said property values in Delray Beach had risen about 6 percent across the board.

Under the proposed 2014 tax rate, residents will pay about \$779 in city taxes for every \$100,000 in assessed property value, or pennies less than last year. The 2014 budget totals about \$49 million, compared with \$47.4 million in 2013. ★

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23 to formally announce it was opening a 10,000-square-foot store in the "Village by the Sea."

The Boca Raton location at 855 S. Federal Highway received quick zoning approval largely because no nearby homeowners objected.

But the Delray Beach site was delayed for 18 months after a dozen homeowners in the adjacent Tropic Isle neighborhood raised concerns.

Delray Beach commissioners finally gave zoning and site plan approval for Delray Place after concessions satisfied all the homeowners except Nancy Schnabel, whose home will have the center on two sides.

"My home will have the look and feel of a prison," Schnabel told commissioners.

"I would hate to be those people," said Commissioner Shelly Petrolia, who cast the lone vote against Delray Place.

Other speakers at the July 9 hearing applauded the \$30 million Delray Place as a catalyst for redevelopment along South Federal Highway.

"This is a fabulous opportunity for South Federal to get a gateway," Tropic Isle homeowners president Kelli Freeman said.

"This area of Federal Highway desperately needs a catalyst," Mayor Cary Glickstein agreed. "We need to get something going in that part of the city."

The major difference between the two Trader Joe's sites will be size. Boca Raton's store at 855 S. Federal Highway will be larger, at 12,000 square feet.

The Delray Beach location, scheduled to open in October 2014, will be the fourth new Trader Joe's coming to Florida next year. ★

Dan Moffett contributed to this story.

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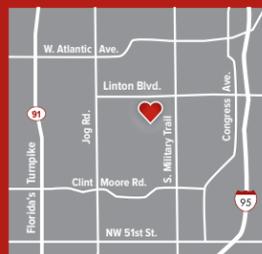
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Delray Beach

As theaters go dark, local options dwindle for movie-goers

By Dan Moffett

A night at the movies is getting to be a tough ticket in Delray Beach as the local movie houses go through some major changes.

Last spring, the operators of the Plaza at Delray mall on the corner of Federal Highway and Linton Boulevard received approval from the city for a plan to demolish the Regal Delray Beach 18 Theater. They told the Planning and Zoning Department they intend to replace it with an LA Fitness.

Then in June, Delray Square Cinemas, a low-priced haven for foreign and independent films, abruptly closed its doors at the financially troubled Delray Square Shopping Center on Atlantic Avenue.

The net effect of the closures would be to force Delray moviegoers to gas up their cars and drive elsewhere for first-run films — that could mean Boca Raton, Boynton Beach

or a trip west past Florida's Turnpike on Atlantic Avenue to the new Frank Theatres Cinebowl & Grille & IMAX at Delray Marketplace.

For many residents, this is an unwanted complication to their Saturday night dinner-and-a-movie routines.

"People have been coming out of the woodwork and complaining the last two months," said Kelli Freeman, president of the Tropic Isle Civic Association, a homeowners' group near the Regal 18. "They want their movies, and they don't want to have to drive to Boca to see them."

The Community Redevelopment Agency is looking at two plans that could put high-end movie theaters on the old library property on Southeast Fourth Avenue in downtown Delray. But those plans are barely on the drawing board and many months away from selling popcorn and

tickets to customers.

At least a small window of hope for keeping the Regal 18 open may still exist, however, according to Russ Nunley, vice president of communications for the Regal Entertainment Group in Knoxville, Tenn.

"We continue to operate the Regal Delray Beach 18 and look forward to continuing operation for our loyal patrons," Nunley said. "The landlord for the property has talked about another tenant that may be coming. Our lease includes the ability for the landlord to give us notice if they wish for us to leave, however, we have not received that notice."

The mall's landlord, Ramco-Gershenson, based in Farmington Hills, Mich., has declined to comment.

As far as Delray city officials are concerned, the demolition is a virtual certainty.

"It's pretty much a done deal," said Candi Jefferson, a

Delray senior planner. "The ball is in their court. They can come in and get the demolition permit for the theater today if they want it. There are no outstanding issues to getting it done."

While Jefferson said she has heard complaints about losing the theater, she has also heard from the other side. "I've had people tell me they are happy to see the fitness center coming, too," she said.

Losing Delray Square Cinema was less of a surprise. For most of the last decade, the Delray Square shopping center has either been in foreclosure or teetered on the brink of it. Jefferson said renovation plans that the city had approved years ago have long since expired.

"There is no current plan to do anything with that property," she said.

Miami businessman Cesar Soto bought the six-screen Delray Square Theater about 12 years ago and turned it into

a quirky alternative that was popular with older residents. During its heyday, Soto gave out free drinks to fathers on Father's Day and flowers to mothers on Mother's Day. All seats sold for \$5 in recent years.

Besides the shopping center's financial problems, the theater was under pressure from the studios that are switching to digital distribution exclusively and phasing out film. The conversion from film projectors to digital can cost \$75,000 per screen, a burden that has forced many small operators out of business across the country.

Richard Huei has owned Tony Wu Seafood & Steak Cafe next to the theater for 26 years, with Publix the mall's longest-running tenant. He said the cinema disappeared without warning or explanation.

"An employee said they got a call from the owner and were told to pack everything up," Huei said. "Everything was gone in two days." ★

Lawsuit dropped as Atlantic Crossing goes forward

By Dan Moffett

Outgunned and outspent in the courts, six Delray Beach residents dropped their lawsuit against the developer of the Atlantic Crossing project, saying the fight had become too much.

"This was a monetary Goliath," said Benita Goldstein, who gave up on the legal case and left the original group of opponents months ago. "We really couldn't go up against them. I saw this coming and that's why I pulled out."

The suit had claimed that city commissioners were wrong in December when they gave conditional-use approval to a project that exceeded the height and density limits of the downtown master plan. The developer, Ohio-based Edwards Companies in a joint venture with Rexall founder Carl De Santis, countersued, charging the residents' objections were

frivolous and challenging their legal standing in the case.

"The plaintiffs had grown concerned that it had gotten to a point where it was going to start hurting them personally," said Bob Ganger of the Florida Coalition for Preservation. "They were going to start filming depositions. The inconvenience and expense of legal fees was going to be too much."

Project manager Don DeVere said four architectural companies have spent six months redesigning the project and trying to allay opponents' concerns that it was incompatible with Delray's "Village by the Sea" principles. The latest iteration of the plan, sent to the city in June, eliminated truck traffic from Atlantic Avenue and reduced the unit density by about 20 percent over the 9-acre footprint.

"We're pleased that the suit is resolved and we can

move forward amicably," DeVere said. "We've listened to and incorporated many changes suggested by people throughout the community — including plaintiffs — as our plans have continued to evolve."

The idea behind the new design is to use six architectural styles to create the appearance that the street grew organically and evolved. Parts of the \$200 million project will feature Mediterranean design — parts Art Deco, modern or more traditional Florida architecture.

"We challenged our design team to return to the drawing board to capture Delray's authentic look and feel," said Jeff Edwards, president of the Edwards Companies. "We've listened to and incorporated literally dozens of changes suggested by people throughout the community."

Gary Goldfarb, who has owned the large commercial

building at 502 E. Atlantic for the last 12 years, believes the project will help satisfy a growing demand for downtown office space, while transforming the street into a destination that "draw visitors from all over the world."

"I think it's a first-class project," Goldfarb said. "The developers have bent over backwards to address the concerns of people who opposed it. We'll still have a village, but it's time for changing the face of Atlantic Avenue."

Goldfarb said he's renovating his property to "evolve with the development," adding 30 small-business office spaces to complement the Starbucks that anchors his building. "It's going to be beautiful."

Ganger says the Coalition is "going to start all over — go back to zero" and meet with city officials to begin reviewing the new plans. "The stakes are

very high," he said. "This is about the essence of the whole concept of comprehensive planning and visioning. It's so easy to turn into Highland Beach or Singer Island."

The city's Site Plan Review and Appearance Board will examine the revised plans within the next month, and then the project goes back to the commission.

Goldstein says that, while she's disappointed in the outcome of the legal battle, the project's opponents may have succeeded in changing the way government operates in Delray.

"We were just a group of citizens trying to have a say," she said. "I think that going forward, you'll continue to see that everybody is questioning things now, and the new commission will see that. I knew we'd never outlast the developer, but I hoped we'd spark attention in a good way. Maybe we did." ★

City mulls ways to deal with exploding pension debt

By Tim Pallesen

Delray Beach taxpayers are facing a \$93 million debt to pay the pension benefits of the city's police officers and firefighters.

The debt has grown 276 percent since it was \$33.6 million in 2007, forcing city commissioners to either cut pension benefits or raise taxes.

"A \$33 million hole has blown up into a \$93 million crater that will continue to get worse if we don't change how we do business," Mayor Cary Glickstein told commissioners in City Hall chambers packed with police officers on July 9.

"We are seeing pension plans bankrupting cities. We have to address it," Commissioner Shelly Petrolia agreed.

"This pension plan is a financial train wreck right now," Petrolia said. "We're plummeting deeper and deeper into a financial hellhole and it must stop."

Many city pension funds have suffered because their income from stock market investments hasn't matched the return that was projected before the recession.

But the commission's pension adviser alerted them that their police and fire

pension fund scores an "F" on a state grading system because of its unusually high debt ratio. "The unfunded liability has grown dramatically," attorney James Lynn warned.

Glickstein and Petrolia criticized the investment decisions of the city's Pension Board. But Commissioner Adam Frankel, who serves as the Pension Board's vice chairman, drew applause from police officers when he vowed not to cut pension benefits.

"Our city needs to be competitive with other cities," Frankel said. "We need to support you guys."

Police union representative Gary Ferreri told commissioners that Delray police officers are exploring job opportunities elsewhere because they fear that their pension benefits might be cut.

"We understand that pension reform is needed," Ferreri said. "We ask that it be fair."

Commissioners made no decision about what to do about the debt. Glickstein said the subject will be discussed again during city budget talks this summer. ★



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Galaxy elementary school's green components/teachable features

Some of the systems, methods, and materials used in the construction of Galaxy Elementary School:

- IceBank energy storage air conditioning
- Solar panels and solar-powered water heating
- Wind turbines to generate electricity
- Tilt-wall construction with 8-inch-thick concrete walls
- Vegetated green roof
- Sustainably harvested lumber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council
- Pine planks from the old Galaxy school will be reused to build new furniture
- Floor tiles made from linseeds: durable and need no waxing
- Cistern for capturing rainwater to irrigate gardens
- Waterless urinals in the boys' restrooms
- Waste from demolition of old school was recycled, thus diverted from landfills.

On average, green schools cost 1 to 2 percent more to build than conventional schools, use 33 percent less energy and 32 percent less water than conventional schools. (Source: *Greening America's Schools: Costs and Benefits*, 2006.)

Pine Jog Elementary School in West Palm Beach, built in 2008 and designated LEED Gold, saved the school district \$50,000 in energy costs the first year, according to Zyscovich Architects' Thorn Grafton.



Lumber reclaimed from the old Galaxy Elementary School sits stacked in a classroom. The wood will be used to build furniture and other fittings. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

GALAXY

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achieved that ranking to date, according to Galaxy principal Edmund Capitano.

Impressive, yes. But the bigger story in education circles is how the school's design will enrich its curriculum. Galaxy's educational focus will be on energy, environment and engineering — E3 for short — and the building itself will allow for countless teachable moments.

Not like your old school

Think back to your elementary school. Remember the mysterious door marked Boiler Room that was always locked and only the custodian had a key? At Galaxy, all rooms containing the building's mechanical equipment are clean, well lit, and have windows for students to peer inside.

"Everything's labeled so when children come in, they can look through these glass windows and see the mechanical systems in action," says Capitano.

Those systems include air-conditioning equipment that produces ice during the night (when energy demand is low), then uses it during the day to chill water to cool the building. The school has a solar-powered hot water system and, if grant funding comes through, a cistern will capture rainwater for irrigation while wind

turbines along the edge of the property will convert Boynton's breezes into energy.

Touch screens installed around the school will display real-time information about the building's electricity usage and water consumption. Capitano says students will be taught to take readings, graph observable data, write about their findings, and share it verbally. It's the essence of "whole child" education, he says.

"It's not like, OK, time to go to math, time to go to science. No, we're integrating everything, and the kids won't even realize they're doing it because they'll be having fun," Capitano says.

Tapping into the wonder

An enormous two-story room in the center of the school is known as the Wonderment Center, so named by Zyscovich Architects, the school's designers. In addition to serving as the school cafeteria and auditorium, the Wonderment Center will have interactive science exhibits: gears mounted to the wall with workable pulleys; a parachute-drop display to teach students about gravity; and on the high windows facing da Vinci courtyard (yes, it's named after Leonardo), hanging prisms will demonstrate light refraction.

The school's media center (they used to call them libraries) overlooks an elevated terrace that soon will be sprouting grasses and native



plants.

"This will be the first green roof for the school district," said senior project manager Matt Mahoney of Pirtle Construction during a recent tour. "The kids will exit from the environmental lab onto a patio where they'll have access to the green roof to take measurements and make observations."

A new kind of choice

The new school replaces the old Galaxy Elementary School campus, whose buildings dated back to 1958 and previously housed Boynton Junior High. In late 2007, the School District of Palm Beach County voted to close Galaxy and move students to other schools in order to save money.

But after lobbying from parents and church leaders in the surrounding area, the School Board reversed its vote — and Galaxy's history took an interesting new turn.

Plans were drawn up to demolish the old school and



LEFT: Even the playground equipment offers lessons about solar power. **ABOVE:** Tanks store ice used to chill water for air conditioning.

build a pre-kindergarten-through-fifth grade "choice" school.

"What makes Galaxy extra-special is that we are taking any child who lives within our geographical boundary, as well as any child in the school district with an interest in environmental science," says Capitano. "If you live within the boundary, you're in, there's no application process for you. Whatever seats are left over go to the kids who apply through the choice program."

As of this writing, about 60 choice students have applied and been accepted. There's no need for a lottery yet, since enrollment has not exceeded the new school's capacity of 680 students.

It takes a village

Carrying out the vision for the "greenest school in the galaxy" has involved the entire community. The project budget includes \$2.3 million in grants and donations, which are still being raised. The

Quantum Foundation awarded a \$750,000 grant to pay for the Wonderment Center, and private donors have kicked in about \$20,000 so far.

The city of Boynton Beach, whose Climate Action Plan emphasizes sustainable development, gave the school district four acres of land behind Galaxy that's to be developed and jointly used. When Galaxy students aren't out there studying indigenous flora or native gopher tortoises, neighbors will be able to use it as a city park.

"We want kids to get a feel for science every day of their lives," Capitano says. "These are the formative years when kids start understanding that, hey, if I can dream it, I can build it. We're teaching them to take their ideas and apply them to problems in the real world."

Donations on behalf of the Galaxy school project may be made to The Education Foundation of Palm Beach County. To learn more, visit www.galaxygreen.org. ★

Former Galaxy student excited to teach at new school

she says.

But by the time Brooks grew up, earned an elementary education degree from the University of South Florida and began her teaching career at her old school, it was definitely looking old.

"Some rooms had really bad water leaks. The building smelled musty. Possums would come in overnight and tip over garbage cans, and the

custodians would have to clean it up."

Brooks was not heartbroken when Galaxy was torn down. It was time, she says. And when folks in her old neighborhood pushed for a replacement school to be built, she was impressed.

"It showed the community could come together for something they believed in."

And now?

"The school they actually

built is beyond anything I could imagine," says Brooks, 36, who lives in Greenacres. She is excited to begin her 14th year of teaching at the new, all-green Galaxy. "It's a new concept for our district, and it's really going to give the kids something different." A reading specialist, Brooks will plan her fourth-grade lessons in accordance with the school's E3 (energy, environment and engineering)

curriculum focus.

"We'll still be covering our standards. Other teachers will be teaching the E3 subjects, but I will be incorporating them into my reading materials."

"The whole thing is amazing," she says, referring to the school's large size and modern, green-technology composition. "It's truly a learning facility, not just a school." ★

By Paula Detwiller

When LaDeshia Brooks attended fifth grade at Galaxy Elementary School in 1989, the school didn't seem old to her.



Brooks

"I just remember my classroom was in a portable,"

Lantana

Town OKs late-night Intracoastal bridge work

By Mary Thurwachter

To make sure the new Ocean Avenue bridge is operational by the end of November, the construction company charged with the job sought — and received — permission to work evenings until 11 p.m. through Oct. 31.

GLF Construction project manager Andres N. Sosa appeared at the Lantana Town Council's July 22 meeting to make the pitch to

extend hours Monday through Saturday, a variance to the noise ordinance. At the next meeting, on Aug. 12, he'll be asking for work on Sundays to be authorized, too. He asked for Sunday hours at the July meeting, but hadn't mentioned it in his earlier letter and councilmen said the request needed to be advertised ahead of time on the next agenda.

Sosa said that when his company signed the contract with the county in 2010, it

was given 705 calendar days to complete the project. But between a 90-day delay in the actual closing of the bridge and 48 rain days, the work needed to be finished in less than 600 days.

Sosa, in a letter to the council, said that "all activities creating loud noise, such as pile driving, has either already been done or will be performed before 6 p.m."

Mayor Dave Stewart said the town hadn't received

any complaints lately about construction noise.

This was not the first time this year the town gave its consent to night work on the bridge. In January, the town approved a request for construction work to be done as late as 11 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays until May 31.

The old bridge, open for 62 years, closed in March 2012. Construction on the \$32 million span is 11 feet

higher than its predecessor. It is expected to reduce by about 40 percent the number of times the drawbridge opens for boats.

In other action: The council awarded a contract to Hartzell Construction Inc. to build a new lifeguard tower for \$22,293 at the municipal beach. The old tower, which was covered by insurance, was washed to sea during Hurricane Sandy. ★

Lantana won't raise taxes but will tackle beach drainage project

By Mary Thurwachter

With property values beginning to rebound — up 1.6 percent over last year — Lantana will have a little more money to work with next year. Taxable property has increased from \$678 million to \$689 million.

In July after its second budget workshop meeting, the Town Council voted to set the tax rate at \$3.23 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, the same rate it has had for the past five years. Public hearings have been set for 6 p.m. on Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 in council chambers. The town can lower the tax rate but not raise it during budget hearings.

One of Lantana's big-ticket items next year will be \$663,600 for the drainage portion of the beach park paving project (improving drainage and raising the surface).

"That's a lot of money to put into a puddle," said council member Phil Aridas. "That may be an area where we can do a little bit at a time."

But others, including Mayor Dave Stewart, Councilman

Malcolm Balfour and Vice Mayor Tom Deringer (council member Lynn Moorhouse was not at the meeting) convinced him the money, which will come from utility reserves, should be spent sooner rather than later.

"Our beach is our biggest asset and we have to keep it up," Deringer said. "It'll cost a lot more later."

Balfour said the "beach is our calling card" and needs to be preserved.

Stewart said people from all over the world visit Lantana's beach while staying at the (former) Ritz-Carlton and some end up buying million-dollar properties in the town as a result of it.

"This is one of those things we need to do within the next couple of years," Stewart said.

Other spending includes \$25,170 for a bridge opening party with fireworks, \$32,850 for a Fourth of July celebration, and \$60,000 for a lobbyist.

Cost of living raises for employees are not included in the budget, but workers could receive a merit raise of up to 2 percent, depending on their evaluations. ★

Town advances modest plans for waterfront park

By Mary Thurwachter

A plan to convert two town-owned lots into a waterfront park and parking lot got the green light from the Lantana Town Council in June.

But several neighbors to the side-by-side lots, at 106 and 122 N. Lake Drive on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway, made it clear during a public hearing on July 8 that they only approved of half of the plan — the parking lot.

Lantana used money from its reserves to buy the lots for \$1.2 million in December 2011 after a plan for residential development fizzled, a victim of the economic downturn. The same property, a block west of the new Ocean Avenue Bridge, fetched \$5.3 million when sold in 2006.

Last month, the council approved a special exception to its code to allow the lots to be used as a one-acre passive park in the residential district. The conceptual plan calls for a kayak and canoe launch accessible to the disabled, an

observation deck, a kiosk and parking lot for up to 31 cars.

An existing pier would also be upgraded.

The town agreed to work with neighboring property owners to ensure adequate screening — fencing, walls and landscaping — for security and aesthetic purposes.

The town also said it would work with the county to develop mangrove planters in the northeast and southeast beach areas and to protect existing scrub habitats adjacent to the beach.

The town hopes to secure a grant to pay half the \$250,000 cost of developing the park.

Neighbors said that while they agreed more parking spaces were needed for the business district on Ocean Avenue, a park would mean increased security problems.

"It's a tremendous safety issue," said Frank Ballinger, who lives on East Ocean Avenue. He said the property was too small to be used as a park.

Other residents said vagrants would be attracted to

the park.

"I'm not in favor of a park," said resident Phyllis Small. "I'm in favor of a parking lot and many residents feel the same way."

Wayne Cordero, owner of the Old Key Lime House on East Ocean Avenue, submitted a petition signed by 60 residents who, like Small, want a parking lot but not a park.

Council members said the park was in the best interest of the town.

"I can't see why it is not being welcomed," said Mayor Dave Stewart.

A park, he said, would help preserve the waterfront for future generations. He compared it to the 1940s, when forward thinking members of the Lion's Club spent \$4,000 for land that eventually gave the town its beach.

The money for the North Lake Drive property was "saved by good fiscal management," Stewart said. "There are many residents who feel this is within the vision of the town." ★

Briny Breezes

Town will ask corporation to fill budget gap

By Tim O'Meilia

Police, fire and emergency services will cost more. But taxable property in Briny Breezes is worth less. And the town's tax rate is already maxed out. So the Briny Breezes Town Council will ask the corporation that owns the town to increase its support so the town can balance its 2013-'14 budget.

After struggling to reduce legal fees and voting to increase permit fees by \$25 to \$85 and inspection fees to \$50 per inspection, aldermen still faced a \$41,000 deficit for the new budget year during two budget workshops in July.

So the town will turn to Briny Breezes Inc. to make up the difference. The corporation paid 30 percent of the town's

combined \$520,000 bill for police, fire and emergency service this year. The town will ask it to pay 38 percent next year — \$198,000, up from \$147,000.

"Maybe the corporation has to pay more because we're maxed out on taxes. We can't charge any more," said Alderman Sue Thaler.

Corporation President Joe Coyner said he would lay the groundwork to ask the corporation board to increase its contribution. Mobile home owners own shares in the corporation depending on the size of their lots.

Police and rescue services will account for 82 percent of the town's proposed \$638,100 budget beginning Oct. 1. The proposed budget is a 6.4 percent increase over this year's.

A new three-year contract with Ocean Ridge for police services will cost 10 percent more and the fire and rescue service provided by Boynton Beach increases 4 percent annually.

Mobile home owners will again pay \$10 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value, the maximum allowed by state law. Taxable property value in Briny Breezes fell 0.75 percent this year, only one of two Palm Beach County municipalities without an increase.

As Mayor Roger Bennett is fond of saying, whether its property tax or corporation assessment, it all comes out of the homeowner's pocket.

The council set public hearings on the budget for 5:01 p.m. Sept. 12 and 26. ★

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Manalapan

Town drops seawall rules effort

By Tim O'Meilie

After months of discussing setting standards for seawalls, Manalapan town commissioners abruptly decided July 23 to scrap the idea.

"I've been getting a lot of pushback from residents on the seawall situation," said Mayor David Cheifetz. "Enforcing the code would be expensive for the residents."

Other commissioners agreed and voted 5-0 to drop plans for seawall regulations.

The new regulations would have required that residents' seawalls more than 2 years old be certified by a coastal engineer as capable of withstanding a Hurricane Andrew-force storm.

Walls built before 2011, including those along the Intracoastal Waterway on Point

Manalapan as well as those along the ocean, would have to be re-certified every five years.

"This new ordinance affects not only the ocean but about 200 homes on (the point)," said Commissioner Howard Roder.

The regulations also would have set minimum height limits and rules for thickness, length and depth of seawalls.

The town began considering regulations after more than

a dozen seawalls collapsed during storm surge caused by Hurricane Sandy traveling north off the coast in October.

Town officials were concerned that neglected seawalls led to the collapse of neighboring structures, including those that were properly maintained.

The new seawalls built on 15 oceanfront properties since then would not have to be

re-certified for 15 years. The town spent \$3,500 developing the standards, largely based on the town of Palm Beach's regulations.

The town oversaw oceanfront seawall maintenance and repair for more than 50 years until 2003, when complaints over \$1.8 million in repair cost assessments prompted the town to leave maintenance up to individual seawall owners. ★

Civility policy approved despite opposition

By Tim O'Meilie

"David's Rules of Order" — Manalapan Mayor David Cheifetz's five informal suggestions for civility and decorum during town commission meetings — lasted four months.

Now commissioners and residents have three pages of "public participation guidelines" to follow during public meetings, including the centerpiece of Cheifetz's original rules — a five-minute limit for speakers, unless the mayor grants an exemption.

And no giving your minutes to someone else so he or she can talk longer.

"What we're trying to do is bring a little order to the process," Cheifetz said.

Commissioners approved the new rules of decorum 3-2 at the July 23 meeting with Commissioners Howard Roder and John Murphy opposed.

A state law effective Oct. 1 requires public bodies to have a participation policy to ensure audience members have a chance to speak on

agenda topics or to bring up their own concerns.

Town Attorney Trela White said she drew from Cheifetz's ideas and other sources in crafting the resolution, "but I would not characterize it as the Cheifetz resolution," she said, as some have called it.

Roder wanted to postpone discussing the guidelines until next month so residents would have a better chance to examine it. "I would like more discussion from the public, more participation," he said.

The policy requires speakers to address the commission as a whole and not individually and forbids speakers from trying to question or debate issues with the commissioners.

Resident Kersen De Jong, who often speaks at meetings, objected to the time limit and the prohibition against engaging in dialogue or asking questions of commissioners.

"We have very few people attending these meetings. To seek a way to limit those few who do attend is sending the wrong message," De Jong said.

Several other residents

also objected to the new policy. Resident Mary Ann Kunkle suggested the policy was aimed at Roder and De Jong. "Why can't we just work together? We have two people who have a different way of looking at things and they should be able to do it," she said.

Other no-no's include shouting from the audience, cell phone use and reading documents verbatim for the purpose of putting them on the record. The documents simply may be submitted to the clerk for inclusion in the record.

Several times in recent months, Cheifetz and Roder clashed over Roder's attempts to read items into the meeting minutes.

The policy originally called for a three-minute speaking limit but complaints by residents resulted in the longer allowance. Commissioners also decided to experiment with allowing public comment on non-agenda items at the start of the meetings instead of at the conclusion.

"I don't see the need for

this resolution," Murphy said. "Why do we need the extra paperwork?"

Commissioners and residents promptly broke the new rules in discussions over whether to hold evening meetings and whether to mail agendas to town residents. Meetings will remain at 9:30 a.m. and residents will be given the chance to get agendas by U.S. mail or email.

In other business, Cheifetz scolded Roder and De Jong in a strongly worded statement because they "repeatedly asked for the resignations of Town Manager (Linda) Stumpf, Police Chief (Carmen) Mattox and police officer (Keith) Shepherd."

He said they have filed complaints with various agencies to no avail. Cheifetz said they have made more than 100 public records requests, cost the town \$24,262 in professional fees to respond to their allegations and "created an atmosphere of conflict that reflects poorly on our town."

He urged them to settle

their differences privately. "We're all trying to do our civic duty by serving our community ... let's try to do it constructively, not destructively," he said.

Roder has accused Stumpf of incompetence and Mattox and Shepherd of lying. De Jong has filed a complaint with the U.S. Attorney's Office charging that the police force racially profiles motorists driving in town.

After Cheifetz's remarks, Roder said, "None of my statements has ever been refuted."

In his own statement later, De Jong disputed the mayor's tally of public record requests and said the town's spending money seeking investigations by other outside agencies of his racial profiling claims was the town's choice. "I take offense at Mayor Cheifetz' statement blaming me for causing the town to spend and waste staff time regarding my desire as a new U.S. citizen to participate in our democratic process." De Jong said public safety and racial profiling are significant issues. ★

Raises, rides and reserves packed in budget proposal

By Tim O'Meilie

Manalapan town commissioners upheld Town Manager Linda Stumpf's recommendation of a 3 percent salary increase for general employees, two part-time weekend police officers to patrol the beach and a six-car police fleet.

By a 4-1 vote, the commission set a tentative tax rate of \$3 for every \$1,000 of taxable property value beginning Oct. 1, but indicated that would likely be reduced before the final 2013-14 budget is approved in September.

Commissioner Howard

Roder wanted to set the tentative rate at \$2.90, the current rate. The commission will hold another budget workshop at 10 a.m. Aug. 26.

The owner of a home with a \$2 million taxable value paying \$5,800 this year would pay \$6,000 next year, if the property value remained the same. However, the average value increased 6.4 percent, meaning individual homeowners likely would pay more.

Commissioners said they may be willing to dip into town reserve funds for \$100,000 or more to repair the Audubon Causeway on Point Manalapan, which has been gradually

deteriorating, according to Florida Department of Transportation biennial evaluations. The town is awaiting a \$15,000 structural evaluation of the town-owned, two-lane bridge by its own engineering consultant.

The commission rejected several suggestions from Roder, including cutting the police lieutenant's position and two part-time police officers who patrol the beach on all-terrain vehicles on the weekends.

"The part-time beach patrol is unnecessary," Roder said. He said annual traffic stops have been reduced from 230 to 60, freeing officers to man beach patrols. "I am concerned about safety but our police officers are carrying it out well."

"From January to September (2012) we operated without a lieutenant and our crime rate was down 13 percent," Roder said.

Police Chief Carmen Mattox said cutting part-time officers would reduce the 12-hour per day weekend beach patrols.

During weekdays,

officers drive the beach four times during each 12-hour shift. Weekend patrols are continuous.

"It's very important for the ocean residents to have this beach patrol," said Mayor David Cheifetz. "It would be a very bad idea to take it away."

Four other commissioners agreed with Cheifetz. Commissioner Peter Isaac was absent.

Roder also opposed Stumpf's proposed 3 percent employee salary hike. "We should not emulate what we did for the police. We should make it a lump sum (increase) so it doesn't become part of their base salary," he said.

Police will get a 2 percent raise beginning in October under a new collective bargaining agreement signed by the town. The deal included a 7 percent raise retroactive to 2011 and a 3 percent hike this year.

Other commissioners favored the raise for general employees.

Commissioners agreed

with Roder's suggestion to cut a \$20,000 computer software upgrade.

The commission also agreed to buy a \$15,000 license plate reader to replace one of the six stationed on A1A and on the point. The plan is to replace one reader every year. The readers notify police of warrants, expired licenses and stolen cars passing through town.

The six-car police fleet includes rotating five patrol cars on and off the road. The lieutenant would drive one of the rotation cars. Currently he is assigned a specific car which is not outfitted for handling detainees.

The chief drives the sixth car. The town would continue its policy of replacing one car each year except in the year the chief's car is also replaced.

Cheifetz indicated that a seventh town-owned car, currently driven by the town manager, would be sold. Several commissioners disagreed with providing the manager a car. Her contract calls for a car or a \$400 monthly allowance. ★



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Raton is the one in the red.

The course was built in 1960 as part of the Sun 'N' Surf development owned by J. Myer Schine, who had also owned the Boca Raton Hotel and Club until the mid-1950s. The city bought Schine's beachfront property in 1974 and it became Red Reef Park.

In 1984, the Boca Raton Beach and Park District and the city agreed that the city would maintain and operate the park with money from the district.

The course has been a consistent money loser, and the bill keeps getting bigger. Ten years ago, the district paid \$140,843 to cover the loss, and by 2011 the deficit had reached a high of \$267,588.

City officials started taking a hard look at the course's annual deficits as early as 1998, when the Office of Management and Budget put together a report that considered options for getting better performance or getting the city out of the golf business all together.

The city owns two public golf courses, the Red Reef course and the Boca Raton Municipal Golf Course, which is on Glades Road about two miles west of the city limits. The Municipal Course is a 197-acre property that features 18 holes of championship golf and a 9-hole executive layout.

The City Council looked at several privatization plans in which the city would lease its two courses to contractors who would manage them and handle maintenance. Officials also considered selling the Municipal Golf Course off Glades Road, which was appraised at about \$3.5 million.

In the end, the city essentially decided to continue operating the courses and to try to reduce costs and losses.

Today, the City Council doesn't seem to mind Red Reef course's yearly loss, in spite of the fact that two city councilwomen have spoken in favor of selling the Municipal



Head pro Tony Chateauvert says the Palm Beach Par 3 course is in the black and will soon have a new clubhouse. **File photo**

Course, which makes money.

"Red Reef Golf Course is a part of Red Reef Park and is such a special amenity for our community," Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie said when asked about the deficits at Red Reef. "The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District assists the city in funding the maintenance and operation of the park."

When City Councilwoman Constance Scott was asked about selling the Red Reef course, she said, "When I spoke of selling a golf course, it was only the Municipal Course on Glades Road not Red Reef. I still think we should keep options to sell the Municipal Course."

Greg Jerolaman, Boca's golf course manager, said that the Municipal Course is self-supporting, "and some years made up to \$300,000 in profit. Last year, the municipal course made \$110,000."

The district's dismay

The district, on the other hand, is frustrated at paying a big bill for Red Reef every year, and commissioners voiced their concerns about the latest bill during a July 1 meeting.

Commissioner Steve Engel said, "It's a beautiful property. It's beautifully maintained and the several times that I've been there, there's hardly anybody on, and I think probably of all the facilities in the Beach and Park District, this is the least used."

Statistics confirm that fewer people are playing the course. In 2009, 31,071 rounds were played, and in 2012 the number dropped to 27,086.

While Engel suggested raising fees and increasing the course's visibility, Commissioner Dennis Frisch said "It's an enterprise fund that's supposed to break even and can't because it would have to lower prices to be competitive."

Commissioner Earl Starkoff said the commission should consider getting consultants for advice about the course's potential profitability, an option that has been raised before.

"A year ago, I was concerned about what had been a \$150,000 supplement and is now a \$250,000 supplement," he said. "I'm not convinced that we're looking broadly enough at how to come up with ways to increase rounds or (increase) the fees for the rounds because we're the same people looking at the same problem."

The commission should find "a realistic view of what our expectations should be," from golf experts, he said.

The bill for the course is "only going to get bigger next year," Frisch said.

Commission Chairman Robert Rollins, however, was more concerned about the "shaggy" state of the course. "In the budget, they're asking for an additional \$258,000. I support that, but I would like to have a little better job of the

maintenance over there."

Rollins described the losses as a "a sign of the times." With a collective shrug of shoulders, the commissioners didn't decide on a plan to help the course make more money.

Rollins concluded by saying, "There's not a single golf course in this town, in this county, in this tri-county area that's not suffering loss revenue."

Except there is just such a course 19 miles north on A1A.

The course that makes money

The public Palm Beach Par-3 Golf Course has consistently broken even or run a surplus, even through the economic downturns, according to Tony Chateauvert, the course general manager and head professional.

"We cover our expenses and operating costs and make a little bit of money," he said.

Over the last five years, the Palm Beach course has accumulated about \$373,000 in budget surpluses while Red Reef's deficits rose 64 percent between 2008 and 2012.

Chateauvert expects the course to be deeper in the green with the addition of Renato's restaurant, which will occupy the second floor of the clubhouse.

The restaurant, which will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner, will pay more than \$100,000 in yearly rent. Construction is almost complete and Renato's is expected to open in January.

"The new building was paid for by private donors and the city gave itself a loan that we're paying back. The course and new building is in no way subsidized by tax dollars," said Chateauvert.

The Palm Beach Par-3 is a very different course from the Red Reef course; the differences may explain why one makes money and the other doesn't.

The Palm Beach course is an 18-hole course; Red Reef is nine holes. The Palm Beach Par-3 makes most of its money on greens fees, the pro shop and driving range. Last year, the Palm Beach course made \$20,000 in beer sales.

Red Reef doesn't have a pro shop or driving range or beer.

The Palm Beach course's green fees are generally a little more than twice Red Reef's fees in summer — \$23 for 18 holes in Palm Beach, \$10.75 for nine holes at Red Reef — but nearly the same if you played Red Reef's nine twice for 18 holes. The Palm Beach green fees double in winter.

Palm Beach had 30,000 18-hole rounds last year; Red Reef had 27,086 nine-hole rounds. About 80 percent of the Palm Beach course's players are nonresidents, and about 60 percent of Red Reef course's players are nonresidents.

The Palm Beach Par-3 offers panoramic Intracoastal and ocean views from every hole. Players often describe it as a "mini Pebble Beach," and *Golf Digest* magazine called it "one of the best par-3's you can play anywhere."

Red Reef has a course layout between the busy A1A and the backyards of houses on the Intracoastal. Ocean views are largely obscured by trees.

The Palm Beach Par-3 was redesigned with new challenges in 2009 by Masters and U.S. Open champion Raymond Floyd. PGA instructors conduct adult and junior clinics and offers private lessons. Red Reef does not offer lessons.

People who play the Palm Beach course include professional golfers Jesper Parnevik, Michelle McGann and Beth Daniels, along with singers Vic Damone and Rod Stewart, inspirational speaker Tony Robbins and funnyman Larry the Cable Guy.

Chateauvert has played the Red Reef course. "It's a sensational property that's such a special place," he said. "It's a place to play in flip-flops and get a quick nine. It's great for kids and retirees. It's not for people who want to play championship golf."

Going forward, the question for district commissioners and the city is how much should they ask taxpayers to spend to subsidize dwindling numbers of golfers in flip-flops? ★

Along the Coast

Golf courses struggle as the sport's popularity wanes

By Steve Pike

When most people think about golf, they think about what they see on TV — primarily Tiger Woods and the PGA Tour. But neither Woods nor the Tour lives in the real world of the golf industry — an industry that includes struggling equipment companies, struggling retailers and struggling golf courses.

"A Rubik's Cube of problems," said Tony Chateauvert, general manager and head professional of the Palm Beach Par 3 on South Ocean Boulevard in Palm Beach.

The industry's most glaring problems are retention and

rounds played. By most accounts, the industry loses as many as 3 million players per year — as many players as it gains.

Rounds played in the U.S. have consistently declined. A National Golf Foundation 2005 participation study showed the number of golfers in the U.S. at 30 million; the same study in 2011 put the number at 25.7 million.

The number of golf course openings, according to the NGF, reached a record 399 in 2000. In 2012, that number was 14; the number of closings in 2012 was 155.

So much for the "golf boom" of the late 1980s and '90s. The boom — some industry

observers say it never existed — was driven largely by master-planned communities in Sun Belt states such as Florida, Texas and Arizona.

"The '80s and '90s had a huge pipeline of golfers coming down and buying a house in a golf community and joining the club," Chateauvert said. "That pipeline has been getting smaller every year. Older people are dying off and not being replaced as quickly by a new generation of golfers. The pie just keeps getting smaller."

Basically, today's golf course industry is playing a zero-sum game. According to Golf Datatech, a Kissimmee-based research company, rounds played in the U.S.

through this past May were down 11.9 percent compared to the same period in 2012. In Palm Beach County, rounds played through this past May were down 2.6 percent. For comparison, rounds played in Fort Lauderdale and Miami, through this past May, according to Golf Datatech, increased 4.2 percent versus the same period a year ago.

"It's all about how we can keep expenses down and rounds up," Chateauvert said. "Everybody is working harder. The town (of Palm Beach, which owns the Palm Beach Par 3) is realizing there is not really that much money in golf. The only difference between us and others is the town of Palm

Beach is behind this whole project."

It appears to be paying off. Chateauvert said the Palm Beach Par 3, which will open a new clubhouse this fall, "had a better year in 2011 and again in 2012 and 2013."

"I run a lot of promotions and shake a lot of hands and kiss a lot of babies," Chateauvert said. "I give (customers) a face and voice they can recognize. A lot of clubs are doing the same things, but I'm on the ocean and they aren't. And I have the town of Palm Beach behind me. For whatever reason, it works."

For the time being at least, Chateauvert seems to have solved the Rubik's Cube. ★

Ocean Ridge

Commissioners seek details on ambitious budget

By Tim O’Meilia

Ocean Ridge town commissioners will consider giving town employees a 3 percent raise, buying two police cars, a tree-trimming bucket truck and an all-terrain beach vehicle, and replacing the town’s outdated computer system — all in next year’s budget.

Also on the agenda for a July 31 budget workshop meeting were raises for the police chief — the lowest-paid in Palm Beach County, according to a salary survey — the lieutenant and two dispatchers and hiring a part-time beach patrol officer and a second full-time maintenance worker.

The \$5.5 million budget proposed by Town Manager Ken Schenck and Town Clerk and Treasurer Karen Hancsak is about \$180,000 more than this year’s budget and already includes the employee raises, one police car and \$100,000 in street and drainage improvements on Inlet Cay, Thompson Street and Spanish River Drive.

Commissioners set a

tentative tax rate of \$5.50 per every \$1,000 of taxable value for the year beginning Oct. 1 but said they intended to reduce it before final budget approval in September. The current tax rate is \$5.35.

Homeowners would pay slightly more for garbage and trash collection — \$228 for single-family homes (up \$3) and \$159 for apartments and condos (up \$2).

The 3 percent employee pay increases would match what the unionized rank-and-file police officers will receive under their union contract approved in May. Commissioners had indicated earlier that they intended to match the increase.

Paying for Schenck’s “wish list” of computers, a bucket truck, a second police car, an ATV and a pay boost for non-unionized employees would tack another \$200,000 onto the budget.

That would require increasing the tax rate from the current \$5.35 or dipping further into the town’s \$3 million in reserves to balance the budget.

At the July 24 budget workshop, Commissioner

Ed Brookes asked for a more precise cost-benefit analysis of the proposed expenditures.

“Put a little more detail into it so we can make a decision,” said Mayor Geoff Pugh.

Ridge Road resident Jerry Magruder complained that commissioners were ignoring more significant issues.

“I think we need a very vigilant Police Department. We don’t need computers. We don’t need cars. We need protection for the people,” she said.

She urged the town to station cameras on the town’s two bridges and north and south entrances to the town.

Magruder said she was the victim of a January break-in that caused \$100,000 in property damage and \$100,000 in lost jewelry.

“Everyone on my street has guns,” she said. “I can’t sleep at night. I am totally frightened.”

Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi disputed Magruder’s claim of four break-ins in the area, saying hers and an attempted burglary across the street were the only incidents since January 2012.

He said he could not verify



A man from Lauderdale Lakes was arrested July 9 for possession of burglary tools on Coconut Lane in Ocean Ridge after leading law enforcement on a two-hour, half-mile foot chase through Ocean Ridge neighborhoods. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

the amount of damage or the value of the stolen jewelry.

Yannuzzi said the department is negotiating with the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office and other agencies in collaborating on a camera system that would read license tag numbers.

He said he hopes to share the

\$60,000 to \$100,000 annual cost with other agencies, so the town would pay \$20,000 to \$30,000.

He emphasized the cameras were not surveillance cameras, but photograph license plates, allowing police to cooperate with other towns on stolen cars, wanted persons and the like. ★

South Palm Beach

Towns look for ways to speed up joint beach plan

By Tim O’Meilia

Local officials are hoping to shave months off a two-year environmental impact study that could lead to beach restoration in South Palm Beach, Lantana, Lake Worth and southern Palm Beach.

The \$560,000 study is required to get federal approval of the latest version of a beach plan — an estimated \$5 million project that would place seven short groins along the South Palm Beach-Lantana shoreline and dump about 75,000 cubic yards of sand on severely eroded “hot spots.”

“We are committed to completing the study in a year,” town of Palm Beach coastal coordinator Robert Weber told South Palm Beach Town Council members July 23.

Required public hearings and public comment timetables

would extend approval time beyond a year, Palm Beach County officials said.

“We can’t shorten the advertising and public commenting period. It’s federally mandated,” said Leann Welch, environmental resource supervisor for Palm Beach County. “We’re hoping to shorten the time of the study itself. We don’t have to re-study the reef. We’ve already done that. We’re hoping to tighten the time frame.”

The South Palm Beach plan is being studied jointly with a separate Palm Beach plan at the insistence of federal officials since the two projects are adjacent. Palm Beach would pay \$340,000, the county \$165,000 and South Palm Beach about \$40,000 (20 percent of the county’s share).

Palm Beach officials attended the South Palm Beach Town

Council meeting to encourage the town to sign an inlet-to-inlet coastal management plan that considers projects regionally and promises to streamline studies and permitting for follow-up projects.

“It takes years and hundreds of thousands of dollars just to get to the starting line,” said Palm Beach Town Manager Peter Elwell. “We see a lot of benefit to the BMA (beach management agreement) so getting approval isn’t the regulatory quagmire it has been.”

A sticking point for South Palm Beach, Lantana and Manalapan is the possibility of paying a share of the cost of monitoring of the coastline, hardbottom and sea turtles regardless of whether renourishment is ever approved. Elwell said Palm Beach will pick up the tab for the three towns.

Under one scenario, South Palm Beach would pay \$19,372, Lantana \$5,103 and Manalapan \$4,725 annually, based on their length of beach. That included no county contribution.

“We realized that would discourage you from participating. The town of Palm Beach is saying we will do the rest,” Elwell said.

Palm Beach was scheduled to pay 92 percent of the estimated \$472,000 annual cost since 12 of the 15 miles of coastline between the Boynton and Lake Worth inlets are in the town. Now, the county will pay about \$50,000 for aerial photography and graphics it performs annually anyway. Palm Beach will pay the remainder.

“We can be a signatory without any cost to us,” said South Palm Beach council member Stella Jordan.

“We need to support this but we need to look at the cost,” said Councilman Robert Gottlieb, referring to the town’s share of

the project being studied.

Council members said they would consider the agreement in the next two months. Palm Beach has signed and the Palm Beach County Commission will consider it Aug. 13.

Lantana and Manalapan officials said they had not been notified of Palm Beach’s plan to absorb the monitoring costs. Neither has formally considered signing the agreement.

“The last I heard was that we would be asked to pay 17 percent of some undetermined number,” said Manalapan Town Manager Linda Stumpf. “Without knowing what those costs are, I couldn’t advise my commission to participate.”

“It’s another piece of the puzzle for us to consider,” said Lantana Town Manager Deborah Manzo. ★

A public informational meeting on the proposed joint project is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Palm Beach Town Hall, 360 S. County Road, Palm Beach.

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Proposed tax rate same as last year

South Palm Beach nonunion employees would get a \$1,500 bonus and perhaps a cost-of-living increase under a \$1.7 million budget proposed by Town Manager Rex Taylor.

In a budget message, Taylor asked council members to consider cost-of-living raises for all employees during budget discussions. A workshop is planned for August but no date has been set.

Under their union contract, police will receive a \$1,000

bonus in the new budget beginning Oct. 1. They received \$1,500 bonuses this year. Council members set a tentative tax rate for the next budget year at \$3.42 for each \$1,000 of taxable property value, the same as this year’s. The rate can be reduced, but not increased, during budget discussions.

Final public hearings on the budget are scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 10 and Sept. 24.

— Tim O’Meilia



SOURCE: Boynton Beach CRA. Map by Bonnie Lallky-Seibert

Boynton Beach

CRA willing to swap land to secure law firm project

By Steve Plunkett

The Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency will give away land under the Little House Restaurant and the Oscar Magnuson house — the city's oldest structure — to lure a Delray Beach law firm and jumpstart development downtown.

Vivian Brooks, executive director of the CRA, told board members July 9 that just that afternoon she had reached a tentative agreement with law firm Kanner and Pinaluga PA and developer One Boynton LLC, which owns most of the land fronting Federal Highway between Ocean Avenue and Boynton Beach Boulevard save a sliver of CRA-owned land at the northwest corner.

"I think it's a win-win in my opinion at first blush," Brooks said. "To have these [law firm] jobs right there in a brand-new office building that's highly visible at a very critical, main intersection I think will kick off more interest in downtown Boynton."

Plus, said Brooks, the Magnuson and Little House properties would go on the tax rolls if owned by a private entity instead of the city.

"I like what I'm hearing here," Mayor Jerry Taylor, who chairs the CRA, said. "And the magic words I heard from you were, 'We'll move it along quicker.' Those are magic words to me."

In April the personal-injury law firm said it would build a nine-story, 50,000-square-foot office building with 300 parking spaces. One Boynton presented drawings of a 14-story, high-density residential tower, a 13-story residential tower and a 12-story, 120-room hotel.

One Boynton representatives said the 10-attorney law firm would bring about 200 employees to the downtown when it moved in in 2015 and would have room to add more.

"I would envision in five years it could be 300 to 400," firm co-founder Howard Kanner told *The Coastal Star*.

Jim Knight, principal of the Knight Group in Delray Beach, represents the law firm in the negotiations. Three years ago he was instrumental in bringing Walmart to the Federal Highway corridor.

The CRA said it would give its half-acre at Boynton Beach Boulevard to make the deal work, but Brooks said

negotiations afterward slowed to a "snail's pace."

Then F. Davis Camalier, principal of One Boynton, suggested the law firm build on the CRA land plus some of his. The CRA would give him the Magnuson and Little House parcels in return.

"He actually wanted a land swap. He presented that," Brooks said.

City Commissioner Michael Fitzpatrick, also a CRA board member, said he met with Camalier less than four hours before the meeting and the Manalapan resident offered barely a hint of the proposed deal.

"I'm still interested in having a three-story parking garage as the plaza base," Fitzpatrick said.

The CRA bought the corner parcel for \$900,000 in 2002 for the extension of Boynton Beach Boulevard and access to Marina Village. The Palm Beach County property appraiser values the land at \$425,000.

The agency bought the Magnuson property for \$850,000 in 2007 from broker Thomas Walsh, whose family owns the Marriott Hotel in Delray Beach. The county's appraised value of that parcel, at 211 E. Ocean Ave., is now \$70,294. The two-story, 1,500-square-foot Magnuson house was built in 1910.

"It is designated historic. It's only locally historic, so it doesn't protect it from being torn down," Brooks said. "If you want some protection, maybe you could say it would have to be moved."

Brooks said the CRA could find a new site for the structure.

"That would not be a huge issue. It's an easy-to-move piece of property because it's wood," she said.

Under the tentative deal the Little House Restaurant would stay at 480 E. Ocean Ave., at least until its lease runs out in 2017. The property appraiser lists its market value at \$101,492.

The restaurant is in the historic Ruth Jones Cottage, which was built in 1934 at 201 NE First Ave. The CRA paid Jones \$265,000 for the cottage in 2007 and four years later spent \$350,000 to move it and save it from demolition.

The house still has its original hardwood floors, front door and coral rock fireplace. The ceiling was created using Dade County pine from the original bedroom walls. The CRA next meets Aug. 13. ★

Lantana

Agency examines 4 bids from airport operators

By Jane Smith

Four companies submitted proposals last month in a bid to become the operator of the Lantana airport.

They are: Galaxy Aviation, Pahokee Airport, Saker Aviation and Sheltair Aviation.

The county's Department of Airports is in a quiet period for 30 days while it reviews the proposals for the general aviation airport, officially known as Palm Beach County Park Airport. It sits at the northeast corner of Congress Avenue and Lantana Road.

Bids, originally due June 21, were extended to July 19. The four companies attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting in May.

Three operate airports in Florida. Pahokee Aviation is part of Landmark Aviation, based in Houston, which also operates Palm Beach Gardens airport and three other Florida airports. Galaxy Aviation, with operations at Palm Beach International and Boca Raton airports, has facilities at three other Florida airports. Sheltair Aviation, based in Orlando, operates the Executive Airport in Fort Lauderdale and 13 others in Florida.

Saker Aviation, based in Pennsylvania, operates out of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport in Avoca, Pa.; the heliport in Manhattan; and the Garden City Regional Airport in Garden City, Kan.

The county airports department also had requested bids to develop a corner section of that airport property to build a hotel, restaurant or other commercial project. The airports department wanted to rent the vacant land. Because no company submitted a bid for that 5.99-acre parcel, the county canceled that request for proposals.

The Lantana airport, with 125,000 takeoffs or landings in 2012, is restricted to fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters; jets are not allowed to land there.

It does not have an aircraft control tower, and aircraft follow a voluntary noise-abatement plan. It also does not charge

landing fees.

Most of those aircraft operations are touch-and-go landings practiced by student pilots at the three flight schools based at the Lantana airport, according to Florida Airmotive, the current airport operator.

Florida Airmotive has a long-term lease which expires at the end of March. In the late 1980s, it built a terminal in the style of an Old Florida farmhouse with a breezeway through the middle. The office has wooden benches, and model planes hang from the ceiling. It's filled with bits of Palm Beach County aviation history, including old flight maps on the wall.

The company spent millions to turn the airport, oft-described as "The Junkyard" because of its decrepit buildings, into a homey showcase that pilots, student pilots and visitors enjoy. According to the operator, they did not bid because, "the county was not interested in extending the lease."

The county airports department makes money from the Lantana airport in several ways: ground rent, share of the rent charged to tenants in the hangars, a share of the tie-downs and a 5-cent surcharge on fuel used by aircraft. That totaled \$120,000 in the most recent financial year, said Mike Simmons, finance director for the county airports department. (The airports department budget is not part of the county's general fund.)

Starting in April, the county airports department is looking to make \$200,000 annually from the hangar rentals, plus an additional \$9,487.50 for ground rental of the 14.63 acres, and an additional \$10,000-plus from fuel sales (204,430 gallons were sold in 2012), according to its proposal.

It is offering a \$2 million rent credit to the new Lantana airport operator to fix or replace the hangars.

It had originally offered \$1 million, but doubled the amount after potential bidders said more money was needed to do the repairs. ★

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Business Spotlight

New veterinary facility serves growing clientele

By Jane Smith

Colonial Animal Hospital is passionate about pets, says Dr. Robert Martin, a veterinarian and owner of the hospital.

Its Woolbright Road location in Boynton Beach couldn't adequately serve the practice's growing clientele of coastal cats and dogs. "During the season, the parking lot was full," he says.

They were so focused on moving pets through the practice for routine medical visits, that they "couldn't spend the time with the clients ... We want to slow the visit."

In mid-July, they held an open house to show off their newly built Gateway Boulevard location, with exam rooms painted in bright colors. Martin purchased that property in 2008. Then last year, he began clearing the land to build the \$1.6 million state-of-the-art Colonial Gateway Veterinary Center.

At 4,500 square feet, it is double the size of the Woolbright location. The new center features indoor and outdoor runs for boarding dogs, an exercise pool by Endless Pools, space for popular groomer John Grumbar and grounds landscaped with a special artificial grass called K9Grass.

"We want to provide the type of care that clients want and need," Martin says.

That means boarding dogs have indoor and outdoor runs to give them a more home-

like atmosphere. The Endless Pool provides physical therapy for the dogs with hip and other joint issues and a way to exercise overweight dogs. And it's also for fun for dogs that stay overnight, he says.

Martin began working at the Woolbright Road location in 1998 when he was the second vet in that practice and it had five support staff: two technicians, two receptionists and one kennel employee. He bought the practice in 2004.

With the addition of the new Gateway Boulevard location, the practice will have five vets and 20 support staff, depending on the time of year.

About 98 percent of their clients are cats and dogs, the other 2 percent are what Martin calls "pocket pets," including hamsters and rats. They don't treat any birds or exotic animals, such as snakes and other reptiles.

The basic office visit costs \$49, plus extra for vaccinations, flea and tick prevention, heartworm preventives and other tests. He does not like discussing the money part of the practice, saying it "makes me squeamish to talk about it."

Martin describes his vets as GPs who provide specialist care. He is proud that his practice was built on word-of-mouth referrals.

For example, he and his vets know that Cavalier King Charles spaniels are prone to cardiac problems, so they pay extra attention when performing a physical exam on



ABOVE: There was plenty of room to run during Colonial Animal Hospital's open house. **RIGHT:** Dr. Rob Martin talks with Vicki Stallings and her 7-month-old dog, Xena. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

that breed.

They also try to have a good knowledge of dog and cat behavior. "Just the physical presence in the vet's office can be stressful," Martin says.

He grew up with a German shepherd, which instilled a love of dogs. His family of five kids and a wife has five dogs — two Australian shepherds, one French bulldog and two Chihuahuas.

That canine love is the main reason, he says, why he became a vet.

Colonial Gateway Veterinary Center, 2235 N. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach, 732-3629; Colonial Animal Hospital, 127 E. Woolbright Road, Boynton Beach, 737-6448; www.ColonialAnimalHospital.com.



Business Spotlight

Delray Beach's Immelman, Granger take on full-time positions

Note: Each month The Coastal Star features news from the businesses in our community. Business Spotlight is presented as a service to our advertisers and the local business community.

Twitter this: In July, the **Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative** promoted **Stephanie Immelman** to the position of executive director, proving it pays to have social media knowhow.

Of course, that's just one of Immelman's areas of expertise.



Immelman

Says Cathy Balestriere, the cooperative's chair: "With Stephanie's extensive background in international marketing and corporate finance, she has made numerous valuable contributions to DBMC ever since joining as destination marketing manager in 2008, including spearheading the

social media campaign that resulted in Delray Beach being named the Most Fun Small Town in the USA by Rand McNally, USA Today and the Travel Channel."

Marketing "fun" is not as easy as one would think. It takes expertise, and Immelman has it. She comes to DMBC with an impressive employment history, which includes working as director of market intelligence for AT&T in Brussels, Belgium, and London; managing international marketing programs for MCI, Sprint, Continental and Eastern airlines; as well as managing a private art gallery in London.

Serving as interim director since March, Immelman lead the Summer Drive campaign for in-state travelers, the annual Fourth of July celebration, and the ongoing branding initiative among the city of Delray Beach, the local Chamber of Commerce and the CRA.

There's more coming,

Immelman promises. "I look forward to working closely with our partners — the city, the Chamber of Commerce and the Delray Beach CRA — to further promote our city as a great place to visit. After all, as more people visit us, the more they want to move to Delray Beach and open businesses here."

And speaking of fun, Boca has its share of it, too. The **Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce** has just invited one and all to "come for the wine; savor the experience." Its wine tasting party, "**Wine & All that Jazz!**" is slated for 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 3, at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. While listening to sounds by **Alex and The Band**, wine lovers will have ample opportunity to sample more than 100 fine wines and lavish hors d'oeuvres served by **Abe & Louie's, Blue Martini, Oceans 234, Rapoport's Restaurant Group, Red the Steakhouse** and more.

Guests in the VIP room sponsored by NCCI will enjoy succulent food, ultra-premium wines and a signature cocktail.

"Wine & All That Jazz!" is part of the **Boca Chamber Festival Days**, and is just one of 30 events that the chamber will host this August. To view the calendar, visit bocaratonchamber.com/bcfdschedule.

It might be off-season, but you'd never know it. **The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce** has all kinds of news this month: **Karen Granger**, who has been serving as interim president, has been



Granger

named president and CEO; growth in new membership is at 37 percent over last year; and June events received lots of buzz, thanks to featured guests, bestselling author

David Pollay and former Gov. **Charlie Crist**.

Other good news: the chamber will soon move to its new office space on the first floor of the Old School Square parking garage on Northeast First Street, and the chamber's capital campaign was kicked off in June with lots of enthusiasm. Its goal is to raise \$750,000 from the community for build-out of its new space, as well as furnishings and equipment, and they are already a third of the way there. For information, call 278-0424.

"Hundreds of visitors from around the world come through our doors seeking information about our area. Since we represent the town, we want to make a memorable first impression on these guests," Granger said. "Together we can do this!"

Coming up on Saturday, Sept. 21, chamber members will honor their annual winners and finalists during

their **2013 Luminary Gala**, which will be held at the **Delray Beach Marriott**. Business Person of the Year, Business of the Year, and Nonprofit of the Year have yet to be announced, so stay tuned.

However, the chamber has released winners in other categories. **Dave Henninger** of **Island Air Conditioning** is this year's Lifetime Achievement award winner; **Connor Lynch** of **Plastridge Insurance Agency** is the Director of the Year award winner; and 2013 Business Recognition award winners are **Ancient Olive**, **Buddha Sky Bar**, **Hyatt Place Hotel**, **Maclendon Wealth Management**, **Sandbar at Boston's**, and **Villas by the Sea at the Marriott**.

This year's Ken Ellingsworth Community Service award winners are **John Campanola**, **Peter DeRosa**, **Carol Eaton**, **Ron Gilinsky**, **Chuck Halberg**, **Christina Morrison** and **Rosa Torres-Tumazos**. And this year's Ambassador of the Year award winner is John Campanola of **New York Life Insurance**.

For regional hospitals, **Boca Raton Regional Hospital** received a very healthy ranking in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2013-2014 annual listing of "America's Best Hospitals." 21st in Florida and ninth in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale metro area. It was also rated as a high-performing hospital in gastroenterology/gastrointestinal surgery and gynecology.

"Not only was the hospital listed for the third consecutive



year, but we have gone up in the rankings and were recognized as high-performing in two specialties," said **Jerry Fedele**, the hospital's president and CEO. "It is truly gratifying to be acknowledged in such a prestigious fashion for the care we provide."

After analysis of data that included death rates, patient safety and procedure volume, nearly 4,800 regional hospitals were winnowed to 732. The regional rankings are aimed primarily at consumers who may not be willing or able to travel long distances for medical care. The rankings also give patients and their families more options of hospitals within their community and health-insurance network. Highlights of the 2012-13 rankings will appear in the *U.S. News Best Hospitals 2014* guidebook,

available for purchase.

Owner/chef **Chrissy Benoit** of **The Little House** and singer/songwriter **Ric Pattison** are looking for talent in a variety of styles



Benoit to sing one-hour sets on Monday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. Of course, an audience is welcome, too, and the kitchen will be open for food and drinks. The Little House is at 480 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach.

No matter the occasion or destination, it's simple to be the best-dressed guy in the room, believes **Giovanni Marquez**, founder of **FSB (Fashion Shoppes Boutique)** and **FashionMenswear** — as long as the clothes come from his store or website. Offering a nice mix of sharp looks, there's something sure to suit any man of any age, and Marquez knows what he's talking about. The Boynton Beach fashion hub has 40 years under its belt. FSB/FashionMenswear has survived, thrived and kept fashionable with a blog as well as a presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Polyvore, Tumblr, Google+, LinkedIn and Pinterest.

Soon to come to FSB will be digital notebooks and laptops, so customers can shop for online-exclusive items while in the store. How's that for au courant? And PS, there's a big sale going on. The store is at 515 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach, or visit the website, fashionmenswear.com

Lang Realty is expanding in all directions. Recently, it acquired **Reback Realty's** Manalapan office at 277A S. Ocean Blvd. in the Plaza Del Mar shopping center, and that's on top of adding new agents at its Delray Beach location and opening a new office in Jupiter.

Kristine Wasserman, formerly of J. Bailey Wolforth, Inc. has joined the Delray Beach firm of **Illustrated Properties** on Atlantic Avenue. Since 1979, Kris has specialized full time selling beach area properties in Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Delray Beach and Highland Beach. Wasserman and her husband, Tom, have lived in Ocean Ridge for 35 years.



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Joyce Bruck

Joyce Bruck of Ocean Ridge is an accidental photographer.

The former computer operations manager who worked in California for two decades was bitten by the travel bug while growing up on the East Coast.

"I was brought up to go see things," she said of her family's annual road trip from South Carolina to Miami Beach. "My family had a Brownie camera, and someone took a picture of me at 10 in St. Augustine."

From that modest start, she would go on to visit 100 countries on seven continents. Her favorite countries are: Namibia and Madagascar for the wildlife and tribes, Antarctica for the penguins and icebergs, Chile for its varied scenery and Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, for the polar bears.

In Namibia in 2006, an elephant lumbered toward the rental car she was driving through the Etosha National Park. Her friend rolled up a window on the passenger side of the car, and Bruck said, "Winnie, that is not going to do any good." Bruck took its picture, and then the elephant simply stepped around the car, averting a crisis.

She uses two Canon EOS Rebel camera bodies, one with a wide-angle lens of 18-50 mm and one with a zoom that goes from 70-300 mm.

"You can't just have one camera today because when you fumble around changing the lens, your subject could disappear," she said.

She specializes in still lifes of animals, birds and people, as well as scenery. "Subjects intrigue me," she said. The zoom lens allows her to stand back a comfortable distance from the subject and still make a good photograph, she said.

Her travel photos have been exhibited at the Delray Beach Public Library and at Boca Raton City Hall. Her Florida bird photos were displayed at the Daggerwing Nature Center in suburban Boca Raton.

Bruck also enjoys seeing her travel photos in the monthly *International Travel News*, which relies on the candid tips from subscribers. She receives no pay for this but does it simply for the thrill of seeing her photos in print.

She writes tips for other readers, such as saving all travel documents until the trip is over.



Ocean Ridge resident Joyce Bruck (pictured here with her Chihuahua Chi Chi) travels extensively, using two Canon cameras to capture images of the humans, the wildlife and the scenery she encounters. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Her house is a testament to the save-everything principle.

She never took formal photography lessons. As a member of the Boynton Beach Camera Club, she often picks up tips from fellow photographers.

Because her parents died when she was young, she became self-sufficient. When she was working as a math aide for TRW Systems, she taught herself to program computers. She also is a Florida-licensed real estate broker.

Bruck, 70, truly enjoys living in Ocean Ridge, where the views are not marred by high-rises.

Her passion is ballroom dancing. She takes a weekly class and goes out dancing with her instructor each week.

For her next trip this fall, she will combine dancing and touring on a Silversea cruise ship that sails from Venice. She is researching Italy with five books from the Boynton Beach Library.

Currently single, Bruck picks cruise ships with gentleman hosts. That way, she can go on

all-day tours and take photos. Then when she returns to the ship, she'll have a companion for dinner and dancing.

— Jane Smith

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

A. Columbia, S.C. There was not much culture from which to learn or career options. After graduating from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's in biology, I called a cousin in California and asked if I could come out for a (job-hunting) visit. Within a few days, I got a job at the USC Medical Center as a biology researcher.

Q. How/when did you become a photographer?

A. A guy I was dating in 1965 gave me a Kodak Instamatic for my birthday. I used that camera when a girlfriend and I took a road trip through Europe.

Q. What other careers have you had, what were the highlights?

A. Biological researcher, math aide, computer programmer, data processing auditor, manager computer equipment operations, mostly in Fortune 500 companies, in California. Real estate broker/owner and mortgage broker (in Florida). The highlights were discovering how to do things better, faster and more accurate. I once managed 28 people.

Q. Tell us about your photography.

A. I take pictures in Florida and around the world, using them in articles I write, travel presentations and exhibitions.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Ocean Ridge?

A. I visited Florida as a child and had a relative living in Fort Lauderdale. I prefer warm climates. When I was trying to decide exactly where to live, I drove up the coast (to Singer Island then came back to) Ocean Ridge and decided this was where I wanted to be.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Ocean Ridge?

A. It is quiet, peaceful, beautiful. Just yesterday, a fox ran across the road in front of my car one block from my house. There are always birds, flowers and butterflies.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. I read about one book a week — usually best sellers.

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

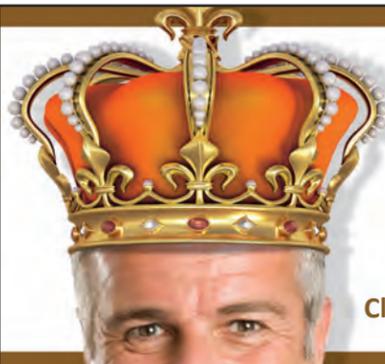
A. Various kinds: '50s, country and western, light piano concerts and Celtic women.

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

A. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Q. Who/what makes you laugh?

A. My Chihuahua Chi Chi.



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Celebrations

Junior League Board Installation Boca Raton Resort & Club – June 1

The Junior League of Boca Raton recently named its new board of directors for the 2013-24 year. Its mission: to volunteer, raise money, help develop the potential of women and improve the community through leadership and action. Photo: (front row) Florence Kizza, Crystal McMillin, Andrea Garcia, Jamie Sauer; (back row) Meghan Shea, Maggie Dickenson, Nancy Dockerty, Samantha Vassallo, Kellie Mejia, Kristen Stanley, Terri Williams, Sherry Winter, Melissa Whelchel and Jennifer Barner. Photo provided by David Decoteau/Downtown Photo



'The Magic Land of Oz'

St. Joseph's Episcopal School, Boynton Beach – May 1-3



Academy of the Arts middle-school students took center stage during three free performances of 'The Magical Land of Oz.' Attendees included students from Title I and other area schools, as well as the community-at-large. 'We are so grateful for the overwhelming generosity and dedication to the continued success of this program,' said Head of School Tami Pleasanton. Photo: The cast of 'The Magical Land of Oz,' with Artistic Director Becky Cleveland. Photo provided by Carol Cunningham

'Boston Strong'

Boston's on the Beach, Delray Beach – June 26



Local patrons, Boston natives and members of the Boca Raton Running Club (pictured above) joined forces to raise money for The One Fund, a nonprofit organization established to aid the victims and families affected by the Boston Marathon bombings. The community-wide event that drew more than 300 featured five bands, games, raffles, a silent auction and an official proclamation from the city. With help from corporate sponsors, more than \$20,000 was raised. Photo provided

International Mayor's Lunch

Caffe Luna Rosa, Delray Beach – July 15



To strengthen cultural and culinary bonds, Delray Beach Mayor Cary Glickstein joined Miyazo, Japan Mayor Shoji Inoue and his Sister Cities delegation for a July lunch at Caffe Luna Rosa in Delray Beach. Joining them were Karen Granger, president and CEO of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, Vin Nolan, economic development director for the City of Delray Beach and Sister Cities of Delray Beach President David Schmidt and board member James Mihori. Photo Provided

Along the Coast

Green turtle nesting nears record year

By Cheryl Blackerby

Halfway into sea turtle nesting season, the research is coming in, and the numbers are both surprisingly good and unexpectedly grim.

Green turtles are nesting in record high numbers. But many turtle hatchlings are being lost to disorientation from "urban glow." Even on dark beaches, hatchlings are walking toward the western glow of cities, not east toward a star-lit ocean.

"We just broke a record for green turtles. The old record was 154 nests in Boca, and as of today it's 155 and it's only July," said Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, on July 17.

Loggerhead turtle numbers were also up in Boca Raton. "Last year there were close to 1,000 nests, and so far this year there are 994," he said.

Countywide, leatherback and loggerhead nesting is a little less than last year, but turtle experts were anticipating the lower numbers. "We were expecting less because last year was a record-breaking year. It's a pretty much average season for leatherbacks and loggerheads," said Paul Davis, division director for the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management.

But green turtles are another, much more exciting, story.

"We're getting reports of three times as many nests as last year, which will put us on pace to likely break a record by the time we're done. The green turtle nesting numbers are surprising, shocking — whatever superlatives you want to throw in," Davis said.

But there's bad news, too, that also has taken scientists by surprise: Hatchlings are dying from disorientation caused by urban glow or "sky glow," the light projected into the sky by cities at night, creating an illuminated horizon that causes hatchlings to walk toward the west instead of the ocean.

"In the last nest, we had 100 eggs, and 60 hatchlings scattered in all directions and probably didn't make it into the water. Overall, we're probably losing 30 percent of hatchlings to disorientation caused by sky glow," said Rusenko.

He tracks sky glow with a computerized monitor that records the light every 15 minutes. In recent weeks, low clouds have amplified the light from urban areas, making a powerful amber glow than can be seen for miles and lights up the night sky.

"We've had pretty bad disorientation in Spanish River Park beach, and that beach

has no lights," Rusenko said. Even with the lights turned out on the beach, the glow from the city on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway is strong enough to confuse turtles.

"Sky glow is the primary concern for turtle disorientation in the county," said Davis. "Sky glow is the result of light being reflected off clouds or haze in the atmosphere as we increase the amount of light. Much of city lighting is inefficient, and is being aimed skyward, not doing any of us any good. Our goal is to decrease unnecessary light that's being lost upward."

It's time to turn down the lights in the county's coastal cities, he said, because the health and safety of the county's nesting sea turtles are crucial to the rest of the state. "When you add up all three turtle species, Palm Beach County has the highest number of nests per mile in the continental United States. What we do here in the county affects almost 25 percent of the nesting in the state, and has a direct affect on the success of sea turtle conservation in Florida."

There are no real numbers on hatchling disorientation countywide, said Davis. "We have not gotten very many reports of disorientation. We speculate this has been a rainy season, and it's harder for



LEFT: Green turtles mate in the surf off Gulfstream Park. Photo provided by Joan Lorne

people to see hatchling crawls. It's hard to see if they went in the right direction."

Turning out the lights on the beaches may have been a reason for the comeback of green turtles, whose numbers dropped 50 percent from 1999 to 2009 and prompted scientists to consider changing the turtles' designation from threatened to endangered.

"The green turtles started shooting back up to numbers we haven't seen in the last 20 years. It could be that the turtles naturally have cycles like that — we've only been recording nesting since the 1970s," said Rusenko. "But lighting ordinances began in the 1980s, so we may be seeing benefits of the conservation efforts including turning off lighting on beaches."

Cities are becoming more aware of light pollution. Boca Raton installed full cut-off lighting — lighting that shines fully on the ground — at City Hall, the new library, and the city police building.

Individuals also can reduce urban glow. Davis and Rusenko offer these tips:

- Use full cut-off lighting fixtures that project light on the ground and not into the sky. "These lights actually put more light down where you need it," said Davis.

- At Lowe's and Home Depot, look for Dark-Sky approved light fixtures.

- Use amber lights.

Stay informed about light pollution by attending International Dark-Sky Association (idapalmbeach.org) meetings held at 5:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the Florida Atlantic University observatory. The group has helped high-rise condos change their lighting and is involved in other projects such as retrofitting lighting in state parks and educating the public about light pollution and its effect on the health of people and wildlife.

Rusenko is a founding member, and he and Davis are board members. ★

Obituaries

Phyllis De Stefano

By Emily J. Minor

MANALAPAN — Around town, they called her "Manalapan's mom" — mostly because she was friendly and



kind and downright adorable. "The past four or five years, she gave up the snowbird thing and just lived

down here permanently," says Manalapan Vice Mayor Louis De Stefano, about his mother. "She loved it."

And the town loved her.

Phyllis De Stefano, the daughter of a New York City sanitation worker, was smart as a whip but never finished high school because she had to drop out and help her parents after the 1929 stock market crash. Mrs. De Stefano died in her sleep in the lovely cottage her son had bought her on Lands End Road. She was 97.

"She always had a funny,

upbeat disposition, no matter what was going on," the vice mayor said. "She was warm and engaging and had a very strong faith."

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Aug. 27, 1915, she was the daughter of Italian immigrants, Giovionni and Valleverde Lombardozzi. The parents spoke only Italian at home, but their daughter, Phyllis, learned English quickly once she started school. Her son said she was so quick with the studies that she eventually was able to skip a grade in elementary school.

But when Wall Street crashed, she quit school to work for a laundry. Her \$12-a-week paycheck helped the family get by, De Stefano said. "She was always sorry she didn't go back to school," he said.

In 1935, at the tender age of 20, she married Arthur De Stefano, another Brooklyn kid who was a year her senior. For a while, the newlyweds lived with her parents, De Stefano

said, but eventually they bought their first home in Bay Ridge in 1948. There, they raised their three sons.

Mr. De Stefano died in 1994, and the vice mayor's two brothers also preceded Mrs. De Stefano in death.

Louis De Stefano, who moved to Manalapan in 1990, said his mother started coming south for the winter shortly after he settled in town. "I convinced her she would like it," said De Stefano, who called his mother's time in Florida some of her happiest years.

So beloved was she that in January, the town named a small park after her. The plaque reads: "Tranquility Park. Dedicated to Phyllis De Stefano. Town of Manalapan. 2013."

The family asks that any memorials be given to the town for the continued beautification of Tranquility Park, which is near Mrs. De Stefano's Manalapan home.

Lawrence O'Daly

By Ron Hayes

OCEAN RIDGE — Lawrence O'Daly made his living selling toys and laughter.

As a producer of television commercials, he promoted Duncan Yo-Yos and Silly Putty.

In the early 1960s, he helped develop and promote

G.I. Joe action figures, and in the 1980s he championed both famous and fledgling comedians as creator and producer of cable television's Evening At The Improv and Comedy On The Road, for which he won an ACE Cable TV Award.

A resident of Ocean Ridge since 1999, Mr. O'Daly died at Bethesda Memorial Hospital on June 8 after a lengthy illness. He was 77.

"Larry was a really one-off personality," remembers Barbara O'Daly, his wife of 31 years. "I'd never met anyone like him. He was charming, erudite, and a real go-getter and dealmaker. He loved the deal more than the results."

Mr. O'Daly was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 6, 1936, the eldest of 10 children, which earned him the family nickname, "The Chief."

"Larry used to joke that his mother had 10 Irish-American children, but none became cops, firefighters, priests or nuns, and none of them ever did time," his wife said.

After service in the U.S. Army, Mr. O'Daly attended City College of New York.

Early jobs as a copy boy and proofreader for *The Brooklyn Eagle* and *Wall Street Journal* led to advertising positions at food and automobile magazines, and then on to television advertising, where he worked for the Wham-O, Ideal and Hasbro companies, developing campaigns for their best-known toys.

After donating master copies of the comedy shows to the Museum of Television and to the University of California, the O'Dalys founded Entertainment Properties Ltd., to market DVD versions of the 3,000 acts featured during the two shows' 14-year run.

"He never really retired," Barbara O'Daly said.

In addition to his widow, Mr. O'Daly is survived by his daughter, Laura McCann; two sons, Mathew and Terence O'Daly; and a granddaughter, Sara Mary O'Daly.

A memorial service was held at his daughter's home in Northport, N.Y.



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Along the Coast

Track hurricane season with smartphone apps

By Steve Pike

If you're looking for some great reading, try *Isaac's Storm* by Erik Larson, which tells the story of scientist Isaac Cline, one of the country's first meteorologists, and the events leading up to the September 1900 hurricane that killed more than 6,000 people in Galveston, Texas, and almost wiped out the barrier island.

Larson writes that before the storm, which would become the deadliest in U.S. history, the nation "was swollen with pride and technological confidence."

Today's technology to predict and map hurricanes and severe weather has taken quantum leaps forward since Cline's time, so as the peak of the 2013 hurricane season approaches, area residents have

a plethora of techno options to track potential storms.

Among the best is Storm Shield Weather for iPhones and Android phones. The app can be downloaded from WPTV's website (www.wptv.com).

"It's the only app I know that acts like a weather alert radio, sending you the latest NWS severe weather warnings," said WPTV chief meteorologist Steve Weagle. "It also gives our tweets, the hurricane tracks, seven-day forecast, our radar and other SPC outlooks, too."

The Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management has enhanced the features of its smartphone application. The app is called PBC DART (Palm Beach County Disaster Awareness and Recovery Tool). The app, which

launched last year, enables residents to determine whether they reside in an evacuation zone, locate their nearest public shelter, and report damage to their home or business.

Enhancements to the app include:

- Grocery and building supply stores with emergency power
- Gas stations equipped with transfer switches
- Immediate access to Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management's Twitter feed
- Disaster supplies kit information

PBC DART is available at no charge from Apple's iTunes Store or the Google Play app store. For additional information on emergency management programs, visit

www.pbcgov.com/dem/.

If you like to watch weather radar, Weather Bug (www.weatherbug.com) has some great interactive maps with radar. It also serves as an early warning system.

Some other quality apps:

- The Weather Channel (www.weather.com) has apps for iPhones, Android phones, Blackberry, Windows Phone, iPad and Kindle Fire. It's a free app that uses the Weather Channel's TruPoint technology that provides a forecast within 1.5 miles of the user's location.

- The American Red Cross has a free app — Hurricane by American Red Cross — for iPhones and Android phones that is among the best available. The app allows the user to monitor conditions in specific neighborhoods, find help and

let others know the user is safe even if the power is out.

From your mobile phone, call **REDCROSS (**73327677) and get a link to download the hurricane tracking app to an iPhone or Android device. Or you can download them directly from the iTunes and Google Play app stores.

- Hurricane Hound is a free app from Google Play that shows the tracks and forecasts of active hurricanes and tropical storms. It also highlights areas the National Weather Service is watching for possible development. The app, which covers the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific basins, provides access to NWS forecast information, including tropical outlooks and discussions, public advisories, forecasts and satellite imagery. ★

Lagoon restoration gives new life to Intracoastal 'dead zones'

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

A fisherman on a yellow and orange kayak paddles toward a mangrove island. Soon he'll hook a 40-inch snook that will, after 10 minutes of fighting, get away.

"I would have loved to get a picture of him," says Eddie Eagle from Delray Beach.

A birder carrying a massive camera walks toward the small shade pavilion at the end of the boardwalk. He expects to see a mated pair of oyster catchers that until now were only found along the coast as far south as New Smyrna Beach.

"It's an incredible, really nice area for seeing birds," says Al Pelligrinelli of Boca Raton.

Welcome to the Snook Islands Natural Area that stretches north of the Lake Avenue Bridge along the Lake Worth Lagoon.

"It's a real gift to the city," says Gael Silverblatt, the co-chairman of the Snook Islands Volunteers. After all, most of the funding for this multiphase project came from grants and state money; the county supplies staff to oversee the construction.

Before the habitat restoration began in 2003, this area of Lake Worth was a "dead zone," says project manager Carman Vare, who works for Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management.

A deep trough at the bottom of the lake was created in the 1920s when it was dredged for sand to create the Lake Worth Municipal Golf Course that still attracts duffers today.

The hole left in the lagoon was a massive 1.2 miles long, 800 feet wide and, in some areas, 20 to 25 feet deep.

It was so deep that light couldn't penetrate and there was no oxygen in the water. In fact, the only thing that



ABOVE: About 20 volunteers (including Gael Silverblatt, left) took part in a recent planting of mangrove seedlings just north of the Lake Worth Bridge. Jerry Lower/ The Coastal Star



survived at those depths were worms associated with raw sewage, says Vare.

Lucky for Lake Worth residents, at about the same time, a restoration project was underway just north at Peanut Island where they needed to get rid of 40 feet of sand.

That's when it was decided that 1.2 million cubic feet of it would be put on barges

and shipped south, where it would be used to fill the huge hole, stabilize the muck and create four islands and three peninsulas along the coastline.

Today these areas, which were hand-planted with mangrove trees and cord grass, provide more than 10 acres of habitat for birds and more than 2 acres of habitat for oysters. As a result of the work, nature has donated 46 acres of sea grass that has sprung up around the islands.

"You can plot and plan and try to engineer things but ultimately mother nature blesses what she likes. We never envisioned this project to be so successful," says Vare.

In its early years, this natural area wasn't easy for people to enjoy. "You had to climb to the top of the Lake Avenue Bridge to see it," says Ginny Powell, who does public outreach for ERM.

To ease access, docks, a 650-foot fishing pier and a 550-foot boardwalk were added in 2012. And 100 of Silverblatt's volunteers planted 450 donated native plants to buffer the area from the street.

But that wasn't the end of the restoration. Another one-third-acre island and more oyster habitat were recently added north of the bridge. This project was finished in June when about 20 volunteers hand-planted 1,000 red mangrove seedlings.

South of the bridge the work continues with three more islands and oyster habitat scheduled for completion by mid-2014.

"These projects have a lot of benefits for the economy, the city and the private sector by providing jobs," says Powell. "But best of all, they've been good for the environment. Talk to any citizens that know about these projects and they

are thrilled. I've heard no complaints."

A note to paddlers

If you want to paddle the Snook Islands Natural Area, there's a floating dock located at the northwest end of the Lake Avenue Bridge. Heading west on the bridge, take the turnoff into the nature center. There's a drop-off area where you can unload your boat. But before launching, you'll have to move your car to street parking located a block or two away.

We found it much more convenient to put in from the boat ramps of Bryant Park on the southwest side of the bridge, where there's plenty of parking and restrooms.

For more information on the Lake Worth Lagoon restoration, visit www.pbcgov.com/erm/lakes/estuarine/snook/ ★

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Palette pleasers

Benjamin Moore color consultant Veronica Bower helped the owner of this Boca Raton home change the exterior from aqua to warm yellow, with white trim and blue accents. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Color consultant can help you find the perfect coastal hues for your home

By Jane Smith

When you want to repaint your coastal home, how do you go about choosing a color?

Do you collect pages from home magazines that show pictures of houses painted in colors you adore? Pick out colors based on a favorite artwork? Or go through your wardrobe to see what colors you favor when clothes shopping?

Do you then buy several different paint colors that are applied to the walls in a checkerboard style? And then, after several attempts you might select one you can live with.

There is an easier and less costly method of selecting paint colors to give your home curb appeal. It involves

the services of a color consultant who knows paint colors and how they are influenced by light.

A good one will help select a color palette to create a color flow that forms a harmonious home.

"That's very important," said Veronica Bower, a certified color consultant with Benjamin Moore stores in Boca Raton and West Palm Beach. "When you walk through the front door, you want to see the same color in the foyer." She tries to keep the colors inside balanced by selecting pastels with pastels and bolds with bolds.

For the interior of a home, she suggests that clients decide on the furnishings and artwork first, and then

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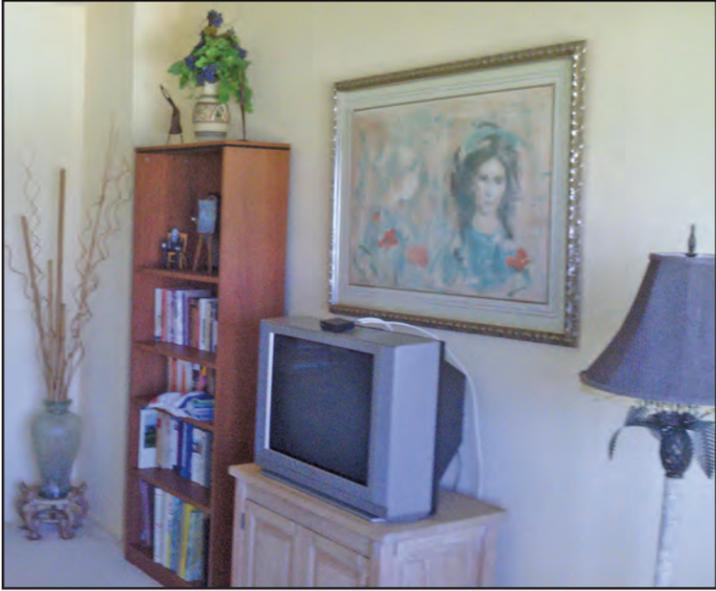


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COLOR

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the paint color.

“Paint should be the last thing chosen,” said Bower. If the paint is selected first, you are “tied down to that specific color — your choices are limited by the paint color for furniture and hard goods.”

Two South County coastal women who recently hired Bower to help pick paint colors rave about her color knowledge.

“She has a fresh eye, knows her colors and is pleasant to be around,” said a Boca Raton homeowner who lives along the Intracoastal Waterway.

Her Key West-style home needed to be repainted because of its waterfront location. Years of salt-water breezes took their toll on home. Andover Management Co., whose judgment the home owner trusted, suggested Bower.

Bower drove out to the Intracoastal house to do the in-person consultation.

“She spent hours and hours because my husband and I have different tastes,” the wife said. “She asked us what colors we liked. I told her I didn’t have any preferences, but knew what I didn’t like. My husband wanted something bright.”

Bower came up with a color palette for the home’s exterior that pleased both husband and wife. It was repainted in May.

For that exterior paint job, with its body originally painted in bright aqua, trim in white and accent color in off-white, Bower selected a fresh palette. The colors selected were: Hawthorne Yellow for the body, Serenity for the accent color and White Dove for the trim.

She suggests three colors for the exterior, likening that selection to the outfit a person might wear: shirt, pants and a

Benjamin Moore color consultant Veronica Bower helped the owner of this Delray Beach condominium choose a soft neutral paint color with butter and cream tones that create a cozier feel than before (left). **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

scarf or vest to set the outfit.

The body of house color is very important because it is the largest area, she said. Trim paint colors go on soffit, fascia, window sills and sometimes the garage door. The accent color goes on the front door and shutters.

For coastal homes, which often have stucco surfaces, she recommends a satin sheen for the exterior. Flat paints will soak in and absorb quickly, making the exterior surface feel chalky and causing the color to fade quickly. “Think of it as a little bit of sunscreen for your exterior,” she said.

Bower got her start with Benjamin Moore paint colors in 1997 when she lived in North Carolina. She also studied paint colors through in-person

seminars and online until she had the hours to become certified.

After moving to Florida, she began working in 2008 at the Boca Raton Benjamin Moore store. She does color consulting there 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays, she is at the West Palm Beach store during the same hours. The in-store consultations are free. For an in-home consult, she charges an hourly fee, which varies depending on distance and the day.

Pictures on a smartphone or from a magazine don’t provide the true color resolution of a paint color, she said. “You really need a paint color chip.”

In addition, the way the paint colors looks on walls inside a home or on its exterior can vary by the quality and quantity of the light available.

“A paint color is 50 percent natural and artificial light and 50 percent the paint color,” Bower said.

Time of day also influences a color because of the position of the sun and the direction a home faces.

The Delray Beach oceanfront

condo owner heard about Bower from a Boca Raton cousin. That woman had talked with Bower about paint colors for a bathroom project.

The condo owner wanted a calm but peaceful color she could be comfortable looking at, plus one that would look good with the water view.

Bower selected Philadelphia Cream for the living room, described as “a very soft neutral with a little cream and butter mixed in together to create coziness.”

The other Benjamin Moore colors selected for the condo are: White Sand in the kitchen and hallways, Burlap in the master bedroom and bath, Edgcomb Gray in the powder room with the ceilings and trim in white dove.

The condo’s interior was repainted in June.

The owner recently raved about how the paint colors transformed her condo.

“In some ways, it looks like a new apartment,” she said. “The colors chosen make certain things pop out that previously were hidden. I am very happy with it.” ★

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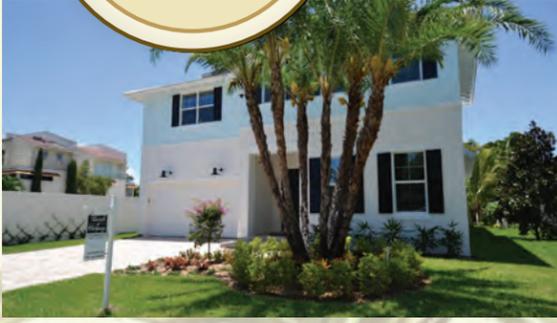
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Built in 2004, this tri-level Madrid model is a 3 BR, 2½ BA, 2 car garage townhome with a bonus room on the first floor. Upgraded kitchen with granite, plus plantation shutters throughout. Premium location on the pool with private entrance. Megan Lake, 561-702-4003



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Woodlake ~ Annual Lease

Lovely 2 BR, 2 BA courtyard home with a 1 car garage and water views. Tiled floors and updated kitchen, plus a separate laundry room. Large pet permitted. Great community with pool and tennis courts. \$1,775 per month. Michael Weiss, 561-573-7592.



The Rev. Canon William Stokes of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is surrounded by his family, including, from left, daughter Erin Potter, wife, Susan, and son Richard, as The Very Reverend Kathleen P. Gannon, curate, prays over them as Stokes begins his transition to become bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey. The minister, known to the congregation as 'Father Chip,' held his last service on July 14. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Finding Faith

St. Paul's Episcopal bids farewell to The Rev. Canon 'Chip' Stokes

It was appropriate that the Rev. Canon "Chip" Stokes chose the story of the Good Samaritan for his farewell sermon. **St. Paul's Episcopal**

embraced poor Haitian immigrants living around the church during Stokes' ministry. Christ told the parable of the Good Samaritan so Christians will

be compassionate to their neighbors. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," Stokes reminded his congregation in his final sermon on July 14

before leaving to become the bishop of New Jersey. Stokes has been at St. Paul's since January 1999. "The point we learn is not who deserves to be cared for,

See more photos from The Rev. Chip's final sermon at St. Paul's at thecoastalstar.com.

but rather the Lord's demand to become a person who treats everyone we encounter with compassion," he said. "One must take the same risks with one's life and possessions that the Samaritan did."

The city of Delray Beach honored Stokes on July 9 with a proclamation describing him as an agent for change who celebrates diversity and cultural change.

"You are truly one of the unsung heroes in our town," Mayor Cary Glickstein told him. "Most people don't know how profound the impact that you, your wife, Susan, and the church under your leadership have had on this community."

Stokes thanked his congregation for allowing him to be a Good Samaritan.

"It is a ministry to the frightened, hurting, alien, naked and defenseless that the Lord and his gospel call us, always!" he said.

The U.S. Bishop of the Episcopal Church has accepted



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accepted an invitation to attend the 60th anniversary celebration at **St. Gregory's Episcopal Church** in Boca Raton.

Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will lead a Saturday night worship service on the beach on Dec. 7 in addition to Sunday worship on Dec. 8, which will be followed by a gala luncheon at the **Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club**.

"We're honored and thrilled," said **Patricia Jordan**, the anniversary organizer who said she never expected that the bishop would select St. Gregory's when other Episcopal congregations also invite her to their anniversaries.

"The etiquette is like when a college invites the president of the United States to be their commencement speaker," Jordan said. "I guess our timing was right."

Jefferts Schori was elected in 2006 as the first woman primate in the worldwide Anglican Communion. She was born in Pensacola.

St. Gregory's, which began in 1953 and grew to 1,200 members, is known for its vibrant outreach missions and worship services rich with Anglican tradition.

More than 1,600 volunteer gleaners harvested 319,483 pounds of produce to feed the poor during the 2012-13 growing season.

The county's largest gleaning program is run by **Christians Reaching Out to Society** with volunteers from church groups, school groups and service organizations. **The Caring Kitchen** in Delray Beach is one of its major food recipients.

Because of bad weather, the harvest fell short of the record 345,225 pounds of sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers and other crops gleaned from local fields in 2011-12.

Too much rain in October and a freeze in February hurt this season's sweet corn production. "We were off 75,000 pounds in sweet corn alone," gleaning director **Keith Cutshall** said.

But a new alliance with the owners of **Bedner's Farm Fresh Market** west of Boynton Beach, yielded 66,000 pounds of produce this year.

The Bedner family has farmed 900 acres west of Boynton since the early 1960s. They are the only farmers in Palm Beach County who sell their produce at their own farmer's market. "We're a small business giving back to the community," said **Bruce Bedner**, one of three brothers who farm the land.

"They really opened their fields to us," Cutshall said.

Even better, CROS volunteers were allowed into the Bedner Farms processing plant to rescue cucumbers, cantaloupe and sweet corn



CROS gleaners harvested peppers last February at Bedner Farms to feed the poor. Photo provided

rejected because they were not pretty enough. "It's perfectly good produce that doesn't look too good at the supermarket," Cutshall said.

The volunteer gleaners celebrated this year's harvest with a picnic at Bedner's Farm Fresh Market on July 27.

CROS could get even more produce from the Bedner Farms processing plant from next season if more volunteers sign up during late March to mid-May.

Anyone interested can call Cutshall at (561) 233-9009, Ext. 107.

Catholic schools take pride in the achievements of their graduates. So much so that **St. Joan of Arc Catholic School** recently tracked its graduates to see how they fared in high school and beyond.

The Boca Raton school, begun in 1960 with nuns from the **Sisters of Mercy** in Ireland as teachers, has grown to 550 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

The school emphasizes technology, language and math, with high school courses in Spanish and Algebra. St. Joan has been named a **Blue Ribbon School of Academic Excellence** by the U.S. Department of Education.

St. Joan's list of successful graduates includes both the valedictorian and salutatorian this year at **Cardinal Gibbons High**

School in Fort Lauderdale and the salutatorian at **Pope John Paul II High School** in Boca Raton, where a St. Joan graduate was the valedictorian last year.

St. Mark Catholic School in Boynton Beach had graduates named the valedictorians at both **Pope John Paul** and **Cardinal Newman High School** in West Palm Beach this year.

St. Mark closed, but the remaining three K-8 Catholic schools in southern Palm Beach County stay proud of the foundation they give students.

"We're still very strong," said **Vikki Delgado**, principal of **St. Vincent Ferrer**



Delgado

Catholic School in Delray Beach, where graduates often excel at **American Heritage High School** in Delray

Beach.

"Students with a Catholic education are prepared," Delgado said. "They are seen as leaders who take initiatives."

Tim Pallesen writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and community events. Email him at tcpallesen@aol.com.



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AUGUST 3

Saturday - 8/3 Saturdays @ Sanborn:

Yoga Class at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Held every Sat. Registration: 8:45 am; class: 9 am. Free. 393-7703 or www.downtownboca.org.

8/3 - 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.

8/3 - Boca Bootcamp - Saturdays at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Class combines bodyweight exercises, cardio-kickboxing, and aerobics to build lean muscle and burn calories. For all levels of fitness. Try the first class for free. 9-10am. Per

4-pack: \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident; per 8-pack: \$75/resident, \$94/non-resident; per 12-pack: \$100/resident, \$125/non-resident. 393-7807 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

8/3 - Yoga Class at the Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton. Classes held M-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.

8/3 - Judo Class - Saturdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. Two sessions: Wednesdays - Mixed ages & ranks: 6:30-8 pm; Advanced: 8-9 pm; Saturdays - all groups: 10am-noon. Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807.

8/3 - Capoeira Fitness for ages 12 & up at Sanborn Square, 72 N. Federal Hwy., Boca

Raton. Saturdays, 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

8/3 - Zumba Class at the South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Held every Sat. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703.

8/3-4 - Yoga at the Beach - Held every Saturday and Sunday at Red Reef Park West, 1221 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, and Mondays at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Build strength and flexibility, improve postural alignment and stabilize the core. Registration can be done at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd., or on-site before class. Parking passes can only be obtained through the Community Center. Classes held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway. Cash not accepted on-site. Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 am; M: 6:30-7:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$19/non-residents per class, or 60 day membership (unlimited classes) for \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807.

AUGUST 4-10

Sunday - 8/4 - 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 - 8/5 - Jazzercise/Body Sculpting at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 50-minute muscle toning workouts feature a creative combination of weight training and stretching. Held every M & W. 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.

8/5 - Mom's Morning Workout at Boca Raton Community Center Annex, 260 Crawford Blvd. Lose weight, tone up, get sculpted and build endurance. A personalized system in a group setting. M-W-F: 9-10am. Per 6-pack: \$90/resident, \$112.50/non-resident; monthly membership: \$150/resident, \$187.50/non-resident. 393-7807.

8/5 - Yoga in the Garden with Rassika Sabine Bourgi at the Society of The Four Arts, Pannill Pavilion, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. M-W-F through 9/27. 9-10 am. \$15 per session. 805-8562 or www.fourarts.org.

8/5 - Jazzercise/Light at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 50-minute class pairs moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Held every M & W. 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.

8/5 - Tai Chi for Beginners (all ages) at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Learn natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. Held

every Monday. 11 am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

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

8/5 - Body with Style Aerobics at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Held M&W. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$3/ at the door. 742-6550.

8/5 - Men's Issues Support Group meets every Monday at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6:30-8 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

8/5 - 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.

Tuesday - 8/6 - Cardio Sculpt at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscle. Modifications are given to accommodate pregnant moms as well as beginner to advanced fitness levels. Held every T&Th. 8:45-9:30. 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.

8/6 - Heartsaver Automated External Defibrillator (HSAED) at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Meadows Road, Boca Raton. Class teaches adult, child and infant one person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. Held again 9/3. 9 am-noon. \$30/class. Registration: 955-4468.

8/6 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, body weight resistance training, agility drills and core strengthening. Held every T&Th. 9:30-10:20. 1 class: \$10/residents, \$12.50/non-residents; 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.

8/6 - Women's Issues Support Group meets Tuesdays at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. Two times: 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

8/6 - Beginners Yoga at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. Every T&Th, 10:15 am; Chair Yoga: T, 11:30 am. \$10. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

8/6 - Caregivers Support Group meets Tuesdays at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 483-5300.

8/6 - Understanding Fibromyalgia: Treatment Options with a Focus on Nutritional Guidelines - Presented by Shirley Zelikovsky, M.D., as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, 7091 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 2-3 pm. Free. 558-2149.

Wednesday - 8/7 - Yoga for ages 18 and up at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am. Per class:

\$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/7 - CPR Class (American Heart Association Heartsaver/AED) at Ocean Rescue Headquarters, 340 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Open to all Delray Beach residents. Topics include: activating the emergency response system, adult, child and infant CPR, choking, and defibrillation. Held the 1st Wednesday of every month. For ages 14 and up. 9 am-12:30 pm. Free. CPR masks can be purchased for \$5. Free. 243-7352.

8/7 - Divorced and Separated Support Group meets Wednesdays at the Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. 6-7:30 pm. First session free, \$5 thereafter. 483-5300.

8/7 - Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and attention skills. Two sessions: beginners, 6:10-7:10 pm; intermediate, 7:10-8:10 pm. 8 classes: \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; 12 classes: \$66/residents, \$82/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/7 - Belly Dance Class at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. All ages and abilities are welcome to learn this ancient form of dance. Wednesdays through 9/11. 6:30-7:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81/non-residents. 367-7035.

8/7 - Zumba Classes at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Fitness program inspired by Latin dance. Wednesdays through 9/11. 7-8 pm. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6240.

Thursday - 8/8 - Delray Beach Walkers Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Improve your health, make new friends, and enjoy Delray Beach's beautiful vistas. Held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 8 am. Free. 243-7352.

8/8 - Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Thursdays, 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.

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AUGUST 11-17

Sunday-Saturday - 8/11-17 - Medical Consultations, Screenings and Lab Work during National Health Center Week at Genesis Community Health, 564 E. Woolbright Road, Boynton Beach. 8/12: Diabetes/Metabolic Syndrome Panel (lab work); 8/13: Pap Smears/Mammogram; 8/14: Colon Cancer Screening (fecal occult blood test); 8/15: HIV Rapid Testing; 8/16: Lab Work Results/Nutrition Classes. 10 am-3 pm. Free. 735-6553 or www.gencomhealth.org.

Monday - 8/15 - SuperPATH: The Latest in Hip Replacement - Presented by Elvis Grandic, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon, as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, 7091 West Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 558-2149.

AUGUST 18-24

Thursday-8/20 - The Agony of Defeat: Advanced Solutions for Foot and Ankle Pain - Presented by Alan MacGill, D.P.M., Podiatrist, as part of the Bethesda Memorial Hospital Community Lecture Series at the West Boynton Beach Library, 9451 S. Jog Road. 2-3 pm. Free. 734-5556.

Friday - 8/21 - Belly Dancing with Sherezzah at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. A safe, low-impact exercise that improves strength, flexibility, coordination, cardio health, and self-confidence. No experience or partner required. Wednesdays through 9/25. For adults. 12:30-1:30 pm. \$60/residents, \$65/non-residents. 243-7350.

SEPTEMBER 1-7

Sunday - 9/1 - Pompey Park Walking Club at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Get fit in this program designed to promote health and camaraderie. Runs through 11/31. 7 am and 6 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. Registration: 243-7356.

Thursday - 9/5 Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - Presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viejo, M.D., in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass and Lap-Band surgery can change lives. Held the first Thursday of each month. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 84688.



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Health & Harmony

'You're Never Alone' offers friendly place to move past grief

On a recent Saturday morning, 13 seniors sit in a circle inside a meeting room at Grand Villa Senior Living Community in Delray Beach. Designated group leader Nat Spector—who is 94 but looks about 10 years younger—rattles off his list of topics for discussion today: the George Zimmerman trial, the immigration bill, health care costs, new abortion laws in Texas and new phone service options at Verizon.

Wait. Isn't this supposed to be a bereavement support group? It feels more like the old PBS *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

A dark-haired woman to my right, Anne Marie Riviuccio, explains.

"We're a group of people who got together because we had a loss. But we don't talk about our losses anymore and lament the past."

Riviuccio, 63, is the newest and youngest member of the group. Referring to her circle mates, she says: "They've all moved on and they've helped me to move on. We've become more of a socio-political-economic-whatever-hits-our-minds-that-day discussion group."

Officially, the group is called "You're Never Alone After Bereavement." Sponsored by the nonprofit Senior Foundation, it is designed for people 50 and older who have lost a spouse or significant



Anne Marie Riviuccio makes a point during the 'You're Never Alone' discussion group. Riviuccio, 63, is the newest and youngest member of the group. Referring to her circle mates, she says: 'They've all moved on and they've helped me to move on. We've become more of a socio-political-economic-whatever-hits-our-minds-that-day discussion group.'

Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

other. On this day, five men and eight women occupy the circle. Average age: about 82. New members are always welcome.

"We know it [bereavement] is a very sad state because we've all been there," Spector says.

Longtime member Harriet Lipkin, 80, says if a new person needs to talk about their loss, members listen and try to give practical advice and support based on their own experiences.

"We tell them, the first year you're expecting them [the deceased partner] to come home. The second year is worse: You know they're not coming home," Lipkin says.

But rather than dwell on losses, the group focuses on sharing information, thoughts, ideas and opinions. They are a lively bunch. And they all agree that discussing current issues and events gives them new things to think about,

and a place to go each week to socialize with peers.

"I want to tell you, I'm here two years," says Jeanette Kramer, who is sitting to my left, "and I really feel that I gained something. Not only knowledge of current events, but..."

Before she can finish, the gentleman sitting next to her pipes up.

"You gained me!" says Ed Sandler.

The room erupts in laughter. I learn that Ed and Jeanette, who met after joining the group, are now a couple. And it turns out that Nat Spector and Harriet Lipkin started seeing each other 10 years ago, shortly after meeting in the support group.

Numerous studies have shown that social interaction can promote physical, emotional and cognitive health

among senior citizens, a group at risk for isolation, loneliness and depression.

That's why J. Robert Gordon, former senior services coordinator with the Mental Health Association of West Palm Beach, launched the "Never Alone" group 15 years ago. He is delighted it's still going strong.

What makes it successful? "They communicate with each other," he says. "They're all in the throes of aging, with all of its problematic conditions. They talk about nutrition, they talk about politics, they talk about crypts and cremation—there's nothing off limits here, nothing."

That includes topics that members wouldn't discuss with their own families, Gordon says. As a result, a good deal of bonding occurs.

Members go out to breakfast

together after their meetings. Six of the women traveled to Europe together. Eighteen members took a Hawaiian cruise together a few years ago.

"You become friends almost instantly," says Riviuccio, the newcomer. "And you look forward to it. You really look forward to getting up and getting out."

"You're Never Alone" meets every Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30 in Delray Beach. For more information, contact J. Robert Gordon at the Senior Foundation Corp. of Boca Raton, 361-9091.



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Dining

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That's what sums up this little snack.

Oceans 234 is crowded and noisy, like many a beach hangout.

But the food at this oceanfront eatery is well thought out. Case in point, this bowl of calamari.

The rings of squid were



Scott Simmons/The Coastal Star

lightly breaded then sauteed until crisp and set atop a bed of mixed greens.

A honey balsamic glaze and red pepper relish brought it all together.

It could have used a little

less of the saffron-infused aioli that covered the whole dish. The concoction detracted from the crispy coating of that tender calamari.

— Scott Simmons

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Art Exhibit

From math to mellow memories, kites cover it all

By Kelly Wolfe

What a kite is or isn't depends on who's flying it. It could be meditation or math, work of art or small business empire. Consider:

Kite as techno geek: You can now play kite-flying games on iTunes, Facebook and with a Droid app.

Kite as historian: The kite is a Johnny-come-lately at 3,000 years old, compared to other ancient seaside must-haves like beer (3,000 B.C.) and flip flops (4,000 B.C.).

Kite as literary device: Joyce Carol Oates published a kite-shaped poem in *Slate* in 2003, but if I had to pick a favorite kite poem I'd pick *The Box*

Kite, by University of Florida professor William Logan.

Kite as slang: To kite a check is to pass a fraudulent one.

Joe Gillie, president and CEO of the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, sees kites as short stories, each one with its own narrative.

The center now has 100 kites on display, including a 25-foot dragon kite built by the center's maintenance team, Marc Stevens and John Morgan, mentioned specifically because it was such a weird favor to have to ask. (When you've finished setting up the chairs for the wedding, can you give me a hand with this 25-foot dragon?)

For his part, Gillie said he



Inez Layne flies a dragon kite with her daughters Rhyann and Elle Fleisher, during Family Fun Day at The Cornell Museum in Delray Beach. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Painted the dragon and topped it with a papier mâché head.

The center assembled the exhibit in six months. It includes 40 Japanese kites on loan from the Morikami Museum, as well as Indian fighting kites, Hi-Flier Top Flights from the 1950s, and stunt kites on loan from Randy Lowe, known around here as Randy the Kite Man.

Lowe, 62, a retired Boston math teacher, taught his students geometry using kites.

"Flying a kite is all math," Lowe said. "It's the same principle as flying an aircraft. There's a lot to learn; it's not simple."

Lowe has about 50 kites, his favorite a 3-D replica of a skin diver. He performs at parties and celebrations, has a regular weekend gig at the Boca Raton Beach Club, and can be seen on weekdays on Delray Beach.

Kite flying "is relatively inexpensive, compared to some other addictions, and it doesn't have the health risks," said Mel Hickman, executive director of the American Kitefliers Association in Portland, Ore.

"You're concentrating on something small, or a small portion of the universe, and you can let everything else just fade away for a while. It forced me to slow down, not rush, and

If You Go

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When: Until Sept. 29, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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gave my heart a chance to slow down. It sounds metaphysical and maybe it is," Hickman said.

If we're to believe legend, the first kite was born when a Chinese farmer tied a string to his hat to keep the wind from taking it.

From there, kites were used in military operations, celebrations, leaflet dropping, festivals and thermometers — all before Ben Franklin pulled electricity from a Philadelphia storm in 1752.

Since then, big moments in kites include carrying orders during the American Civil War (researchers are still working to determine to what extent) and flight tests with the Wright Brothers in 1899, according to the kite-fliers association.

Hickman's own kite history includes this favorite memory: "Here on the West Coast, you get a chance to fly with the setting sun. That's something really special." ★

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Painting

Fresh air, fresh art, friendly faces

By Lucy Lazarony

They meet. They paint. They chat and exchange ideas.

They capture the diverse beauty of Palm Beach County's natural and historical settings amid the ever-changing light.

And three hours later, they leave with works of art.

They are the Palm Beach Plein Air Artists, and all levels of painters are welcome to join them on their next meet-up.

"There's a magic to it," says artist Ralph Papa of painting outdoors with fellow artists. "It's a great joy and a great feeling when you come back with a work. And even if you're not happy with the work, you still have the memory of the day."

Plein air is French for "open air," and the term is used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

Papa, who teaches at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts, organized a plein air meet-up group centered in Delray Beach in 2010.

Artist Donna Walsh established a plein air group for watercolor artists called the Palm Beach Plein Air Artists around the same time. Walsh was gathering painters on Tuesday and Papa's group was meeting up later in the week and on weekends.

They decided to merge the two groups under the name Palm Beach Plein Air Artists back in May.

"I really like just being outside and painting," Walsh says. "It's always more fun with more people. It's a pretty active artist community in Florida. It's a good way to meet people and talk to people."

And plenty of people who happen to be passing by stop and say "hello" to the artists.

"People enjoy seeing artists

Palm Beach Plein Air Artists

Where: Boynton Beach Mangrove Park, 700 NE Fourth Ave., Boynton Beach
When: 9 a.m. Aug. 19

For more information and to RSVP, visit the website www.meetup.com/palmbeachartists/.

out painting. They always come over to talk to you," Walsh says.

And the Palm Beach Plein Air Artists, whose premier sponsor is the Palm Beach Watercolor Society, really get around.

They meet every couple of weeks to paint locations all over Palm Beach County, from sculpture gardens and historical homes to busy downtown settings, from nature preserves and parks to the west to beaches and inlets along the coast.

Locations captured by Palm Beach Plein Air Artists' brushstrokes include the gardens of the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, the historical Dubois House at the Jupiter Inlet and the Delray Beach Center for the Arts during the Delray Affair.

Painting outdoors in South Florida can mean dealing with ants and mosquitos, heat and humidity and, come summer, booming afternoon storms.

"It's part of the challenge," Papa says. "Sometimes the most difficult circumstances that you're involved with create the greatest paintings. And you'll remember the obstacles you overcome."

As for the rain showers of summer, Papa says he enjoys painting when a storm is on its way.

"I actually love the summer," Papa says. "You get the afternoon storms, the excitement of a storm brewing off the ocean."

And when a storm arrives, you dash for shelter and keep painting, Walsh says.

"Even if I can't complete a painting outside, just the experience of being there. There's a challenge with the light, ever changing," Walsh

TOP LEFT: Artist Melanie Wadman paints during the Delray Affair in April. She had only recently started plein air painting.

Photo by Michele Quigley/Special to The Coastal Star
TOP RIGHT: Ralph Papa gives painting tips to Boca Raton resident Trish Kahn outside his studio in Delray Beach.

LEFT: Boynton Beach resident Diane Hagg paints a street scene during a plein air painting session at PapaGallery Studio in Delray Beach.

Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Florida. Their next meet-up is Aug. 19 at the Boynton Beach Mangrove Park. To join, visit their website at www.meetup.com/palmbeachartists/.

And Papa checks out other plein air meet up groups whenever he travels.

"If I go to a new area, I Google plein air and some of the locations," Papa says.

"It's a great way to meet people with similar interests and exchange ideas, and you can do it all over the world." ★



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Summer Arts

Judy Garland tribute runs until Aug. 11

Something there is in the American character that loves its tragic heroes and heroines, and show business provides several examples of entertainers whose awful life stories have almost obliterated their achievements.

Judy Garland, who died in 1969 at the age of 47, the victim of an accidental drug overdose, has become in the years since her death a touchstone of a classic film (*The Wizard of Oz*) and a patron saint of the LGBT community, among other things.

Finding the story of this singular American performer beneath those other hypes is part of the task **William Randall Beard** set himself when he wrote *Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall*, for the History Theatre of St. Paul, Minn., in 2005. The play came the following year to Manalapan, where it was presented by **Lou Tyrrell's** Florida Stage.

Tyrrell has brought the piece back this year to his new endeavor, the **Theatre at Arts Garage** in Delray Beach, where it opened July 19 and is running through Aug. 11.

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"We're trying to present the human being beneath the icon. The piece is so beautifully written by Randy Beard to clearly illuminate Judy's life, and her struggles with an industry that celebrated her to be sure, but exploited her just as much. And I think that's well-conveyed in the play," said Tyrrell, artistic director of the Theatre at Arts Garage. "And it shows how an enormous talent shone through all of the challenges of her life, and how unfortunate it was that she wasn't able to have the support without all of the damage that came along with that exploitation."

The play is built around Garland's Carnegie Hall comeback concert in 1961, which spawned a hugely



Norah Long as Judy Garland in *Beyond the Rainbow*, at Arts Garage in Delray Beach. Photo by Amy Pasquantonio

successful recording that won her a Grammy Award.



Briskey

Hollywood. The central role of Garland in the Carnegie Hall performance is acted and sung by **Jody Briskey**, who created

the role. **Norah Long** plays the younger Judy, including the blue gingham-dressed Garland of Dorothy Gale in *The Wizard of Oz*.

Two actors play some of the important men in Garland's often chaotic life — **Clark Cruikshank** is studio head **Louis B. Mayer**, second husband **Sid Luft** and other characters, and **Peter Moore's** characters include Garland's father, **Frank Gumm**, and third husband, **Vincente Minnelli**. **Peggy O'Connell** takes the

roles of crucial women in the Garland universe, including Garland's mother, **Ethel Gumm**, and gossip columnist **Hedda Hopper**.

Director **Ron Peluso** has staged the play for the unique confines of the Arts Garage, setting it up cabaret-style with characters in the play occupying tables next to patrons.

"We've been able to reconceive it as an Arts Garage experience ... The play takes place within the audience

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structure,” Tyrrell said. “We use the stage for most of her Carnegie Hall songs, but most of the play is played out in and amongst the audience. It’s really exciting.”

Beyond the Rainbow features 25 songs, most of them classics of the Great American Songbook: *Stormy Weather*, *The Man That Got Away*, *The Trolley Song*, *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, *That’s Entertainment*. It closes with her signature song, **Harold Arlen** and **E.Y. Harburg’s** indelible *Over the Rainbow*. A four-piece band led by pianist **Jimmy Martin** provides the music.

The show is a “celebration of Judy Garland,” Tyrrell said, a look at an artistic life whose joys and pains were shared with her audiences as much as her performances.

“Much like our best blues singers, she left it all on the stage,” he said, referencing **Bessie Smith** in particular. “She didn’t know how to sing otherwise, and when you hear the songs in this play through the lens of her personal struggle, you realize how and why she sang as emotionally as she did, and why we responded so viscerally to her talent because of that.”

Beyond the Rainbow runs at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$30-\$40. Call 450-6357 or visit www.artsgarage.org.

Also this month: **Clive Cholerton** continues his concert presentations of



Cholerton

musicals at **Palm Beach Dramaworks**, which last month featured **Mitch Leigh’s** *Man of La Mancha*. From Aug. 7-18, Dramaworks will present a concert version of *Company*, the 1970 **Stephen Sondheim** musical that helped cement the composer’s reputation as a wry observer of the social scene who could write equally compelling lyrics and music.

The score is one of Sondheim’s most admired, winning six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, for songs such as *Being Alive*, *Side by Side by Side*, *You Could Drive a Person Crazy* and *The Ladies Who Lunch*. It’s the story of a bachelor named Bobby (“Bobby is my hobby and I’m giving it up,” as one of the lines goes), a commitment-phobe who observes his married friends as he tries to come to a decision about his way forward.

Shows in the Musical Theatre Masters series are presented at full length, with reduced staging and instrumental accompaniment. Tickets are \$35. Call 514-4042, ext. 2, or visit palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Music: Fort Lauderdale’s **Symphony of the Americas** presents a Summerfest series of concerts each year, mostly

with performances in Broward County. But one of the last programs of the festival takes place Aug. 3 at the Crest Theatre at the Delray Beach Center for the Arts.

Joined this year by **I Musici Estensi**, a Milanese chamber ensemble, the orchestra is presenting a wide variety of short works, including the prelude to Verdi’s opera *La Traviata*, Purcell’s *Fairy Queen* suite, a fugata by Astor Piazzolla, Arensky’s *Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky*, a concerto by the Baroque Italian composer Evaristo Felice dall’Abaco and the finale of the Dvořák Violin Concerto.

Also on the program, set for 7 p.m. at the Crest, are two premieres by contemporary Italian composers: Lorenzo Turchi-Floris’ *Suite for String Orchestra*, and Guido Galterio’s *Remembering Naples*. Tickets are \$25 and \$40 for VIP tickets, which includes a reception with the musicians after the concert. For more information, call the Crest at 243-7922, ext. 1.



Prescott

Meanwhile, the Boca Raton Symphonia, which has changed its name to **The Symphonia**, wraps up the city of

Boca Raton’s free summer concert series at Mizner Park on Aug. 11 with a concert called *From Bach to Bernstein*. Led by Florida Atlantic University director of bands **Kyle Prescott**, the concert will include the *Italian Symphony* (No. 4 in A, Op. 90) of Felix Mendelssohn, the overture to Mozart’s opera *The Marriage of Figaro*, some of the Brahms *Hungarian Dances*, and lighter pops selections, Prescott said. The concert begins at 6 p.m. at the Mizner Park Amphitheatre. For more information, call 544-8600.

Later in the month, also in Delray but a couple blocks south on Swinton Avenue, the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s own Baroque ensemble, **Camerata del Re**, presents a program called *The Old and New*, in which Baroque instruments will be heard in music of that period and contemporary works. The concert is at 3 p.m. Aug. 25, and tickets are \$15-\$20. Call 278-6003 for more information.

Art: The summer months, for many businesses, are the months in which budgets are stretched by employing intern labor. It’s a mutually beneficial process, and at the **Norton Museum of Art**, the interns are permitted to curate an exhibition while working there.

The intern exhibition, which opens this month and runs through Oct. 17, is called *Little Boxes: Vernacular Architecture from the Collection*, and features artists’ looks at the kinds of dwellings people have created. Artists such as Ansel Adams and Yinka Shonibare are seen in the exhibit, which includes mixed-media

installations, paintings and photographs.

The four interns this summer are **Karly Etz**, a Denison University graduate who is pursuing a master’s in art history at Penn State; **Luna Goldberg**, a rising

junior studying visual art at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.; **Eli Heller**, a rising senior at the University of California, Irvine, studying art history and literary journalism; and **Laura Hildenbrandt**, a University of Florida graduate

who will be working on a master’s in art history and museum studies at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

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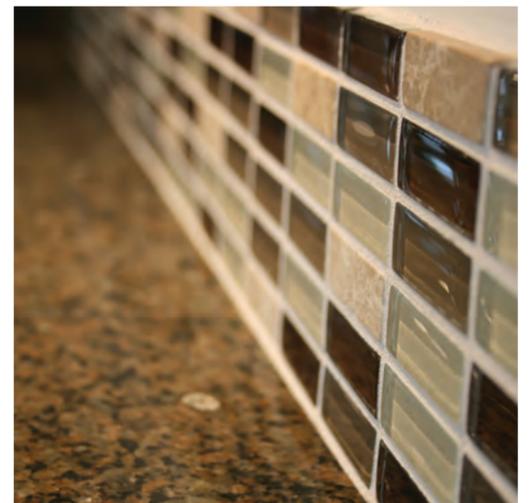
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Paws Up for Pets

Tale tells power of can-do attitude

Last year, I celebrated my Oct. 6 birthday in style — by getting a birthday hug from ageless animal advocate and actress Betty White on the red carpet at the annual American Hero Dog Awards held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles.

I was there covering the event as host of the *Oh Behave!* show on PetLifeRadio.com and could not think of a better memory maker for my birthday than to be among people and dogs that every day make a difference in the lives of so many.

Getting a hug from Betty, who has been a guest on my show, proved to be the best birthday gift I've ever received.

This year, I hope to return — not for a hug from Betty White — but to cheer on a pair of new friends I've met in the pet world: digital artist AJ Brockman and his service dog, Dre. These Palm Beach County residents are among the finalists for consideration for top-dog honors at this event sponsored by the American Humane Association.

The deadline for public voting for finalists occurred right around press time for this month's issue of *The Coastal Star*, so I am being optimistic that AJ and Dre are indeed among the honored finalists.

American Hero Dog Awards

Each year, the American Humane Association sponsors the American Hero Dog Awards to celebrate the special positive and inspiring bond between people and their dogs. The event honors dogs that unconditionally aid people in many ways, from being service dogs to being military dogs and much more. The contest has eight categories of heroic dogs. This year, the event will be Oct. 5 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. To learn more, visit www.herodogawards.org.

But even if they are not, their tale illustrates the power of a can-do attitude, the ability to motivate others and the importance of maintaining a playful sense of humor.

Let's start with the humor factor. Take a peek at Dre's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DreHeroDog) and you will see the two of them sporting matching handlebar mustaches. Brockman's is real; Dre's is not. But this 4-year-old, 72-pound black Labrador trained by Canine Companions for Independence assists Brockman with daily activities and much more — Dre has become his best friend and partner in



AJ Brockman with his service dog, Dre, a Labrador retriever that has been nominated for top honors at the American Hero Dog Awards. Photo provided

unleashing smiles to others.

And their can-do attitudes speak volumes. Brockman, age 25, was born with spinal muscular atrophy, a degenerative disease that parked him in a wheelchair by age 2. Yet he has earned a bachelor's degree from Digital Media Arts College and has become a successful artist of digital paintings and operates the Single Handed Studio (www.singlehandedstudio.com).

"I'm pretty much a paraplegic except that for the few inches of movement I have in my left hand," says Brockman, of Palm Beach Gardens. "I can always count on Dre. If I'm working on

an image on the computer and my hand slides off the mouse, Dre is there to nudge my hand back. He opens doors for me, gets the phone if it rings and can even fetch me a beer from the refrigerator. He is my buddy, my best friend."

I invite you to check out some of Brockman's diverse artwork on his studio's website. He blends impressionism with realism in his pieces that capture life in South Florida. His work has attracted a faithful following, including attorney Phil DiComo of Loxahatchee.

At the law office of Haile, Shaw and Pfaffenberger in North Palm Beach, where DiComo works, visitors are treated to not one but five original works by Brockman, including a large digital banyan tree aptly named MacArthur Majesty.

"This piece by AJ is the first thing you see when you walk in and it is beautiful," says DiComo. "It appears to be moving. We love AJ's work and we are planning on getting two more pieces from him."

Finally, there is the ability of Brockman and Dre to motivate and inspire others. DiComo recalls watching this duo at a leadership event last October for high school juniors.

"At the luncheon, before AJ was set to speak about careers

in digital media, he and Dre were hanging out with the high school students and you could see that they had an immediate connection with those students. And, then when he spoke, he immediately put everyone at ease.

His work demonstrates that his limitations haven't really limited him. His attitude is phenomenal. He and Dre received the highest ratings by the students among all the speakers that day."

I agree. The minute I started speaking with Brockman for this column, I felt like I had made a new friend. And, it was great to hear Dre occasionally "speak up" with a friendly bark.

Brockman best describes himself not as disabled but as being differently abled. You can bet I will be among those rooting for him at this year's American Hero Dog Awards — and beyond.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/26. Please check with organizers for any changes. Send your events to Michele Smith at thecoastalstarcalendar@gmail.com

AUGUST 3

Saturday - 8/3 - 10 and Under Tennis - Junior Development Clinics for ages 5-15 begins at the Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Four-week session held Saturdays through 8/24. Age 5-6: 9-9:45 am; age 7-10: 10-11 am; age 10-15: 11 am-noon. For ages 5-6, \$34/residents, \$42/non-residents; for ages 7-15, \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. Registration: 742-6575.

8/3 - Pickleball at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Adults of all ages enjoy this fast-paced sport which combines badminton and tennis. Classes held Sat. 9 am-noon. \$5/at the door. 742-6550 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/3 - Boynton Beach Community Farmer's Market at Ocean Avenue Park, Northeast corner of Ocean Avenue and Northeast Fourth Street. 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.

8/3 - Topics in Tropicals: Sages, Bamboos & Crotons for the Sub-Tropics at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Plant lectures and rare and unusual plant sale. 10 am-1 pm. Free. Registration: 233-1796 or 233-1757.

8/3 - The Writer's Studio at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/10, 17, 24, 31 & 9/7. 10 am-noon. Free. 638-7251 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/3 - Exhibit: Pura Vida: Contemporary Art of Costa Rica at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Exhibit runs through 9/10 during regular hours: M-Th: noon-7 pm; F-Sat.: 10 am-1 pm. Free. 278-5455 or www.highlandbeachlibrary.org.

8/3 - Future Men and Women of Delray Beach at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Program provides young men and women an avenue for social growth, a commitment to education, career readiness, healthy living, and community service. Held every Saturday, year round. 10-11 am. Free. 243-7356 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/3 - The Usual Suspects: Writing Unexpected Poems about Timeworn Topics is presented as part of the Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by instructor Judy Ireland. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790.

8/3 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Saturdays, 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/3 - Little Wonders - Introduce children to plants and animals around them with a hike, crafts and stories at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. For ages 3 & 4, accompanied by an adult. 10-10:45 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.

8/3 - Swimming Lessons for Toddlers at the John Denson Pool, 225 N.W. 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 6 months to 3 years old must be accompanied by an adult in the water. 10 am. Saturdays through 8/24. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. 742-6645.

8/3 - 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.

8/3 - Young Artwork Class for ages 2-6 at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. Bilingual art classes for young children using age appropriate art materials and tools together with parent. Saturdays through 8/10. Held again 8/24-31. Age 2-3: 10:30-11:15 am; age 4-6: 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$37/residents, \$49/non-residents. 367-7035.

8/3 - Group Swim Lessons at the John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3 and older. Young children must be potty trained. Saturdays through 8/24. Four 45 minute classes per session. Levels I, II: 10:30 & 11:15 am; Level III: 11:15 am. Cost per session is \$40/resident, \$50/non-residents. 742-6645 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/3 - Outdoor Sea Tank Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Held daily. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Mangrove and Nearshore Reef tanks: 10:30 am; Tropical Coral Reef and Shipwreck Tanks:

12:30 pm. Free with suggested \$5 donation. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

8/3 - Science Stories at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. Saturdays, 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912.

8/3 - Car Wash at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Support your community Skate Park and Teen Center by getting your car washed. Noon-4 pm. \$5/cars, \$7/trucks & SUV's. 243-7158.

8/3 - Make Your Own Floral Design Class at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Noon-1:30 pm. \$15. 447-0000.

8/3 - Inventors Society of South Florida Meeting at Ligi Tool & Engineering, Inc., 3220 SW 15th St., Deerfield Beach. First meeting is free. Held the first Saturday of each month. held again 9/7. 1 pm. 676-5677.

8/3 - Art-E-Ology: Nancy Graves: Colorful Paintings for grades 3-5 is presented at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children will learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. Reservations: 392-2500 ext. 106.

8/3 - Guys and Dolls Jr. at The Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Children's summer camp musical production. 2 pm. \$11/adult, \$8/children. 586-6410.

8/3 - USA Netball Association at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. A fast, skillful, team game based on running, jumping, throwing and catching. For females ages 6 and up. Saturdays, 2-5 pm. \$5/person per day. 243-7356.

8/3 - Indoor Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Held daily. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 2:30 pm. Free with suggested \$5 donation. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

8/3 - Teen Car Club - 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 are welcome. For ages 12-20. 4-6 pm. \$5/non-members. 243-7158.

8/3 - Wine & All That Jazz at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 E. Camino Real. More than 100 fine wine tastings, delectable food, VIP room, entertainment, live music, dancing and exciting prizes. A signature event for Boca Festival Days. 7-9 pm. \$60/general admission; \$120/VIP Admission. 395-4433.

8/3 - Symphony of the Americas Summerfest 2013 - Presented by American Airlines and Symphony of the Americas at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Features the I Musici Estensi Chamber orchestra from Milan, Italy. 7 pm. \$25-\$40. 243-7922 ext. 1.

8/3 - Swing All Stars Dance and Concert at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Bring your dancing shoes and swing the night away on the dance floor. Free Swing Dance class: 7 pm; concert: 8 pm. \$25/advance, \$30/at the door. 450-6357.

8/3-4 - Auditions for The Emperor's New Clothes at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Looking for actors aged 10 and older. Closed audition: One minute prepared monologue, must be from a published play or classic literature. Please bring a brief bio and a head shot. Rehearsals begin in September for October performances. Sat.: 1-3 pm; Sun.: 10 am-noon. To schedule an audition: 447-8829.

8/3-4 - Duplicate Bridge at the James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. A light snack on Saturdays and a light lunch on Sundays will be served. Partners are available for singles. On-going sessions year round. 12:30-4 pm. Sat.: \$8/person; Sun.: \$10/person, payable at the door. For reservations or partners call 338-2995 or www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

8/3-4 - Waist Watchers: The Musical at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Runs through 9/1. Th.-F: 7:30 pm; W, Sat.&Sun.: 2 pm. \$45. 588-1820.

8/3-4 - Beyond The Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall by William Randall Beard presented at The Theatre at Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Featuring 24 of Garland's greatest hits. An unforgettable musical portrait of a child actor turned Hollywood star who captivated a nation with her spectacular talent and tumultuous life. Runs through 8/11. W-F: 7:30 pm; Sat.: 2 pm; Sun.: 7 pm. \$30-\$40/advance, \$35-\$45/at the door. 450-6357 or www.artsgarage.org.

8/3-4 - Return To Russe presented by the Boca Ballet Theatre at FAU's Boca Raton

campus, University Theatre, 777 Glades Road. Sat.: 8 pm; Sun.: 2 pm. \$35/adults, \$25/seniors and children 17 and under. 995-0709.

AUGUST 4-10

Sunday - 8/4 - Sunday Breakfast is held each week at VFW Post 5335, 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.

8/4 - Kabbalah & Coffee: The Secret of Simplicity at Chabad of East Boca Raton, 120 NE 1st Ave. Includes weekly Living Torah Video Presentation. Sundays, 10-11:30 am. Free. 417-7797.

8/4 - Science Make & Take at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Choose from binoculars, boomerangs or musical instruments. 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912 or www.scienceexplorium.org.

8/4 - Printmaking on Polystyrene is presented as part of the ARTful Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Family program features art workshops. 2-3 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

Monday - 8/5 - Camp ZumbAtomic for ages 6-11 at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives. M-F through 8/9. 8 am-1 pm. \$90/resident; \$112.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

8/5 - Bright & Smart Robotics at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Class combines engineering skills with visual-spatial activities. M-F through 8/9. 9 am-3 pm. \$300/resident; \$375/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

8/5 - It's Showtime: Mary Poppins at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 6-14. Taught and led by theatre professionals teaching voice, dance and choreography, this camp session offers group and solo opportunities for children to really shine. M-F through 8/9. 9 am-3 pm. \$250/resident; \$312.50/non-resident. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

8/5 - Mommy and Me Yoga Class at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Babies, toddlers and parents enjoy theme-based classes filled with motor and

sensory activities. Mondays, 10-10:30 am. Per session: \$10. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

8/5 - Senior Bingo at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. For adults ages 60 years young and up. Class held every M&W. 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356.

8/5 - Adult Duplicate Bridge at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2012 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Held every M/W/F. 12:30-3:30 pm. \$3/person per game. 736-6550.

8/5 - Mah-Jongg at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/5 - Delray Divas Step Teams at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. An organized and structured step team that performs at local events and statewide competitions. For grades K-12. Held every M & W. 6-8 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356.

8/5 - Intermediate/Advanced Fencing/Epee Class at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Kids learn fencing skills, forge new friendships and have a blast. Held every M, W, F, 7-10 pm. & Sat. 6:30-10 pm. \$125/residents, \$156.50/non-residents. 347-3950.

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

8/5 - 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.

8/5-6 - Steppin' Out with Tony, Frank & Bing is presented at The Plaza Theatre, 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Held again 8/12-13 & 8/19-20. M: 7:30 pm; T: 2 pm. \$30. 588-1820 or www.theplazatheatre.net.

8/5-9 - Sea Turtle Camp at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Through games, crafts, and educational activities, instructors teach young conservationists about the importance of caring for and protecting sea turtles and

other marine life. For children entering grades 1&2. Held again 8/12-16 for grades 3-5. 8:30 am-noon. \$155/members, \$205/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.

8/5-9 - Princess Dance Camp at The Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. For kids 4-10 who enjoy ballet, tap, jazz and acting. Ballet and tap shoes required. Campers should bring a packed lunch. 9 am-3 pm. \$175/residents, \$220/non-residents. Registration: 742-6240.

Tuesday - 8/6 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at this weekly program at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/6 - Pompey Park Senior Club at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Field trips, breakfasts, games and events, fitness and health activities and social gatherings. Meets every M & W. 10 am-1 pm. Free (fees associated with trips). 243-7356.

8/6 - Adult Folk Dance Class at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Adults ages 18 years old and up learn new dances from around the world for physical fitness, exercise and fun. Tuesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$7/class. 243-7356.

8/6 - Story Time Adventures for children under 5 at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. An old fashion story-time experience that nurtures a love of books and reading, as well as music, movement. Held every T & Th. 11 am. Free with museum admission. 368-6875.

8/6 - Interactive Story: A Story 'N More at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement and props. Held again 8/13 & 9/3. 11:15 am. Free with paid museum admission. 742-6782.

8/6 - Karate for kids 5-17 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn self-control, respect and confidence. T: 3:45-4:30 pm. Runs through 9/10. \$74/residents, \$94/non-residents. Registration: 767-1154.

8/6 - Small Fry Storytime for ages 3 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean



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Blvd. Features songs and a craft project. Tuesdays, 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

8/6 - 2nd Annual FondueRaiser at The Melting Pot, 5455 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Part Boca Festival Days, this event benefits Boca Raton Hospital's Eugene M. & Christine E. Lynn Cancer Institutes' League of Ribbons. Event sponsored by Lisa Elkan of Biz Ranger, LLC. Restaurant will donate 30 percent of all proceeds. 4:30-10 pm. Cost varies by dinner choices. Mention "Dip for LCI" when making reservations: 997-7472.

8/6 - 10 and Under Tennis: Junior Development Clinics for children ages 4-12 begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Four-week session held Tuesdays through 8/27. 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.

8/6 - Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For age 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

8/6 - JARC's 3rd Annual Cocktails for a Cause presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Pinon Grill at Town Center Mall, 6000 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Enjoy a night of cocktails and help celebrate JARC (Jewish Association for Residential Care.) Ticket includes two drinks and light appetizers. Featuring a Chinese auction. 6-8 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. To register visit www.jarcl.org.

8/6 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Students ages 9 to adults learn Karate along with a blend of other combat martial arts. 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.

8/6 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. A community dance program that prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, and respect. For middle, high school and college students. Held every T & Th. 6:30-8:30 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356.

8/6 - Soul Line Dancing at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm. \$5. 742-6550.

8/6 - Judy Garland: A Life On Film at the Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Special presentation uses film clips and a panel discussion to examine the performances of the legendary Judy

Garland. From *The Wizard of Oz* to *Judgment at Nuremberg* and *A Child is Waiting*, the evening provides a comprehensive look at one of the most beloved entertainers of all time. Presented in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival. A portion of the proceeds benefit FLIFF. 7:30-9:30 pm. \$12. 450-6357.

8/6-7 - Adventures In The Garden: Butterflies and Garden Friends at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Ages 5-7 enjoy garden exploration and interactive activities focusing on creatures they'll find in the great outdoors. Held again 8/6-7. 9:30-11:30 am. \$25/child. Registration: 233-1757.

8/6-7 - Hammock Trails - Go on a guided walk at Gumbo Limbo nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held every T, 10-11 am & W 10 am-noon. Free. 544-8605 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

Wednesday - 8/7 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. For ages 18 years and up. Everyone welcome. Held W & F. 9 am-11 am. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-resident. 243-7350.

8/7 - Course for Board Certification of Officers and Directors of Homeowners Associations at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. New Florida law imposes the same board certification or education requirements for board members of homeowner associations as is currently required for condominium board members. Presented by the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations. 8:15 am/Registration with a light breakfast, 9 am-noon/course. RSVP: 495-9670.

8/7 - Coaching the Mature Driver - Presented by Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at Temple Emeth, 5780 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Drivers 55 and over get an insurance discount for three years when they take this course. 9 am-4 pm. \$10. 845-8233 or www.safetycouncilpbcc.org.

8/7 - 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. Held W & F. 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/7 - Current Events Discussion Group at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Free. 278-5455.

8/7 - Socrates Cafe - Weekly discussion group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/14, 21, 28 & 9/4. 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194.

8/7 - Lunch with Andrew Schor, Executive Chef of Palm Beach Grill - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake

Exclusively Yours series at the Palm Beach Grill, 340 Royal Poinciana Way, Palm Beach. 12:30 pm. \$65. Reservations: 805-8562.

8/7 - Art Infusion for ages 3 & up at the Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Explore the wonderful world of art through experimentation with different mediums, techniques and play. Wednesdays, 1-2 pm. \$8/members, \$10/non-members. 368-6875 or www.cmboca.org.

8/7 - Scrabble at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Wednesdays, 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/7 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Join a docent for a guided tour of Green Cay's wetlands. For all ages. Wednesdays, 3 pm. Free. 966-7000.

8/7 - Alligator Feedings at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while he is being fed. Wednesdays, 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760.

8/7 - Teen Gaming at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 8/14 & 5:30-7pm 8/21 & 28. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

8/7 - 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.

8/7 - Meet Me at the Museum: Havana Nights at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate South Florida's Cuban heritage during the Boca Chamber Festival Days. Featuring mojitos and other flavors of the island, Latin music and Salsa dancing. Enjoy a guided tour of Cuban artists featured in the Museum's collection and live music. 5:30-8 pm. Advance: \$8/member, \$12/non-members; At the door: \$12/members, \$18/non-members. 392-2500 ext. 208.

8/7 - Art Cinema at the Crest: Sound City at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two shows: 6 & 8:30 pm. \$8. 243-7922, Ext. 1.

8/7 - An Evening with Sondra Ray at The Red Tent, 4820 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton. Spend an evening of gratitude and devotion with recognized spiritual teacher, author, breathworker, lecturer and healer. 7:30-9 pm. Love offering. 376-3713.

8/7 - Company at the Don & Ann Brown Theatre, 201 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Part of the Musical Theatre Masters Series. Runs through 8/18. W-Sat.: 8 pm, Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$35. 514-4042.

Thursday - 8/8 - 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.



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8/8 - Drop-In Story time - Music, stories, finger plays and action songs stimulate learning at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult. Thursdays, 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.

8/8 - Knit 'N Purl - Twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/22. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/8 - Amazing Art for ages 2-4 at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Get introduced to various art media through fun and engaging activities. Held again 8/15. Two sessions: 10:30-11:15 am & 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$2.50/members, \$3.50/non-members plus paid museum admission. Registration: 742-6780.

8/8 - Basic Driver Improvement Class - Presented by the Safety Council of Palm Beach County Inc. at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Noon-4 pm. Free. 845-8233.

8/8 - Adult Acrylics Art Class at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners and is available for instruction to advanced painters as well. Held every Thursday. For ages 18 & up. Noon-2 pm. Fee for six-classes: \$55/residents, \$60/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/8 - Showstoppers - Presented as part of the Opera Benvenuto series at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Featuring soprano Margaret Schmitt, tenor William Wynn and pianist Edward Shuman performing the greatest hits from Broadway musicals. Performance includes a three-course gourmet meal. Held again 6 pm 8/22. Noon. Lunch show: \$35; dinner show (8/22): \$50. Reservations: 364-0600.

8/8 - Senior Bridge at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. All experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Held every Thursday. For ages 18 and up. 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/residents +\$1/game, \$20/non-residents + \$2/game. 243-7350.

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

8/8 - Lecture: Symbols & Allegories Throughout Art History/Animals by Diane Schrenzel - Presented by the Friends of the Highland Beach Library at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/8 - Family Block Party with Group Build led by Dan Parker, LEGO® Certified Professional and Reggae Music at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Part of Art After Dark including Block by Block: Inventing Amazing Architecture, live music by Paul Anthony, films, tours and specialty food. All ages welcome. 5-9 pm/music; 5-8:30 pm/specialty food cart with wine tasting; 5:30 pm/tour; 6-9 pm/Music; 6:30-8:30 pm/activity. Free to Florida residents with valid ID. 832-5196.

8/8 - Volleyball at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. \$5/at the door. 742-6550 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/8 - Country Night at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Held every Thursday night. Dinner: 6 pm; Line and partner dance lessons: 7 pm; Open, all-request country music and dancing: 8-11 pm. \$10/including group lesson & one house drink. 912-0000 or www.paviliongrille.com.

8/8 - Opening Reception: 28th Annual Juried Art Exhibition at the Boca Raton Wyndham Hotel, 1950 Glades Road/Wyndham Way, Boca Raton. The Artists' Guild of Boca Raton showcase their work at the Wyndham daily through 8/31 as part of Boca Festival Days. 10 am-5 pm. Reception: 6-8 pm. Free. 278-7877.

8/8 - On The Ave Moves West at Elizabeth Wesley Plaza at the corner of Southwest Fifth Avenue and West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach. Live music and entertainment at 6 pm includes presentations by local children's groups; 7 pm Mayor Cary Glickstein welcomes delegation from sister city Moshi, Tanzania. Event includes artwork from Artists Alley, beer garden, food trucks and kid's corner. 6-10 pm. Free. 279-1380.

8/8 - Presentation: Star Tours 2013 with Kevin Manning - Presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. Manning is a retired astrophysicist who has worked as a consultant with NASA on the Chandra X-Ray Observatory launched on the space shuttle and with the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and other ground-based observatories. All ages. 7-9 pm. Free. 393-7968.

8/8 - Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches monthly meeting at the Mounts Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Held the 2nd Thursday of the month. 7:30 pm. Free. 491-8033.

8/8-9 - 2013 Tastemakers of Delray Beach - Two nights of food, wine, cocktails & entertainment at the restaurants along Atlantic Avenue and Pineapple Grove. Complete list of participating restaurants available online. 5-10 pm. Passport tickets \$30 cash only. Portion of sales benefit the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum. 243-1077 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

Friday 8/9 - Art Workshop: Color Fundamentals and Application at Delray Beach Center for the Arts, Crest Theatre Studio #3, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Ralph Papa leads artists at all skill levels to learn the fundamentals of color theory and use it in structured painting exercises. 9 am-4 pm. \$165. Registration: 243-7922.

8/9 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Lizards at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Parents bring little ones to experience exciting nature topics. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760.

8/9 - Chess Club at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. All levels welcome. Fridays, Noon-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/9 - Young Artwork Classes for ages 2-6 at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Bilingual program consists of art sessions where children learn about the most influential artists and talk about their works, techniques and styles. Runs through 8/16. Age 2-3: 2-2:45 pm; age 4-6: 3-3:45 pm. \$36/residents, \$47/non-residents. 243-7350.

It Could Be A Wonderful World
Lake Worth Playhouse, Lake Worth - Aug. 10



A concert for children will be held at the Lake Worth Playhouse at 2 pm on Aug. 10 featuring five of the region's most popular performers and the animals from the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. \$38/family of four, \$12/adults and \$8/children. Activities include sing-along songs, live animal show and more. 588-8344. Pictured above: Marie Nofsinger, Jim Shettleroe, Grant Livingston, Kat Mahoney and Kathleen Kirschner. Photo provided

8/9 - Fundraiser: Breathe For Megan at The Paddock Restaurant, Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 N. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach. Megan was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at 6 months old and has since courageously fought for 18 years. The next step in her treatment process is a bi-lateral lung transplant. Event features dinner buffet, Greyhound racing, music, silent auction and raffles. 6 pm. \$25. Additional donations can be made at www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/r0f2/breathe. 683-2222 ext. 110.

8/9-11 - Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 370 S.W. 3rd St., Boca Raton. Exhibit is an extensive representation of photographs and historical descriptions of the visible transformation from Consecrated Bread and Wine to the physical Body and Blood of Jesus Christ: The Real Presence. Presented in English & Spanish. Everyone is welcome. F: 7-9 pm; Sat.: 9 am-8:30 pm; Sun.: 9 am-6 pm. 392-0007 or www.stjoan.org.

8/9-11 - Sleeping Beauty at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Runs through 8/25. F & Sat: 7 pm; Sat. & Sun.: 2 pm. \$12/adult, \$8/junior. 447-8829.

Saturday - 8/10 - Mark Gerretson Memorial 19th Annual Fishing Tournament takes place from the Boynton Beach and Boca Raton inlets. 6:30 am/lines in. 3 pm/lines out. \$200/entry fee includes 4 anglers. \$50 additional angler. Weigh-in,

BBQ and awards at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Captain's meeting 6-8 pm on 8/9 at Delray Beach Elks Lodge, 265 NE 4th Ave. Benefits children and families in need in Delray Beach and surrounding communities. 859-2771.

8/10 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour - Meet at the Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, North side, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. Park in the Pompano Beach City Parking (fee required) across from the Sands Harbor Hotel & Marina. Transportation to and from the Lighthouse is only by tour boat via the Intracoastal Waterway. First boat departs at approximately 9 am. The last boat leaves the Sands Harbor Hotel at 2:30 pm, and the last boat from the Lighthouse will return at approximately 4 pm. Visitors must have flat shoes with rubber soles and closed toes. No sandals, flip-flops, or shoes with heels are allowed inside the Lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult and must be a minimum of 48" tall to climb the tower. No pets allowed. 9 am-2:30 pm. \$25 transportation fee. 954-942-2102.

8/10 - Back To School: Safety, Healthy & Wellness Fair at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Kendall "Roo" Gillis, a pediatric stroke survivor, will be selling butterfly necklaces to help fund her medical expenses. The first 100 children will receive messenger bags, pencil pouches and toothbrushes. 10 am-noon. Free with paid Museum admission: \$4/ages 1-17; \$4.50/

seniors; \$5/adults, free/children under age 1. Registration: 742-6780.

8/10 - The Plot Thickens - Presented as part of the Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by instructor Lori Roy. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790.

8/10 - 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.

8/10 - Big Kids Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Parent Education Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Big brothers and big 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. 11 am. \$10/family. Registration: 369-2229.

8/10 - 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. Four-hour tour includes a combination of 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. \$40/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662.

8/10 - BYOB Wine Glass Painting at Art-Sea Living, 1628 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 4-6 pm. Held again 8/23: 5-7 pm. \$25/person. 737-2600.

8/10 - Wine Country Safari at Boca Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres, raffles and a silent auction. Benefits Twin Palms Center for the Disabled as part of Boca Festival Days. Attire: Tommy Bahama Casual. 7-9 pm. \$25/person or \$45/couple. 391-4874.

AUGUST 11-17

Sunday - 8/11 - Open House at Temple Sinai, 2475 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Meet clergy and Temple family. Reform congregation offers new member specials, one day a week religious school, social activities and more. 10 am-noon. Free. 276-6161 or www.templeisinaibpc.org.

8/11 - COBRA Minis Basketball for ages 3-5 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Class teaches children the basic motor skills to play organized basketball. Held Sundays through 9/29. 11-11:45 am. \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3908.

8/11 - Paw-ty Time at Shoppes at Village Pointe, 6018 SW 18th St., Boca Raton. Visit with animals for adoption and show off your pets in the Happy Dog contest. Featuring entertainment, dancing, music, crafts, arts and special surprises. Benefits Tri-County Humane Society as part of Boca Festival Days. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 338-8443.

8/11 - Family Splash Games at Pompey Park Pool, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Floats are welcome and drinks and food are available to buy. Come and enjoy aquatic games on the water with family and friends. Noon-3 pm. Free. 243-7358.

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8/11 - Pawsitive Reading with Bootise for elementary school children at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. Children can practice their reading skills by reading to a certified therapy dog. Held again 8/18 & 25. 1-2 pm. Free. 393-7968.

8/11 - Art Film - Great Museums: The Fine Arts at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Held again 8/14 & 17. 2 pm. Free with paid Museum admission. 392-2500.

8/11 - Symphony on Sundays: The Symphonia Boca Raton - From Bach to Bernstein at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Featuring Kyle Prescott, conductor of the FAU Wind Ensemble and members of the Symphonia. Food and beverages available for purchase. Bring blankets and chairs or rent a chair at the amphitheater. 7 pm. Free. 393-7700.

Monday - 8/12 - Fun & Fitness Activities Program at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 5-11. Activities include yoga for kids, aerobics, team games, hip hop, gymnastics and arts & crafts. M-F through 8/16. 8 am-5:30 pm. \$150/residents; \$187.50/non-residents. 347-3900.

8/12 - It's Showtime: Wicked at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. For ages 6-14. Camp focuses on song, dance and performance. Taught and led by theatre professionals. Class runs M-F through 8/16. 9 am-3 pm. \$250/resident; \$312.50/non-resident. 347-3900.

8/12 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/26. 10 am. Free. 266-0194.

8/12 - Philosophy and Knowledge is discussed as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390.

8/12 - Junior Tennis Development Clinics for children ages 5-15 begin at the Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Held M through 9/9 or W 8/14-9/4. Age 5-6: 4-5 pm; age 7-15: 5-6 pm. \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents. Registration: 742-6575.

8/12 - Public Scoping Meeting for Southern Palm Beach Island Comprehensive Shoreline Stabilization Project at Town of Palm Beach Town Hall, 360 South County Road. Conducted by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. 5:30 pm. Public participation encouraged. Free. 472-3517.

8/12 - Chords for a Cause: A Charity Event That Will Move You at Jazziz Nightlife, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy good company, cocktails and cuisine to benefit the American Red Cross as part of Boca Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/must purchase advance tickets. 300-0730.

8/12 - Beginner/Intermediate Dog Classes at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Teach your dog the basics in the beginner class; fine-tune what you have learned in the beginner class in the intermediate class. Sessions run through 9/23. Beginner: 6-7 pm; Intermediate: 7-8 pm. \$85/residents, \$106/non-residents. 393-7807.

8/12 - A Part of the Family by Marla Schwartz at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Part of Summer Theatre Fest Reading Series sponsored by WLRN. 7 pm. Free 447-8829.

8/12-13 - Auditions for All Shook Up at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Please prepare a song from the show, or a "rock & roll" song in the style of "Elvis," both men and women; a one minute monologue and be prepared to dance. Wear comfortable clothing and proper shoes - no flip flops allowed on stage. M&T, 7 pm. 586-6410.

8/12-16 - Fab Five Days of Summer at The Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Pay by the day program offers field trips, arts and crafts, movies, sports and games. Please pack a lunch and snack. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$25/day - residents, \$32/day-non-residents. 742-6221.

Tuesday - 8/13 - Dining to Help Adults with Developmental Disabilities at TooJay's locations: 5300 Champion Blvd. (Polo Store), 3013 Yamato Road (Regency Court Plaza) and Glade Plaza Store, 2240 N. 19th St. #700 all in Boca Raton. 10% of dining bill benefits The Habilitation Center as part of Boca Festival Days. Pick up an event flyer/dining pass at SunTrust Bank branches. 483-4200, Ex. 122.

8/13 - Games @ Your Library at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-4 play favorite video, board and card games. Held again 4-5 pm 8/27. 1-2 pm. Free. 742-6380.

8/13 - COBRA Minis Basketball for ages 3-5 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Class teaches children the basic motor skills to play organized basketball. Tuesdays through 9/24. 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3916.

Municipal Meetings

8/5 & 9/2 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

8/6 & 20 & 9/3 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/6 & 9/3 - Highland Beach - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S. Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda available at: www.ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

8/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road 9 am. Agenda available at: www.gulf-stream.com.

8/12 & 8/26 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at: www.lantana.org.

8/22 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at: www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

8/27 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda available at: www.manalapan.org.

8/27 - Boca Raton - At Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W. Palmetto Park Road. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

8/27 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda available at: www.southpalmbeach.com.

8/13 - Remembering Babylon by David Malouf is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Wednesday - 8/14 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at the center to learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Road A1A, and search for ocean treasures. For all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-10:30 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

8/14 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Educational Program Series at the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Learn about legal issues, guiding behaviors and discipline, computers, resources, support, managing stress and much more. Held again 8/28: 10 am-1 pm and 8/29: 6-8 pm. Free. Registration: 233-1739.

8/14 - An Afternoon of Art Masterpieces with Joan Lipton - Presented as part of the Campus On The Lake workshops at the Society of The Four Arts, Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Two sessions: 2 & 6 pm. \$10. Reservations: 805-8562.

8/14 - Silver Science Days at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. Every second Wednesday guests age 62 and over experience the museum, learn from engaging guest speakers, view a planetarium show and enjoy refreshments. \$5. 2-5 pm. 832-1988.

8/14 - Cheerleading Classes at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Programs focuses on developing teamwork and a positive attitude with an emphasis on safety. Wednesdays through 10/9. Level I (Recreational): Ages 3-9, 4-4:50 pm, \$100-\$125. Level II (Competitive): Ages 4-11, 4-5:45 pm, \$155-\$194. Tumbling & Stunts (all levels): Ages 4-11, 6-6:30 pm, \$60-\$75; ages 3-7, 3:30-4 pm, \$60-\$75. Registration: 901-0637.

8/14 - Putting for Charity - Presented by The Faulk Center for Counseling and JM Lexus at JM Lexus, 5350 W. Sample Road, Margate. Evening filled with fun, food and networking. Guests putt for prizes and receive tips from local golf pro. 100 percent of proceeds benefit the Faulk Center's Targeting Families and Schools Preventative Counseling programs offered at local elementary and middle schools. 5-8 pm. \$20. 483-5300.

8/14 - Zonta Club of Boca Raton Monthly Meeting at The Holiday Inn, 2809 S. Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Zonta, a worldwide organization of women in business and the professionals who work together to advance the status of woman through volunteer work, donations and scholarships, meets on the second Wednesday of the month for dinner. 6 pm. \$30. 482-1013.

8/14 - Family and Friends at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, Education Center, 800 Meadows Road. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one-person CPR, as well as the use of the Automated External Defibrillator. Held again 8/28. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468 or www.brrh.com.

8/14 - Wine Tasting at ABC Fine Wine and Spirits, 6180 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$10. 381-3122 or www.abcfws.com.

8/14 - Art Cinema at the Crest: Quartet at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two shows: 6 & 8:30 pm. \$8. 243-7922 ext. 1 or www.delraycenterforthearts.org.

8/14 - Summer Evening Stroll with the Director at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Garden Director Allen Sistrunk shares facts about the Garden's history and fills you in on plans for its future. Along the way, he'll stop to discuss rare and unusual specimens and highlights

plants that grow well in South Florida gardens. 6-7:30 pm. \$5/non-members, Free/members & children. 233-1757.

Thursday - 8/15 - Purvis Young: Curatorial Highlight Tour at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Enjoy an informative gallery tour that focuses on a current exhibition. 2-3 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

8/15 - COBRA Minis Football for ages 4-5 at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Learn the basic motor skills to play organized football. Seven-week sessions held Thursdays through 10/3. 3:30-4:15 pm. \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3916.

8/15 - Craft Time for ages 4 and up at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. Held the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. 4 pm. Free. Registration: 278-5455.

8/15 - Lecture: Symbols & Allegories Throughout Art History/Flowers & Colors by Diane Schrenzel - Presented by the Friends of the Highland Beach Library at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455.

8/15 - SMASH BASH Ping Pong Tournament at Bogart's Bar & Grille, 3200 Airport Road, Boca Raton. Benefits Families First as part of Boca Festival Days. 5:30 pm. Registration: \$35/single; \$140 (4 players)/team; \$30/cheering section. 318-4219.

8/15 - Great Landscape Plants You've Probably Never Heard Of... And Some You've Probably Forgotten - Presented as part of the Summer Garden Lecture Series at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. A discussion of often overlooked landscape performers. Some of them may be new to South Florida gardeners and others deserve to be brought back into fashion. 6-7:30 pm. \$10. 233-1757.

8/15 - Dine Out for a Cause features celebrity chef Linda Gunn-Paton at Sundy House, 106 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Fundraiser benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. 6-9 pm. A percentage of the evening's total revenue benefits the library. Reserve your table at 271-5678. Information: 266-0775.

8/15 - Artists Alley Open Studios in the new warehouse arts area in Pineapple Grove Arts District, running north and south between NE 3rd and 4th Streets, east of 3rd Avenue and west of the railroad tracks in Delray Beach. Held every Thursday, 6-9 pm. Free. www.artistsalleydelray.com.

8/15 - Thursday Movie Classics: Lincoln (PG-13) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. 6:30 pm. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948.

8/15 - Boynton Beach Art District Open Mic Night at 422 W. Industrial Ave., Boynton Beach. Held the third Thursday of each month. 7-10 pm. Free. 786-521-1199.

Friday - 8/16 - Seining the Lagoon at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Explore the grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9:30-10:30 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615.

8/16 - Fishing Fridays for ages 8-15 at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Classes include: fishing pole basics, casting tips, freshwater fish identification, and fish habits. Fishing supplies provided. Bring sun protection and a water bottle, and wear closed-toed shoes. 9:30-11 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760.

8/16 - Talent Competition at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. Sponsored by United Healthcare. Noon-3 pm. Free. 742-6570 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/16 - Alzheimer's Cafe at the Shirley & Barton Weisman Delray Community Center, 7091 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. The

Alzheimer's Cafe is 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.

8/16 - Evening on the Avenue at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Featuring live music, food vendors, crafts and artists. Held the first & third Friday of each month. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344.

8/16 - John Dufresne speaks and signs his new book, *No Regrets Coyote*, at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

8/16 - 6th Annual Boca's Ballroom Battle at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 E. Camino Real. All proceeds benefit the George Snow Scholarship Fund as part of Boca Festival Days. Eight prominent community leaders compete in a ballroom dance competition, paired with professional dancers from Fred Astaire Dance Studios. 6-10 pm. Limited tickets begin at \$150/ includes two cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. 347-6799 or www.scholarship.org.

8/16 - Back to School Jam hosted by the "505" Teen Center at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Music by DJ Big Wagon. Photo booth available. Designer back pack giveaway, electronic devices, haircuts, etc. For ages 13-19. 7-11 pm. \$7. 243-7158.

8/16 - ... And All That Jazz! at the Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Presented by The League of Women Voters and The Arts Garage. An evening of music, wine, food and dancing to jazz of the Charmaine Forde Band. Proceeds benefit the work done by the League to educate all citizens of Palm Beach County. \$75/single, \$125/couple. 7-10 pm. 243-7129.

Saturday - 8/17 - Back to School Splash at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Enjoy games, prizes, and a drawing for prizes! Kids will get wet. 10 am-noon. Free. 347-3900 or www.SugarSandPark.org.

8/17 - Orchids: Advanced Repotting and Pest & Disease Control at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Participants may bring orchids in for diagnosis in sealed plastic bags to prevent contamination. Orchid supplies available for purchase. 10 am-1 pm. \$25/members, \$30/non-members. 233-1757.

8/17 - Guided Tour of the Historic Boca Raton Resort & Club - Presented as part of the Boca Festival Days at the Boca Raton Historical Society & Museum, 501 E. Camino Real. Enjoy an informative and entertaining 90 minute walking tour discovering the hotel's evolving history and architecture. Benefits Boca Raton Historical Society. 2-3:30 pm. \$15/adults, plus \$11 valet fee per car. RSVP required by 11:30 am 8/16. 395-6766 ext. 100 or www.bocahistory.org.

8/17 - What a Character! is presented as part of the Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. Taught by instructor Randy Rawls. 10 am-noon. \$25. Registration: 279-7790.

8/17 - Decoupage at Art-Sea Living, 1628 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am. \$65/person. 737-2600 or www.art-sealiving.com.

8/17 - Kindermusik Back to School Party at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. For ages 1-6 years and a parent/caregiver. 11 am-noon. \$5/child. 742-6221.

8/17 - 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 and food sampling, along with visits to historical and cultural sites. Held year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required - check website for available dates. Held again 8/24. \$40/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662 or www.tastehistoryculinarytours.org.

8/17 - Fundraiser for Children's Organ Transplant Association in Honor of Talia Bennardo at Presidential Auto Sales & Service, 3201 S. Federal Hwy., Delray Beach. Talia received a double kidney transplant in May and her family is facing extraordinary medical expenses. 100% of contributions go directly to transplant related medical expenses. Featuring live entertainment, BBQ, hot dogs & hamburgers, car washes (donation), raffles, silent auctions, meatball eating contest and huge vehicle discounts. Noon-5 pm. Donations. 927-9999.

8/17 - Open House and Auditions for Broadway Season at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd., Ste. 73, Boca Raton. Tour the state of the art performance building, meet the staff and register early for fall classes. Auditions for *Shrek The Musical*, the teen production *Les*

Miserables, Showstoppers Performance Troupe and Showtime's Competition Dance Team. Please prepare 16 bars of a contemporary musical theatre song and be prepared to dance and cold read. Please call for an audition appointment time. Auditions Noon-1 pm. Noon-4 pm. Free. 394-2626.

8/17 - F.A.C.E.S. and Places: A Toasting and Tasting Encounter is presented as part of the Boca Raton Chamber Festival Days and the Boca Raton Children's Museum at SunTrust Bank, 800 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. F.A.C.E.S. is the museum's unique multi-cultural arts education program which celebrates the rich diversity of South Florida. Featuring an exhibit, wine, food, music, and entertainment from the United States, Brazil, Africa, Japan, Spain and France. All guests receive a passport which guides them to each country to learn about and taste wines, perfectly paired tapas. \$45/person. 368-6875.

8/17-18 - Science Demonstrations at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. For ages 5 and up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912.

AUGUST 18-24

Sunday - 8/18 - Weekend Movie Madness: ParaNorman (PG) at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948 or www.sugarsandpark.org.

Monday - 8/19 - Dance Trends Youth Dance Program at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Children learn the discipline and art of dance in a fun and loving atmosphere. Held M, T, W, Th, & Sat. through 10/12. Class times and prices vary by age/style. 542-0215 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/19 - Coaching the Mature Driver is presented by Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Drivers 55 and over get an insurance discount for three years when they take this course. 9 am-4 pm. \$10. 845-8233 or www.safetycouncilpbc.org.

8/19 - Exhibit: Artists Guild of the Palm Beaches at Northwood University, 2600 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Runs through 11/14. M-F: 9 am-6 pm; Sat.: 1-5 pm; & Sun.: 2-5 pm. Free. Visitors are encouraged to call in advance to ensure the gallery is open to the public. 478-5500 or www.northwood.edu.

8/19 - Imagination Station at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 3-4 exercise their imaginations while learning shapes, colors, numbers and the A-B-C's through creative art. M/W/F through 9/27. 9 am-noon. \$71/residents, \$89/non-residents. 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/19 - Cheerleading: Fitness, Tumbling and Stunts Classes for ages 5-11 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Programs focuses on developing teamwork and a positive attitude with an emphasis on safety. Competitive level for boys and girls. Mondays through 10/14. 6-7 pm. \$105/residents, \$131/non-residents. Registration: 901-0637 or www.littlekiddos.com.

8/19 - 3rd Annual "So You Think You Can Sing?" Karaoke Contest at Dubliner Irish Pub in Mizner Park, 435 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation as part of Boca Festival Days. Raffles and cash prize \$250 awarded. 6-9 pm. \$20/includes complimentary drink and buffet. \$10 additional for contestants. 265-6042 or www.hpbccf.org.

8/19-20 - Auditions for The Last of the Red-Hot Lovers at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Production dates: 10/5-20. Positions: 1 Man (age 35-55); 3 Women (age 25-55). 7:30 pm. 272-1281, Ext. 4 or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Tuesday - 8/20 - Creative Kids for children 3-4 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. T&Th through 9/26. 9-11 am. \$54/residents, \$68/non-residents. Registration: 742-6221 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/20 - Young Explorers for ages 24-36 months at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Story time, creative movement and crafts are incorporated to strengthen children's physical and social development. T through 9/24. 10:30-11:30 am. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

8/20 - Curator's Whim: Curatorial Highlight Tour at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Make real-life connections to art and visual arts. 2-3 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500 or www.bocamuseum.org.

8/20 - Play Reading: Rumors by Neil Simon - Presented as part of the Summer of Simon series at The Four Arts King Library, 3 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. 655-2766 or www.fourarts.org.

8/20 - PULSE Networking Event for PAL - Presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Support the Police Athletic League (PAL) by attending this networking event. PAL assists youths who are at risk of academic failure, substance abuse, or criminal activity by providing safe places for them to go during non-school hours with structured recreational activities. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$10/advance, \$15/at the door. 338-1271.

8/20 - 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 held on the 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR.

Wednesday - 8/21 - Back to School Breakfast at Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Benefits American Association of Caregiving Youth as part of Boca Festival Days. Sponsored by Allegiance Home Health & Rehab. Inc. 7:30-9 am. \$35/advance, \$45/at the door. 391-7401.

8/21 - Basic Driver Improvement Class - Presented by the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at Temple Emeth, 5780 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 845-8233.

8/21 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. W through 9/25. 9-11:30 am. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/21 - Art Cinema at the Crest: The Perks of Being a Wallflower at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two shows: 6 & 8:30 pm. \$8. 243-7922 ext. 1.

8/21 - Party to the Max at Max's Grille, 404 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Hospice by the Sea Celebration of 35th Anniversary party. All proceeds to benefit Hospice by the Sea's programs and services for patients and families in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. 6-8 pm. \$35/person includes 2 free drinks & hors d'oeuvres. 416-5007.

8/21 - Light Up the Night at Prime Cigar & Wine Bar, 2240 NW 19th St., Boca Raton. Benefits Junior Achievement of South Florida as part of Boca Festival Days. Attendees receive two free drinks and a cigar or rose with catering and silent auction. 6-9 pm. \$25/advance, \$30/door, VIP/\$100 includes access to VIP area and premium cigars. 954-979-7110 or www.jasouthflorida.org.

8/21 - Adult Pottery 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. W through 9/25. 6:30-9 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

8/21 - Community Cabaret - Calling all singers, dancers, musicians and stand-up comedians to the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Performers must register in advance. Box office hours: T-F, 10 am-1 pm & 5-8 pm; Sat. 1-5 pm and 1 hour prior to shows. 7:30 pm. Admission: \$5. 347-3900.

Thursday - 8/22 - Boynton Beach Art District Art Walk at 422 W. Industrial Ave., Boynton Beach. Featuring open studios, open galleries, food truck and entertainment. Held the fourth Thursday of each month. 6-10 pm. Free. 786-521-1199.

8/22 - Raise Awareness, Raise a Glass at Blue Martini, 6000 Glades Road, Suite C-1380, Boca Raton. Raise a glass for the awareness of Neurodiversity (Special Needs Autism, ADHD, ADD, Bipolar, Asperger's and other neurological disorders.) Benefits Unicorn Children's Foundation as part of Boca Festival Days. Sponsored by United Capital. 6-8 pm. \$25/advance, \$35/at the door. Includes one super premium drink and hors d'oeuvres. 395-4433.

Friday - 8/23 - Water Media Class for adults at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Learn proper brush and stroke techniques with an emphasis in water color painting. F through 9/27. 9:30 am-noon. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/23 - Mommy, Mother Nature & Me: Animal Senses at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. Programs may include activities such as: stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5. 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760.

8/23 - Battle of the Bartenders is presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Abe & Louie's Steakhouse, 2200 W. Glades Road, Suite 201, Boca Raton. Local "celebrity" bartending event with all the tips and a portion of the ticket sales benefitting Best Foot Forward Foundation. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance, \$30/at the door. 470-8300.

8/23 - Opening Night Reception with Kadir Lopez at Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Exhibit opening for The Conflux of Eternities:

Historical Discourse in the Work of Kadir Lopez and An American Presence in Cuba. Lopez, the new artist-in-residence, will attend. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 253-2600.

Saturday - 8/24 - Mini Monets for ages 5-12 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 9/28. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/24 - Claying Around for ages 8-14 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Kids learn the basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay. Saturdays through 9/28. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/24 - School of Creative Arts Summer Open House at the Crest Theatre studios and classrooms, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Find out about classes and workshops for Fall Terms 1&2. 2-4 pm. Free. 243-9722.

8/24 - BYOB Canvas & Cocktails at Art-Sea Living, 1628 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 5-7 pm. \$25-\$32/person. 737-2600.

AUGUST 25-31

Sunday - 8/25 - Soul Trek New York - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton. Join an inspiring and uplifting trip to Jewish New York to prepare for the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Trip includes a visit to the Ohel - resting place of the Rebbe, Chabad Headquarters, and other special sites. Enjoy the best Jewish shopping and kosher food and the ambiance of the Jewish community of New York. There will be an additional charge of \$125 to cover expenses, including transportation and food

(flight not included). For preferred flight information, contact: 417-7797 or www.chabadbocabeaches.com/soultrek.

8/25 - Central Palm Beach County Chamber Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament at the Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 N. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach. \$75/individual seats, \$750/corporate table of 10. 1 pm. 578-4817 or www.cpbchamber.com.

8/25 - Generation Hope Gospel Brunch presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Jazz Nightlife, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Celebrate the joy and inspiration that music brings while raising awareness and funds to support the Nat King Cole Generation Hope

mission. Featuring local actress/singer Avery Sommers, great food and great company. Attendees are encouraged to donate new or gently used brass, woodwind, percussion or string instruments, which will be repurposed and distributed to children who are unable to purchase their own. 1-4 pm. \$65/advance, \$75/at the door. 213-8209.

8/25 - Concert: Camerata del Re: the Old & New - Presented as part of Music at St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A program showcasing the expressive potential of Baroque instruments in both historic and modern works. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating,

\$15/requested donation, \$5/students. 278-6003 or www.stpaulsdelray.org.

8/25 - 7th Annual Bowling for Bread Event and Food Drive at Strikes, 21046 Commercial Trail, Boca Raton. Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and bowling. There is a friendly competition where the best bowlers are recognized with trophies. Benefits Boca Helping Hands as part of Boca Festival Days. 2-5 pm. \$50/single bowler, \$200/sponsor or reserve a lane; \$600/corporate sponsorship. Reservations: 367-1193 or www.bocahelpinghands.org.

Monday - 8/26 - The Man Who Loved Islands is discussed as part of the Great

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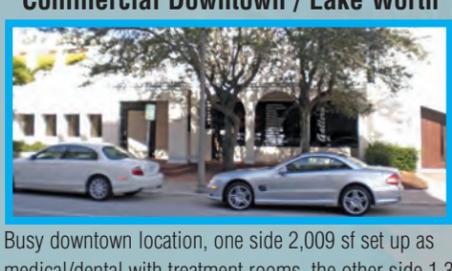
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OCEAN RIDGE – Key West style beach house with pool, wood-burning fireplace, coastal inspired décor, metal roof and deeded beach access. 3BR/2.5BA. **\$1,595,000.** Kristine Wasserman: 561-735-1182



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MALLORY SQUARE – Exquisite furnished townhome with view of the lovely courtyard. Interior with no street noise. 3BR/2.5BA. **\$4000/month.** Bob Kirkland: 561-253-4319

Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/26 - Stand the Storm by Breena Clarke - Presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/26 - Margarita Monday at Rocco's Tacos, 5250 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Benefits KidSafe Foundation as part of Boca Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/door includes two signature drinks plus appetizers. 395-4433, Ext. 235.

8/26 - Off Center of Nowhere by David Sirois at the Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Part of Summer Theatre Fest Reading Series sponsored by WLRN. 7:30 pm. Free. 243-7129 or www.artsgarage.org.

Tuesday - 8/27 - Create Gallery Talk with Tom Di Maria at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Director of the Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland, Cal., guides visitors through the Create exhibition and shares his insights and experiences working with many of the individuals in the show. 2-3 pm. Free with paid museum admission. 392-2500.

8/27 - Shoes, Champagne, and Chocolate - Presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Neiman Marcus Boca Raton Town Center Mall, Ladies Shoe Salon, 5860 Glades Road. Join an evening of appetizers, purses, champagne, shoes and chocolate. Benefits Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. 6-8 pm. \$50/before 8/23; \$60/at the door. 391-7274 ext. 128 or www.ffcdc.org.

8/27 - 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.

Wednesday - 8/28 - Stroller Daze 2013 at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Event geared towards parents and children ages birth to 4 years. Storytelling, child friendly entertainment, crafts, science demos and more. 9 am-noon. \$5/adult, free/children. 832-1988.

8/28 - Story & Craft Time at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Ages 3-6 discover nature through crafts and stories about animals and other nature-related themes. 10 am. \$2/child. Reservations: 966-7000.

8/28 - Wii Bowling for Adults at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Practice bowling skills and exercise in the air conditioned library. Ambulatory-challenged adults can play sitting down. Compete for prizes. 1:30-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6886 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/28 - Fundraiser: It's an INNER Body Experience at Maxim Life, 499 NE Spanish River Blvd., Suite 5, Boca Raton. Educational presentations and a live cooking demo by Coco Frey of Eat The Truth. Special buffet provided by Chef Angelo Morelli of Angelo's Station House. Monthly event to attract awareness and raise money for COTA in Honor of Talia Bannardo. 5-8 pm. \$12/advance, \$15/at the door. 955-0099 ext. 201.

8/28 - Jewels for a Cause - Presented as part of Boca Festival Days at Cristino Fine Jewelry, 421 S. Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Enjoy wine and champagne, hors d'oeuvres from Ruths Chris Steakhouse, fashion show & raffle prizes. Benefitting YMCA of South Palm Beach County. 5:30-8 pm. \$45. 237-0927.

8/28 - Art Cinema at the Crest: If I Were You at The Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Two shows: 6 & 8:30 pm. \$8. 243-7922 ext. 1.

8/28 - From the Margins to the Mainstream: Guest Lecture by Tom Di Maria at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Director of the Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland, Cal., discusses the 40-year history of the center and the projects and partnerships that enables its artists to gain recognition for their talents and fully-integrates them into the art world. 6:30 pm. \$5/non-members. 392-2500.

Thursday - 8/29 - Legacy Planning Seminar at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 742-6570 or www.boynton-beach.org.

8/29 - 4th Annual Clothes Off Our Backs for Women in Distress at Oceans 234, 234 N. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach. Clean out your closets or just donate the clothes off your back. Benefits Women in Distress of Broward County as part of Boca Festival Days. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$15. 954-428-2539.

8/29 - Rock and Roll Motor Show at Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Vintage cars and motorcycles, plus entertainment plus hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Benefits International Society for Autism as part of Boca Festival Days. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$25. 954-571-5265.

8/29 - BMX Bike Night at the "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Open night for BMX bikers. Ages 5 to adult. Held the last Thursday of every month. 6-9 pm. \$2/guest pass. 243-7158.

Friday - 8/30 - Seafari Science Night at the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Trail North, West Palm Beach. 6-10 pm. \$12/adults, \$8/children (3-12), \$5/adult members, free/children members and kids under age 3. 832-1988.

Saturday - 8/31 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Held every last Saturday of the month. 8-10:30 am. 369-5501.

8/31-9/2 - USTA Regional "Summer Smash" Tennis Tournament at the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. One of the largest participatory USTA events in the country with more than 500 players in the Boys & Girls 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s divisions. Girls 12's, Boys 12's & 14's Match Sites are the Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. and the Delray Beach Tennis Center. Girls 16's and Boys 16's Match Site is Evert Tennis Academy, 10334 Diego Drive, Boca Raton and The Polo Club Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd., Boca Raton. Girls 18's and Boys 16's Match Sites are Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. and Broken Sound Country Club, 2401 Willow Springs Dr., Boca Raton. Girls 14's Match Site is The Polo Club Boca Raton, Broken Sound Country Club and Boca West Country Club. Matches begin daily at 8am. Spectator admission free. 330-6003 or www.yellowtennisball.com.

SEPTEMBER 1-7

Tuesday - 9/3 - Toddler Tales at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. Stories, songs and puppets teach the love of books. For ages up to 3 years. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

9/3 - Brave! (PG) - Presented as part of Tween Movie Mania at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For ages 9-12. Includes free pizza and drinks. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968 or www.bocalibrary.org.

Wednesday - 9/4 - Terrific 3 to 5 Year Olds at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. Stories, songs and crafts. Held again 9/18, 25 & 10/2. 10-10:30 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968.

9/4 - Rosh Hashanah Eve Service - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 Camino Real. 7:20 pm/Candle lighting and services; 8:15 pm/Dinner. \$54/adults, \$25/children under 12. Reserved High Holiday Seating: \$72/day adults, \$18/day (special children's program). 417-7797.

Thursday - 9/5 - Great Escape at the Children's Science Explorium, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Experiments, outdoor fun and something to take home. Bring a lunch. 9 am-1 pm. \$25/residents, \$31.25/non-residents. Registration: 347-3913.

9/5 - Beautiful Creatures (PG-13) - Presented as part of Teen Movie Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd St. For ages 13-17. 6-8 pm. Free/Includes pizza & soda. 393-7968.

9/5-6 - Rosh Hashanah Services - Presented by Chabad of East Boca Raton at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 Camino Real. Daily services: 9 am; Mincha/Tashlich (9/5): 6:30 pm; Reserved High Holiday Seating: Adults: \$72/day; Children: \$18/day. 417-7797.

Friday - 9/6 - Tot Time at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Ages 2-5 enjoy crafts, snacks and indoor play stations. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900.

9/6 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Experience the gardens in all their beauty, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink and a breathtaking sunset. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$8/non-member adults, \$6/kids, free for children 3 and under. 495-0233.

Saturday - 9/7 - Art-E-Ology: Byron Browne: Shapes and Everyday Items for grades 3-5 at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Once a month, children learn about a master artist on exhibit at the museum and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the selected artist. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. Registration: 392-2500 ext. 106.

9/7 - The Boca Bus Loop - Check in at FAU Living Room Theatre, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Proceeds to benefit Junior League of Boca Raton, Golden Bell, and Spirit of Giving. Receive a free drink/item at each venue. Drink cards are valid until 11 pm. Ride the trolleys for free until midnight. Check in anytime between 5:30-9 pm. Bus Loop card will be valid from 6-11 pm. \$20 prepay by 9/1, \$30 after, \$35/at the door (free admission for designated drivers). 954-574-6000.



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Villas by the Sea offer a home away from home

The Delray Beach Marriott new Villas by the Sea offer a retreat for doing business or for relaxing. The property, at the corner of A1A and Atlantic Avenue, has eight luxury ocean-view or garden-view cottages surrounding a private pool.

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The Delray Beach Marriott and its Villas by the Sea are owned and operated by Ocean Properties Ltd.

Villas prices range from \$400-\$900 per night during summer and \$600-\$1,900 during season. For information about the Delray Beach Marriott's Villas by the Sea, visit www.marriottdelraybeach.com or call (561) 274-3200 or toll-free (877) 389-0169.



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