

## Delray Beach

### iPic push meets with planning board rejection

By Jane Smith

The iPic movie theater team reached for the stars before the Delray Beach Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

To be allowed to build a luxury theater in the city's downtown, the team used robo calls, TV spots, email blasts and Facebook and Twitter posts. Representatives stood outside City Hall just before that meeting to hand out royal purple T-shirts that read: "I pick iPic."

The commission chamber was standing room only with board members looking out to a sea of people dotted with folks wearing the T-shirts. Even iPic's land use attorney, Bonnie Miskel, wore one over her navy blue suit during her presentation.

Despite the strong showing, board members denied the three key items that iPic requested to build an eight-screen theater complex on 1.59 acres that used to house the city library, a parking lot and the Chamber of Commerce offices.

The advisory board denied all three of the iPic requests: abandoning an alley, increasing the height from 48 to 59.5 feet and using the site as a theater.

The height denial was unanimous. The alley

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## Along the Coast



A powered parachute flies above a sunset yoga class taught by Jessica Om on July 19 at Atlantic Dunes Park in Delray Beach. Om has been teaching the Sunday class since 2010. She recently added a Wednesday class. The classes meet 5:30-7:30 p.m. A \$10-\$15 donation is suggested. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Gulf Stream

### Town tax rate soars 42% as legal fees rise

By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream consistently ranks among the state's most affluent communities, which helps explain how the town has been able to absorb a stunning increase in budget expenses that few other municipalities could.

Over the last two years, residents have watched their tax rate soar about 42 percent — from \$3.497 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2013, to \$3.90 in 2014, to the current proposed rate of \$5 per \$1,000.

This comes at a time when the town's property values have been soaring, too — up 14 percent in 2014 over the previous year and up another 10.6 percent over that this year to \$965 million. The town's total budget has almost doubled from about \$3.1 million three years ago to the \$5.8 million proposed for the next fiscal year.

Where has all the new revenue gone? Most of it is going to legal bills, which now account for close to 20 percent of the entire budget. Gulf Stream officials blame two litigious residents for the

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This gray fox is a frequent visitor to Briny Breezes. **Photo courtesy Marcela Viglianchino**

## Along the Coast

### Shrinking habitats bring foxes to coastal towns

By Cheryl Blackerby

In early morning, a gray fox peeked out of dense foliage by the Little Club golf course in Gulf Stream and trotted with its distinctive bounce across the grass, its ears straight up and alert.

"Look, a red fox!" exclaimed a birdwatcher looking for birds, not foxes.

The little fox was actually a gray fox with red fur on its ears, neck and sides. It quickly disappeared into the bushes.

Gray foxes are native Floridians that usually hide in dry forests. But as their inland natural habitats succumb to development, they are being driven into coastal communities.

If there are increased sightings, it probably means construction has run them out of

woodlands.

"Unfortunately, their natural areas are getting bulldozed and construction is pushing animals out. They're losing habitat," says Ricardo Zambrano, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regional biologist. "And we've lost a lot of large predators such as bobcats, panthers and coyotes that prey on foxes."

Urban dwellers tend to love them or hate them. But Florida wildlife experts say there's a lot to love and admire about the foxes, particularly their choice of food — mostly rats and mice.

"People should rejoice when they see foxes because they keep the rodent population down," says Sherry Schlueter, executive director of the

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The Delray Beach 505 Teen Center provides social, cultural and athletic outlets for city's youths. **Page H1**

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## Editor's Note

### Despite all our efforts, mistakes will happen

**W**e make mistakes. We try really hard not to, but they happen.

Sometimes we can't fit all of the information into a story that people think we should, and sometimes the way we say things makes readers think one thing when that's not what we were trying to say. We've heard both of these complaints this past month.

Putting words together in a compact and readable way, forming stories out of interviews, trying to find the facts behind hints and innuendo can be tricky. We do the best we can and hire several different people to look at all the words before we publish. We try not to make mistakes. Really we do.

But sometimes our fingers simply hit the wrong keys on the keyboard. And sometimes we miss these typos before they get into print. That's what happened with Woody Gorbach's name in a photo caption. Twice. Once it was Horvath then it was Gorbath.

Here's my explanation: My husband is an excellent photographer, but a lousy typist. He claims he had to take typing class twice in high school.

But don't we have copy editors you ask? Yes, we do. And normally we watch caption information very closely, but the first time around with Mr. Gorbach's name, we just missed it.

My husband was so upset by his first mistake that we published a correction and I didn't double-check behind him. If you've been married for a while, you probably know what a minefield it can be to second-guess your spouse's work. Right?

So, we made a mistake — again. Unfortunately it was on the name of an elected official who is also a decorated war hero. Embarrassing.

Mr. Gorbach has been a good sport about these mistakes and we've promised him a copy of the photograph as an apology. That's the least we can do.

And we'll try not to do it again. But if we do, please let us know. If the mistake we make is factual, we'll do our best to correct it. Even if it's a typing error.

— *Mary Kate Leming,*  
Editor



### But here's something we got right

**W**e won several awards at the Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspapers contest July 24 in Orlando:

Cheryl Blackerby received two first-place awards for environmental and outdoor writing.

Dan Moffett won second place for local government reporting.

Willie Howard won second place for outdoor and

recreation writing.

Mary Thurwachter took second place for community history.

Scott Simmons, Jerry Lower and Mary Kate Leming received second place for overall graphic design.

Third place winners were: Mary Hladky, business reporting; Ron Hayes, community history and Emily J. Minor, feature profile.

We are very proud of our award-winning team.

## Coastal Star



Lynda Hunter, children's services librarian at the Delray Beach Public Library, plays guitar and performs sing-along tunes to a packed room on June 29. Hunter is celebrating her 30th year at the library. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## She makes the library fun and exciting for community's readers-in-training

By Rich Pollack

Lynda Hunter's first day on the job at the Delray Beach Public Library didn't go all that well.

A mother of two small children at the time, Hunter had noticed during one of her visits that the library was looking for someone to work part time, checking out books.

"The first day I was really bored," says Hunter, who has a master's degree in fine arts education and who had taught school in one of Philadelphia's toughest neighborhoods.

Three days after she was hired, however, the children's librarian resigned and the library's then director, Leslie Strickland, asked Hunter to step in.

Hunter has been anything but bored since getting the job 30 years ago this month and leading a vibrant children's program focused on serving the entire community.

A musician with years of classical piano training but who began playing folk and blues guitar during the 1960s, Hunter began incorporating music and art into children's programming at the library.

Realizing the library, then on Southeast Fourth Avenue, was serving mostly the children of the city's more affluent residents, Hunter began taking her show on the road.

"I started outreach programs at daycare centers and after-school programs to read to children who weren't coming to the library," she said.

Now 68, Hunter is still taking her guitars and her books to Head Start programs, schools and summer camps, in addition to leading several story-time programs inside the library — all while running a growing department.

During a two-week period last month, Hunter and her team of two full-time and one part-time assistants put on programs attended by more than 3,000 children.

A self-proclaimed "old hippie still at heart" who in the 1960s hitchhiked to South Carolina

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to help register black voters — and later was escorted out of town by police officers — Hunter remains committed to reaching children throughout the community.

"My goal then, and my goal still is, for every child in Delray Beach to have a library card," she said. "Even if it is never used, it's a ticket to anywhere a child wants to go. It's really their first credit card."

Over her 30-year career at the Delray Beach Public Library — one of only two in Florida that are nonprofit organizations run by a board of directors — Hunter has reached thousands of children while at the same time earning her doctorate in fine arts education.

"I have mothers in my programs who were in my programs when they were little," she said. "They tell me they want their children to have the same experience they had."

Hunter and the library have made it a point to keep up with the changing technology that some predicted would make libraries obsolete.

"The opposite is true," she says, explaining that the library is packed with computers that children can use and offers a wide range of children's programs, ranging from science and geography clubs to the Paws for Reading program, where kids read to service dogs.

Now, Hunter is focused on making plans for a 5,000-square-foot expansion of the children's area — funded through the library's "Foothold on the Future" campaign — that will include a state-of-the-art computer lab for kids as well as a music production studio.

"When you get children used to coming to the library, you have a captive audience," she says. "The expansion is going to help create a positive learning experience. We want to help build self-esteem because when children think they can do something, they can do virtually anything."

Although change is coming to the library's children's area thanks to the expansion, there's a good chance visitors will find Lynda Hunter surrounded by children who are listening as a story unfolds.

"I can't imagine not doing this," she says. "I believe I'm still making a difference and when I don't believe that anymore, my days here at the library will be over." ★

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Letters to the Editor

RICO suit stressful for defendant

As a co-defendant in the town of Gulf Stream's recent RICO lawsuit, I would like to set the record straight. The town initiated this action for one purpose — to censor, intimidate and silence its critics.

I have been very careful to make sure my legal complaints against the town were thoughtful, valid and worthy of the court's time. Mayor Scott Morgan labeled them all "scandalously malicious and frivolous." Now the town's RICO complaint has apparently been determined to be frivolous. How ironic.

Mayor Morgan, using the town's outside counsel, attorney Robert Sweetapple (previously my attorney), first offered to exclude me a year ago from this RICO complaint if I agreed to drop all my lawsuits against the town. I did not take him up on his offer.

Last October the mayor and attorney Gerald Richman assured the other commissioners that the RICO threat would make me withdraw all my complaints and cause me to stop asking for public records. Additionally, the commission anticipated that a RICO judgment would get them all their legal expenses back three times over.

Perhaps naively, I thought my right to free speech was more important than the inconvenience of defending against a RICO claim. I had no idea

just how debilitating and costly that defense would be.

This experience has been very stressful for my family and me. The financial strain of defending myself, the uncertainty of a possible devastating outcome and the shock of being falsely accused have taken a toll. I thank God U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Marra finally put an end to it.

I consider the mayor's RICO lawsuit against me and his publicity campaign of "bully pulpit" comments at Town Hall meetings, his official letters to residents, town interviews on TV and in newspapers, and even a defamatory law review article by another of the town's attorneys, all to be part of a continuing campaign of retaliation against me for speaking out.

I have made many public record requests about the police officer who trespassed into my home over three years ago and other questionable activities by the town. I have spoken publicly at town meetings about issues town leaders may find uncomfortable. The town wished to chill such public speech by claiming it was part of some organized crime effort. Thankfully the judge ruled otherwise.

Rather than admit past wrongdoing, agreeing to follow state law in the future and acting like a real democratic government, town leaders instead choose to stall the inevitable by ignoring settlement offers and prolonging a legal strategy apparently

intended to "save face."

In July, the commission voted to appeal Marra's decision and ask another judge to examine this expensive and unwarranted RICO lawsuit.

Also at this meeting, the town manager disclosed that next year's budget will allocate \$1 million for legal expenses (25 percent of the town's entire budget). Where is this money coming from? At that same July meeting the town approved a preliminary budget that raises the millage rate from 3.1 mills in 2012 to 5.0 mills in 2015. According to the town's own estimates, when adjusted for increases in property value, this is a total increase of 73.57 percent in just three years.

This RICO complaint may have been born more out of hubris than actual government purpose, proving to be more self-serving rather than serving the public and certainly intended to protect town leaders by punishing town critics. Consequently, the notion of fair government has been besmirched and unfortunately town residents will be stuck with the hefty and growing bill.

Christopher O'Hare  
Gulf Stream

**Editor's Note:** According to the Town of Gulf Stream, Mr. O'Hare has filed more than 1,000 public record requests with the town.

Lantana water crew to be commended

In mid-July, Lantana town crews began working on a water problem along Dixie Highway, near the northern town limits. I understand it had to do with a nonfunctioning fire hydrant.

As a result, East View Street experienced diminished water service for several days. At times, there was no water. By July 17 there was no water at all.

The town's crews continued to work throughout the steamy hot day. By evening, still no water.

I spoke with the men on the job (who were polite and helpful) and they assured me that they would not leave until water was restored.

That turned out to be true, but not before the men had worked long after dark on a Friday evening.

They were aware, I think, that many View Street residents are elderly and the result of a prolonged drought could negatively impact their health.

I want to commend the public service workers for their performance and dedication. This unpleasant development could have been much more serious.

Please convey our appreciation to the workers and managers who helped us.

Ken Matthews  
Lantana

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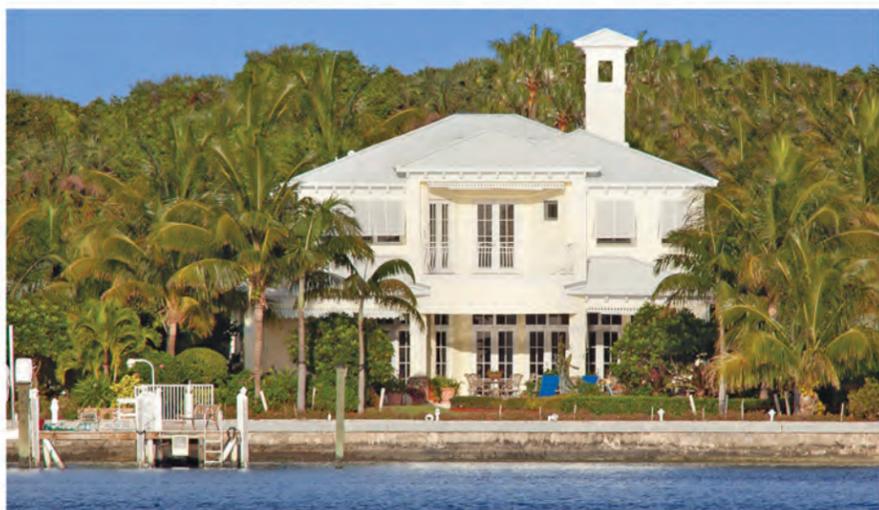
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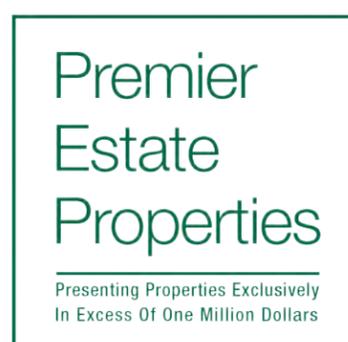
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# City dives into budget to justify minor tax rate decrease

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach is undergoing a cultural shift where departmental silos are breaking down and city employees are working together in hopes of saving taxpayers money.

The enthusiasm of city staff was palpable when department heads talked about their budgets before the City Commission in mid-July. But staff at two of its agencies — the Downtown Development Authority and Community Redevelopment Agency — feverishly reviewed their budgets, knowing they would have to justify expenses.

“It’s a very good news story,” said Jack Warner, the city’s chief financial officer, when talking about the 2015-16 budget. “But we are not finished yet.”

From its \$110.3 million budget, the city spends about 62 percent on personnel and an additional 10 percent goes to its CRA and nonprofits. With those restrictions, Warner recommended keeping the operational rate flat, while the debt service rate fell by 9 percent, to give taxpayers an overall reduction of 0.4 percent.

Because property values rose this year by 10.2 percent, most taxpayers will pay more under the \$7.44 rate approved unanimously by the commission. Public hearings will be held in September, when the commission may lower the

### Delray Beach

**Proposed tax rate: \$7.44 per \$1,000 of taxable value\***

2014-15 tax rate: \$7.46 per \$1,000 of taxable value\*

Change in property value: 10.2 percent increase

Total budget (operating and capital): \$110.3 million

Public hearings: 7 p.m. Sept. 3 and Sept. 15 at City Hall

\*Debt service included.

2015-16 tax rate may be lowered, but not raised at the September hearings.

tax rate.

Commissioners wanted to be able to give residents reasons for not reducing taxes.

“There are a lot of ideas thrown out there on how to reduce our millage. Some people say stop funding nonprofits, some people say get rid of the CRA, some people say consolidate the Fire Department with the county and some people say charge for parking,” Commissioner Jordana Jarjura said. “It would be helpful to know the cost of each of those and then the residents would say, ‘You know what, I am comfortable paying the 7.1 percent (without debt service) because I want to keep all those things.’”

In May, a divided commission voted 3-2 against adding downtown parking meters, which would have generated \$3.6 million annually.

### CRA pays for nonprofits

The CRA board selected Munilytics Inc. on July 23 to analyze the effect of losing tax increment revenues in each

of its eight areas, as requested by the City Commission. The results are expected in October.

For the next budget year, the city asked its CRA to pay the total cost of the revamped Clean and Safe program at \$2.3 million, a 27 percent increase, and cover an additional \$100,000 of the Delray Beach Public Library operating budget, or slightly more than 20 percent. The agency is limited by a 25 percent cap for nonprofits. It also will donate \$275,000 (18 percent) to the Creative City Collaborative, the group that runs the Arts Garage.

EPOCH, the organization that runs the Spady Museum, will receive 25 percent, or \$59,425, of its operating budget from the CRA. Delray Beach Center for the Arts, which runs programs at the Old School Square complex, will receive \$289,900, or 14.5 percent, of its operating budget. The Delray Beach Historical Society — included for the first time — will receive \$45,000, or 21.8 percent, of its operating budget.

The CRA has a proposed \$28.2 million budget next year, which includes \$8.9 million in city tax increment revenues, \$6 million from the county tax increment revenues and \$5.6 million in carry-over money for projects that are unfinished.

The leftover projects aggravated CRA board members because they pay \$97,557 for a project engineer who is part of the city’s Environmental Services Department.

“We are carrying 20 percent of our budget because nothing gets done,” said CRA board member Paul Zacks. He wants to meet the engineer the CRA pays for, “call him into the principal’s office.”

Instead, Randall Krejcarek, his supervisor and department director, will be asked to attend the CRA August workshop.

The agency’s top capital improvement item weighs in at \$2.8 million for the Arts Warehouse construction.

The CRA tallied the amount it will pay for city projects, services and nonprofit programs to be \$14.7 million, nearly \$5.8 million more than it receives in city tax revenue.

“How could they survive without us?” incoming CRA Chair Reggie Cox asked at the group’s budget meeting on July 22.

The agency will borrow from a \$6 million line of credit if it can’t sell the former library

and chamber site to the iPic developers. The iPic project will come before the City Commission on Aug. 18.

### DDA proposes tax increase

The DDA presented its proposed budget of \$759,929 to the City Commission on July 14. Commissioners agreed to the proposed tax rate of 1 mill, which would give the DDA \$689,989 in tax revenues. The tax rate can be lowered in September. The city is surveying property owners and renters in the district; results will be given in August.

The proposed budget includes \$15,000 for West Atlantic to do a small research project on the target audience and how to reach it. The DDA initially had budgeted \$5,000 before hearing a presentation from a West Atlantic consultant on July 13.

That increased allocation pleased Vice Mayor Shelly Petrolia. “The branding was brought out in the Delray Meets Delray event,” she said. “It’s very important and so key to what is happening in West Atlantic.”

**In other action,** commissioners asked the city manager to explore the cost of constructing a prefab facility on city land to store its 100-foot Christmas tree, instead of spending \$1 million to buy a replacement tree. ★

## City begins legwork for dog beach proposal

By Rich Pollack

Pet owners, who for years have been pressing for a designated dog beach in Delray Beach, found a glimmer of hope last month when the city’s Parks and Recreation director conducted the first of at least two meetings designed to gauge community support for the idea.

During the initial meeting, Suzanne Davis explained that she and her department have spent months looking into the feasibility of a pilot project in which a portion of the city’s public beach would be designated as a recreation area for dogs.

The goal, she said, will be to present the collected information, including best practices from other cities, public comments and suggestions to city commissioners soon.

“We want to get as much information as possible,” she said. “We want to present the pros and cons that will help the commission make an informed decision.”

Davis said one idea under consideration is to designate a portion of the recreation area at the extreme north end of the city’s public beach as a

dog beach. She said there is a recreation area at the south end of the public beach, near Atlantic Dunes Park, that could also be used as a dog beach.

Currently, the city does not allow dogs on any portion of the public beach.

While dog owners attending the meeting appeared optimistic, Davis cautioned that more needs to be done before the idea could be presented to the City Commission.

“This isn’t going to happen overnight and if it does, it probably is only going to be a pilot project,” she said.

As part of the fact-gathering process, the Parks and Recreation Department researched how other cities, such as Boca Raton, have successfully implemented dog beaches and conducted an online survey prior to last month’s meeting.

The survey, completed by more than 500 participants, showed overwhelming support for a dog beach, with 82 percent saying they were in favor of the idea. Those responding — as well as those attending last month’s meeting — were often split, however, on specifics such as whether the dog beach should have

limited hours, whether there should be a fee and whether dogs should be required to be on leashes.

Most agreed that those using the dog beach should have to register and present proof their pets had all required vaccinations. They also agreed that rules — including requiring owners to pick up after their pets — would need to be in place.

During the meeting many residents, as well as Tony Chapital of Responsible Dog Owners Group of Delray Beach — who helped organize the gathering — suggested that a dog beach could have a positive financial impact on the city as well as on tourism-related businesses.

Chapital said many local hotels now accept pets and having a dog beach would be an added benefit to out-of-town and seasonal visitors. Others at the meeting said the city could use the fees collected at the dog beach as an additional revenue stream.

Among those attending the meeting was Andy Katz, vice president of the influential Beach Property Owners Association, who encouraged Davis to conduct additional meetings where anyone who opposes a dog beach could



The city will have another public meeting Aug. 13 to gauge community support for allowing dogs on part of the public beach. **2014 file photo**

also be heard.

Calling the first meeting “an echo chamber” in which most of the comments were in support of a dog beach, Katz urged organizers to seek out a balance of opinions.

“We haven’t taken a position on this but we want the process to include everyone,” he said. “We have

to figure out how all the users of the beach can work in cooperation with one another.”

Davis agreed that more voices need to be heard and has arranged for another meeting aimed at getting public input, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Delray Beach Community Center. ★

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## iPIC

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abandonment and theater use were denied on 5-2 votes, with Chairman Robin Bird and board member Jay Jacobson voting for both.

The city's planning staff supported the project. Some board members liked the concept of theater in downtown Delray Beach, but they thought it wasn't a good fit on the small site.

"They are trying to put 10 pounds of something into a 5-pound bag," said board member Christopher Davey.

The iPic complex is "too massive for the property," said speaker Bruce Gimmy, who owns The Trouser Shop on Atlantic Avenue.

The next step for iPic is to pitch the City Commission on Aug. 18.

Miskel described the iPic movie experience as a boutique cinema with a home theater environment with blankets and pillows available. The seats that recline fully have wait service where the patron pushes a button and the server



Rendering provided

appears. The theater's peak season is the summertime, opposite of the city's winter season, she said.

Karen Granger, president and CEO of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of iPic.

"We are *really* thrilled at the chamber because of the jobs this project brings to Delray Beach," she said. "Not only the movie theater jobs, but the jobs associated with having the headquarters for iPic right here in our downtown."

The company, based in Boca Raton, operates iPic movie theaters in 11 cities.

The Delray Beach iPic would feature 528 stadium-style seats that need 30-foot

ceilings. The complex would have 42,660 square feet of office space on the top two floors, 7,986 square feet of retail along Southeast Fourth Avenue and a 320-car parking garage with 72 spaces for the public.

The iPic owners are asking for 4,832 square feet of alley, but Miskel pointed out that the CRA's request for proposals always required companies to make use of the alley. She also pointed out that the iPic owners are conveying or granting easements to the city for 6,301 square feet to widen two alleys. "The give is greater than the take," she said.

One speaker, Robert George, who owns nearby properties, objected to the alley giveaway. The alley was dedicated in July 1896 by the Model Land Co. and W.S. Linton to the city for use as a public roadway, he said. Closing that section of the alley would impair access of public safety vehicles, delivery trucks and customer vehicles, he said.

Traffic circulation was an issue to some board members. Valet drop-off

would occur inside the complex, just off Atlantic Avenue. Those cars would be stacked on the parking garage's top floor and retrieved by a valet who would then exit the garage and do a series of right turns onto Southeast Fourth Avenue and Atlantic before returning into the complex.

Some board members noted that the light at the Southeast Fourth Avenue intersection with Atlantic is geared to keep traffic moving on Atlantic and that cars can become gridlocked on Southeast Fourth Avenue.

In addition, movie-goers would likely drop off passengers on Federal Highway, just south of Atlantic Avenue, where they could enter because they purchased tickets online, Gulf Stream resident Robert Ganger said. He also is president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, dedicated to preserving quality of life for coastal residents.

Miskel's answer: The iPic owners would hire an off-duty police officer to keep traffic moving. ★

## FOX

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South Florida Wildlife Center, which handles wildlife rescue and nuisance calls in Palm Beach and Broward counties. "Gray foxes are highly beneficial in our ecosystem."

Mice in the dunes on the beach and rats along the Intracoastal are bringing foxes to the coast. "And where there are people, there are rodents," says Zambrano.

That foxes eat dogs and cats is strictly urban myth.

"I've never heard of a fox attacking a dog or cat," says Zambrano.

In fact, the reverse is true. Dogs and cats left outside often attack foxes and kill fox pups.

Gray foxes and raccoons do prey on turtle nests and cause the loss of 5 to 7 percent of the nests in Boca Raton. They are the predominant mammalian predators of sea turtle nests, eating the eggs and killing hatchlings, says Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center.

"The worst thing people can do is feed the foxes as that increases their population and puts tremendous pressure on the nests in the area. South of the [Boca] inlet this year is our hot-spot so we are pretty sure someone in one of the condos there is feeding the foxes," Rusenko says.

But the center can keep turtle nests safe with pepper, he says. "Our use of habanero pepper

powder on the nests deters them quite well. In really bad areas like south of the inlet we [also] screen the nests with a 4 by 4-foot wire mesh in an attempt to keep the foxes out of the nest."

Schlueter says raccoons, not foxes, are more commonly the culprit for eating turtle eggs on South Florida beaches.

Like other Florida mammals, foxes can get rabies, but this has not been a problem in Florida, says Zambrano.

Foxes rarely carry rabies, but can get distemper, which is not harmful to people. And the disease is generally not given to domestic animals because most pets get distemper vaccinations.

Nuisance calls about foxes usually are from people who are

frightened by wildlife or, more commonly, homeowners who have found fox pups.

"We have already taken in 38 foxes this year, and 23 were babies," says Schlueter. That's a tiny percentage of the 12,000 injured, orphaned, or imperiled animals the South Florida Wildlife Center takes in annually. The center is one of the largest wildlife hospitals, trauma centers and rehabilitation facilities in the nation.

"What often happens is that people mow their lawns and scare off the mother fox, and they find the babies and bring them in," says Schlueter. She advises homeowners to observe the fox den from a distance to see if the mother returns before they remove the pups.

Foxes also eat fruit on the ground — another service to humans — but generally don't eat vegetables in a garden.

And they don't usually eat garbage, says Schlueter.

"Foxes get unfairly blamed sometimes for overturned trash cans. Remember, these are tiny creatures. In all likelihood, trash cans are overturned by

dogs," she says.

The dainty fox weighs only 7 to 13 pounds and has a gray coat with red around the ears, face and throat — although there may be red on the sides, which leads people to believe they are red foxes. There are no native red foxes in Florida, although there are a few red foxes on Florida's Panhandle that are descendants of red foxes released on fox hunts.

Foxes are shy and nocturnal. If you see a fox in the daytime, it is almost certainly a mother fox foraging for food for babies, says Schlueter.

She warns people not to feed them or any wildlife. "There's plenty of food for them in sunny Florida," she says.

Foxes should be appreciated, not feared, say the experts.

"They are adorable, really endearing animals," says Schlueter.

And here's a fun fox fact: They are the only member of the dog family that climbs trees. ★

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Gulf Stream

# Town to appeal dismissal of RICO suit against O'Boyle, O'Hare

By Dan Moffett

Gulf Stream town commissioners have unanimously voted to appeal a judge's ruling that dismisses their federal racketeering lawsuit against residents Martin O'Boyle and Christopher O'Hare.

Commissioners also have agreed to continue their fight against O'Boyle and O'Hare in the state courts, where dozens of cases about public records disputes and other matters await resolution.

Mayor Scott Morgan says that U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Marra's decision in June to throw out the town's class-action RICO suit was not a validation of the two residents' behavior and should not diminish Gulf Stream's resolve, especially at the state level.

"Make no mistake. These people will be held to account for their actions," Morgan said.

"We have not put all eggs in the RICO basket. In fact, our actions have been ongoing in the state cases, predating the RICO action, where we've had success."

Taking the RICO case to the U.S. appellate court, Morgan says, will give the town's lawyers a chance to argue that the federal statute should be expanded to consider the town's allegations against O'Boyle and O'Hare.

"The judge is a trial judge," Morgan said of Marra. "Trial judges do not make law. This is a case of first impression. That means there is no other case like this — not in Florida, not in the entire United States."

Morgan said O'Boyle sent him a letter in July, urging

commissioners to "have a sit-down" and enter into settlement negotiations. But Morgan said the town thought it ended the disputes with O'Boyle in 2013 when the two sides settled a lawsuit over the remodeling of his home. Within months, however, new issues arose, Morgan said, and O'Boyle filed a "new round" of lawsuits.

"A review of history is important," Morgan said. "We've done this (settlement) before, and it cost the town an awful lot of money and embarrassment."

The mayor said the town's more recent attempts at finding a settlement "turned into threats, and banners and more litigation" from O'Boyle. Other commissioners agreed.

"I fully support your taking charge of this, and I think you're handling it the right way,"

Commissioner Joan Orthwein told the mayor during the July meeting. "I like your history of it. I think there's no way we could ever settle again."

"Amen," said Vice Mayor Robert Ganger.

O'Hare told the commission he had no choice but to take his issues with the town to court.

"I don't want to sound like Don Quixote, but there are democratic principles at stake," O'Hare said. "The only way it seems to get those principles on line is by redress from the courts."

O'Hare accused the town of mismanagement and wasting taxpayers' money, with a newly minted budget proposal that sets aside \$1 million for legal fees in the next fiscal year, including the RICO appeal.

"I could see the town's millage rate going to 7.5,"

O'Hare said.

Jonathan O'Boyle, Martin's son and a director with the family's law firm in Deerfield Beach, has said that the blame for the legal hostilities lies with the commissioners and the town's managers.

"If the town were a corporation, the shareholders would demand to know how much this lawsuit cost, demand a refund, and replace management," Jonathan O'Boyle said. "The taxpayers deserve personal refunds from their leaders."

Morgan stands by the town's RICO assertion that O'Boyle and O'Hare used public records to "intimidate and extort, by means of misleading and fraudulent behavior, money and changes in action from municipalities" in a conspiracy that reached across the state. ★

## GULF STREAM

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exploding numbers: Martin O'Boyle and Chris O'Hare.

This year's budget includes \$1 million to cover the anticipated legal fees the town will incur from defending itself against dozens of lawsuits O'Boyle and O'Hare have filed against Gulf Stream, its commissioners and its employees.

At the July 10 town commission meeting, O'Hare called the legal bills and budget numbers "distressing" and said commissioners should change their approach, stop fighting in the courts and work for a settlement with the two men.

"The \$1 million in legal fees is a burden on the 500 property owners that pay taxes here," O'Hare said. "It only takes three commissioners to change the direction this ship is heading."

"Why don't you dismiss all your lawsuits?" Mayor Scott Morgan asked him. "It would save the town so much money ... I think the entire town would love that. Why don't you give that some thought?"

Because of the legal expenses, homeowners will get no break from their rising property values. The current rollback rate — the millage at which tax revenues would remain the same as 2015 — is \$3.63 per \$1,000, meaning taxpayers, under the proposed budget, will be charged 36 percent more than what they paid last year despite the

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robust real estate appreciation. And all this comes while the town also is paying for a multiyear \$5.4 million project to move its utility lines underground.

Town Manager William Thrasher said his budget proposal will generate enough revenue to replenish the town's dwindling reserves with an infusion of about \$672,000. Thrasher said that will provide a cushion against emergencies. Beyond legal expenses, close to 25 percent of the total budget, roughly \$1.5 million, goes to Delray Beach for fire-rescue, water and building services.

Gulf Stream's taxpayers can take some solace from knowing that their town's

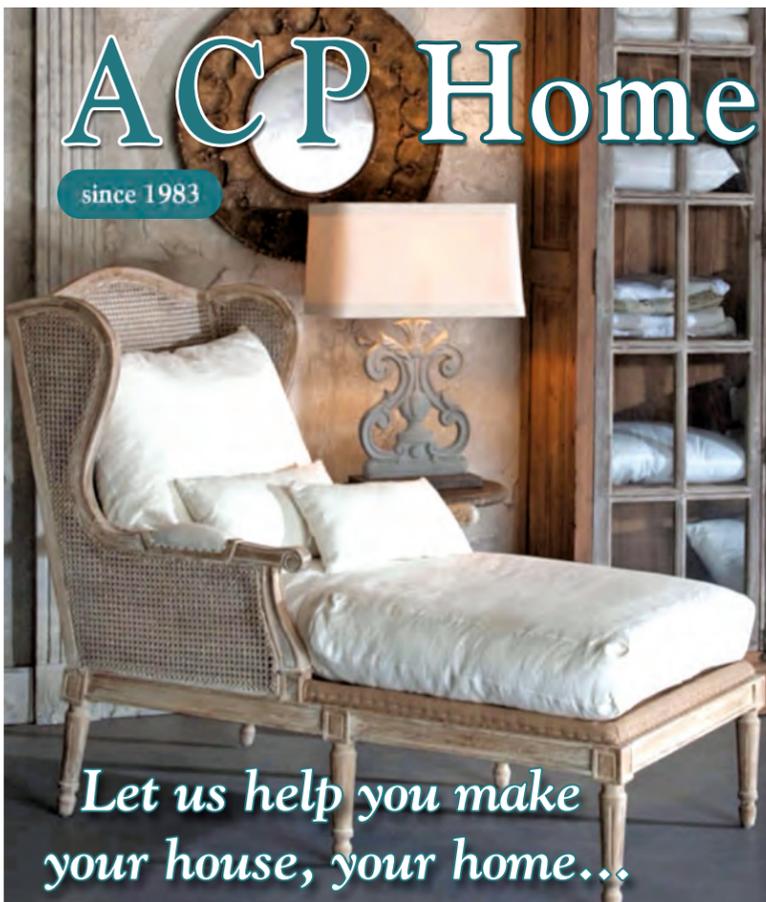
budget methodology is well-regarded within its peer group. The Chicago-based Government Finance Officers Association honored the town with its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award this year, giving officials high marks for the budget as "a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide (and) a communications device." It is the only national awards program in government budgeting.

The GFOA recognized Rebecca Tew, the town's accountant, for her work on the budget, and the Town Commission gave her a round of applause at the July meeting. ★

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**Ocean Ridge**

**Lucibella legal defense will cost taxpayers at least \$50,000**

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge taxpayers appear likely to be charged at least \$50,000 to cover Commissioner Richard Lucibella’s legal fees for defense against the failed recall movement that sought to remove him from office.

Fort Lauderdale attorney Sidney Calloway has sent the town invoices for about \$80,000 in services for Lucibella, much of it at \$485 per billable hour.

“I could not say that the number of hours was excessive or extreme,” said Town Attorney Ken Spillias, who reviewed the charges. “Generally, the time put in appeared reasonable to me.”

The town is covered by insurance, but the policy has a \$50,000 deductible. And the carrier has been reluctant to pay anything because one Ocean Ridge official (Lucibella) ended up suing another official (Town Clerk Karen Hancsak), an unusual twist the company claims exempts it from writing a check.

Spillias believes that Florida case law comes down on Ocean Ridge’s side, and the town has a good chance of recovering the \$30,000 above the deductible. Spillias’ argument to the insurance company is that the town had a public interest in intervening in the case and an obligation to reimburse an elected official against a legally flawed recall. Also, Lucibella had no choice but to defend himself against the recall group’s charges of malfeasance and had no choice but to sue the clerk because the position is charged with handling the petitions.

The town’s premium for legal liability insurance for the commissioners will be going up about \$2,000, or 19 percent, in the next year’s budget.

“They have not stated that the increase was due to the recall,” Town Manager Ken Schenck said of the carrier, “but my guess is it didn’t help.”

The recall effort fell apart after a five-hour trial when Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Gregory Keyser ruled in June that the petitions didn’t satisfy statutory requirements and were legally insufficient. The 10-page decision ended a five-month campaign against Lucibella that began when he played a key role in forcing out Chris Yannuzzi as police chief in January.

“Anyone who read the statute and was thinking with their head would have looked

at the petitions and said that’s not going to fly,” Lucibella said during the July 6 town commission meeting.

Beyond the cost of attorneys, Lucibella and his supporters believe the recall dispute has taken a heavy toll on public service in Ocean Ridge. Lucibella said that, going forward, residents will be less likely to run for office, and he blames his fellow commissioners for some of that. He said the town had a responsibility to see that the recall organizers followed proper procedures and also followed the law. Lucibella said because the commission didn’t act against the “sham of a recall,” his only alternative was to go to court and stop it himself.

“We didn’t play hardball on this,” Lucibella said of his court fight. “We went and protected ourselves. We went and protected future commissioners of this town. We got really damn little help from the current commission. I have really no hard feelings about that. You’re trying to protect the town’s best interests. But that was a pretty bad move. Because that’s going to cost the town’s taxpayers a minimum of \$50,000.”

Former Mayor Ken Kaleel also criticized the commission for not supporting Lucibella early on.

“This commission should have taken a harder stance on this recall,” Kaleel told commissioners. “We need those fees reimbursed for this town, for the sanctity of future commissions. That recall was a joke. And it never should have gotten past first base. But it did. And this commission sat back and did absolutely nothing.”

**In other business**, at the July 21 budget workshop, commissioners unanimously voted to keep the town’s tax rate at \$5.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The rollback rate — the rate at which tax revenues stay the same as last year — is \$5.08 per \$1,000.

Next year’s proposed budget has a deficit of about \$180,000, but commissioners hope that shortfall can be reduced by a \$129,000 windfall from code violation fines collected from owners of a property at 40 Hibiscus Way.

The commission tentatively signed off on giving the Police Department three new cruisers at a cost of about \$120,000 and upgraded radio equipment for \$80,000. ★

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## Delray Beach

# Atlantic Crossing access road and lawsuit topic of more meetings

By Jane Smith

The Atlantic Crossing project continues to plod through the Delray Beach approval process.

The 9.2-acre development, slated for the northeast corner of North Federal Highway and East Atlantic Avenue, already has its site plan approved but it is awaiting certification.

The latest snag concerns the type of access road off Federal Highway into the development. Should it be a two-way road, similar to Atlantic Court, which no longer appears on its site plan? Or should the entry lane from Federal Highway go directly into the underground garage?

City commissioners agreed in June that they are not traffic engineers and hired Simmons & White from West Palm Beach to review the two options at a cost not to exceed \$12,500. Rob Rennebaum, the

firm's president, said to the commission in early July, "The developer offered up the road options to make the project better."

He reminded commissioners that the project sits in a traffic concurrency exemption area — meaning it is not subject to traffic studies and any resulting required road improvements outside the development itself.

"The policies were developed to promote this kind of development in the downtown core," he said.

His firm determined the second option of the one-way road was preferable. The first option would lead to "internal conflicts in the central core," he said.

But after repeated questions from Mayor Cary Glickstein, Rennebaum said the one-way road was "just slightly better when considering all of the factors, including

neighborhood concerns."

His firm's report called the two-way surface road a "back alleyway." At the meeting, he said, "Delray Beach has a clear grid system of streets without mid-block connections anywhere. During the public comments, people said they want it to be more of a street, but it's not. It's a kind of a mid-block alley."

At the June 16 special meeting when the east-west road was discussed, the developer's planner said, "If you have to create a road that will support that kind of weight, the only thing you can do is make the parking garage deeper. Part of the flaw in the previous plan with Atlantic Court was that the parking garage was well below the water table, which opened another logistical issue of how you build it."

During the public comment period at the July 7 meeting,

a letter from Bruce Leiner, president of nearby Harbour House condos, was read into the record. His residents want a fully functioning east-west road able to handle the weight of commercial vehicles. "Anything less is not really a road," Leiner wrote. He added his association is considering intervening on the city side in a lawsuit filed by the developers against the city.

Also on July 7, City Attorney Noel Pfeffer revealed the city was not properly served with that lawsuit, but he expected proper service by the end of the week. The city was served July 9 and it has 40 days to respond.

In late July, Pfeffer explained that he has been staying in touch via the telephone with the Atlantic Crossing team and at the same time is working on a response to the developer's lawsuit, which he hopes to file in mid-August.

The response is due Aug. 18.

Atlantic Crossing, a joint venture by area resident Carl DeSantis and the Edwards Companies of Ohio, will have 80,000 square feet of restaurants and shops along with 79,000 square feet of office space and 356 luxury condos and apartments when finished. The \$200 million project received site plan approval in January 2014.

**In other actions** on July 7, the commission voted 3-0 to:

- Rescind and rebid the contract for the beach gazebos after Republic Construction discovered a bid error and wanted to pass.

- Table amending the historic structure relocation ordinance until Aug. 18, and

- Approve the amended historic structure demolition ordinance.

Commissioners Shelly Petrolia and Jordana Jarjura did not attend the meeting. ★

## Clean and Safe program enhanced

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach will spend more than \$2 million in the next budget year to make its downtown into a Disney-esque world of sparkle and safety.

That amount represents a 27 percent increase over the current budget year. The extra money is needed to make the Clean and Safe program work in the downtown, leaders say.

"Every time people come downtown, we want to have a clean downtown. It is realistic," said Michael Coleman, new Community Improvement Department director. The city recently consolidated the program under his department, except for the safety part that remains under the Police Department.

The extra \$500,000 will cover these additions: one downtown manager, one police sergeant, two Segways for police use, three-quarters of a code enforcement officer, one sanitation officer, trash can liners, uniforms, one golf cart and pressure-cleaning sidewalks three times a year inside the program's boundary along Atlantic Avenue, from West 12th Avenue east to Ocean Boulevard.

The downtown manager will supervise the program, which was previously spread among city departments without someone in charge.

"Without the downtown manager," Coleman said, "the program will revert back to how it was."

The program's money will come from the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, because the downtown sits inside the agency's boundaries.

### Downtown Delray Beach in-season crimes

	East (Swinton Ave. to ocean)		West (Swinton Ave. to W.12 <sup>th</sup> Ave.)	
	2013-'14	2014-'15	2013-'14	2014-'15
Larceny	190	171	48	28
Vehicle burglary	59	53	8	10
Aggravated assault/battery	19	10	7	10
Robbery	16	13	10	10
Auto theft	16	20	2	8
Residential burglary	14	16	5	2
Non-residential burglary	14	20	2	1
Sexual battery	1	4	2	3
Homicide	0	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>72</b>

Dates are Oct. 1-May 31 each year.

Source: Delray Beach Police Department

The program consists of increased police patrols, code enforcement, landscape maintenance, lighting, garbage removal, and street and sidewalk cleaning.

Coleman made the pitch for extra money in late June to the CRA board. His police counterpart is now Sgt. Troy Baer.

City commissioners had named the Clean and Safe program a priority in April. They thought the downtown's cleanliness had slipped, creating problems because the area represents the city's main asset and runs nearly 18 hours daily, seven days a week.

### Different elsewhere

Nearby cities and towns approach their downtowns differently.

Boca Raton does not have a specific program, but in its "downtown and Mizner Park, work is done on code enforcement, policing and maintenance," said Mike Woika, assistant city manager.

Boynton Beach would like to start a Clean and Safe Program for its downtown. In the next budget year, its

CRA hopes to cover litter cleanup costs inside the district on Ocean Avenue, Seacrest Boulevard, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Federal Highway, according to Vivian Brooks, CRA executive director.

She said she would like to see community-oriented policing. "Police need to get out of their cars and do foot patrols and bike patrols," she said.

The Boynton Beach CRA will hold its budget session on Aug. 6.

Lantana has a small downtown and does not have adequate staff for a Clean and Safe program, said Deborah Manzo, town manager.

The town handles code enforcement issues, she said. East Ocean Avenue is a county roadway, making the county responsible for street and sidewalk repairs and maintenance. The town maintains the benches, empties garbage cans weekly, trims hedges quarterly and prunes the trees, as needed, along Ocean Avenue.

The Lantana Police Department patrols the



Richard Rolle picks up garbage and debris July 24 on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

downtown area in marked vehicles and on bicycles, and participates in the Park, Walk & Talk program. It requires the officers to get out of their vehicles and walk and speak to business owners and residents along the way, Manzo said.

"The Police Department does not have a dedicated community policing program," she said, "but various shifts have established programs individually to address community concerns."

In downtown Delray Beach, police try to make contact because it is such a high-density area, Baer said. "We rely on relationships with stakeholders — visitors, business owners and employees — to tell us about situations that need attention."

Coleman started with the Delray Police Department in 1994 and was promoted to captain, before being tapped to run the Community Improvement Department. ★



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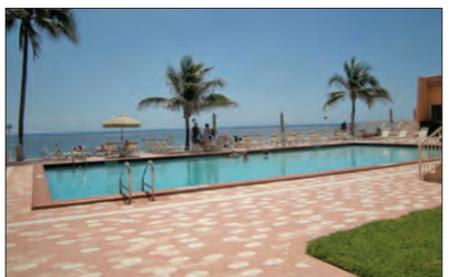
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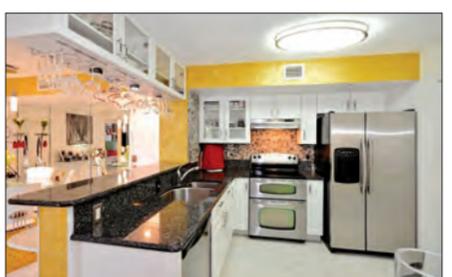
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## Delray Beach

# City talks to county again about fire-rescue consolidation

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach is reopening discussions with Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue to combine services.

Under the mayor's direction, City Manager Don Cooper has talked with his county counterpart, Assistant County Administrator Brad Merriman.

"It's in the preliminary stages," Cooper said. He asked Merriman to find out what could be different this time.

Cooper expects to bring

a rough plan to the City Commission in August.

In June 2014, Delray Beach commissioners rejected joining forces with the county after the city's finance director said the contract, while projected to save \$2.1 million in the first year, could be more costly in future years.

Merriman said the county's fire chief is preparing the plan.

The full-cost methodology proposal is no longer on the table, according to County Fire-Rescue Chief Jeff Collins.

Instead, the county would like Delray Beach to join its municipal service taxing unit where property owners pay a flat rate of \$3.4581 per \$1,000 of taxable value, Collins said.

"It would be safer for the employees and for the citizens," Collins said.

He is preparing the county's proposal, which would cover city fire-rescue employees (who will have the option to join the Florida retiree system for their pensions), staffing levels, response times, equipment to

buy or lease, fire stations and other items.

"Fires would still be put out, rescue calls still made," said Danielle Connor, Delray Beach fire chief. "It's just a change in ownership."

She said she had no opinion on the consolidation.

"The issue is not the highest priority in the city's current three-year plan or in FY 2016 budget, as approved by commission in April and July," wrote Jack Warner, Delray Beach chief financial officer in

an email. "Unlike many other components of city services and capabilities, fire service is not currently 'broken.'

"The county's long-term objective is consolidation of municipalities' fire services. The opportunity for Delray will continue to be available if we do not decide this year; therefore no urgency."

Delray Beach provides fire-rescue services to the towns of Gulf Stream and Highland Beach. Those contracts expire next year. ★

## CRA chooses consultant for analytical report

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency selected a Davie firm to analyze taxable values in each of its eight subareas.

Munilytics was picked on price and time. It had the lowest price of the three bidders, coming in at \$59,000 and estimated time of two months.

"We rely on GIS [geographic information system] info, that is why our costs are low," said Chris Wallace, a Munilytics director. He brought along Will Allen, a retired Davie redevelopment administrator, who has since joined Munilytics. He also is consulting with Davie. Other than Allen, Wallace said, he would need only clerical staff to get the work done on time.

CRA Chairman Herman Stevens asked Wallace how he would evaluate which parts to cut.

By marginal returns in each subarea, Wallace said. He added, "I like CRAs. Area 1 is

good, so you could move over to another area."

Stevens finished that thought by saying "and use that money in other areas waiting their turn."

The analysis will be done in three parts.

Part A will include these tasks: Establish a base year value of each subarea when the CRA was formed in 1980; establish current year value; project values for each subarea for the next 30 years; interview city and CRA commissioners and staff; interview the CRA bond and legal counsel and present report and findings to the CRA board and to the City Commission.

Part B covers comparative analysis of CRAs in other Palm Beach and Broward county cities, including date started, annual budget, expected sunset date and taxable value.

Part C calls for an economic analysis of the CRA contribution to the Delray Beach economy from CRA investments, demographic

data, property values, jobs created and other similar items.

The other bidders also were from Broward County: PMG Associates of Deerfield Beach and RMA Associates of Pompano Beach.

PMG's price was \$79,600. The firm also would include a progressive computer model that CRA staff could be trained to use. The model would account for tax rates, inflation rates, property values and the like.

RMA Associates of Pompano Beach has principals with more than 50 years of redevelopment experience, said Kim Briesemeister when making the pitch. She used to be the director of the West Palm Beach CRA; now her firm runs it on a contract basis. The other principal is Chris Brown, a former director of the Delray Beach CRA.

The firm bid between \$112,500 to \$152,500 depending on whether each property record would have to

be pulled or whether it could just do a random selection of 15 percent to 25 percent.

RMA would assign 12 people to work on the three-part project that would take approximately 30 weeks, Briesemeister said. Not only would they review the property records, but they also include what she called "nuances. You need that extra step of why that happened. What is LIBOR, what is the interest rate?"

Chuck Ridley, a community organizer for the West Atlantic Redevelopment Coalition, called the presentations great.

"This decision you are making will affect the city for generations, particularly the Northwest and Southwest neighborhoods," he said. "It needs to be understandable by me and my grandmother."

Briesemeister also said, "The CRA has been in existence so long that you have to go back to the microfiche" to get a base value. The county property appraiser has only one fiche reader, she said.

That prompted CRA Commissioner Bill Branning to ask what Munilytics would do in that case.

"When the data does exist but it is not convenient, we will do it by tax rolls," Wallace said.

CRA Commissioner Paul Zacks was captivated by Briesemeister's presentation. "She read between the lines and knew what we wanted," he said. "As Mr. Ridley stated, this is an important process that will affect Delray for decades. I'm switching my vote to RMA."

But RMA wasn't part of any motion. CRA commissioners voted twice and were deadlocked 3-3 with Cathy Balestriere absent.

Finally CRA Commissioner Reggie Cox, who initially liked PMG because of its model, made a motion to hire Munilytics. It passed 4-2, with Zacks and Joseph Bernadel voting no. They both preferred PMG, recommended by CRA staff. ★

## Manalapan

# Commission addresses swale parking and planting

By Dan Moffett

Manalapan town commissioners are moving forward with changes that will place new regulations on swales in Point Manalapan neighborhoods.

Town Attorney Keith Davis is drafting a new ordinance that will restrict the types of trees and vegetation that homeowners can plant on swales. Mayor Pro Tem Peter Isaac proposed the restrictions because he believes too much planting, or use of the wrong plants, has contributed to the drainage problems Point Manalapan has experienced in recent years.

Davis is modeling the town's ordinance on similar laws enacted in Ocean Ridge and North Palm Beach.

Town Manager Linda Stumpf said the commission plans to consult with an

arborist to determine what plants do not cause drainage problems and should be permitted.

Commissioners also are working on new rules for parking on swales to accommodate domestic help and visitors to residences.

The town's current law limits swale parking to four hours. Residents have complained that housekeepers often have to work longer and guests want to visit longer.

Commissioners at the July 28 meeting gave tentative approval to extending

swale parking to eight hours. The change would not apply to construction workers. Commercial service providers, such as landscapers and appliance repairmen, would be required to park in front of the home they are servicing and move their vehicles within the four-hour limit.

Mayor David Cheifetz offered a suggestion for workers who need more than four hours to finish their jobs. "We all have driveways," he said. "They can park there."

**In other business,** commissioners gave unanimous approval to a new three-year contract for Stumpf, effectively taking her out of the running for town manager openings in South Palm Beach and Ocean Ridge. Both towns had expressed interest in interviewing her.

Stumpf will earn \$123,300 next year and \$126,300 for the two years after, with a \$400 monthly car allowance. The commission also approved giving her a 2 percent bonus for 2015 that Cheifetz said "should have been done in March but slipped through the cracks."

• Drawdy Construction of Lake Worth, contractor for the Audubon Causeway bridge replacement, has told the commission that it can't begin work on the project until September, instead of August. The delay means the

bridge construction, which is expected to take about 10 months, will run through the entire tourist season.

The consensus among commissioners was that it was better to start the project in September and deal with the aggravation, rather than ask the contractor to postpone work until after the season.

Fellow commissioners agreed when Commissioner Ronald Barsanti said: "I think we have to move ahead and for a couple of months people are going to need to put up with some noise."

• The commission gave unanimous tentative approval to a 2015-2016 budget that keeps the tax rate at last year's level of \$3.03 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable value. The rollback rate, the level that would maintain tax revenues at their current levels, is \$2.85 per \$1,000. ★



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## Lantana

# Tax rate remains the same as the last 15 years

By Mary Thurwachter

Lantana has had the same tax rate for 15 years and that won't change this year. The rate will remain at \$3.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value.

"That's something the people should be proud of," said Mayor Dave Stewart at the town's July 13 meeting.

Because property values increased by 10.7 percent, residents will pay more taxes this year. For example, Stewart, who lives on Hypoluxo Island, paid \$1,190 in town taxes last year and will pay \$1,201 this year.

Anticipated property tax revenues for 2016 are \$2.47

### Lantana

**Proposed tax rate: \$3.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value\***

2014-15 tax rate: \$3.24 per \$1,000 of taxable value

Change in property value: 10.7 percent increase

Total budget (operating and capital): \$17.03 million

Public hearings: 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 28 in Town Council Chambers

\*Tax rate may be lowered, but not raised at the September hearings.

million, which is an increase of \$236,003 over 2015.

The town's health insurance cost (including dental insurance) is projected to increase by 16 percent, to \$1.14 million.

Employees are not expected to receive cost of living raises this year due to a stagnant

consumer price index, but merit pay raises are anticipated, based on evaluations. And, at its July 27 meeting, the town approved a one-time \$1,100 pre-tax payment for employees in recognition of their dedication.

Capital requests range from \$35,000 for beach park playground replacement to

\$83,769 for two new police cars. Computer equipment, an air conditioner for the computer room, landscaping and irrigation projects and improvements to Sportsman's Park projects (seawall and paving) are also on the list.

The council will hold public budget hearings at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16 and Sept. 28 in Town Council chambers.

#### In other news:

The Town Council welcomed Lantana's new director of operations, Linda Brien. Her position is a new one, created by combining the public works and utilities departments. Brien began work on July 13. She has more than

25 years' experience in public utilities and had been program administrator for the Florida Department of Environmental Production for 12 years. Her salary is \$88,071.

Town officials received a check for \$750,000, the second of three installments to build a new sports complex to replace the prime space it occupied at the old A.G. Holley property. The new complex will have three baseball fields and two soccer fields built on 11 acres off North Eighth Street behind the former hospital site. The money came from Southeast Legacy, developers of the Water Tower Commons on the site of the old tuberculosis hospital. ★

## Town awards contract for kayak park

Lantana's plan to convert two side-by-side lots on North Lake Avenue into a kayak park advanced on July 27 when council members awarded a contract to develop the park to Rosso Site Development.

The Lake Worth firm will receive up to \$153,255 to turn the lots, on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway, into Lyman Kayak Park — a name the council chose earlier this year to honor a local pioneer family.

In December 2011, the town used money from its reserves to buy the lots at 106 and

122 N. Lake Drive for \$1.2 million after a residential development fizzled, a victim of the economic slump. The same property sold for \$5.3 million in 2006.

The plan calls for a kayak and canoe launch accessible to the disabled, an observation deck, fences, sidewalks, a parking lot for up to 31 cars and a parking kiosk. An existing pier will be upgraded.

The town secured a \$250,000 Florida Inland Navigation District grant to develop the park.

— Mary Thurwachter

## Boynton Beach

# Grant money will help club restore windows and doors

By Jane Smith

The Boynton Woman's Club will be able to restore most, if not all, of the windows and doors in its historic headquarters on Federal Highway in Boynton Beach. The club recently received a \$140,000 state grant from the Florida Division of Historic Resources.

The club will put that money with a \$50,000 grant from the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency and \$10,000 in donations.

"It's fantastic news," said Warren Adams, Boynton Beach historic planner. He helped two club members prepare the state grant application.

Last summer, the club completed emergency restoration of several French doors and transoms in the second-floor ballroom. The building has 41 openings, including double French doors, transoms, casement windows with and without transoms, and a variety of single windows and doors.

The club will hire an architect to look at each opening and determine the restoration cost. "It's very difficult to say with older buildings whether (the money) will cover the restoration cost," Adams said. But it should cover most of them, he said.

Last fall, when the club

received the Boynton Beach historic site designation, club President Michele Walter said, "We appreciate the cooperation and the assistance from the CRA and City Commission in restoring our windows and doors. We are happy to be part of the revitalization of Boynton Beach."

The state grant will allow the club to continue with its restoration work, "but much more work needs to be done to bring our building back to its former glory," Walter said recently.

The clubhouse, on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979, was designed by famed architect Addison Mizner. He did his design "pro bono" because the building would cost more than \$50,000. It contains classic Mizner features, such as a barrel-tile roof, arched windows, turquoise trim, pecky cypress trusses on the ceiling and French doors.

From the lobby on either side, two wide wooden staircases curve gracefully to the second floor, which is large enough to seat 400 people. The building opened in the fall of 1926.

Weddings, private celebrations and meetings take place there.

The club will remain open during the restoration. ★

## Beach parking price going up

Starting in September, beach-goers who drive to Oceanfront Park in Boynton Beach will pay \$10 to park their cars on holidays and weekends year-round and \$10 daily in the winter months, defined as Nov. 16 to April 30. The \$5 daily rate in the summer months will not increase.

Ocean Ridge and Boynton Beach residents can buy an

annual parking pass, starting Sept. 1. The pass price will increase in September to \$50 from \$40.

"The parking lot closes 130 days out of the year because it is full," Wally Major, Parks and Recreation director, said on July 20 when Boynton Beach held its budget workshop.

— Jane Smith

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# Boynton Beach

## Pizza plan is toast, and CRA has 'egg on face'

By Jane Smith

The Pizza Guy won't be coming to Boynton Beach.

But Johnnie Brown's might take his place.

Sal Campanile, who wanted to buy the Little House and the Magnuson House, backed out in early July. He sent an email to the Community Redevelopment Agency leaders on July 6 that his investors were withdrawing from the project and asked for another four to six weeks.

On July 14, the CRA board voted unanimously to terminate the contracts with Campanile's company for the historic homes. He had offered \$325,000 for the Little House, also known as the Ruth Jones cottage, and \$255,000 for the Oscar Magnuson House.

"We were more interested in his menu than his finances," said Joe Casello, vice mayor and CRA board member. "We can't stumble on this any longer, it's not good for our image."

Campanile's company,

Ocean Ridge Hospitality, did not make the required 10 percent deposits on the contracts, which would have given him another 90 days from July 3. He said he couldn't make the July 14 meeting because of a family obligation. He could not be reached for comment for this story.

Documents show that the CRA staff had recommended Philadelphia real estate developer Bruce Kaplan for the Little House and the Oscar Magnuson House. His Local Development Co. offered \$550,000 in the spring for both houses.

Kaplan came to the March meeting and explained that his company would fix up the houses and then rent them, but he didn't make the April meeting when the board chose the buyers. Some members saw that as a snub and selected Campanile instead.

Campanile, a Boynton Beach resident who owns Mastino Wood Fire Kitchen in Delray

Beach, spun a tale of growing up in Italy, describing his passion for pizza.

He repeatedly said he had \$1.5 million to invest.

Most of the CRA board members blamed themselves, saying they had "egg on their faces." Two tried to blame the restaurant broker who brought Campanile to their attention.

"Maybe we should have been more vocal about vetting the clients," said Tom Prakas, the broker who also found Kaplan and West Palm Beach restaurateur Rodney Mayo.

"Everyone drank his (Campanile's) Kool-Aid. He is a great pizza maker, he threw pizzas in the air. I knew this guy is not closing. He went to everyone I know in the industry asking for money, asking them to be his partner."

Casello asked twice, "Why did you let us drink his Kool-Aid?"

Prakas said he couldn't attend the second meeting because of a prior commitment.

"I'd like for you to give us one more shot to do it professionally," he said. "This time I will be more vocal about who I put in front of you."

The board agreed by a 5-2 vote to hire his firm for four months. Casello and Commissioner Mack McCray voted no.

This time, potential buyers will have to provide two years' tax returns, a credit report and an audited financial statement.

Prakas said Kaplan is still interested in the properties, as are the owners of Johnnie Brown's burger place in Delray

Beach. The restaurant takes its name from the famed architect Addison Mizner's pet monkey, Johnnie Brown.

The restaurant's father-and-son owners also once held 20 Primanti Bros. sandwich shops out of Pittsburgh, Prakas said. The chain became known for sandwiches of grilled meat, coleslaw with a vinegar dressing, tomato slices and french fries between two slices of Italian bread.

They sold the chain to a hedge fund, Prakas said. "They want to do both of the properties," he said. ★



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## Briny Breezes

# Friedman takes council seat in Briny

By Dan Moffett

The Briny Breezes Town Council unanimously approved Ira Friedman on July 23 to fill an alderman's seat that has been open most of the year.

Friedman, 74, is a transplant from Boston who has lived in Briny for 18 years. A longtime member of the town's Planning and Zoning Board, he has been an outspoken critic of high-rise condo development proposals along the A1A corridor.

Friedman, who is known for reminding Briny residents that they live on "the most beautiful



Friedman

42 acres in Florida," said friends and neighbors urged him to make his first venture as an elected officeholder.

"People came to me and asked me to do this," he said. "I've got a lot of planning and zoning on my mind. But I'm new here on the council, so we'll see how it goes."

Friedman takes the seat vacated by Karen Wiggins in April. Wiggins, who moved to California, served several terms on the council, beginning in 2008.

In other business, council members gave preliminary

approval to a proposed budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year that keeps the current tax rate of \$10 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Briny's taxable real estate values rose sharply over last year, increasing by 9 percent to \$38.6 million, according to the Palm Beach County property appraiser. In 2014, values were at \$35.4 million and rose a meager 0.52 percent from 2013. Officials credit much of the increase to homeowners who are improving their lots and replacing their units. Fees for building and zoning permits have nearly tripled since 2012.

The town's budget has grown about 15.5 percent, from \$659,732 last year to a proposed \$762,170. Widening sidewalks to accommodate new golf cart regulations will cost about \$75,000, but council President Sue Thaler thinks that expense can be offset by increases in fees for certain police and fire-emergency medical services.

Council members have given up on the idea of raising revenues by increasing fines for parking violations. Town Attorney John Skrandel told the council that the \$30 tickets Briny currently gives for standard violations is at the statutory limit and cannot be increased. ★

### Briny Breezes

Proposed tax rate: \$10 per \$1,000 of taxable value

2014-15 tax rate: \$10 per \$1,000 of taxable value

Change in property value: 9 percent increase

Total Budget (operating and capital): \$762,170

Public hearings: 5:01 p.m. Sept. 10 and 24 at Town Hall

## Boynton Beach

# Two grants will aid Boynton fire-rescue

Boynton Beach's Fire Rescue Department recently received a \$37,332 grant from Palm Beach County Emergency Management. The department will use the money to replace or update three battery-powered stretchers, which have been in service for the past seven years. The new state-of-the-art power stretchers will feature a more robust battery system and additional safety features for patients.

The department also received a \$33,800 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation to enhance its EMS data collection ability. The money will be used to purchase electronic patient care reporting software and hardware, as well as establish an electronic EMS

data collection system.

The latter is intended to provide consistent submission of EMS incident data to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight Pre-Hospital System for state compliance to the National EMS Information System. The ePCR system will streamline the documentation process for paramedics in the field and enhance their ability to extract patient data while establishing an electronic-based EMS data collection system to ensure a more accurate EMS billing process.

Boynton Beach provides fire rescue services to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

— Jane Smith

The next edition of  
*The Coastal Star*  
will be delivered Sept. 4



ABOVE: Nancy Boczon was able to find a few mysteries. LEFT: The current bookmobile is scheduled to be replaced later this year. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

# With both a library and a bookmobile, Briny readers are covered

By Ron Hayes

On Nov. 8, 2013, the Palm Beach County Bookmobile made its debut stop at the Ocean Ridge Town Hall, filled with books, CDs, DVDs and high hopes.

A year later, the books, CDs and DVDs were still there, but the hopes had failed to soar.

When the library reluctantly decided to eliminate the Ocean Ridge stop last November, the only regular borrower was Briny Breezes council President Sue Thaler.

"I read like a fiend and went to the bookmobile every two weeks when it came last year," she explained. "I was crushed when they told me the Ocean Ridge stop was being discontinued."

Why not come to Briny? she asked Ron Glass, the county's outreach librarian, and beginning May 8, they did.

"They were able to start even sooner than we asked," Thaler said, "and the turnout on the first day here was amazing. I think at one point there was a line out the door."

Ocean Ridge's loss was Briny's gain.

"We just didn't get the turnout in Ocean Ridge, but here it's been great," Glass reports. "There's a small-town feel to Briny, so the word gets out. From our very first day, they were here."

Every other Friday at 1:30 p.m., the 40-foot bus parks beside the community center for a 45-minute visit, and judging by the turnout July 17, the service isn't likely to be canceled for lack of interest.

"This is the noisiest library I've ever been in," Brinyite Nancy Boczon marveled as she waited to check out mysteries by Janet Evanovich and Mary Higgins Clark. "The only trouble is, you come here on Friday and spend your whole weekend reading. But it gets everybody together for a few minutes."

Briny Breezes is the latest of 43 sites where the bookmobile brings its offerings.

"We carry 1,500 items on the bus and have another 1,500 in the warehouse," says Glass. "We swap them out depending on the sites we're visiting that day."

For the route's five elementary schools, Glass stocks up on children's books. For Briny, not so much. Here, he makes sure to carry DVDs, books on CD and large-print editions.

"Lately, we're also making an effort to carry more newer titles," he adds.

Kathy Gross, picking up DVDs of *Interstellar* and *Horrible Bosses*, praised the bookmobile's pre-order service. "I can order books or DVDs and they bring them," she said. "I love the simplicity of it."

The arrival of the bookmobile means Briny Breezes can now boast two libraries, but town librarian Donna Clarke isn't threatened by the competition.

"You know what?" she said. "There's so many readers here there's enough to go around. We have plenty of business."

Glass concurs. "We're the piggyback for them," he says.

And while the bookmobile hauls about 150 DVDs, plus a book of titles from which users can order others, the town library has seen its own collection burgeon to nearly 300 since Clarke arrived in January 2014.

But while the bookmobile outreach will be visiting Briny indefinitely, the bookmobile itself will not. With 104,000 miles of mobile booking, the current, 2006 bookmobile is ready for retirement, Glass said, and a brand-new bus has been ordered and should be in service by May 2016.

"The new bus will be a Bluebird, like a school bus, and 4 feet shorter, but with the same layout. We're only going to lose two shelves and it will be better for parking in smaller spaces more easily."

For which Holly McCarthy, checking out the novel *The Boston Girl*, by Anita Diamant, and the DVD of *Boyhood*, is grateful.

"I do love this," she told Glass. "Thank you for coming to Briny." ★

The Palm Beach County Bookmobile will visit the Briny Breezes Community Center from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. on these Fridays: Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25 and Oct. 9 and 23. On Nov. 6, the stop will expand to one hour. Anyone with a county library card can use the service.

## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Susan Caruso

Susan Caruso has loved teaching since she was a youngster. “When I was in second grade I was the kid who volunteered to help the kindergarten teachers,” she recalls.

These days, the 62-year-old Boca Raton resident has come full circle. Caruso, the founder and executive director of Sunflower Creative Arts, is getting ready to begin her school’s 23rd year. And the school — which offers children of all ages and their families hands-on learning opportunities through play, nature and the arts — is moving into a new, larger facility in Delray Beach. There is an open house planned for Aug. 8, and classes for children from infancy through age 13 — as well as parents — will begin Aug. 24.

The new venue will include sensory, vegetable, butterfly and edible gardens and a plethora of trees. “Our renovations will allow us to be a licensed child care facility while keeping the beautiful, warm heart of the historic home,” she says about the venue that was hand-built in 1949.

“Our program offerings will more than triple to meet the needs of many more families. We will have one of the first nature playgrounds in southeast Florida and a special wing with its own mini nature playground for our parent-and-child and after-school programs.”

That makes it even easier to continue the school’s mission, “to give children the freedom to discover their unique passions and the support necessary for each one to develop a strong personal voice.”

The arts are an important part of Caruso’s life as well.

“I taught flute lessons all through high school and college and was very involved in band, orchestra, jazz band and musical pit orchestra as well as theater in high school,” says Caruso, who graduated cum laude from the University of Miami with a bachelor’s in music with certification in education.

She plays the flute and also enjoys theater, films, travel, museums, history, gardening, yoga, architecture and food. And, for those who thought they knew this mother of two: “I played a wicked tenor sax and piccolo in a Latin dance band in Queens in the late ’70s.”

— Linda Haase

**Q.** Where did you grow up and go to school and how did it influence you?

**A.** I grew up in Glassboro, a small college town in southern New Jersey close to Philadelphia, the Jersey shore and the Pine Barrens. Lots of trekking around in woods, farm stands with incredible tomatoes and peaches, the freedom and responsibility of



Executive Director Susan Caruso stands in the outdoor play area under construction at Sunflower Creative Arts in Delray Beach. Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star

walking to school every day no matter what the weather created my strong connection to and love of nature. I attended fairly progressive public schools due to the college and had quite a few exceptional teachers who were wonderful mentors.

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

**A.** In New York I worked in music publishing and retail at Charles Hanson, Carl Fischer and Frank Music. I also played flute and guitar duo and chamber music in Central Park, Greenwich Village, SoHo and many different venues in the city. Before Sunflower, I taught music enrichment and Mommy and Me classes at a dozen different preschools in Broward and Palm Beach County. I was the music director at Pine Tree Camps at Lynn University for eight years. I am most proud of creating Sunflower Creative Arts and couldn’t be more thrilled that we now have a home of our own in Delray Beach.

**Q.** What are some highlights of your life?

**A.** Spending four years in my 20s living and working in Manhattan, five springs in Paris and being the mother of two wonderful sons.

**Q.** What are your biggest challenges [at Sunflower Creative Arts]?

**A.** Making sure every family and potential volunteer who would love our unique

philosophy is able to find us! Also, now that we have our own space and the ability to meet the needs of so many more families, I want to grow our scholarship fund so that financial status never gets in the way of a family participating.

**Q.** Who have been your mentors?

**A.** There are so many, but I would have to put Bev Bos at the top of my list. Her advocacy for children and her Roseville Community Preschool in Sacramento nurtured and inspired me to create a truly child-centered play, nature and arts-based program for children and their parents here in South Florida more than 22 years ago.

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

**A.** Seventeen years ago I fell in love with a wonderful Chicagoan who just happened to live in Boca. I’ve lived here since I sold my little house in Delray in 2008. Waking up each morning to the sun rising over the ocean always amazes me.

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

**A.** When I need to get something done it can range from Bach to Stravinsky to Dave Matthews. For relaxation and creativity I love to play my silver flute and improvise on my Japanese bamboo flute.

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

**A.** Helen Mirren or Meryl Streep, because they are fantastic actors and can portray strong women and their convictions.

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

**A.** Children of all ages playing freely, running, climbing, pretending and getting messy outside always makes me smile. And Mark Rylance’s portrayal of Olivia in Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*. Absolutely hysterical and brilliant.

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

**A.** “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” — Socrates

The school offers two programs free to the public. Regular tuition ranges from \$204-\$11,599 per year depending on sessions chosen.

An open house will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 8 at 227 N. Dixie Blvd., Delray Beach. For more information, call 482-3412 or visit [www.SunflowerCreativeArts.org](http://www.SunflowerCreativeArts.org).

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## Business Spotlight

## Monogram Closet moving to letter-perfect new digs

By Scott Simmons

You could call Sabrina Amelung a Delray Beach pioneer.

Twelve years ago, long before Pineapple Grove had evolved into the hip area it is today, she opened The Monogram Closet, specializing in stitching initials onto clothing and accessories.

Come Aug. 3, she hopes to open in a 1930 cottage that was moved to Delray Beach's next retail frontier, the West Settlers Historic District, on Northwest Fifth Avenue, about two blocks west of the Tennis Center and a block north of Atlantic Avenue.

Amelung is banking on the change.

"Pineapple Grove didn't look like it does now," she said.

Many of the mixed-use buildings that now line Northeast Second Avenue were mere dreams in the minds of builders.

And there was a lot more parking.

Now?

"We hear it every day. 'Can you hurry because I'm double-parked?'" she said.

And she'd have to remind customers that you can't hurry custom orders.

That includes monograms on purses, tote bags, shirts, baby blankets — just about anything onto which you can stitch the fanciful initials.

It seems like a natural for Delray Beach and the towns along the barrier island, but



Sabrina Amelung poses outside The Monogram Closet in Delray Beach. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

The Monogram Closet was one of the first stores to specialize in personalizing apparel in southern Palm Beach County.

"When I opened, no one knew about us. There was nothing around me in Pineapple Grove. We just kind of cultivated our customers," Amelung said.

And now?

"All day long, we sell baby items. Monogramming tends to be more of a preppy look, but even if you're not preppy, people still like to use it on baby blankets and totes," she said.

"What's super hot? Initials

on purses, more so than on tote bags. Walking around with your initial purse is very hot now."

Of course, that's what Amelung carries as well.

"I carry everything I sell on me at all times," she said laughing.

The shortcut Amelung took from Pineapple Grove to hop onto Interstate 95 led her to the cottage she is transforming into a store.

"I kept cutting through that little strip just to jump on 95. Those two little cottages are cute. I saw a for-lease sign. It was a CRA property and they

had done it head to toe," she said. "I liked everything they said about rezoning the area."

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency has been working to revitalize the Atlantic Avenue corridor between Swinton Avenue and I-95. This building was part of that effort.

"I would have signed as long as they would give me," Amelung said. Her current lease for the CRA-owned building is four years, with options.

After all, it is the options — and word of mouth — that have kept The Monogram Closet

going for 12 years.

"I had a lady pop in yesterday. She had flown in from Baltimore. She had seen a tote bag that was monogrammed and asked the lady where she got it. And the lady very nicely told her," Amelung said.

And just like that, The Monogram Closet gained a new customer. ★

*The Monogram Closet opens Aug. 3 at 182 NW Fifth Ave., Delray Beach. For details, call 921-0236 or visit [www.monogramcloset.com](http://www.monogramcloset.com).*

## Sail Inn aims to keep old spirit in remodeled digs

By Thom Smith

Life in sleepy Delray Beach was a lot slower in 1953, and a lot simpler. A lot of water has passed under the Intracoastal Bridge since then—and two blocks to the west it was beer and liquor as the Sail Inn became a popular "I'll be home in a little while" waypoint after a hard day on the job.

George "Busch" Boulevard — the Sail crowd's preferred spelling — was a barely traveled Northeast Eighth Street. No big church back then. Just a few shops, a gas station up at the corner. Elvis was just gyrating out of puberty. Two-piece bathing suits still drew questioning looks.

The Sail Inn wasn't exactly Cheers. No granite bar, no ostentatious liquor stock. The bathrooms were a tight squeeze and the TV didn't always work. It reeked of smoke. But it did have a spirit about it.

Take the Sail Inn's legendary "Santa Bunny" — the intentionally mistimed Christmas decoration — a giant, Harvey-sized stuffed rabbit in a red suit planted out front next to the street on a toilet. The bunny hopped away for good a few years ago. Code enforcement orders.



Owner Rick Janke (right) takes a break against the bar as a worker sands the hardwood floor. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

Government regulations have become more stringent, mushrooming from a few pages to encyclopedic, and mandating clean facilities, safe electrical wiring, all-new plumbing, handicapped access, clean water and, especially, clean air.

In June, owner Rick Janke shut it down. But it's only temporary. Call it a rehabilitative hiatus. And he's going all out.

"We've ripped out everything, filled three dumpsters," Janke said proudly as he rolled paint on the new walls. "The bar is brand new

(glistening navy blue). The bathrooms are twice as big. We now have drinking fountains and they can be reached from a wheelchair. I told them I would give bottled water to anyone who wanted it, but we had to put in the fountains."

When the Sail Inn was built, "I like Ike" was a catchphrase. The nation was wrapping up the war in Korea, its first face-off against the "communist menace." The world had entered the nuclear age and any moment Soviet bombers could be reshaping South Florida into a 20th-century Atlantis.

"This place was built to be a bomb shelter," Janke said. "All the walls and the roof are concrete. I only live a couple of blocks away, but anytime we have a storm, I come here."

Customers will now be able to see the original ceiling; the interior walls are brand new — and for the first time in decades, clean — but bare. All the old photos are gone: too infused with smoke, but Janke expects the walls eventually to be covered by new photos. "We scraped a ton of nicotine off the walls," Janke said. "Ugh. Now we've built a smoking area

outside."

Keeping with tradition, the Sail Inn will not prepare food, but hungry customers are encouraged to order in.

The Sail Inn has attracted its share of characters over the decades, including actor Danny Aiello, race driver Geoff Brabham, ex-mayors and ex-cons and Palm Beachers in their velvet Prince Albert slippers from Stubbs & Wootton. One, Bob DeMario, fell so hard for the Sail Inn in the late '80s that he bought it. He later sold it to one of his bartenders, Janke.

Janke will continue the Sail's involvement with local charities; the music — sometimes recorded, sometimes live — will be back; and with space available, dancing will be encouraged, even if it occasionally turns a little racy.

With a target date of mid-August, loyal "Sail-ers" are already asking about a grand reopening. "I tell 'em it's gonna be a hundred [re-openings]," Janke said. "That's what it cost to fix it up, a hundred grand. But it'll still be the same old stinking place ... just without the stink." ★

## Business Spotlight



One of the oceanside cabanas at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. Photo provided

## Hotels like Floridians' response to summer deals

By Steve Pike

There was a time — not that long ago — when hotels and resorts along the beach had a “slow” season. The snowbirds were gone and the locals stayed home. That’s no longer the case. Thanks in large part to lower gas prices and attractive staycation packages, the area’s beach hotels and resorts are as busy in the summer months as in the “season” winter months.

“The trend has changed in recent years with us seeing that summers have gained momentum and have a very healthy buzz,” said Colin Clark, general manager of The Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach. “For the fourth year in a row we have experienced a record-breaking year. Palm Beach Island and the county continue to be buoyant with increasing visitors each year.”

The Four Seasons’ summer packages are good examples of how area hotels drive summer business, particularly among Florida residents. The resort offers Florida resident rates that begin at \$199 per room, per night through September, as well as a third night free for guests over the same period.

Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan also has a Florida residents’ rate that begins at \$199 per night and includes free valet parking and free meals to kids under 12.

Among the summer promotions at the Delray Sands Resort in Highland Beach is one (online only) whereby guests pay the day’s high temperature for a room the first night of a stay.

At the newly flagged Tideline Ocean Resort & Spa — A Kimpton Hotel (formerly The Omphoy) in Palm Beach, director of sales Kate Connor said, “We are definitely seeing increased occupancy.”

Tideline offers Florida residents weekday and weekend rates, as well as a

“Summer Stay and Save” promotion that gives guests as much as 30 percent room rates.

“It’s been a great summer all around for us as well as the other hotels in Palm Beach County,” Connor said. “We’re seeing a lot of last-minute bookings, but we’re also seeing a lot of people taking advantage of those summer offers.”

Summer guest demographics, said Connor, a longtime hotel executive in Palm Beach County, haven’t changed, “but they’re just coming in greater numbers.”

The majority of the business at those hotels, she said, is from the summer drive market — guests who come from the Orlando and Miami areas to take advantage of the rates and the beaches.

“People realize they don’t have to go far for a great vacation,” Connor said. ★

## South Palm Beach

### Town Council looks for help in finding new manager

By Dan Moffett

South Palm Beach Town Council members are turning to an old friend and neighbor for help in finding a town manager who fits their community.

Kurt Bressner, who from 2000 to 2011 was Boynton Beach’s town manager, now works as a senior adviser for the Washington-based International City/County Management Association.

Bressner and other retired municipal officials in the group donate their time and experience to help local governments solve problems. And South Palm Beach is looking to them for all the help it can get right now.

Council members thought they had a town manager for the long haul when they hired Jim Pascale from Princeton, N.J., earlier this year. But after three months on the job, he resigned in June.

Pascale, 63, says he essentially was forced out by town officials who asked him for innovative ideas and then turned against him when he produced them.

“I began to be shunned by the elected officials,” Pascale wrote in an email to *The Coastal Star*. “Overnight, I became, ‘radioactive.’ They just wanted me, and my recommendations, to go away. They got their wish.”

Mayor Bonnie Fischer said Pascale “just didn’t understand” what was important to the town and its residents. Vice Mayor Joe Flagello says it was Pascale who came forward, admitted the relationship wasn’t working and offered to leave.

#### South Palm Beach

Proposed tax rate: \$4.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value

2014-15 tax rate: \$4.32 per \$1,000 of taxable value

Change in property value: 5.4 percent increase

Total budget (operating and capital): \$1.84 million

Public hearings: 5:01 p.m. Sept. 10 and 6:15 p.m. Sept. 22 at Town Hall.

“He told town officials it was best for the town and best for him to go,” Flagello said. Now the council is committed to undoing the damage, he said, and getting the right person for the job.

“We’ve got a pretty good available pool of candidates,” Flagello said. “I don’t think it will take many months to get someone in here.”

Four possibilities remain from the group the council interviewed along with Pascale late last year: Mark Kutney of Loxahatchee Groves, Robert Kellogg of Sewall’s Point, James Drumm of Zephyrhills and Kenneth Sauer, formerly of Haines City. Linda Stumpf, Manalapan’s town manager who had been in the running, signed a three-year contract to stay in her current position last month.

Bressner said, with ICMA’s help screening and advising, South Palm Beach could have its position filled before the start of the tourist season.

It’s a safe bet the next town manager won’t talk about dissolving the town, replacing the Police Department or spending millions on park space — as Pascale did.

“When I was hired I was told they were looking for ‘a fresh set of eyes,’” he said. “I zealously fulfilled their

wishes, working feverishly, day and night, seven days a week. They got what they paid for, and much more.”

Pascale said when some residents objected to his brainstorming, council members gave him no support and, worse, shunned him.

“They developed feet of clay when a vocal minority voiced their objections before the public review process even began,” he said. “I was never told to slow down or stay away.”

Pascale says the town can’t go on ignoring its problems and deficiencies. “My separation from South Palm Beach will allow the town to go back to its political leadership style of kicking-the-can-down-the-road,” he said. “But it will only be a temporary respite. Sooner or later, the recommendations I proposed will be publicly addressed. It is inevitable.”

**In other business**, on July 28 council members unanimously approved keeping the town’s tax rate at \$4.32 per \$1,000 of assessed taxable value. South Palm Beach has had the same millage rate for the last seven years, despite losing half its property value during the 2008 Florida real estate crash. ★



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# Delray ranks No. 3 as happiest seaside town

In line with votes cast by *Coastal Living* magazine's readers and website visitors, **Delray Beach** ranked third on its list of "The 10 Happiest Seaside Towns."

Here's what *Coastal Living's* July/August issue has to say about Delray Beach: "Talk about a place that has its priorities in order. At the heart of this fun-loving city of 61,231 are two miles of gloriously white-sand public beach where sky blue cabanas and loungers stand ready for rental — a bit of Côte d'Azur meets Old Florida. But there's nothing snooty about Delray. Enjoying the influences of tony Palm Beach 24 miles to the north and urbane Miami 50 miles to the south, the city has quietly grown its own sense of culture, including a lively nightlife that parties on weekends, an up-and-coming arts district, a world-class tennis facility, beautiful Japanese gardens, and a seashell museum."

**Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas**, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach, has launched its sixth annual series of Thursday Fun-Raisers to benefit local nonprofit organizations. Open to the public, and held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the hotel's **Tiki Bar**, each event is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Attendees will each receive one free drink ticket with additional drinks available at happy hour prices.

Crane's will also provide an array of hors d'oeuvres and treats from leading local restaurants, and live music will be performed. The first for this season is scheduled for Sept. 3 and will benefit the **Boca Raton Museum of Art** with food from **Cabana El Rey**. The Sept. 17 Fun-Raiser will benefit **Plumosa School of the Arts**, and the food will be provided by **Papa's Tapas**, Delray Beach. Stay tuned for October and November Fun-Raisers.

Taste your way through Delray Beach during **Downtown Delray Beach Development Authority's** 7th annual **Tastemakers of Delray Beach**, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 5 and 6. Purchase a passport for \$30 and enjoy cuisine paired with a beverage from **50 Ocean**, **Burger Fi**, **Cabana El Rey**, **Caffe Luna Rosa**, **Caffe Martier**, **Deck 84**, **El Camino**, **FY&I Yogurt**, **Lemongrass Asian Bistro**, **Mastino at Solita**, **Max's Harvest**, **Mellow Mushroom**, **Mussel Beach**, **Smoke BBQ**, **Taverna Opa**, **The Office**, **Vic & Angelo's** and **Ziree Thai & Sushi**. For information, call 243-1077.

Chosen from nurses who work at **Lifespace Communities'** 12 senior

living facilities around the country, **Harbour's Edge** of Delray Beach nurse **LaRet Harvey** received the title "Nurse of the Year for Lifespace Communities," voted by her coworkers because of her kindness and caring demeanor. While a single mother, she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing, and she followed in her mother's footsteps to become a nurse at a senior living community. She's now working on a master's degree, and has inspired two of her four children to become nurses.

**Christel Silver**, owner of **Silver International Realty** in Delray Beach, recently attended the annual meeting of the Immobilien Verband Deutschland in Berlin, Germany, where she was a featured speaker and taught a certified international property specialist class.

**Cara Abbott** has joined the **Institute for Regional Conservation** as its education and outreach coordinator, serving as the primary liaison of the organization at local meetings, events and conferences.

The **Institute for Regional Conservation**, 100 E. Linton Blvd., Delray Beach, is focused on the protection, restoration, and long-term management of regional biodiversity as well as the prevention of regional extinctions of rare plants, animals and ecosystems.

Boca Raton businesswoman and philanthropist **Yvonne S. Boice** recently received an honorary doctorate from **Franklin Pierce University**, New Hampshire, which also rechristened its performing arts center to honor her dedication to advancing the arts locally, nationally and globally.

Boice currently is the chair for the 50th anniversary celebration of the **National Endowment of the Humanities**, the chair for the STEAM initiative at **Palm Beach State College**, and the chair emeritus for the **Palm Beach International Film Festival**. She's also involved in the **Boca Raton Historical Society**, **Boca Raton Centre for the Arts**, **World Trade Center**, and **YMCA of South Palm Beach County**.

**Robb & Stucky**, a century-old furniture retailer based in Southwest Florida that went bankrupt in February 2011,



Robb & Stucky, which emerged from bankruptcy in 2011, is opening two east coast showrooms including a \$12 million venture on U.S. 1 in Boca Raton. **Rendering provided**

recently announced that it's opening two new east coast showrooms and seeking more locations in South Florida. In spring of 2011, Robb & Stucky was acquired by Taiwanese businessman **Samuel Kuo** and his family, who named **Steve Lush** as president. Lush assembled a group of new talent and some Robb & Stucky veterans who helped build the brand in the past.

The first new Robb & Stucky opened in Fort Myers in January 2012 and its new flagship store in Naples opened in January 2013. One of its new east coast showrooms, a \$12 million venture to be located on U.S. 1 in Boca Raton, will break ground later this year and open in 2016. Each new store is expected to hire about 40 people.

The building, to be designed by **MHK Architecture & Planning**, will feature an open floor plan with more than 100 room-settings showcasing furniture and accessories.

In 2016, Naples home furnishings retailer **Clive Daniel Home** will open its second store, to be located at 1351 Boca Raton Blvd., Boca Raton. A ground-breaking ceremony was held in June. Clive Daniel Home has invested about \$12 million in the project, with \$8 million slated for construction on the 70,000-square-foot two-level building. **Butters Construction & Development** will build the furniture showroom.

**Gary Broidis**, principal of Delray Beach-based **Atlantic Commercial Group Inc.**, announced the \$4.1 million sale of the 9,819-square-foot **Northwood Building**, 630-638 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, comprising retail (currently **J&J Seafood Bar & Grill** and **Carolina Cigar and Hookah**) and office space in an off-market transaction on July 17. Broidis is a limited partner of the buyer, a subsidiary of **Thor Equities**.

According to public records, **Northwood Financial Holdings**, whose managing member is **John Scarpa**, last purchased the property in April

2010 for \$1.2 million.

According to news sources, in 2011 the building was seized in foreclosure over a \$3.77 million judgment.

**Thor Equities** owns property throughout the United States, Europe, Canada and Latin America, with a \$10 billion portfolio and development pipeline totaling over 20 million square feet. Founded by **Joseph J. Sitt**, Thor Equities is based in New York City with offices in London, Paris and Mexico City.

In May, **Boca Raton Regional Hospital** was designated high performing in heart-failure, hip-replacement and knee-replacement procedures in the **U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals for Common Care** ratings, which evaluated 4,500 hospitals nationwide on five common inpatient procedures and conditions. Roughly 10 percent of the hospitals reviewed were listed as high performers. Boca Regional was the only hospital in Palm Beach County and one of only 10 of the 145 studied in Florida to be cited as high performing in three or more categories.

*U.S. News* created Best Hospitals for Common Care to help patients find better care. Outcome measures such as deaths, infections, readmissions and operations that need to be repeated, as well as patient satisfaction data, largely determined the ratings. The Best Hospitals for Common Care ratings rely on **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** data for patients 65 and older, as well as survey data from the **American Hospital Association** and clinical registry data from the **Society of Thoracic Surgeons**.

Within its first year of opening, **Waterstone Resort & Marina**, a DoubleTree by Hilton, earned the AAA Four Diamond Rating. Waterstone, with 139 guest rooms, two restaurants, and marine docking, is at 999 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton.

The **Kretzer Piano Music Foundation's** fourth

annual **Physicians Talent Showcase** will be held at the **Harriet Himmel Theater** at CityPlace in West Palm Beach at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Among the 14 performing physicians will be **Dr. Peggy Hunter**, a Boca Raton resident associated with both **PBC Dermatology** and **JFK Medical Center**. She is a classical pianist and this will be her second appearance. Also, Lake Worth resident **Dr. Jack Zeltzer**, a vascular surgeon associated with **Palm Beach Surgical Associates**, **Palms West Hospital**, **Wellington Regional Medical Center** and **JFK Medical Center** and past president of the **Palm Beach County Medical Society**, will be a four-time performer. He is a talented drummer.

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased through Complete Ticket Solutions at (866) 449-2489. Profits raised from this year's event will enable the foundation to expand its music education programs for children in need.

**H&M's** new 19,000-foot store is now open at the **Boynton Beach Mall**. H&M sells location clothing for the whole family at reasonable prices.

For the third consecutive year, Boynton Beach resident

**John M. Campanola** was awarded membership into the 2015 Executive Council of **New York Life Insurance Company's**

elite sales force. Campanola, who was named the **Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce's** 2013-2014 Ambassador of the Year and received the **Ken Ellingsworth Community Service Award** that year, is on the board of directors for a private nonprofit Delray Beach organization, **The Institute for Regional Conservation**. His office is at 401 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach.

**Dr. David C. Brodner**, a board-certified sinus surgeon,



**Brodner**

claims some of the credit for popularizing balloon sinuplasty, a minimally invasive technique that replaces traditional sinus surgery. His research and clinical trials helped pioneer the 30-minute procedure, which can be performed in the physician's office. Brodner, who travels across the country lecturing, presenting research, and training other physicians on this technique, has presented his research at the **American Academy of Otolaryngology** showing that this procedure can now be performed on patients with a deviated septum.

"The balloon results in less bleeding and pain than existing surgical procedures because it works without removing delicate bone and tissue," he explained.

Sinusitis afflicts 37 million Americans each year. Patients suffer headaches, congestion, fatigue and other symptoms. Sinusitis is typically treated first with medication. But, in at least 20 percent of patients, medication alone is not enough, and surgery is required.

Brodner's office is at 8794 Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach.

Boynton Beach resident **Claudia Bartra**, co-founder and CFO of **La Granja**



**Bartra**

**Restaurants**, will be one of 12 Latinas honored for their contributions to South Florida communities at the **Hispanic Women of Distinction charity luncheon** in Davie on Aug. 14. The event is presented by **Bank of America** in partnership with **Latina Style magazine**, and co-sponsored by **Baptist Health South Florida**, **Latin Business Today**, **Univision Networks** and **Sylvester Cancer Center**. **La Granja**, a family-owned business that began 20 years ago, has more than 40 restaurants, including some franchises owned by former employees. For locations, visit [lagranjarestaurants.com](http://lagranjarestaurants.com).

**Hair Cuttery**, a family-owned and operated chain of hair salons, plans to donate back-to-school haircuts to children in need this August through its 16th annual **Share-A-Haircut** program. From now through Aug. 15, for every child up to age 18 who purchases a haircut at one of Hair Cuttery's salons, one free haircut certificate will be donated to an underprivileged child in that same community.

"On the first day of school everyone deserves to look and feel their best, and our stylists love nothing more than being able to give children in their

**Ground breaking**

500 Ocean, Boynton Beach – July 9



Altamonte Springs-based LeCesse Development Corp's 500 Ocean broke ground July 9 on the southwest corner of Federal Highway and Ocean Avenue. The project, to be built in phases, will comprise 341 apartments, 13,300 square feet of retail space and 6,600 square feet of office space, with the first part expected to be completed in the summer of 2016. In exchange for \$4.49 million in incentives over the next 10 years, the developer will build the apartments to a special green building certification and provide three electric vehicle charger stations as well as include office space. The money will come from tax revenue created from the construction. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Boynton Beach City Commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick, Vice Mayor Joseph Casello, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jonathan Porges, Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor, Community Redevelopment Agency board member Woodrow Hay, CRA Executive Director Vivian Brooks and MSA Architect's George Mouriz turn dirt with ceremonial shovels at the ground breaking. **Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star; rendering provided**



community a much deserved boost of confidence," said **Dennis Ratner**, Hair Cuttery's founder and CEO. Certificates are distributed with the help of local government and community nonprofit organizations. To date, the Share-A-Haircut program has reached more than 925,000 children with haircut certificate donations, valued at \$16.65 million. To find a nearby salon, visit [haircuttery.com](http://haircuttery.com).

In June, the **Realtors Association of the Palm**

**Beaches' Young Professionals Network** hosted its annual **White Attire Fundraiser**, which raised \$8,000 to benefit **Dress for Success Palm Beaches** and **Pay It Forward**. Event sponsors included **All My Sons Moving and Storage**; **Cornerstone Lending**; **ASD Surfaces A Francois and Co. Company**; **Picture It Sold Photography**; **Braman Motorcars**; **Tito's Handmade Vodka**; **Kendra Scott Jewelry**; **Ham Studios "Highly Ambitious"**; **The Sugar Monkey** and **Title Trust**

**Services.**

Women artists, ages 55 years and older, who live or work in Palm Beach County, have up until Aug. 7 to apply for the **Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists** at the **Cultural Council of Palm Beach County**. The \$10,000 fund, which aims to stabilize and strengthen the careers of qualifying artists, can be used to support professional development, arts-related exhibition expenses, equipment, supplies, health

care costs and/or basic living expenses. For information on how to apply, call the Cultural Council at 471-2901.

The Bachelor of Science in nursing program at **Palm Beach State College** has earned accreditation from the **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing**. For information about the program, visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/bachelor](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/bachelor).

Also the college's ophthalmic medical technology program, the first of its kind in South Florida, was recently awarded accreditation by the **Commission of Accreditation of Ophthalmic Medical Programs**. This program is one of 30 nationwide to earn this accreditation and one of five programs in the U.S. accredited for certified ophthalmic medical technologist training. For more information, visit [www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/OMT](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/OMT).

**Dr. Richard Staller** of **Advanced Dentistry South Florida**, through a Palm Beach County inter-agency council for persons with developmental disabilities grant, will provide a free dental care day to clients of the **Jewish Association for Residential Care** on Aug. 17. This "Caring Heart Day" will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at **Advanced Dentistry South Florida**, 15340 Jog Road, Suite 100, Delray Beach. Staller along with **Dr. Naved Fatmi**, owner of **Regency Court Dentistry**, in partnership with **Palm Beach County Dental Hygiene Association**, will provide pro-bono dental care to these clients at this event. For information, call 495-2099.



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## Along the Coast



Frank McKinney, real-estate entrepreneur and author, practices dance moves with partner Pam Casanave at Fred Astaire dance studios in Boca Raton. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

# Shall We Dance?

Boca's Ballroom Battle to benefit college-scholarship program

By Amy Woods

A footloose and fancy-free fundraiser for the George Snow Scholarship Fund has brought together eight amateur rug-cutters who will twirl their way across the parquet Aug. 28.

Boca's Ballroom Battle — an evening of dining and dancing — pairs local volunteers who have agreed to shake their “groove thang” with professionals from Fred Astaire dance studios in Boca Raton. This year's theme: the '80s.

“All of these individuals are givers,” Debi Feiler, the fund's vice president of program services, said of the hand-picked hoofers. “They all have, at one point, been out there in some charitable fashion doing something for the community.”

The lineup is comprised of Brian Altschuler, Peg Anderson, Elias Janetis, Frank McKinney, Holly Meehan, Chris Nichols, Donna Parlapiano and Wendy Sadusky. Each is tasked with bringing in as much money as possible through pledges. *The Coastal Star* caught up with McKinney, Meehan and Sadusky to ask them why they dare to dance.

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## Celebrations

### Independence Day

Bicentennial Park, Lantana – July 4



**ABOVE:** Lilyana Marie Richardson, daughter of Arianna Patterson and James Richardson, was selected as winner of the 'Most Patriotic Baby' contest during the July 4 festivities in Lantana.

**RIGHT:** More than 3,000 attendees were onhand for the fireworks and festivities. **Photos by Jerry Lower /The Coastal Star**



### Check presentation

Delray Beach Public Library – June 17



A gift of \$20,000 was received from the Lions Club of Delray Beach to establish an endowment to assist visually impaired patrons. John Parke, club treasurer, along with other members presented the check to Nancy Dockerty, library board president, and Alan Kornblau, library director. Parke requested the money be used to purchase large-print books and books on tape. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Kornblau, Dockerty, club members Stanley Gavlick and Frank Pickett, Parke and Jan Kucera, library board member. **Photo provided**

### Rotary Club installation dinner

Broken Sound Club, Boca Raton – June 26



One week after being named Club of the Year by Rotary International, members of Rotary Club Downtown Boca Raton inducted Jon Kaye as their new president during a *Mad Men*-themed event. 'I look forward to an exciting year as we add the Inaugural Mayor's Ball in October to the club's list of activities,' Kaye said. Mayor Susan Haynie joined the festivities and presented a city proclamation to the club. Other 2015-16 officers installed include Lewis Fogel, Rick Howard, Brian Long and Michael Walstom. **ABOVE:**

(l-r) Howard Tai, Janice Williams, Evelyn Tai, Howard Guggenheim and Bing Tai. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Lynda Louise Palmer, Janice Williams, Gloria Hosh and Alan Kaye. **Photos provided by Gina Fontana**



### Soroptimist installation luncheon

Tavern at the Wick, Boca Raton – June 20



To commemorate a successful year, Soroptimist International of Boca Raton & Deerfield Beach celebrated by touring The Wick Theatre & Costume Museum and dining beneath antique chandeliers. The highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the 2015-16 board of directors in a themed ceremony that had each member receiving a colored ribbon that collectively was woven into a pattern, symbolizing a friendship bracelet and enabling the women to go out and do good deeds for the community. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Director Maureen Burke, Treasurer Cynthia Cummings, Jennifer Fulton, Gwen Herb, Vice President of Membership Elke Schmidt and Honorary Director Helen Babione. **Photo provided by Barbara McCormick**

### Boynton Intracoastal Group kickoff meeting

Private home, Boynton Beach – July 17

The Boynton Intracoastal Group marked its kickoff with a meet-and greet party at the home of Boynton Beach City Commissioner Michael Fitzpatrick and wife Lisa Hanley. Residents from Sterling Village, Snug Harbor, Seagate of Gulfstream, Hampshire Gardens, Colonial Clubs I & II and Los Mangos make up the BIG group. The coalition is designed to promote information-sharing, enhanced security, civic involvement and a fun, social time for members. Dues and fundraising efforts go toward purchasing fuel for the Citizens on Patrol car. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Peggy Nugent, BIG secretary, with Fitzpatrick and Hanley. Also in attendance were members of a similar group, Inlet Cove Association, Vice Mayor Joseph Casello and Boynton Beach Police Department Crime Prevention Officer Rita Swan. **Photo provided**



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## Boca Festival Days

### AUGUST 1-8

**Saturday - 8/1-2 - Summer Spectacular: Works of American Masters** at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by Boca Ballet Theatre. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$35/adults, \$25/seniors & children. 995-0709; bocaballet.org.

**Monday - 8/3 - 5th Annual White Coats-4-Care Reception** at Waterstone Resort & Marina Atlantic Ballroom, 999 E Camino Real, Boca Raton. Benefits FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. Tickets start at \$105. 297-2984; fauf.fau.edu/WC4C

**Tuesday - 8/4 - A Night of Brazilian Jazz** at ZinBurger at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits Rotary Club of Boca Raton West scholarship fund. 6-7 pm. \$25/advance; \$35/at the door. 807-6301; bocaratonchamber.com

**Wednesday - 8/5 - Salsa Night** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Benefits the Children's Museum. 6-9 pm. \$35-\$45/advance; \$30-\$50 at the door. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**Thursday - 8/6 - Summer Night Out** at Embassy Suites, 661 NW 53rd St, Boca Raton. Presented by and benefits Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation. Features entertainer Glenn Miller, Mastery of Comedy Hypnosis. 6:30-9 pm. \$30-\$50/advance; \$40/person at the door. 800-9MARRROW; giftoflife.org.

**Friday - 8/7 - Heart of Boca Celebration** at Heartland Rehabilitation, 7225 Boca del Mar Dr, Boca Raton. Celebrates 100 years of Historic Pearl City; benefits Macedonia A.M.E. Church, the oldest church in Boca Raton. 4-7 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/at the door. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

### AUGUST 9-15

**Monday - 8/10 - Margarita Monday** at Rocco's Tacos & Tequila Bar, 5250 Town Center Cir, Boca Raton. Benefits KidSafe Foundation. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance (includes 2 signature drinks, appetizers). 855-844-SAFE; kidsafefoundation.org

**Tuesday - 8/11 - Place of Hope Back to School Pep Rally** at Pavilion Grille, Nations Bank Plaza, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Benefits Place of Hope Boca Raton to purchase back to school supplies for foster youth. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/at the door. 483-0962; hopeatrinerkcampus.org

**Wednesday - 8/12 - Back to School Breakfast** at Lakeside Terrace, 7880 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Hosted by Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Benefits Caregiving Youth Project. Honoree: Mary Wong, President, Office Depot Foundation. 7:45-9:15 am. \$50/advance; \$60/at the door. 391-7401; bocachamber.com

**8/12 - Dog Days of Summer Cooking Class** at Publix Aprons Cooking School Polo Club Shoppes, 5050 Champion Blvd, Boca Raton. Benefits Tri-County Humane Society. 5:30-6:15 pm meet and greet adorable dogs; 6:30-8:30 pm all-inclusive 3-course dinner. \$50. 482-8110; tricountyanimalrescue.com

**Thursday 8/13 - Football Fever** at Community Table, 1901 Boca Raton Blvd. Benefits Morselife. Chance drawings and giveaways. 5:30; game time 8pm. \$20/at the door (includes 2 soft drinks, pizza). 687-5743; web.bocaratonchamber.com

**Friday - 8/14 - The Symphonia Sizzles/Classical Music is Cool** at Blue Martini at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits The Symphonia. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20 (includes one drink, appetizers). 376-3848; thesymphonia.org

**Saturday - 8/15 - Guided Tour Boca Raton Resort & Club** at 501 E Camino Real. Hosted by Boca Raton Historical Society. Not recommended for children under 12. Held again 8/22 & 29. 2 pm. \$15/person + \$11 valet fee. Reservations required: 395-6766 x107; tours@bocahistory.org

### AUGUST 16-22

**Monday - 8/17 - 2nd Annual Boca's Got Talent** at Dubliner Irish Pub, 435 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Hosted by and benefits Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. 5:30-7 pm. \$20 (includes one drink, appetizers). 954-776-6805; talent@plumproductionsmedia.com

**Tuesday - 8/18 - Movers and Shakers** at DaVinci's of Boca at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits Golden Bell Education Foundation. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$30/advance; \$35/at the door. 395-4433 x232; sderos@bocachamber.com

**Wednesday - 8/19 - Light Up the Night** at Prime Cigar & Wine Bar, 2240 NW 19th St, Boca Raton. Benefits Junior Achievement of South Florida. Silent auction. 6-9 pm. \$25-125/advance; \$50-150/at the door (includes 2 drinks, cigar, hor d'oeuvres). 954-979-7124; jacqueline@jasouthflorida.org

**Friday - 8/21 - Boca PAL's Crime Scene Challenge** meets at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Rd. Benefits Boca Raton Police Athletic League. Solve crimes by earning clues at various locations around town. 1-5 pm. \$50. 239-5483; bocaratonchamber.com

**8/21 - Battle of the Bartenders** at M.E.A.T. Eatery, 980 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All tips and portion of proceeds benefit Best Foot Forward Foundation. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/at the door (includes 2 drinks, appetizers). 470-8300; bestfoot.org

**Saturday - 8/22 - Wine & All That Jazz** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Boca Festival Days signature event. 7-10 pm. \$75/regular; \$120/VIP. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

### AUGUST 23-29

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**Tuesday - 8/25 - 4th Annual FondueRaiser** at The Melting Pot. 5455 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. 35% of sales + 100% of "Ribbontini" cocktail sales benefit the League of Ribbons, Lynn Cancer Institute. 4:30-10 pm. Reservations (mention "Dip for LCI"): 997-7472; meltingpot.com/boca-raton

**Wednesday - 8/26 - Lip Sync Battle** at Blue Martini at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits Nat King Cole Generation Hope. 6:30-8:30 pm. \$25/advance; \$35/at the door (includes one cocktail, lite bites). 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

**Thursday - 8/27 - Corks & Canvas** at Waterstone Resort & Marina, 999 E Camino Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Twin Palms Center for the Disabled. Local artists display and sell artwork, live and silent auctions, raffle, Hor d'oeuvres, beverage. 6-8 pm. \$60/advance; \$75 at the door. 391-4874; twinpalmscenter.com

**8/27 - The Winner's Circle** at Sports Immortal Museum, 6830 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sponsored by Seniors Helping Seniors, benefits The Alzheimer's Association. Silent auction, food, beverages. 7-10 pm. \$25/at the door. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

**Friday - 8/28 - You Shop, We Build Benefit** at Kendra Scott, 411 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Hosted by Kendra Scott. Benefits Habitat's mission to build homes, communities and hope. 6-9 pm. Call/check website for details. 819-6070; habitatsouthpalmbeach.org

**8/28 - Boca's Ballroom Battle** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E Camino Real. Benefits George Snow Scholarship Fund. 6-10 pm. Tickets start at \$175. 347-6799; scholarship.org

### AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5

**Sunday - 8/30 - 9th Annual Bowling for Bread** at Strikes @ Boca, 21046 Commercial Tr, Boca Raton. Benefits Boca Helping Hands. Canned/packaged food donations welcome. Individuals, teams, businesses raise funds. 2-5 pm. \$50-\$600. 367-1193; bocahelpinghands.org

**Monday - 8/31 - Zinburger Bash for the Red Cross** at Zinburger Wine & Burger Bar at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Benefits American Red Cross. Generous sampling of burgers, salads, side dishes, milkshakes. 6-8 pm. \$15. 650-9315; rdcrss.org/1BVMbAZ

## Pay it Forward

# Boca Chamber Festival Days spices up summer

By Amy Woods

August in Boca Raton used to comprise 31 dragging, dripping, doldrum-like days. Not anymore. The month will outshine the summer sun with the arrival of Boca Chamber Festival Days.

The annual event that pairs for-profit businesses with nonprofit organizations and raises awareness, funds and support for local charities has transformed the off-season.

"The slow month of August is no longer slow," said Sarah Pearson, senior vice president of external relations for the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. "It's a way for us to keep the economy going, keep people out and about."

City residents definitely will have a reason to be out and about this month as more than 30 social gatherings are on the calendar.

The first fundraiser took place a few days early — July 28 — with Women in Distress of Broward County's Clothes off Our Backs donation drive for needy families.

Other events planned for the month range from the well-known White Coats-4-Care Reception benefiting Florida Atlantic University's Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, to the always-entertaining Boca's Got Talent! benefiting the Multiple

Sclerosis Foundation.

Boca Ballet Theatre's Summer Spectacular — Works of American Masters, Tri-County Animal Rescue's Dog Days of Summer and the League of Ribbons' FondueRaiser add to the well-rounded schedule of activities.

"It's just a focused way to give back in general," Pearson said. "That's why I think it's different. Some events are fun. Some are serious. Some make you cry. It's pretty amazing."

Jon Sahn has chaired Boca Chamber Festival Days for three consecutive years and said the 2015 installment

promises to be one of the best.

"Over the last three years, we've really kicked it up with the enthusiasm and the events," Sahn said. "Obviously, the goal is to create awareness

of all the amazing not-for-profits that we have that are part of the chamber."

The chamber helps forge partnerships between event-sponsoring for-profits and reward-reaping nonprofits and also markets and promotes the festival online and through social media. A breakfast kicked it all off to the 1,500 members.

"By creating awareness, you're creating opportunities for bringing new donors to these charities, bringing new volunteers to these charities, bringing board members and resources to these charities," Sahn said. "If you are involved in something that makes your community better, it's good for business."

He said he plans to attend at least 25 events.

"Philanthropy and community involvement is something that I believe in," Sahn said. "This is like the best time of the year for me." ★



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## Around Town

## Delray sisters running for glory on track

Running may be the purest form of athletic endeavor, but except for the Olympics and the Boston Marathon, it is virtually ignored. So most people have never heard of the Schapperts.

Oh sure, folks connected with **Pope John Paul II High School** know. And the cognoscenti at **Villanova** and **USA Track and Field**. But with a lot of skill and a little luck, Nicole and Stephanie may soon make headlines.

Credit brains, brawn and genetics. Both were honor students. Though slight of stature, both are built for distance. Mom and dad, too, were superb athletes: **Kenny Schappert** was an international class runner at Villanova; **Jane Ackerman Schappert** was an All-American swimmer at Cardinal Newman and Villanova. Her kids have a good chance of joining her in the **Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame**. They live in Delray Beach.

In a surprise finish June 28 at the U.S. championships in Eugene, Ore., 28-year-old **Nicole Schappert Tully** won the women's 5,000-meter title in 15:06.44. The race was only her second ever at that distance.

While at Pope John Paul, Tully won 10 state track titles and then led Villanova to an undefeated season and NCAA cross-country championship in 2009. She graduated magna cum laude the following spring but continued to run while working for Canon's printer division. She did take time out last summer. She and **Sean Tully**, another Villanova distance runner, married at **St. Edward Catholic Church** in Palm Beach. The reception was held at the **Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club**.

The couple now lives in Piscataway, N.J., and Nicole runs for the **NJ/NY Track Club**. Her 15:05 time in her first 5,000 in May qualified her for the **World Championships** that open Aug. 22 in Beijing.

Sister **Stephanie** isn't far behind. She wrapped her college career at Villanova at the **NCAA Championships** in mid-June. She finished sixth in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:16.01. Two weeks before she ran a personal best of 4:13.26. The **U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association** named her Mid-Atlantic Region Athlete of the Year for the outdoor season.

Her 1,500 time qualified her for the **World University Games** in South Korea. Nicole had finished eighth in the same event in 2013. Stephanie ran 4:19.83, missing a bronze medal

by .06 seconds.

No doubt we'll be hearing a lot more.

For Boca Raton firefighter and amateur chef **Alex Callegari**, the honors keep coming. But his big shot on a national stage left him with a rancid taste. At **Anheuser-Busch's Bud & Burgers national finals**, held July 11 in the parking lot at the home brewery in St. Louis, Callegari's Ladder 7 Burger finished third. But according to many accounts, the event was a disaster, and several competitors, who qualified through regional competitions, believe they were set up.

A \$100,000 grand prize was on the line for the 10 finalists. They would prepare sufficient samples of their award-winning burgers to feed 1,000 fans who paid \$20 each for the opportunity to sample each entry and then vote by text for their favorite. From the top three, a panel of food experts would choose the winner. Needless to say, organizers were caught unprepared when an estimated 5,000 showed up.

On its Bud & Burgers website, Anheuser-Busch claimed the burgers ran out 15 minutes early, but several qualifiers disagreed, including Callegari.

"I was serving up to 8 p.m. I still had some burgers left," Callegari told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

He'd seen it coming, warning organizers in an email on July 2 that most attendees would have difficulty downing what amounted to two and a half giant burgers and would vote after sampling only a few.

The tasting was not blind. Attendees knew whose burgers they were voting for.

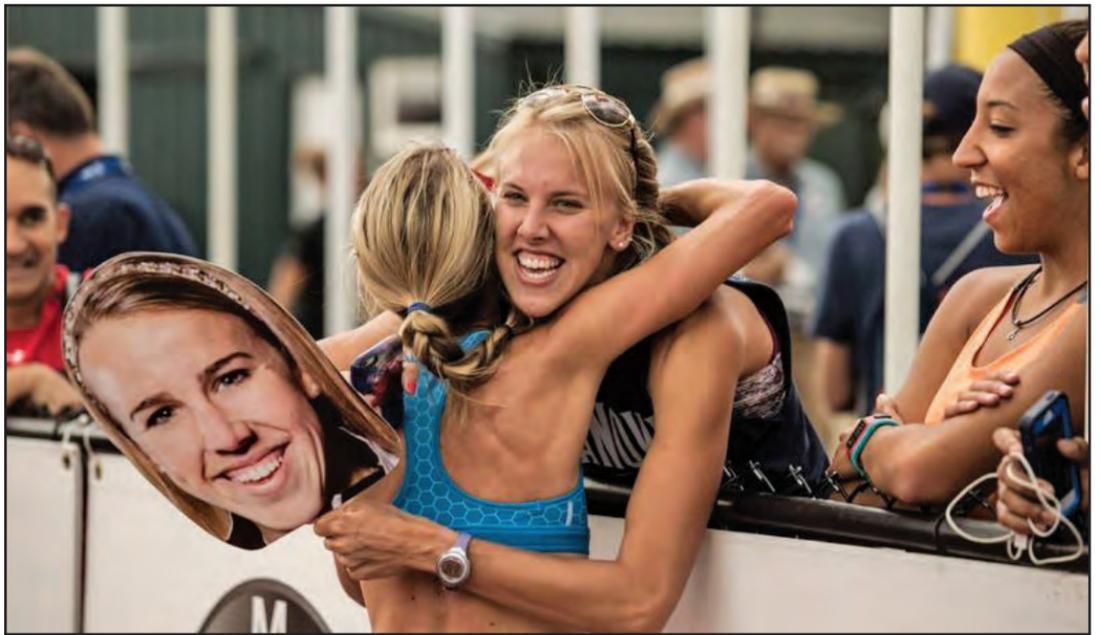
The playing field wouldn't be level, he said, because the two finalists from St. Louis would enjoy the luxury of having voting support from friends and family. If one makes the top three, "it would create an air of doubt and mistrust to the fairness of the event," he wrote.

The cooking began at 5 p.m. but at 8 p.m. with many people still in line, some waiting for their first sample, serving was halted, so the judges could choose among the top three.

"Just about every single item I pointed out became a reality," Callegari said after returning to Florida. "At most cook-offs they treat the finalists pretty well. You're a brand ambassador. But Busch just flew us in, put us to work and flew us out. We didn't even get a tour of the brewery."

The disappointment goes deeper because Callegari's contest winnings go to funds such as the **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation**.

Four days after the event,



Stephanie Schappert (right) hugs sister Nicole Schappert Tully at the finish line after her victory June 28 in the USA Track and Field championships women's 5,000-meter event in Eugene, Ore. Stephanie had just wrapped up her own college running career with the title of Mid-Atlantic Region Athlete of the Year, awarded by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Photo provided

the finalists received an email from organizers: "Budweiser is extremely supportive of the culinary ambitions of our amateur chefs, so we'd like to offer each contestant \$3,000 to offset your tax burdens, along with a limited-edition grill to thank you for your participation."

Wow, a free grill.

"It's not the first time I got a bad decision," Callegari said. "I'll get back in the ring and fight again."

As for Anheuser-Busch, perhaps a future contest should feature eggs, since they'll have plenty to scrape off their faces after Bud & Burgers.

Who better to practice the healing qualities of music than doctors, 14 of whom will gather Aug. 18 at "**the Harriet**" in **CityPlace** in West Palm Beach for the fourth annual **Physicians Talent Showcase**. OK, one, **Dr. Robin Arrigo**, is a concert pianist who earned a doctorate of musical arts degree from the **University of Miami**, but for the others music helps them heal after a hard day's work at several area hospitals.

Among those performing at the 7:30 p.m. concert, a fundraiser for the **Kretzer Piano Music Foundation's** music education programs for children, are **Jack Zeltzer** and **Peggy Hunter**. A vascular surgeon associated with Palm Beach Surgical Associates, Palms West Hospital, Wellington Regional Medical Center and JFK Medical Center, Zeltzer is a drummer. The Lake Worth resident also is past president of the Palm Beach County Medical Society. Hunter, a resident of Boca Raton associated with PBC Dermatology and JFK Medical Center, is a classical pianist. For tickets, \$75, call (866) 449-2489.

Great pairing: Three of the most innovative performers in the pop music world are heading to **Coral Sky Amphitheatre** for an auspicious Aug. 12 concert.

**Rockabye Gollie Angel** may be a strange name for a tour, but with Messrs. Becker and Fagen involved, the only thing strange is normalcy. Joining **Walter Becker** and **Donald Fagen**, aka **Steely Dan**, is **Elvis Costello and the Imposters**.

Coral Sky was initially scheduled as the tour wrapper, but the troupe will continue on to an October climax in New York. Based on early tour reviews, it could be one of Coral Sky's all-time classic shows.

**GEO Group**, the for-profit private prison company based in Boca Raton, exceeded income and profit expectations for 2014, raking in \$1.69 billion, up 11 percent from 2013. Despite opening or expanding six prisons with room for 5,000 inmates, including three in Florida, the company's profits rose even more — 25 percent to \$115 million. All told, GEO manages 106 facilities with more than 19,000 employees.

The 19,000 figure likely doesn't include the detainees who were offered an unusual "opportunity" at a center in Aurora, Colo. According to a suit filed in federal court in Denver, detainees awaiting deportation hearings were offered the option of doing janitorial work — scrubbing toilets, mopping floors, doing laundry and serving meals — for \$1 a day. Some who declined, the suit claims, were threatened with solitary confinement.

GEO denies the charges and argues that the dollar-a-day payment follows federal guidelines, which were set in 1950 and have never been changed.

What's cookin'?

Summer used to be slow time. Sit back, chomp a few Cheetos, drink a cheap beer and watch baseball on low-def TV. But life has gone high-def — an aisle full of snack foods, a different craft beer every day and too many sports to count.

So it stands to reason that savvy local restaurants have capitalized, turning slow time into opportunity. The guy in the kitchen is hot, in more ways than one.

The brains behind **Max's Harvest** in Delray seized the opportunity to create a little summer buzz, generate a little late night action and raise some cash for the **Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club** in Delray Beach with **Chef vs. Chef**. The TV-style competition matches 16 area chefs in eight weeks of *mano-a-mano* eliminations, quarter- and semifinals and a championship round Sept. 23.

Upward of 200 patrons, many of them regulars at the restaurants of the competitors, pay \$10 each (includes one drink) to pack into Max's Harvest each Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. The two chefs are informed of the required ingredients, given 15 minutes to plan their attack and then have an hour to prepare two dishes in the open kitchen.

In Week 3, the secret ingredients for **Victor Meneses** of nearby **El Camino** and **Victor Franco** of **Oceans 234** in Deerfield Beach were Asian noodles, malanga (a tropical, potato-like tuber) and beef cheeks. The chop, chop, chop of chef's knives and the clanking of pots often gave way to flaring sauté pans as they worked their magic. Franco, a fan of Floribbean cuisine, utilized every second before delivering the three judges a crispy malanga and scallop fritters with spicy mango sauce, while Meneses countered with a malanga "dumpling" filled with shredded beef cheek, seared diced Granny Smith apples, and pancetta accompanied by a salad of shaved fennel, ginger and herbs.

Franco then presented beef cheeks braised in a port wine reduction with cinnamon and herbs with taro root and a malanga puree. But Meneses' beef cheek pad thai garnished with toasted

hazelnuts, pine nuts and crispy malanga chips, and beef cheek ramen topped with grilled scallions and poached quail eggs, nestled in broth fortified with smoked soy blew the judges away.

The final elimination round is set for Aug. 5 between **Chris Miracolo** of **S3** on Fort Lauderdale Beach and **Blake Malatesta** of Delray's **50 Ocean**.

Franco was hardly dismayed by the loss as he has lots of work ahead at Oceans 234, which is being completely renovated.

Comings and goings: After a two-month delay, **Tap 42** finally opened in mid-July at the **Shops at Boca Center**. A popular Lauderdale spot for years, Tap 42, as in 42 beers on draft, is craft beer-based but customers are also drawn to such menu items as the Prohibition Burger, only \$5 on Monday nights.

After 39 years, **264 The Grill** in Palm Beach has served its last lobster. The building, a Roaring '20s-era **Addison Mizner** design, has been sold and restaurant owners **Patricia Gatti** and **Avery Watson** were given a week to vacate. They're looking for a new location.

Fans of Sunday's jazz jams can still catch the **Susan Merritt Trio** at **Zuccarelli's** on Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach.

The Fourth of July weekend pumped new life into Lake Worth's **Bamboo Room**. The trial reopening of the club attracted more than 1,600 customers, more than enough to persuade the new owners to continue the trial.

Plans are to open Friday and Saturday nights through the summer and early autumn and then expand to a five-night schedule.

Owners **Ryan Mueller** and **Blaine Minton** will continue



**ABOVE:** Chefs Victor Menezes from El Camino and Eric Baker from Max's Harvest laugh during Week 3 of Chef vs. Chef.



**LEFT:** Chef Victor Franco from Oceans 234 shows his dish. The final elimination round is set for Aug. 5 at Max's Harvest in Delray Beach. **Photos courtesy Kelly Coulson**

the live music tradition, but will probably add a small cover charge, offer a light sandwich-based menu and expand on the roots music format established by the club's founder **Russ Hibbard**. Blues and jazz will be supplemented by rock, country, reggae and more.

We reported last month that

**Pizzeria Oceano**, the extremely popular personal pizza joint in Lantana, was no longer serving pizza, as owner **Dak Kerprich** was moving the pie operation to **Swell Pizza** in Delray. Well, the name Pizzeria is gone and the Oceano part seems to be leaving. The new name, **Jerk Oceano**, is shortened Irie-style to "Jerk O." The fare still

features local products, but the menu is Caribbean — pineapple and black rice salad, red shrimp and rice with curry, scallion, and okra and jackfruit cream pie for dessert.

All is well at **Benny's on the Beach**. In fact, business may have picked up a little as the curious joined the regulars to see the aftereffects of a small fire traced to a faulty electrical outlet near the kitchen. Startled kitchen workers jumped the pier railing, but firefighters, who were on the scene within minutes, said it was more smoke than fire. Dining resumed within an hour.

No sooner had the Florida Legislature approved half-gallon growlers, those easy-fill take-home jugs, than another craft brewer announced plans to open in Boynton Beach. **Driftwood Ales** hopes to be in full operation this fall only a stone's throw from **Due South Brewing** and **Copper Point Brewing** just north of Gateway Boulevard on the west side of I-95.

Coincidentally, **Steve** and **Tim Dornblaser** came up with the idea for their home-brew company and Driftwood's predecessor, **Lagerhead Brewing Company**, while sampling the suds at Due South. It's a family thing.

At the south end of Boynton just east of Congress in space No. 4 at 1500 SW 30th Ave., **Chip** and **Trish Breighner** have gone from kitchen-brewing to **Devour Brewing**. Much more modest than the guys up in north Boynton — a few tables, a small bar and some stools — Devour features imaginative brews such as Hefe on Vacation, Coffee and Cream Brown Ale, Juniper Berry Saison and Chocolate Peanut Butter Porter (that's a mouthful!).

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** in Lake Worth presents "A Summer Evening in Tuscany," its 10th annual wine and cuisine event at 4 p.m. on Aug. 9. A donation of \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, affords Tuscan dishes and appropriate wines from **Masoferrato Winery** near Florence. (582-6609 or [SAEpiscopal@aol.com](mailto:SAEpiscopal@aol.com)).



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## Dining

### Two Georges at Cove serves 8 perfect shrimp

**The Plate:** Shrimp Kabob

**Where:** Two Georges at The Cove, 1754 SE Third Court, Deerfield Beach; 954-421-9272 or [www.twogeorgesrestaurant.com/thecove](http://www.twogeorgesrestaurant.com/thecove)

**The Price:** \$18.99

**The Skinny:** We have been craving shrimp lately. Call us prawns in the game of life.



But there is something so satisfying in a meal of the firm, plump shellfish.

You can batter them, bread them, stick coconut on them, but they really don't need a lot of fuss for their flavor to shine through.

And that's why we were drawn to the shrimp skewers at Two Georges.

The dish consists of eight good-size gulf shrimp served with a skewer of bell peppers, cherry tomatoes and onion.

We ordered ours blackened, so they had a mild spice, but that didn't keep the fresh shrimp flavor from shining through.



Scott Simmons/The Coastal Star

Our server said most people order this dish served over a rice pilaf, but it's not every day that you can get a baked potato, which is what we ordered.

Also good: The Crab Imperial (\$24.99), which was all crab and no filler, and the grouper (also \$24.99), a wonderfully fresh piece of fish that was perfectly cooked.

— Scott Simmons



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# Shall We Dance?

Boca's Ballroom Battle to benefit college-scholarship program

**Frank McKinney**

**Occupation:** Real-estate artist

**Residence:** Delray Beach

**Dance partner:** Pam Casanave

**Song:** *You Shook Me All Night Long*, by AC/DC



**FM:** Never, but I love the feeling of experiencing things that are well beyond my comfort zone, and I have two left feet. I've stepped on my partner's toes a few times. I've probably broken her toes.

**CS:** What is your goal?

**FM:** To raise enough money to cover five scholarships. I never had a chance to go to school, so to be able to send kids who can't afford it means a lot to me.

**CS:** Is dancing difficult?

**FM:** I am very athletic, so I thought, "Wow, this dancing thing should be pretty easy." That was certainly learned to be untrue.

**CS:** Have you ever done anything like this before?



Wendy Sadusky, designing housewife, strikes a pose with dance partner Jacob Jennings at Fred Astaire dance studios in Boca Raton. Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

**Holly Meehan**

**Occupation:** Volunteer

extraordinaire

**Residence:** Boca Raton

**Dance partner:** James Brann

**Song:** *Footloose*, by Kenny Loggins



Holly Meehan, photographer and volunteer, busts a move with dance partner James Brann.

**CS:** What is your dance background?

**HM:** My husband David and I took dance lessons 10 years ago before our wedding, but I'm not sure that counts.

**CS:** What do you think about this year's '80s theme?

**HM:** Ahhh, those were my jams. I'm loving the '80s theme and really hope the attendees get involved and pull out the *Miami Vice* pastels and Madonna lace.

**CS:** What is your goal?

**HM:** Breaking previous records is always my goal — anything to raise the bar. Like any charity organization, it makes a difference to see volunteers really get involved and show their passion, and if I can dance my way to help a local student get funding for college, how could I say no?

**Wendy Sadusky**  
**Occupation:** Designing housewife

**Residence:** Boca Raton  
**Dance partner:** Jacob Jennings

**Song:** *Hey Mickey*, by Toni Basil

**CS:** Who recommended you?

**WS:** Chris Palermo, a past participant and now a neighbor. When he did it, I mistakenly said, "That looks like so much fun." No, I absolutely am thrilled to be asked to participate in this.

**CS:** How are the dance lessons going?

**WS:** It's really, really fun. I've never danced, though, so it's really something different. It's about lines and angles and trying to make yourself look good.

**CS:** What is your goal?

**WS:** \$25,000. The opportunity to give these children a chance to go to college is so important. They're kids that work hard, get good grades, and they would have zero chance without funding.

## If You Go

**What:** Boca's Ballroom Battle

**When:** 6 to 11 p.m. Aug. 28

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## Music

### Cultural Council hopes to bring harmony, success to area musicians

By Bill Meredith  
ArtsPaper Music Writer

As emails go, one from May 28 proved unusual enough that it needed to be re-read.

It was from Kathleen Alex, chief financial officer at the not-for-profit Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, inviting area musicians and music biz types to a June 15 meeting at the organization's Lake Worth headquarters.

And while the underlying purpose may have been to get attendees to enroll in the council's still-new Musicians Services program (a mission it accomplished), this email contained welcome language.

Alex wrote that she, along with visitors services and music



Cultural Council intern Nick Murray, visitors services coordinator Marlon Foster and Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Alex prep for an event. Photo by Michael Colanero

coordinator Marlon Foster and president and CEO Rena Blades, wanted to "discuss how we can better serve musicians

and further promote a thriving musical community in Palm Beach County."

And the meeting — even if it

was based mostly on common-sense issues — proved a good foundation to build upon.

The council's \$60 annual solo artist membership is primarily for fledgling individual artists; the \$125 performer membership for established working musicians, and the \$250 band membership a discounted group rate for five people or fewer, with escalating benefits like listings, discounted advertising, and prospective paid performances at council events and area venues.

Many in attendance June 15 were already members, including singer/songwriters Jason Hanley, Craig McInnis and JC Dwyer, drummer Jeff Abbott (whose jazz group Sugawack had joined as a

band), and regional School of Rock owner Rick Rothschild — whose son, singing guitarist Ben Rothschild, also joined as a band with his group of fellow students, Jumbo Shrimp.

With only word-of-mouth advertising, the council had 24 memberships and counting after its first year, including Julius and Julia Sanna's cultural group Positively Africa, former Greenwich Village singer/songwriter Rod MacDonald, and some of the area's best guitarists, from blues (Mario LaCasse) to jazz (Jim McCreavy) to fusion (Frank Axtell).

Prospective members who attended the meeting included Bamboo Room entertainment

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## Art Review

### Morikami inhabited by iconic, mythic robots and creatures

By Gretel Sarmiento  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

If I told you the first hotel run solely by robots just opened and it features a dinosaur concierge, where in the world would you picture it?

It counts if you mention anywhere in Japan — though, technically, it opened in Nagasaki.

The Land of the Rising Sun is also proving to be the most machine-loving, with an invigorating robot culture and a robotic technology that is boundless. Although, we wouldn't necessarily deduce this from *Japan's Robot Kingdom*: There are simply not enough *robottos* in this exhibit housed in the Morikami Museum through Sept. 13. An easy fix is to leave at home our adult expectations and bring our inner child. This is a quality-over-quantity type of show.

The young-at-heart audience is bound to get captivated by funny-looking displays, such as the Robotic Operating Buddy (R.O.B). This was a short-lived Nintendo creation from 1985 that remained alive only through cameo appearances in video games. Its long neck and arms and its big, wide eyes give it an E.T. appearance. That might explain why warming up to it comes easily.

The robust Iron Kong PK came two years earlier as part of Tomy's Zoid biomechanical toy series, which takes after insects, animals and dinosaurs. Bloody Kong — a label its solid red color earned him — is modeled after a bulky gorilla

**Japan's Robot Kingdom and The Morikami Menagerie** run through Sept. 13 at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Delray Beach.

**Tickets:** \$15, \$13 for seniors, \$9 for children and college students. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

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and can deliver a powerful punch with its fist. Zoids like him belong to one of two opposing forces: the Helic Republic or the Zebas Empire.

A member of the Republic, Dibison shows the characteristics of a mad bull ready to crush the enemy lines with its sharp metal horns. This 1888 model comes in black and green, and we can tell, from the massive cannons mounted on its back, it is not a toy to play with but to battle with.

The I-Sobot, with its boxy torso and claw-like hands, can fool us into thinking height is proportionate to ability. At less than 7 inches tall, this little guy can move its joints freely and perform more than 200 movements, including standing on its head, doing pushups and dancing the Hula. It contains a library of 200 words and phrases and responds to basic voice commands.

As impressive as that sounds, the most remarkable thing displayed is not an object that speaks to Japanese technical ingenuity but to the heart



Tengu mask from the Showa Period (1926-1989). Photo by Gretel Sarmiento

behind it.

Paro is a therapeutic robot that provides comfort and relief to patients living with emotional and physical stress. Keeping in mind that negative associations develop sometimes with commonly known animals, Japan came up with a soft and nurturing baby harp seal. The rationale is that our unfamiliarity with this animal aids our acceptance of it. No preconceived notion gets in the way of the emotional connection.

#### Other creatures

The one gallery room is successful at awakening a strong appetite for all things robotic but it does not satisfy it. That's when we should head for *The Morikami Menagerie: Creatures in Japanese Art*. Running in conjunction with *Robot Kingdom*, this exhibit explores the spiritual and



Shin Getter Robo action figure (2001). Morikami photo

mythological side of Japan through decorative ceramics, folding screens and scrolls featuring exotic animals and imagined creatures.

Everything here stands for something else. A tiger is a symbol of loyalty and perseverance, even if it is colored bright yellow and made of papier-maché. A hanging scroll featuring a snow monkey in its natural habitat represents human strengths and weaknesses. In this case: intelligence and vanity.

Skip the all-too-familiar Lion-Dog hybrids and visit the Tengu mask on display. This

bright-red version depicts the legendary mountain goblins of Japanese folklore that were known to be tricksters and even demonic-looking. It is a surprise to learn that some consider the tengu holy and view them as mountain gods. Its long nose, small black cap and white hair mimic the appearance of elderly mountain priests who practiced the ancient religion Shugendō.

If the robots and the creatures fail to make an impression, try this before leaving: find the Raccoon-Dog in glazed ceramic. Be sure to read its story. It is a good laugh.

# MUSICIANS

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director Ryan McJury, who helped parlay the venue's soft July 2-4 reopening into a recent permanent one before being replaced by general manager Ben Foster, promotion; and 'zine impresario Steev Rullman (*Pure Honey*); and reggae bandleader, vocalist and percussionist Marijah.

Marlon Foster, Alex and Blades deftly held the meeting together. All three play or have played instruments; have spent significant time in musical hotbeds, and therefore have strong backgrounds in the art. Blades hails from Houston, one of the epicenters of Texas music, and played the flute while often witnessing live opera and classical music with her family. At the June 15 meeting, she furiously wrote out notes on a mounted oversize pad while the suggestions flew.

Still, it's Foster and Alex who are in charge of the membership program's nuts, bolts and purse strings. Alex dabbles in multiple instruments and is from Buffalo, N.Y., which has always had a strong underground scene and is in the vicinity of prominent music schools and the Canadian music capital of Toronto.

Foster was born in Orlando, moved to England as a small child, returned to Florida to oversee the council's visitors



Participants in a recent Cultural Council open mic night.

Photo by Michael Colanero

services program three years ago, and may be its musical wild card. He's a rapper, keyboardist and producer, and he lobbied to head up its Musicians Services, instituted after the strong response to the council's Visual Artists Services program.

"Government grants often help artists in England, including musicians," Foster said. "Here, there are more philanthropists. I looked at how visual arts in this area are often funded by charitable people, and wondered why it couldn't be the same way for music."

"Selfishly, I also wanted to use our services to connect with other musicians," he said. "But it's to help form a community, like there is in England. People there always seem to come out and support you when you have

a gig, and help you connect with other people and venues regionally."

Those who have toiled long enough within the local music scene hope the program has a chance. South Florida has always had great music schools producing estimable talent that realized it had to go somewhere else to succeed at higher levels.

"Marlon talked to me about joining, and it seemed like a really unique and necessary idea," said McInnis, who plays solo and with fellow West Palm Beach-based singer/guitarist Dwyer in Duover, and is also a visual artist who's a council member in both media. "It seems geared toward the greater good, which means like-minded individuals can help it grow organically. Every scene has its good people, and this

can help to find them."

"The Cultural Council has been around for 38 years, and has always been involved with visual artists," Blades said, "but never in such a day-to-day way as it's become with our Visual Artists Services program. ... When we moved into our Lake Worth location in January of 2012, we knew the community would lend itself toward us serving all artists. And with Marlon and Kathleen's help, the musicians are coming on board."

They'll need some time to catch up to the visual artists.

"Between individuals and organizations," Alex said, "I'd say we have about 120 visual arts members. But I'm hoping we can get to the next level musically this year by getting to 100."

The stately former movie theater at 601 Lake Ave. is certainly better-suited to art exhibitions than to concerts, but that hasn't stopped Foster and Alex. They've presented several shows by members among their "Lobby Desk Concerts" during the past year, along with monthly open mics in an interior room. All council events resume with more frequency once tourist season starts in October.

"Marlon was practically overjoyed after the meeting," Alex said, "both with how many people showed up and how much they were willing to

voice their opinions."

"We want to have future meetings for other topics and updates," said Foster, "but things that were discussed that we can work toward right away include contract templates for gigs, and networking through Facebook and other social mediums. And I still think people will come out more if they're offered quality entertainment. I know I do!"

How long it might take for area audiences to know, or care, about quality and creativity over karaoke, soloists with programmed backing tracks, and other lowest-common-denominator ilk is the unanswerable question. But the council didn't just end up in Lake Worth — a throwback small-town artistic community that's resisted commercialization — by coincidence.

"We liked the idea of being integral in helping the community build through the arts," Blades said.

Foster says he wants the Musicians Service effort to "change things, even though it'll take awhile."

"I want area musicians to be valued for their work, and to help them to negotiate better and not have to settle. We can be a good backup for musicians, and help all of us work together to form a musical community; to help one another out rather than undercut."



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## Music

## Symphony of the Americas joins Austrian orchestra for Summerfest

By Greg Stepanich

For nearly 25 years, the musicians of the Symphony of the Americas have presented Summerfest, a series of concerts and cultural exchanges that take the Fort Lauderdale-based group to other parts of the Americas as well as venues across the tri-county area and Treasure Coast.

This summer, the group's string section is joined by the Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra of Hohenems, Austria, a group that worked with SOTA in 2005 and 2007. The two groups will present the final two concerts of Summerfest on Aug. 7 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and Aug. 8 at the Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale.

That's after a busy July that saw the group doing a weeklong residency in Panama, the home country of SOTA's director, James Brooks-Bruzzese.

"It is a wonderful cultural exchange concept musically, especially when the musicians get a chance to do a meet-and-greet after the concert," says the orchestra's executive director, Renée LaBonte. "They're available for all the audiences, and you'd be surprised: No matter where the musicians in the orchestra are coming from, there's always someone in the audience from that country."

"It's just a wonderful experience for everybody, in addition to the music they do on the stage," she said.

The Summerfest programs are light in nature, with well-known works and attractive showpieces from different eras. The Aug. 7 concert, for example, will feature Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*; the "Méditation" from Massenet's *Thaïs*, here played on the cello rather than the violin; the "Elegie" from Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, and an arrangement of the *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2* of Franz Liszt.

The program also includes the first *L'Estro Armonico* concerto of Vivaldi; *Nostalgia Mexicana*, by the contemporary Mexican composer Eduardo Magallanes; the *Elfentanz* of the 19th-century Czech showman-cellist David Popper (a showcase for Arpeggione cellist Endre Balog); and the first movement from the now-rarely heard *Serenade for Strings* of the Irish-born operetta composer Victor Herbert (himself a fine cellist).

"Maestro's always good at choosing repertoire that's an audience pleaser, even if it's classical and people think they're not going to like

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it," LaBonte said. "In every country, they haven't always had the opportunity to hear that kind of music, so no matter where we go, it's just like a transformation."

Outreach is a central part

of the orchestra's mission during Summerfest, and LaBonte said the group has been responsible for the seeding of school string programs in several schools in Panama's interior. And it has done more direct humanitarian things as well, as LaBonte notes by recounting the orchestra's journey with the Arpeggione orchestra to Haiti in 2005.

One of the Arpeggione musicians on that tour is on this year's Summerfest, and he told LaBonte as he arrived in South Florida last month that the Haitian trip had been a milestone for him.

"He said, 'Look, I still have this picture on my phone. It's me playing football with the musicians in Haiti, and we did that after we took the orange trees up to the mountain and planted them,'" she said.

LaBonte said it reminded her, amid her administrative duties, that these summer concerts are about more than just bringing Vivaldi to far-off audiences.

"I realize how wonderful the concept of Summerfest is, not just the music side," she said.

Now in its 28th season, Symphony of the Americas is looking ahead to its 30th anniversary in two years, and its 25th anniversary of Summerfest next year.

The orchestra, which LaBonte said more or less breaks even each year on its annual \$1.5 million budget, has found a reliable niche and a loyal audience, and is looking at adding other kinds of programming.

"Conceptually, we're looking at a couple of things, perhaps some more

chamber music ... and maybe some more outreach in that direction, not just the chamber orchestra concerts," she said. "And then the regular season, the 28th, at this point, we're expanding the matinee series, and that's our biggest focus because we get a little bit bigger audience there."

Besides its Panama residency, SOTA and the Arpeggione traveled in July to Weston, Pembroke Pines and Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, and this month plays Miami Lakes, Sunrise and Vero Beach before heading to Boca on Aug. 7.

"I feel like we're filling a need in the summer, and in each of the communities we go to in Florida, everybody says the same thing," LaBonte said.



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## Review Briefs

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### Trainwreck (opened July 17)

Judd Apatow and Amy Schumer have guts. After all, they should know that any movie that dares to title itself *Trainwreck* is begging for smug derision from lazy critics, the Shalits and Reeds and Traverses of the waning print dynasties and the bloated blogosphere, who can now summon their most tired rail-travel metaphors or come up with gems such as “the title says it all.”

The worst thing about the title is its anonymity. But if anonymity is what the show’s talented director and writer are going for — if filtering their auteurist talents through the rusty spigot of Hollywood rom-com formula is the goal — they’ve achieved it.

It’s disappointing to report that *Trainwreck*, though written by Schumer, isn’t the proper big-screen introduction to late-night comedy’s *enfant terrible*. She stills plays a selfish, oversexed middle-class narcissist named Amy, but *Trainwreck* is far from the Amy Schumer Sketch Movie — would that it were, provocatively pushing her shock-jockey humor into hard-R territories. But her unshackled id doesn’t get to frolic nearly enough. Eventually, sentiment overtakes the raunch, and *Trainwreck* becomes the predictable romance it was satirizing. Hemmed in by such familiar mechanics, Schumer has produced a piece of entertainment that panders to a mainstream audience.

Schumer’s avatar is a commitment-phobic sex addict who says casually monstrous things to strangers and loved ones alike, and who works at a misogynist magazine called *S’Nuff*, edited by a customarily unrecognizable Tilda Swinton. After vocally disparaging all things sports, she’s promptly assigned to profile a charmingly square sports physician named Aaron Connors (Bill Hader). She soon takes her subject to bed, because that’s what she does, but when Aaron doesn’t want to leave — and when he calls her the next day! — we may just witness the start of



Amy Schumer and Bill Hader star in *Trainwreck*. Photo provided

Amy’s domestication.

You’ve seen this movie before. Usually it’s about a callous male playboy mistaking sexuality for intimacy until he finally meets the match who will anchor his libido. Simply inverting the genders doesn’t alter the formula, which we’ve been spoon-fed in romantic comedies for decades.

But the best part about *Trainwreck* is a total surprise. It’s LeBron James, who, as a patient of Aaron’s, plays himself as a sensitive penny-pincher. James possesses arguably the strongest comic timing and delivery in the movie.

Even James’s appearances, however, represent one joke repeated again and again — the joke of the athlete who is nothing you expect him to be — but it’s performed with a rainbow of variations. Unlike the script and direction, there’s nothing phoned-in about it. — *Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff*

### Tommy (Lake Worth Playhouse, closed July 26)

The stellar performers at Lake Worth Playhouse pulled out all the stops to stage an energetic version of the rock musical *Tommy*, based on The Who’s 1969 double album. The tale of the “deaf, dumb and blind kid” who became a pinball wizard explodes on stage with nearly two dozen players backed by the screaming guitar of Ben Brown and three other top-notch musicians.

Those familiar only with the hit single “Pinball Wizard,” released more than 20 years before *Tommy* hit the musical stage in La Jolla, Calif., in 1992, and Broadway a year later, will

learn the front and back stories of the traumatized lad, how he broke free from his world without senses and how he became a rock star in a world he came to loathe.

*Tommy* is sung wall-to-wall as the players dance, run up and down a ramp, climb stagings and surround a pinball machine at mid-stage where the elder Tommy (Jason Ziev) sings and struts.

Ziev earns special plaudits. He’s a major presence in Act I and takes an even larger role on stage in Act II. He shows his stuff without diminishing the important roles of other performers.

Holding the massive production together is no easy feat. Veteran actress and Lake Worth Playhouse Artistic Director Jodie Dixon-Mears makes it so. And while Ziev may be the wildest performer on stage, other important cast members round out the show.

All the Tommys — Matthew Weinstein, Ronan Tucciarone and Ziev — are masters of their roles, excellently capturing the catatonic role with ease. They all sing well and have terrific stage timing. Alex Garcia, an ensemble member, steps out for an important role as Tommy’s girlfriend, Sally. She’s perky and cute, and will be heading to New York City for graduate study in theater. — *Dale King*

### Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival (Crest Theatre, Delray Beach, July 12)

Grab-bags of eclectic programming, a hallmark of the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival since its inception 24 seasons ago, are always interesting in

themselves, though in many cases the disparate works don’t hang together as an entity.

But the second concert in its four-concert weekly series, presented at the Crest Theatre in downtown Delray Beach, had an engaging symmetry about it, even though the works ranged from Baroque to Beethoven, late Romanticism and jazz, and had little if anything to do with each other.

One of the reasons these pieces fit together was the second piece on the program, the Piano Quintet in F by the once well-known French composer Théodore Dubois (1837-1924), who is still remembered for his oratorio, *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, his organ music, and his composition textbooks. This quintet, written in 1905, breaks no new ground, but it is beautifully crafted, direct and sincere, and does not deserve oblivion. The festival musicians have done us all good service by reviving it.

The slow movement, a Romantic effusion that stops just shy of mawkish, was tastefully played by the five musicians — oboist Sherie Aguirre, violinist Mei Mei Luo, violist René Reder, cellist Susan Moyer Bergeron and pianist Lisa Leonard — so that it came off lovely rather than overripe. Pianist Leonard gave the final movement — which quotes the second and third movements in good cyclic style — plenty of drive and forward motion, and the other four players responded with a light, muscular, thoroughly French interpretation of this elegant, attractive music. Sunday afternoon’s audience at the Crest loved it.

The program opened with another lighthearted work, the Sextet (in E-flat, Op. 71) of Beethoven, here arranged as a wind quintet by the longtime Israel Philharmonic bassoonist Mordechai Rechtman. Like the Dubois it is well-crafted, pleasant and sweet.

Oboist Aguirre was joined by flutist Karen Dixon, clarinetist Michael Forte, hornist Ellen Tomasiewicz and bassoonist Michael Ellert for the Beethoven, which was played expertly.

The second half opened with a fine arrangement of three of Georg Philipp Telemann’s *Heldenmusik*, or *Heroic Marches*. The Telemann was followed by sections from a 20th-century American piece, *Benny’s Gig*, written for legendary clarinetist Benny Goodman by composer Morton Gould. The Gould miniatures are sly, thoroughly professional classical nods to jazz and other pop forms such as the third piece, “Calypso Serenade,” a reminder of what radio was like just before the British Invasion.

The concert closed with a Romantic masterwork, the Horn Trio (Op. 40) of Johannes Brahms, played by Tomasiewicz, Leonard and violinist Dina Kostic. Overall, this was a sensitive and not over-rouged Brahms, with

tempos on the swift side in the opening, which in some performances gets done more like an adagio than an andante. — *Greg Stepanich*

### A Little Night Music (Palm Beach Dramaworks, closed July 26)

From the 1970s — Stephen Sondheim’s most creative period — comes *A Little Night Music*, a lush, irony-fueled tale of the follies of love.

Sondheim’s score brims with waltz tempos, since he gave himself the challenge of writing only in three-quarter time and its multiples.

The story is set in Sweden, where lawyer Frederik Egerman tries to rekindle an affair he once had with actress Desirée Armfeldt, now middle-aged. Complicating matters for Egerman is his 11-month, unconsummated marriage to young Anne and the inconvenient arrival of Carl-Magnus Malcolm, a hot-tempered dragoon who is Desirée’s latest dalliance. And then there is Egerman’s somber seminary student son Henrik, who harbors unexpressed romantic feelings for Anne.

The characters couple and uncouple, changing partners as they go, particularly in the second act, set at the country estate of Desirée’s mother, the outspoken, wheelchair-bound Madame Armfeldt.

Helming the concert is director-choreographer Lynnette Barkley, who sets matters in motion from the beginning with a “Night Waltz,” which foreshadows events of the evening.

The Big Song of the show, Sondheim’s best-known composition, is the overexposed “Send in the Clowns.” Kim Cozort Kay (Desirée) sings it well enough, but it is the way she acts the lyric, commanding us to listen to its content, that makes the number such a showstopper.

William Michals, a fixture of Dramaworks’ concerts, impresses again as Egerman, expressing himself in legalese in his opening song, *Now*, and confronting Carl-Magnus (booming Aloysius Gigl) on “It Would Have Been Wonderful.”

The usually loose-limbed, manic Clay Cartland plays against type as uptight Henrik and newcomer Ruthie Stephens is a standout as acid-tongued Charlotte, Carl-Magnus’s wife, who takes Anne under her wing for her own purposes. From the original cast of *Night Music* comes Joy Franz, now graduated to the role of Madame Armfeldt, putting a wry spin on her solo, “Liaisons.” And the whole company is in fine voice in the climax of the first act, the sublime “Weekend in the Country.”

Locale and mood are suggested artfully by Sean Lawson’s projections and musical director Kevin David Thomas handles the piano accompaniment deftly, augmented by violin, cello and a bit of oboe. — *Hap Erstein*




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By Mary Hladky

One year after announcing they were exploring a merger, WXEL-TV and WPBT2 have agreed to join forces.

The two public broadcasting stations will combine as South Florida PBS, reaching 2.42 million households from Key West to the Sebastian Inlet, and west to Lake Okeechobee.

The merger agreement has been approved by the board of trustees of WXEL, which serves the Palm Beaches and the Treasure Coast, and the board of directors of WPBT2, which serves Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. South Florida PBS would be Florida's largest public media company, officials said in their July 15 announcement.

The merger agreement has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission for review and approval. That process, which will include time for public comment, could take six to nine months, said Max Duke, vice president of content and community partnerships for WPBT2.

Discussions about combining the two stations have taken place several times since 1997, but did not end in a deal until now.

"This agreement presents a unique opportunity to accomplish something truly profound for South Florida," James Patterson, a best-selling author who lives in Palm Beach and is vice chairman of WXEL's board, said in the announcement. "The combination of resources

and talent at WXEL, WPBT2 and PBS makes possible a new level of community involvement and leadership that will encourage young people to read and learn and expose them to cultural programming that will enrich their lives."

The two stations would continue to operate. But the goals of the merger would be to eliminate duplication of programming and offer new programming, including more shows that are locally produced.

The stations now offer a similar lineup during prime time. Bill Scott, WXEL executive vice president, said the merged entity would be able to offer more of the most popular programs at different times so that "viewers will have an opportunity to

have more flexibility and convenience when they tune in."

"The primary mission and goal here is to increase the service to the community the stations serve as well as producing even more original, locally relevant programming," he said.

Decisions on new programs will be finalized after the FCC completes the review process, Scott and Duke said.

"These programs will increasingly be based on our research and our reaching out to the communities and doing programs that would go anywhere from local documentaries to local community information and education programs," Scott said.

South Florida PBS would offer a larger market

for donors and corporate underwriters and end competition between the stations for funding.

"The reaction we have gotten already to our merger announcement is very positive," Duke said. "We believe both communities will respond very positively."

Donors and underwriters "will have a greater level of assurance that their money is going to provide increased ... service to the viewers," Scott said. "Donors would have a sense that something is really happening. This is an opportunity not to be more, but much more."

WLRN, a public radio and television station that operates out of Miami, is not part of the merger and will continue to offer its own programming.

## Arts Calendar

Events are listed through Sept. 3 and were current as of July 25. Please check with the presenting agency for any changes. Ticket prices are single sales.

### Art Exhibits

**Armory Art Center:** Closes Aug. 8: *3D Student Summer Exhibition*, featuring ceramics, glasswork, jewelry and sculpture by Armory students. Free admission. 9 am-4:30 pm M-F, 9 am-2 pm Sat. 832-1776 or armoryart.org.

**Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Closes Aug. 23: *Shannon Plumb: What a Character*, short videos inspired by silent film legends Chaplin and Keaton; *Brenda Hope Zappitell: A Journey of Gestures*, paintings by a Florida artist who studied at the Boca Museum school. \$8 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4 students. 10 am-5 pm T/Th/F; 10 am-8 pm first W; 12 pm-5 pm Sat&Sun. 392-2500 or bocamuseum.org.

**Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture:** Through Sept. 6: *Reimagined*, an exhibit of artwork created from "unordinary media"; through Sept. 6. 10 am-4:30 pm T-Sat; 1-4:30 pm Sun. 243-7922 or oldschool.org.

**Cultural Council of Palm Beach County:** Through Aug. 29: *Cultural Council Biennial 2015*; through Aug. 1: *Palm Beach Watercolor Society*, works by members. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat; free admission. 471-2901 or palmbeachculture.com.

**Norton Museum of Art:** Through Oct. 30: *The Summer of '68: Photographing the Black Panthers*; through Jan. 10, 2016: *Going Places*, the art of 20<sup>th</sup>-century transportation design, from the collection of Jean and Frederic Sharf. 10 am-5 pm T-Sat (till 9 pm Th), 11 am-5 pm Sun. Admission: \$12 adults; \$5 ages 13-21. Through Sept. 3: free Sat admission for Palm Beach County residents, free Th admission for Florida residents. 832-5196 or norton.org.

**Society of the Four Arts:** Through summer 2016: *Illustrating Words*, poems by Robert Forbes illustrated by Ronald Searle, at the Mary Alice Fortin Children's Art Gallery. \$5. 10 am-5 pm M-Sat; 1-5 pm Sun. 655-7226 or fourarts.org

### Books

**Tuesday, Aug. 4**  
**Linwood Barclay:** *Speaks and signs Broken Promise*. 7 pm. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 279-7790 or murderonthebeach.com

### Classical Music

**Friday, Aug. 7**  
**Symphony of the Americas:** The Fort Lauderdale-based orchestra wraps up its Summerfest joined by the Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra of Hohenems, Austria. Music by Vivaldi, Massenet, Herbert and Eduardo Magallanes are on the program. 8 pm, University Theatre, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton. Tickets are \$18; 954-335-7002 or fauevents.com or sota.org

**Sunday, Aug. 23**  
**Camerata del Re:** The in-house Baroque ensemble at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach plays the New Musical Calendar of Gregor Werner, Haydn's older colleague at Esterhaza. 3 pm. \$15-\$20. 276-4541



Steely Dan — Donald Fagen and Walter Becker — will play at Coral Sky with Elvis Costello on Aug. 12. Photo by Danny Clinch

### Film

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
**Phoenix:** An Auschwitz survivor, her face disfigured, returns to Berlin to find her husband, who believes her dead. Wanting to claim her family's inheritance, she agrees to help him by pretending to be herself. With Nina Hoss. At Living Room Theatres, Boca Raton. 549-2600 or fau.livingroomtheaters.com

### Jazz

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
**Nicole Henry:** The Soul Train award-winner and veteran jazz and soul singer. 8 pm. \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org

**Saturday, Aug. 29**  
**Iko Iko:** Graham Wood Drout's legendary blues band played Miami's Tobacco Road for 30 years, backing up big names in the business. 8 pm. \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org

### Popular Music

**Wednesday, Aug. 12**  
**Steely Dan and Elvis Costello:** Donald Fagen and Walter Becker team with Elvis and his Im-posters for a show at Coral Sky Amphitheatre. 7 pm. \$69-\$139. 795-8883 or livenation.com

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
**Incubus and Deftones:** The veteran alt-rock bands bring their dual tour to Coral Sky Amphitheatre. With *Death From Above 1979* and *The Bots*. 6:15 pm. \$25-\$99.50. 795-8883 or livenation.com

**Tuesday, Aug. 18**  
**J. Cole:** The hip-hop star is joined on his Forest Hills Drive Tour by Big Sean, YG and Jeremih. 6:30 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. \$28-\$70.75. 795-8883 or livenation.com

### Friday, Aug. 21

**Tim McGraw:** The durable country star and actor on his Shotgun Rider tour. With Billy Currington and Chase Bryant. 7 pm, Coral Sky Amphitheatre. Tickets: \$27.25-\$68.795-8883 or livenation.com

### Tuesday, Aug. 25

**Breaking Benjamin:** The alt-rock quintet led by Benjamin Burnley, with its newest lineup. With Young Guns. 7 p.m., Revolution Live, Fort Lauderdale. \$38, \$40 day of show. jointherevolution.net

### Theater

**Opens Friday, Aug. 14**  
**110 in the Shade:** A concert version of the underrated Harvey Schmidt-Tom Jones musical from 1963. With Jessica Hershberg and William Parry. Through Aug. 23. \$42. At Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. 514-4042, ext. 2 or palmbeachdramaworks.org

### Closes Sunday, Aug. 2

**The Last Five Years:** Jason Robert Brown's look, in reverse order, at the love affair of a young novelist and an actress. With Ben Sandomir and Sara Grant. Sol Theatre, Boca Raton. \$25. 447-8829 or eveningstarproductions.org

### Opens Thursday, Aug. 6

**Peter Pan:** The 1954 Mark Charlap musical about the boy who refused to grow up. Through Aug. 23 at the Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. \$55. 995-2333 or thewick.org

### Through Aug. 9

**Thursday, Aug. 13-Sunday, Aug. 16**  
**Side by Side by Sondheim:** A review of songs by the Broadway composer. With Wayne LeGette, Alix Paige, Shelly Keeler and Leah Sesia. Through Aug. 9 at the Delray Center for the Arts; Aug. 13-16 at the Rinker Playhouse, Kravis Center. \$40. 243-7922, ext. 1, or delrayarts.org; 832-7469 or kravis.org for the second run.



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# Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## AUGUST 1

**Saturday - 8/1 - 3rd Annual Sea Level Rise Symposium** at Oxbridge Academy, 3151 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for The Everglades. Register by 7/29. 8:30 am-3:30 pm. \$20/teachers and students; \$30/general registration. 233-9004; artmarshall.org

**8/1 - Delray Summer GreenMarket**, Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities; pet friendly. Every Sat 9 am-noon through 9/26. 276-7511; delraycra.org

**8/1 - North Boca Farmers Market**, Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Features 35 vendors. 9 am-2 pm year-round. 772-345-3797

**8/1 - Quilt Sale** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Proceeds benefit the library. M-Th 9 am-8:30 pm, Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/1 - Pickleball** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd. Fast-paced and exciting sport combines badminton and tennis. Adults. W 6-8:30 pm; Sat 9 am-noon. \$5 at door; annual passes: \$130/residents, \$165/non-residents. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**8/1 - The Writer's Studio** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

**8/1 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. T-Sat 10:30 am; Sun 1:30 pm, through 8/31. Free with \$4 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**8/1 - 12th Annual Family Fun Day** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community event hosted by the City of Delray Beach and Pompey Park. Food, drinks, entertainment, music, much more. Noon-9 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/1 - Ladies Charity Lunch and Wine Tasting** at Floridian Community Bank, 4850 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Covenant House Florida. Designer jewelry, art, wine tasting, raffles. 12:30-2:30 pm. Free. RSVP: Dawn@SparkleofLife.com

**8/1 - Inventors Society of South Florida**

at Ligi Tool & Engineering, 2220 SW 15th St, Deerfield Beach. First Sat 1 pm. First meeting free. 213-6581; 954-486-2426; InventorsSociety.net

**8/1 - Pickleball** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. Every T/Th/F 9 am-1 pm, Sat 1-3 pm. Monthly pass: \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents; three-month pass: \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents; six-month pass: \$60/residents, \$70/non-residents. 243-7250; mydelraybeach.com

**8/1 - Pickleball** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults. M-F 9-11:30 am, F 6-8:30 pm, Sat 1-4 pm. Monthly pass: \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents; three-month pass: \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents; six-month pass: \$60/residents, \$70/non-residents. 499-2020; mydelraybeach.com

**8/1 - Indoor Aquarium Feedings** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages accompanied by an adult. Daily 2:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**8/1 - Alligator Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Gather around the alligator tank and listen to a short talk about the baby alligator while he is being fed. Every W&Sat 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/1 - Classic Rock Therapy** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$10 (includes house drink or credited toward \$20 food and beverage purchase). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/1 - Latin Jazz: Oriente** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. \$25-\$35. 8 pm. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/1-2 - The Last Five Years** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat 7 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$25/adults, \$10/students. 447-8829; solchildren.org

**8/1-2 - Summer Spectacular: Works of American Masters** at FAU University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Sat 7:30 pm; Sun 2 pm. \$35/adults, \$25/seniors & children. 995-0709; bocaballet.org

**8/1-2 - Oh What A Night! A Tribute to The Jersey Boys** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Held again 8/7-9. F&Sat 8 pm; Sun 3 pm. \$22.50/adults, \$18.50/seniors & students with ID. Reservations: 394-2626; ShowtimeBoca.com

**8/1-2 - Side by Side by Sondheim** at Delray Beach Center for the Arts Crest Theatre, 51 N Swinton Ave. Tony-Award winning musical. Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat & Sun

1:30 pm. Held again 8/6-9. \$40. 243-7922; delrayarts.org

**8/1-31 - Delray Beach Lightning Baseball Games** at Miller Park, 1905 SW 4th Ave. Check website for days/times. Free. 707-9049; southfloridacollegiateleague.com

## AUGUST 2-8

**Sunday - 8/2 - Palm Beach Outlets Green Market**, at 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, West Palm Beach. Booths located throughout the interior of the Palm Beach Outlets. Every Sun 11 am-4 pm. 929-0237; shopgreenmarkets.com

**8/2 - Bridge Duplicate** at James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge for experienced players. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Every Sun through 8/30, 12:30-4 pm. \$10/person, payable at the door. Reservations: 338-2995; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Monday - 8/3 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Ages 18 and up. M/W/F 9 am-noon. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/3 - Senior Bingo** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults ages 60 and up. M&W 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/3 - Mah-Jongg** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Every M 12:30-3:30 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/3 - Bridge** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Every M 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/3 - Empowerment Zone** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Coaching in resume writing, networking, and interviewing skills. Every M&Th, 1-4:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**8/3 - Resume and Interviewing Skills Crash Course** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Learn skills and find resources to search and apply for jobs. Presented by The Career Source Palm Beach County. First M 2-4 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/3 - Needlework Friendship Group** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Bring yarn and needles and crochet hooks and enjoy the friendship. First M 7-9 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**8/3 - Happy Squares Dance Club** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All skill levels welcome. Ages 18 & up. Every M 7:30-9:30 pm. \$5. 865-2611;

boynton-beach.org

**Tuesday - 8/4 - Socrates Cafe** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every T 10-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/4 - Couples Round Dance** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Learn figures and routines to waltz, swing & foxtrot. Ages 18 & up. Every T 1-2 pm (beginner), 2:30-4:30 pm (advanced). \$6/person. 352-455-5759; boynton-beach.org

**8/4 - Socrates Café** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**8/4 - Modern Line Dance Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music and dance. Ages 50 and up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - A Summer Evening in Tuscany** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N Palmway, Lake Worth. Annual summer wine and cuisine event. 4 pm. \$25/advance. \$30/at the door. 582-6609; SAepiscopal@aol.com

**8/4 - Sip-Shop-Save** at Evelyn & Arthur, 100 N County Rd, Palm Beach. In partnership with Palm Beach Chamber. Discounts, makeup and accessory advice, wine and bites, raffle. 5:30-7:30 pm. Free. 572-0900; evelynandarthur.com

**8/4 - Acoustic Music and Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Singing, playing, and/or painting. All ages. First T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Cooking for the Season: Summer** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Summer ingredients inspire sunshine in your kitchen. 6-7 pm. Free. 447-0000; wholefoods.com

**8/4 - Practical Ju Jitsu** at James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Learn to defend yourself from life-threatening situations. Beginner to advanced. Ages 14 to adult. T 6-7 pm, Sat 9:30-11 am. Six-week session: \$60/resident, \$75/non-resident. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/4 - Soul Line Dancing** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$5/at door. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**8/4 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Monthly Meeting: Members' Photos and Ice Cream Social** at FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Doors open 6:30 pm. 7-8:45 pm. Free. 627-7829; auduboneverglades.org

**8/4 - Lecture: Introduction to LinkedIn**

at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

**8/4 - Linwood Barclay** speaks and signs his book, *Broken Promise*, at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/4 - National Night Out: Take a Stand Against Crime** hosted by Delray Beach Police Department at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Music, entertainment, food, beverage, K-9 demonstrations, more. Family fare. 7-10 pm. Free. 243-7820; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Cachet Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Held again 8/11 & 18. \$10 (includes first house drink). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/4-5 - Hot Days Cool Flicks Summer Film Series** at Mandel JCC, 5221 Hood Rd, Palm Beach Gardens 7 pm T, or Cinemark Boynton Beach, 1151 N Congress Ave, 4 pm W through 8/26. Films: *Eli And Ben* (7/21-22), *My Italian Secret* (7/28-29), *To Life (A La Vie)* (8/4-5), *Sleeping With The Fishes* (8/11-12), *Frank Vs. God* (8/18-19), and *Silicon Wadi* (8/25-26). \$10.50/film; \$55/series. 877-318-0071; pbjff.org

**Wednesday - 8/5 - CPR Class (American Heart Association Heartsaver/AED)** at Ocean Rescue Headquarters, 340 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Open to Delray Beach residents. Taught by certified AHA CPR instructors. Topics include activating the emergency response system, adult, child and infant CPR, choking, and defibrillation. Ages 12 and up. 9 am-12:30 pm. Held again 9/2. Free. CPR masks can be purchased for \$5 (recommended). 243-7425; mydelraybeach.com

**8/5 - Socrates Cafe** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every W 11:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/5 - Scrabble** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/5 - Palmires: Music from the Great American Songbook** at Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Standards, pop and big band swing and jazz. An afternoon of dancing and fun. Every W 1:30-3:30 pm. \$2/non-members, free/members. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**8/5 - Focus on Women Networking & Painting** presented by Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at Vino Van Gogh, 153 NE 4th Ave, Delray Beach. Networking followed by art class. Includes wine, appetizers, art materials. 5:15-8:30 pm. \$35-45/member; \$50 non-member.

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**8/5 - Chef vs Chef** at Max's Harvest, 169 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Bracket-style competition benefits Naoma Donnelley Haggin Boys & Girls Club. Food and drink for purchase at happy hour prices. Every W 9:30 pm through 9/23. \$10 donation includes one beer, wine, or cocktail. 381-9970; maxsharvest.com

**8/5-6 - 2015 Tastemakers of Delray Beach** at restaurants on Atlantic Ave and Pineapple Grove. Two nights of food, wine, cocktails & entertainment. Complete list of participating restaurants online. 5:30-9:30 pm. Passport tickets \$30 cash only. 243-1077; downtowndelraybeach.com/savor-and-tastemakers

**Thursday - 8/6 - Quilters** meet at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest. Share quilting information and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Every Th 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/6 - First Thursday Site Tours** at Delray Beach Center for the Arts, 51 N Swinton Ave. Historic school site tour includes Cornell Museum of Art, Crest Theatre and vintage gym. 10 am & 1 pm. \$5/at door. 243-7922; delrayarts.org

**8/6 - Investing in Energy Seminar & Pizza Lunch** at the Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**8/6 - Adult Acrylics Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners; instruction for advanced painters available. Call for list of supplies needed. Ages 18 and up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class: \$10/residents, \$12/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/6 - Senior Bridge** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Experienced players welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$15/residents +\$1/game, \$20/non-residents + \$2/game. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/6 - Snake Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Listen to a short talk about the animal and watch while it is being fed. Every Th 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/6 - Concert: Paul Anthony R&B/Reggae Singer** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/6 - Art After Dark** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Special exhibitions, live music, films, tours, cash bar and menu options. All ages. 5-9 pm. Free Th admission through 9/3. 832-5196; norton.org

**8/6 - Paul Anthony Band** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th in Aug. Dinner: 6 pm; music and dancing: 8 pm. \$10 (includes house drink or credited toward \$20 food and beverage purchase). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/6 - Robert's Rules of Order** at St Mark Catholic Church Madonna Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Four-week course: parliamentary procedures on "How to Conduct a Meeting". Th through 8/27. \$20 (includes study guide book). 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**8/6-10 - Temple Sinai's Bonanza Book Sale Event** at 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Fiction, non-fiction, Judaica, history, children's books, CDs, DVDs, more. 10 am-2 pm (except Sat). Free. 276-6161 x125; templesinaipbc.org

**Friday - 8/7 - Prime Professionals Group Round Table Breakfast** at Regents Park Boca Raton, 6363 Verde Tr. Follows Smart Talk for Women and International Business Alliance formats. Seating limited to first 25 to register. Adults 40+. First F 8:30-10 am. \$25. 395-4433; bocachamber.org

**8/7 - Great Books Discussion Group** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. *Best American Short Stories of the Century* (John Updike, ed.), *Rabbit Run* by John Updike, and *Revolutionary Road* by Richard Yates. Every F 10 am through 8.28. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/7 - Current Events Discussion Group** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/7 - Bill Gove Golden Gavel**

**Toastmasters Club** at Duffy's Sports Grill, 4746 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Every F noon-1 pm. Lunch \$12 or soft drink \$5, cash only. 742-2121; billgovetoastmastersclub.com

**8/7 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Exercise and dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Ages 50 & up. Every F 1-3:30 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/non residents per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Chess Club** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of game necessary. Ages 18 and up. Every F 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/7 - Skunk Feedings** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Listen to a short talk about the animal while it is being fed. Every F 3:15 pm. Free. 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/7 - Evening on the Avenue** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, arts and crafts. First & third F 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

**8/7 - First Friday Art Walk** at Delray Beach Center for the Arts Cornell Museum, 51 N Swinton Ave. Experience the museum's current exhibits, enjoy wine and cheese, then make your way to other participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove and Artists Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-

7922; delrayarts.org

**8/7 - Friday Oldies Night with Joey Dale** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Dinner buffet. Every F. Dinner: 6 pm; Showtime/Dancing: 8 pm. \$10 (includes house drink or credit towards \$20 food/beverage purchase). Reservations: 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/7 - Un-Common Works 6x6x6: Exhibition Opening Reception** at Artisans on the Ave, 630 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Varied mediums. Exhibit runs through 8/31. 6-9 pm. Free. 762-8162

**8/7 - New York Film Academy's Film and Acting Workshop** at The Palm Beaches Theatre, 262 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Hosted by Palm Beach International Film Festival. 6:30pm. Reservations: southbeach@nyfa.edu

**8/7 - VSA Celebration of the Arts** at CMAA Therapeutic Recreation Complex, 2728 Lake Worth Rd. Performance by "VerySpecial Actors" Community Theatre followed by art exhibit opening reception. 7-9 pm. Free. 966-7015; pbcgov.com

**8/7 - FAU Astronomical Observatory - Public viewing day observations** at Florida Atlantic University Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. First F & third T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

**8/7 - Keep the Faith: A Bon Jovi Tribute Band** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of the City's Summer Series 2015. Food and drink

vendors. Bring chair or blanket or rent a chair for \$5. No pets, no coolers. 7:30 pm. Free. 544-8600; myboca.us/MiznerAmphi

**8/7 - Symphony of Americas Summerfest 2015: Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra of Austria** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, conductor. 8 pm. \$18/general admission; \$40/VIP including post-reception. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

**8/7 - Polo Presents Motown Friday Nights with Memory Lane** at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave, Palm Beach. Music from the Temptations, the Supremes, Gladys Knight & the Pips, Smokey Robinson and Marvin Gaye. Every F 9:30 pm. \$20 cover includes free drink coupon. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

**Saturday - 8/8 - Farm Your Backyard**

**Workshop: Vegetable Growing**

at Mounts Botanical Garden Clayton Hutcheson Complex Exhibit Hall A, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Learn the secrets of vegetable farming in South Florida with Arthur Kirstein, UF/IFAS Extension Coordinator; tour Mounts vegetable garden. Registration required. 9 am-noon. \$20/members, \$30/non-members. 233-1757; mounts.org

**8/8 - Exhibition: MilaGROWTEENS: The Future**

at Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, 601 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. T-Sat 10 am-5 pm; Free. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com

**8/8 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour** departs from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave. Delray Beach. 2-hour tour focuses on 5 historic districts. Second Sat 10 am-noon. \$20. Reservations: 279-8883 or spadymuseum.com

**8/8 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Lake Worth and Lantana** conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Four hour tour includes a combination of bus and walking tour, food sampling and visits to historical and cultural sites. Narrated by live guide. Second Sat. Reservations required; check website for available dates. \$45/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 per family.) 243-2662 or tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**8/8 - All About Apple Devices** presented by Palm Beach Phoenix Apple User Group at Fire Station No. 2, 4301 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Discussing anything related to Apple products. First meeting free; yearly membership required after that (\$48/year). Second Sat noon-2 pm. 336-0119; pbphoenix.org

**8/8 - Hillsboro Lighthouse Tour** - Meet at Sands Harbor Resort and Marina, north side, 125 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach. Park in Pompano Beach city parking (fee required) across from Sands Harbor. Look for HLPs Lighthouse tour table beginning at 8:15 am. Transportation to and from



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**8/8 - Roar & Pour: Keep the Faith Bon Jovi Tribute Experience** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Due South tap takeover, Jersey-inspired menu at the Summer Grill. 4:30 pm; live music 7:30 pm. Adults: \$9/member; \$10 non-member. Children 3-12: \$6 member; \$7 non-member. Children under 3/free. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/8 - Author Panel Discussion & Signing: Beverly Tiernan and Wolf Schimanski** speak and sign their books at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**8/8 - It Takes Two** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Music from the 50's to 2000's. 8 pm. \$10 (includes house drink or credited toward \$20 food and beverage purchase). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/8 - World Music (Taiko Drumming): Fushu Daiko** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

### AUGUST 9-15

**Sunday - 8/9 - Sunday Matinee: Alfred Stieglitz - The Eloquent Eye (NR)** presented as part of the Sunday Matinee Art Film series at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 3-5 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, free/museum member, students with ID and children 12 and under. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**Monday - 8/10 - Month's Mind Requiem Mass** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery Outdoor Chapel, 10941 Southern Blvd, Royal Palm Beach. A feast of prayerful remembrance for departed souls. Second Sat 10 am. Free. 793-0711; diocesepb.org

**8/10 - The Words Nature, Wild and Wilderness** by Gary Snyder - Part of the Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/10 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting** at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. Second M 1-2:30 pm. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

**8/10 - Dog Obedience Classes** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Six-week session

runs M through 9/21. Beginner: 6-7 pm; Intermediate/Games: 7-8 pm. \$90/residents, \$112.50/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/10 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Second M. 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

**8/10-12 - 2015 4-H Science and Technology Institute** co-hosted by Palm Beach County 4-H at UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center, 3250 College Ave. Program designed for teachers, after-school educators, parks and recreation staff, homeschool providers, youth development professionals and volunteers. \$45/3 days; \$20/single day. pbcgov.com/coextension/4h/news

**Tuesday - 8/11 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking and leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; oastmastersclub.org

**8/11 - The Slap** by Christos Tsiolkas - part of the Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**Wednesday - 8/12 - Ric Bradshaw on Crime and Terrorism** at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Hosted by Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club. Members: \$35/advance, \$40/at the door. Nonmembers: \$35/first time guests, \$50/second time guests. 11:30 am-1 pm. 852-0000; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

**8/12 - Getting to Know Your New iPad** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

**8/12 - Silver Science Days** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Special afternoon for adults and retirees. Guest speakers, planetarium show, refreshments. Ages 62 and over. Second W 2-5 pm. \$10. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

**8/12 - Summer Evening Stroll with the Director** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 563 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Walking tour. Meet at Garden Entrance on Military Tr. 6-7:30 pm. Free/members; \$10/non-members. 233-1757; mounts.org

**8/12 - Delray Beach Orchid Society** at Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Second W 7 pm. Free. 412-6752; delraybeachorchidsociety.com

**Thursday - 8/13 - Celebration of Education Breakfast** sponsored by Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at Delray Beach Golf Club & Restaurant, 2200 Highlands Ave. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Avossa, Superintendent, Palm Beach County School District. 8-9:15 am. \$25/members; \$35 non-members. 278-0424

x105; delraybeach.com

**8/13 - Knit 'N Purl** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Twice monthly class. 10:30 am. Held again 8/27. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**8/13 - Opera Luncheon** at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Three-course gourmet meal. Noon. \$35. 364-0600; benvenutorestaurant.com

**8/13 - Propagation: Increasing Your Numbers** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Presented by Joel Crippen, horticulturalist and garden writer. Hands-on class for novices and enthusiasts. Bring garden clippers or paper scissors, cuttings you would like to root. 5-6:30 pm. \$20/members, \$30/non-members. 233-1757; mounts.org

**8/13 - Writer's Corner** at Boynton Beach Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Published authors help critique, edit, polish your manuscript. Second Th 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/13 - Boca Raton Orchid Society** at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. "How to Grow Great Slipper Orchids" with Glen Decker. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 394-5910; bocaorchid@gmail.com; brosonline.org

**8/13 - Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches** at Mounts Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 491-8033; orchidsocietyofthepalmbeaches.com

**8/13 - Lord & Taylor Fashion Show** at 200 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Benefits Outre Theatre. Musical theatre entertainment, fashion show, champagne and noshes, discounted shopping pass. 6:30-8:30 pm. Tickets limited: \$25. 954-300-2149; sky@outr theatrecompany.com

**8/13-16 - 110 in the Shade** at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. W-Sat 8 pm; Wed/Sat/Sun 2 pm; Sun 7 pm, through 8/23. \$34-\$42. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

**8/13-16 - Side by Side by Sondheim** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Tony-Award winning musical; guest production by MNM Productions. Th-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat & Sun 1:30 pm. \$40. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Friday - 8/14 - Friday with the Friends Book Club** at Mandel Public Library Hibiscus Room, 411 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. A Brown Bag Lunch event. 11:30 am-1 pm. Free. 868-7701; wpb.org

**8/14 - Karaoke Ice Cream Party** at Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**8/14 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray

## Municipal Meetings

**8/3 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

**8/4 & 18 - Boynton Beach** - First and third Tuesdays at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

**8/4 & 9/1 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: ci.highland-beach.fl.us

**8/10 & 24 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

**8/11 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/11, 18 & 9/3 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

**8/14 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

**8/25 - Manalapan** - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

**8/25 - South Palm Beach** - Fourth Tuesday at South Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

**8/27 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink and a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko drumming performances at 6:30, 7:15 & 8 pm (first-come, first-served; \$2 with admission). 5:30-8:30 pm. \$8/adults, \$6/kids, free/members and children 3 and under. 495-0233; morikami.org

**8/14 - Annie Revue** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 6 pm. \$10. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**8/14 - The Long Run: An Eagles Tribute Band** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of the City's Summer Series 2015. Food and drink vendors. Bring your own chair or blanket or rent a chair for \$5. No pets, no coolers. 7:30 pm. Free. 544-8600; myboca.us/MiznerAmphi

**8/14-16 - Really Really** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. \$20/general admission; \$15/FAU faculty/staff/alumni; \$12/students (w/ID); package tickets available. 800-564-9539; fau.edu/theatre

**Saturday - 8/15 - Taste History Culinary Tours of Historic Delray Beach & Boynton Beach** conducted by Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History departs at 11 am from Macy's (outside East Entrance) Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Four-hour tour and includes a combination of bus and walking tour, food sampling, and visits to historical and cultural sites. Reservations required: check website for available dates. Held again 8/22. \$45/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 per family.) 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**8/15 - Opening Reception: Summer Camp Art** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Celebrate the creative achievements of children who attend summer camp at the Boca Raton Museum Art School. Noon-2 pm. Free with paid museum admission: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, free/children 12 and under and museum members. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**8/15 - "Seascapes" - Opening Reception & Narrated Slide Show - Ben Hicks Photography** at Surfing Museum, 255 NE 6th Ave, Delray Beach. All ages. 7 pm. \$10 donation (includes gallery admission, snacks, soft drinks, adult beverages). Exhibit runs through 9/26. Gallery hours Th/F/Sat 11 am-5 pm; admission \$5. 236-0155; surfhistoryproject.org

**8/15 - Funk-Sway in Delray** at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. In collaboration with Smooth Bounce Entertainment. Mini-music fest features DJ Samore and a live band playing R&B, Jazz and Latin. Food from Heart & Soul Kitchen for purchase. Bring lawn chairs and dancing shoes. 7:30-10 pm. \$10. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**8/15 - Acoustic Blues Rock: Tom Jackson Band** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. \$45-\$60. 8 pm. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/15 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show** at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. 9-10:30 pm. Held again 8/21, 22 & 9/5. \$15/online, \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

### AUGUST 16-22

**Sunday - 8/16 - Open House and Religious School Registration** at Temple Sinai, 3475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. New member specials. 10 am-noon. Free. Register: 276-6161 x124; templesinaipbc.org

**8/16 - The Wonderful World of Music** presented by The Symphonia Boca Raton at The Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Rated G. Two shows: 11 am & 1 pm. \$7/adults, \$5/12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

**Monday - 8/17 - Resume & Interview Skills** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Job-hunting strategies and skills: resumes, cover letters, interviewing, networking, searching websites. Training provided by Career Source Palm Beach County. Third M 9:30-11 am. Free. 742-6886; boyntonlibrary.org

**Tuesday - 8/18 - 5th Annual Cocktails for JARC** at Hudson at Waterway East, 900 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits JARC Florida. 6-8 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/at the door (includes 2 drinks, hors d'oeuvres). 558-2572; jarcfl.org/events

**8/18 - Palm Beach County Chapter Florida Native Plant Society Meeting** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Featuring *Habitat Houses* with Rob Hopper and Brenda Mills. 7 pm. Free. 247-3677; palmbeach@fnpschapters.org

**8/18 - 4th Annual Physician Talent Showcase** presented by Kretzer Piano Foundation at Harriet Himmel Theater at CityPlace, 700 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. Showcasing local physicians with real musical talents! Benefits children's charities and music education. 7:30 pm. \$75 (tax deductible). 748-0036; kretzerpiano.com

**Wednesday - 8/19 - A Closer Look: Edward Hopper's August in the City (1945)** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery and focus on an individual artwork, then move to the theater to explore the work's cultural content. 1-2:15 pm. Free with admission: \$12/adults; \$5/students; free/under age 13 and museum members. 832-5196; norton.org

**8/19-20 - African Queen** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Part of the *Radio Theatre Series*; adapted from the 1951 adventure film starring Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. 7:30 pm. \$20-\$30. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Thursday - 8/20 - Building Resiliency in the Garden** at Mounts Botanical Garden Exhibit Hall A, 559 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Lecture focuses on salt-tolerant and drought-tolerant plants for coastal and other areas. Addresses potential changes in climate and the documented rise in sea level. Laurie Albrecht, UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension agent, shares tips on how to save on water bills and plans for the gardens of the future. 6-7:30 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. 233-1757; mounts.org

**8/20 - Wine Down With Art** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. An evening of painting and friendship. Bring friends and your own beverage. Canvas, paint and brushes supplied. 6-8 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. Childcare

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**8/20 - Crafting with Spirit** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Make tabletop trees and angels, affirmation magnets and create garland light strings. 7-9 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**Friday - 8/21 - The Symphonia Boca Raton** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of the City's Classical Music Performances series. Food and drink vendors. Bring your own chair or blanket or rent a chair for \$5. No pets, no coolers. 7:30 pm. Free. 544-8600; myboca.us/MiznerAmphi/

**8/21 - Barrelhouse Chuck: Blues** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$25-\$35. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**8/21 - Eyes to the Skies** with professional-grade 16-inch Meade LX Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Informal event held in the parking lot (weather permitting). Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. Telescope will be out for at least one hour after the scheduled start time. 8 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**8/21-22 - Delray Beach Retailers Summer Clearance Sale: Shop 'Til You Drop** at The Seagate Hotel & Spa, Reef Ballroom, 1000 E Atlantic Ave. Supports local businesses and retailers; shoppers take advantage of great deals and clearance sales. 10 am-6 pm. Free admission. 665-4940

**Saturday - 8/22 - Gopher Tortoise Awareness Day** at Gumbo Limbo, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Presentation, guided tour, up close and personal with tortoises. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 9am-4 pm. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**8/22 - Art Exhibit: Artists in Florida - All Media Exhibit** by Jackie Swinson at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Runs through 10/17. Library hours M-W 9 am-8 pm; Th-Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**8/22 - Tropical Fruit Trees** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Speaker: Larry Grosser, master gardener. History, propagation, and identification of various cultivars. Guided stroll through the garden's fruit collection, samplings of seasonal local fruits, and fresh homemade mango ice cream. 9-11:30 am. \$25/members, \$35/non-members. 233-1757; mounts.org

**8/22 - Food Truck Safari** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Explore the zoo, enjoy zookeeper talks, live music, cash bar, and food for purchase. 4:30-9 pm. Held again 8/22 & 9/26. \$9/ member adult (13 yrs+); \$10/non-member adult; \$6/member child (3-12 yrs); \$7/non-member child; free/child under 3. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/22 - Viva Classic Rock** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 8 pm. \$10 (includes house drink or credited toward \$20 food and beverage purchase). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/22 - Latin Jazz: Marlow Rosado** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. \$25-\$35. 8 pm. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**AUGUST 23-29**

**Sunday - 8/23 - Concert: Camerata Del Re - The Elements** - Part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Jean-Fery Rebel's iconic depiction of nature, played on original instruments. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/regular seating, \$5/students. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

**Monday - 8/24 - Water Songs by Terry Tempest Williams** - Part of the Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/24 - Story Central: Story Share Lunch Session** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Facilitated by Neil Schulhoff. Bring a bagged lunch. Adults. Noon-1 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/24 - A Star for Mrs. Blake** by April Smith - Part of the Afternoon Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**Tuesday - 8/25 - Euphoria by Lily King** - Part of the Book Club discussion by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30am-noon. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/25 - Smart Talk for Women: Round Table** at Brio Tuscan Grille, 5050 Town Center Cir, Boca Raton. Sponsored by Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Limited to 30 attendees; professional facilitator. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$30/member;\$50/non-member. 395-4433; bocaratonchamber.com

**8/25 - David Morin** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm: \$10 (includes first house drink). 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**Wednesday - 8/26 - Shell Chic Summer with Robin Grubman: Back to School Memories** at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building Hulitar Art Studio, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Create a one-of-a-kind piece that can become a keepsake or fabulous gift! 10 am-noon. \$75/materials included. Reservations required. 805-8562; fourarts.org

**8/26 - Wine Tasting** at ABC Fine Wine & Spirits, 6180 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$10. 381-3122; abcfw.com

**8/26 - Maestro del Mar Chef Challenge #3** at Saltwater Brewery, 1701 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Sample recipes, beverages, private tours of the brewery. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$30. feastofthesea.com

**8/26 - Spady Museum Presents Delray Speaks: Youth Cultural Empowerment Camp Reflection** at Spady Museum, 170 NE 5th Ave. Community forum encourages open dialogue about relevant topics affecting residents and visitors of South Florida. Hosted by Spady Museum; facilitated by Delray Beach residents. Topics selected at random by forum participants and organizers. Everyone welcome. 7-8 pm. \$5. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**Thursday - 8/27 - Lecture: Get the Most Out of Your Library Membership** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

**8/27 - Night Stalkers** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Join a naturalist on a night-time boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. All ages. 7:30 pm. \$5/person. Reservations: 966-7000; pbcparcs.com/nature

**Friday - 8/28 - Opening Reception: Celebrating Ceramics Exhibition** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Pottery and sculpture from local artisans. 5-8 pm. Free. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**8/28 - Kablam! Chemistry Night At The Museum** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Different theme each month features interactive science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibits, planetarium shows and a chance to view the night sky in Palm Beach County's only public observatory. 6-9 pm. \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$8/children (3-12), \$6/adult members, free/children members and kids under age 3. 832-1988; sfsccenter.org

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**8/29 - Jersey Wiseguys** at The Pavilion Grille, 301 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Dinner: 6:30 pm, \$45. Music 8 pm. \$10 cover charge in bar area. 912-0000; paviliongrille.com

**8/29 - Blues: Iko Iko** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. \$25-\$35. 8 pm. 243-7129; artsgarage.org

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**Thursday - 9/3 - Thursday Fun-Raiser for Boca Museum of Art** at Crane's Beach House Hotel & Tiki Bar, 82 Gleason St, Delray Beach. PR and marketing professionals mingle with media and community and/or culture activists. 6-8:30 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. 278-1700; cranesbeachhouse.com

**9/3 - Deanna Raybourn** speaks and signs her book, *A Curious Beginning*, at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

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## Tots & Teens



Luke Hemsher, 7, of Boynton Beach, takes off from a ramp at Hobbit Skate Park at the 505 Teen Center in Delray Beach. **Photos by Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star**

# On a roll

## Teen center fuses fun and life lessons

By Janis Fontaine

It seems parents are always wondering what to do with the kids for the summer.

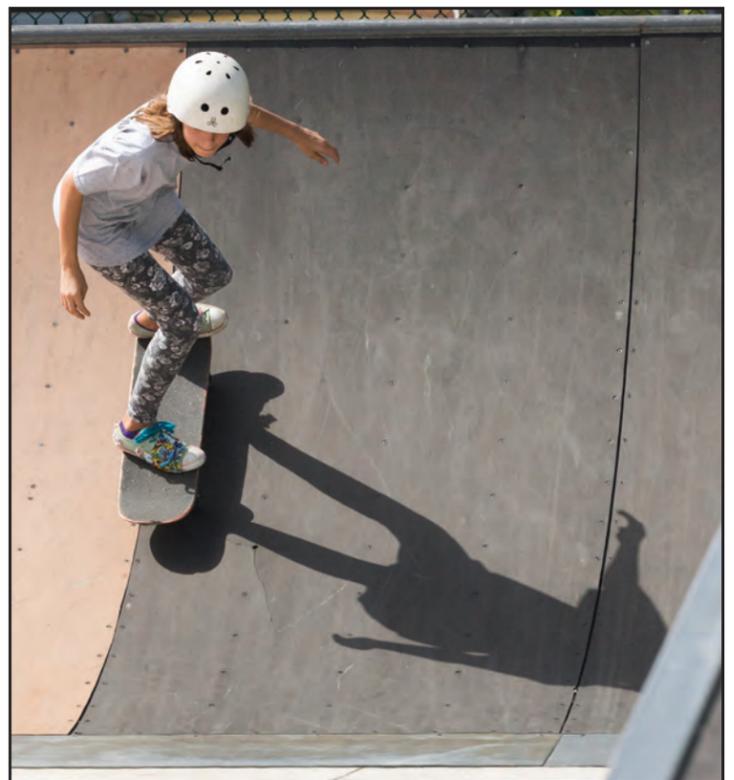
Wedged between north- and south-bound Federal Highway in the building that once housed the Woman's Club of Delray Beach, the 505 Teen Center and Hobbit Skate Park are cool places to cool off and learn new skills during the heat of summer.

Danielle Pearson has supervised the activities at the 505 for seven years. During the summer months, she and five other recreation specialists run a skate camp for kids ages 5 to 13 that features skating lessons every morning and field trips

every afternoon. They usually travel to other skate camps and parks, but in July the campers spent an afternoon in an icy theater on opening day of the new *Minions* movie.

"We also run camps during winter and spring breaks, and day camps anytime school is closed," Pearson said. The center has six staff members who share the responsibility for the kids at the center. "It's the collaboration of the six of us, working together to help the kids," Tony Chin said. Chin, 33, has been working with kids at summer camps since he was old enough to be a counselor, first with his church

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Ella Jacobs, 13, of Delray Beach, skates down a ramp at Hobbit Skate Park

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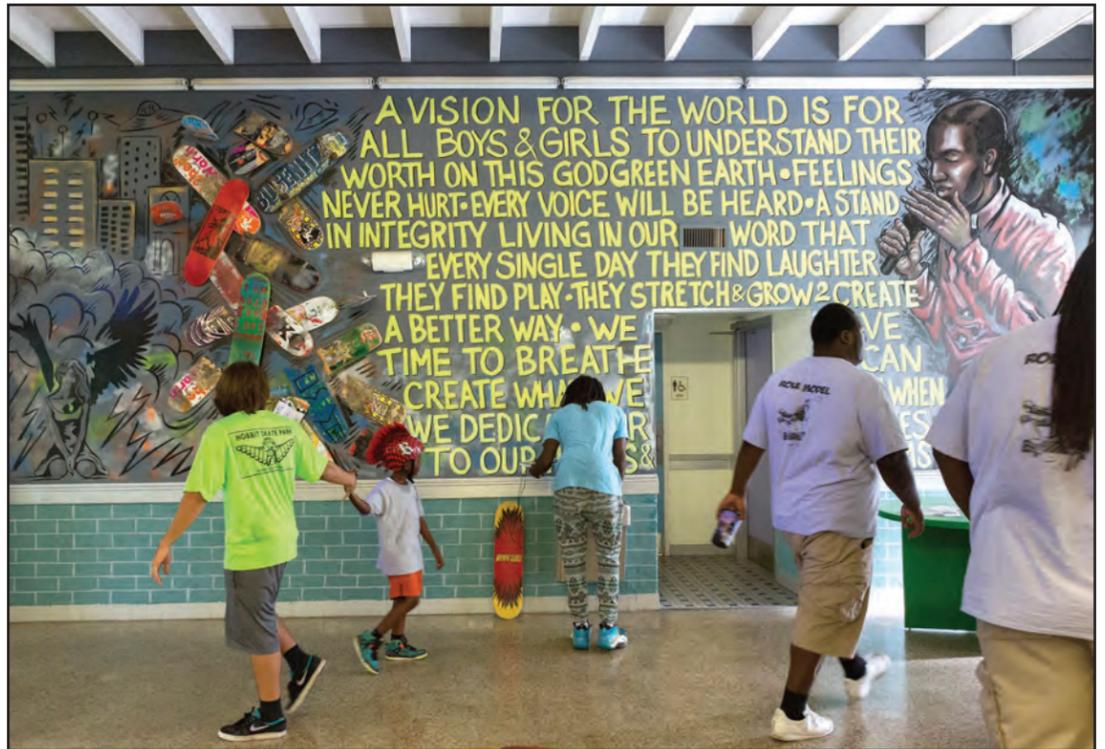
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Justin Desforges, 5, of Delray Beach, gives Hobbit Skate Park supervisor Derek Groissl a fist-bump inside the 505 Teen Center in Delray Beach. Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star

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and now at the 505 Teen Center.

"It takes a lot of patience," Chin said. "There are a lot of personalities, and every one of them is different. They keep me on my toes."

For the last five years, Chin, who has two kids of his own, has been a full-time supervisor. He's proud of his accomplishments. "I didn't think it was my destiny because I have a lot of hobbies, a lot of interests, but when I started, I found it was my calling."

Chin understands the need for male role models and he's proud to be one for the kids who come in off the streets. "We talk to them about staying in school. The hardest part is getting and keeping their attention so they can get the message and how important it is."

"We mold them. We try to get them to think three to five years ahead to see how what they're doing now can affect their future."

They're a family to kids who don't have one — or whose parents are super-busy just trying to survive financially — so the staff is teaching them life skills as well.

At least once a week you can find Fred Self, a science teacher at Carver Middle School during the school year, in the kitchen surrounded by kids, teaching them knife skills and the proper seasoning for chicken and ribs.

"Cooking is my passion," Self said. "I try to focus on healthy foods, fruit salads and vegetables. I want to break their dependence on McDonald's. I also focus on things they can make at home themselves, like spaghetti."

Self says it gives him another way to connect with the kids. If it takes sticky-sweet apple pie tacos, which he made with the kids in July, Self is up for the challenge.

Rohan Sutherland, 39, a



Chin



Pearson

counselor at the 505 for three years, said it's hard for some kids to find someone to relate to and understand them. His 10-year-old daughter has made him a good communicator. "I listen first," he said. "Then I ask questions."

He says he wishes parents knew that even a few minutes of their time can make a world of difference to a kid. "Twenty minutes of quality time; you have to find the time for it. And a little affection."

Derek Groissl is the youngest staff member at 24. "I've been coming here since the park opened," Groissl said. "It seems like there's less stuff for kids to do these days."

A gifted athlete, he's the skate park supervisor now, overseeing 10,000 square feet of skating challenges including a half-pipe, quarter pipe, fun box and grind rails.

He remembers Jason "Hobbit" Weinstein, for whom the park was renamed in December 2008. Weinstein, who drowned while surfing in September 2008, was a stickler for safety, and he often spoke to the kids about the importance of wearing a helmet and pads.

"It's funny," Groissl said. "I remember the counselors talking to me when I was a kid, and now I'm talking to kids about life, and doing good things, and keeping their grades up. I tell them, 'Whatever your dreams are, don't give up. Stay focused.'" He pauses to brush his long hair off his face. "You live and you learn and you pass it on."

St. Pierre Antoine has been working at the center for seven months, a part-time gig while he finishes school at ITT Tech. He says life has given him a lot of opportunities to mentor kids and he says he

can see them change when he's actually able to reach them. "I had the same insecurities myself, but I try to tell them, don't let it bring you down. Life is about making mistakes. Through our struggles, we learn."

The center has a professional-grade recording studio where Antoine teaches kids the basics of audio engineering. It's a hard-to-find opportunity for children who have tremendous creative muscle but no place to exercise it.

Antoine also says that "learning goes both ways. We have to stay receptive, and let kids know adults can understand what they're going through. It all goes back to communication."

Tyler Villegas, 14, of Boynton Beach, has been coming to the park since he was 7 years old. "If I wasn't here, I'd be at my house, bored," Tyler said. "It's fun. There's stuff to do."

Tyler used to really love skating, but he kind of lost interest in the sport; however, the center is still a go-to place with more to offer. There are pingpong and pool tables, a video game room and basketball courts.

For the adults working with these kids every day, it's a labor of love. "You don't do it for the money," Self said. "It's about being able to connect with the kids, to make an impact, to make them better."

Antoine agrees. "Mostly it's a place where you can hang out and be yourself."

Yearly memberships are required to use the center and the skate park. The fee is \$10 for Delray Beach residents, and \$20 for nonresidents. Get an application at the center or online at www.mydelraybeach.com. A parent or guardian is required to register anyone younger than 18. A waiver is also required to use the skate park. ★

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## Health & Harmony

# Classes lend thoughtfulness to body movements

In a morning tai chi class in Delray Beach, a group of students follow their sifu, or teacher, Gary Tong, through a tai chi form, a series of motions that use every part of the body, including wrists, ankles, knees and hips.

The movements suggest statues, warmed by the morning sun, coming to life. The phrase *tai chi chuan* means "supreme ultimate fist," a nod to its ancient connection to martial arts in China. The word *chi* is usually translated as cosmic energy, a primal force that practitioners learn to rouse and move through their bodies.

"It is meditation in movement," Tong tells them. "All movement starts from stillness of mind, body and breath."

When Jack Sotsky of Lake Worth and the other students finish their form, they stand still, eyes closed, knees and arms slightly bent.

"Jack is like a tree rooted to the ground," says Tong. "His mind goes all the way to the ground."

Tai chi's twin discipline is qigong, a breathing technique that is choreographed with the movements, which have fanciful names like "repulse the monkey" and "hold the beak," or suggesting many animals — snake, rooster, horse, white crane. Other movements suggest actions of humans or nature itself: "fair lady works the shuttle" and "cloud hands." There are also martial arts terms like "parry."

According to the Chinese system of medicine, chi can be blocked or weakened if it is not systematically and regularly circulated. When chi is flowing, the practitioner is relaxed, alert, balanced and healthy. The forms also help with coordination and joint mobility.

Tong was a telecommuni-



Gary Tong instructs a tai chi class at A Touch of Chi in Delray Beach. Tong started his discipline more than 30 years ago with Shaolin Kung Fu under the guidance of Grandmaster Alan Lee. He later discovered tai chi chuan and chi kung (qigong), studying with Dr. John Chang of Baltimore. He also studied and taught dahn yoga, brain respiration and many other forms of qigong. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

cations engineer who also studied Shaolin Kung Fu, tai chi and qigong for 30 years. He is nationally certified in massage therapy and Oriental bodywork.

Several of his students have studied with him for nearly a decade.

"I've never seen anybody like him," said Bob Hersey. "I've worked with my body all my life. You learn how to move, but not how to walk."

Tong teaches them how to walk thoughtfully. When they shift their weight to one leg, it is "full," the other leg is "empty."

This is not your ordinary gym-rat type of exercise. The

goal is to have mind, body and spirit working in harmony with each other, with the sky above and the earth below.

"It takes a long time to internalize it," said Sotsky who started tai chi with Tong eight or nine years ago when Tong taught in Sotsky's development.

"It's all gain and no pain," said Deana Kletzel of Boynton Beach.

Tong smiles.

"They bring the wisdom to me," he says.

Lynda Varney has been taking Tong's classes for a few weeks and practices the forms and the breathing at home every day. She is also watching

videos and reading up on tai chi.

"I play tennis and golf, I do weight lifting, so I wanted to balance that out with a softer, more gentle activity," said Varney, 54, who lives in Lake Worth. "You tone your muscles with tai chi, you gain more balance and the spiritual aspect can't be denied. I'm really loving it."

As for changes, she says, "Yesterday, I was on my way into some store, and some gentleman out of the blue said, 'You look very healthy.' You know, I feel healthy, more of a lightness. So thank you, it's the tai chi."

For more information about tai chi classes and a free sunrise meditation on World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day (Sept. 13), visit [www.atouchofchi.com](http://www.atouchofchi.com).

Tai chi classes also are offered at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Highway. For information, call 742-6570.



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**Saturday - 8/1 - Saturdays @ Sanborn: Yoga Class** at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Registration 8:45 am; class 9 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

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**8/1 - Yoga Class** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. 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; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/1 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West (Intracoastal side), 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register and get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on the grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every Sat 10-11 am. \$10/class, or 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/1 - Judo Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice and tournament training. W 6:30-8 pm (mixed ages & ranks), 8-9 pm (advanced); Sat 10 am-noon (all groups). Per month: \$21.50/resident, \$27/non-resident. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/1 - Capoeira Fitness** at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Ages 12 and up. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**8/1 - Zumba Class** at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

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**Sunday - 8/2 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register and get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. No cash accepted on-site. Sun/M/W 6:30-7:30 pm. \$10/class, or 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Monday - 8/3 - Jazzercise: Strength/45** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. 50-minute workouts: combination of weight training and stretching. M&W 8:45-9:35 am. First class free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 954-913-7659; sugarsandpark.org

**8/3 - Get Fit Mom's Boot Camp** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military

Tr, Boca Raton. Circuit-based workout incorporates cardio exercises, strength training, running drills, agility drills. Modifications available. Doctors' written release required if baby is less than 8 weeks old. First class free. M/T/Th (no class 6/29-30, 7/2). 9:30-10:20 am. 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. 306-6985; fitmomboca@aol.com

**8/3 - Jazzercise/Light** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Moderate aerobics with exercises designed to improve strength, balance, and flexibility. M&W 9:40-10:30 am. First class free. 8 classes: \$56/residents, \$70/non-residents. 16 classes: \$96/residents, \$120/non-residents. 954-913-7659; sugarsandpark.org

**8/3 - Stretch** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Sign up in advance. Every M&W, 10-11 am. \$5/members; \$10/non-members. 243-7360; delraytennis.com

**8/3 - Tai Chi for Beginners** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Natural ways to relieve tension, stress and pains. Certified instruction. All ages. Every M 10-11 am. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/3 - Chair Massage** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am-noon. \$10/10-minute session. Appointments recommended. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/3 - Chi Kung & Meditation** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every M. 11am-noon. Per class: \$15/residents, \$16/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/3 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Exercises to improve balance, flexibility and muscle strength. M 11:30 am-12:30 pm; W 2-3 pm. First class free. 8 classes: \$32/residents, \$40/non-residents. 16 classes: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**8/3 - Silver Sneakers Zumba Sr. Gold Class** at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. M&Th 11:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/class; free for members with participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

**8/3 - Joint Journey** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, Sand Dollar Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery for total joint replacement. First and third M 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733, x84681; bethesdaweb.com

**8/3 - Meditation Mondays** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health and well-being. Every M 5-5:50 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/3 - Zumba Class** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. M&W 6-7 pm.

\$5/residents, \$6/non-residents or \$50/six week session (12 classes). 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/3 - Men's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455

Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every M 6:30-8 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/3 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group** at Patch Reef Park James

A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd. Meet and interact with fellow myeloma patients, their family members

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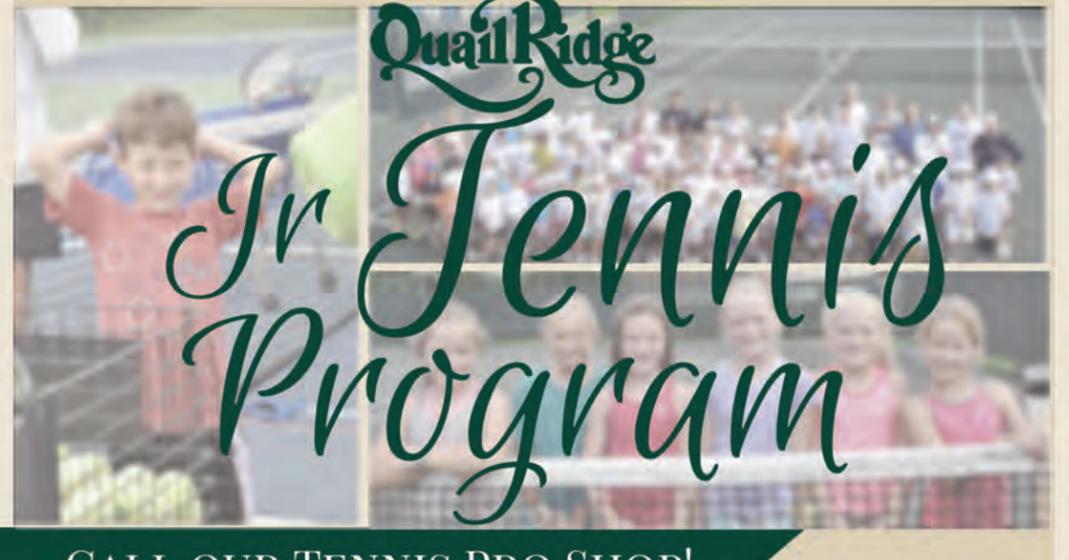
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**8/3 - Tuck Jazzie Jam Aerobics** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Bring towel and workout mat. M&W 7-8 pm. \$3/at door. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**Tuesday - 8/4 - Circuit Training** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Targets multiple muscle groups to build lean muscles, improve energy and fitness. Modifications available. T&Th 8:40-9:25 am. 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; sugarsandpark.org

**8/4 - Yoga Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow, intuitive vinyasa flow class. T&Th 9-10:15 am. \$15/class or \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**8/4 - Fit Mom's Boot Camp** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Modifications available. T&Th 9:30-10:20. 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; sugarsandpark.org

**8/4 - Women's Issues Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455

Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every T 10-11:30 am or 7-8:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/4 - Silver Sneakers Cardio Strength Sr. Gold Class** at Personal Physician Care Community Center, 4800 Linton Blvd #F-111, Delray Beach. T&Th 10-11 am. \$5/class; free for members with participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

**8/4 - Yoga** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Bring a yoga mat. T&Th 10:15 am. \$10/session. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/4 - Zumba Gold Fitness** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Ages 50 and up. T 3-4 pm, Th&F 9:30-10:30 am. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**Wednesday - 8/5 - Yoga** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Ages 18 and up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**8/5 - Al Anon Discussion Group** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/5 - "First Wednesdays" Seminar - Sport Psychology and Performance Enhancement** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/5 - Belly Dancing** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Fun, safe, low-impact dance class. Ages 14 and up. Every W 1-2 pm. \$10/residents, \$12/non residents per class. 243-7352; mydelraybeach.com

**8/5 - Moving Forward for Widows & Widowers: Support and Discussion Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 1-2:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/5 - Divorced and Separated Support Group** at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 6-7:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5300; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/5 - Family and Friends** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Learn the basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, and child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book and completion certification. Held again 8/19 & 9/2 (6-8 pm) & 8/29 (9-11 am). 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

**Thursday - 8/6 - Line Dancing** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. All ages and levels welcome. Every Th 11 am-noon. \$5/at door. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

**8/6 - Emotional Support Group** for Spanish-speaking adults at Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every Th 3-4:30 pm. \$5/session. 483-5000; faulkcenterforcounseling.org

**8/6 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium** presented by Dr. Miguel A. Lopez-Viego at Bethesda Heart Hospital Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Learn how laproscopic gastric bypass and lap-band surgery can change lives. First Th 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733, x 84688; publicrelations@BHInc.org

**8/6 - Yoga Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Th 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Friday - 8/7 - Coaching the Mature Driver** at St Mark Catholic Church St Anthony Room, 643 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Six-hour course developed for insurance reduction. Bring lunch and beverage. 9 am-3 pm. \$15 (check payable to DOT). 732-1416; stmarkboynton.com

**8/7 - Adult Ballroom Dance Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Instructor: Lee Fox. Singles and couples welcome. F through 8/14. Beginner (swing) 6:30-7:30 pm; Intermediate (waltz) 7:45-8:45 pm. Six-week session: \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

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**Tuesday - 8/11 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program** at Bethesda Heart Hospital, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Held again 8/25. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 292-4950 or email RLatino@BHInc.org.

**Wednesday - 8/12 - Tai Chi Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Moving meditation for focus, concentration, release of stress and attention skills. Every W 6:10-7:10 pm (beginners), 7:10-8:10 pm (intermediate). 8 classes: \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; 12 classes: \$66/residents, \$82/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Thursday - 8/13 - Creating Your Best Retirement Class** at Patch Reef Park James A. Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. A successful plan should cover all the elements of retirement: financial, work options, health and wellness, family and relationships, leisure and social, personal development. 6-8:30 pm. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Saturday - 8/15 - GriefShare Support Group** at St Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Support group based on biblical, Christ-centered teaching. Join any time throughout the 13-week session. Sat through 11/7. \$25 cost of materials (scholarships available). 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

Paws Up for Pets

County sets ambitious goal for adoptable animals: Zero left over

Sometimes, zero can be the most powerful number. It can be a mighty big challenge to achieve zero, but determined animal advocates here in Palm Beach County are teaming up to count down to a very special zero.

Circle the date — Saturday, Sept. 12 — on your calendars, pet lovers. That’s the date to head to the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach to select your best pet from among hundreds of adorable puppies, frisky kittens, well-mannered senior dogs, mellow adult cats and more critters to be showcased by two dozen local animal rescue groups at the second annual Countdown 2 Zero adoption event.

Last year, the inaugural event landed 300 shelter animals permanent, loving homes. This year, the organizers want to exceed 500 adoptions en route to a more ambitious goal.

“Our goal is to make sure we are saving the lives of every adoptable animal in Palm Beach County within the next nine years,” declares Rich Anderson, executive director and CEO of the Peggy Adams Rescue League. “Countdown 2 Zero is our county initiative. Peggy Adams, in partnership with the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, has a goal to make Palm Beach County a no-kill county for animals by 2024.”

Currently, the county is able to find homes for about 80 percent of adoptable dogs entering its shelters but only 35 percent of cats.

“That is sad because last year the county shelter had to euthanize about 4,000 cats,” notes Anderson. “This is where spay/neuter programs are becoming so critical and we are increasing our spay/neuter



Rich Anderson, executive director of the Peggy Adams Rescue League, with Manny — one of the large dogs seeking a forever home. Photo courtesy Michelle Christmann



efforts to reduce the number of kittens born each year.”

Helping our county to achieve a home for every adoptable shelter pet is Lois Pope, whose foundation, the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation, happily agreed to again present Countdown 2 Zero.

“I am thrilled to once again be the presenting sponsor of Countdown 2 Zero adoption event, as every animal deserves a forever home,” says Pope, a philanthropist and longtime

animal advocate. “This special day will have hundreds of adorable pets waiting in line to find a loving home. I’m so happy to be a part of this event, where hundreds of precious animals will have a chance at a new life.”

When you head to the Countdown 2 Zero event, take it from me: Resist seeking your next BFF (best furry friend) by cute looks alone. When I adopted Chipper a decade ago, I wasn’t considering a husky mix weighing 60 pounds. I had my sights on a non-shedding puppy who would never exceed 20 pounds. But then I read Chipper’s bio online. It said she was 2 years old and had been adopted twice and returned. The biggest complaint about

her: She was too energetic. But she thrived as one shelter’s behind-the-counter meet-and-greeter and was friendly to any cat she met (which was a bonus because I had two cats at the time).

After spending two hours with her at the mobile pet adoption event and interacting with her, I knew she was the one for me. Our activity levels were in sync. She was smart and eager to learn.

Sure, she is a super shedder and I vacuum nearly daily, but she has enriched my life in so many ways. She enjoys taking marathon walks with me and thrives as my canine teaching assistant for my pet behavior and pet first aid trainings. She is always the first to greet me

when I come home.

So, come to the free event with an open mind. The best match for you may be a hidden gem. Don’t dismiss that gray-muzzled dog or a serene senior cat. You may think you want one pet, but end up adopting a sibling pair.

“We encourage people to think about adopting an older animal because those of us who have had puppies, know how challenging they are,” says Anderson. “With an older pet, you know his personality right away. We also encourage you to consider those types of cats and dogs who tend to take longer to find homes for, due to no fault of their own. I’m talking about black cats and what I describe as square-headed large dogs.”

Final “homework” before you head to the Countdown 2 Zero event: Take the online Meet Your Match adoption personality test offered by the Peggy Adams Rescue League. Find out what type of cat or dog — personality-wise — is best suited for you by visiting [www.peggyadams.org/meet-your-match](http://www.peggyadams.org/meet-your-match).

To learn more about this mega-adoption event, visit [www.countdown2zero.org](http://www.countdown2zero.org). Chipper and I hope you find the purr-fect or grrr-eatest pet who will be your BFF for many years to come.

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# On the Water

## 57.1-pound wahoo sets all-time record for LW tournament

**B**rett Lang and his fishing team on Crew's Nest weren't expecting anything special as they headed out Boynton Inlet on June 27 to begin their day of fishing in the **Lake Worth Fishing Tournament**.

But just after 7 a.m., about half an hour after "lines in," the split-tailed mullet they were trolling below the surface in 150 feet of water was slammed by a powerful fish.

Crew's Nest team member **Carolyn Seal** kept the boat moving forward while Lang fought the fish. When the trolling weight hit the rod tip, team member **Doug Konz** took over, pulling in the shock leader hand over hand until the fish was close enough for Lang to gaff.

The result: A 57.1-pound wahoo that won \$2,000 as the largest overall fish in the 54-boat Lake Worth tournament and set a record as the heaviest fish in the eight-year history of the event.

The Crew's Nest wahoo beat **George McNally's** previous all-time record for the Lake Worth tournament: a 55-pound 'hoo caught aboard Right Hook in 2013.

"It was nice to get it as the first fish of the day," said Lang, general manager of Smyth Air



Brett Lang and Doug Konz hold the 57.1-pound wahoo they caught June 27 while trolling in 150 feet north of Boynton Inlet. Their wahoo not only won largest fish in this year's Lake Worth Fishing Tournament, but also set a record for the heaviest fish in the eight-year history of the event. **Photo courtesy of Brett Lang**

Conditioning in Lake Worth.

### Five-O Fishing Team wins Big Dog, Fat Cat event

The **Five-O Fishing Team** won biggest overall fish in the July 11 Big Dog & Fat Cat KDW Shootout with a 41.5-pound kingfish.

Led by **Mike O'Connor** of West Palm Beach, the Five-O team ran north to the waters off Stuart to catch the chunky

kingfish that put them ahead of 192 other boats and won \$5,000 in cash and a Raymarine product valued at \$5,000 in the tournament, based at **Sailfish Marina** on Singer Island.

Team member **Bob Piantoni** of Palm City fought the winning kingfish, which hit a live blue runner on a flat (unweighted) line in 75 feet of water around 8 a.m.

"We just happened to be

in the right place at the right time," O'Connor said, noting that his team decided to fish north of Jupiter after hearing reports of sharks in the waters off Palm Beach County.

### Bahamian government proposes permit, guide requirements for flats fishing

Shallow water anglers and bonefish lodges are questioning draft regulations

by the Bahamian government that would require visitors to buy a \$20-a-day permit and hire a guide to fish by boat for bonefish and other shallow-water fish.

The permit and guide requirements would apply to non-Bahamians who want to fish the "flats," defined as any water less than 6 feet deep.

According to the proposed regulations, boat owners who



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## Dive teams remove invasive lionfish from reefs in spearing competition

Dive teams competing in the Third Annual Gold Coast Lionfish Derby removed 379 invasive, non-native lionfish from area reefs during the July 25 event based at the Waterstone Resort & Marina in Boca Raton.

Team Pterost Hunters (a team name based on the lionfish's genus, *Pterois*) speared the most lionfish — 187 by a four-man team — while diving with Eric Finn on the Finn-Atic. They beat the second-place team, Pain Killer, by 52 lionfish winning \$500.

Finn said the Pterost team found most of its lionfish in 80 to 150 feet of water.

Derby organizer Sean Meadows of World of Scuba, a dive shop in Boca Raton, also awarded prizes for the largest

lionfish brought to the docks (about 16.5 inches) and the smallest (about 3.6 inches).

Representatives from Reef Environmental Education Foundation measured each lionfish as part of their efforts to monitor populations of the invasive fish, native to the South Pacific and Indian oceans, that are occupying Florida reefs, eating native fish and stealing their food.

Lionfish speared during the derby were filleted and fried by the staff at the Waterstone Resort & Marina and served to participants and guests with Key lime/cilantro tartar sauce.

Another lionfish roundup, the Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby, is scheduled for Aug. 15 based at Sailfish Marina on Singer Island. The



Meaghan Faletti, lionfish outreach coordinator for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, shows two large lionfish harvested during the Gold Coast Lionfish Derby. **Willie Howard/The Coastal Star**

\$120 entry fee (for a four-diver team) includes puncture-resistant gloves, drink tickets and a review of lionfish handling methods.

The event begins Aug. 14 with final registration and a

captain's meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Sailfish Marina. Participants can register online at [www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies](http://www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies).

— Willie Howard

are not Bahamian would have to employ at least one Bahamas-certified fishing guide to fish the flats and would have to hire one guide for every two anglers fishing the flats by boat.

The **West Palm Beach Fishing Club's** response to Bahamian officials said, in part, that the proposed regulations are "far too vague, administratively cumbersome and if implemented would result in unintended consequences that would have negative impacts on tourism, fishing lodges, marinas and local guides."

The response by **The Delphi Club**, a bonefish lodge in the Abacos, included this: "One fears people are losing sight of why people come on vacation to the Bahamas, which is mainly to chill out. And we in the Bahamas would do well to remember that there are plenty of other places to do that."

Comments on the proposed flats fishing regulations can be sent by email to: [Fisheries@bahamas.gov.bs](mailto:Fisheries@bahamas.gov.bs) or [Tourism@bahamas.com](mailto:Tourism@bahamas.com).

### FWC proposes more restrictive barracuda regulations

State fisheries regulators are proposing slot-size and bag limits for great barracuda caught in the waters off South Florida.

If approved by the **Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission** at its early September meeting, the barracuda rules would apply in state and federal waters off Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Collier counties.

The proposed barracuda rules include:

- A slot-size limit of 15 to 36 inches for barracuda taken by commercial or recreational anglers. (The slot means

barracuda would have to be at least 15 inches long but not more than 36 inches to be legal to keep.)

- A two-fish daily bag limit for recreational anglers.
- A daily commercial trip limit of 20 fish per boat.

The FWC says the proposed rules address concerns about declining numbers of barracuda expressed by South Florida divers and anglers.

### Minimum size increases for triggerfish

Gray triggerfish must be 14 inches to the fork of the tail to be legal based on a 2-inch increase in the minimum size that took effect July 9.

The FWC increased the minimum size for triggerfish taken in state waters to match new federal regulations that apply more than three miles offshore on Florida's east coast.

### Coming events

**Aug. 6:** Regular spiny lobster season opens and remains open through March 31. A lobster's head section must measure at least 3 inches to be legal to keep. No egg-bearing lobster may be taken. A saltwater fishing license and lobster permit are required (unless exempt). Details: [www.myfwc.com/lobster](http://www.myfwc.com/lobster).

**Aug. 8:** 21st annual **Mark Gerretson Memorial Fishing Tournament** based at **Deck 84** restaurant, 840 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Captain's meeting 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Deck 84. Weigh-in the afternoon of Aug. 8 at Deck 84. Entry fee \$200. Benefits children's causes in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach. Call 251-1945 or visit [www.mgmft.net](http://www.mgmft.net).

**Aug. 11-15:** 73rd annual **Goode Water Ski National Championships** at **Okechee Park**, Forest Hill Boulevard west of Jog Road, Greenacres.

Slalom and trick events begin at 8 a.m. daily; jumping begins at 9 a.m. Free parking and admission. Details: [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org).

**Aug. 15: Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby** based at **Sailfish Marina** on Singer Island. Captain's meeting and final registration Aug. 14 at the marina. Entry fee \$120 for four-diver team. Cash prizes. Details: (305) 852-0030 or [www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies](http://www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies).

**Aug. 22:** Basic boating safety class taught by **Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54**, 8 a.m., Coast Guard building (next to boat ramps), Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, Boynton Beach. Fee: \$40. Call Ron Cuneo, 389-1850.

**Sept. 1:** Snook season opens and remains open through Dec. 14. A Florida saltwater fishing license and a snook permit are required (unless exempt). Daily bag limit: one snook. To be legal to keep, snook must measure between 28 and 32 inches in total length. Different rules apply to snook taken on the state's west coast and the Florida Keys. Details: [www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational](http://www.myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational).

**Sept. 19: X Generation 440 Challenge** fishing tournament for kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Includes \$500 prize for heaviest cobia, mutton or yellowtail snapper and bonito or blackfin tuna. Based at **Palm Beach Yacht Center** in Hypoluxo. Captain's meeting 5-8 p.m. Sept. 18. Details: 502-7022 or [www.xgeneration440.com](http://www.xgeneration440.com).

### Tip of the month

Walk the beach early for snook. When small bait fish (usually pilchards) are schooling in the surf, it's a good time to fish early for snook.

Start fishing around 5:30 a.m. and fish until just after sunrise using a medium-action

spinning rod fitted with braided line (20-pound braid is a good bet) and 20- to 30-pound leader. (I prefer fluorocarbon leader, but monofilament will do.) Match the hatch by tying on a lure about the size of the bait fish.

Cast roughly parallel to the shoreline, and make a few casts out deeper to find the snook.

Try soft-plastic baits such as a D.O.A. CAL Jerk Bait (colors I like for snook on the beach include night glow, silver glitter and glow/holo flake) on an eighth- or quarter-ounce jig head. Work softer plastics slowly so they move along the bottom, rise up and drop back down. (This requires calm surf conditions typical of summer months.)

Alternative lures include the **MirrOlure Catch 2000** and **MirrOdine** suspending lures, which imitate small bait fish.

Remember, all snook must be released through Aug. 31. (The fall snook season opens Sept. 1 and continues through Dec. 14.) Anglers with saltwater licenses and snook permits (required unless exempt) can keep the bag limit of one snook per day (if they're between 28 and 32 inches in total length) after the season opens. All other snook must be released.

Bring pliers to remove hooks from snook, and consider flattening hook barbs to facilitate the release of snook. If you're planning to keep a snook after the season opens, bring a measuring tape. Don't forget your camera or cellphone (in a plastic bag to keep it dry).



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## Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### AUGUST 1

**Saturday - 8/1 - Boardwalk Tours** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. W 9 am, 1 & 3 pm; Th. 9 am; Sat 9 & 11 am. Free. 966-7000; [pbcgov.com/parks/nature](http://pbcgov.com/parks/nature)

**8/1 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Mangrove and nearshore reef aquariums daily M-Sat 10:30 am; tropical coral reef and shipwreck aquariums 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

### AUGUST 2-8

**Wednesday & Thursday - 8/4-5 - A Walk On The Ashley Trail** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along a quarter-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, and mangroves, to a sandy beach by the Intracoastal. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T&W 10-11:30 am. Free. 544-8605; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Thursday - 8/5 - Beach Treasures** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about seashells and the animals that make them. Caravan to Red Reef Park, 1400 N State Rd A1A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 9:30-11 am. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

**Saturday - 8/8 - Sandoway House Beach Walk** at 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Guided tour: investigate plants on the dunes, animals found on the beach and in the water. All ages. 9 am, \$8 (includes nature center admission). Register: 274-7263; [sandowayhouse.org](http://sandowayhouse.org)

### AUGUST 9-15

**Saturday - 8/15 - Birds & Breakfast** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Enjoy coffee and refreshments before embarking on a one-hour birding tour with one of our naturalists. Ages 9 & up. 9 am. \$3/person. Reservations: 966-7000; [pbcparks.com/nature](http://pbcparks.com/nature).

### AUGUST 16-22

**Thursday - 8/20 - Seining the Lagoon** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore grasses and flats of the Intracoastal Waterway behind Gumbo Limbo. Hand-held dip nets and large seine nets allow participants to catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Old sneakers or watershoes only. Ages 10 to adult, children must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 8/22. 9:30-11 am. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 544-8615; [gumbolimbo.org](http://gumbolimbo.org)

### AUGUST 23-29

**Tuesday - 8/25 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen to discuss hot topics and learn new tricks. Every 4th T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; [boynton-beach.org](http://boynton-beach.org)

**Friday - 8/28 - Night Hike** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Walk through the wetlands, call for owls and shine for gators. Bring bug spray and flashlight. All ages. 7:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 629-8760; [pbcgov.com/parks/nature](http://pbcgov.com/parks/nature)

**Saturday - 8/29 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; [seaangels.org](http://seaangels.org)

### AUGUST 30-SEPT. 5

**Saturday - 9/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. 8-10:15 am. Free. [JeffLev02@gmail.com](mailto:JeffLev02@gmail.com)

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'False crawls,' where the female turtle comes a few feet ashore and then turns around without nesting, have become more common this year. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

### Along the Coast

## Give sea turtles wide berth: Don't 'help' or harass

By Willie Howard

Sea turtle nesting on Palm Beach County beaches is unofficially good so far this season, but one number is troubling turtle experts: an abnormally high number of "false crawls" or times when egg-bearing female turtles pull themselves onto the beach with the intent of digging a nest, then turn around and decide against it.

Relatively dry weather this summer could have something to do with the high number of false crawls. If the beach sand is not moist enough for a good egg chamber, a mother turtle will turn around, head back into the ocean and wait for better nesting conditions.

But Kirt Rusenko, marine conservationist at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center and director of Boca Raton's sea turtle program, believes human activity has something to do with the high number of false crawls this year.

"We've never seen false crawls like this in the last 20 years," Rusenko said. "It's kind of a mystery to us."

Telltale signs of human activity on the beaches that Rusenko has observed include ashes from beach fires.

"There's a lot of people activity this year out on the beach," he said.

As of July 7, sea turtles had dug 767 nests in the five-mile stretch of beach from the Palm Beach/Broward county line to Highland Beach. But there were nearly 600 more false crawls than nests — 1,359 — on that same stretch of beach.

Typically, sea turtles make one false crawl for each nest they dig.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission called a press conference before the Fourth of July weekend in hopes of reducing human interference with nesting sea turtles, which are protected by state and federal laws.

"If you see one, leave her alone and let her do her thing," said David Fowler, an investigator with the FWC's South Region office in West Palm Beach.

As a law-enforcement officer,

#### Avoid disturbing nesting sea turtles

1. If you walk the beach at night during the nesting season (March 1 through Oct. 31), don't shine flashlights, take flash photographs or build fires. Even the light from a cell-phone can cause a mother turtle to turn around and decide against nesting.

2. Keep your distance from sea turtles, and be quiet.

3. Don't approach or touch sea turtles, their eggs or their hatchlings. All five sea turtle species are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and Florida's Marine Turtle Protection Act.

4. If you see someone touching or harassing a sea turtle or disturbing a nest, report it by calling the state's Wildlife Alert Hotline: (888) 404-3922 (\*FWC or #FWC on a cell-phone).

Fowler has found parents trying to take photos of their children on the backs of sea turtles — an illegal activity that could result in arrests and fines.

Fowler also warned the public against trying to "help" sea turtles by picking up hatchlings and carrying them to the water.

"The turtles have been doing this for millions of years," he said. "They know what they're doing."

FWC sea turtle biologist Meghan Koperski said beachgoers should cover up holes dug for sand castles before they leave the beach, noting that she has received reports of female sea turtles falling into holes and dying on beaches this year.

Disturbing turtles with lights is a more common problem as curious observers try to catch a glimpse of mother sea turtles laying their eggs, Koperski said.

"It's great that people are so excited about turtles," she said. "We just want to make sure we don't cause them problems by loving them so much." ★

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## Finding Faith

# CROS Ministries fights hunger every day

The USDA calls it “food insecurity.” What it means is going hungry. For some, it means starving.

Hunger may be the No. 1 social issue Palm Beach County faces. Here in the richest agricultural area east of the Mississippi River, you’ll find food deserts — areas where access to fresh, healthy food like fruits and vegetables is limited. If produce is available, it’s too expensive.

While politicians and pundits discuss big-picture solutions to end hunger in our county, **CROS Ministries** and its team of volunteers have been working for 37 years to feed people until a long-term solution can be found. The Lake Worth-based organization — CROS stands for Christians Reaching Out to Society — is affiliated with the **United Methodist Church** and has one clear mission: To serve the hungry in Palm Beach and Martin counties.

They do it through seven community food pantries (in Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Jupiter, Belle Glade and Indiantown): **The Caring Kitchen** (a hot meal and social services program); summer camp programs that feed kids; an after-school snack program; a weekend food program for children (**Nutrition in a Knapsack**); and gleaning, a food recovery program.

Of course CROS Ministries isn’t the only game in town. The problem is too big for any one person or agency to solve. Dozens of agencies in Palm Beach County are working with CROS to feed the hungry. **The Palm Beach County Food Bank** is a leader county-wide, while groups like the **Community Caring Center** in Boynton Beach and **Boca Helping Hands** are fighting hunger in their own backyards. These groups are supported by local churches and corporate sponsors provide

financial support and host food drives, whatever they can do.

And still there are hungry kids.

The idea of going to bed hungry is so abhorrent to us as a society, parents used to use it as a punishment: “If you do or don’t (insert infraction), you’re going to bed without supper!” they’d say. So consider this: More than 60,000 children in Palm Beach County are being punished every night. Hunger doesn’t just afflict the homeless man. It affects kids, mothers, seniors, the disabled, and the poor.

“These are the faces of the hungry that people don’t see,” executive director **Ruth Mageria** said. And it doesn’t end at the city limits. As CROS Ministries’ website says, hunger has no boundaries.

**Juanita Goode**, the director of engagement, oversees the volunteer staff who are critical to the success of the programs. She got involved with CROS when she realized there was a clear connection between hunger and illiteracy — and to the increased likelihood of a prison sentence.

“Children aren’t going to learn if they’re hungry,” Goode said. “They’ll have a lifetime of medical problems because elementary school years are a critical nutritional time.” It’s a cycle: Illiteracy destroys any hope of a good-paying job, leading to more underemployed parents with more hungry kids.

One CROS program that needs volunteers is the Nutrition in a Knapsack program that sends 150 elementary schoolers home on Friday afternoons with meals for the weekend.

“Otherwise the kids would have chips and cookies for dinner, if that,” Goode said.

Some might have nothing of substance to eat from their free Friday lunch until they come back to school on Monday and get free breakfast.

CROS needs help getting



**ABOVE:** Volunteers glean the fields of ‘imperfect’ produce left behind by pickers. Thirty percent to 40 percent of produce used to be left in the fields to rot. **LEFT:** Tom Pemberton picks up donated food for CROS Ministries. **Photos provided**

the weekend food packs from its facility to the school for distribution. The shift is a little over an hour, and you need a car or SUV. Goode said she’d love a long commitment, but she’ll take any help she can get. “One Friday a month would help.”

Many of CROS’ stumbling blocks are logistical: Getting donated or gleaned food into the hands of the people who need it.

“In Delray at the Caring Kitchen, we need help picking up food donations and delivering meals to the homebound. It’s a one-day-a-week commitment,” Goode said. “We also need help onsite preparing the meals, and working in the clothing boutique.”

Mageria says the demographic CROS ministries serves is changing.

“Two things I can tell you: Most of the people now, I cannot tell them to go get a job, because many of them have two jobs already. They may have had to choose between putting gas in the car so they can get to work or buying food.”

“Two: Forty percent of the hungry people are children. The other growing age group is the elderly. Many of them worked all their lives but now the money is just not enough.”

Some seniors have to choose between food and medication.

Now Mageria sees more

single mothers with bachelor’s degrees. “They don’t want to be here. They don’t want to admit they need help, but they do whatever it takes to see that their child is fed.”

### Volunteers are needed

Volunteers are needed to pick produce at harvest time. Contact [kcutshall@crosmministries.org](mailto:kcutshall@crosmministries.org) or 233-9009, Ext. 107.

The Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach needs a traffic director and drivers who can deliver meals to shut-ins. The program also needs office volunteers, weekday van drivers and people to prepare and serve food. Shifts vary. Contact [caringkitchen1@gmail.com](mailto:caringkitchen1@gmail.com) or 308-7980.

Nutrition in a Knapsack needs a food manager to set and meet deliveries and keep paperwork. It also needs help with food bag deliveries on Fridays for about an hour. You need a four-door car or an SUV. Contact [jgoode@crosmministries.org](mailto:jgoode@crosmministries.org) or 233-9009, Ext. 105.

The Lake Worth office needs a volunteer to do computer work in MS Word and Excel and other special projects. Any day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact [crosado@crosmministries.org](mailto:crosado@crosmministries.org) or 233-9009, Ext. 103.

The **Community Back to School Bash** needs donations of school supplies and volunteers on Aug. 6-7 to unload supplies

and set up tables for the Bash; on Aug. 8 volunteers are needed to hand out school supplies and to be shopping buddies. There are four sites: Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Village Academy in Delray Beach, and West Tech in Belle Glade. Info: [www.communitybacktoschoolbash.org](http://www.communitybacktoschoolbash.org).

### Other ways to fight hunger

Don’t have much time? Mageria says you don’t need to do some huge, amazing thing to contribute. Like Mother Teresa said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Here are five small things you can do to fight hunger:

- Host a food drive. Best foods: peanut butter, canned tuna, chicken or salmon, oatmeal, soup, 100 percent juice in boxes, pasta and spaghetti sauce. Stay away from perishables or foods that need milk to be prepared, such as macaroni and cheese.
- Walk in the 21st annual **End Hunger Walk** at 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church**, West Palm Beach. Register online at [crosmministries.org](http://crosmministries.org) or in person on walk day.
- Help **Brown Bag It** at 9 a.m. Saturdays at **Cason United Methodist Church**, located at 342 N. Swinton Ave. in Delray Beach. Prepare brown bag weekend meals for the homeless.
- Serve the hungry, literally. Volunteers are needed to serve dinner from 5 to 5:30 nightly at The Caring Kitchen. Lunch and breakfast shifts are also available.

• Double your money. The **Summer Match Appeal** is in full swing. Until Oct. 1, the **Quantum Foundation** will match your donation dollar for dollar, up to a total of \$30,000. Contact Gibbie at 233-9009, Ext. 106, or [gnauman@crosmministries.org](mailto:gnauman@crosmministries.org).

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## Graduation ceremony

Sacred Heart School, Lake Worth – June 4



With jubilant family members and friends filling Madonna Hall, the eighth-grade class of 2015 celebrated its commencement. Speaking at the 70th such graduation ceremony was William Finneran, longtime supporter of the school. Finneran urged parents to be vigilant of their children and continue to teach the school’s values of serving and respecting those most in need. To the students, he encouraged them to follow their dreams. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Lake Worth Vice Mayor Scott Maxwell, Principal Candace Tamposi and Lake Worth Mayor Pam Triolo. **Photo provided**

## Year-end awards

Pope John Paul II High School, Boca Raton – June 5



Students contributed to a grand total of 20,366 community-service hours during the school year, including 87 boys and girls who served more than 100 hours each. More than 30 area nonprofits benefited from their hard work. Also recognized by school officials were volunteer leaders and supporters of the school’s two major blood drives, for which students, teachers and parents were recruited to help. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Gianna Guarnieri, Dillon Rucinski, Lauren Swital-ski, Wendy Nevelus, Alandra Fumagali and (front) Chiemeka Fevecque. **Photo provided**

Tots & Teens

# French-American elementary school begins in Boca

By Marie Puleo

The French American International School of Boca Raton — a private elementary school in Palm Beach County that offers a full-immersion, bilingual program in French and English — will open on Aug. 24.

Céline Von May, the school's co-founder and director, said there has been a tremendous response from parents seeking an early-start, dual-language education for their children.

"Not only do we have children coming from Palm Beach and Broward counties, we also have children of families that are relocating to the area from as far away as France, Canada and Egypt," Von May said.

In the United States, there are more than 50 schools that offer this type of bilingual program in French and English; but apart from the French American School of Miami and the Lycée Franco-Américain International School in Cooper City, they have been scarce in South Florida.

"By opening our school in Boca Raton, we thought we could better serve north of us and south of us, and kind of fill in that gap," Von May said.

Currently, the school offers classes for children in preschool through third grade.

The school's classes will be



Céline Von May, director and co-founder of the French American International School of Boca Raton, grew up in Paris. **Taylor Jones/The Coastal Star**

small, and the curriculum, which will cover both the academic core standards of Florida and France, will be taught by native-speaking teachers, with half of the day in French, and the other half in English.

Electives such as music, art, computer lab and physical education will alternate weekly between French and English.

"We're also going to offer a third language once a week starting from kindergarten upward," Von May said.

In implementing the French national curriculum,

known for its academic rigor, the school must follow requirements set forth by the French Ministry of Education, and the children will use textbooks, workbooks and notebooks that come directly from France.

The school is an applicant for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, according to Von May.

"We plan to add a grade level every year, with the hope of going all the way up to high school so students can earn an international baccalaureate as

well as an American diploma," Von May said.

Von May knows firsthand the value of learning languages. Born to a Swiss father and an American mother, she grew up in Paris speaking only French. When she arrived in the United States with her parents at age 9, she faced a language barrier.

She ended up as one of the pioneer students at a small French-American school in Los Angeles. Now the school — the Lycée International de Los Angeles — has five campuses with over 1,000 students. As

an adult, Von May taught at a French lycée in the San Francisco Bay Area.

When Von May arrived in Boca Raton three years ago, she was looking for a French lycée that her daughter could attend, but there was none to be found.

"I thought, this just can't be," she said. And that's when she had the idea to start one of her own.

"What the school is offering is very attractive," said Cristina Brousset, whose 8-year-old daughter will be attending the school. "Learning other languages and being exposed to other cultures challenges the children and gives them an advantage in their education and development as people."

The school is at 2500 NW Fifth Ave. It is housed in a section of a building that it rents from the Connected Life Christian Church, but the school is nonsectarian.

It will roughly follow the Palm Beach School District calendar, but will have longer school days and two extra vacation weeks. Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and go until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuition is \$10,000 per student plus a \$500 fee for materials and polo shirt with logo and a \$90 non-refundable application fee. ★

For details, visit [www.frenchamericanschoolbocaraton.org](http://www.frenchamericanschoolbocaraton.org).

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Note: Events are current as of 7/24. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### AUGUST 1

**Saturday - 8/1 - Call for Entries: 4th Annual Shriek Week Scary Film Festival** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Young filmmakers invited to submit a short "scary" film. Grand prize: GoPro Hero 3 Digital Camera. Ages 6-17. Deadline for entry 9/25. \$5/film. Entry forms online. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org/shriek-week-film-festival

**8/1 - PBC Homeschool Expo** at Palm Beach Atlantic University Greene Complex, 1100 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Exhibitor hall and full schedule of workshops provide resources and encouragement to those homeschooling or considering home education. 8:30 am-4 pm. Free. pbhomeschoolexpo.com

**8/1 - Vacation Bible School** at First Baptist Church of Lantana, 1126 W Lantana Rd. Games, music, Bible stories, crafts. Lunch and snacks included. Ages 4 through 12th grade. 8:30 am-4 pm. Free. 588-3341; fbclantana.com

**8/1 - Registration for COBRA Girls Volleyball** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Includes one weeknight game and one Sunpractice. Session runs Nov-Feb. Ages 10-11 & 12-15 (intermediate). 9 am-noon. \$115/resident, \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3916; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

**8/1 - Registration for COBRA Youth Basketball** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Includes one weeknight practice and one weekend game. Session runs Nov-Feb. Ages 5-6 (as of 11/1 of year playing). Proof of birth date required. 9 am-noon. \$115/resident, \$143.75/non-resident. 347-3908; sugarsandpark.org/cobra

**8/1 - Miranda and The Frog Prince** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. F&Sat 10 am. Held again 8/7 10 am & 1 pm and 8/8 10 am. \$12-\$15. 995-2333; thewick.org

**8/1 - Tot Time** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy crafts, snacks, and indoor play stations. Drop in anytime during the program. Ages 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5/child. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/1 - Imagination Playground Open Play Session** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 2-11. Every Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free/members, \$5/non-members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/1 - Inspiration Station** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 3 and up. T/Th/Sat 11-11:45 am; W 3:30-4:15pm. Per session: \$5/family, \$3/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/1 - Science Stories** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 and up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**8/1 - Little Wonders & Big Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts and stories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am (ages 3 & 4); 11:30 am-12:30 pm (ages 5 & 6). \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**8/1 - Art-E-Ology: Brenda Hope Zappitell - Abstract Painting** at Boca Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Children learn about a master artist on exhibit and have the opportunity to create a masterpiece in the style of the artist. Grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child; free/members. Reservations: 392-2500 x106; bocamuseum.org

**8/1 - USA Netball Association** at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fast, skillful team game based on running, jumping, throwing, and catching. Females ages 6 and up. Every Sat 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

### AUGUST 2-8

**Sunday - 8/2 - COBRA Minis Football** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 4-5. Held Sun through 9/20 (no class 9/6). 10-10:45 am. \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/2 - Science Make & Take: Bird House** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Drop in for a make and take every month. 11:30 am. \$5/project. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**8/2 - Painting on Tulle** part of ARTful Adventure Sunday series at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Art workshops or live performances; includes interactive opportunity to learn, create and enjoy the arts. Family fare. 2-3 pm. Free with museum

admission: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, free/members, students with ID and children 12 & under. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**8/2 - Life Teen** at St Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Comprehensive youth ministry program; dinner included. Every Sun 6:45-8:30 pm. Free. 276-6892 x330; stvincenferrer.com

**Monday - 8/3 - Kids Cooking Camp** at Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. M/W/F, 9am-3 pm. \$140/week; \$50/day. 447-0000; wholefoods.co

**8/3 - Comic Brunch** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Munch on muffins and discuss the latest comics, your favorite heroes and villains and trade comics. Grades 6-12. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/3 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginners 2** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ballet, acrobatics and theatrical prop handling. Designed for girls ages 5-6. Four-week session held M through 8/24. 3:15-4:10 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**8/3 - Got Gaming?** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 5:15-6:30 pm through 8/31. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**8/3-7 - Bright & Smart Robotics: Robotics & Master Builders** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Design, create and program unique robots using "special edition" Lego bricks. Ages 7-14. M-F 8:30 am-3 pm. \$330 residents; \$412.50 nonresidents plus \$35 materials fee. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**8/3-11 - Little Ballerina Dance Camp** at Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Bring lunch; snacks and craft supplies provided. Ballet and tap shoes recommended. Ages 3-5. 9 am-1 pm. Held again 8/10-14. \$130/residents; \$163/non-residents. 10% discount for multiple weeks. 742-6222; boynton-beach.org

**Tuesday - 8/4 - End the Summer with a Bang** at BANG Glass, 2600 NW 1st Ave, Boca Raton. Includes two completed projects. Ages 8+ (under 10 must be accompanied by an adult). 10 am-noon. Held again 8/6, 11 & 13. \$25/class. 430-5179; scott@bangglass.com

**8/4 - Group Swim Lessons** at Pompey Park Pool, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Obtain quality skills to enjoy and be safe around an aquatic environment. All staff American Red Cross Certified; course material covers Level I to Level VI. Class runs 45 minutes. Ages 5-15. T&Th through 8/20. Three times: 10 am, 4 pm & 5 pm. \$30/residents, \$40/non-residents. 243-7358; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Tots in Motion** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 1-3. Held T 10-10:30 am. Per session: \$10/family, \$5/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/4 - Mother Nature & Me: Hurricane Season** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/4 - Sensational Storytime** 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. Every T except 8/25. 10:30-11:15 am. Free with paid Museum admission: \$5/children & adults; \$4.50/seniors. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/4 - Baby Bookworm Story Time** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Ages 1-2. Every T 11 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/4 - Little Hands Big Art** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Everything from murals to clay formation. Ages 3-5. Every T through 8/18. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$3/members, \$4/non-members with paid admission (\$5/children & adults; \$4.50/seniors). 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/4 - Game Wheel** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Wheel of fun spins to choose the game. Take your chance and play anything from charades to a dance off. Grades 4-12. 3:30-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/4 - Kidokinetics** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. New sport each week: soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, hula hoops, obstacle courses, T-ball, more. Six-week course every T through 9/8. Ages 3-5: 3:45-4:30 pm; ages 2-4: 4:30-5:15 pm (some parent involvement). \$66/resident; \$82.50/non-resident. 954-385-8511; kidokinetics.com

**8/4 - Small Fry Storytime** at Highland

Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Songs and craft project. Ages 3 and up. Every T 4 pm. Free. Register one week in advance: 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/4 - Group Swim Lessons** at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. T&Th through 8/27. Level 1 & 2: 4-4:45 pm. \$60/resident, \$75/non-residents. 544-8540; ci.boca-raton.fl.us/rec/pools

**8/4 - Youth Tennis** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. T through 8/25. Ages 4-8: 5-5:30 pm, \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents; ages 9-12: 5:30-6:15 pm, \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**8/4 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Learn karate and a blend of other combat martial arts. Ages 9 to adult. T&Th 6-7 pm. Quarterly fees: \$35/residents; \$45/non-residents plus one-time \$25 uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**8/4 - Tween Summer Crew: Super Hero Mod Podge** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All supplies provided to turn regular notebooks into works of art with the help of Mod Podge and super hero comic books. Ages 8-12. 6:30-8 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/4-7 - Group Swim Lessons** at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be potty trained. Ages 3 and older. T-F through 8/7. Levels 1 & II: 9, 9:45 & 10:30 am; Level III: 9:45 & 10:30 am. Four-day sessions: \$40/resident, \$50/non-residents. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

**8/4-7 - Swim Fit** at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Swim team type workout; swimmers must try out with 25-yd front crawl and backstroke. Ages 4-adult. 11:15 am-12:15 pm. \$20/residents; \$25 non-residents. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

**8/4-25 - Sized Just Right Tennis Clinics** at Ezell Hester Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. All clinics held on T. Ages 4-8: 5-5:30 pm (\$20/residents; \$25/non-residents). Ages 9-12: 5:30-6:15 pm (\$30/residents; \$38/non-residents). 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**Wednesday - 8/5 - Kindermusik with Miss Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Materials fee paid to instructor. W through 8/26. Ages 0-16 mos: 9:30-10:15 am; 17 mos-2.5 yrs: 10:30-11:15 am; 16 mos-4 yrs: 11:30-12:15 pm. Four-week session: \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**8/5 - Storytime** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 11-11:15 am. Free with museum admission: \$5/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/5 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginners 1 & 2** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Features ballet, acrobatics and theatrical prop handling. Designed for girls ages 5-6. Four-week session held W through 8/26. Beginner 2: 3:15-4:10 pm; Beginner 1: 4:15-5:10 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/5 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Intermediate** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Features ballet, acrobatics and theatrical prop handling. Designed for girls ages 7-12. Four-week session held W through 8/26. 3:45-5:15 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/5 - Group Swim Lessons** at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. W&F through 8/28. Level 1 & 2: 4-4:45 pm. \$60/resident, \$75/non-residents. 393-7851; ci.boca-raton.fl.us/rec/pools

**8/5-6 - The Sound of Music** at Sol Children Theatre Performing Arts Summer Camp Performance at The Adolph and Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, 21050 95th Ave S, Boca Raton. All ages. \$10. 2 pm & 7 pm. 447-8829; solchildren.org

**8/5-8 - Harry Potter Movie Marathon** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Movies rated PG. Two movies each day; 20-minute intermission between films. All ages. W/Th/F 3-8:30 pm; Sat 11am-6 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 8/6 - Kindermusik with Miss Cathy** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children learn by singing, playing instruments, and dancing. Materials fee paid to instructor. Th through 8/27. Ages 13-22 mos: 9:30-10:15 am; 17 mos-2.5 yrs: 10:30-11:15 am; 0-16 mos: 11:30-12:15 pm. Four-week session: \$80/resident, \$100/non-resident. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

**8/6 - Intro to Archery** at Daggerring Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn bow and arrow safety, how to properly use the equipment, practice on the range. Ages 8 and up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/6 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, finger plays and action songs. Children of all ages. 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult. Every Th 10-10:30 am. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/6 - Children's Special: Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog, Moose. Grades K-5. Held again 8/13. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**8/6 - Knitting Club** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free with museum admission: \$5/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/6 - Craft Time** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Ages 4 and up. First & third Th 4 pm. Free. Register one week in advance: 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**8/6 - Hack Shack Tech Club: Magic 8-Ball** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Explore science and technology in a new way; experiment with computer programming and design video games. Grades 5-8. 5-7 pm. \$15/members, \$20/non-members. Limited space, advance registration suggested. 832-2026 or sfsciencecenter.org.

**8/6 - DIY Art Projects: Color on the Wall** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for a related DIY Art Project. Ages 5-15+. 6-8 pm. Free Th through 9/3. 832-5196; norton.org

**8/6-9 - Peter Pan** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. W-Sun. through 8/30. W/Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm; Th-Sat 7:30 pm. \$55. 995-2333; thewick.org.

**Friday - 8/7 - Fantastic Fridays** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Journey to a different place and time each week. Ages 3-7. F through 8/21, 10:30-11:30 am. \$8/members, \$10/non-members. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/7 - Sensory Art for Tots** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 1-4 with a parent or caregiver. Held F through 5/29. Two sessions: 12:30-1:15 pm & 3-3:45 pm. Per session: \$10/family, \$5/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**8/7 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Beginners 1** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Features ballet, acrobatics and theatrical prop handling. Designed for girls ages 4-5. Four-week session held F through 8/28. 3:45-5:15 pm. \$60/residents, \$75/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/7 - Rhythmic Gymnastics: Intermediate** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Features ballet, acrobatics and theatrical prop handling. Designed for girls ages 7-12. Four-week session held F through 8/28. 3:45-5:15 pm. \$80/residents, \$100/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**8/7 - Safari Nights** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Games, crafts, DJ dance party, keeper talks and training sessions, different theme each week. Every F through 8/28. 4:15-9 pm. Member/free. Non-member: adult/\$15.95, children 3-12/\$9.95, toddlers 0-2/free. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**8/7 - Box Trolls (PG-2014)** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Presented by LULA as part of the *Screen on the Green* series. Bring blankets or chairs; food & beverage available for purchase. 6-10 pm. Free. 493-2550; lakewortharts.com

**8/7 - Mary Poppins** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 S.E. Mizner Blvd, Ste. 73, Boca Raton. 6 pm. \$10.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**8/7 - Parents Night Out: Design and Destroy** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Fun night of science. Hands-on science experiments, science-related craft, exploration of Science Center and Aquarium, pizza dinner and full-dome planetarium show. Ages 4-12. 6-10 pm. \$30/child; each additional child \$15. 832-2026; sfsciencecenter.org/parents-night-out.

**8/7-8 - Miranda and The Frog Prince** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. F&Sat 10 am; F 1 pm. \$12-\$15. 995-2333; thewick.org

**8/7-16 - Back to School Sales Tax Holiday** - During this period, no Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$100 or less per item, on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item, and on the first \$750 of the sales price for computers and certain computer-related accessories when purchased for

noncommercial home or personal use. dor.myflorida.com

**Saturday - 8/8 - T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society Health Fair** at FoundCare Health Center, 2330 S Congress Ave, West Palm Beach. Back to school physicals; autism, vision, and hearing screenings; immunizations; guest speakers, more. Free. 7:20 am-2 pm. 318-0814; tljmedicalsociety.org

**8/8 - Sunflower Creative Arts Open House** 227 N Dixie Blvd, Delray Beach. Tour newly renovated classrooms, nature playground; play, nature, and art activities. Ages 2-6. 10 am-2 pm. Free. 482-3412; sunflowercreativearts.org/seedlings

**8/8 - Drop-in Craft** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3 and up. Sat 10:30-11:30 am. Free with paid museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**8/8 - Group Swim Lessons** at Pompey Park Pool, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Obtain quality skills to enjoy and be safe around an aquatic environment. All staff American Red Cross Certified; course material covers Level I to Level VI. Ages 5-15. Every Sat through 9/12. 10-10:45 am. \$30/residents, \$40/non-residents. 243-7358; mydelraybeach.com

**8/8 - Family Fun Mini Workshop: Beginner & Intermediate Origami** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn origami techniques and make fun objects. Beginner: 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Intermediate: 1-2 pm. \$20/parent & child (ages 7+); \$10/each additional participant or adult. Advance registration required. Does not include admission to the museum and gardens. 495-0233 x 237; morikami.org

**8/8 - Car Wash** at "505" Teen Center, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Support your community Skate Park and Teen Center. Proceeds go back to local community children. Noon-4 pm. \$5/cars, \$7/trucks & SUV's. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

### AUGUST 9-15

**Sunday - 8/9 - Sunday Movie: Bolt (G)** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 11 am. \$1 admission includes popcorn and a beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**Monday - 8/10 - Kid Activity Lab** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board and video games using a Wii, Wii U, PS3, PS4, or Xbox 360, practice on library ukeleles, or make wearable art with Rainbow Looms. Grades K-5. M through 8/31. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

**8/10-14 - Fab 5 Days of Summer** at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Daily field trips and craft projects. Ages 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Per day: \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

**8/10-14 - A Step Back in Time: Yesteryear Summer Camp** at South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Candle-making, bread-making, quilting, clogging, print shop, blacksmith demonstrations, fishing clinics, water activities, more! Ages 8-12. 8 am. \$175. 795-3110; southfloridafair.com/events/2015/yv-summer-camp

**8/10-14 - Basketball Camp** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Ages 6-15. 9 am-3:30 pm. Before- and after-care available. \$90/residents, \$113/non-residents. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**8/10-14 - Dance Camp** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop. Bring lunch. Ballet and tap shoes recommended. Ages 6-10. 9 am-3 pm. \$190/residents, \$243/non-residents. 542-0215; boynton-beach.org

**8/10-14 - Summer Music Camp** at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Nationally recognized musicians instruct students according to age and ability. Instrumental, vocal and music theory instruction with music history and appreciation. Performance on the final day. Elementary students to teenagers. 9 am-3pm. \$125/members; \$150/non-members. 395-8285; stgregorysepisopal.org

**Tuesday - 8/11 - Imaginarium** at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Through the power of imagination, run a grocery store, work at a post office or become a librarian. Strengthen developmental skills while playing make-believe! Grades K-3. 4:30-5:30 pm. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

**Wednesday - 8/12 - YOUth LEADership Program Registration** at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Fun and valuable; attend monthly meetings featuring community involvement

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activities and informative workshops, participate in various community service projects for the City of Boynton Beach and local charitable organizations. High school students. Every Sat 10 am-noon; first meeting 9/5. \$50/residents, \$62/non-residents. 742-6222; boynton-beach.org

**8/12 - Teen Gaming** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games using Wii, PS3 or Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. Held again 8/19 & 8/26 (5:30-7 pm). 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Thursday - 8/13 - Animal Keeper for a Day** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Work behind the scenes with animal care staff and volunteers from cleaning cages and preparing diets to going on a "turtle walk." Learn what it really means to care for these special animal ambassadors. Kids may get messy. Ages 8-15. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**8/13 - Movie Break** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Watch a fun movie! All ages. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Friday - 8/14 - Annie Revue** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 1 & 4 pm. \$10.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**Saturday - 8/15 - Youth Tennis** at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Sat through 9/5. Age 5-6: 9-9:45 am, \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents; age 7-15: 10-11 am, \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**8/15 - 4th Annual Back to School Splash** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Water slides, games, giveaways, prize drawings, more. For ages 3 & up. Weather permitting. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

**8/15 - Family Studio** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Children with adult partner tour the current special exhibition, then create their own artwork. Ages 5-12 with parents. Every Sat through 9/5. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$1/child materials fee payable at the door. 832-5196 ext. 1196; norton.org

**8/15 - Group Swim Lessons** at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3 and older. Young children must be potty trained. Held Sat through 9/5. Four 45-minute classes per session. Levels I, II: 10:30 & 11:15 am; Level III: 11:15 am. \$40/resident, \$50/non-residents. 742-6645; boynton-beach.org

**8/15 - Back to School Bash** hosted by "505" Teen Center at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Noon-3 pm. Free; suggested small donation to help fund camp costs for neighborhood participants. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

**8/15-16 - Science Demonstrations** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science-inspired stories. Ages 5 and up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**AUGUST 16-22**

**Sunday - 8/16 - The Wonderful World of Music** presented by The Symphonia at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children participate in the music making process. Features *Beauty and the Beast*, *Under the Sea*, *Imperial March* from *Star Wars*, and more. 11 am-1 pm. \$7/adults, \$5/children 12 and under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

**Monday - 8/17 - First Day of School: Palm Beach County Public Schools.** palmbeachcountyschools.org

**Tuesday - 8/18 - Mother Nature & Me: Animal Babies** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience exciting nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, and crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/guardian). 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**Thursday - 8/20 - Fishing** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn the basics for freshwater fishing and practice new skills: fishing pole basics, casting tips, freshwater fish identification, and fish habits. Fishing supplies provided. Bring sun protection, water bottle, and wear closed-toed shoes (or water shoes) that can get wet/muddy. Ages 8 and up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**AUGUST 23-29**

**Tuesday - 8/25 - Young Artwork Class** at James A. Rutherford Community Center, Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Bilingual art classes using age-appropriate art materials and tools. Exploration of colors, shapes, textures, and appreciation for art.

Six-week class held T through 9/30. Age 5-8: 3:30-4:15 pm; age 3-4: 4:30-5:15 pm. \$120/residents, \$150/non-residents. 367-7035; or ci.boca-raton.fl.us.

**8/25 - Eco-Savvy: GEMS Club** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Empower young girls to explore STEM fields. Girls grades 3-8. High school girls can volunteer to be mentors. Last T 5-7 pm. \$5/child. Registration: 370-7710; sfsiencecenter.org/gems

**Wednesday - 8/26 - Stroller Daze 2015** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Geared towards parents and young children. Storytelling, child friendly entertainment, crafts, fire truck exploration, planetarium show, Discover Center exploration, science demos, more. Snacks and special menu available for purchase at Subway cafe. Ages birth-5 years. 9 am-noon. \$7/adult, free/children and members. 832-1988; sfsiencecenter.org

**Thursday - 8/27-9/6 - Thumbelina** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Th.,F&Sat 7 pm; Sat&Sun 2 pm. \$12/adults, \$8/11 and younger. 447-8829; solchildren.org

**Friday - 8/28 - 5th Annual Pirates & Princesses Party** at Patch Reef Park Pirates Cove Playground, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. All pirates, swashbucklers, princesses and parents are invited to walk the plank, dig for treasure and more; features water play area. Ages 2-5. 10 am-noon. \$5 suggested donation. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**8/28 - Special Storytime** at Boynton Beach Mall Children's Play Area, 801 N Congress Ave. 3 pm. Free. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**8/28 - Back to School Jam** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Hosted by "505" Teen Center. Music by DJ Big Wagon. Designer backpack giveaway, electronic devices, haircuts, more. Ages 13-19. 7-11 pm. \$7. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

**Saturday - 8/29 - Claying Around** at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Basic techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay. Ages 8-14. Sat through 10/3. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Pre-registration required. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

**8/29 - Mini Monets** at Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Pencil, watercolor, charcoal, paint. Ages 5-8. Sat through 10/3. 9-11 am. \$49/residents, \$62/non-residents. Pre-registration required. 742-6650; boynton-beach.org

**8/29 - Story & Craft Time** at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Discover nature through crafts and stories about animals and other nature-related themes. Ages 4-10. 10 am. \$2/child. Reservations: 966-7000; pbcparcs.com/nature

**8/29-30 - Our Kids World Family Fun Fest** at South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach. Hands-on educational activities, two entertainment stages, sports mascots and television characters, Fun Zone filled with inflatables! Ages 12 and under. 10 am-5 pm. \$8/adults; free/children with Kid's Ticket or \$5/children without ticket. 868-1085; adayforkids.com

**AUGUST 30-SEPT. 5**

**Wednesday - 9/2 - Tween Wacky Wednesdays: Chalkboard Notebooks** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All supplies provided to create a chalkboard notebook. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Friday - 9/4 - Parents Night Out: Into The Wild** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Hands-on science experiments, science-related craft, exploration of the Science Center and Aquarium, pizza dinner and full-dome planetarium show. Ages 4-12. 6-10 pm. \$30/child; each additional child \$15. 832-2026; sfsiencecenter.org/parents-night-out.

**9/4-6 - SoDanca College Dance Fair** at Boca Ballet Theatre, 7630 NW 6th Ave. One-Stop shop to meet reps from top dance programs across the country, master classes, networking. High school juniors and seniors. F 6-8 pm; Sat 10 am-7 pm; Sun 10 am-5 pm. \$199. 995-0709; collegedancefair.org

**Saturday - 9/5 - Science Stories** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 and up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**9/5 - Special: Family Lego Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. All ages. 2-3 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

# House of the Month

Each month, The Coastal Star features a house for sale in our community. The House of the Month is presented as a service to our advertisers and provides readers with a peek inside one of our houses.



This secluded secret north-end Lake Worth neighborhood features the Snook Island kayak trail and a public golf course and restaurant all overlooking the Intracoastal.



This home is on a huge lot facing the Intracoastal. A long dock is available for your boat, or for enjoying sunrises and sunsets.

## Lovely in Lake Worth: A home with a view

This Key West-style, pastel color-influenced three-bedroom home has four full baths. The home is on a huge, direct Intracoastal lot with a refreshing pool area with covered outdoor dining. A long waterside dock is perfect for evening sunset watching, for your boat and has no fixed bridges to the ocean.

The large front yard comes into view via the circular driveway, which is surrounded with mature tropical landscaping. A two-car garage is tucked into the front design of the residence. The front entry is graced by a covered veranda to welcome your guests.

The private master bedroom takes up the entire second floor. It has two ample walk-in closets. The master bath has dual sinks, a separate shower and a Roman tub with whirlpool. Ceramic tile carries throughout the main level of the house. A family room, living room, and other bedrooms are located on the first floor.

Open house is 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, and Sunday, Aug. 2, at 1620 N. Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth.

\$1,199,000. Jennifer P. Spitznagel, Manatee Cove Realty, 619 Lake Ave., Suite A, Lake Worth, FL 33460, 561-301-5535. [jennspitz@aol.com](mailto:jennspitz@aol.com).



ABOVE: A pool overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway and has an adjoining covered area that's perfect for dining.

The large kitchen offers plenty of space for entertaining, with generous countertops.



LEFT: The master bedroom has a waterfront view from French doors that open onto a large covered balcony, plus a second balcony facing the western sunsets.



## Your Window Into Manalapan/Ocean Ridge Real Estate



**1730 LANDS END ROAD**

Newly constructed home sits on .7 acres with 310' of Intracoastal views. 10,000 SF. Dockage just minutes from the Ocean. Gratis Beach Club membership. **\$9,995,000**  
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**719 PELICAN DRIVE**

New construction on a private cul-de-sac, this Intracoastal beauty features 5BR/6.5BA. Private pool & outside loggia. **\$4,495,000**  
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**961 LANDS END ROAD**

Newly constructed 5BR/7.5BA pool home sits on the wide Intracoastal with dockage and Ocean access nearby. **\$4,295,000**  
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**1438 S ATLANTIC DRIVE**

Updated 4BR/4BA Mediterranean home with 4,000 SF. State-of-the-art 3D home theater and large open gourmet kitchen. Owner motivated. **\$995,000**  
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