

## Boca Raton

# BUILDING ON LUXURY

## Mandarin Oriental to join city's high-end hospitality

By Mary Hladky

A Mandarin Oriental luxury hotel is coming to downtown Boca Raton.

The hotel, with 158 rooms and suites, will be part of the Via Mizner mixed-use project being developed by Boca Raton-

Penn-Florida Cos. at Federal Highway and Camino Real.

The first phase of the project, a 366-unit upscale apartment building, is now rising from the ground.

In its Nov. 10 announcement about the hotel, Penn-Florida said it also plans 100 luxury



The Mandarin Oriental will be part of Penn-Florida's Via Mizner mixed-use development at the corner of Federal Highway and Camino Real in downtown Boca Raton.

Rendering provided

condominiums to be called the Residences at Mandarin Oriental that will be connected to the hotel by a sky bridge. SB Architects will design the

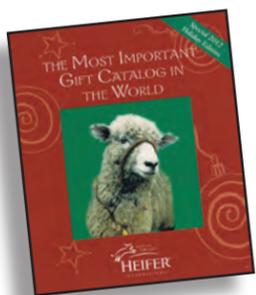
hotel and condo, which will be managed by Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group.

Once completed in 2017, the hotel will be the second

Mandarin Oriental in South Florida. Its highly rated Miami hotel opened in 2000. Other

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## History



# Veteran VET

## Young 'doc' helped bring horses to Europe after WWII

By Ron Hayes

What do you do with a Victory ship after the victory has been won?

On Dec. 31, 1946, one of those former World War II cargo carriers, the SS Saginaw, left Newport News, Va., to cross the Atlantic.

On board were 960 horses, 30 cowboys and a very young veterinarian named Harold Burton.

A Victory ship that had once waged war was bound for Europe once again, to wage peace.

Three years earlier, 44 countries, led by the U.S., had



created the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to aid people liberated from the Axis powers.



Burton

“I had my Army discharge papers and I had a diploma from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine,” Burton remembers. “I had just turned 25 and I was broke and this was an opportunity to make \$23 a day.”

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**TOP:** A family in Kavala, Greece, receives a heifer from Heifers for Relief at the end of WWII. **Photo courtesy Brethren Historical Library and Archive.** **ABOVE LEFT:** Heifer International's holiday gift catalog. **ABOVE:** Now a part-time resident of Briny Breezes, Harold 'Doc' Burton aboard the SS Mercer Victory ship in 1947. **Burton family photo**

## Boca Raton

# Zoning board's decision on towering beach house appealed

By Sallie James

The future of a four-story mansion proposed for a pristine stretch of beachside property is up in the air, even though the project was rejected last month by Boca Raton's Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The property owner, Natural Lands LLC, has appealed the board's refusal to approve two variances that would have allowed the house to be built on a narrower lot size with a reduced front yard setback.

A public hearing is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 during the Boca Raton City Council meeting.

The 10,432-square-foot, four-story house is proposed for the east side of 2500 N. Ocean Blvd.

The board rejected both variances after residents claimed the structure proposed would forever change the face of the beach, disorient nesting sea turtles, and set a precedent for future development.

“The beach-going public and the sea turtles lose another piece of the last natural beach in all of South

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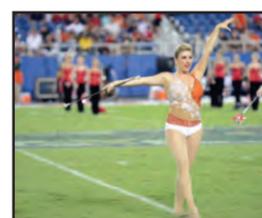
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**Editor's Note**

**Happy Holidays!  
Let's make an effort to be nice**

The media often catch a bad rap for giving excess attention to all things outrageous. How else do you explain the Kardashians and the current fascination with every utterance of the 2016 presidential candidates?

Blame it on the 24/7 news cycle. Blame it on society's need to be constantly connected. Blame it on most media companies' business model to deliver eyeballs to advertisers.

Social media have only accelerated the mass media mentality. As we shake our fists at the television or computer screens, it's important to keep these things in mind.

This past Thanksgiving, I was thankful *The Coastal Star* has taken a different approach. By design we circulate a set number of newspapers each month and, because of our frequency, we don't feel the desire to chase ambulances or celebrities. We focus on providing local news, information and advertising to a select community of

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We also take the liberty of not reporting on events that we determine are self-serving, defamatory or repugnant. That doesn't mean we won't report on sensitive issues or dig deeply into alleged wrongdoing. We will. It just means that personal attacks done in public settings are not necessarily what we consider news.

Sadly, 2015 offered numerous examples of dirty play in our coastal towns.

This December — as holiday stress works its way into our psyches — my hope is we can avoid personal attacks and covert maneuverings to address our coastal concerns in open and fair public forums.

My mother always said, "if you can't say anything nice, don't say it." Imagine how pleasant the holidays could be if we all took this to heart.



Mary Kate Leming, editor

**Coastal Star**



Al Hincken (center) walks west on Atlantic Avenue with two of his helpers, Thomas Smith (l), 29, and Bob Meyer (r), 64, to deliver food to the volunteers who help put up the city's 100-foot Christmas tree (below). Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

**The Kitchen Elf brings food to Christmas tree volunteers in Delray**

By Lucy Lazarony

For Al Hincken, Christmas begins in October.

For the past 11 years, Hincken has visited downtown Delray Beach restaurants each October asking for food to feed the volunteers and workers assembling the 100-foot Christmas tree in Old School Square.

He returns in November to pick up the food from each restaurant for as many as 40 people.

He wears a chef cap proclaiming himself "The Kitchen Elf" and an apron celebrating Delray's Christmas tree.

"We try to make sure nobody goes hungry. It's always ladies first, the men volunteers and whoever's here," Hincken, 72, says.

He leaves at noon to pick up lunches, soon after school kids come by to help with the tree.

Students from Carver Middle School, Atlantic High School, Village Academy, American Heritage and St. Vincent Ferrer all stop by to help the busy volunteers.

Volunteers for the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative



check all 15,000 LED light bulbs on the Christmas tree and properly align more than 3,000 tree branches. Some volunteers climb the tree to place the branches.

Volunteers work weekdays on the tree and it takes about three weeks to complete, depending on the weather, according to Tiffany Mazer, operations manager for the Delray Beach Marketing Cooperative.

On a recent day the food delivery is from The Office, burgers and veggie burgers and fries for hungry volunteers. Hincken, who worked for Philadelphia Electric before retiring 21 years ago, walks

with two volunteers to pick up and deliver the food.

After the meal, volunteers sign a thank-you note that Hincken delivers to the restaurant.

"I wait for the thank-you note. That's got to go back," Hincken says.

What prompted The Kitchen Elf to get started? Hincken, who had moved to Delray Beach from Philadelphia, six months before beginning to volunteer, noticed tree volunteers were hard to come by and they were paying for their own lunches.

So he began knocking on doors. "Food brings people together," he says. "People network and they build associations and friendships and they look forward to the next day," he said.

He does, too. "I wouldn't do it if I didn't like it. The pay's the same. It makes me happy."

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For more on Delray's 100-foot Christmas tree, visit 100ftchristmastree.com. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors in December and take down the tree in January.

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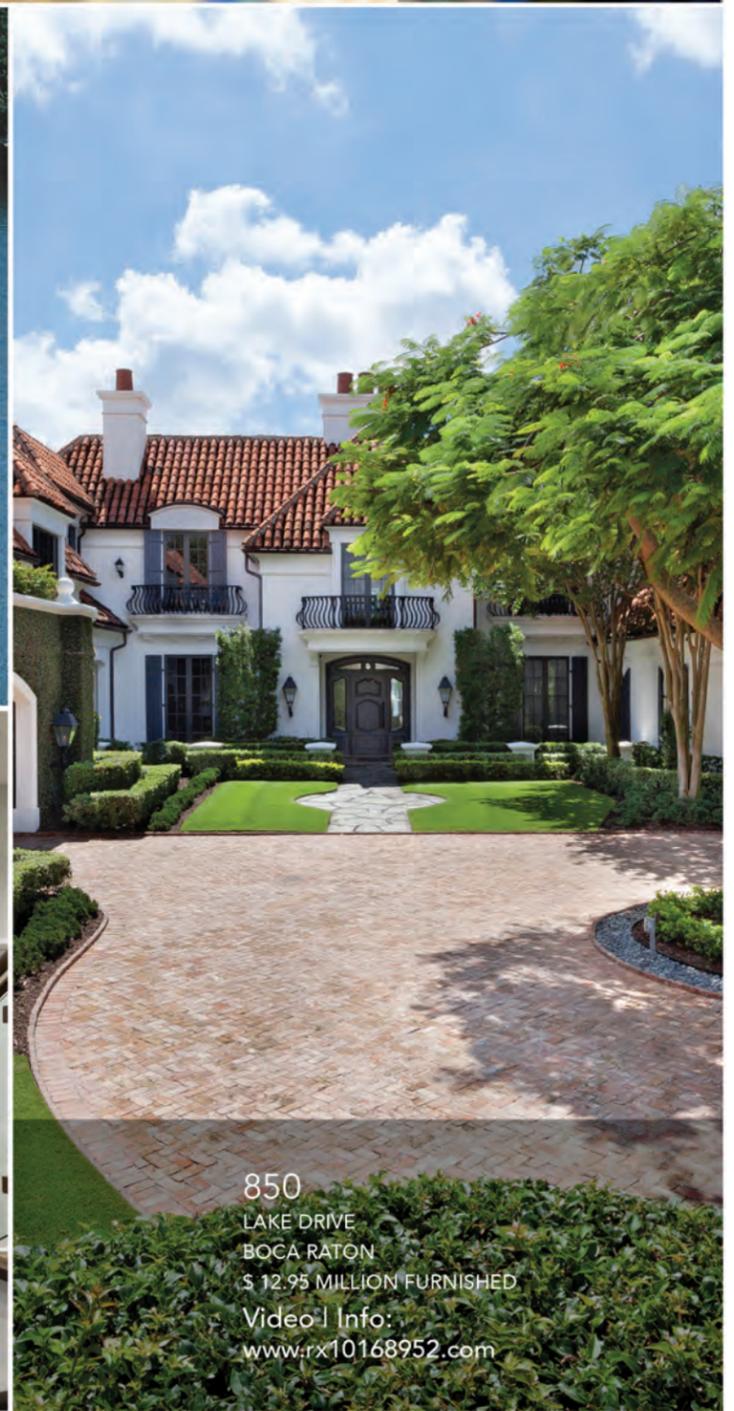


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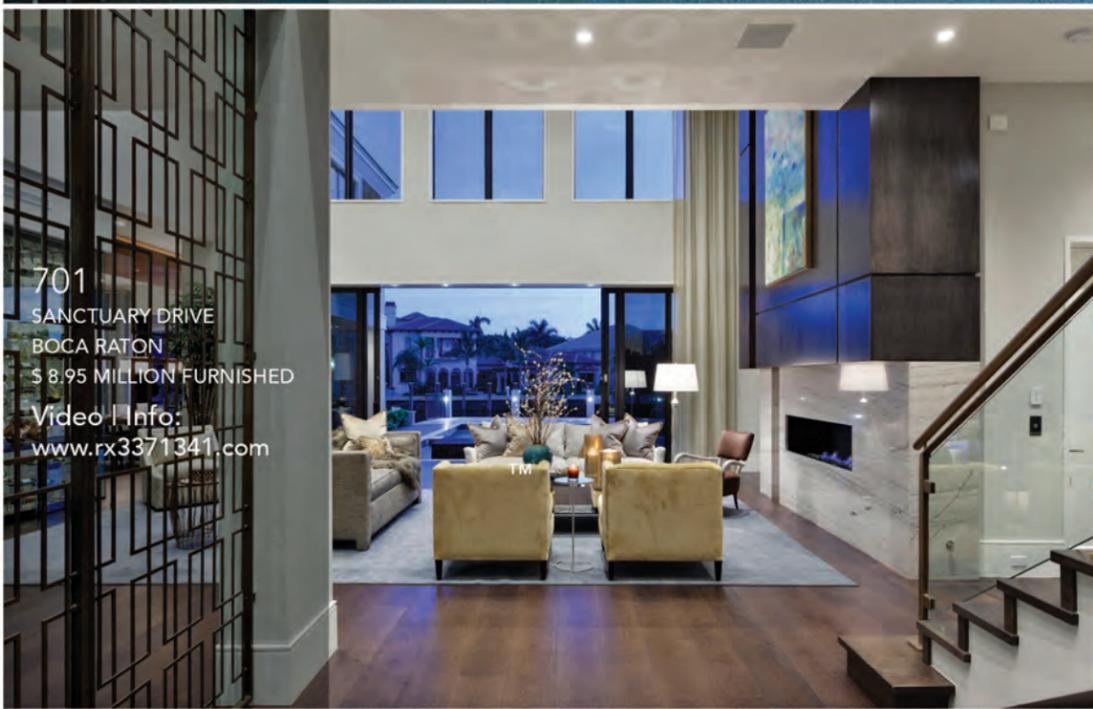
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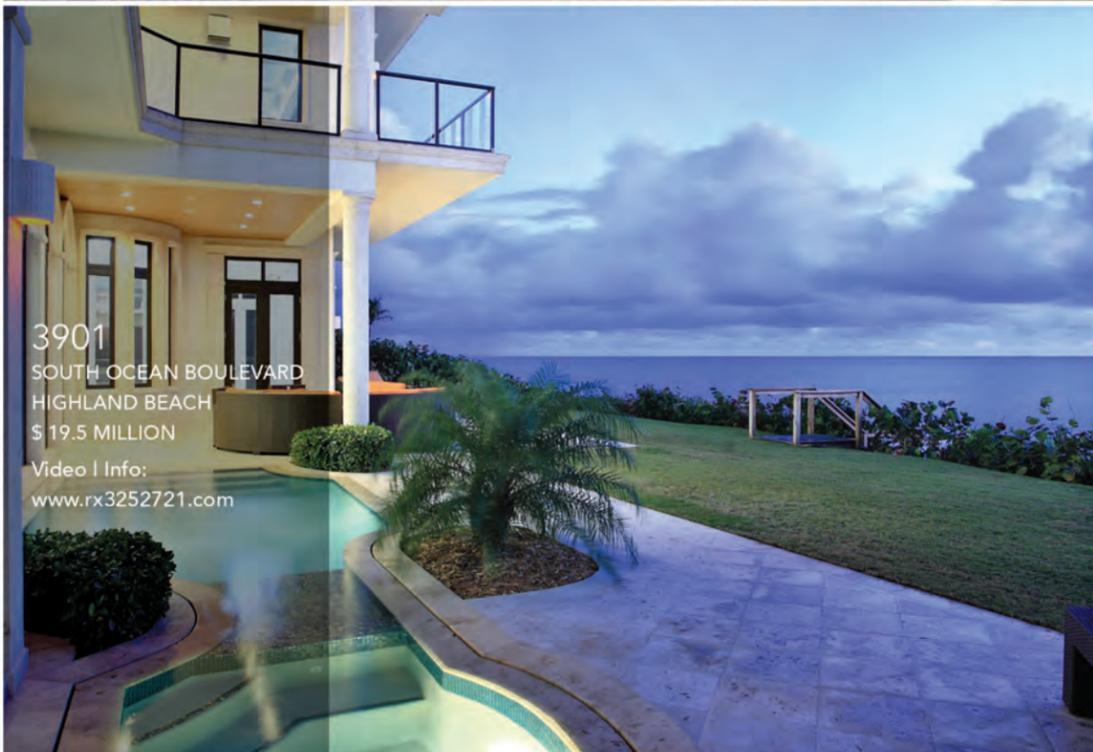
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# Hot topics pulled from agenda of planned joint meeting of beach district, city

By Steve Plunkett

A week before a Dec. 7 joint meeting with City Council, commissioners of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District abruptly pulled two items from the agenda.

Off the table will be any talk of interlocal agreements to replace grass sports fields at Patch Reef Park with artificial turf and to give the city \$2 million for beach renourishment. Commissioners

also decided not to discuss user fees that park patrons pay.

The reason: The city spent five months revising the agreements, then returned them Thanksgiving week.

"I'm disappointed in how this was presented to us," Commissioner Dennis Frisch said at a Nov. 30 special meeting called in hopes of resolving the issue.

Arthur Koski, the district's interim executive director, told commissioners the proposals

"will require a significant amount of dialogue and discussion" before they talk with the City Council.

"You cannot be expected to have waited five months to get a document, receive it a week before a meeting — and during that week, you know, I've just come off a holiday — it just is the type of short-fuse kind of timing," Koski said.

The proposal for the beach renourishment money would make the district also financially

responsible for dredging the Boca Inlet, something it's never paid for before. The draft of the sports field agreement also incorporates several other interlocal agreements between the city and the district and changes some of the finances.

"This document is throwing all those (other agreements) away and rewriting our obligations," Commissioner Robert Rollins said. "I didn't see anything wrong with the agreement that we signed

because that's the agreement that the city drew up for us to sign."

"The agreement changes the relationship between the city and the district that has been in existence for the past 40 years. So it is not something that I recommend to you that you take lightly, and I'm sure you will not," Koski told commissioners.

Commissioners worried that the city's proposal gave short shrift to people who live inside the Beach and Park District but outside city limits.

"There are things that we cannot do in transferring powers or duties of this district to another agency that is not a representative of certain of our constituents," Koski said.

"I can't agree to this," Commission Chairwoman Susan Vogelgesang, one of the non-city residents, said after the meeting. "They want us to pay for everything."

"I think they look at us as their piggybank," Commissioner Steven Engel said.

"I think that we have to be very careful so we don't become a funding agency. We are an independent agency," Rollins said.

Any discussion of park user fees was dropped from the agenda because the proposed agreement says the City Council will be in charge of setting the rates. The council raised fees for youth sports leagues to play at parks in September without consulting the district.

Koski launched an analysis of who pays how much to use park facilities and how the city and the district split the fees. Some commissioners have asked whether any fees should be imposed on residents who paid for the parks with their tax dollars.

Still on the district's agenda is the city's proposed comprehensive waterfront plan (the district wants to be included) and the recent Royal Palm Polo annexation (residents there are not inside the district's boundaries and do not pay district taxes).

Frisch said he hoped council members would agree to let the district start on the second phase of DeHornle Park, which will be getting additional grass fields and restrooms.

Commissioners said a good starting point for ironing out the friction might be for Koski to meet regularly with City Manager Leif Ahnell as well as more scheduled meetings of the district and the council. ★

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Letters to the Editor

Real cost of ivory is decimation of elephants

While on vacation I read the article in *The Coastal Star* about the collector of ivory. I am greatly offended that you would promote such a barbaric hobby and Mr. Weisblut should be ashamed as well.

The primary source of ivory is the African elephant. The numbers of these highly intelligent, gentle, family-oriented animals have been decimated by 80 percent within the last century. The cause of this is the harvesting of the

tusks for the Chinese ivory trade.

After the elephant is ambushed and killed and the tusks are hacked off, the remains rot in the African sun. These massive beasts are killed simply to provide trinkets for collectors. The hunters receive less than a dollar a pound for their prize while Asians and Westerners pay thousands for an item to collect dust on a shelf.

Ninety-nine out of 100

people could not tell the difference between a carved piece of porcelain or high-grade plastic and ivory.

If collectors continue their horrendous pastime, the only place you will see an elephant is in a zoo or on TV.

If people do not like to see how their sausages or steaks are made, I can assure you that most would not want to observe the origins of ivory.

*Ed Harris, Vice President National Humane Society*

Hold iPic developer to promises

Delray Beach is changing and that is healthy. Change allows us to reaffirm what makes Delray special.

The most recent addition to our downtown is a proposed iPic movie theater. It has created much discussion and emotion. Although I voted against the project, I believe it is time to embrace iPic as it moves through the final approval process. It is also time to remember the promises made by the developer.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency has agreed to sell unique downtown property it owns at substantially less than market

value. In turn, the buyer has made verbal commitments to include:

- Build Class "A" office space along with the theater.
- Move its corporate headquarters to the new Delray project.
- Dedicate at least 90 parking spaces for public use only and ensure enforcement.
- Pay for an off-duty police officer to help direct traffic on Federal Highway.
- Ensure that vehicles servicing businesses on Atlantic Avenue are not blocked on the east-west alleyway.
- Agree not to compete with existing downtown restaurants.

I suggest that all of these promises be included in the final written agreements, and further suggest that penalties be applied if the promises are not kept. For example, the buyer might be tempted to flip the property for more money after the purchase from the CRA. In that case, a penalty might include an additional payment to the CRA.

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## Delray Beach

# Improvements to beach promenade questioned, delayed

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach residents will have to wait at least a year to see promised improvements along the 1.25-mile promenade along the municipal beach.

The city had planned to use a design/build contract to fast-track the project, but those types of contracts are problematic, City Manager Don Cooper said.

Instead, the design and build contracts will be separate.

"We want to do it right, not necessarily fast," he told city commissioners at their Nov. 17 meeting.

The Beach Property Owners Association revealed its latest conceptual master plan that estimated the cost to be \$3.4 million including \$200,000 for contingencies.

Association members, including architect Bob Currie, had donated their time over the past seven years to hold public gatherings on what residents want at the beach.

Currie's plans, updated since the September gathering, focused on new benches, showers, lighting, garbage cans, solar-powered parking meters, bike racks and pathways for the linear park. The project aims to preserve ocean vistas, create wider sidewalks and replace street furniture such as benches and garbage cans — with a little flourish.

Some commissioners preferred a subdued color palette to match the silver buttonwood and gumbo limbo trees along the beach.

Mayor Cary Glickstein liked the flourish of curved benches but questioned whether masonry walls behind them were necessary.

"Of the thousands of people who have communicated, not one said we need more masonry walls," he told Currie and BPOA members.

He also objected to the signs announcing "Delray Beach." He thought they were too "contrived" and looked like they belonged in Pompano Beach or Fort Lauderdale.

The stockade fence looked too modern to him; he said he prefers the snow fencing that needs to be replaced.

He also wanted to see elements that would make the beach accessible to disabled people.

Vice Mayor Shelly Petrolia said she liked the tall sea grape growth along the beach's south end.

But both comments were outside the scope of the current project. The sea grapes need to be trimmed, consultant Rob Barron explained, to allow their root systems to be healthy and prevent the plants from blowing over in a storm. He is in charge of the dune management plan that will include the sea grapes.

Disabled access on the beach also is not included in the group's linear park improvements. Its work stops



One proposal aims to widen sidewalks and preserve ocean vistas along A1A. Rendering provided by Bob Currie

where the beach begins.

Commissioner Jordana Jarjura stressed the beach should retain its natural look. She also proposed a bike-sharing program, which other commissioners agreed could work well with the image the city is trying to project.

Rebuilding the gazebos was postponed and will be included as part of the beach master plan.

The Beach Property Owners took offense to some of the comments because they had met individually with each commissioner, except for Al Jacquet who had a scheduling problem. They showed each commissioner the conceptual plan prior to the meeting.

"It was all positive," Andy Katz, vice president, said a week later. "It's incumbent on

the city commission to decide whether they will honor the charette process. They have a responsibility over spending public dollars."

Cooper will take the commissioners' comments and work with staff to create a bid for the design contract.

**In other action** at the Nov. 17 meeting, the commission unanimously approved a

contract with its firefighters that is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2014. The 3-year agreement includes raises up to 5 percent and will cost the city about \$4.2 million.

Firefighters will receive back wages and raises. Human Services Director Tennille Decoste said she wanted the firefighters to receive the extra money in their checks before Christmas. ★

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## Delray Beach

### Atlantic Crossing suing current town officials

By Jane Smith

The Atlantic Crossing developers amended their lawsuit against Delray Beach to focus more on the current commission members and their actions, according to the updated complaint filed Nov. 20 in federal court for the Southern District of Florida.

The complaint alleges that the mayor, vice mayor and a new commission member elected in March had all campaigned on promises to oppose the Atlantic Crossing project.

"This new legislative majority (the 'New Commission') has pursued a de facto policy to obstruct the Atlantic Crossing project by any means," according to the amended complaint.

The lawsuit lists the obstruction tactics as: demanding a two-way internal road, asking for two alleys to be returned, refusing to certify Atlantic Crossing's site plan, requiring an updated traffic study and refusing to give the project plat approval. The developers claim they have suffered in excess of \$25 million in construction losses.

"The city is reviewing it and will file a response in the time allowed," City Attorney Noel Pfeffer said on Nov. 24.

The Florida Coalition for Preservation was more pointed in its response to the amended complaint. In a lengthy response sent Nov. 30 to the city commissioners

and city attorney, Robert W. Ganger, Coalition chairman wrote:

"Most of all, we take exception to the rewriting of local history and allegations of improper behavior on the part of city officials, by a team of apparently desperate attorneys who are either misinformed, or purposely engaged in a 'client cover-up' action." Ganger said he hoped his response would reach outside counsel.

The proposed \$200 million Atlantic Crossing sits on 9.2 acres at the northeast corner of Federal Highway and East Atlantic Avenue in the city's downtown. The project, developed by a partnership between Ohio-based Edwards Companies and Ocean Ridge resident Carl DeSantis, will contain 356 luxury condos and apartments plus 80,000 square feet of restaurants and shops and 79,000 square feet of office space.

The developers sued the city in June claiming the city has not issued a site-plan certification that was approved in November 2013 and affirmed by a previous city commission in January 2014.

The lawsuit has a May 2016 trial date in federal court in West Palm Beach with Judge Donald Middlebrook presiding. It also was assigned a federal magistrate who can help arrange settlement or mediation discussions.

A pre-trial conference is set for May 25. ★

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## Along the Coast

# The war against saltwater intrusion is being won — for now

By Ann Henson Feltgen

Saltwater intrusion leading to contaminated drinking water wells has long been feared in South Florida.

Billions of dollars have been spent on measures to protect our water supply — mostly paid for by utilities and their customers — and have paid off, so far.

The invisible underground barrier separating salt and fresh water is holding salt water back to the 1995 boundary or even farther east, scientists say.

“This is a success,” said U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Scott Prinos, who helps monitor saltwater intrusion in several South Florida counties. “The question is: As we move into the future and with population increases, will these measures continue to be effective?”

The barrier between fresh

and salt water — called the saltwater interface — preserves the pristine water in the 3,000-square-mile Biscayne Aquifer, which supplies potable water to about 5.8 million residents in South Florida and the Florida Keys.

The struggle to forestall saltwater intrusion began in the 1930s when canals were dredged to drain the Everglades, Prinos said. As water levels declined in the spongy aquifer, salt water — which is heavier than fresh water — began to flow inland. Population pressure, drought and higher sea levels all play a part in interface movement. Although the interface is stable, it imperceptibly ebbs and flows seasonally.

Florida receives an average of 54 inches of rainfall per year, much of which seeps into the ground and refills the aquifers.

This year’s rainy season officially began May 10 with South Florida in a severe drought that extended through July. The August and September rainfall helped, but the area was still technically in a drought.

The remainder of the season is expected to have above average rainfall due to the effects of an El Niño, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The South Florida Water Management District, which governs potable water for South Florida, has for years been nudging municipalities to control their water usage by adopting conservation measures, installing reverse osmosis plants that can convert the brackish water from the deep Floridan Aquifer into drinking water and storing water during the rainy season for use in dry periods. Last year, these conservation measures were mandated by state law.

Previously, the carrot at the end of the water district’s stick was a water use permit that allows specific withdrawal amounts from the Biscayne Aquifer for up to 20 years. Now South Florida communities and counties are spending billions of dollars to adopt the latest technology and build new facilities, passing along the cost to residents and businesses in increased fees.

For its part, the water district has been upgrading and monitoring water control structures that also retard saltwater intrusion, said Pete Kwiatkowski, a SFWMD hydrologist and manager of the resource evaluation section.

The agency also provides substantial grants to cities, special districts and utilities for these projects. The agency issues a request for proposals, then reviews the projects based on a list of criteria and available funding. The projects must be considered nontraditional, such as aquifer storage and recovery, reverse osmosis plants and reclaimed wastewater used for irrigation. Since 1997, the agency has approved \$1.4 billion in funding for 488 projects.

## Local efforts

Because the elevation of Palm Beach County is much higher than counties farther south, the advance of saltwater intrusion is less. But efforts are underway by Palm Beach County cities and range from taking less water out of the Biscayne Aquifer and more water from the Floridan Aquifer, rotating well usage, using water storage, reclaiming water for irrigation to eliminating withdrawals from the aquifer entirely.

Boca Raton, the second-largest city in Palm Beach County, stores water by back pumping excess runoff into canals, where the water

percolates into the ground and the Biscayne Aquifer for use during the dry season. The city also maintains canal levels at a fixed rate to keep salt water from intruding. The city uses reclaimed water for irrigation.

Boynton Beach officials learned five years ago that saltwater intrusion may become a problem for some of the city’s wells east of Interstate 95, so they reduced usage of those wells from 16 million gallons per day to 5 million gallons per day. Boynton Beach provides water to Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes.

Delray Beach city commissioners on Sept. 3 approved a study to look at alternative water supplies and methods to meet the city’s demand. The study will look at using deeper wells and different treatment. A new plant would be included in the plan. The city has hired a firm to weigh the alternatives and costs.

Highland Beach taps the Floridan Aquifer and a reverse osmosis plant desalinates up to 3 million gallons of water per day. The city uses maybe half of that even during the winter season. Because the town taps into the deeper aquifer and uses desalination, Highland Beach residents are not subject to water restrictions.

Lantana operates 10 wells scattered throughout the town and provides water to 3,300 customers. The town’s water supply, which comes from the Biscayne Aquifer, is adequate and growth will not crimp the supply.

Manalapan’s wells are all on the west side of U.S. 1 and have not had a problem with saltwater intrusion. The town operates six wells, two of which tap into the Floridan Aquifer and require reverse osmosis to take out the salt water. Manalapan is in discussions with Boynton Beach about taking over Manalapan’s water plant.

West Palm Beach silenced its wells that tapped into the Biscayne Aquifer in 2012 and the city began relying on groundwater. The water utility does not face saltwater intrusion or worry about sea level rise, and the supply is a renewable resource. West Palm Beach provides water to the town of Palm Beach and to South Palm Beach.

## The future

Much has been said about the effects of climate change and what it may mean for South Florida’s potable water supply.

“It’s too early to declare a victory over saltwater intrusion,” said Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida, which supports and stresses conservation of natural resources, including water. “Saltwater intrusion is also a



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matter of sea level rise, and we don’t know what will happen. As sea levels rise, it puts more pressure to move the salt water that’s underground. I don’t know if we have studied that yet.”

Scientists agree that climate change is a factor, but say efforts are taking place to save the aquifer and, as technology continues to advance, more strategies will come into play.

USGS’s Prinos said South Florida governments are working together to identify areas of concern and come up with proactive solutions.

“We maintain salinity control structures, relocate wells that are very close to the coast farther west, we are using [best] practices with water conservation and some cities are using reclaimed water for irrigation,” he said.

Prinos added that technology now allows pinpointing where the saltwater interface is and whether it is moving east or west.

During mapping in 2011, the agency deployed helicopters equipped with electromagnetic technology that can precisely determine where the interface is located. Formerly, the salinity in sentinel wells along either side of the interface was used to determine if salt water was moving.

“In some cases, we had the front farther west than it really was,” Prinos said.

“As we move into the future, we will continue to be vigilant, watching and considering ways to hold it back.” ★

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## Gulf Stream

# Circuit judge rules for O'Boyle and O'Hare

By Dan Moffett

A Palm Beach County Circuit Court judge has echoed the words of a federal ruling in dismissing the town of Gulf Stream's conspiracy complaint over hundreds of public records requests filed by residents Martin O'Boyle and Chris O'Hare.

Circuit Judge Richard Oftedal ruled on Nov. 4 that O'Boyle and O'Hare have the "absolute right under current Florida law to file public record requests and then file lawsuits if the requests went unanswered."

Oftedal threw out the town's request for an injunction halting new requests from the two men and said their lawsuits and claims for attorney's fees should go forward.

The judge's ruling against Gulf Stream came with a dose of empathy for the town's predicament in dealing with the onslaught of records requests, however.

"The court is neither unmindful nor unsympathetic with the plight of Gulf Stream, a small municipality of only 17 permanent employees, who, if the allegations are true, are being forced to divert taxpayer monies earmarked for public services in order to address the avalanche of public records requests being filed for no purpose other than to harass and shake down the town by fear and the threat of having to pay attorneys' fees under the statute," Oftedal wrote. "While Gulf Stream may well be the poster boy for those victimized by individuals seeking to 'game the system' by suing public agencies, it is hardly alone."

The judge said relief for the town and other municipalities would have to come from the Florida Legislature, which could change the law. Oftedal's ruling aligned with that of U.S. District Court Judge Kenneth Marra, who in June threw out the town's civil RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) suit against the two men. The town's attorneys are appealing that dismissal.

"Thankfully, for citizens, journalists and data collectors, Judge Oftedal is not alone and

is part of a growing trend of courts refusing to use their judicial powers to prevent people from exercising civil rights," said Jonathan O'Boyle, Martin's son and an attorney named as a defendant in the town's cases, who criticized Mayor Scott Morgan for not pursuing a settlement.

Morgan has said the town is willing to negotiate when O'Boyle and O'Hare agree to drop their lawsuits and make a serious proposal to the town's attorneys.

The O'Boyles have urged town commissioners to form a panel of residents and officials to help broker a settlement.

"Morgan is crazy if he thinks that he can resolve this issue without a sit-down," Jonathan O'Boyle said. "In my opinion, attributable to me and no one else, a sit-down is mandatory."

### In other business:

- The Florida Commission on Ethics has dismissed O'Hare's complaint against Town Attorney John Randolph. O'Hare had accused the town of an improper contractual arrangement with Randolph that allowed him to directly pass work on to his law firm. The commission found "no probable cause to believe that he (Randolph) misused his public position to benefit himself, his law firm, or others."

- Residents will notice a \$30 fee added to their water bills next year. The surcharge is to build the town's utility fund to prepare for problems with the aging infrastructure. Many of the town's water pipes are more than 50 years old and living on borrowed time, officials say, and a failure can cost more than \$1 million to repair. ★

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## Manalapan

# Ex-Mayor Diamond replacing Thornton on Manalapan commission

By Dan Moffett

A familiar face is returning to the Manalapan Town Commission.

Basil Diamond, who served as mayor from 2011 to 2013 and six years as a commissioner before that, will fill the open Point Manalapan commission seat vacated by Tom Thornton, who has moved out of town.

On Nov. 17, commissioners unanimously approved Diamond's appointment and said his experience would be useful to them.

Mayor David Cheifetz said he was "absolutely delighted" Diamond was willing to serve out the remainder of Thornton's term, which expires in March 2017.

"It's a good choice to get someone of Tom Thornton's



Diamond



Thornton

experience," said Peter Isaac, "and getting Basil back would give that experience."

As part of the commission reshuffling, Isaac moves from mayor pro tem to the vice mayor position that Thornton held, and Commissioner Chauncey Johnstone takes over as the new mayor pro tem.

Diamond, a lawyer, is partly responsible for the rather complicated configuration of Manalapan's elected representatives. In 2002, he led a group of Point

residents who sued the town, claiming they were under-represented because oceanfront homeowners controlled two commission districts with four commissioners on the six-member board — despite having fewer residents than the Point.

A federal judge ultimately agreed and threw out that system. Then voters approved the current apportionment which requires two seats to be held by ocean residents, two by Point residents, and two other seats and the mayor elected on an at-large basis from anywhere in town. But all voters cast ballots for each seat.

The new commission lineup could be set for a while. Town Clerk Lisa Petersen said the three commissioners whose terms expire in March —

Simone Bonutti, Clark Appleby and Ronald Barsanti — have all said they plan to serve another term, and no challengers have come forward. Manalapan's qualifying period for the March 15 election began Nov. 24 and runs until Dec. 8, earlier than usual because the municipal voting will occur the same day as the presidential preference primary.

**In other business**, work on the Audubon Causeway bridge project has gotten underway, but is still moving slower than commissioners would like.

"It seems like it's taking forever to get the ball rolling," Cheifetz said.

Isaac, the town's liaison for the project, attributed recent delays to an excess of bureaucracy between the town's engineer and the contractor.

He said he was hopeful that the town can work with both parties to streamline the engineering oversight, eliminate redundant reviews and improve communication between consultants, saving time and perhaps money.

"The contractor has been just as frustrated with the delays as we are," Town Manager Linda Stumpf said of Drawdy Construction's support for changing the engineering procedures.

Isaac said by early December, workers should have installed a barrier to separate two 11-foot lanes on the bridge, and then will begin "sawing away" the south side.

Traffic will remain open throughout construction, which is expected to continue well into spring. ★

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## Along the Coast

### Coastal Star wins 13 Florida Press Club awards

A comprehensive recap by Randy Schultz and Mary Kate Leming of the 1984 Karen Slattery murder and the status of her killer on Death Row won *The Coastal Star* journalists a top award from the Florida Press Club in its annual Excellence in Journalism Contest last month.

Schultz and Leming won the Lucy Morgan Award for In-Depth Reporting for the story.

*The Coastal Star* won 12 additional awards for page design, photography, arts writing, environmental writing, general news writing, light feature writing, minority reporting and public safety reporting.

Winners included: Thom Smith, first place for Commentary Writing; Willie Howard, first place for Environmental Writing; Jerry Lower, second place for General News Photography; Lucy Lazarony, second place for Art News Reporting; Mary Thurwachter, second place for Light Features Writing; Ron Hayes, second place for Minority Reporting; Dan Moffett, second place in Government News Writing, and Public Safety Reporting, and third place for General News Writing; Scott Simmons, third place for Feature Page Design Layout; Greg Stepanich, third place for Arts News Reporting and Rich Pollack, third place for Public Safety Reporting.

The 65-year-old Press Club presented awards during the annual convention Nov. 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock & Casino in Hollywood.

— Staff Report

South Palm Beach

# Paragon still plans to build condos on Oceanfront Inn site

By Dan Moffett

After months of silence, South Palm Beach officials and developer Gary Cohen are talking again about his Oceanfront Inn property.

The Paragon Acquisition Group chief executive officer met with new Town Manager Bob Vitas and Mayor Bonnie Fischer in November. Vitas and Fischer said Cohen promised to complete the demolition of the old Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn in a timely manner, then begin building the 33-unit condominium project the town has approved.

"It's going to be a long process," Fischer said. "We'll see if the building ever gets built. It's a very small property with a large building going on."

Vitas said the purpose of the meeting was "to clear the air and make sure that everybody was on the same page. I'm not a referee, but I'm a good mediator."

Cohen, according to Vitas and Fischer, said the property isn't for sale. But other town officials aren't so sure.

"I think he is trying to sell it," said Councilman Woodrow Gorbach, a real estate agent. "It is on the market — the European market. I don't really believe him."

Since the spring, HFF commercial real estate brokers in Miami has run an Internet ad that lists the property and its approved development plan as for sale. Cohen paid \$8.25 million for the property in 2013. Vitas said that "if somebody offered him double what he paid for it," there's no reason to think he wouldn't sell.

Among the other discussion points:

- Cohen told Vitas and Fischer he intends to have the sea wall completed by the March 1 permit deadline. Fischer said she expects more inspections of the wall construction from state environmental officials in the weeks ahead.

- Shortly after the wall's finished, Cohen said, he intends to concentrate on demolition of the hotel and wants it to be done by June.

"Beyond that," Vitas said, "he plans going forward with the physical construction of the property."

- The town officials told Cohen to talk to neighboring property owners and keep them informed. Fischer said residents were concerned about the vibration from construction and demolition. She urged him to take steps to minimize that.

"He understands there are many watchful eyes on it," Vitas said. "I advised him to reach out to the neighbors."

Fischer said the town had no contact with Paragon or Cohen for most of the year. Not having a town manager on the job since June has hindered communications, council members said.



Artist's rendering of the condos planned for the former site of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn. **Rendering provided**

"We agreed that we'd meet on a regular basis," Vitas said. "I want to be kept up to date on what's going on. We're going to be monitoring it closely."

**In other business** from the Nov. 17 town meeting:

- Vitas said he intends to have a "90-day action plan" ready for the council to review in December. "I'm not going to tell you what to do," he said. "I

want you to tell me what you'd like to have done."

Vitas, the former Key West city manager, succeeds Jim Pascale, who abruptly resigned in June after three months on the job.

"I actually heard people laughing in their offices this week," said Councilman Robert Gottlieb of Vitas' welcome arrival.

- Police Chief Carl Webb has promoted Lt. Robert Rizzotto to commander and hired Richard Scott Stevens as a new part-

time patrol officer. Rizzotto and Stevens worked together with the New York City Police Department years ago. ★

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### Ocean Ridge

# Developer Swaim claims ownership of condo's lagoon docks

By Dan Moffett

Wellington Arms Condominium homeowners and developer William Swaim are lawyering up for a legal border war that could determine the fate of the mangrove-rich lagoon behind Ocean Ridge Town Hall.

For nearly two years, Swaim has been trying to persuade the town to give him an easement behind the building so he can develop lots he controls in the lagoon. Condo homeowners have steadfastly and publicly opposed him.

In October, the dispute sharpened when Swaim's Waterfront ICW Properties obtained a deed to another lot, this one owned by Todd Flato and Diana Fenimore. The developer claims the property includes submerged land that reaches under the Wellington Arms docks. Alfred LaSorte, Swaim's West Palm Beach-based attorney, has told the condo owners he wants them to tear out the docks — or agree to a deal.

LaSorte says Swaim is willing to lease the docks back to Wellington Arms for \$50,000, providing the homeowners are willing to support his efforts to develop all his property in the lagoon.

Also, the homeowners must agree to retract public objections they have made to the South Florida Water Management District, the agency that must give permission for building.

Pat Ganley, Wellington Arms treasurer, wrote the Town Commission asking for help. He calls Swaim's move a "land grab," pure and simple. Ganley and the condo group believe the property covered about 1.29 acres before Swaim



Swaim claims that the additional lot he has purchased in Ocean Ridge gives him the easement to submerged land at the Wellington Arms boat docks.

got the deed and now stretches some 5.7 acres under his new interpretation.

"The Swaim land grab puts the Ocean Ridge lagoon and the Wellington Arms docks in peril," Ganley told the commission. "In my eyes, this can only be considered theft of property."

The condo's attorney, Julia Jennison of Lewis, Longman & Walker in West Palm Beach, did not respond to requests for comment. For 13 years, she worked as a legal research assistant for the SFWMD, so she knows something about the

complexities of submerged land disputes.

As for the town, Mayor Geoff Pugh has told Swaim the commission won't consider giving him an easement until he gets the permits he needs from the SFWMD, and the agency continues to reject him, asserting the lagoon and its mangroves are environmentally protected. Swaim has told the town he's in a Catch-22 predicament: He can't get the permits until the town approves an easement. In May, an administrative law judge in Tallahassee upheld the latest SFWMD rejection.

"I know you have helped to stop Swaim's access to easement recently and thank you for your efforts to keep him out," Ganley wrote Pugh and the commission. "I hope the city has the ability to keep the easement away from Swaim and not allow any access to this property for development."

#### In other business:

• Police Chief Hal Hutchins says the town was prepared to go forward with plans to close off the entrance to Midlane Road at Woolbright Road during the first week of December. Signs marking the intersection for "local access only" have been up for weeks to prepare residents. "It won't take long for me to hear what people think," Hutchins said of the closure.

• Qualifying for the March 15 municipal election opened Nov. 24 and runs until Dec. 8. Vice Mayor Lynn Allison is the only commissioner up for reelection. ★

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## Briny Breezes

By Dan Moffett

In May, Briny Breezes passed what it thought was a comprehensive golf cart ordinance that would clarify how and where residents can use their vehicles around town.

As it turns out, when it comes to golf carts, clarity is itself a moving target.

On Nov. 19, Briny's corporate board approved a plan to spend \$75,000 for widening a sidewalk and constructing a golf cart crossing on State Road A1A. The plan would satisfy a state law regarding golf carts crossing state roads.

The approval raised new questions, however. Where would the crossing be located? That's up to the Florida Department of Transportation, Town Council President Sue Thaler said, and DOT hasn't decided.

Also, in giving its blessing and its money to the crossing project, the corporate board wants the town to enforce several requirements on golf cart operators: They should carry insurance, have valid driver licenses and be registered, board liaison Joe Coyner told the council.

Those requirements may not be compatible with the new ordinance, Town Attorney John Skrandel said. More

## Briny's golf cart rules driving more debate

research is needed.

"We may not be able to require these things," Skrandel said.

Briny Mayor Mike Hill thinks it's not a good idea to require driver licenses. A significant number of residents don't have them because of age or physical infirmity. Yet, they have no problems operating golf carts on the town's quiet streets. In fact, some residents need the carts to get around and stay mobile.

"It's not uncommon, particularly for people in their 80s and 90s who are perfectly capable of driving a golf cart, to not have driver licenses," Hill said.

Then there is the matter of who owns Old Ocean Boulevard and what vehicles should be allowed on it.

In researching the ordinance, Skrandel found that the town never formally received the deed to the road decades ago, so technically it still belongs to the state. So technically, again, when residents operate golf carts that aren't street-legal on the road, they are violating the law.

Skrandel said he heard from the DOT in November, and state officials say they're willing to formally give Old Ocean to the town for no charge, perhaps in relatively short order by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, golf cart owners must weigh the nebulous pros and cons of spending thousands of dollars to convert recreational golf carts to street-legal, "low-speed vehicles."

The state requires LSVs that have top speeds between 20 and 25 mph to have much of the standard equipment you'd find on family autos: headlights, stoplights, turn signals, parking brakes, reflectors, windshields,

windshield wipers, seat belts, horns and vehicle ID numbers.

Converting a cart from use on the golf course to use as a street-legal LSV can run anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000, residents say. And once you convert to LSV, you can no longer legally operate your cart on sidewalks.

Thaler said council members should know more about where golf cart policy is heading by the Dec. 17 town meeting.

In other business:

• Deputy Town Clerk Steven Cooper said that qualifying for the March 15 municipal election ended on Nov. 24 with no new candidates coming forward to challenge incumbent council members' seats. Though Briny voters won't have to select aldermen, they will have the chance to go to the polls for the presidential preference primary that day. ★

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## Delray Beach

### Boat parade back on course to travel through Delray

By Jane Smith

The Holiday Boat Parade will travel down the Intracoastal Waterway on Dec. 11 through Boynton Beach and Delray Beach for the 44<sup>th</sup> year, but the Delray Beach part almost didn't happen.

The Delray Beach city manager, who just started in January, learned in mid-November that the city's non-participation was called out on social media as "being the Grinch." That's the first he heard of the Holiday Boat Parade, Don Cooper said.

Delray Beach had passed its budget in September and it didn't include money for the boat parade, Cooper said. "But we will do what we did last year. Open the bridges and staff them with police," he said.

At the Nov. 10 meeting of the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency, board members learned the boat parade was not going into Delray Beach. It's the second year that the CRA is running the boat parade. Previously Boynton Beach city staff had run the

boat parade after a local Kiwanis group had organized it for decades.

"We had reached out to the new (Delray Beach) Parks and Recreation Director, but never heard back," Vivian Brooks, CRA executive director, told the board. "My concern is that we are sending our boats into Delray Beach — same as last year — it's a whole other city, and is that a wise use of CRA tax dollars?"

"We had a commitment last year to help offset the costs from Mr. (Reeve) Bright of Delray Beach but received nothing," Brooks said.

Bright, who ran the boat parade with the Kiwanis for more than 30 years, could not be reached for comment. In 2014, he told the Boynton Beach CRA board that in those years the city of Boynton Beach never contributed money for the boat parade.

The 2015 Holiday Boat Parade will start at the base of the Lantana Bridge, then travel south through Boynton Beach and Delray Beach where it will end at the C-15 canal. ★

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## Boca Raton

## Beach access mats give new freedom to people with disabilities

By Jane Smith

Ken Parker, who lost his legs to a serious kidney disease more than five years ago, paid a visit to South Beach Park in Boca Raton late in November.

"Wow," he said as he rolled his wheelchair down recently installed beach access mats. "I haven't been to the beach since before I lost my legs." He even lowered himself from his wheelchair using a stool and sat in the sand. He wished he had remembered to bring a towel.

Parker, an advocate for disabled people who worked as an industrial designer, was trying out – at *The Coastal Star's* request – the beach access mats that had been installed thanks to the Boca Raton Advisory Board for People with Disabilities.

The board pushed for nearly four years for the mats, according to board Chair Sandra Gottfried, which allow disabled people who use wheelchairs or walkers, moms pushing baby strollers and people pulling wheeled coolers to move over the sand easily. Even able-bodied beach goers walk on them.

Boca Raton is the first Palm Beach County city to have the beach access mats, installing them at South Beach Park and Spanish River Park on Nov. 1 – the end of turtle-nesting season. The bright blue polyester AccessMats will



Delray Beach resident Ken Parker gazes upon the Atlantic Ocean at South Beach Park in Boca Raton. The city has purchased and installed mats to even out the beach sand and make the inclines toward the water more navigable for people who come with wheelchairs, strollers or canes. Once the mats reach the rack line on the beach, they form a T where users can stay to enjoy ocean views. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

be rolled up by March 1 for the start of the next nesting season.

For Parker, the mats provide beach access while still maintaining much-valued independence.

As a participant at a recent meeting on Delray Beach's beach plan, Parker told commissioners that while he's very mobile using his own wheelchair, he wouldn't be able to use a special sand

wheelchair at the beach unless accompanied by someone strong.

"It makes a difference between being a disabled person and being independent vs. being a disabled person that is dependent on another person," he explained at the November meeting.

Boca Raton's \$11,992 AccessMats are 5 feet wide and start at the top of the beach walkway. They go down the

beach to the rack line, where seaweed accumulates, and form a T.

If the mats went closer to the ocean, they could get wet and become slippery. Because they're used outside, they do not have to be slip resistant, said Michelle Cook, accessibility specialist at the National Center for Accessibility in Bloomington, Indiana.

When the mats are used on an incline, they can be slippery, users have reported to Cook. At the South Beach Park Pavilion where the mats are on an incline, their surface was slippery after a rain, Gottfried reported when she saw them after they were installed. "Even for able-bodied people the mats were dangerous to walk on," she wrote in a Nov. 5 email to the city.

Boca Raton's Recreation Services Department took her complaint seriously. It sent staff to check the anchor rods, relayed her concerns to the manufacturer and contacted other Florida cities that use the AccessMats brand. The cities gave positive reviews of the mats, Superintendent Greg Stevens wrote in reply.

The differences, according to staff, were related to the slope of the beach. At Spanish River Park, the mats sit on level ground. South Beach has an incline where staff will check the anchoring daily.

The staff also explained the city's procurement process to Gottfried. The disabilities advisory board had recommended the Mobi-Mat brand, but the city bought AccessMats. Boca Raton rules do not allow a specific brand to be requested. The Recreation Services staff used the specifications of the Mobi-Mat brand in its request for bids, said Buddy Parks, deputy director.

"Several staff checked it, including engineers," Parks said. "We checked with other cities and they said they loved it (AccessMats)." The two brands are extremely close in quality, said Cook of the Accessibility Center.

AccessRec, maker of AccessMats, gave the city a better price, a savings of nearly \$2,400. The mats come with a 1-year warranty. If properly installed and maintained, they will last more than 5 years, said Seb Ragon, vice president at AccessRec.

Gottfried is satisfied that the city staff acted quickly to ensure the safety of all beach goers.

Mayor Susan Haynie said she has heard only positive things about the mats.

"The beaches are accessible to all," she said. "The idea came from our disabilities advisory board and we listened to them." ★

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**Boca Raton**

**Gumbo Limbo's new boardwalk to have ramp for disabled nature lovers**

By Steve Plunkett

Disabled people will be able to enjoy the boardwalk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center when it reopens next spring.

The boardwalk, which has been closed for repairs since February, will be getting a ramp to make the structure compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Mike Krill of consultant Miller Legg and Associates, which is developing a master plan for Red Reef Park, gave the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District an update on the boardwalk project Nov. 2.

The boardwalk's observation tower is intact and will need only minor structural improvements, Krill told district commissioners. He said he expects the project to be put out to bid and a contractor selected by early January, with repairs on the tower and eastern portion of the boardwalk and construction of the pedestrian ramp to take three to four months. May 1 is the target for completion, Krill said.

Separately, commissioners learned that short-term repairs to the pipes that bring seawater to Gumbo Limbo's fish tanks will cost no more than \$30,000.

On the boardwalk project,

workers will use the area between the Gumbo Limbo parking lot and the boardwalk as a staging area, Krill said.

When the first phase is finished, park patrons will also be able to access the boardwalk from the golf course parking lot. No access to the tower from State Road A1A is planned due to safety reasons and to avoid disturbing the vegetation, Krill said.

Repairs to the western part of the boardwalk should be finished no later than December 2016, Krill said.

The boardwalk was closed to the public in February after engineers said joists under the planks had "no positive means of support" and "could fail without warning." Repairs originally were to be completed by the end of the year.

In mid-September Miller Legg discovered electrical wiring for a call box and public address system under the planks as well as a PVC water pipe for cleaning the boardwalk. Neither was included in plans to restore the boardwalk and had to be added.

The city of Boca Raton owns Red Reef Park and Gumbo Limbo, but the beach and park district pays for operation and maintenance of the facilities. ★

**Highland Beach**

**Instructors who use library must register and pay fees**

By Rich Pollack

Yoga instructors and others teaching classes at the Highland Beach Pubic Library will now be designated as independent contractors and required to pay a small monthly fee to use the facility.

Under a new policy approved at the Dec. 1 town commission meeting, those teaching classes at the library will be permitted to set their own class fees and be responsible for collecting those fees.

Instructors will now pay the town \$10 a month for usage of a small room at the library and \$20 for usage of a larger room.

They will also be required to enter into an independent contractor agreement, which will make it possible for the town to complete background checks and ensure that instructors have the necessary insurance.

"The new policy clearly defines expectations on both parts," said Interim Library Director Suzy Hayes.

The policy prohibits instructors from using town equipment such as computers

and copy machines and requires all materials used to promote classes to be approved by the town.

"This is long overdue," said Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker. "Many years overdue."

Town officials asked for the policy to be developed after it was determined that instructors of some programs at the library were collecting class fees but were not required to pay the town anything to use the facility. Also, no background checks or proof of insurance had been required in the past.

"We don't want the town to be inadvertent employers," said town attorney Glen Torcivia. "We're simply renting the facility to independent contractors."

The new policy also requires anyone who presents at a library program — but who is not paid — to complete a volunteer program presenter application.

The library staff is permitted to register participants and registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis with town residents given a priority. ★

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## Highland Beach



**ABOVE:** Cindy Feder (l-r), Sandy Israel and Emmanuel 'Malo' Forde practice their coloring techniques during an adult coloring club gathering at the Highland Beach Library. **BELOW:** Detail of Israel's coloring project. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

## Adults de-stress as they color like kids

By Lucy Lazarony

At the Highland Beach Library, grown-ups are taking a page out of a children's playbook. They color.

An adult coloring club meets on Wednesday afternoons.

"We say arrive any time between 1 and 3," says Suzi Hayes, interim director of the Highland Beach Library. "It's designed to be a way to put down your phone and get away from it all."

And there's no need to stay the whole time.

"If you want to come in for 20 minutes, that's fine," Hayes says. "If you want to stay for an hour or two, that's fine, too."

The aim of the afternoon is de-stressing. Colored pencils and handouts with various designs and themes are provided. Classical music plays in the background.

"It's also a creative outlet," Hayes says. "Personally, I've had a coloring book and crayons at home for years and years, mostly when a young child was visiting, but I love to color. The first session one resident said she was going to take it home and show her grandchildren. It's kind of a happy thing. They may be decorating their refrigerator with it or a bulletin board or



showing it off to the grandkids."

Many of the pictures provided for coloring at the Highland Beach Library are much more complicated than you would see in a child's coloring book. Hayes chose sample sheets of fish, flowers, birds, stained glass windows, intricate geometric designs, snowflakes, buildings, cars, sports scenes and even the Brooklyn Bridge for any visiting New Yorkers.

Joan and Leo Pruner, who live in Seagate in Highland Beach, are attending their first coloring session. Compared to oil painting, the coloring is a snap.

"We used to paint oils and it's a lot of stuff to drag around and work on," Joan Pruner says. "So

I said, 'Let's try this.'"

Joan is coloring an ornate bird surrounded by an intricate design of flowers and Leo is coloring a peaceful underwater scene.

Across the table from the Pruners, Malo Forde, 77, also of Highland Beach is coloring a stained glass window with a young woman at its center.

He was reading *The Wall Street Journal* when someone asked if he was there for the coloring, so he joined in.

"It's kind of therapeutic and very pleasant conversation," Forde says. "So it's very nice. It's a lovely, different sort of thing. I am going to bring it back and show my wife that I was doing more than reading the newspaper." ★

## Negotiations underway for fire truck, rescue vehicle and staffing

By Rich Pollack

The town of Highland Beach, which has been without a fire truck of its own since the summer, is wrapping up negotiations with Delray Beach on a proposed long-term contract in which the larger city would provide a fire truck and a rescue vehicle while continuing to staff both.

At the same time, Highland Beach town leaders have not stopped looking at additional fire-service alternatives, including using services and equipment from other nearby communities.

"We're about 90 percent there but there's always that last 10 percent," said Highland Beach Town Attorney Glen Torcivia. "We're not closing the door on any other options."

The town has had discussions with representatives from Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Torcivia said. The town also considered being part of an effort investigating the feasibility of a barrier island fire district, but recently backed out of that discussion.

Under a current contract that expires in 2017, Highland Beach pays Delray Beach Fire-Rescue to provide staffing for a ladder truck and a rescue truck, which operate out of a town-owned fire station.

Although Delray Beach is not required to provide equipment to Highland Beach, it provided a truck at no cost when Highland Beach's aging ladder truck was frequently broken down and out of service.

Highland Beach now pays \$8,500 a month to use a Delray Beach ladder truck, but continues to operate its own 10 year-old rescue truck.

Under the proposed contract being negotiated, Delray Beach would lease a truck and a new rescue vehicle and would own the equipment after 10 years.

Highland Beach would reimburse Delray for the monthly payments and would have the opportunity to buy the vehicles from Delray Beach for \$10 after the 10-year term expires.

Delray Beach Fire-Rescue

Chief Danielle Connor estimates it would cost the town about \$150,000 a year for both vehicles. She also pointed out that the cost of staffing the trucks would fluctuate based on the city's actual staffing costs.

The contract includes a clause that allows either side to cancel the agreement with one year's notice.

Under the agreement, Highland Beach's name would be on the ladder portion of the truck, Connor said, but Delray Beach Fire-Rescue would be on the door.

Highland Beach sold its 20-year-old fire truck at auction this summer for \$6,000. But its quest for a new firetruck goes back more than five years, when residents voted against approving the purchase of a new truck in a referendum. The town charter requires most purchases over \$350,000 to be approved by voters.

The current negotiations, according to Torcivia and Connor, have been slowed by conversations Delray Beach had with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue about the county possibly taking over Delray Beach's fire-rescue service. Those talks have been discontinued.

"We had mutually agreed to delay discussions with Highland Beach while the city of Delray Beach explored consolidation with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue," Connor said.

**In other news,** it appears Highland Beach will not need a municipal election this spring since no one is challenging Commissioner Carl Feldman for his seat. Filing closed at noon on Nov. 24 with Feldman being the sole candidate for the three-year commission seat.

Commissioners also reminded residents at their November meeting that the town's annual Light Up the Holidays celebration will be held at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 at town hall. The free event will feature a performance from the award-winning Dimensional Harmony Choir of Boynton Beach and will include treats and beverages at no charge. ★

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## Delray Beach

# Delray implementing restrictions for sidewalk cafes

By Jane Smith

Downtown Delray Beach restaurants that want to have sidewalk cafes on public property now have amended rules to follow.

City commissioners decided Nov. 10 that Atlantic Avenue restaurants east of the Intracoastal Waterway with a 6-foot pedestrian path could have tables along the curb and along the storefront. The city's engineering department had said restaurants have to choose one, but planning staff said the eateries could have both.

West of the waterway, along

Atlantic Avenue, restaurants need a 7-foot-wide path to be able to place tables along the curb and the storefront.

No tables will be allowed on Second Avenue where Gary Rack's Fat Rooster and The Office previously had sidewalk tables. "There are too many people there all of the time," Mayor Cary Glickstein said at the workshop. "There are people lining up to get into the restaurants, people stopping to chat with diners." Plus, the Second Avenue sidewalk sits next to a travel lane where there is no barrier between the road and the tables, he said.

"Up until two weeks ago, we had six tables out there (on Southeast Second Avenue)," Nic Henderson, general manager of Fat Rooster, said in mid-November. He referred further explanation to Gary Rack, restaurant owner, who could not be reached.

The Office also had tables on Northeast Second Avenue where it did not have the required 6-foot clearance. The restaurant had applied for a waiver but was denied. A manager directed questions to its parent corporation, BurgerFi, in North Palm Beach. But no one there could be reached for comment.

Also, the commission decided staff could not enforce the ordinance on private property.

Michael Coleman, Community Improvement director who oversees the code enforcement workers, had sought direction from the commission. His staff was caught between the looser restrictions of the planning staff and the stricter interpretations of the engineering staff.

Restaurants pay a \$150 annual fee and \$4.75 per square foot to have a sidewalk café.

"We work with the owners to get a solution," Coleman said. "The ordinance calls for a 6-foot

clearance, but some restaurants have only 5-feet-plus because of trees or power poles on their sidewalks. We will work with them."

He tells his staff to use discretion and common sense when working with the restaurant owners to enforce the sidewalk café ordinance.

In the nearly 12 months he's run the department, his code enforcement team has not cited a restaurant.

"We want to create a safe place for all people to be able to enjoy the downtown and allow the restaurant owners to make money," Coleman said. ★

## City looks at tweaks to iPic project; follow-up traffic study planned

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach planning staff is reviewing the latest changes submitted by the proposed iPic movie theater to ensure the revisions comply with city rules and a commission directive to reduce the project's size.

The question remains whether the developer's changes are enough to allow the project to proceed through the city's approval process. Next stop would be the Dec. 16 Site Plan Review and Approval Board. As of press time, planners were still reviewing the submission.

The iPic project received approval at an Aug. 18 city commission meeting. Mayor Cary Glickstein asked the company to reduce the size and "let some air out of the tires," but he did not give specifics.

The latest plan shows small changes in the project, but it's unclear whether they addressed the mayor's concerns.

It now has 31 fewer seats among the eight movie

auditoriums for a total of 498 seats, an alley that is 4 feet wider at 24 feet, the retail square footage was reduced by 499 square feet to 7,487 and the office space grew slightly by 708 square feet to nearly 42,000.

"The areas of elevator/stair access space greatly increased because now the third-level outdoor terrace is accessible by the public," Bonnie Miskel, an iPic land-use attorney, wrote Nov. 20. She was responding to questions from principal planner Scott Pape. "This has affected every floor in the building."

Commissioner Mitch Katz had asked for public access to the terrace.

Another area of disagreement was the number of public parking spaces provided. Pape said 98 spaces needed to be supplied, but Miskel countered that iPic had agreed to provide 90 spaces and that it would add four from a nearby property that will be part of the project.

"There is no reason to slow

down the design process over the management and maintenance of the public parking," Miskel wrote. "We have addressed the design questions related to the spaces by showing the public parking spaces' location and the location of the gate."

She also agreed to place signs on southbound Federal Highway indicating that dropping off of movie patrons is prohibited, encourage valet use so that movie patrons don't park in the public spaces and to do a traffic study in one year from

its final approval to determine the number of conflicts created by vehicles stopping on southbound Federal to drop off movie-goers.

In addition, the inability of the iPic owners to purchase the city's Community Redevelopment Agency-owned Old Library Site for \$3.6 million in the current budget year has affected the CRA's finances.

At the Nov. 19 CRA meeting, six board members agreed to extend the interest-only payments on the CRA's 2012 bonds for two years and move

the maturity date to Oct. 1, 2020. CRA member Cathy Balestriere was absent.

The money must be used for public projects to allow the bond holders to avoid paying federal income tax on the interest earned.

The CRA board also approved securing a \$2 million revolving line of credit for three years with interest-only payments at a 2.78 percent interest rate from City National Bank. The CRA already has a \$1.3 million line of credit from that bank. ★

## Appeal to inspector general fails to affect iPic approval

By Jane Smith

The county's inspector general won't be getting involved in the Delray Beach City Commission's decision to allow an iPic movie theater to open in its downtown.

On Aug. 18, the City Commission held a quasi-judicial hearing on the iPic project that will include eight movie theaters, office space in two levels, retail space along Southeast Fourth Avenue and a three-level parking garage.

The hearing spilled over into the next morning when commissioners voted 4-1 for the theater concept, 3-2 for the alley abandonment and 3-2 for the height increase.

Vice Mayor Shelly Petrolia, who voted no to all three, filed a complaint Aug. 21 with the Inspector General's Office.

She objected to the city

giving the alley to iPic's owners, which she said violated the city's land use regulations that say rights of way should not be abandoned if needed for a public purpose.

The Inspector General's Office responded in late September to Petrolia.

The office does not have the authority that allows "reweighing evidence presented to duly-elected officials in their official capacities at quasi-judicial hearings or substituting our judgment with regard to discretionary decisions."

"I understand their decision and I respect it," Petrolia said. "I don't think they wanted to insert themselves in a decision-making process by a city commission."

"But I am disappointed we violated our rules and didn't follow our own codes." ★



Seasonal high tides inundated the walkway along the docks at Veterans Park in Delray Beach on Nov. 25. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

## Park docks closed for safety review

By Jane Smith

Delray Beach closed its public boat docks at Veterans Park in late November while it assesses the stability of the structures at 802 NE First St.

The city sent out a consulting engineer to review the stability of the docks and seawall at the park, the docks at the city's marina and also a portion of Marine Way between Southeast First Street and the Deck 84 restaurant, said Randal Krejcarek, director of Environmental Services.

That report won't be finished until early next year when it will be reviewed by the city commission for possible fixes, Krejcarek said.

"The elevation of the Intracoastal Waterway is actually higher than the road (portion of Marine Way)," he said. "We want to be sure the road can handle the weight of a garbage truck without cracking the water main" that lies 30 inches below the road surface. Traffic is limited to residents only in that area.

That portion of Marine Way shows erosion and cracking, made worse by the king tides in late October, Krejcarek said.

The other areas of Veterans Park remain open, the city said. ★



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## Boca Raton

## Unhappy with building's look, city examines design guidelines

By Mary Hladky

Dissatisfied with the appearance of The Mark at CityScape and concerned that more buildings with design flaws will sprout up downtown, the Boca Raton City Council is considering a major change to how developers' proposals for new projects are vetted.

The idea is to replace the city's downtown design consultant with either an architectural consultant or hire an architect who would be part of city staff.

City Manager Leif Ahnell will analyze this and other recommendations made to the council, sitting Nov. 9 as the Community Redevelopment Agency board, and report back — possibly by the end of the year.

The city's downtown design consultant, Urban Design Associates, recommended itself out of a job as one of its proposals to improve the process of overseeing downtown development projects.

UDA was brought in to do a downtown design overhaul after residents complained of monolithic and unattractive buildings going up. Its interim design guidelines allowed developers to build taller buildings provided their plans included pedestrian-oriented streets, public spaces and landscaping, as well as building setbacks and a varied skyline.

But the guidelines have come under strong criticism this year. Eric Osth, managing principal of UDA, told council members an architectural consultant could better help the city meet its goals.



The Mark at CityScape has been criticized for its appearance. **File photo**

An architectural consultant would review all downtown projects, make recommendations, keep a record of the effectiveness of downtown design guidelines and hold design review meetings, Osth said.

Osth also proposed adding design criteria for streets and landscaping, reviewing downtown design guidelines every two years and replacing the interim guidelines with a "pattern book" that spells out what developers can and can't do. Some council members took Osth's recommendation for an architectural consultant one step further by suggesting hiring a city architect instead.

"I think hiring a city architect is a wonderful idea," said Mayor Susan Haynie. "That is where we are going to ensure we meet the goals we set up."

Deputy Mayor Robert Weinroth agreed, adding, "There is a need for us to go to the next step now that we see UDA is probably eager to hand this off."

Council member Jeremy

Rodgers didn't say if he liked the idea, but remarked that residents are "more trusting" of city staff than consultants.

Two other council members voiced reservations.

A city architect would need an office and staff, said council member Michael Mullaugh. "We don't need that," he said.

Council member Scott Singer said he had "concerns" about adding more staff to oversee downtown development.

Ahnell didn't voice an opinion, but said "there would not be a lack of work" for an architect and the money spent on a consultant could instead be used to pay for this position.

Concerns about how well the city was riding herd over the design of new downtown buildings was heightened upon the completion of The Mark, a mix of retail, offices and 208 apartments at the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Palmetto Park Road.

The Mark was the first project approved under interim guidelines implemented in 2008 that allow buildings 40 feet

taller than the 120-foot limit in much of downtown as long as they are aesthetically pleasing.

But many residents speaking at an April 30 meeting to assess how well the guidelines worked for The Mark found fault with its appearance, saying it was bulky and unappealing. They called for the interim guidelines to be overhauled, if not scrapped.

UDA was tasked with making recommendations to the CRA on what changes should be made, and Osth did that at the Nov. 9 meeting.

He also largely repeated his April assessment that the interim guidelines largely worked as intended on The Mark, producing a good-looking building.

But he reiterated that there were some problems with how the project turned out, including tinted windows that prevent people from looking into the shops, sidewalks that are not pedestrian-friendly and the lack of varying paint colors on the exterior that would make the project look better and less

massive.

The review has highlighted another problem: The Mark's design was approved by UDA and city staff, but changes were later made by the city's Community Appearance Board that turned out to be not for the better.

That spurred discussion at the Nov. 9 meeting that perhaps the appearance board should be eliminated. The idea that gained more traction, however, was that projects should not come to the CRA for approval until after the appearance board weighs in.

Another lingering issue is that the city has approved three other projects under the guidelines even though The Mark had not been completed and the results assessed.

Haynie asked that two projects under construction — the Hyatt Hotel located immediately west of The Mark and the Via Mizner multi-use development at the corner of East Camino Real and Federal Highway — be evaluated now to catch any design problems that might have crept in after they were approved before it is too late to make changes.

Although much remains up in the air, several residents said they liked what they heard at the meeting.

"I think this is the best meeting at City Hall I have ever attended," said John Gore, president of BocaBeautiful.org, which wants to maintain a beautiful downtown.

"If the CRA follows through on what was said today, it will be a great step forward," said Al Zucaro, chairman of the city watchdog website BocaWatch.org. ★

## MANDARIN

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Mandarin Oriental hotels in the United States are in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Las Vegas.

Mandarin Oriental, known for its service and fine dining, will provide competition to the Boca Raton Resort & Club and the Hyatt hotel that is now under construction at the southeast corner of Federal

Highway and Palmetto Park Road.

"It certainly is a very luxurious landmark hotel," said Mayor Susan Haynie. "I think it would be a positive for our community."

But Haynie, who had not reviewed the site plan as of late November, said she wants assurances that the hotel and condo will be attractive and meet all city codes in light of the controversy surrounding the appearance of The Mark at

CityScape. That project next to the Hyatt is a mix of retail, offices and 208 apartments.

The hotel and condo could escape opposition from residents who have objected to some proposed downtown projects. That's because the three Via Mizner towers will not exceed the 160-foot height limits in parts of downtown that fall under the Interim Design Guidelines implemented by the city in 2008.

"I think having a Mandarin Oriental would be good for downtown," said Ann Witte, a financial and economic consultant who helped launch the city watchdog website BocaWatch.org and now is vice president of BocaBeautiful.org. Both organizations oppose unrestrained downtown development. "I don't think we will fight the project."

That said, she opposes the approval of two modifications Penn-Florida is seeking for a driveway and parking garage at the hotel and condo buildings and continues to call for the design guidelines to be scrapped.

BocaWatch chairman Al Zucaro, in a Nov. 24 online commentary, criticized the city planning and zoning board's Nov. 19 approval of the two modifications by a 4-3 vote. He said the board should have required design changes and the city should not approve new developments until a final decision is made on keeping, amending or eliminating the design guidelines.

The city council, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency board, will take up the

matter later this year. The city also must approve amendments to Via Mizner's original plans that did not include the hotel and condos.

The hotel will have a rooftop restaurant, outdoor terrace and bar, banquet and meeting space, ballroom, fitness center, spa and rooftop pool.

Via Mizner also will include retail, offices, restaurants and a private club.

"Via Mizner will be one of the premier mixed-use projects in the country and Mandarin Oriental will raise the bar for hospitality and contemporary living in South Florida," Mark Gensheimer, Penn-Florida president and CEO, said in a statement.

Penn-Florida has developed many projects in Boca Raton, including One City Centre at 1 North Federal Hwy. and Atrium Financial Center at 1515 North Federal Hwy. Its proposed University Village is working its way through city approvals. The project on nearly 80 acres at Interstate 95 and Spanish River Boulevard would include residential units, retail and office space. ★

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# BEACH HOUSE

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Florida,” warned resident Kevin Meaney at the Nov. 12 meeting attended by about 30 residents. “Please don’t open Pandora’s box.”

Natural Lands LLC had sought two variances to build the house: an 11.5-foot variance from the minimum lot width of 100 feet; and a 14.7-foot variance from the minimum front yard setback of 25 feet.

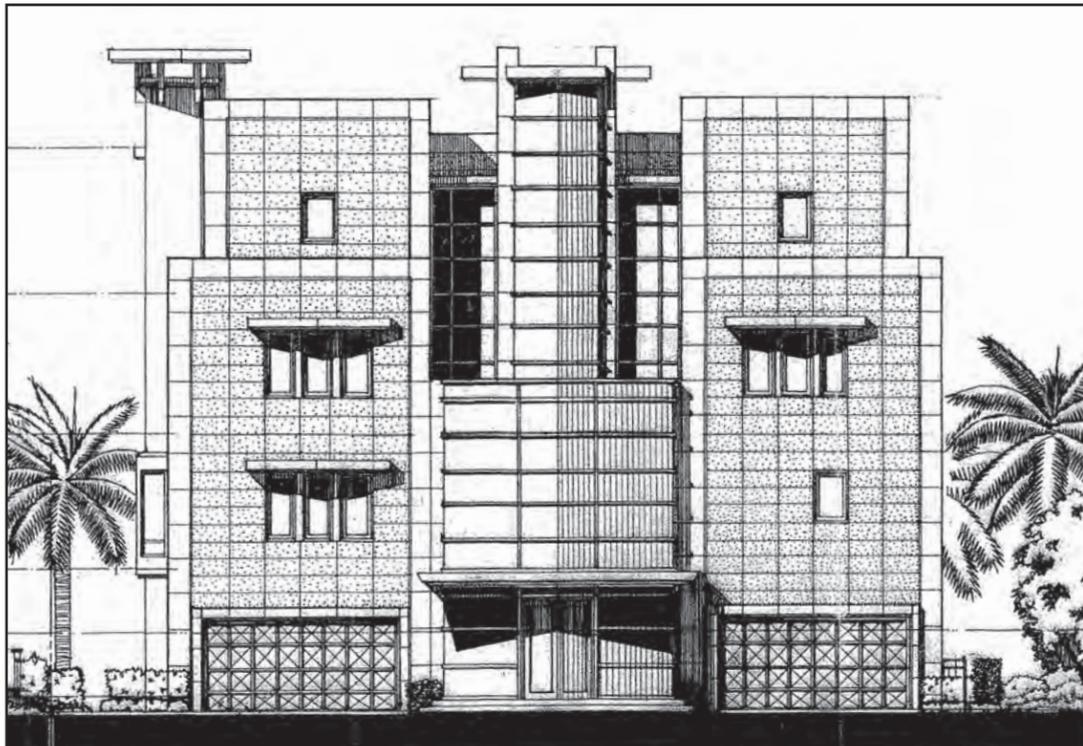
After hearing concerns from residents, the board denied both. The lot-width variance was denied with a 3-3 vote (four votes are required for approval) and the front-yard-setback variance was denied with a 5-1 vote.

Attorney Michael Marshall, who represented the property owner, called residents’ claims “rank speculation” and “unsubstantiated facts.”

“We have a right to build on the property and we have the right to seek a variance,” Marshall said.

Board chairman Spencer Siegel said if a smaller house were built on the property, the front yard setback would be unnecessary because the house could be placed closer to the ocean.

Board member Hendrik DeMello said the zoning allows the property owner to build a smaller house without requiring variances.



The 10,432-square-foot, four-story house proposed for 2500 N. Ocean Blvd. Rendering provided

“What is the hardship, given the location of the property?” DeMello wondered. “It does not have a hardship. I don’t see a hardship. The applicant is required to prove a hardship.”

Board member John Purland noted the property owner bought the land in 2011 knowing full well what sort of building limitations existed.

“If the property was purchased and the setbacks had been different at that time, it would be different. But this opens up the door for every property owner,” Purland said. “I don’t see how you could put

that (house) in there and justify the variance.”

Attorney W. Tucker Gibbs, who spoke on behalf of the nearby Ocean Club Condominium residents, said the need for two variances was the direct result of a property owner purchasing an unbuildable lot. He urged denial of both.

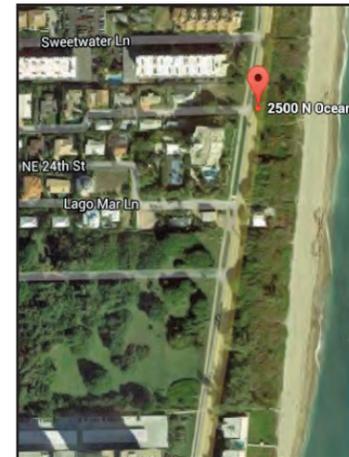
“The applicant has not presented any special conditions that require the setback variance,” Gibbs argued. “He doesn’t have to build a 10,000-square-foot building. He could build a

smaller one.”

Resident Ryan Dick worried that approving the variances would “open up the floodgates” for even more beachside development.

“It opens up a huge can of worms for the future,” Dick said. “When is it going to end? We are granting all these variances for the benefit of a few and it always seems that the few are financially motivated.”

Resident Mark Mannix, who also spoke at the Nov. 12 meeting, was pleased with the result. “It’s a victory for the people,” Mannix said



afterward. “Along that whole beach there are tons of sea turtle nests and there aren’t many places where the sea turtles can go where it’s that dark.”

He acknowledged the decision could be appealed.

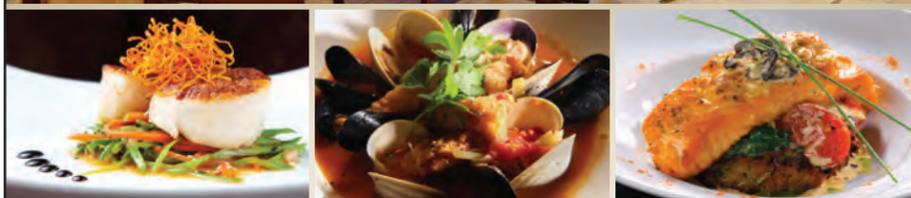
“I would like to see the city of Boca Raton pay a half a million dollars and make sure no one ever builds on that piece of property,” Mannix said.

The property has an active history. The Zoning Board of Adjustment first considered the matter in August 2015, voting 3-2 in favor of the project. But approving a variance requires four “yes” votes so the matter failed.

Natural Lands LLC filed an appeal, which was heard by the City Council in September 2015. The council remanded the case back to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration a second time and the project was denied. ★

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## Along the Coast

# Delray coach encourages young batoners to give it a twirl

By Emily J. Minor

Each Thursday, right after the afternoon bell, Jeanne Chwalik's youngest proteges scramble into the gymnasium at St. Vincent Ferrer School in Delray Beach. They're little, and sometimes not all that keen about paying attention this time of day.

After all, mastering the "around-the-world" baton trick can be almost as tiring as practicing your lower-case letters, especially when you're 5.

Their mentors — older students Chwalik has worked with for years — are already in the gym, warming up, music going, getting ready to keep everyone in line.

Then in floats Miss Jeanne, adorable and smiling, the woman who for 50 years has kept everyone coming and going — to Nationals and Twirl Mania and even the Macy's Holiday Parade in Orlando.

"It's my creativity," says Chwalik, 73, who began teaching twirling when she was 16. "I don't paint. I don't sing. I twirl."

Baton twirling dates back centuries, although our predecessors used guns and knives and flames to show off their twirling skills. "Twirling requires a lot of agility," Chwalik says.

But ever since Chwalik fell in love with twirling back in Niles, Ohio, she's worked to pass on her passion to generations of youngsters, mostly female. When she first came to Florida in 1965, her twirling troupe was called the Delray Beach Debs, as in debutantes. Today, they perform as the South Florida Dynamics, a name they've held since 1998.

Chwalik and her performers are nationally recognized and have been to Australia, the Netherlands, Vancouver and, yes, even Jacksonville, to compete. They march in the Delray Beach Christmas parade. They make the trek to Orlando to march in the holiday parade at Universal.

And all that twirling, a lot of it in sync with the girl to your left and the girl to your right, takes practice — the younger kids on Thursday, the older ones the day before.

"I always say I don't care whether we win or lose," says Chwalik, smiling. "But I really do."

With her firm schoolteacher voice, pretty face and understanding smile, Chwalik teaches the girls not just about their step-ball-changes, two-turn twirls and blind catches. She teaches them about team building and persistence, dedication and passion. She also knows how to laugh.

"Miss Jeanne is amazing," says Erin Craig, a pharmacist at the family-owned Gulfstream Pharmacy in Briny Breezes, whose daughter, Lexi, now



**LEFT:** Jeanne Chwalik has been mentoring young twirlers in Palm Beach County for more than 50 years. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star



**FAR LEFT:** Lexi Craig was part of the Dynamics halftime performance during the FAU vs. University of Miami game in Boca Raton in September.

**ABOVE:** Christy Abel, a student of Chwalik's for 31 years, instructs a group of twirlers.



**LEFT:** Elliette Vancek, of Delray Beach keeps her eye on the baton during practice in the gym at St. Vincent Ferrer School.

takes classes from Chwalik.

Parent Jennifer Vancek says her two young daughters, Reese, 8, and Elliette, 6, have fallen in love with twirling — just like their grandmother did when she herself was little. Vancek never took up baton twirling, but her mother did. "It definitely is a big part of their bonding, that's for sure," Vancek says about her mother and her two girls.

Lindsey Finkel, 23, Chwalik's chief assistant and considered her top protege

to direct the Dynamics when Chwalik retires, says she's constantly running into people, just about everywhere, who once twirled under Chwalik. Finkel has been twirling since she was 3.

"I started at the civic center and they just kind of realized I had potential, so they moved me up," Finkel says. "My friends, when they see me twirl, they have a new kind of respect. Everyone just always thinks of the majorette when you say twirling."

Indeed, it was the quintessential 1950s majorette that got Chwalik interested in baton twirling, and thus changed the lives of so many schoolgirls.

Chwalik can remember being at home when she heard the local high school band marching down her street on the way to practice.

She looked out the window of their house on Wade Avenue in Niles, saw young women twirling batons, and fell in love. "I just remember thinking,

'Oh, I want to do that,' " she recalls.

So she has, for nearly 60 years now, bringing grace and confidence to her students in Palm Beach County.

Of course, with all those kids swinging all those batons, practice is rarely drama-free.

"We have ice on somebody just about every week," Chwalik notes.

Because when you're one of Miss Jeanne's Dynamics, the show must go on. ★



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## Boca Raton

## Residents want traffic fixes for East Palmetto Park intersection

By Sallie James

Lower the speed limit. Seize property for turning lanes through eminent domain. Eliminate U-turns. Restore bicycle lanes.

Those were just a few suggestions Boca Raton residents had for traffic consultants during a standing-room-only workshop last month to discuss the congested intersection of East Palmetto Park Road and Northeast/Southeast Fifth Avenue.

Nearly 100 concerned residents flocked to the community room of the downtown library to offer suggestions and meet with traffic consultants. And those in attendance had a lot to say.

"The corner of Fifth Avenue and Palmetto Park Road is dangerous," said resident Kevin Meaney. "I've almost been killed on my bike, on foot and in my car."

Meaney wants the turning lanes at the heavily trafficked intersection restored and Fifth Avenue widened by adding extra space on the southeast corner through eminent domain.

Those in attendance divided into small groups and marked their concerns on huge aerial photos showing the intersection and nearby neighborhoods. Residents also itemized their ideas on poster-sized lists that were turned



Two Boca residents examine aerial photos of the troubled intersection of East Palmetto Park Road and Fifth Avenue. Sallie James/The Coastal Star

over to the traffic consultants for consideration.

Both sides left the nearly three-hour-long meeting hopeful that progress had been made.

"This is great input. This is what we are looking for," said Rasem Awwad, city traffic operations engineer. "It was certainly a big turnout. There was a lot of interesting input."

The intersection is already too narrow and congested to adequately accommodate existing traffic. North/south bicycle lanes on Northeast Fifth Avenue taper into non-existence on the intersection's north side at Palmetto Park Road, forcing cyclists into the traffic lanes because the roadway is too narrow.

The Trattoria Romano restaurant on the northwest corner of the intersection also

creates traffic tie-ups when valets and restaurant patrons block traffic as they attempt to turn in and pull out of the restaurant parking lot on Northeast Fifth Avenue.

Adding to the problem are intermittent backups created when the Palmetto bridge to the east goes up to allow the passage of boat traffic.

Meaney and other residents wondered if the traffic consultants realized that a nearby Publix grocery store at Federal Highway at Northeast Fifth Avenue was currently closed for remodeling and that shoppers were going elsewhere right now.

Residents from 427 homes in the Riviera Homeowners Association and thousands of others who live in beachside condos are not shopping there right now, residents said.

## Ideas submitted at workshop

- Consider lowering speed limit on Fifth Avenue
- No four lanes on Fifth Avenue
- Put medians on Fifth Avenue
- No more valet parking on sidewalk at northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Palmetto Park Road
- Use eminent domain for more lanes on the southwest corner
- Put three lanes heading north on the south side of Palmetto Park Road
- Shorten median on west side of intersection
- Explore pedestrian/car conflict (left- and right-turn lanes through crosswalk)
- Retake traffic counts in January
- Create deterrent for cut-through traffic to US 1

"Their experts missed that," said Por La Mar resident Keith Nelson. "Everyone is going to Camino and Federal to the other Publix to shop."

Resident Tony Puerta, who lives in the Golden Triangle, said the northeast corner turning radius needs to be improved to make the intersection safer.

"Westbound cars on Palmetto block the road and cause traffic to back up, so if there was a right-turn lane it would ease the problem," Puerta predicted. Like Meaney, he wants the city to acquire additional property on the southeast corner of the intersection through eminent domain.

Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, who attended the workshop, said eminent domain is one possible way to

fix the intersection gridlock.

"It is a potential process for adding new lanes," Haynie conceded. That land is owned by Cal Haddad, who also owns Fifth Avenue Place on the intersection's northwest corner.

Resident Les Wilson, who lives on the western edge of downtown, expressed concern that new development might impede beach access.

Wilson wants the city to eliminate the traffic light at Fifth Avenue and East Palmetto Park Road and route traffic under the bridge or up a few blocks to the west.

Resident Mike DeLuca, who lives walking distance from the intersection, said the crosswalks in the area are dangerous and need to be marked better.

"I want to know if there is any way to make them safer," DeLuca said. He was pleased the city reached out to residents.

"I got to communicate my concerns. We'll see if anything happens but at least I got someone to listen," DeLuca said.

Consultant Richard Cannone of Calvin, Giordano & Associates Inc. pronounced the workshop a success.

"It went extremely well. We encouraged the residents to look at the aerials and find out where they live, and talk about some of the problems they encounter and some possible solutions," Cannone said.

Eric Czerniejewski, director of traffic engineering for the same consulting firm, said the consultants will review the suggestions and concerns, analyze the data they collected and present their findings to City Council members at a future workshop.

"I think we got a lot of good ideas," Czerniejewski said. ★



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## Boca Raton

# Neighbors and pilots oppose development north of airport

By Rich Pollack

A redrawn blueprint for development of one of Boca Raton's largest remaining parcels of undeveloped property got the green light to move forward from the City Council despite concerns from members of the Boca Raton Airport Authority.

During a lengthy meeting last month, crowded by neighbors wearing red shirts to show their opposition to the property owner's proposed master plan, the City Council voted with little comment to rezone the property and allow more intense usages for the University Village mixed-use project. The council did impose several conditions including an increase in buffer zones, the addition of open space and limiting emergency access.

Development of the parcel had been approved in 2013 but that approval allowed for significantly less square footage of usage.

Under the proposed planned mobility master plan, the 77-acre parcel — just north of the Boca Raton Airport and just east of Interstate 95 — could



Neighbors and pilots both cite noise and safety issues as they oppose developing the 77 acres (outlined in red) north of the Boca Raton Airport. **Google Map image/Staff graphic**

eventually include as many as 829 residential units as well as retail, office space and a hotel.

While the two dozen residents who spoke before the council objected primarily to traffic and voiced concerns about impact on neighboring homes, members of the Boca Raton Airport Authority — in an earlier meeting — said they worried about the safety of pilots and residents.

"I'm very opposed to it," said

board member Bill Schwartz, a pilot, during the airport authority's November meeting. "Never mind just the pilot and his passengers but the people living in those buildings — they're a target potentially."

The airport authority did not vote or offer a formal recommendation, but it did send Executive Director Clara Bennett to the City Council meeting where she summarized authority member's concerns.

Bennett pointed out that the project was directly in line with the extended runway center line and would be subject to low altitude overflights and noise from departing and arriving aircraft.

"The residents will be living with noise issues once they

move in," she said. Bennett also addressed concerns with the 85-foot maximum building height allowed.

Authority member Jack Fox, also a pilot, said he would expect to receive noise complaints.

"We have corporate jet aircraft that generate a lot of noise particularly on takeoff and that's going to generate a lot of comments from those who live there," Fox said.

To that point, representatives of the developer — Penn-Florida — said they would ensure that tenants moving into the development were made aware that they were under a flight path and could be subjected to aircraft noise.

While noise was one concern

expressed by airport authority members, it was worries about safety that drew the most attention.

Representing the developer, attorney Charles Siemon told the authority proposed heights appear to be in accordance with FAA requirements. He also said the federal agency would have the opportunity to weigh in on each of the site plans that must be submitted prior to development of parcels within the project.

Airport authority members, however, still expressed concerns. "Currently, if an aircraft is taking off to the northeast and he's 300 or 400 feet and he loses an engine, he has no place to go but to land straight ahead," Fox said. "When that's built up with 1,500 people that's where he'll land."

Attorney Mitch Kirschner, who also represents the developer, said that while there have been two incidents of planes crashing on takeoff or landing in the Boca Raton Airport area since 1985, neither occurred on the property that will be developed.

"We can appreciate the concern, but it appears to be unfounded based on the history of the parcel," he said.

In his comments, however, Fox expressed a deep concern for future residents of the project. "When this is built, it will present a very meaningful danger to anyone who lives in that area," he said. ★

## Airport Authority stays course with legal team

By Rich Pollack

After discussing the possibility of seeking a new outside law firm, the Boca Raton Airport Authority agreed last month to stay with the firm that has represented the board for the last nine years.

"I'm comfortable that we have a situation that doesn't have to be addressed tonight," said Authority member and Deputy Mayor Robert Weinroth.

At the authority's October meeting, Weinroth made a motion to have the board explore the possibility of issuing a request for qualifications for legal services. The motion was tabled until the November meeting.

After a substantial discussion that included a presentation from Dawn Meyers, lead attorney for the board's current law firm of Berger Singerman LLP, authority members agreed not to bring the matter up for a vote.

During the discussion, authority Executive Director Clara Bennett reminded board members that Berger Singerman has not raised its rate of \$250 an hour since it began providing legal services in 2006. She also noted that the authority's annual legal costs had been steadily declining in recent years.

"The trend reflects a continuous reduction in fees based on the long relationship and also based on the level of support this board requires and the level of support this staff

requires," Bennett said.

Meyers, who met individually with board members following the October meeting, said that since Bennett's arrival almost two years ago there's been a shift in the authority's need for legal services.

"Previous boards and managers had a profoundly different way of operating, which up until recently placed a much higher reliance on legal services," Meyers said. "This board approaches the relationship differently than past boards and thus I'm tailoring the nature, manner and tenor to conform with the will of this board."

Meyers said she looked forward to open communication with board members going forward.

"My primary goal is to protect the integrity of this board and the decisions it makes, and to give you the ability to do what you were appointed to do," she said.

In October, Weinroth said that prior to joining the authority, he had concerns about the legal representation the board was receiving but that his opinion had changed. He reiterated that at the November meeting.

"The lawyer has to reflect what the body is," he said. "As the body and the executive director changes, the lawyer has to change how she approaches the client. I think I'm seeing a change in that dynamic." ★



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## 10 Questions

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Terry Fedele

Her lengthy résumé might boggle the minds of some of the most avid volunteers in South County, and her monthly schedule might do the same.

She earned accolades for an even lengthier list of inspired accomplishments at this year's Soroptimist International of Boca Raton / Deerfield Beach Women of Distinction breakfast, which honors female leaders making a difference in the lives of others.

"I feel very, very fortunate," wife, mother, board member and community volunteer Terry Fedele said of the award. "There are many women in this community who give tirelessly of their time, talent and treasure, so I feel extremely blessed to have won."

The 63-year-old coastal Boca Raton resident has lived in the area for seven years and is building a new home with husband Jerry, president and CEO of Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

"We feel like we landed in paradise," Fedele said.

Before moving to Boca Raton, she worked in the Pittsburgh area as a registered nurse at the Allegheny General Hospital Suburban Campus (then called Suburban General) and eventually landed a series of professional roles prior to retiring as executive vice president of hospital operations. Her success in — and passion for — the health-care industry led her to join a long list of boards and committees that share her vision.

Fedele serves on Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation's Hospital Ball, Go Pink Luncheon and golf tournament committees and is coordinator and director



Terry Fedele has been a vital part of the local health-care philanthropy scene since coming to Boca Raton with her husband, Jerry, seven years ago. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

of sales for the Allianz Championship's Women's Pro-Am, which benefits the hospital's Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute. She is a member of

the hospital's Collaborative Care Council and helps its Debbie-Rand Memorial Service League auxiliary group.

She also serves as a board

member of the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center at Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, gives her time to the college's Caring Hearts Auxiliary and co-chairs its Keep Memories Alive walk. She and Jerry will co-chair the American Heart Association's Boca Raton Heart Ball in 2016.

Education is another one of Fedele's passions, so she decided to get involved with the Boca Raton Children's Museum (vice chairwoman of the board), Florence Fuller Child Development Centers (chairwoman of the Men With Caring Hearts Awards Luncheon and co-chairwoman of the Wee Dream Ball) and the George Snow Scholarship Fund's Boca's Ballroom Battle (committee member) and Caribbean Cowboy Ball (co-chairwoman).

"My calendar is full, but that's the way I like it," she said. "The busier I am, the happier I am."

— Amy Woods

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

**A.** I grew up in Pittsburgh, the daughter of blue-collar parents who instilled a strong work ethic in me and the value of education.

**Q.** In what professions have you worked, and which ones make you the proudest?

**A.** I have always been very proud of working in the nursing profession as I enjoy helping others and making a positive difference in their lives.

**Q.** What advice do you have for young adults selecting a career today?

**A.** Select a career that you are passionate about, and do not focus on how much money that choice affords you. Money is a short-term satisfier, and work is a significant part of your daily life.

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

**A.** My husband, Jerry, took a job in Boca as the president and CEO of Boca Raton Community Hospital, which is now Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

**Q.** What is your favorite part about living in Boca Raton?

**A.** The people and how much they support their community and the organizations within the community. Every day in Boca is a perfect day, as this is truly paradise. For me, spending time helping others, being with friends and family, being at the beach and golf time makes life wonderful.

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

**A.** I like classic '60s and '70s music.

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

**A.** Treat others as you would want to be treated.

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

**A.** My dad is my hero. Through his example, he taught me to always be positive and not to wallow in sorrow or problems but to move on to the solution.

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

**A.** I would really want Katharine Hepburn, as she was strong, independent and the kind of person willing to give of herself to help and better others.

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

**A.** My husband and my children, as they are the joys of my life.

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## Heifer International can arrange animals as gifts

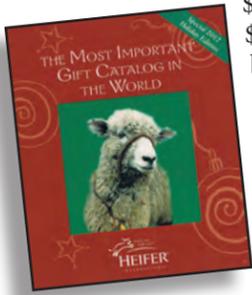
By Ron Hayes

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"Heifer International is just a wonderful charity," says Harold "Doc" Burton, who crossed the ocean with its volunteers, delivering farm animals to post-World War II Europe. "They're a

charity of the Church of the Brethren. I'm not a member of the church, but I'm closely involved with what they're doing."

Established in America in 1723, the Brethren is one of the three traditional "peace churches," along with the Quakers and Mennonites.

In 1938, a church relief worker named Dan West was providing powdered milk to women and children battered by the Spanish Civil War when inspiration struck.

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pass the calf on to a neighbor.

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In 1944, war in Europe forced Heifers for Relief to send its first shipment of 17 heifers to Puerto Rico.

At war's end, the charity joined with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to bring livestock to Europe. And the effort has grown ever since.

According to its most recent report, Heifer International has helped more than 22 million families in 125 countries in its 70 years.

In 2008, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

gave the charity a \$42.5 million grant to help farmers in East Africa, and added an additional \$8.2 million four years later.

And it isn't just about heifers anymore. Gifts of chicks, rabbits, ducks and honeybees are also available.

"The Church of the Brethren did not and does not believe in war," says Burton. "They believe in peace, and any time something comes up where they can help mankind, they do it."

"It's just a way of life with them." ★

For more information, visit [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

## VET

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To friends and neighbors in Briny Breezes, "Doc" Burton is a 94-year-old retiree with a cheerful disposition and a sly sense of humor. Nearly seven decades ago, he was a young vet from Hereford, Md., struggling to keep 960 horses healthy in the middle of Atlantic storms until they reached Gdansk and the Polish farmers struggling to recover from the war.

"The majority of countries like Poland were just countries of small farmers, and they had nothing to farm with," Burton explains. "The Germans had gone across it one way, and the Russians had gone across the other way, and there was just nothing there."

As the SS Saginaw's veterinarian, he was among the elite. The seagoing cowboys were provided by Heifers for Relief, a charity organized by the Church of the Brethren to provide cattle to needy countries. But while the cowboys slept on tiny bunks or hammocks, Doc Burton lived and ate in the officers' quarters. Still, the job was no vacation cruise.

"One time a horse grabbed me by the left shoulder blade, picked me up, shook me and spit me out," he recalls. "I weighed 140 pounds at the time, and I can still feel the pain."

This was not what the Maryland farm boy had envisioned when he asked the family doctor if he should

become an MD or a DVM. "Well," the wise old doctor said, "if you become a physician, the patients lie to you all the time, but if you become a vet, the animals will never lie to you."

Young Harold Burton became a vet. "And I never did have an animal lie to me," he says. "The owners sometimes, but never the animals."

## No luxuries, for anyone

Burton's shiplod of horses traveled first to Kiel, Germany, then through its canal to the Baltic Sea and on to Gdansk, where the horses were unloaded.

"We saw whole families living in bombed-out buildings with only two walls," he remembers. "They made artificial walls from old sheets

and debris and anything that might keep out the cold. What they ate was what they could get ahold of."

The horses Doc Burton helped deliver were intended to help the Poles re-establish farming. "But I'm confident they hadn't had any protein for three or four years at least," he says, "so you can bet some of those horses were eaten."

On another voyage, he docked in Trieste, Italy, to unload horses bound for Yugoslavia, but his elite status as ship's vet offered no luxuries on the return trip. The ship's refrigerator broke in the Adriatic and all the meat on board went bad. Stopping at Gibraltar to repair and restock, the purser announced that he'd made a marvelous deal. They would dine on lamb all the way home.

The ship departed, the cooks cooked, and soon a sickening odor escaped the kitchen. Their delectable lamb was disgusting goat meat.

"But our first mate loved peanut butter, which he had on board in gallon cans, and our baker could bake the most delicious rolls," Burton says, "so some of us thrived on peanut butter and rolls until we got home."

Burton made only two trips on the old Victory ships, delivering nearly 2,000 horses to war-torn countries fighting to recover. Most of his days were spent at the home ports in Savannah, Ga., or Newport News, Va., getting the horses in shape for the voyage.

"In Savannah, I had a \$3 a week room on the third floor of the YMCA and ate in the basement dining room in a local home," he recalls. "Cornpone drowned in blackstrap molasses."

By 1947, when the UNRRA shut down, 360 Victory ships had delivered about 300,000 animals to help war-torn countries recover.

The Heifers for Relief project never shut down. As Heifer International, it has provided farm animals to more than 22 million families in 125 countries, and still does.



Burton, a winter resident of Briny Breezes. Photo provided by Joan Nichols

## Married with children

Doc Burton went home to Maryland and married Betty Dwyn. "I married her for her money when she was a kid and I was a kid and it turned out she had \$80," he says. "But I kept her anyway."

On Dec. 27, they will have been married 68 years. None of their four children became a "Doc."

"Not on a bet," he says. "They saw me wake up at night to go on a farm call I'd already gone on four times during the day."

Doc Burton cared for horses, dogs, cats, guinea pigs and monkeys — you name it — for 40 years around Baltimore County and retired to Briny Breezes in his 60s.

And then one day, maybe 20 years ago, he was thumbing through a farm newspaper back in Maryland when a notice caught his eye.

The Church of the Brethren's seagoing cowboys were having a reunion in Manheim, Pa., about a 90-minute drive away.

"So my son and I went to this reunion of cowboys. I told them I wasn't a cowboy, I was a vet, and they were thrilled because they'd been looking for a vet. As best as anyone there could tell, I'm the only vet from those Victory ships who's still alive!"

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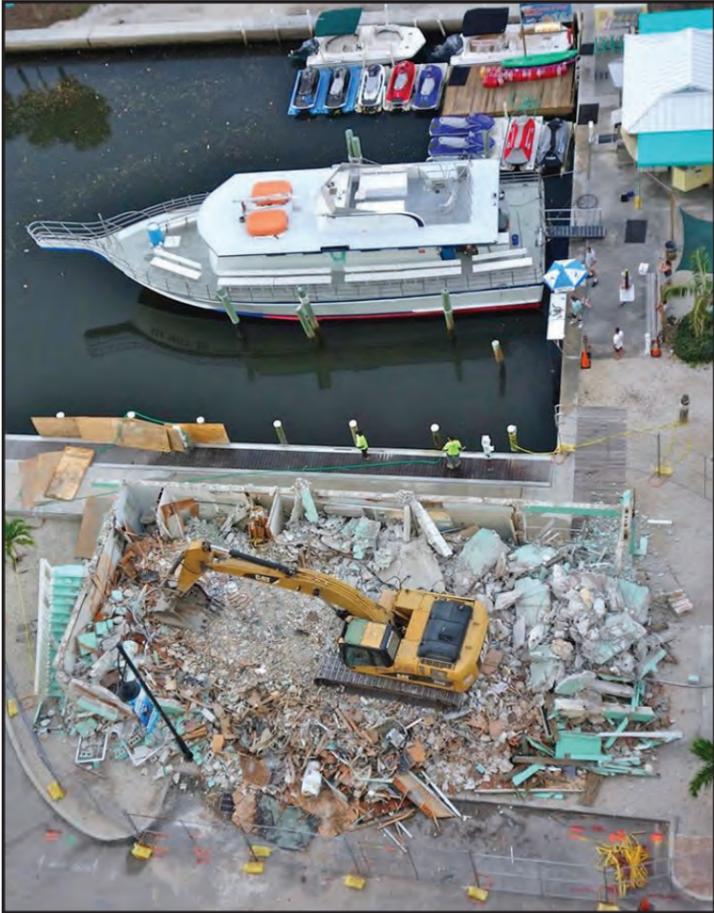
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## Boynton Beach



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### Shaded park will replace old Boynton dive shop

By Jane Smith

The old dive shop building at the Boynton Harbor Marina was demolished as the last piece of an \$18 million plan to redo the marina area.

Demolition started Nov. 2, and most of the work was done in four days.

The city's Community Redevelopment Agency board, which controls the marina, received an update on Nov. 10.

"It's the last piece in tying that area together from a pedestrian and driver point of view," said Vivian Brooks, CRA executive director.

The project work won't start until the summer. "We don't want to interrupt our businesses during the season," she said.

The building will be replaced with a shaded park for the public with a walking path and seating, roadway realignment, extra parking spaces and other features, estimated to cost \$700,000.

The CRA sought county approval in May to demolish the vacant two-story structure. It needed county approval because of a \$2 million county grant received in 2006. The agreement limited what could happen to that 1969 building.

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### Memories forged during Sister City exchange

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Yet when the 10 high school students from Miyazu, Japan — Delray Beach's longtime Sister City — left a week later, what they had learned was more about what they shared in common with their young American counterparts and their host families.

As they headed for a short visit to New York after their time here, which included trips to three schools, the Morikami Museum and Gardens and other popular landmarks, the young visitors took with them friendships to last decades, if not lifetimes.

"It's amazing how quickly the bonds form and how long they last," said David Schmidt, president of Sister Cities of Delray Beach, which has been coordinating visits for students from here and Miyazu since 1999.

Miyazu English teacher Emi Shibahara — one of two chaperones on the visit — stayed with Ken and Susan Gross in Briny Breezes and she even brought a few of the students over for a visit.

"It was a great experience for us," said Ken Gross, who had arranged for his 9-year-old granddaughter to visit at the same time the Miyazu students were here.

While the chaperone stayed in a community of mobile homes, two of the Japanese students saw a different side of South Florida when staying in a four-bedroom, two-story house with a family of six.

"They got to see what it's like to be with a big family," said Daphney Antoine-Boylan of Delray Beach, whose daughter, Lauren, will be traveling to Miyazu next year as part of the exchange program.

In the end, these people from different cultures, who had shared a week together, also shared tears as it was time for the visitors to depart. They also shared promises to keep in touch for years to come.

— Rich Pollack

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**ABOVE LEFT:** The Delray Beach City Commission recognized the students with a proclamation on Nov. 3. Afterward, students and their host families took photos. Students Chisato Nagai (left), Nanako Umezaki (center), Kana Nakagawa and Nozomi Mukainaka (far right) are joined by chaperone Emi Shibahara (back left) and host Ron Illsley. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Nanako Umezaki, 15, a student at Miyazu High School in Japan, teaches origami to fifth-graders at Trinity Lutheran School in Delray Beach. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**



Ten high-schoolers and two chaperones from Miyazu, Japan, visited Delray Beach for a week as part of the Sister Cities of Delray Beach Student Exchange Program. Above, students from Japan and Delray Beach pose for selfies at the farewell dinner held at the Delray Beach Golf Club.



**LEFT:** Hosts Ken and Susan Gross of Briny Breezes welcomed chaperone Emi Shibahara into their home and invited their granddaughter, Keaira Griffin, to be a part of the exchange experience. Here they play shuffleboard in Briny: (l-r) Susan Gross, Keaira Griffin, Emi Shibahara and Ken Gross. **ABOVE:** Japanese student Rino Adachi wipes away tears during emotional speeches at the farewell dinner.

## Obituaries

### R. Scott Morrison

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — As chairman of the Boca Raton Resort & Club and director of Discover Palm Beach County, R. Scott Morrison helped pass a penny bed tax to benefit local cultural organizations.

In 1982, its first year, \$1,251,000 was collected.

This past year the tax, now at 5 cents, raised \$42,700,000 to support the arts, sports and



tourism in the county.

Mr. Morrison, a South County resident since 1980, died Nov. 16 in Boca Raton, surrounded by his family and friends. He was 76.

“Though it’s been a while since his association with the

Palm Beach County destination marketing organization, those who knew him only had words of praise as a very good man who contributed greatly to our destination’s tourism development,” said Jorge Pesquera, Discover The Palm Beaches’ current president and CEO.

Mr. Morrison’s involvement with the fabled Boca Raton resort and the county’s tourism development were only part of his work to promote the area.

During 35 years as a resident of Boca Raton, Gulf Stream and Delray Beach, he served as a director of the Florida Hotel and Motel Association, chairman of the American Hotel and Motel Association and president of the Palm Beach County Hotel-Motel Association.

He also served as an adviser and board member with the Junior League of Boca Raton, the St. Andrew’s School, the former Caldwell Theatre and former College of Boca Raton.

Born Sept. 15, 1939, Mr. Morrison was a fifth-generation San Franciscan.

A graduate of Michigan State University’s Hotel, Restaurant and Management School, he began his career with the ITT Sheraton Corporation.

As an assistant manager at the New Orleans Sheraton, Mr. Morrison met his future wife, Norma.

“It was a blind date and we were married nine months later at the Catholic church on Tulane Avenue,” Mrs. Morrison recalled. “It’s lasted 52 years.”

As the wife of a hotel manager, she learned to move — from New Orleans to Boston, back to New Orleans, then Key Biscayne, the Ozarks, South Carolina and in 1980 to Boca Raton.

After leaving the Boca Raton Resort & Club in 1986, Mr. Morrison built three hotels in Japan, Europe and the United States.

He was also a founding stockholder of Extended Stay America and a frequent lecturer at Florida Atlantic University and Palm Beach State College.

Locally, he was a member of the Boca Raton Resort & Club, the Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club and the Seagate Club in Delray Beach.

In his leisure hours, Mr. Morrison was an avid sport fisherman and hunter at his second home in Santa Fe, N.M.

“He could play golf, but he preferred to fish and hunt,” Mrs. Morrison said. “He was a gentleman, a sportsman, a family man, and everyone would say he had a booming laugh. Everyone mentions his laugh.”

A Mass of the Christian Burial was held Nov. 21 at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach.

“At the reception after the service we had 187 people who just came,” Mrs. Morrison said. “We didn’t send out invitations, but the church was packed.”

In addition to his wife, Mr. Morrison is survived by a son, Robert Morrison III, three daughters, Kelly Husack, Kim Lessard and Kristin Guttroff, and seven grandchildren.

Donations in Mr. Morrison’s memory may be made to Covenant House, St. Vincent Ferrer Care Ministries or New Hope Charities.

By Steven J. Smith

GULF STREAM — Robert Craft will be remembered perhaps more as an upholder of composer Igor Stravinsky’s legacy than as a noted orchestral conductor, writer and lecturer in his own right, according to music scholars Leon Botstein and Thomas McKinley.



Mr. Craft, 92, died Nov. 10 at his home in Gulf Stream.

Botstein, a renowned conductor who is also president of Bard College near Kingston, N.Y. — where Craft was

born Oct. 20, 1923 — said Mr. Craft’s real achievement in life was “to bring Stravinsky alive” and to prevent the composer from descending into a barren old age.

“They met in 1948, and Craft introduced Stravinsky to different types of modern composition,” Botstein said. “Without Craft, I think Stravinsky would have fallen silent as a composer.”

McKinley, professor of music theory and composition at Lynn University in Boca Raton, agreed Mr. Craft was “very influential” in the course of 20<sup>th</sup>-century classical music because of his relationship with Stravinsky.

“He basically was Stravinsky’s private secretary for the last 20 to 30 years of his life,” McKinley said. “Late in his life, Stravinsky sort of shocked everybody by changing his style. He had done that before as a

### Robert Craft

younger man in his early, famous ballets ‘The Firebird,’ ‘Petrouchka’ and ‘The Rite of Spring.’ In the ’50s, he changed his style again, into what is known as the atonal or 12-tone style, after Craft introduced him to this type of music.”

McKinley said that Mr. Craft’s collaboration with Stravinsky on books such as *Conversations With Igor Stravinsky*, *Memories and Commentaries* and *Expositions and Developments* provide invaluable insights into Stravinsky.

“Many people thought Craft may have written some of it for Stravinsky,” he said. “But I generally trust the books. I certainly don’t think Craft put words into Stravinsky’s mouth.”

Botstein maintained Mr. Craft took on traits of Stravinsky’s personality that emerged in those books, which were published in the 1950s and 1960s.

“It’s widely believed that Craft wrote those books,” Botstein said. “He was a terrific writer and a very smart man. Very sophisticated. But he essentially invented Stravinsky’s opinions.”

Botstein disagreed, however, with assertions that Mr. Craft wrote some of Stravinsky’s later musical works, including *Requiem Canticles*, completed in 1965-66.

“I believe those to be entirely Stravinsky,” Botstein said. “Craft didn’t ghost-write. Instead, he was a man whose creativity was best realized in someone else, much like Cyrano de Bergerac. Craft’s own talent came alive

through the medium of Stravinsky. After Stravinsky died, though, Craft became a very elegant and interesting writer of music.”

Mr. Craft also wrote memoirs in diary form of his life with Stravinsky, including *Stravinsky: Chronicle of a Friendship*, first published in 1972, a year after the composer’s death in New York. A later memoir, *An Improbable Life* (2002), recounted his own story from his youth in Kingston to 2002, including his move to Gulf Stream in 1987. The memoirs provide a broad picture of some of the leading cultural figures of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century who moved in Stravinsky’s orbit, including W.H. Auden, T.S. Eliot, Paul Horgan and Aldous Huxley, among many others.

Mr. Craft’s many recordings as a conductor include an 11-disc set of works by Stravinsky, 10 discs of works by Arnold Schoenberg, and two discs of music by Anton Webern, all for the Naxos label.

He is survived by his wife, Alva Craft, and his son, Alexander Craft.

At the end of his life, Mr. Craft was so identified with Stravinsky that the legendary composer became his only creative outlet, Botstein said.

“But he was a man of exceptional accomplishment,” he said. “Both musically and in the writing, he created an English language that for Stravinsky never existed. And he became a great American writer — a man, at 92, who could look back on his life with a sense of pride and accomplishment.”

### Bradley James Stewart Jr.

By Steven J. Smith

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Bradley James Stewart Jr. was known as a jack-of-all-trades — and a master of pretty much all of them, according to his daughter, Sara Watson.



“He was an incredible handyman and was particularly gifted as an electrician,” she said. “My mom and dad bought a lot in Key Largo and he built a house from scratch. And there were 17 electric switches at the front door!”

Mr. Stewart died Nov. 16 at his Leesburg, Va., home, because of complications from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was 90.

Born Oct. 5, 1925, in Bowling Green, Ky., Mr. Stewart was just 16 when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He joined the Navy at age 17 and soon found himself elevated to the position of personal secretary to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, in Hawaii — mainly because of an unusual office skill he possessed.

“He was one of the few yeomen who could type,” Watson laughed. “And he could type really fast. They didn’t have many women working in jobs like that during the war. It was the Navy and they just had men.”

After the war, Mr. Stewart studied agriculture at Western Kentucky University, then moved to Florida

in 1947 to finish his studies at the University of Miami. When he left school he worked all kinds of jobs, his daughter said.

“He was a bartender, then he worked on a shrimp boat for a while,” Watson said. “Then he and his brother started the first newspaper in Fort Myers Beach. It only ran weekly.”

After a teaching stint at Warfield Elementary School in Indiantown, Mr. Stewart next headed out to California, where he worked in a factory and was injured in a car wreck. He came home to Florida to recuperate and it was there he met and wed his nurse, Gloria Gehl. The two were married for 50 years until her death in 2006 and had two children, Sara and Bradley James III.

Watson said her father eventually settled into a career with Delta Airlines in Miami — first as a baggage handler on the night shift. He was soon promoted to a ticket agent position, however, primarily because of his appealing demeanor.

“He just had a natural, friendly personality,” Watson said. “You couldn’t help liking him.”

Delta’s district office in West Palm Beach next lured him to work there and he remained with the company’s marketing division for 30 years until his retirement. But he continued to juggle new career opportunities with his involvement in a variety of civic organizations.

“He went to work for the Holiday Inn Downtown in West Palm, which is no longer there,” Watson

said, adding Mr. Stewart went on to help found a local branch of Skai International, which is an organization of tourism professionals dedicated to friendship and networking opportunities in the industry. In addition, he served a term as president of the Kiwanis Club and co-founded the Bon Vivants, another social club in the area.

Then there was his work with bees. Mr. Stewart became interested in bees when he was about 12 or 13 and had a neighbor who had bees. As a Boy Scout, he pursued a merit badge for beekeeping. At age 85, he revived that passion while living in South Palm Beach and started his own beekeeping business, farming out his 17 hives — each hive consisting of 60,000 bees — for production of his “Backyard Honey,” which he mostly gave away.

“He was definitely one of a kind,” Watson said. “He was very generous and kind. And he could do anything — carpentry, electrical work, painting. He could wear a tuxedo and not get a drop of paint on it.”

Mr. Stewart is survived by his children Sara and Bradley James III, three grandchildren, a brother, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. Donations in his memory are requested for the Palm Beach County Beekeepers Association at 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415 or the Florida State Beekeepers Association, 5002 NW 64<sup>th</sup> Lane, Gainesville, FL 32653.

## Obituaries

By Mary Thurwachter

LANTANA — Judy Black was passionate in promoting environmental conservation and committed to creating gardens.

"She was a leader in the environmental movement," said Ilona Balfour, who worked for a number of years with Ms.



Black on the Friends of the Lantana Nature Preserve. "She was always supporting everybody. She will be sorely

missed."

After a long illness, Ms. Black, 67, of Lantana (on Hypoluxo Island), died Nov. 15 at a second home she and her husband of 29 years, Richard Schlosberg, had in Washington, Conn. She was born in New York City on Sept. 27, 1948.

Ms. Black served as president of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association for four years.

She frequently coordinated with the Lantana town manager

on association activities.

She also supervised the neighborhood association's Tree Program to save the ecologically essential native tree canopy. She oversaw the plans, brought them to fruition, and with several other members and town staff, helped plant the "Four Corners" entry onto the island, as well as the "y" entry to the south part of the island.

"She turned her own small front and mostly paved back yards into verdant habitat, protective of endangered and threatened migratory birds," her husband said.

Ms. Black coordinated the HIPOA's annual picnic for about four years. She continued administrative and coordinating activities during a three year transition and recruited new, competent and younger leadership.

One of her recruits was Lyn Tate, current treasurer of the HIPOA.

"Not only was Judy a special person because she was so brilliant, but she gave unconditionally to the island and the town," Tate said. "She

always thought before she spoke. She was always wise in her approach."

Along with her husband, Ms. Black was a frequent attendee at Town of Lantana council meetings and town Nature Preserve meetings where her infrequent comments were always substantive and to the heart of an issue. Her brief statements helped save the native habitat which several years ago became the Lantana Scrub Nature Preserve.

Ms. Black, Schlosberg said, "served capably and was very widely respected as the non-town (of Manalapan) representative on the La Coquille Club board and Town of Manalapan La Coquille subcommittee during a prolonged period of intense debate, defending the retention of the traditional non-town membership inclusive structure, and against challenges to the club's existence.

She was often a rare voice promoting Hypoluxo Island-wide (joined Lantana and Manalapan) activities.

Ms. Black had a successful career in advertising. She was a vice president of marketing for Bozell throughout many corporate combinations from BJK&E to True North. Within advertising, she specialized in new media. She researched and wrote studies well received (and some seminal) in the use of cable television, then of the Internet, as they relate to advertising.

For years, she assisted, leading a subcommittee, then headed up as chairperson the American Association of Advertising Agencies New Technologies Committee.

"She was in demand by clients for her company," her husband said. "She spoke around the world, from New Zealand to Brazil to Finland, for example, enthusiastically and with insights from her research on the potentials from technical vantage points of the then undeveloped new mediums of cable TV programming and the Internet as advertising outlets."

Ms. Black was recognized by the advertising industry

as one of the 10 top people in the field in the 1990s and was once on the cover of *Media Magazine* as the seer of the future of advertising. She continued to follow both the advertising industry and new media field. Later, she worked for Cablevision.

Ms. Black earned a Master of Arts degree in education from the Bank Street College School of Education and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University School of Business. Her undergraduate degree was a B.A. in art history from Barnard College.

"She kept dear friends she met from school to business her entire life," Schlosberg said.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include her brother, Leon Black, his wife, Debra, and their four children.

Ms. Black was predeceased by her mother, Shirley Black Kash, who died in 2014 and her father, Eli M. Black, who died in 1975.

A tree planting ceremony in her honor is being planned for a later date.

## Lantana

# Water Tower Commons site plan review delayed until Dec. 14

By Mary Thurwachter

The site plan for Water Tower Commons, the new development at the former A.G. Holley site, will finally come before the Lantana Town Council on Dec. 14.

The plan was on the agenda in October and November, but the matter had to be postponed while Palm Beach County officials had a chance to approve a traffic study for the area, just east of I-95 on Lantana Road.

Lantana finally received the study, with some conditions, late on the afternoon of the Nov. 23 council meeting. That didn't allow enough time for town staff to comb through the study and share recommendations with council members, hence the postponement.

But because the matter appeared on November agendas, public comment was heard at the November meetings.

"This is an opportunity Lantana will never have again," said Dan Tischler,

who lives just east of the A.G. Holley site on North Eighth Street.

"I read four fast-food restaurants and a gas station and my heart just sank," Tischler said. "I want it to be a destination that people living here will be proud of."

Tischler suggested upscale dwellings and a store such as Whole Foods Market for the Water Tower Commons property.

"We're only going to get one shot at this," Tischler said. "This is going to affect our grandchildren."

Dustin Mizell urged the council to push hard for a quality project on the 73-acre tract, former home to the A.G. Holley tuberculosis hospital, which closed in 2012 and was torn down last year.

"Unless we step back and really look at this project, it could be another missed opportunity," he said.

Another resident, Edward Shropshire, said he was concerned about building heights up to 75 feet in the conceptual plans he found on

the town's website, which he called "jaw dropping."

Ken Tuma of Urban Design Kilday Studios, speaking for the applicant, Southeast Legacy Investments, appeared at the Nov. 23 council meeting but withheld his presentation until Dec. 14.

"We're very excited to show you our plans," he said. "We've got a great PowerPoint

presentation for you."

In other news, the town learned that its clerk, Crystal Gibson, would be leaving. Gibson, of Lake Worth, has been town clerk for seven years and took

a position as operations manager for the community services division of the city of Palm Beach Gardens.

Council members praised her work and she was given a standing ovation. ★

—Willie Howard  
contributed to this story



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**Jeff Johnson, 561-376-4328**



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**Erik Ring, 561-441-6880**



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**Sue Tauriello, 561-441-4200**



### Lake Worth Pool Home ~ \$572,000

Beautifully renovated 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA pool home with a detached 1/1 guest cottage. Hurricane impact windows and doors in the main house, fireplace, recessed lighting, plantation shutters and so much more!

**Judy Sartor, 561-445-6009**

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### Bar Harbour ~ \$540,000

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**Jeff Johnson, 561-376-4328**



**Marina Village ~ \$499,000**

3 BR, 2 BA southeast corner unit on the 5th floor with a wraparound porch overlooking the pool, marina and Intracoastal. Split bedroom plan, open kitchen and separate laundry room. A great Boynton Beach location.

**Jim Wrona, 561-880-7214**



**Ambassadors East ~ \$499,000**

This fully renovated 2 BR, 2 BA southeast corner unit on the 7th floor with 2 balconies offers outstanding direct ocean views. Split bedrooms, beautiful kitchen, ceramic tile floors, upgraded lighting and updated baths.

**Jim Wrona, 561-880-7214**

**NEW LISTING**



**Marina Village ~ \$385,000**

This northwestern corner 3 BR, 2 BA condominium on the 11th floor features a wrap-around balcony and offers preserve, Intracoastal and Ocean views. Impact glass doors and windows, plus ceramic tile floors throughout.

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**Elizabeth Rurey, 561-302-1552**



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3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 1 car garage. Corner unit with split bedrooms, screen enclosed porch and vaulted ceilings. **\$269,000**  
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3 BR, plus den, 3 1/2 BA tri-level townhome with a 2 car garage, ceramic tile floors, high ceilings with tray details, high hat lighting, open kitchen with granite countertops and full size washer/dryer. Clubhouse, pool and exercise room.

**Elizabeth Rurey, 561-302-1552**

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**Lavers Delray Racquet Club ~ \$209,000**

Beautifully updated 2/2 split condo on the 4th floor with a screen enclosed balcony overlooking the tennis courts. Large bedrooms with updated baths, tile floors throughout, spacious eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar, plus separate laundry room.

**Kathy Baffer, 561-714-0348**



**Southwinds At Crosswinds ~ \$149,900**

2 BR, 2 BA third floor condo, spacious covered porch. Split bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, laundry room. Furniture negotiable. This Delray Beach community is centrally located with a clubhouse, pool, hot tub and tennis courts.

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## Boca Raton

# City lawmakers want big pay boost for mayor, council after 30 years without

By Sallie James

City Council member Mike Mullaugh thinks it's time Boca Raton's elected officials get a raise since they haven't had one in more than three decades.

He has proposed a more than 300 percent pay hike for both the mayor and council members by tying it to the salaries of state legislators. Any change affecting the salaries of Boca's elected officials, however, must be done by a voter-approved charter amendment.

At his urging, the City Council introduced such an ordinance on Nov. 24. The proposed charter amendment provides that the annual salary

of the mayor would be equal to the salary of the Florida Senate President/Speaker of the House, and the annual salaries of council members would equal those of state legislators. If state officials' salaries increased, Boca officials' salaries would also increase.

The current salary for the Senate President/House Speaker is \$41,181; the current salary for Senate/House members is \$29,697.

In contrast, Boca's mayor is paid \$750 a month, or \$9,000 a year. City council members earn \$600 a month, or \$7,200 a year. The numbers haven't changed since 1984.

"It's not a real salary,"

Mullaugh said of Boca's current pay rates. "We ought to make it possible for someone to at least get part of their living from it."

Under the proposed charter amendment, a special election would be held on Nov. 8, 2016, the same date as the national election, for consideration of the proposed charter amendment. If voters approved the amendment, it would take effect on April 1, 2017.

Mullaugh's last day in office will be March 31, 2017, due to term limits, so he would not be affected by any future salary adjustments.

A salary hike would make the job more realistic for someone who needs to augment

his current income, because the job takes anywhere from 20 to 30 hours a week, Mullaugh reasoned.

"It takes a long time," Mullaugh said, referring to all the preparation he has to make for every City Council meeting.

Council member Jeremy Rodgers agreed Boca's salaries are low, but said he hadn't reviewed the proposed charter change in depth.

"If you compare us to other cities like Deerfield Beach or Coral Springs or West Palm Beach, we are probably a quarter of what they earn, on the average," Rodgers said. He said the quality of applicants might be higher if a more

substantial salary is offered.

Like Mullaugh, he agreed the job of City Council member is extremely time-consuming.

"There is so much time that goes into it. There are the meetings, the preceding day before is the workshop and the council also serves as the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) Board," Rodgers said. "You are also meeting with citizens, reading emails, meeting with developers to make sure their projects are something that fits in the city. There is something going on almost every weekend at Mizner." ★

## Along the Coast

# Developer Pugliese begins jail sentence

By Dan Moffett

At the height of his influence a decade ago, Delray Beach-based developer Anthony Pugliese III oversaw the biggest land deal in Central Florida since Disney World and sat on Palm Beach County's Judicial Nominating Commission that selects local judges.

**Pugliese**

The day before Thanksgiving, the 68-year-old Gulf Stream resident stood before one of those judges and asked for a bit of leniency. Pugliese wanted to spend the holiday weekend at his \$28 million waterfront home before reporting to Palm Beach County Jail on Monday morning.

Circuit Judge Glenn Kelley granted the request, over the objections of prosecutors. A plea deal negotiated by Lee County prosecutor James Miller will send Pugliese to jail for six months, followed by 10 years' probation, as punishment for complicated scams perpetrated against Fred DeLuca, the co-founder of the Subway restaurant chain.

In August, Pugliese pleaded no contest to fraud and theft charges stemming from a failed partnership with DeLuca to develop a 61-square-mile property near Yeehaw Junction that was to be known as Destiny, Florida. Pugliese admitted in court depositions that he created sham companies with phony addresses and fake invoices to siphon off roughly \$1.2 million of DeLuca's money.

Pugliese and DeLuca had accused each other of fraud, with Pugliese suing the Subway magnate six years ago for \$5 billion in civil court. The lawsuits between the men remain unresolved. Pugliese blamed DeLuca for an illegal financing scheme that allegedly profited him more than \$20 million, and each accused the other of stealing Destiny's money and using it for lavish personal expenditures.

The partners also fought cancer as they fought each other. DeLuca died in September, losing his battle with leukemia. Douglas Duncan, Pugliese's attorney, told Kelley that the "serious and significant health issues" associated with his client's cancer treatment were reason enough to allow him a final weekend at home before he reported to jail.

Besides incarceration, Pugliese had to pay more than \$1 million in restitution to DeLuca's estate. Pugliese has said he accepted the plea deal to spare his family the stress of a lengthy trial and to deal with his health problems.

"I'm glad it's over," he said on leaving Kelley's courtroom.

Miller was brought into the case from Fort Myers because of conflicts of interest arising from Pugliese's political connections. The developer donated money to Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg's election campaign.

After his arrest in 2012, Pugliese was removed from the Judicial Nominating Commission by Gov. Rick Scott.

All told, prosecutors had filed more than a dozen charges against Pugliese that, with convictions, could have sent him to prison for decades.

Destiny was to have been one of the country's largest eco-sustainable communities, and its green design earned praise from the Clinton Foundation. Osceola County officials at first backed the project, but state agencies did not, claiming the development would add to urban sprawl and clog roadways.

In South Florida, Pugliese Development Co. built the Crystal Corporate Center in Boca Raton and helped develop the Pineapple Grove District in Delray Beach.

In 2010, as Destiny was falling apart, Pugliese gave \$150,000 to build a baseball diamond for disabled children in Delray — The Anthony V. Pugliese Miracle League Field in Miller Park. ★



The Boca Raton Garden Club continues its 22-year tradition of offering a holiday ornament. Photo contributed

## 2015 holiday ornament honors a city park for the first time

By Sallie James

Holiday decorations with a historic touch are what the Boca Raton Garden Club's annual commemorative ornament fundraiser is all about.

This year's offering — the 22nd ornament in a series that was started in 1994 — commemorates Spanish River Park.

Ornament Chairman Carol Rice and Lenore Alford, who created the series and designed the ornament, presented the newest ornament during the Nov. 24 City Council meeting.

The three-dimensional ornament depicts the old Spanish River Park tower in the background near a boat dock in a lagoon with a seagull perched on a piling.

Spanish River Park, at North Ocean Boulevard two miles north of Palmetto Park Road, is an oasis where visitors can picnic, fish and hike.

Rice noted that Spanish River Park is the first city park featured on any of the ornaments.

"It was a long, hard struggle to get Spanish River Park. To actually have it become a

wonderful park for city use they had to pass many bond issues," Rice said. "If people hadn't rallied and voters hadn't voted the way they did, we would have had a continuous strip of high-rise condos up and down our beachfront."

Rice explained how a beach buy-up to counteract condo development in Boca Raton along State Road A1A went from 1966 to 1973 when land was acquired for what would become its three major parks.

The park is of special significance to Alford, whose late husband, Alan, served as Boca Raton city manager and then as mayor during the time when the city was acquiring the beachfront property for parks. Alan Alford died in October.

Other ornaments in the series include: Old Town Hall, The Train Depot, Old Betsy, the Pavilion, the Inlet Bridge, the Camino Real Bridge, Boca Hotel and Club and the first Schoolhouse, among others.

Ornaments cost \$18 each and are available by calling the Boca Raton Garden Club at 395-9376 or by visiting the Boca Raton Historical Society gift shop at 71 N. Federal Highway. ★



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Business Spotlight

# For the Liguoris, real estate is a family affair

By Christine Davis

Pascal Liguori, broker associate at Premier Estate Properties, has teamed up with his son, Antonio, 23, creating Pascal Liguori & Son Broker Associates at Premier's Delray Beach office. That makes three generations of Liguoris in South Florida real estate.

It all started with Alfonso Liguori, who opened Allbrook Realty in Pittsburgh after serving in World War II, Pascal Liguori explained. "He saw residential real estate as an opportunity to be a business



**Alfonso Liguori**

owner and an entrepreneur, as well as a way to better provide for his family."

Over 45 years, Alfonso Liguori's real estate career evolved and flourished, and in the process, he was joined in his business by three of his sons — Pascal, Gerard and Joseph — and one of his daughters, Laura.

"As kids, we went with him on nights and weekends to different properties; we cleaned his apartment buildings and offices," Pascal Liguori said.

"After I graduated from college, I sold real estate for him for many years, and after eight years in the business, he transitioned the business over to us."

Then, 25 years ago, Gerard and Joseph Liguori decided they wanted to sell multimillion-dollar properties in Florida.

"Our average sale price in Pittsburgh was \$48,000," Pascal Liguori said. "I stayed behind to run the Pittsburgh business as a fallback. If they did well, I'd join them, if not, they could return to Pittsburgh."

In 1993, his brothers started Premier Estate Properties with Carmen D'Angelo Jr., with the goal to work with sellers whose homes exceeded \$1 million. Laura joined them in 1996.

"That was a lot of money, and people said they'd never make it; that they'd cut themselves out of the market, but they stayed true to their niche and were extremely successful," Pascal Liguori said.

"When they wanted to expand to Delray Beach, Hypoluxo, Point Manalapan, Gulf Stream and Ocean Ridge, that's when I made the decision to come with my wife, Kelly, and our five kids (Alfonso, Antonio, Gabrielle, Angelo, Alessandro) to Florida in 2000. And we



Premier Estate Properties business partner Carmen D'Angelo Jr. (far left), with family members (l-r) Gerard, Laura, Antonio, Pascal and Joseph Liguori. **Photo provided**

started the office at 900 E. Atlantic in Delray Beach. That was my area.

"I had never set foot in Delray Beach. The first time I came was with the moving van and my family."

Fast forward to today: The Liguoris consistently rank among the nation's top real estate professionals by *The Wall Street Journal* and RealTrends, and now it's time to put the third generation to work, Pascal said. "My son Antonio is the only one in his generation to be involved, but he's leading the way for the rest of them."

Antonio received his real estate license at 18, graduated

from the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's in business administration majoring in real estate, and has already served several internships with Seaside Builders.

He also was an agent on a multimillion-dollar-producing team with Keller Williams Realty Advantage III in Orlando. This year, he passed his broker's exam and he joined his father in July.

"I'm ecstatic about joining my dad in our family business," Antonio Liguori said. "I can't see myself anywhere else. Delray Beach provides great activities and a vibrant atmosphere; our

local business leaders have done a fantastic job developing a community here."

In addition to the Delray Beach office, Premier Estate Properties has two offices in Boca Raton, as well as offices in Fort Lauderdale and Vero Beach, and Laura Liguori, as corporate manager, oversees all five offices.

Also in the Delray Beach office are office administrator Leslie Horenburger, executive assistant Lisa Kugan, and support coordinator Ruth Ortiz.

"We are blessed and thankful for the trust our clients have placed in us," Pascal Liguori said. ★

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Business Spotlight

Billy Joel or not, Fite Shavell singing about luxury waterfront listings

**F**ite Shavell & Associates agent Jack Elkins said he closed more than \$26 million in property sales over the summer and, since then, has already listed a few luxury waterfront properties, including 1920 and 1940 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, which are owned, Elkins and public records say, by 1920 S. Ocean Blvd., LLC.

Other sources, though, report the owner is **Billy Joel**.

Property records show 1920 S. Ocean, a 13,216-square-foot estate, was bought in March 2014 for \$11,836,000. It's now for sale for \$19.5 million.

"The price includes the furniture, some new and some that had already belonged to the owner," Elkins said. The 1940 S. Ocean 1.94-acre lot was bought in May 2014 for \$6.5 million and is now listed for \$9.5 million.

While Elkins does not confirm the Billy Joel connection, he's happy to sing the properties' praises.

"Each sits on about two acres and has ocean and Intracoastal Waterway frontage," he said. He's already had calls, including some inquires on buying the two parcels together. "There's nothing like it that comes close, except the Ziff estate," Elkins said.

The nine-bedroom, eight-bath Mediterranean-style estate was built in 2005 and is completely renovated by its present owner. The main house, which stayed within the original footprint, was reconfigured to better use the space, Elkins said. "It was a beautiful but more formal Mediterranean-style home. It's now a chic beach house."

**Greg Bonner** of B1 Architects oversaw the design, and **Ellen Kavanaugh** was consulted regarding interior décor.

Why is "the owner" selling, you may ask? "At the time the properties were bought, it was still a down market, and the owner saw the value. Both properties were good investments and undervalued," Elkins said. Most likely true, but hey, maybe Joel decided to settle down in his other beachfront Manalapan home just up the street.

As reported in *The Coastal Star* last spring, Joel purchased that property shortly after the two that are currently on the market. With 20,000 square feet, nine bedrooms, 16 baths, gatehouse, media room, billiard room, bar, library, elevators and wine cellar, it was built five years ago as a spec house by Robert Fessler on a parcel carved from the historic Harold S. Vanderbilt estate. Its price tag was \$20 million.

Call Elkins at 756-9720.

Here's the scoop: **The Ice Cream Club** really takes the cake (so to speak) when it comes to all flavors of vanilla (and chocolate and strawberry).

The Ice Cream Club started its first ice cream parlor in 1982 in Manalapan and produces its product in Boynton Beach. Year after year, the **National Ice Cream Retailers Association** has consistently awarded The Ice Cream Club blue (and red) ribbons — so many in fact that this year, the association named it, "Grand Master — Ice Cream Maker."

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The staff celebrates after Caffè Luna Rosa was named Restaurant of the Year by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce for the second year in a row. Photo provided by Michiko Kurisu

yourself at The Ice Cream Club, 278 S. Ocean Blvd., Plaza Del Mar, Manalapan.

**Nico Hallwass** was appointed director of



Hallwass

operations at **Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa**, Manalapan. Most recently, Hallwass was the general manager of **The Paul** hotel in

New York City.

Introducing its new **Buddha Bar** and showcasing its recent renovations, **Thaikyo** restaurant invites the public on Dec. 12, to stop by for light bites, cocktails and entertainment. RSVP to 588-6777. **Thaikyo** is at Plaza del Mar, 201 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan.

Stars from Hollywood's Golden Age are highlighted this December at **The Palm Beaches Theatre** during its weekly \$5 classic movies series presented at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday.

Admission is \$5 per film. The theater is at 262 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Visit [www.pbfilmfest.org](http://www.pbfilmfest.org) or call 362-0003.

**The Container Store** launched its Holiday Hugs Program in South Florida in partnership with **Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital**.

Drop off new unwrapped books, small toys and games, toiletries, gift cards and stocking stuffers in collection bins at its Boca Raton location before Dec. 15 and store employees will package the gifts into a Holiday Hug bag and deliver them to the hospital in time for the holidays.

"Every holiday season, the Container Store embraces the spirit of giving by helping those in need in our local communities," said **Melissa Reiff**, the company's president and COO. "Our hope is that our customers will join us in providing these gifts to the thousands of children who have to spend the holidays in the hospital." The store is at Town Center Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Road, Suite 1002.

**Jennifer Govberg** and **Marie Mangouta** of the Govberg Team, along with broker/owner **Jim Balistreri**, recently launched the **Balistreri Realty International Luxury Division** and its new office, the division's sales gallery, in downtown Boca Raton. The office is at Royal Palm Plaza in Royal Palm Place, 100 Plaza Real South, Suite F. Call 886-1646.

In October, **Rick Versace**, CEO of **A1A Airport & Limousine Service** in Boca Raton, was named the Taxicab, Limousine & Paratransit Association's 2015 Limousine & Sedan Operator of the Year. Currently, he's working on franchising A1A Limousine nationwide. Versace has served as president of the Florida Limousine Association for the past five years.

**Peter L. Gladstone** was named a 2016 Lawyer of the Year in Family Law and his firm, **Gladstone & Weissman, P.A.**, received a 2016 Best Law Firms Tier 1 ranking by *U.S. News — The Best Lawyers in America*, a legal-related peer-review publication.



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Additionally, **Tova N. Verchow** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Gladstone & Weissman, P.A.'s main office is at 101 Renaissance Centre, 101 N. Federal Highway, Suite 702, Boca Raton.

**Bloomberg Businessweek** ranked **Florida Atlantic University's** part-time MBA program first in South Florida and 27th among public universities in the nation.

**Palm Beach State College** leaders accepted **Gov. Rick Scott's** statewide "Ready, Set, Work" challenge calling for



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The college has already embarked on a comprehensive improvement plan that includes enhancements in instructional support and class scheduling, provision for more advisers and better advisement tools.

The **Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club** elected three new directors for three-year terms: **Josh Donner, Lawrence Greenberg and Robert Pick.** Also, the club returned two members to its board: **Armand Grossman and Nancy Hite.**

The club's programming includes **Saled Shemirani** speaking on "From Monarchy to Mullah, the State of Terror" on Dec. 9, and **Kamal Fereg** speaking on "Infidels Living Under Sharia Law" on Jan. 13, 2016.

The club's events are held at **City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Road, Boca Raton,** at 11:30 a.m. To join the club or attend the luncheon, call 852-0000, or visit [www.goldcoasttigerbayclub.com](http://www.goldcoasttigerbayclub.com).

In October, the **Delray Beach CRA** received Florida Redevelopment's Roy F. Kenzie Creative Organizational Development and Funding Award for its initiatives in the redevelopment of the Delray Beach Fairfield Inn & Suites.

The product of a 2010 request for proposals issued by the CRA for 7.7 acres along the West Atlantic Avenue corridor, the 95-room hotel is the first major private development project to be completed in that area of the CRA District in a decade.

Several CRA economic development incentives were leveraged with Prime Hospitality Group's private financing to bring the \$11.5 million project to fruition. Community input led to a voluntary local hiring program that resulted in 48 percent of the hotel's permanent jobs going to local residents.

The fourth annual **Best Bite On The Avenue** restaurant competition is scheduled for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 9 in Delray Beach. The participating restaurants are **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, Caffè Luna Rosa, City Oyster, Deck 84, Martier, Pizza Rustica, Prime and Tryst.**

Benefiting from this "fun-raiser" are the HOW Foundation of South Florida and Project Holiday.

It will be held at **Crane's Beach House Boutique Hotel** at 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 278-1700.

And some announcements from Crane's Beach House: In October, **Adam Artille** was

promoted to the position of front office manager, and it was named to the Expedia Insiders Select List of the "world's best hotels" as judged by the experience of Expedia travelers.



**Artille**

**Corcoran** reports strong real estate sales for the third quarter of this year, increasing county-wide over last year.

The average price in the South Palm Beach to Gulf Stream submarket rose by more than 50 percent versus last year and last quarter, though median price rose by just 13 percent year-over-year.

This dramatic jump in average price is explained by several sales at the very high end of the market this quarter, including one \$33 million sale in Manalapan.

Sales in Delray Beach rose

slightly year-over-year. Days on market fell, while median price, average price and average price per square foot rose versus last year.

Sales in Boca Raton were up compared to last year, while average days on market declined. Median price, average price, and average price per square foot all increased moderately over last year.

**Bill Yahn**, Corcoran senior regional vice president for South Florida, said the third quarter was an active sales period reflecting increased buyer interest in owning a Palm Beach County property. "Strong buyer demand drove sales and prices upward," Yahn said.



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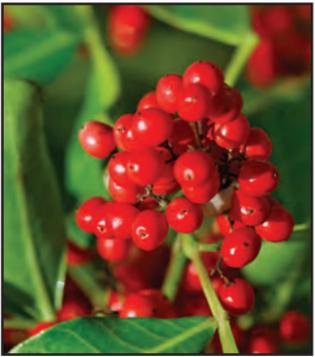


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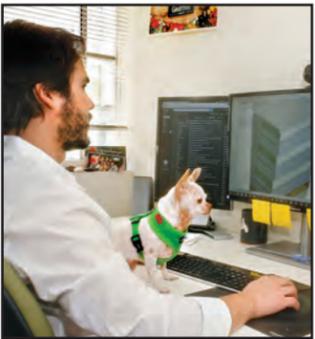
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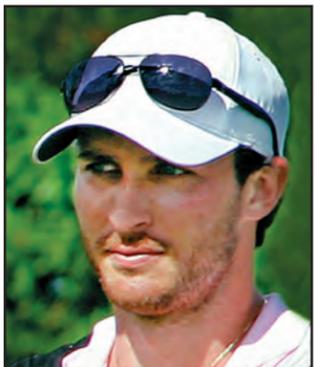
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Include furry friends in this year's holiday giving. Page H11



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# It's a wrap

Making Christmas and Hanukkah gifts look good isn't difficult if you know the basics and have the right tools.

By Mary Thurwachter

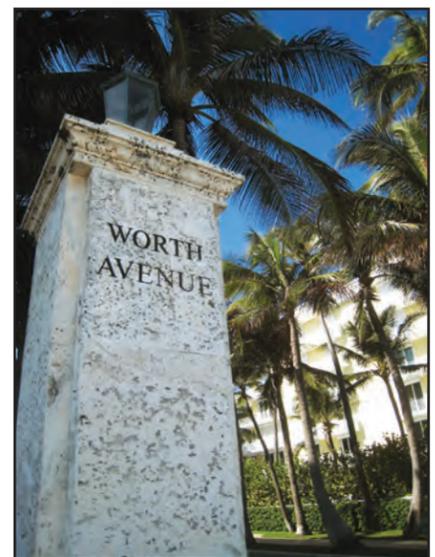
Preparing for the holidays comes with enough stress. Wrapping presents need not add to the angst.

Natalia Woodworth, one of the wrap demonstrators at The Container Store's weekend Wrap Parties at Boca Raton's Town Center, says gift-wrapping can be fun and even simple, once you know the basics.

"Get your shopping done early and maybe plan a wrap party with your girlfriends," suggests Woodworth, who frequently presides over the store's Gift Wrap Wonderland, a collection featuring hundreds

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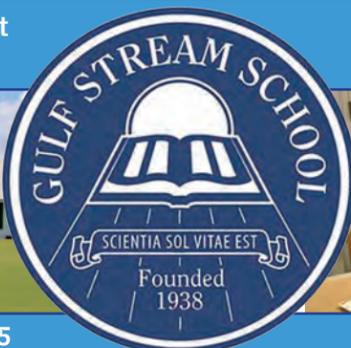


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**Delray Beach.** In a desirable area in East Delray, this Spanish inspired 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has been lovingly restored and remodeled with very tasteful and elegant finishes. The master suite has a sitting room filled with light which would make a wonderful studio as well. This garden paradise includes a huge lot brought to life with local tropical specimens. \$850K **WEB# 2583586**



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## Finding Faith

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The holiday season is full of shopping and shows, concerts and parties. Parishioners are polishing the stained glass and putting on their dress-up clothes. They've got a lot to offer. Here's a sampling:

### St. Paul's goes Victorian

This year, St. Paul's is inspired by how things were in the 1800s.

The church's "Festival of Lessons and Carols" is its most colorful and meticulously planned holiday event. It features favorite Christmas hymns, carols and anthems performed by the St. Paul's choir and instrumental ensemble. Drawn from composers of the times, the program features works by Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, Sir John Stainer, Sir Joseph Barnby, Sir Edward Elgar, Sir Arthur Sullivan, and Gustav Holst. The congregation will be invited to sing along with the hymns and carols.

If you go: the Festival of Lessons and Carols: A Victorian Christmas — 3 p.m. Dec. 20, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A free-will offering will be accepted.

### More Christmas events

**Christmas Collage...**  
**Christmases Past & Present:** 7 p.m. Dec. 6, First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. A concert featuring some of the best-known Christmas songs. Free. Info: 395-1244.

**The Star of Bethlehem:** A screening of this documentary by Steven McEveety, the producer of *The Passion of the Christ*, will be held in Kellaghan Hall at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 6, following the LifeTeen Mass at 5:30 p.m. The filmmakers used modern scientific techniques and advanced astronomical technology to reveal the historically accurate events in the night sky that foretold the coming of the messiah. RSVP to Irene Hey at 573-6256 or irenebyard@aol.com.

**Unity of Delray Beach Children's Play:** A special children's program, *The Christmas Story According to St. Luke*, takes place at the 9:25 a.m. service Dec. 13. The Sunday school children will perform as their gift to the congregation. Children and grandchildren visiting from out of town are encouraged to participate in this magical show. Costumes will be provided. At 101 NW 22nd St., Delray Beach. Info: 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**St. Vincent Ferrer Christmas Concert:** 7-9 p.m. Dec. 15. A performance by St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic School students in the Parish Life Center, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. Free.



Students perform the Christmas Concert at St. Vincent Ferrer last year. Photo by Alicia Donelan

**St. Mark Catholic Church's Christmas Pageant:** 7 p.m. Dec. 20. The popular pageant presents a retelling of the Christmas story using cast members, both children and adults, from the congregation. The church is at 643 St. Mark Place in Boynton Beach. Info: 734-9330.

### Congregation Beit Kulam brings it home

Congregation Beit Kulam will be celebrating Hanukkah on Dec. 11 in the most fundamental way: with a meal at the family dinner table. A really big dinner table.

Rabbi Joan Cubell, formerly at Temple Beth Shira, will lead the celebration, of course, because, well, it's her house in the Polo Club in Delray Beach. And she expects a full house, including kids and canines.

"Animals and children are always welcome!" Cubell says. She has six dogs of her own. You also need to bring your own menorah. "Everyone brings one and we light them together like a big family. Then we sing Hanukkah songs. We have a guitar and piano player." They'll also play games. And of course there's tons of food made in her home's Kosher kitchen.

Sometimes called the "Congregation of Everyone" for its "for everyman" philosophy, Beit Kulam also is "the Congregation That Does," Cubell says. "We don't just say we're going to do it, we actually do it!"

Cubell is the first female rabbi to be ordained as rabbi with s'micha (rabbinical ordination) from Tifereth Israel Rabbinical Yeshiva in its 60-year history and the first woman to be accepted as a member of the American Council of Rabbis.

For more information, visit [cbkulam.org](http://cbkulam.org).

### More Hanukkah events

**Share Our Light First Night,** a menorah lighting ceremony with Judaic studies scholar Dr. Leon Weissberg, takes place at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6, at Temple Sinai, 2475 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for younger than age 16. Info: 276-6161; [templesinaiabc.net](http://templesinaiabc.net).

The **Delray Beach Lighting of the Menorah** will take place at sundown on Dec. 6, on the front lawn at Old School Square, 51 S. Swinton Ave.,

### Thanksgiving meal

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Boca Raton — Nov. 24



More than 400 volunteers from Congregation B'nai Israel and the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church teamed up to serve Thanksgiving meals to 4,000 people. This year marks the 32nd year of the 'Feed the Hungry' partnership between Congregation B'nai Israel and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. **ABOVE:** The Zadoff family from Highland Beach — Jeff, Sammy, 10, and Liz — serves food. The Zadoff family has made 'Feed the Hungry' part of its Thanksgiving tradition since 2009. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

Delray Beach. For information, call 243-7000 or visit [mydelraybeach.com](http://mydelraybeach.com).

The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County hosts a **Hanukkah Celebration to Thank "Golden Givers"** in Zinman Hall, at 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. The holiday celebration (dietary laws observed) begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, with music. Tickets are \$18. Reservations required at 852-3170; [jewishboca.org](http://jewishboca.org).

The cherry on top of Chabad of East Boca's **Chanukah Festival** will be the performance by Israel's King of Blues/Rock, Lazer Lloyd, who performs in Sanborn Square in Boca Raton on the eighth night of Hanukkah.

Lloyd's most recent album, an eponymous album released in June, has garnered a suitcase full of rave reviews for his skillful riffs. One of the best-known



Lloyd

blues musicians in Israel, the Connecticut-raised singer/songwriter was born Lloyd Paul Blumen 40-something years ago. (Lazer is short of Eliezer, Lloyd's Hebrew name.) Living abroad in Israel for the last 20 years ago, Lloyd has watched Israel's love for the blues

blossom. Now the land of his ancestors attracts A-list blues artists. Lloyd contends the blues have been there all along. He told *The New York Times*, "We consider King David to be the first blues singer."

The event also features carnival rides and food, and a menorah lighting. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. For more information, visit [chabadbocabeaches.com](http://chabadbocabeaches.com).



### Chabad's dreidel honors

Who owns the world's most expensive dreidel?

According to the Guinness World Records, Chabad of South Palm Beach County does. The record was officially claimed on Oct. 23.

"Dreidel" is Yiddish for a spinning top, and most dreidels are toys. In the past, they were made of clay. This one is made of precious gems and metals.

The four-sided dreidel has a

silver Tiffany frame, gemstone-encrusted gold plates with the four Hebrew letters: *Nun, Gimmel, Hay and Shin*, which form the acronym of the phrase: "*Nes gadol hayah sham*" or "A great miracle happened there," a reference to the Hanukkah miracle.

The top point is antique turquoise, and the point on which it spins is a diamond. The artist who made it, Pedro Maldonado of Artisan Jewelers in Manalapan, also used free-hanging diamonds and gems that sparkle when it spins.

Chabad of South Palm Beach appealed to the Guinness World Records Inc. to create custom criteria for this new category — the World's Most Valuable Dreidel.

"The completed Dreidel meets and exceeds the Guinness requirements in every category," Rabbi Leibel Stolik said.

Maldonado donated his skills to craft the piece, valued at \$14,000.

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## Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - The Evolution of the Torah Over 3000 Years** at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Dr. Leon Weissberg, Judaic studies scholar. 1 pm. \$5. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.net

**12/6 - Share Our Light 1st Night Chanukah Concert** at Temple Sinai, 2475 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Noted Judaic studies scholar Dr. Leon Weissberg. 5:30 pm. \$5/adults; free/children under 16. 276-6161; templesinaipbc.net

**12/6 - Life Teen** at St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Comprehensive youth ministry program; dinner included. Every Sun 6:45-8:30 pm. Free. 276-6892 x330; stvincentferrer.com

**12/6 - Christmas Collage: Christmases of Past and Present** at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. Free. 395-1244; fumcbocaraton.org

**Tuesday - 12/8 - 7th Annual YMCA of the Palm Beaches Prayer Breakfast** at The Breakers, 1 S County Rd, Palm Beach. Keynote speaker Dr. Ben Carson. 7:45-9:15 am. \$80/person; \$500/premium. 968-9622; ymcapalmbeaches.org

**12/8 - Lectio Divina (Divine Prayer)** at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/8 - Catholic Grandparents Meeting** at Ascension Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. All welcome. Second T 10-11:30 am. Free. 289-2640; diocesepb.org

**12/8 - Rector's Bible Study** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every T 10:30 am & Th 7-8:30 pm. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/8 - Bible Study** at St. Mark Catholic Church, 643 St. Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm through 5/31/16. \$10/free will offering for study guide. 736-7812; stmarkboynton.com

**12/8 - Bible Study** at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church Kellaghan Hall, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every T 7-9 pm. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

**Wednesday - 12/9 - St. Paul's Episcopal Church Bible Study** at Panera, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Read, discuss upcoming Lesson and Gospel readings. Every W 8-9 am. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/9 - Wonderful Wednesdays** at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. Theme: "God's Creation." All ages. Every W 5:45 pm dinner; 6:30 pm program. \$7/adult; \$5/child; \$20/max per family. Reservations: 276-6338; firstdelray.com

**12/9 - Rector's Bible Study** at St Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 6 pm supper (soup and salad, donation requested); 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**Thursday - 12/10 - Prayer Circle** at Trinity Lutheran Church Courtyard, 400 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 8:05 am. 278-1737; trinitydelray.org

**Friday - 12/11 - Women's Bible Study Group** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church Youth House, 266 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 9:15 am. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**Saturday - 12/12 - Month's Mind Requiem Mass** at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery Outdoor Chapel, 10941 Southern Blvd, Royal Palm Beach. Feast of prayerful remembrance for departed souls. Second Sat 10 am. Free. 793-0711; diocesepb.org

**12/12 - Live Nativity** at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1480 Knuth Rd, Boynton Beach. The Bible story from Luke, interfaith choirs, more. 4:30-9 pm. 737-1588.

**12/12 - A St. Gregory's Christmas Concert** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 7-9 pm. \$35/person; \$10/student w/valid ID. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

### DECEMBER 13-19

**Sunday - 12/13 - Handbell Concert** at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 4 pm. Free but love offering accepted. 954-947-1951

**Friday - 12/18 - Parents of St. Gregory's** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, topic discussion (targeted to young parents with children ages 2-13), group feedback, childcare available. Third F 6-8 pm. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**Saturday - 12/19 - Special Advent Day of Reflection** at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, 1300 US Hwy One, North Palm Beach. Sr. Roberta Popara and Deacon Dennis Demes. 10 am. \$30. 626-1300; ourladyofflorida.org

### DECEMBER 20-26

**Sunday - 12/20 - Christmas Cantata** at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 8:30 & 11 am. Free. 954-947-1951

**Thursday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve with The Journey Church** at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 3, 4:30, or 6 pm. Free. bocajourney.com/Christmas

**12/24 - Christmas Eve** at Journey Church South Florida, 715 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Snow experience after final service. 3, 5, & 7 pm. Free. 616-8389; gojourneychurch.com

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Mass** at St Mark Catholic Church, 643 St. Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. 4 pm early Mass; 5:45 pm Children's Mass; 7:30 pm Spanish Mass; 9:15 pm Carols of the Season; 10 pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve. Free. 734-9330; stmarkboynton.com

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Mass** at St.Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 4 & 9 pm evening Mass. 5:30 pm Children's Mass. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Services** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 4 pm family service

featuring children's pageant; 7 pm lessons and carols; 10:30 pm Midnight Mass musical prelude; 11 pm Mass. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**12/24 - Family Christmas Pageant/Musical** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm. Free. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Services** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5 pm family service: Christmas pageant and musical by parish members; children act out the traditional Christmas story; 7:30 & 11 pm Candlelight service, music by St. Paul's choir, instrumental ensemble, traditional carols. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. 6, 8, & 11 pm; 11 pm adults only. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Service** at Lakeview Baptist Church of Delray Beach, 2599 N Swinton Ave. 6 pm. Free. 276-3937

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. 7, 8, & 9:30 pm. Free. 276-6338; firstdelray.com

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Service** at First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 5 pm family service; 7 pm traditional (west chapel) and contemporary (east chapel) services; 9 pm traditional service (east chapel). Free. 395-1244;

fumcbocaraton.org

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 7 & 11 pm. Free. 954-947-1951

**12/24 - The Avenue Church Christmas Eve Service** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Some chairs provided; bring chairs, blankets. 6 pm music; 7-8:30 pm service. Free. 997-5486.

**Friday - 12/25 - Christmas Mass** at St.Vincent Ferrer, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. 7, 8:30, 10, & 11:30 am. Free. 276-6892; stvincentferrer.com

**12/25 - Christmas Holy Eucharist** at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 395-8285; stgregorysepiscopal.org

**12/25 - Christmas Holy Eucharist Service** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Sermon, traditional carols. 10:45 am hymn sing; 11 am service. Free. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

### DEC. 27 - JAN. 2

**Thursday - 12/31 - New Year's Eve Reflection & Celebration** at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center, 1300 US Hwy One, North Palm Beach. Presentation by Br. Ed Hall, CP. Presentation, reconciliation, Mass, midnight party. 6 pm registration; 7 pm dinner. \$80/overnight; \$60/evening only. 626-1300; ourladyofflorida.org

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Secret Gardens

# Burrow into nature at Deerfield Island Park

Deerfield Island Park has much to teach us about what happens when man intrudes on nature. Keep that in mind as you travel the half-mile Coquina Trail that explores the eastern side of this 53.3-acre piece of land.

“This park is a hidden gem in the middle of the urban wilderness,” says naturalist Katharine Hendrickson, who works for the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division.

But to discover the island, you’ll need a boat. Free dockage for moderate and deep-water boats means you can bring your own or you can hop aboard the weekend pontoon shuttle that leaves Sullivan Park on the mainland.

Once on the island, find a picnic spot or take the opportunity to learn more about the ecology of this natural jewel.

“We are working to make this park less passive and more of an educational experience,” says Hendrickson — mentioning guided bird walks, kayak tours and more.

While walking on the boardwalk and sandy paths, you’ll see many plants and animals up close and personal.

On our visit, we were greeted by raccoons (there are three troops on the island), an orb weaver spinning an intricate web that she will destroy at the end of the day, a cardinal couple, an iguana that probably swam over to look for lunch and a gopher tortoise.

Hendrickson tells us there are about 50 burrows the tortoises have built on the island, of which 30 are actively populated.

Because the tortoises are a protected species, the island is closely monitored to be sure there are plenty of safe areas for them to find sandy land in which to burrow and plenty of



**IF YOU GO**

**Where:** Deerfield Island Park is just north of the Hillsboro Bridge on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway. Board the weekend shuttle boat at the dock at the east end of Riverview Road in Sullivan Park.

**When:** Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Shuttle from Sullivan Park runs on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No pets allowed.

**Info:** [www.broward.org/parks](http://www.broward.org/parks); 954-357-5100

vegetation for them to eat.

To understand the plants you will see along the way, you need to jump back in time to when Deerfield Island was still a peninsula surrounded by fresh water. In fact you’ll still find pond apples growing on the island that probably took root when the western part of the peninsula was a fresh water marsh; the eastern side was covered with slash pines.

Beginning in 1895, the lazy river to the east of the peninsula was widened and deepened to become the Florida East Coast Canal and later the Intracoastal Waterway.

What sand and sludge was removed to deepen and widen these waterways was dumped on the peninsula, raising its elevation, destroying the native vegetation and creating an



**TOP:** Resurrection fern growing on an oak tree thrives in the humid air. **RIGHT:** A family enjoys a walk on one of the trails. **ABOVE:** Beauty berry lives up to its name. **Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

open expanse of sand. In 1904, the river on the south side of the peninsula was “improved” to help drain the Everglades. And in 1961, a waterway was built to connect this canal with the Intracoastal Waterway — turning the peninsula into an island.

With its habitat cut off from the mainland and little else growing, it was ripe to be invaded by Australian pines, Brazilian peppers, morning glory vines, wandering sailor and schefflera.

You’ll still find these on the island today, but Hendrickson and her small crew are slowly

removing them. “As we remove the invasives, we see natives starting to flourish. They are just waiting for their time to shine. It’s fantastic to see them rising up

**HISTORIC LORE**

Deerfield Island also is known as Capone Island because in 1930 gangster Al Capone tried to purchase the land on which to build a casino, a 120-foot-wide swimming pool and a home. At that time it was a peninsula with access from Boca Raton. But to keep the gangster out, the city closed the roads to the island and refused to let him reopen them. By 1932 he was in federal prison and the rest is, well, history.



out of the sand,” she says. Some of the natives such as wild coffee, mangrove trees, gumbo limbos, sea grapes, saw palmettos, coconut palms, ferns and oaks have arrived naturally. But others such as the stoppers and slash pines were planted.

A butterfly garden also was recently created, which was a big undertaking. Almost 30 volunteers, the plants and 27 bags of soil had to be transported to the island by boat and moved to the site on ATVs.

“It was a major logistical effort,” says Hendrickson. But like everything else in this island park, it is much appreciated.

“I’ve never met anyone who has come here and not felt a connection to this island. It’s a very special place,” says Hendrickson.

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Along the Coast

# Residents begin to tackle invasive plants overwhelming the beaches

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Nonie Wyckoff of Delray Beach has taken it upon herself to help educate Floridians living along the dunes about how to eliminate the invasive plants that are destroying native vegetation and opening the sand to dangerous erosion.

"The invasives need to be removed to make the beach look better and to protect it as well as our homes," says Wyckoff, who has owned her Bridgehampton condo for more than 20 years.

Her involvement started about a month ago when, by chance, she ran into dune biologist Rob Barron. A consultant for the city, he was walking the almost two miles of sand behind the town's beachfront homes. He'd been hired to map the invasive plants in order to rewrite the city's Comprehensive Dune Management Plan.

In talking to him, Wyckoff learned that the natural dune vegetation is under assault from invasive species.

And, of course, this is not only a problem in Delray Beach but all along Florida's coast. In fact, about 387 of the state's 825 miles of sandy beaches have experienced "critical erosion." That's enough to threaten development and recreation as well as cultural and environmental interests, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

And much of the problem can be linked to invasives replacing natives on the beaches because the natural greenery protects the beaches, dunes and homes behind them from storm damage and erosion. Those natives also provide habitat for coastal animals and can even help nesting sea turtles by



**ABOVE:** Nate Kinbacher, manager of The Bridgehampton, hacks away at invasive Brazilian pepper plants along the dunes in Delray Beach. His friend Jason Davis assists. **LEFT:** The berries of a Brazilian pepper plant. **Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

shielding them from artificial light from the land.

"I couldn't believe what he was telling me about the problems with invasives," Wyckoff says.

So she not only talked to her fellow condo dwellers about undertaking an eradication program but she also contacted the neighbors.

"We feel the beach is something we should all look after," says Debby MacInnis at The Southampton, next door.

She admits to having noticed in the last two years that invasives are taking over the dunes behind her home.

So, after hearing from Wyckoff, she and her fellow condo dwellers met to discuss the problem and the possibilities. And now they are looking into turning their eradication project over to their landscape contractor.

But others are doing it themselves.

On Wednesday afternoons,

you'll find Nate Kinbacher, who manages and maintains The Bridgehampton, out on the beach swinging a machete and using a saw to whack and hack his way through the invasive plants. Once they are cut back, he drags them to where they'll be picked up by bulk garbage collection.

"It's hot sweaty work. But I've always had a green thumb and like being outdoors working with my hands," says Kinbacher, who says it takes

**GET INVOLVED**

For more information about fighting invasives on Florida dunes, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2\\_014913.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/nrcs141p2_014913.pdf).

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about three hours to clear 100 square feet of dune.

He goes after the non-natives Barron has pointed out as the four biggest culprits in this area.

Of course there are many more, but looking out over the dunes, one sees the shiny bright green leaves of the Hawaiian sea grape and the prickly nicker bean that can quickly grow 18 to 20 feet in length. There's the Brazilian pepper, which has red berries that birds eat and then spread their seeds. And the prolific coin vine is aptly named for its seeds that look like, well, coins.

Soon the dunes here will be like those behind Delray Beach's Fountain House where the owners have already cleared the exotics and are getting ready to plant sea oats, saw palmettos and other rare but native coastal shrubs.

With the invasives removed, some of the more than 170 native species you find on wild, natural dunes will have room and sunlight to thrive.

"There's no obligation to homeowners to do anything about the problem of invasives. It's just smart," Barron says. ★

## Garden Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - Exploring Nature with Encaustic** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 561 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Stroll the gardens for inspiration, demonstrations, then hands-on time to create 2-3 small pieces. Materials provided. All artistic levels/styles welcome. 8 am-1 pm. 233-1757;mounts.org

**Tuesday - 12/8 - Field Trip: Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami** leaves from Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Includes admission to the garden, tram tour, lunch, round trip motor coach

transportation to and from Patch Reef Park. Light refreshments offered prior to boarding. Arrive for check-in by 8:30 am. 8:30am-3:30pm. \$52/person. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Wednesday - 12/9 - 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 - 12/10 - Orchid Society of the Palm Beaches** at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 491-8033; orchidsocietyofthepalmbeaches.com  
**12/10 - Boca Raton Orchid Society** at Safe Schools Institute, 1790 NW Spanish River Blvd. Second Th 7:30 pm. Free. 394-

5910; brosonline.org  
**Saturday - 12/12 - Gift Your Garden with Native Plants** at Indian Trails Nursery, 6315 Park Lane W, Lake Worth, 8 am-4 pm, 641-9488; Meadow Beauty Nursery, 5782 Ranches Rd, Lake Worth, 8 am-4 pm, 601-9673; Native Choice Nursery, 7401 Tropical World Way, Boynton Beach, 9 am-4 pm, 756-4370. palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

### DECEMBER 13-19

**Tuesday - 12/15 - Florida Native Plant Society Palm Beach County Chapter** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm Holiday potluck. Third Tu 7 pm. Free. 247-3677; palmbeach.fnpschapters.org

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Health & Harmony

**Trials underway show promise in treating Alzheimer's patients**

With no cure yet available, and few ways to stall its progress, Alzheimer's Disease has passed cancer as the disease most feared by Americans, according to 2015 surveys.

Alzheimer's steals memory and thinking ability and eventually kills its victims. In 2015, an estimated 35 million people worldwide have the disease. By 2050, as more people live longer, that number could grow to 131.5 million — or one out of 85 people globally.

For people ages 85 to 95, the chance of developing Alzheimer's is nearly 50 percent.

Caring for an Alzheimer's patient takes an emotional and financial toll on millions more — the caregivers and families.

Michael Tuchman is one of thousands of doctors involved in medical trials that could find a cure. He is screening and evaluating test subjects in five current trials.

"There is reason to be optimistic," said Tuchman, a board-certified neurologist and psychiatrist who practices in Palm Beach Gardens.

Amyloid, a protein that collects in the brains of Alzheimer's victims, is



Tuchman

currently the "prime therapeutic target," according to the journal *Nature*. "After 30 years of research, we have moved in the last 12 years to 'Let's move that amyloid out of there,'" Tuchman said.

Two strategies are among those being tested: preventing the buildup of amyloid, and finding ways to flush it out of the body.

Certain trials have isolated mouse antibodies that prevent the accumulation of amyloids. Other researchers are transferring protective antibodies from the small percentage of humans who seem to be genetically immune to Alzheimer's. If the mouse and human trials prove successful, it will be possible to slow the disease with an injection.

When Alois Alzheimer, a German psychiatrist, conducted autopsies on abnormal brains, he identified three cases of the disease that now bears his name. All three cases involved people younger than 60.

Alzheimer, who died in 1915, was not able to predict that the disease would occur more often in older people, because few people of his era lived past 60.

Even in the middle of the 20th century, Alzheimer's was seldom seen.

"When I went to medical school in the '60s, I was told it was something you'll never

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Alzheimer's Disease is an irreversible disease that is characterized by loss of memory, thinking and reasoning skills, leading to a loss of cognitive functions and dementia.

**What are the risk factors?**

**Age:** Symptoms typically become noticeable after age 60. Risk of developing the disease doubles every 5 years after 65.

Nearly 50 percent of adults older than age 85 are living with Alzheimer's.

**Family history:** Having one or more immediate family members with the disease increases the risk.

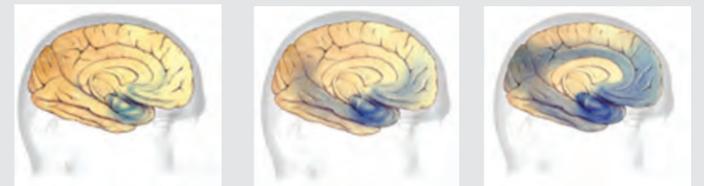
**Heredity:** Certain genes increase the risk and others directly cause Alzheimer's.

**What are the signs of Alzheimer's disease?**

**Mild cognitive impairment (MCI):** Memory problems that differ from normal, age-related changes in cognitive functions (such as occasionally forgetting which word to use, but still remembering later on). Symptoms of MCI include:

- **Memory loss**, such as asking the same questions multiple times and forgetting the use of everyday items
- **Ongoing changes** in thinking and reasoning skills, such as having difficulty managing money and paying bills
- **Needing additional time** to complete everyday tasks, such as eating, brushing teeth and communicating

**What are the stages of Alzheimer's disease?**



**PRODROMAL**

Begins: 20 or so years before typical diagnosis

Plaques begin to form in the brain; symptoms not usually detected until people experience mild cognitive impairment

**MILD TO MODERATE**

Typical length of stage: 2-10 years

Areas of the brain related to memory and thinking are affected; symptoms lead to interference with work and social life

**SEVERE**

May last: 1-5 years

The cortex is seriously damaged; individuals can no longer recognize family or friends, and lose the ability to communicate

Source: Palm Beach Neurological Center

see, and that's what I told my students 10 years later," Tuchman said.

A hundred years after Alzheimer's death, the only definitive test for the disease is the same: an autopsy that shows the presence of amyloid proteins and neurofibrillary tangles in the brain.

However, there are now much better ways to diagnose Alzheimer's early in its progression, Tuchman said.

"We are now able to determine with a 90 to 95 percent confidence level," he said. "That gives us hope."

Tuchman and his colleagues make their diagnoses based on family history, the existence of Parkinson's Disease and previous strokes, among other indicators.

Patients can be given MRI, CT and PET scans and spinal taps to indicate the presence of amyloids. Doctors can also determine if the problem is Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia, which can be caused by strokes, for example.

Since Alzheimer's results in permanent brain damage, early detection gives the most hope for slowing its progress with drugs now available. The best people to notice early symptoms are people who see the patient every day: family and friends.

Recent studies show that the brain remains elastic longer than previously thought. So, an old dog can learn new tricks — and should, to keep the brain cells firing. Puzzles, games, learning new languages, reading and other brain work all keep the "old" brain working better.

Studies also show that exercise benefits brain health, and not just because it improves circulation.

For more information, visit [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).



Lona O'Connor has a lifelong interest in health and healthy living. Send column ideas to [Lona13@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lona13@bellsouth.net).

# Health & Harmony Calendar

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## DECEMBER 5

**Saturday - 12/5 - 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

**12/5 - QiGong** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Improve flexibility, balance, muscle tone, energy, mental well-being. Adults. Every Sat 9 am. Free introductory class. \$40/month. Reservations: 419-5403; facebook.com/WestBocaTaiChi

**12/5 - QiGong** at southeast corner Swinton Avenue & 1st Street, Delray Beach. Energize and relax. 9 am. Held again 12/12 & 19. \$10/class. 221-3327; deborahclinker@gmail.com

**12/5 - Transforming the Addictive Habits of the Mind** at FAU's Student Union Senate Chambers, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Facilitator: Barbara Schmidt. Create space for your best self to emerge. 10 am-12:30 pm. Held again 12/8 at 6-8:30 pm. \$30. Registration: 297-2337; fau.edu/pjhr

**12/5 - Yoga Class** at Train Depot, 747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton. T/Th/Sat 9:30-11 am; T 6:30-8 pm. 5 classes: \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents; 10 classes: \$110/residents, \$137.50/non-residents; 20 classes: \$200/residents, \$250/non-residents. 477-8727; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/5 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park West, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/get parking pass at Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Classes held on grass overlooking the Intracoastal. No cash accepted on-site. Every M/W 6:30 pm, Sat 10-11 am. \$10-\$12.50/class, or 60-day membership (unlimited classes) \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/5 - Judo Class** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Warm-up exercises, instruction, practice, 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

**12/5 - Zumba Class** at South Beach Park Pavilion, 400 N State Rd A1A, Boca Raton. Every Sat 10:30 am. Free. 393-7703; downtownboca.org

**12/5 - Genesis Community Health's World AIDS Day Community Lunch** at Carolyn Sims Center at Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Eat, exercise and enjoy an afternoon of free food, raffle prizes and information about AIDS prevention. 1-3 pm. Free. 735-6553 or gencomhealth.org.

## DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - Yoga at the Beach** at Red Reef Park East, 1400 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Register/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 - 12/7 - Fitness on the Beach** at Delray Beach Lifeguard stand North I across from the Marriott. 10 N Ocean Blvd. Bring towel, water, a can-do attitude. Ages 18+. M/W/F 7:30-8:30 am. \$10/class. 502-523-0284; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - Circuit Training** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Targets multiple muscle groups to improve energy and fitness. Modifications available. M/T/Th 8:30-9:20 am. 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

**12/7 - Yin Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi** at Society of The Four Arts Philip Hulitar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat; check in at Dixon Education Building. Every M 9-10 am through 5/27. \$15/session. Reservations: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/7 - Flow Yoga Class** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Slow intuitive vinyasa flow class. M&F 9-10:15 am. \$15/class or \$60/5 classes. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**12/7 - 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 wks old. First class free. M/T/Th. 9:30-10:20 am. 4 classes: \$36/residents, \$45/non-

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**12/7 - Stretch** at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W Atlantic Ave. Every M&W 10-11 am. \$5/members; \$10/non-members. Registration: 243-7360; delraytennis.com

**12/7 - Tai Chi for Beginners** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Natural ways to relieve tension, stress, pains. Certified instruction. All ages. Every M 10-11 am. Per class: \$15/residents; \$20/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - Chair Massage** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every M 10 am-noon. \$10/10-minute session. Appointments: 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/7 - Chi Kung & Meditation** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every M 11 am-noon through 5/30. Per class: \$15/residents, \$16/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - Parkinson's Exercise Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve balance, flexibility, 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

**12/7 - 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 w/ participating health plans. 808-7743; ppcare.net

**12/7 - 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 & third M 2-3 pm. Free. Registration: 737-7733, x84681; bethesdaweb.com

**12/7 - Meditation Mondays** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Meditate to enhance overall health, well-being. Every M 5:30-6:15 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/7 - Zumba Class** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. M&W 6-7 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/nonresidents or \$50/six week session (12 classes). 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - 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

**12/7 - Boca Raton Multiple Myeloma Support Group** at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Meet and interact with fellow myeloma patients, their family members, friends. Learn new aspects of treatment and management of myeloma. Every 1st M 6:30-8 pm. Free. 901-5938 or 637-4682; myeloma.org



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Oceanfront Estate	6125 N Ocean Blvd.	8/8.1	6934	\$6,950,000	\$5,500,000	7/2/15
Ocean Ridge	6029 Old Ocean Blvd.	3/3	3372	\$3,850,000	\$3,625,000	9/18/15
Ocean Ridge Beach	40 Hibiscus Way	4/2	3,600	\$1,699,900	\$1,625,000	7/15/15
Tropical Shores	120 Dolphin Road	4/3.1	3,829	\$1,550,000	\$1,475,000	7/24/15
Ocean Ridge Beach	10 Ridge Blvd.	4/4	3,162	\$1,499,000	\$1,414,000	8/19/15
Tropical Shores	1 Beachway Drive	4/4.1	3,542	\$1,450,000	\$1,400,000	8/3/15
Ocean Ridge Beach	1 Ixora Way	3/3	3,040	\$1,199,000	\$1,060,000	9/18/15
Dunes of Ocean Ridge	6711 N Ocean Blvd. #63	2.1	2748	\$875,000	\$850,000	10/7/15
Inlet Plaza	6885 N Ocean Blvd. #106	2/2	1,417	\$749,000	\$650,000	7/15/15
Ridge Harbour Estates	36 N Harbour Drive	4/3	3,074	\$698,000	\$673,000	8/7/15
Ocean Terrace	5720 Old Ocean Blvd. #2E	2/2	1,500	\$679,000	\$600,000	7/9/15
Ocean Walk	5801 N Ocean Blvd. #106	3/2	1,864	\$599,900	\$560,000	9/30/15
Inlet Cay	38 Spanish River Drive	2/2.1	1,856	\$595,000	\$558,500	7/17/15
Shore View	21 Hersey Drive	3/2	1566	\$549,000	\$510,000	7/31/15
Palm Beach Shore Acres	35 Oceanview Drive	3/3	1,292	\$549,000	\$540,000	8/21/15
Tropical Park	9 Fayette Drive	3/3	2,038	\$529,000	\$470,000	7/31/15
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**12/8 - Big & Loud: Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program** at Bethesda Heart Hospital 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 10:30-11:30 am. Held again 12/22. Free. 292-4950; RLatino@BHLinc.org  
**12/8 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every T noon -1:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com  
**12/8 - Got a Coupon for that? What is Value-based Care?** presented by J. Acey

Albert, M.D., Internist, as part of the Ask the Physician Lecture Series at Bethesda Hospital East Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHLinc.org  
**12/8 - Modern Line Dance Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Fitness program designed to enhance quality of life through modern music and dance. Ages 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30pm & Th 7:30-8:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com  
**12/8 - 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. 3-4 pm. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/nonresidents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com  
**Wednesday - 12/9 - Hatha Yoga Wellness Classes with Rassika Sabine Bourgi** at Society of The Four Arts Philip Hulitar Sculpture Garden, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Bring mat; check in at Dixon Education Building. Every W 9-10 am through 5/27. \$15/session. Reservations appreciated: 805-8562; fourarts.org  
**12/9 - Yoga with Colleen** at Veterans Park, 802 NE First St, Delray Beach. Ages 18 & up. Every W 9-10:30 am. Per class: \$10/residents; \$15/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com  
**12/9 - Al Anon Discussion Group** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 10:30-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

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**12/11 - Breastfeeding Support Group** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Dawson Theater, 800 Meadows Rd. Every F 1-3:30 pm. Free. 955-5415; brrh.com  
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**Tuesday - 12/15 - Shoulder Pain: Rotator Cuff Tears and Arthritis** at Lantana Road Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Rd. Presented by Michael Cohn, M.D., Orthopaedic Surgeon; part of Bethesda Hospital East Be Healthy, Be Well Program. 2 pm. Free. 304-4500; publicrelations@BHLinc.org  
**12/15 - Kidney Tumors and Cystic Lesions: When Is It Time to Worry?** at Bethesda Hospital East Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Raymond Leveillee, M.D., Urologist; part of the Ask the Physician Lecture Series 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHLinc.org  
**Wednesday - 12/16 - Family and Friends** at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Education Center Classroom B, 800 Meadows Rd. Basics of infant, child and adult CPR, relief of choking, child and infant one-person CPR. Includes course book and completion certification. 6-8 pm. \$25. Registration: 955-4468; brrh.com

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Or you can consider a powerful third option by purchasing items from companies committed to giving back to homeless dogs, cats and other companion animals. Locally, Jenna Sellers Miller is launching a holiday tradition in memory of Benny, her late, great otterhound mix she adopted from a Tallahassee shelter. He was just hours away from being euthanized because of shelter overcrowding.

As chief executive officer of Architec Brands, a company based in downtown Delray Beach, Miller is donating 5 percent of each product sale of her Totally Sweet Products line to Animal Aid Inc., a nonprofit, no-kill animal rescue shelter and adoption center in Oakland Park. This group takes in emergency, abuse and neglect cases as well as dogs and cats from animal control agencies in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Miller is calling her first pet donation venture the Bake for Benny fund. And Miller will donate 5 percent of all sales — not simply net profit — from



Workers and dogs coexist inside the pet-friendly office of Architec Brands, a housewares design company in Delray Beach. Henry, a 3-year-old golden retriever, lounges in his bed. His friend Lilly, a 2-year-old Morkie, explores the office to find a place for a nap as Architec employees (l-r) Erin Yergens, Jenna Sellers Miller and Megan Grennan work in the background. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

items in her Totally Sweet Products brand. TSP is the new boutique line of bakeware tools and accessories by Architec Brands, a manufacturing company founded in 2000 by Miller's mother, Kathleen Sellers. Its products are now

available in major department stores and gourmet shops throughout the United States plus eight other countries.

Miller, who shares her home now with three former shelter dogs named Birdie, Chaney and Molly, is focusing on Animal

Aid this time, but has bigger plans. She intends to expand her giving by divvying up the funds to more nonprofit animal charities in the coming years.

"Launching the new TSP line means a new avenue for us to give back," says Miller, who runs a pet-welcoming office. "We have been wanting to do this for a long time and are ready to give back to pet charities and no-kill shelters that work so hard."

Benny was her inspiration. Miller expresses it best:

"Benny was such a good dog, no, make that the best dog," says Miller. "I found him on Petfinder.com 14 years ago. Something about his photo, his eyes that I connected with and I immediately called the shelter in Tallahassee where he was housed. They told me I better get him fast because he was scheduled for 'destruction' at 8 a.m. the next day."

"I was dating my now husband, Bryan, at the time and asked him if he would drive with me and he immediately replied, 'Let's go.' We drove all night to Tallahassee and arrived at 7 a.m. to adopt Benny. He was a scruffy, smelly mutt and we stopped in Gainesville where we took him to a PetSmart store to get him groomed."

### BAKE FOR BENNY

Learn more by visiting the Bake for Benny website ([www.je0711.wix.com/bake-for-benny](http://www.je0711.wix.com/bake-for-benny)), the Architec website ([www.architecproducts.com/tsp/](http://www.architecproducts.com/tsp/)) and its designated charity beneficiary, Animal Aid Inc. ([www.animal-aid.com/index.html](http://www.animal-aid.com/index.html)).

"Benny became our first office dog at Architec Brands, and passed away a couple years ago. He had a nice, long happy life and I will never forget him."

If you would like to make this holiday a special one for animals in need, consider these ways you can make a difference for shelter animals:

- Volunteer to walk shelter dogs or play with cats.
- Donate spare towels, pet beds and blankets to an animal shelter.
- Offer to temporarily foster a shelter pet during the holiday season.
- Provide transportation for shelter animals needing to go to foster or adoptive homes.
- Spread the word. If you adopted a pet at an animal shelter, post his photo and your gratitude on your social media sites.

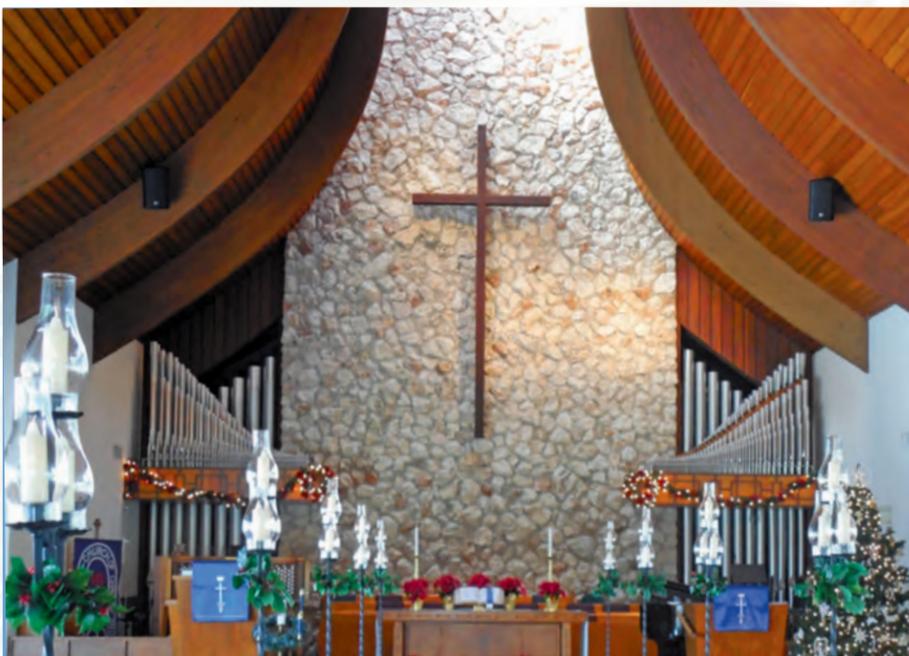
• Host a party for your pet and ask attendees to bring items that can be donated to shelters in lieu of gifts for your pet.

• Honor the memory of a beloved pet who passed away by making a donation in his name to a nonprofit pet group.

Take it from Miller. It feels good to give.

"Benny represents the inherent worth of all animal life and highlights the incredible work and devotion of those who dedicate their time to saving and improving pet lives," says Miller. "This is a way I can honor his memory."

Arden Moore, founder of [www.FourLeggedLife.com](http://www.FourLeggedLife.com), is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author, speaker and master certified pet first aid instructor. Learn more by visiting [www.fourleggedlife.com](http://www.fourleggedlife.com).



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chancel Choir of Church of the Palms located at 1960 N. Swinton Avenue in Delray Beach will present the Christmas Cantata *The Promise of Light* by Joel Raney on Sunday afternoon, **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** in the Sanctuary. The program is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken for the Music Ministry of the church. All are invited to attend a light reception in the Friendship Center immediately following the Cantata.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

The Church of the Palms invites the community to attend our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on **Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**. In addition to the Worship Service, we will have specially selected Christmas music for your enjoyment beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at 6:30 pm for the Candlelight Service to begin. This service will bring a message of hope, love and inspiration for all who attend, both young and old.

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## Remembrance

### Lulu Whittaker



Lulu Whittaker passed away on Nov. 4. She was 10 years old. A typical Westie, Lulu was determined, smart and spirited. She was the Perle Mesta of Gulf Stream. Lulu was often seen wearing her pink Lilly Pulitzer dress and was the life of the party. She was a wonderful hostess when entertaining her friends or sponsoring an event for Dogs 4 Disabled Veterans. Lulu was everyone's favorite and will be missed by all who knew her, especially Barbara.

— Submitted by Barbara Whittaker

**Step-by-step: How to wrap a gift**



**Step 1:** Spread paper facedown on flat surface with gift in center. Pull up sides of paper, estimating where they'll meet; cut.  
**Step 2:** Fold sides over; secure in middle.



**Step 3:** On one end of box, flatten paper from both sides against box, creating triangles above and below. Crease triangle edges.



**Step 4:** Tuck corners in at ends.



**Step 5:** Fold top triangle down, then lift bottom triangle over that one and tape in place.



**Step 6:** Lynn Waldenmyer, a wrap demonstrator at The Container Store in Town Center, shows completed packages. To finish, wrap ribbon lengthwise across front of box, bring to back and twist so ribbon spans box width. Bring to front, knot and tie bow. Finish package with holiday flair.  
**Photos by Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

**For coastal flair**

This time of year, beach-themed ornaments are especially popular at Hand's Office & Art Supply in Delray Beach. Besides being used as tree décor, the ornaments are used to embellish gifts, giving them a seaside feel, said Liz Hughes, Hand's manager. But the ornaments are good sellers all year long.



Mary Thurwachter / The Coastal Star

"People like to buy them as a remembrance of the warmth and sunshine," Hughes said. "We have ornaments made in Florida and from all over the world. Most are under \$10."

Hand's also has an extensive collection of Christmas cards and wrapping paper and is at 325 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach.  
— Mary Thurwachter

**WRAP**

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of holiday gift wraps, ribbons, bows, totes, tie-ons, boxes and other gift packaging solutions. "Have some cider or wine. Make it fun."

Here are some of her wrapping tips:

- Use paper with a grid on the back. It makes measuring easy. Then allow two inches on the ends of a box before you begin to fold.

- When choosing a wrap, remember that typically, small patterned wraps work best for small boxes. Wraps with larger designs work well on bigger boxes so that the entire pattern may be seen. It's always a nice touch to select a wrap that speaks to the personality or tastes of the

**Wrapping trends**

This year's top themes for wrap include trees, snowflakes and deer motifs, says Natalia Woodworth of The Container Store. "Foxes are the new owl (last year's popular add-on animal) this year, and the store still has its signature penguin, moose, hedgehog and dog. Lots of natural recycled wraps again — as well as wood/wood-grain textures and patterns. Pinterest-y/DIY/personalizable elements like chalk wraps are still very big this year — we're also seeing chalk ribbons and chalk boxes! Textured ribbons are big this year as well as reversible ribbons and velvet. Hanukkah gift wrap features lots of silvers and blues."

— Mary Thurwachter

recipient.

- Create your own, unique presentation using a variety of materials and techniques. Experiment with ribbon in a basket weave pattern, use stickers and decals instead of tape.
- A good pair of scissors

is essential for cutting paper straight.

- Use two-sided tape. You won't see the tape on the outside of the package at all.

- Pick a theme. Paper designs at The Container Store are mostly made in America but some come from other countries. There are special designs for gifts for boyfriends, pets, kids, teachers, etc.

- Choose embellishments for extra allure. Ornaments often are used for this purpose and can go on the tree after the present is opened.

- If your gift is large, like a surfboard or a bike, create a little game with clues that eventually lead the recipient to the garage where you've hidden the gift. Bulky toys and other gifts can be stuffed in a bag.

- Put a bow on it! Making one isn't as difficult as it may look. Wrap experts at the store will show you how.

- Personalize presents with creative gift tags you can buy or make yourself.

- Keep all of your wrapping supplies neat, accessible and protected. Depending on how much space you have, you can find solutions for storing these materials on a shelf, under a bed or in a spare closet. ★

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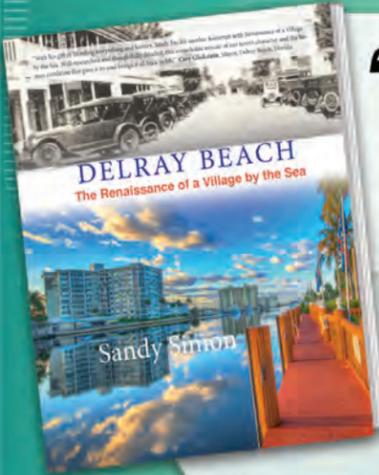
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## Shopping Hot Spots

# 5 not-to-miss places on Worth Avenue

Story and photos by Mary Thurwachter

Accolades keep rolling in for Palm Beach's Worth Avenue, a collection of more than 200 upscale shops (Tiffany, Chanel, Hermes, Saks, Louis Vuitton and Cartier, etc.) offering everything from designer jewelry, clothing and shoes to internationally acclaimed antiques and paintings.

*Conde Nast Traveler* dubbed Worth Avenue one of "the top five places to shop in country" and *USA Today* has it on the list of "10 Most Iconic Streets." Worth Avenue's history began in 1918, when Addison Mizner built the exclusive Everglades Club at the road's west end. That Mediterranean-style structure set the pace for the prestige the shopping area that it is today. Beyond the shops, restaurants and galleries, there is much to see.

Here are five spots not to miss:



### 1. Via Mizner

Worth Avenue features eight cloistered courtyards. The via design was intended to resemble Venice, without the water. One of the most impressive is Via Mizner with its winding, covered walkways, fountains and flowers, and colorful tiled stairways. The complex has 19 buildings, 40 small shops, flats and includes Addison Mizner's five-story apartment at 339 Worth Ave. (above), with a bridge that connects his living space to his offices. Mizner's love of monkeys is evident throughout. In fact, Mizner's pet monkey, Johnnie Brown, is buried in the courtyard, which has a monkey motif (below). Look for it if you're dining at Pizza Alfresco (14 Via Mizner).



### 2. Via Amore

If you've lived here awhile, you probably knew this as the Gucci Courtyard. The name changed in 2012 after the Gucci building (256 Worth Ave.) was sold. From gurgling fountains to playful sculptures and colorful bougainvillea, this via is gorgeous and historic (Gucci started his Palm Beach fashion shows here). Via Amore, so named on Valentine's Day in 2012 by property owner Burt Handelsman, is where Historical Walking Tours of Wonderful Worth Avenue ([www.worth-avenue.com/specialevent/historical-walking-tour-at-worth-avenue/](http://www.worth-avenue.com/specialevent/historical-walking-tour-at-worth-avenue/)) begin on Wednesdays during the season.



### 3. Ta-boo

From its beginning in 1941, Ta-boo (221 Worth Ave.) has been a magnet for the rich and famous. Frank Sinatra, John F. Kennedy and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor dined here. Today's famous guests include Rod Stewart, James Patterson, Hoda Kotb and Kathie Lee Gifford. The food is good, the happy hour is legendary and then there are those adorable monkeys (above) on the wall!



### 4. The Living Wall

As part of Worth Avenue's \$15 million face-lift in 2010, an 840-square-foot vertical garden was added to the west wall of the Saks Fifth Avenue (above). The living wall is made up of 10,900 plants. Shoppers often stop to admire the wall (150 Worth Ave.) but the wall's most dedicated watcher can be found across the street in the window of the DTR Modern Galleries at 440 S. County Road (right). A security guard never takes his eyes off the wall. He's actually a sculpture by Marc Sijan but looks so real you have to stare back at him awhile to see that he's not breathing!



### 5. The Clock Tower

Designed by Bridges Marsh & Associates (both Digby Bridges and Mark Marsh are Ocean Ridge residents), the 30-foot tower on the sidewalk at the east end of Worth Avenue serves as a monument to the Palm Beach Pier that stretched into the Atlantic from 1926 to 1969. The landmark, built in 2010, also alerts drivers on A1A that this is where Worth Avenue begins. Tourists and other shoppers can't resist using the tower as a backdrop for a selfie or as a convenient spot for a quick siesta.

*This is the first in a series of five shopping areas The Coastal Star will feature this season. Next up: Plaza del Mar in Manalapan, followed by East Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach, Mizner Park in Boca Raton and Royal Palm Place in Boca Raton.*

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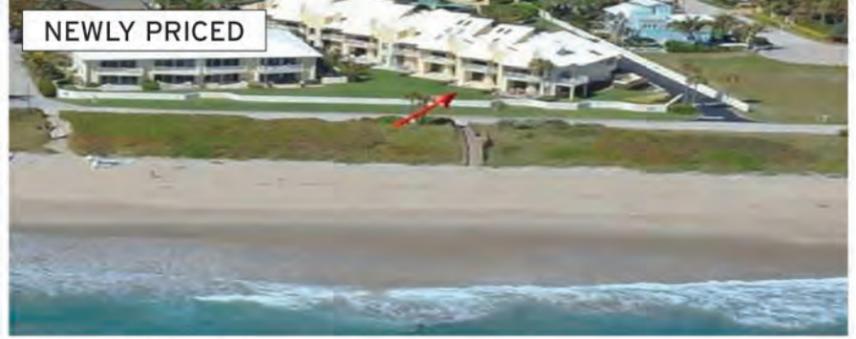
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## Meet the Pro

# Even with 50 wins, golfer sees best still ahead

By Brian Biggane

The countless rounds former PGA Tour player Steve LeBrun has played with Ocean Ridge pro Jimmy Lytle has left him with no doubt Lytle has what it takes to reach the game's highest level.

"He's a good enough player," said LeBrun, who played on the Tour in 2013 and is in the process of working his way back. "He's got a great short game, and his long game is fine. He's probably one of the best chippers and putters I've played with.

"He's just got to get himself right from the mental side, to believe he can shoot those scores when the lights are shining brightest."

Lytle, 29, has spent a lifetime proving himself on the links, from knocking it around with top junior players at Delray Beach Golf Course in his formative years to Pope John Paul (now St. John Paul Academy) in Boca Raton to Elon University in North Carolina to Pine Tree and Quail Ridge in Boynton Beach.

Along the way he's met some of the biggest names in the game, from former LPGA star Meg Mallon, for whom he caddied in the recent LPGA Legends event at Seagate Country Club in Delray Beach, to Hall of Fame teacher Bob Toski, with whom he's worked in recent years. In eight years as a pro, he's won 50 events — the vast majority on the Palm Beach County-based Minor League Tour. But ask Lytle to name the highlight of his career so far and he replies, "I don't think



Lytle

it's happened yet."

He has had his moments. In 2011, he made it through the first two rounds of Web.

com qualifying to reach the pressure-packed Q School, but didn't fare well enough there to get a full-time playing card. The same year he shot 63 to win a Web.com qualifier at Jacaranda in west Broward, then was in the top 15 after two rounds before fading.

"That was good; most people miss the cut in their first tournament," he said. "And I've finished second in pretty much every state's Open in the Northeast. So a lot of top finishes, but my best is ahead of me for sure."

History says time is still on his side. LeBrun, of West Palm Beach, didn't reach the Tour until he was 34 in 2013, when he played in 21 events and earned more than \$330,000. Justin Hicks of Royal Palm Beach spent years working as a bag boy at PGA National before his break came in 2011 at age 36; he's since earned more than \$2.6 million.

After failing to get past the first stage of Web.com qualifying this year — the top 25 players from that tour move up to the PGA Tour every year — Lytle plans to go back to basics for 2016.

"I've tried to do too much the last couple years," he said. "I'm going to throw out the window what happened this year, and maybe last year, and just go back to something I know I had success with."

LeBrun said that what Lytle



Jimmy Lytle reads the green as he caddies for pro golfer Meg Mallon during the Walgreens Charity Championship at the Seagate Golf Club in Delray Beach in early November. Mallon, of Delray Beach, made an attempt to defend her title at the Legends Tour event. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

needs more than anything else is the belief that he can produce under pressure — and then go out and do it.

"The Minor League Tour, the mini-tour events, all that's fine, but that's not really golf," LeBrun said. "Q School, the

PGA Tour, that's golf. Your body feels totally different than playing those other events. Maybe you're a little nervous, but it boils down to if you can shoot good scores when your body doesn't even feel like your body, that's

when you can go and get through this thing.

"He needs to go to Q School with the attitude of 'I can beat anybody here,' because he has done that. He gets and keeps that mindset, then we'll see what he can do." ★

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On the Water

# Mandatory boater education coming to Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park will require training for all boaters navigating park waters beginning next year.

The 1.5 million-acre park harbors some of the most remote shallow-water fishing and boating destinations in Florida, including most of Florida Bay and the Wilderness Waterway, which stretches 99 miles from Everglades City to Flamingo.

Although details are still being developed for the boater-education program, park officials say mandatory training will be required sometime in 2016 and will be available online.

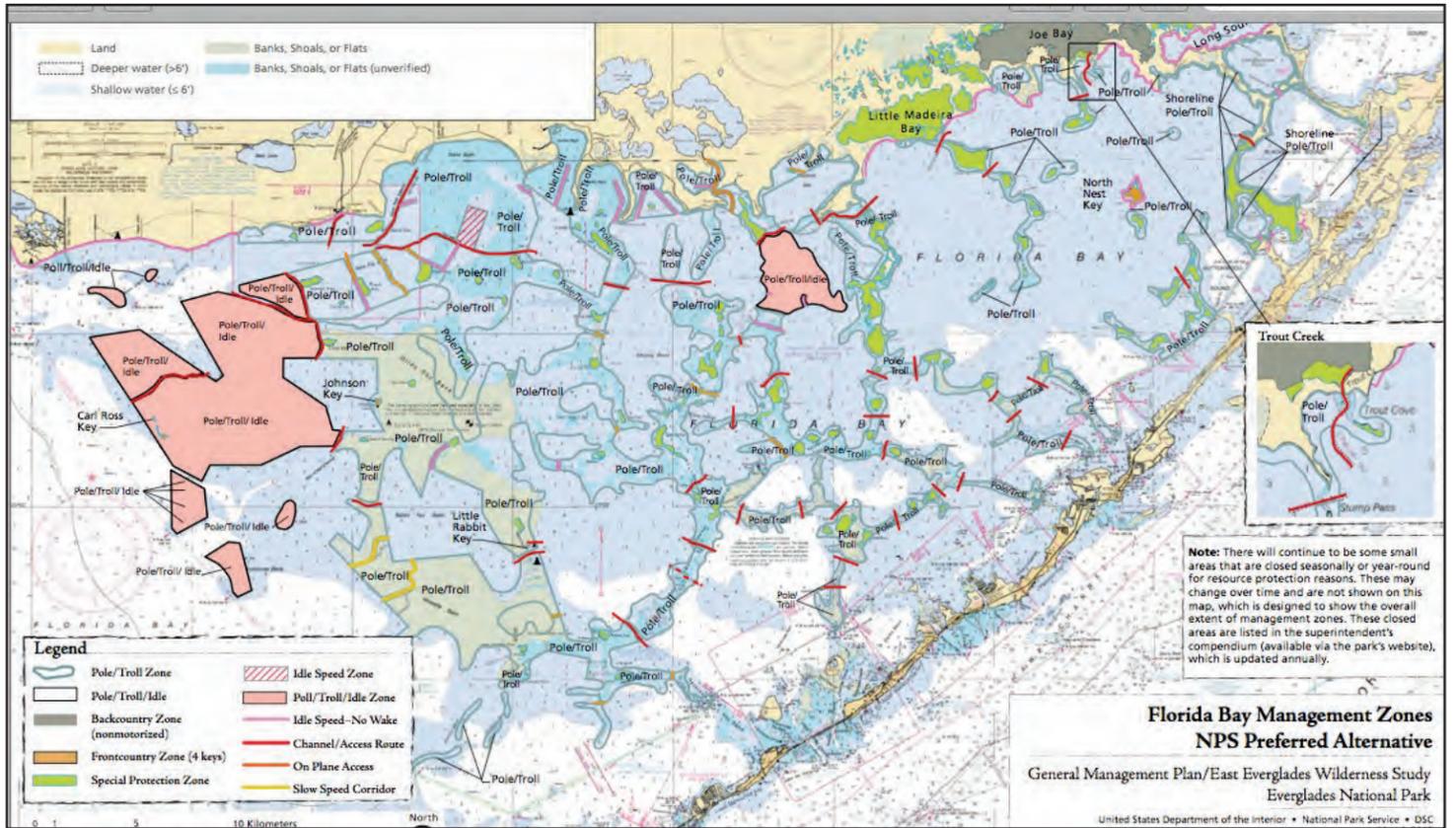
Park planner Fred Herling said key goals of the boater-education program are resource protection (primarily for sea grasses), respectful boating behavior and safety.

Boater education will be free — at least at first. A boating permit fee, probably \$50 to \$75, is expected to be phased in. The online course will include links to nautical charts of the park's waters.

The public will be notified of the date when mandatory education is required. For updates, check the park's website, [www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever).

Boater education is part of the park's new general management plan, approved in October.

Other key features include 140,000 acres of shallow-water zoning to protect marine habitat



New boating zones in Florida Bay, including poll-and-troll zones and poll-troll-idle zones, were approved as part of Everglades National Park's new general management plan. The shallow-water boating zones are not physically marked yet. **ENP website image**

as well as designated zones for commercial and private airboats.

Boating zones will include poll-and-troll zones, where combustion engines can't be used, poll-troll-idle zones and on-plane access channels.

CCA/Florida, the recreational fishing group, worked with park planners in developing the new management plan.

"We believe the general management plan strikes

an appropriate balance of management measures to safeguard resources while allowing for reasonable boating and fishing access," said Trip Aukeman, director of advocacy for CCA/Florida.

Implementing the new management plan, including boating zones, is expected to take several years and will depend on the availability of funding, park Superintendent Pedro Ramos said.

## Sachs supports incentive for boat beacons

State Sen. Maria Sachs of Delray Beach will co-sponsor a bill that would give boaters a financial incentive for buying and registering satellite beacons for their vessels.

Sachs will co-sponsor Senate Bill 746, filed by state Sen. Joe Negron of Stuart, because the bill accomplishes the voluntary incentive approach discussed during a boating safety workshop Sachs organized in September at the Delray Beach Public Library, said Gladys Ferrer, a legislative assistant in Sachs' office.

Elected officials joined representatives from law enforcement and the boating industry at the safety workshop, held in response to this summer's extensive search for Austin Stephanos and Perry Cohen — two 14-year-old boys who left Jupiter Inlet in a 19-foot boat on July 24 and never returned.

Their capsized Sea Craft boat was found in the ocean off New Smyrna Beach.

Negron worked on legislation promoting satellite beacons with Austin's parents, who started the AustinBlu Foundation in their son's memory to promote boating safety.

"My bill will stress education and the use of technology for increased safety," Sachs said in an email. "The state will be offering financial incentives to encourage education and safety. This is a win-win proposition, and I urge everyone to support it."

Rescue beacons send up a unique signal to satellites during emergencies, allowing rescuers to pinpoint the location of the boaters in distress.

Negron's bill would offer boaters a price break of about 25 percent on the annual vessel

registration fee if they prove they have a satellite beacon registered with NOAA for their boat.

Another boating safety bill (SB 644), introduced by state Sen. Jeremy Ring of Margate, would increase from 14 to 16 the minimum age to operate a personal watercraft in Florida.

## Tip of the month

Take extra precautions to avoid leaving fishing line in the water, dangling from tree branches or on the ground where it can harm birds and marine animals.

Discarded fishing line has killed pelicans and other sea birds and has cut off circulation to the flippers of marine mammals, such as manatees and bottlenose dolphin.

Consider bringing an empty tennis-ball can when you go fishing.

After trimming a leader or removing old line from a reel, stuff the unwanted line into the can, replace the lid and stow it until the line can be disposed of properly.

Monofilament line can be recycled. Look for fishing line recycling bins (large, white PVC pipes) around boat ramps and fishing piers.

Berkley (a fishing equipment company) uses monofilament line scraps to make plastic products, including artificial reefs for ponds and lakes.

For details about recycling monofilament fishing line, see [www.fishinglinerecycling.org](http://www.fishinglinerecycling.org).



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# Outdoors Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## DECEMBER 5

**Saturday - 12/5 - Sand Sifters Beach Clean Up** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Meet at pavilion in lower parking lot. 8-10:15 am. Free. jefflev02@gmail.com

**12/5 - Basic Boating Safety Class** offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary at headquarters building, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Register at door. Bring lunch. 9 am - 5 pm. \$35. 391-3600 or www.cgauxboca.org

**12/5 - 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 near shore reef aquariums daily M-Sat 10:30 am; tropical coral reef and shipwreck aquariums 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**12/5 - 2nd Annual Surfrider Foundation Black Tie & Baggies** at E.R. Bradley's Beach Club, 1 7th Ave N, Lake Worth. Raffle, fine artwork, dancing, food, drinks. 7 pm. Free/ members; \$10/all others. surfriderpbcc.org

## DECEMBER 6-12

**Tuesday - 12/8-9 - A Walk On The Ashley Trail** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along 1/4-mile natural trail winds through the butterfly garden, coastal hammock, mangroves to sandy beach. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Every T&W 11am-12:30 am. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

## DECEMBER 13-19

**Monday - 12/14 - Audubon Society of the Everglades Bird Walk** at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13206 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Meet at top of boardwalk. 7:30 am. Held again 12/20 at 4 pm & 12/30 at 9 am. Free. 586-854-0145; auduboneverglades.org

**Friday - 12/18 - Wetlands & Wildlife** at Wakodahatchee Wetlands, 13026 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. 3/4 mile guided boardwalk tour. Bring camera, binoculars. Ages 7 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

## DECEMBER 20-26

**Monday - 12/21 - Fishing Derby Committee Meeting** at Heroes Sports Bar & Grill, 224 N 3rd St, Lantana. Preparing for the 22nd Annual Fishing Tournament scheduled 5/14. 5:30-6:30 pm. 585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**Tuesday - 12/22 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club** at Harvey E. Oyer, Jr. Park, 2010 N Federal Hwy. Join other fishermen, discuss hot topics, learn new tricks of the trade. Fourth T 7-9 pm. Free. 703-5638; boynton-beach.org

**Wednesday - 12/23 - Geocaching By Bike** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Bring your own bike. Learn how to use a GPS hand-held unit or bring your own smart phone w/free Geocaching Intro app installed. All ages. 10 am. \$5. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**Saturday - 12/26 - Sea Angels Beach Cleanup** at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10:30 am. 369-5501; seaangels.org

**12/26 - 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. Catch and release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs and marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No flip-flops or sandals. Ages 10 to adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 2:30-4 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

## DEC. 27 - JAN. 2

**Tuesday - 12/29 - Intro to Canoeing** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn parts and terms associated with canoeing and basic skills needed to successfully navigate a canoe. Ages 8 & up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**Wednesday - 12/30 - 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/nonmembers. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org



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Gulf Stream School students have the music in them

By Ron Hayes

Eight hundred Florida elementary school music students applied.

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The odds were tough, but eight fourth- and fifth-graders from the Gulf Stream School have beaten them.

On Jan. 14, five GSS students will be among the 200 singers of the All-State Ensemble in the Tampa Convention Center when music teachers gather for the Florida Elementary Music Educators annual conference.

And another three will join the 100 members of the Orff Ensemble, performing on xylophones, triangles, maracas and drums.

“It’s a huge conference, with all the state educators from elementary school through college attending and more than 100 schools participating,” says Rob White-Davis, the school’s director of music.

“Each school can send a maximum of 10 students and we had eight accepted.”

The audition process itself is enough to scare many away.

During the third week in September, the students



Gulf Stream School students who will participate in the all-state concert are (l-r): Stefan Awaida, Tori Wheat, Sarah Vanden Bosch, Daniel Rogers, Bianca Mason, Alivia Roth, Morgan Mattson and Mia Dagher. **Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star**

recorded their auditions for the music association’s panel of judges to consider, following a 16-page set of extremely detailed instructions:

*Are You Sleeping?* will be sung a cappella as a round at 90-100 beats per minute.

The student will begin and the teacher will enter after two measures.

Sing only one time. Breath marks are included.

Fifth-graders Morgan Mattson, 10, of Manalapan, and Tori Wheat, 10, of Boynton

Beach, know what to expect. They were selected last year.

“First you rehearse your part alone,” Mattson says, “and then when you sing it with the whole group it sounds really, really good. It’s really fun, but the actual performance is 30 to 45 minutes and you rehearse for six hours.”

Other students who won the judges’ approval are:

- Stefan Awaida, 11, Delray Beach.
- Sarah Vanden Bosch, 11, Ocean Ridge.

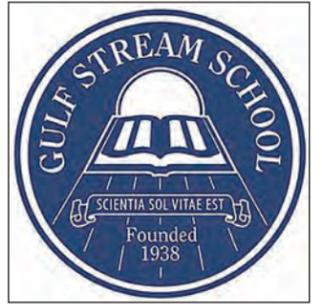
- Mia Dagher, 9, Ocean Ridge.

- Bianca Mason, 11, Gulf Stream.

- Daniel Rogers, 10, Delray Beach.

- Alivia Roth, 10, Gulf Stream.

“I feel thankful,” said first-timer Roth, “because I didn’t know my voice was that good. I’m kind of nervous, but there’s 200 other people singing, and they’ll be singing so beautifully that if I do a wrong note it won’t stand out.” ★



School ranked as one of best in country

Gulf Stream School has been ranked No. 32 out of 50 schools identified as the best private schools in the country by TheBestSchools.org, an independent organization.

Only one other Florida school made the list. Rocky Bayou Christian Academy in Niceville ranked No. 4.

To make the list, schools, among other criteria, must have at least three of the six grades (first through sixth grades) that are traditionally categorized as elementary-level grades and must exceed nearby public schools in course selections and scholastic success.

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Tots & Teens

# Holiday season alive with kid-friendly events

By Janis Fontaine

The 13th annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert by the Lynn University Philharmonic returns from campus to the Great Hall in the Boca Raton Resort & Club at 3 p.m. Dec. 13.

The 80-member Lynn University Philharmonic's program features the concert suite from the animated film *The Polar Express*, based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

Composers Alan Silvestri and Glen Ballard wrote the suite, which includes a medley of the songs *Believe*, *The Polar Express*, *When Christmas Comes to Town* and *Spirit of the Season*. A Hanukkah medley and a six-song sing-along, under the direction of Guillermo Figueroa, balance

the program.

A pre-show reception features champagne (for parents) and gingerbread cookies. New this year, Santa will pose for photos with kids and adults. Another perfect place for the photo is in front of the 30-foot decorated tree surrounded by gaily wrapped oversized gifts.

This annual concert is an important fundraiser for the Lynn Conservatory of Music. It supports the scholarship that many of the conservatory's 103 students depend on for their tuition and expenses.

Tickets, \$35, are available in advance only.

**If you go:** *Gingerbread Holiday Concert, 3 p.m. Dec. 13, Boca Raton Resort & Club Great Hall, 501 E. Camino Real.*



A group of girls built a snow lady during last year's Snow Day at Sugar Sand Park. This year's Snow Day is Dec. 19. Photo provided

**Admission:** \$35 (includes valet) through the box office at 237-9000 or online at [events.lynn.edu/upcoming-events/](http://events.lynn.edu/upcoming-events/)

**Cruising with Santa**

Delray Yacht Cruises will host a Cookie Cruise with Santa

on select days in December.

Get in the spirit, Florida-style, on a yacht cruise of the Intracoastal Waterway. A light ocean breeze will likely ruffle some whiskers, and festive music will blend with the sound of waves lapping the hull of the

Lady Atlantic.

The adventure will begin and end at Veterans Park in Delray Beach.

Boarding begins at 9:30 a.m. and the boat will leave the dock at 10:30 a.m. and return at noon. Visitors will cruise south through Delray Beach, Boca Raton and Highland Beach.

Parents can sip coffee or tea and admire the architecture of the homes lining the Intracoastal while kids can visit with Santa, enjoy a craft activity, and nosh on cookies and other treats.

**If you go:** *Cruising with Santa, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 12, 19 and 20, Veterans Park, 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Admission: \$20, which includes a visit with Santa, cookies and milk or hot chocolate or coffee and tea, and a craft activity. Reservations are required. Info: Call 243-0686.*

**Children's Gala and Festival of Trees**

The lovely Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach opened its doors for its annual Festival of Trees on Dec. 4. The exhibit, which features professionally decorated trees, will be open through Dec. 16. Last year nearly 5,000 people visited the festooned Fraser and Douglas firs scattered throughout the 1.7-acre garden.

One popular highlight of this annual celebration is the Children's Gala, which takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 13.

This year, Hansa Creation Inc. brings a jungle-full of lifelike, life-sized stuffed animals to decorate the gardens.

Visitors will find flamingos balancing on one leg and a family of tigers resting after a long day. Have a family scavenger hunt to find all the animals artfully hidden among the garden's rare palms and sculptures.

The theme of this year's show is "The Joy of Holiday Traditions: Celebrating Family Heritage," and it features more than 25 trees. Trees are sponsored by area patrons and businesses and are designed by local interior designers, artists, architects and florists, who

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**LEFT:** The Philharmonic gets ready to begin the 2014 Gingerbread Concert. **Photo provided by Lynn University**  
**ABOVE:** Dancers performing at last year's Festival of Trees at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. **Photo provided by Krystal Zaskey Photography**

leave no branch untrimmed and no light unlit.

Holiday music and special performances, including a performance by the Florida Dance Conservatory, are planned. Child-friendly treats, sips and nibbles round out this dreamlike experience.

**If you go:** *The Children's Gala*, 5-7 p.m. Dec. 13, Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 2051 Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Admission: \$40. *The Festival of Trees* also is open for "Community Days" from 6:30 to 8 p.m. through Dec. 12 and Dec. 14-16. Tickets for Community Days are \$20 for adults, \$7 for children. Info: Email [Festivaloftrees@ansg.org](mailto:Festivaloftrees@ansg.org), call 832-5328 or visit [www.ansg.org](http://www.ansg.org).

**Family dinner theater**  
*How The Grinch Stole Christmas*

Make your reservations by Dec. 10 if you want to bring the family to dinner and a show at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach to celebrate the holidays.

At 5 p.m. Dec. 13, the children, youth and adults of the parish will be singing, dancing and starring in this production of the timeless Seuss tale *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. A special surprise solo is also planned.

Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with special menus for children (tomato bisque, grilled cheese, mini-hot dogs and dessert) and adults (Christmas salad, roast beef, fingerling potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert).

**If you go:** *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, 5 p.m. Dec. 13, First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 children, or \$20 for family. Reservations are required by Dec. 10 at 276-6338. Info: [firstdelray.com](http://firstdelray.com).

**Piles of Smiles 'Snow Day'**

Sugar Sand Park Community Center is at it again!

For the fifth year, visitors can experience a South Florida novelty. *Snow!*

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 19, children ages 4 to 12 can play

until their hands freeze in 25 tons of real snow.

And there's so much more! A giant inflatable polar bear slide, bounce house and ride, a sock-skating rink, obstacle course games, a sweet treat decoration station, a holiday theme craft,

music and appearance by special characters are planned.

Adult admission is included with paid child admission, but rides and activities are for children only.

They'll also have food vendors on site, and the Florida

Panthers hockey team's Panther Patrol will return in the team's tricked-out interactive party-mobile. An 88-foot street hockey rink will thrill hockey fans.

**If you go:** *Snow Day* at Sugar Sand Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 19, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Admission: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Info: 347-3948 or [www.SugarSandPark.org](http://www.SugarSandPark.org).

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*Original Editor's note: "We take pleasure in answering this prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun"*

*Dear Editor,*  
*I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?*  
*Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West Ninety Fifth Street*

*Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.*

*Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.*

*Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. you might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.*

*You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.*

"Is There a Santa Claus?" reprinted from the September 21, 1897, edition of The New York Sun.

## Tots & Teens Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### DECEMBER 5

**Saturday - 12/5 - Waves Surf Academy & City Surf Weekend Camp** at Delray Beach Municipal Beach, Ocean Boulevard. Boys & girls ages 5-15. 9am-2:30 pm. Held again 12/19 & 1/2. Per class: \$60/residents, \$70/non-residents. 243-7352; mydelraybeach.com

**12/5 - Skate Clinic** at 505 Teen Center & Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Skate clinic offers hands-on approach, helps new skaters pick up basics of skateboarding: proper standing, pushing, leaning, turning, roll-ins & kick turns. Intermediate skaters gain confidence to elevate to advanced level. Ages 5-13 years. 9 am-noon. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

**12/5 - Little Wonders & Big Wonders** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Hike, crafts, stories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 am (ages 3 & 4); 11:30 am-12:30 pm (ages 5 & 6). Held again 12/5. \$5/members, \$8/nonmembers. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**12/5 - Sensory Safari Toddler Workshop** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Age-specific crafts and activities designed to excite and intrigue. Snacks. Ages 2-4; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11:30 am. Held again 12/26. Free w/admission. Pre-registration required: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**12/5 - Meet the Orchestra: The Symphonia** at Saint Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Interact with The Symphonia's conductor and musicians at live dress rehearsals, discover how classical music inspires creativity. 10:30 am-noon. \$5/adults, Free/children. Reservations required: 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

**12/5 - Family Studio/This Place** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Children w/adult partner tour the current special exhibit, then create their own artwork. Ages 5-12 w/parents. Every Sat through 12/19. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$1/child materials fee payable at the door. 832-5196 x1196; norton.org

**12/5 - Drop-in Craft** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 3 and up. 10:30-11:30 am. Held again 12/12 & 1/2. Free w/paid museum admission. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/5 - Imagination Playground Open Play Session** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 2-11. Every Sat 10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$5/non-members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/5 - Audio Recording: Fundamentals** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Hands-on class, apply the fundamentals of audio manipulation, learn how to mix, master and layer files, add effects to audio files, capture audio files for editing. This is a prerequisite class for advanced audio recording classes. Ages 8 to adult. Held again 12/12 & 19. 11am-12:30pm. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**12/5 - Science Stories** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 & up. Every Sat 11:30 am. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**12/5 - Art-E-Ology: Norman Sunshine - Watercolor Portraits** at Boca Raton 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 selected artist. Grades 3-5. 1-2:30 pm. \$5/child. Reservations required: 392-2500 ext. 106; bocamuseum.org

**12/5 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Dolce** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog. Grades K-5. 1:30-2:30 pm. Held again 12/12 & 19. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/5 - Audio Recording: Making Music with MIDI Keyboards** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Advanced class: learn how to setup and use a MIDI keyboard to map audio samples, create and manipulate audio samples, make songs using loops. Prerequisite class: The Audio Recording Fundamentals. Ages 8 to adult. 1:30-3 pm. Held again 12/12 & 19. Free. 393-7906; bocalibrary.org

**12/5-20 - Once Upon a Mattress** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Th-Sat 7 pm; Sat&Sun 2 pm. \$15/general; \$10/junior (11 and under). 447-8829; solchildren.org

### DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - Frank Stella Wall Sculptures** - Part of ARTful Adventure Sunday

series at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Art workshops or live performances; interactive opportunity to learn, create, enjoy the arts. Family fare. 2-3 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**Monday - 12/7 - Tennis Whizz** at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Six key elements (space, object, people, brain body, movement) combined in every on-court session. Ages 3-4. Every M 4-4:30 pm through 12/14. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**12/7 - Tennis Fundamentals** at Tennis Center, 3111 S Congress Ave, Boynton Beach. Based on USTA Florida Youth Tennis Pathway. Smaller courts, shorter racquets, slower-moving and lower-bouncing balls. Ages 5-6 4:30-5 pm, ages 7-8 5-5:45 pm; ages 9-10 5:45-6:30 pm; ages 11-14 6:30-7:30 pm. Every M through 12/14. \$20-\$36/residents; \$25-\$45/non-residents. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org

**12/7 - Robotics** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every M 5:15-6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/7 - No Filter Teen Group** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Keep it real with Mr. Iriyah; talk about issues that matter to you and your friends. Topics and activities change each week; snacks served. Grades 8-12. 5:30-6:30 pm. Held again 12/14. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/7 - Delray Divas Step Teams** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Organized, structured step team performs at local events and statewide competitions. Program reinforces the role of youth as positive members of the community. Grades K-12. Every M&W 6-8:30 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - Fencing/Epee Class** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Fun, exciting introduction to fencing; learn fencing skills, forge new friendships, have a blast. Beginners: M&F 7-8:15 pm, \$90-\$112.50; Intermediate/Advanced: M/W/F 7-10 pm. \$135-\$168.75. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**Tuesday - 12/8 - Baby Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Stories, rhymes, sing songs promote early literacy and development; meet other babies and parents. Ages birth to 2 years. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/8 - Tots in Motion** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-3. Every T 10-10:30 am. Per session: \$10/family, \$5/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/8 - Sensational Story 'n More** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Ages 2-5. Every T 10:30-11:15 am. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/8 - Little Sunshine's Mommy & Me Yoga Class** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 3-6. 10:30-11:30 am. Held again 12/15. Per class: \$15/resident, \$18.75/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**12/8 - Baby Bookworm Story Time** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Ages 1-2. Every T 11 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/8 - 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 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$3/members; \$4/non-members w/paid admission (\$5/children & adults; \$4.50/seniors). 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/8 - 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

**12/8 - Lego Club** at Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S Seacrest Blvd. Monthly challenge or free build. Grades K-6. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/8 - Teen Crafternoon: Body Scrubs** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Make sugar and salt scrubs for yourself or as a holiday gift. Grades 6-12. 5-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/8 - Diamonds & Pearls Dance Team** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Community dance team program prides itself on passion, dedication, excellence, respect; participates in local and collegiate homecoming parades and statewide special events. Middle, high school and college students. Every T&Th 6-8 pm & Sat 9 am-1 pm. Monthly: \$30/residents; \$40/non-residents. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/8 - Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card** - part of Teen Book Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 13-17. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Wednesday - 12/9 - Gentle Growers** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd Annex. Outside play time, circle time, fingerplays and movement, organic snack, inside play time, nature inspired crafts, puppet show. Parent & child class. Every W 10-11:30 am. Per week per family: \$12/residents, \$15/non-residents. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/9 - Family Storytime** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Infants to age 5. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/9 - Mommy & Me** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-2. Every W 10-10:45 am. & 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Per session: \$10/family, \$5/members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/9 - Family Fun: Mommy & Me Kamishibai Story Telling** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Library, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Hear the reading of a Japanese kamishibai folk story. Each month features a different story. Family fare. 10:30am. Free w/paid admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

**12/9 - Sensational Story 'n More** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Children's books come to life through interactive performance, singing, movement, props. Ages 2-4. Every W 2-2:45 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/9 - Teen Gaming** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Video games use a Wii, PS3 or Xbox 360. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7 pm. Held again 12/23 & 30 3-5pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/9 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Moose** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Moose. Grades K-5. 3-4 pm. Held again 12/16. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/9 - Lil' Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Let your little ones explore while developing important readiness skills. Ages 2-5. Every W 3-3:45 pm. Per class: \$3/members, \$4/non-members plus admission: \$5/children & adults; \$4.50/seniors. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/9 - Art and Clay for Children Class** at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Helps develop fine motor skills, creativity, focus and attention to detail. All supplies included. Ages 5-11. Every W through 12/30. 5:30-6:30 pm, \$120/residents, \$150/non-residents. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/9 - Ender's Game (PG-13)** - Part of the Teen Book to Film series at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 13-17. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 12/10 - Drop-In Story Time** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Music, stories, fingerplays, 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

**12/10 - Community Field Trip: Atlantis Skateway** at Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Day at the beach for children in surrounding park areas. Staff provides supervision and transportation. Bring snack & food money. Signed permission slip required. Ages 6-12. 2-4 pm. Free. 243-7194; mydelraybeach.com

**12/10 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Nigel** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Nigel. Grades K-5. 3-4 pm. Held again 12/17. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/10 - Knitting Club** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 7 to adult. Every Th 3:30-4:30 pm. Free w/museum admission: \$5/person. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/10 - Card Making** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the season of giving; create a holiday card to give to a friend or loved one. Grades K-5. 5-6 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/10 - Eight Keys by Suzanne LaFleur** - Part of the Tween Book Jam at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Ages 9-12. Registration required: 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/10-11 - Karate/Martial Arts Classes** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Karate and blend of other combat martial arts. Ages 9 to adult. Th&F 6-7 pm. Per month: 10/residents; \$15/non-residents; plus one-time \$30 uniform fee. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**Friday - 12/11 - Stories in the Garden: Birds of a Feather** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Stories and songs. Ages 2-6. 10-11:30 am. Free. 233-1757; mounts.org

**12/11 - Sensory Art for Tots** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498 Crawford Blvd. Ages 1-4 w/parent or caregiver. Every F 12:30-1:15 pm & 3-3:45 pm. Per session: \$10/family, \$5/

members. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/11 - Beginner Piano** at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Hal Leonard EZ Play Today method, using the book *60 Favorite Songs to Play with 3 Chords*. Learn music theory while playing a game with musical terms used for piano playing. Children ages 6 & up 5-6:30 pm; adults 6:30-7:30 pm. Held again 12/18. \$23/residents, \$29/non-residents. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/11 - Friday Night at the Museum** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. A night out without your parents! Wear comfy clothes and hang out in the Explorium after hours, watch a movie, do a fun experiment. Ages 7-12. 6-9:30 pm. \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**12/11 - Unity Dance Team** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Enhances balance, provides exercise, teaches how to gracefully dance and execute interpretive movement. Ages 7-15. Every F 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**Saturday - 12/12 - Play Outdoors Unplugged: Looney Dunes Beach Party** at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Games, relay races, surf, sand. Bring sunscreen; snacks and water provided; free event parking. 9-11 am. Free. 742-6237; boynton-beach.org

**12/12 - The Safe Use of Aerial Drones** at Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave, Boynton Beach. Information on aerial photography, how to safely charge and use batteries or fuel, airspace rules and regulations, other safety tips. Ages 14 & up. 10-11 am. \$5. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**12/12 - Pajama Jams Story Time with Miss Mij** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Stories, fingerplays, poems, songs, props, puppets. Ages 18 mo-2 yrs 10-10:45 am; 3-4 yrs 11 am-noon. \$5/drop in (includes one carousel token/paid child). 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

**12/12 - Story Time at the Zoo** at Palm Beach Zoo Conservation Depot, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Connect with wildlife through reading. Family fare. 10:30 am. Held again 12/26. Free w/admission. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**12/12 - Park Playdate** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get info about upcoming programs, enjoy free kid's activities. 11 am-12:30 pm. Free. 347-3900; SugarSandPark.org

**12/12 - Family Fun: Daruma Craft** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Make a fun daruma (a symbol of good luck) craft to celebrate the coming New Year. Noon-3 pm. Free w/paid admission: \$15/adults, \$13/seniors, \$9/children ages 6-17 & students w/valid ID, free/museum members and children 5 & under. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

**12/12 - Realistic Drawing/Painting Instruction Class** at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Basic techniques essential to quality, realistic paintings. Every Sat through 1/2. Adult class 12:30-2:30 pm, \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents; Ages 7-12 2:30-4:30 pm, \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents; additional materials to be purchased after first class. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/12 - USA Netball Association** at Pompey Park Recreation Center, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Fast, skillful team game based on running, jumping, throwing, catching. Females ages 6 & up. Second & fourth Sat 6-8 pm. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/12 - Kid's Night Out Movie Night & Cookie Exchange** at Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Pizza and drinks provided. Bring 1 doz cookies. Ages 8 & up. 6:30-10 pm. \$25/child plus one dozen cookies. RSVP by 12/5: 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**12/12-13 - Science Demonstrations** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Hear your favorite science inspired stories. Ages 5 & up. 3:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

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**DECEMBER 13-19**

**Monday - 12/14 - Early Afternoon Explorers: Watt's Up?** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 6-9 1-2 pm; ages 10-12 2-3 pm. \$10/residents; \$12.50/non-residents. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**12/14 - Virtual Zone Orientation for Teen Digital Lab** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Work with Apple computers, iPads, PhotoShop, MangaStudio, GarageBand, more. Must have library card in good standing to attend. Grades 9-12. 4:30-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/14 - Audition Workshop** at Sol Children Theatre, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Learn everything needed for any type of audition: performing arts schools, colleges/conservatories, community/professional

theatre, film, television. Receive direction on individual audition needs: monologues, cold readings, acting exercises, improvisations, opening scenes, interviews, songs, design/tech, presentations, speeches, re-directs. Ages 11-14. 5-8 pm. \$95. 447-8829; solchildren.org

**12/14-17 - Youth Basketball League** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd. Enjoy organized league play with friends, learn basketball basics. Age 6-7 M through 3/14; Age 8-9 T through 3/15; Age 10-12 W through 3/16; Age 13-15 Th through 3/17. Practice 6-7 pm Dec & Jan, games 6-8 pm Jan. \$51/residents, \$64/non-residents. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**Tuesday - 12/15 - Mother Nature & Me: Polar Party** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Experience nature topics through stories, puppets, games, role play, nature walks, crafts. Ages 2-5 (w/guardian). 10 & 11:15 am. \$4/child. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**12/15 - Tail Waggin Tutor with Stella** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Elementary school children read to certified therapy dog Stella. Grades K-5. 3-4. Free. Registration: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/15 - MakerLab: 3D Printing Basics** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Learn about a MakerBot Replicator 5, 3D printer, watch filament become a 3D object. Explore use of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) computer programs used to design and create two- or three-dimensional (2D or 3D) graphical representations of physical objects. Grades 6-12. 5:30-7pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Wednesday - 12/16 - Tween Wacky Wednesdays: Game On! Board Games** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Get creative, decorate caramel apples. Ages 9-11. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Thursday - 12/17 - Pop-in and Play** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Toddler toys, play tunnel, oversized Legos. Ages 2-5. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/17 - Craft Time** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Ages 4 & up. First & third Th 4 pm. Free. Register one week in advance: 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/17 - DIY Art Projects: Happy Holidays** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Families participate in self-guided gallery activity, then visit the Atrium for related DIY art project. Ages 5-15+. 6-8 pm. Free w/admission. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/17 - Make it @ Your Library: Cookies & Hot Chocolate Bar** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. Registration required: 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**Friday - 12/18 - Friday Fun Day: Deck the Halls!** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 3-7. 10:30-11:15 am. \$3/member child, \$4/non-member child plus museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Saturday - 12/19 - Gingerbread Day!** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Help decorate our Gingerbread Village, decorate gingerbread cookies and paper bag gingerbread houses to take home. 10 am-2 pm. \$3/member child, \$5/non-member child plus museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/19 - Piles of Smiles: Sugar Sand Park's Snow Day** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Get on those gloves, mittens and hats, get ready for a super fun time playing in tons of snow. Snow play for kids only ages 4-12. 10 am-4 pm. \$12/advance, \$15/day of event. Adults free w/paid child(ren) admission. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/19 - First Step Soccer** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. Ages 3-6. Every Sat 10:30-11:30 am through 1/9. Per session: \$10/residents, \$15/non-residents. 243-7194; mydelraybeach.com

### DECEMBER 20-26

**Sunday - 12/20 - Sunday Movie: Big Hero 6 (PG)** 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 beverage. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**Monday - 12/21 - Kids Day In, Parents Day Out** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Enjoy Explorium activities, pizza, games. Ages 5-12. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. \$15/residents; \$18.75/non-residents. Registration required in person by a legal guardian by two days prior: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**12/21 - LEGO Robotics with 4H** at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Part of NatureConncts: Art with LEGO Bricks; students from Palm Beach County Schools provide live demonstration and

presentation on LEGO robotics. Family fare. 10 am-noon. \$15/members; \$25/nonmembers. 233-157; mounts.org

**12/21 - MakerLab: 3D Printing Extended** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. After attending a MakerBot Basics program, attend an extended lab with more advanced projects, one-on-one help, group problem solving. Grades 6-12. 1-4pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/21 - Kid Activity Lab** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Board and video games using a Wii, Wii U, PS3, Xbox 360, or make wearable art with Rainbow Looms. Grades K-5. 4:30-5:30 pm. Held again 12/28. Free. 742-6393; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/21 - Tae Kwon Do** at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Art, sport, self-defence. Aikido and extensive mat work. Ages 5-12. Every M 6-7:30 pm & F 5:30-7 pm through 1/29. \$100/residents, \$125/non-residents. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

**12/21-23 - Winter Break Camp: Bright & Smart Robotics - Minecraft & 3D Printing** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Combine engineering skills with visual-spatial activities. Ages 7-12. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$210/resident; \$262.50/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/21-23 - Boot Camp: Communications Prep Workshop** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Middle school prep students. 9am-noon. \$35/class. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/21-23 - Boot Camp: Theater Prep Workshop** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Middle school prep students. 9am-noon. \$35/class. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/21-23 - Boot Camp: Concentration in 2D or 3D** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Middle school & high school prep Visual Arts students. 9am-noon. Held again 12/28-30. \$35/class. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/21-23 - Winter Camp: Mixed Media Art** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Holiday Spirits: Ancient Traditions. Ages 6-16. 9am-4 pm. \$50/day. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/21-23 - Winter Skate Camp** at 505 Teen Center & Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Combination of skate instruction, skate park field trips, arts/crafts, trips to movies, bowling, zoo, ice skating, more. Learn all aspects of skateboarding: board set-up, safety tips, history of skateboarding, skateboard graphic design. Contests, prizes, goodie bags every Friday! Bring skateboard, helmet, knee/elbow pads. Ages 5-13. 9am-5:30 pm (drop off 8:30-9am; pick up 4-5:30 pm). Held again 12/28-31. \$75/residents, \$80/non-residents. 243-7158; mydelraybeach.com

**12/21-23 - Boot Camp: Audition Day** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Middle & high school prep Visual Arts students. 1-4pm. Held again 12/28-30. \$35/class. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/21-24 - Co-Ed Winter Basketball Camp** presented by Taylored Athletes at Sugar Sand Park Field House, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Improve triple threat, dribble triple threat, NBA dribble moves, decision making. Ages 5-16. 9 am-3 pm. Held again 12/28-31. Four days: \$200/resident, \$250/non-resident; Daily: \$50/resident, \$62.50/non-resident. 347-3950; tayloredathletes.com

**12/21-24 - Boca Jolly Days Junior Tennis Camp** at Racquet Center, 21626 St Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Drills, match play, scoring, arts & crafts, swim break. 9 am-3:30 pm. Held again 12/28-31. Full week: \$168/residents, \$210/non-residents; daily: \$55/residents, \$68.75/non-residents. 367-7095; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/21-24 - Holiday Junior Tennis Camp** at Boca Raton Tennis Center, 271 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Ages 5-16. Rain or shine. 9am-1:30 pm. Held again 12/28-31. Call for rates: attendance options & sibling discounts available. 393-7978; myboca.us

**12/21-24 - Performing Arts Winter Break Camp: Grease** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Learn songs, scenes, choreography from Grease. Performance 12/31. 9 am-3 pm. Held again 12/28-31. \$240/week. Space is limited: 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**12/21-31 - Holiday Break Camp** at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Field trips, crafts, games, sports. Ages 5-12. M-F 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$104/resident; \$130 non-resident. 742-6444; boynton-beach.org

**12/21-31 - Winter Fun Days** at Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave, Boynton Beach. Field trips, arts & crafts, movies, active games. Choose the days you want. Bring lunch, snack. Ages 5-12. 7:30 am-5:30 pm. \$25/day. 742-6221; boynton-beach.org

**12/21-1/4 - Winter Sports Exploration Camp** at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St, Delray Beach. M-F. 7:30am-5:30 pm. \$80/residents, \$90/non-residents. 243-7194;

mydelraybeach.com

**Tuesday - 12/22 - Magic Milk Island Art** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Unique gift or treasured holiday memory. Create your own sand art masterpiece, take home a piece of Florida. Ages 4+. 10am, 11am, 12pm or 1pm. \$13/resident, \$16.25/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**12/22 - Animal Keeper for a Day** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11200 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Go behind the scenes, learn about the inner workings of animal care in a nature center setting. Assist in diet preparation, cleaning the animal enclosures, feeding the animals, even "walking the turtles." Bring sunscreen, water bottle, wear closed-toed shoes. Ages 8 & up. 10 am. \$10/person. Reservations required: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**12/22 - Marshmallow Madness** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$3/member child, \$4/non-member child plus museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Wednesday - 12/23 - Winter Break Camp: Winter Skits** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Singing, dancing, acting favorite songs from *Annie*; experience theatre skits, games, dance routines, fashion show, arts & crafts, karaoke. Pizza party lunch included. Bring two snacks and a drink. Ages 5-12. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**Thursday - 12/24 - Crafts, Cartoons & Cookies** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Assorted craft stations, cartoons and refreshments. Adult supervision required. Ages 4+. 10am-noon. \$5/at the door, while supplies last. 347-3900;

sugarsandpark.org

**Saturday - 12/26 - Boxing Day** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

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**Monday - 12/28 - Winter Break Camp: Bright & Smart Robotics - Coding & Robotics** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Combines engineering skills with visual-spatial activities. Ages 7-12. 8:30 am-3 pm. \$70/resident; \$87.50/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/28 - The ROCKY Tournament** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Participate in Reading and Obstacle Challenge for Keen Youth (ROCKY); see who can be the Ultimate ROCKY! Grades 6-12. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/28-29 - Winter Break Camp: Fashion, Sewing & Design** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 8-16. 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Per day: \$60/resident; \$75/non-resident. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/28-30 - Winter Camp: Mixed Media Art** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Celebrate New Year Around the World. Ages 6-16. 9am-4 pm. \$50/day. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/28-31 - Sea Turtle Camp** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Through games, crafts, educational activities, instructors teach young conservationists about the importance of caring for and protecting sea turtles and other marine life. Experience close encounters with resident sea turtles, visit a local nesting beach. Grades 1-2. 8:30 am-noon. \$125/members (family membership or higher required), \$175/non-members (includes family

membership). Reservations & pre-payment required: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**12/28-31 - Winter Break Blast!** at Children's Science Explorium, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Activities, experiments, games, more. Bring bag lunch. Grades 1-5. M-Th 9 am-1 pm. Per day: \$25/residents; \$31.25/non-residents. Space is limited; advance registration required: 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**Tuesday - 12/29 - Winter Children's Fair** at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Games, arts & crafts, entertainment. Ages 2-12. 10 am-3 pm. Free/entrance to event; \$15/ride all day bracelet; \$3/ride ticket. 367-7035; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/29 - Artist For A Day** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 5-12. 12:30-4pm. \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**12/29 - Movie Break** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. All ages. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/29 - Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Join the tournament to find out how you fare against your friends. Grades 6-12. 3-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/29 - Brainiacs: 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; sfscenter.org/gems

**Wednesday - 12/30 - Winter Break Camp: Fun & Fitness Activities Program** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 5-12. 8:30 am-5:30 pm. \$65/residents, \$81.25/non-residents. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/30 - Intro to Archery** at Daggerwing

Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. USA Archery and N.F.A.A. certified instructor. Bow and arrow safety, how to properly use equipment, practice on the range. Ages 8 & up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations required: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**12/30 - Spectacular Seas Puppet Show** at Willow Theatre, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Ages 4-10. 11 am & 1 pm. \$6/adults, \$4/kids 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

**Thursday - 12/31 - Fishing Fun** at Daggerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn basics for freshwater fishing. All supplies provided. Bring sun protection, water bottle, wear closed-toed shoes that can get wet/muddy. Ages 8 & up. 10 am. \$10. Reservations: 629-8760; pbcgov.com/parks/nature

**12/31 - Disney's Pinocchio (G)** at Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am. \$1/includes movie, popcorn & a drink. 347-3948; sugarsandpark.org

**12/31 - Pony Bead Bracelets & Necklaces** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Create one-of-a-kind bracelets and necklaces using pony beads and twine. Grades K-5. 1-3 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/31 - Board Game Bonanza** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Unplug and play Settlers of Cat, Ticket to Ride, more. Grades 6-12. 3-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**Saturday - 1/2 - Tail wagers Dog Circus** at Willow Theatre, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Featuring 1 Ringling Brothers Circus Clown and 16 stupendous dogs. Rated G. Ages 3 & up. 2 & 7 pm. \$18/adults, \$12/kids 12 & under. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org.

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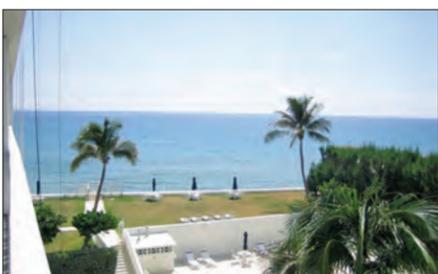
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This Ocean Ridge house has dockage for up to an 80-foot vessel. There is easy ocean access, too.



The gourmet kitchen has a large island, quartz countertops and top-of-the-line appliances.

## Easy water access in Ocean Ridge

This gracious luxury estate is on 100 feet of protected water with dockage enough for an 80-foot boat. There is easy access to the beach through a private neighborhood beach club. The two-story 3,905-square-foot home has a gourmet kitchen with island, top-of-the-line appliances, quartz countertops and custom cabinetry.

There is a spacious living room and a separate dining room.

The master suite is situated on the second floor and overlooks the waterway from several strategically placed windows.

Three additional bedrooms plus a den/bedroom are on the first floor of the residence. There are four full baths and one half-bath. The lavish pool and entertainment areas are lush with tropical plantings, fountains as well as a private sitting area.

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The spacious living room offers plenty of opportunities for entertaining or simply relaxing.



ABOVE: The house has lots of spots for relaxing outdoors or for catching water views. LEFT: Tropical landscaping surrounds the house.



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### West Intracoastal View East Ocean View

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1920 S Ocean Boulevard  
Manalapan, FL 33462  
Main - Bedrooms: 7 Full Baths: 7.5  
Guest - Bedrooms: 2 Baths: 1 Cabana Bath  
Living Square Feet: 9,312  
Waterfrontage: 150 feet  
MLS #RX-10181584



### West Intracoastal View East Ocean View

**Listing Price: \$9,900,000**

1820 S Ocean Boulevard  
Manalapan, FL 33462  
Bedrooms: 6 Full Baths: 5 Partial Bath: 2  
Living Square Feet: 5,328  
Waterfrontage: 160 feet  
MLS #RX-10168059  
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### East Intracoastal View

**Listing Price: \$7,000,000**

1245 Lanes End Road  
Manalapan, FL 33462  
Bedrooms: 5 Full Baths: 6 Partial Baths: 2  
Living Square Feet: 7,065  
Waterfrontage: 101 feet  
MLS #RX-10080862



### East Intracoastal View

**Listing Price: \$5,750,000**

409 N Atlantic Drive  
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MADRIGAL DINNER: Florida Atlantic University, Dec. 13.



'THE NUTCRACKER': Miami City Ballet, Kravis Center, Dec. 27-29.



'MESSIAH': Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches, Royal Poinciana Chapel and First United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, Dec. 13 and Dec. 19.

## Striking a holiday note

Concerts, performances set the scene for the season

Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff

One minute it's Thanksgiving, and the next, you're stocking up on champagne to welcome the new year.

The holidays go by in an instant, but we all try to steal a little time for the ceremony of the season, for its sounds, sights, aromas and traditions. Finding that time is difficult, especially with the growth in the past few years of South Florida's arts season — which has become more compact but much more crowded.

In the spirit of preparing a to-do list for that hard-to-schedule task, we offer this holiday music-and-dance calendar to show you just how much is out there, and what you might want to see. You'll notice that on some weekends, there are multiple things that are well worth your time.

You'll also notice that this is the time of year that two holiday presentations that have become *de rigueur* in English-speaking countries are represented here several times: George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Messiah*, and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Nutcracker*. Handel's oratorio premiered

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Philanthropy Calendar

# Pay it Forward

Pay it Forward celebrates the many philanthropic events in our community. Events are current as of 11/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

**DECEMBER**

**12/5 - LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Get into the theme "Masquerade Risqué," enjoy music by the Palm Beach Symphony and laugh with celebrity guest Howie Mandel. 6 pm. \$500-\$700. 582-8083 or life-edu.org.

**Tuesday - 12/8 - Inaugural "A Hero's Toast" Champagne Brunch** at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Support Forgotten Soldiers Outreach during a commemorative gathering. 11 am-1 pm. \$110 per person, \$800 per table. 369-2933 or forgottensoldier.org.

**12/8 - Grandma's Place's Inaugural Luncheon** at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Help raise proceeds for an emergency shelter serving abused and neglected children. 11:30 a.m. reception, 12:30 pm luncheon. \$125. 408-3060 or grandmasplacepb.org.

**12/8 - YWCA's Harmony House Gala** at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Come out for an event themed "Taking Steps to a New Life" and enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and entertainment. 7-11 pm. \$500. 640-0050 or ywcapbc.org.

**Thursday - 12/10 - Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services' "Once Upon a Time JFS Annual Gala** at St. Andrews Country Club, 17557 W. Claridge Oval Circle, Boca Raton. Honor Norman and Anne Jacobson for their philanthropy while participating in a luxury auction during an elegant dinner-dance. 6:30 pm. \$500. 852-5013 or ralesjfs.org.

**12/10 - Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League's 43rd Annual Christmas Doggie Ball** at Sailfish Club, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach. Walk through a receiving line of pets and stroll through the Shaggy Shoppe boutique. 7 pm. \$600. 472-884 or peggyadams.org.

**Tuesday - 12/15 - Impact The Palm Beaches Inaugural Awards Luncheon** at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Join the agency as it distributes its first \$100,000 high-impact grant. 11:30 am reception and networking, noon luncheon. \$75. 371-6790 or impactpalmbeaches.org.

**Saturday - 12/26 - American Red Cross Beach Bash** at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Attend one of the season's hottest parties that attracts supporters of the organization's South Florida region from all over the country. 8 pm. \$250. 650-9133 or redcross.org/fl/palm-beach.

**JANUARY**

**Wednesday - 1/13 - The Ryan Licht Sang Bipolar Foundation's Palm Beach Medical Briefing Luncheon 2016** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Take in a panel discussion about early-onset bipolar disorder with special guest speaker Mariel Hemingway. 11:30 am-2 pm. \$500. 888-944-4408 or questforthetest.org.

**Saturday - 1/16 - American Friends of The Hebrew University's 2016 Palm Beach Scopus Award Gala** at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Immerse yourself in the "Night in the Desert" theme and pay tribute to Joseph and Michelle Jacobs' long-standing commitment to Israel, the cause of education and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. 7 pm. \$1,000. 750-8585 or afhu.org.

**1/16 - Rotary Club of Boca Raton OPAL Awards** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr., Boca Raton. Celebrate Outstanding People and Leaders with cocktails and dinner. 6:30 pm. \$250. 239-2539 or opalawards.com.

**Sunday - 1/17 - American Friends of The Hebrew University's Annual Leadership Education Forum** at Four Seasons Palm Beach, 2800 S. Ocean Blvd. Discuss with university experts and other leaders a spectrum of issues, including medical breakthroughs, the Middle East and national security. 9 am-2:30 pm. \$180. 750-8585 or afhu.org.

**Thursday - 1/21 - Kravis Center's Palm Beach Wine Auction** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Get a taste of one of the top wine events in the world – an elegant evening featuring a reception, live auction and five-course dinner paired with specially selected vintages. 6 pm. \$1,000. 651-4320 or palmbeachwineauction.org.

**Friday - 1/22 - Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society's Nocturnal Jungle Dinner Dance** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Support the zoo's conservation mission and daily operations at an event that includes a cocktail reception,

live auction and the Stewardship Award. 7-11 pm. \$500-\$800. 533-0887, Ext. 285 or palmbeachzoo.org.

**Saturday - 1/23 - Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Benefit Gloria Drummond Physical Rehabilitation Institute by attending a black-tie event featuring guest emcee Goldie Hawn. 6:30-11 pm. \$400. 955-4142 or brrh.com.

**Saturday - 1/30 - George Snow Scholarship Fund's Caribbean Cowboy Ball** at Red Reef Park, 1401 N. State Road A1A, Boca Raton. Help top last year's donations of more than \$85,000 to fund college scholarships. 6-11 pm. \$175. 347-6799 or scholarship.org.

**1/30 - Boca Raton Museum of Art's Gala and After Party** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. Be inspired by the museum's Andy Warhol exhibitions and enjoy art activities, cocktails and a silent auction, as well as dinner and dancing. \$400, Gala and After Party, \$150 After Party. 6:30 pm Gala, 8 pm After Party. 392-2500, Ext. 208 or bocamuseum.org/gala.

**1/30 - Annual Black Tie Gala benefiting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Palm Beach Area Chapter** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Sip on poolside cocktails while bidding on a silent auction and enjoying gourmet dining. 6:30 pm. \$400-\$650. 616-8682 or lls.org/pb.

**Sunday - 1/31 - Tri-County Animal Rescue's Doggie Ball** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Drive, Boca Raton. Save canines and felines by attending one of the season's best parties, featuring dinner and dancing, live and silent auctions and a band. 5:30 pm. \$250. 581-8110 or tricountyhumane.org.

**FEBRUARY**

**Wednesday - 2/3 - Kravis Center's Annual Gala** at 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Sip and savor at a pre-event reception, catch a spectacular performance by Grammy Award-winning solo artist Patti LaBelle and then proceed to an elegant dinner dance. 6 pm. \$375-\$750. 651-4320 or kravis.org/gala.

**Thursday - 2/4 - Johns Hopkins Medicine's "A Woman's Journey"** at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Learn about new issues affecting women's health at a conference and luncheon with faculty members. 9 am-2 pm. \$150. 278-0850 or hopkinsmedicine.org/

**'Lady in Red' Gala**  
The Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach



**Dec. 5:** Lois Pope's Leaders in Furthering Education Foundation event will feature the theme Masquerade Risqué and include music by the Palm Beach Symphony and a performance by celebrity guest Howie Mandel. Time is 6 p.m. Cost is \$500 to \$700. Call 582-8083 or visit life-edu.org. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Gala Chairs Tova Leidesdorf, Dr. Robert Mackler and Pope. Photo provided

awomansjourney/palm\_beach.

**Saturday - 2/6 - Food for the Poor's Building Hope Gala** at Boca Raton Resort & Club, 501 E. Camino Real. Raise money to build homes for destitute families in Haiti by attending a special evening of dining and dancing. 6:30 pm-midnight. \$300. 888-404-4248 or foodforthehope.org/boca.

**2/6 - American Red Cross' International Red Cross Ball** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Welcome ambassadors, foreign diplomats and international philanthropists from around the world as they return for the white-tie affair. 7 pm. \$1,000. 650-9105 or redcross.org/fl/palm-beach.

**Thursday - 2/11 - The American Ireland Fund's Emerald Isle Dinner Dance** at The Breakers, One S. County Road, Palm Beach. Get your green on and celebrate the 26th-annual black-tie affair that includes a cocktail reception and an honoree presentation. 7-11 pm. \$600. 603-5986 or theirlandfunds.org.

**Saturday - 2/20 - Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida's Emerald Awards 2016** at The Beach Club, 755 N. County Road, Palm Beach. Join the organization as it honors five Palm Beach County women and gives out the Lifetime Achievement Award for Philanthropy. 6-10 pm. \$275. 427-0190 or gssef.org.

**Monday-Thursday - 2/22-25 - Wayside House's Spring Boutique & Trunk Show** at Delray Beach Center for the Arts, 51 N. Swinton Ave. Shop at the signature fundraising event that features vendors from throughout the country. 6-8 pm Feb. 22, 10 am-5 pm. Feb. 23-25. \$100 Feb. 22, \$5 Feb. 23-25. 666-9162 or waysidehouse.net.

**Tuesday - 2/23 - Lighthouse Guild's POSH Palm Beach** at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave. Don't miss the annual dinner that raises money for addressing the needs of the blind, visually impaired and those with other disabilities. 7-11 pm. \$950. 828-1522 or lighthouseguild.org.

**MARCH**

**Thursday - 3/10 - Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County's Love of Literacy Luncheon** at Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Ring in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the always-well-attended fundraising event that features a special guest speaker. 11:30 am. \$125. 279-9103 or literacypubc.org.

**Thursday - 3/17 - Boca Raton Museum of Art's Art Boca Raton Vernissage** at Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Celebrate the debut of the city's first four-day art fair with an exclusive preview, elegant cocktail party and dinner-by-the-bite. 6-10 pm. \$150-\$250. 392-2500, Ext. 208 or bocamuseum.org/vernissage.

**Friday - 3/18 - The ARC of Palm Beach County's Cowboy Ball** at The Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Put on your ball gowns and boots, dance and dine the night away, bid in a live auction and take a chance in the casino. 7 pm. \$550. 842-3213 or arcpbc.org.



To submit your event, contact Amy Woods at [flamywoods@bellsouth.net](mailto:flamywoods@bellsouth.net).

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Pay it Forward

Spirit of Giving Network offers Boca Raton Bowl tickets to local veterans

By Amy Woods

The Boca Raton Bowl enters its second year at Florida Atlantic University Stadium on Dec. 22 and so does the Spirit of Giving Network as the college-football event's official charity partner.

ESPN tapped the nonprofit that supports needy children and families in Palm Beach County based on the organization's strong mission statement and feel-good vibe.

"I was impressed with them from day one," said Doug Mosley, the bowl game's executive director. "We like what they do."

This year, ESPN, which owns and operates the Boca Raton Bowl, will find more to like about the Spirit of Giving Network when the media outlet makes its repeat gift of 5,000 tickets. The board of directors has extended an invitation to the matchup between the American Athletic Conference and Mid-American Conference to local veterans — in addition to underprivileged youths and adults.

President Ann Rutherford pushed the idea.

If You Go

**What:** Boca Raton Bowl

**When:** 7 p.m. Dec. 22

**Where:** Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton

**Cost:** \$28 to \$146

**Information:** Call 800-515-2171 or visit [espevents.com/boca-raton-bowl](http://espevents.com/boca-raton-bowl)

"It's dear to me," Rutherford said. "My son was a Navy SEAL and served in Afghanistan after 9/11. When that happens to you, your life is changed forever."

David, 43, made it home safely and now gives motivational speeches around the country.

Other veterans aren't so lucky.

"We would like to add some services for them, and I've been reaching out to different people I've met," Rutherford said. "Eventually, that will be part of our goal, to bring them and their families under our fold."

For the inaugural bowl game, the Spirit of Giving Network distributed 5,000 tickets and aims to increase



Ann Rutherford (center) poses for a family photo on Veterans Day. Son David holds 5-year-old Blair, and daughter-in-law Kirsten holds Heather, 2. Photo provided

that number to 7,500 with the addition of the veterans. The tickets include access to a tented area with free food, drinks and tailgating activities.

"We felt this was a nice way to start with the veterans — to get to know them by

bringing them to this game," Rutherford said. Sponsorships are needed for transportation to and from the stadium, as well as underwriting the cost of the food, drinks and entertainment.

"This is a huge task,"

Rutherford said. "We're just taking baby steps at this point."

Veterans or veterans groups interested in attending the Boca Raton Bowl can call Wendy Friswell, executive director of the Spirit of Giving Network, at 385-0144. ★

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"The way the community supports Bethesda Health inspired me to move my practice to Palm Beach County. The generosity of those who contribute to the Bethesda Hospital Foundation made it possible to equip the new Bethesda Center for Advanced Robotics and Urologic Care. I am honored to lead this Center with state-of-the-art equipment, including the first Xi da Vinci™ Surgical System in south Palm Beach County. Having the latest tools at my disposal and having the kind of meaningful support that philanthropists in this community provide mean that my surgical patients will suffer less pain, recover faster, have minimal scarring and a reduced risk of infection. I've been performing minimally invasive surgery for urologic disease for more than 25 years. I'm excited to be part of Bethesda's team and grateful to the Foundation and its donors for allowing me to bring these specialized treatment options to Palm Beach County."

— Raymond J. Leveilee, M.D.



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## Celebrations

### Luncheon meeting

City Fish Market, Boca Raton – Nov. 11



Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty spoke publicly for the first time since the Delray Beach resident's incarceration. McCarty spoke before the Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club and shared her feelings about serving time and what she is doing now to help others. **ABOVE:** Barry Epstein and McCarty. **Photo provided by Carol Porter**

### Martens Award Luncheon

Polo Club, Boca Raton – Oct. 28



The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties' inaugural ceremony, named after beloved philanthropist Marie Graber Martens, honored the Spirit of Giving Network for its involvement and outreach and featured a keynote address by Barbara Schmidt, a founder of the organization. More than 200 attended. **ABOVE:** Dick Schmidt and Howard Schnellenberger. **Photo provided**

### Casino Night

Boca West Country Club, Boca Raton – Oct. 17



The Boys & Girls Club of Boca Raton enjoyed success with its sixth-annual fundraiser, attended by more than 150 guests who tested their luck at numerous gaming tables. There were opportunities to win prizes, bid in a silent auction and enjoy cocktails, dinner and gourmet sweets. **ABOVE:** Co-Chairs Kathryn Gillespie and Zakir Odhwani. **Photo provided by Laura Kokus**

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### Talon Leadership Awards

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton – Oct. 29



FAU's Talon Leadership Awards recognize outstanding leaders from the community in addition to alumni, faculty and students. **LEFT:** Receiving honors during a ceremony coinciding with this year's homecoming are (l-r) Alyssa Harris, a student in the College of Engineering and Computer Science; Stacie Lee Rossow, Class of '97; Eleanor Baldwin, a retired teacher and school benefactor; and Steve Swanson, Class of '86.

**Photo provided**

### Women of Grace luncheon

The Mar-a-Lago Club, Palm Beach – Nov. 11



More than 600 guests filled the gilded ballroom at The Mar-a-Lago Club to recognize five female philanthropists for their efforts in supporting and volunteering for local charities. All money raised benefits the Bethesda Hospital Foundation. **ABOVE:** Chairwoman Nilsa McKinney (fourth from left), with honorees (l-r) Karen Sweetapple, Julia Kadel, Kathy Feinerman, Nilsa McKinney, Carole Putnam and Shelley Albright. **Photo provided**

### Boca Raton Mayors Ball

Broken Sound Club, Boca Raton – Oct. 17



Rotary Club of Downtown Boca Raton celebrated a sold-out event that delivered a memorable evening to more than 200 guests while benefiting a new grant program for the health and wellness needs of local nonprofits. The affair culminated with the presentation of the inaugural George Long Awards named after the city's first appointed mayor. **LEFT:** Patti Carpenter and Jerry Calfaro. **Photo provided**

### Big Hairy Fun-Raiser

Salon Resta, Delray Beach – Nov. 6



Cheered on by friends adorned in pink, Lisa Quillian donated 17 inches of hair that will be made into wigs for cancer patients. 'It wasn't enough to just give away the hair,' Quillian said. 'I mean, I had been carrying it around for five years.' So she made an event out of it, with auction items up for bid and champagne poured at the salon, which donated special discounts for all. **LEFT:** Anita Dickerson cuts Quillian's long, braided lock in front of supporters. **Photo provided**

## Celebrations

### Tropical Garden Fashion Show and Luncheon

Benvenuto, Boynton Beach – Nov. 12



More than 120 members and guests attended the Boynton Woman's Club's event and helped raise more than \$3,000 for the Scholarship Fund, which awards grants to high-school students who live in the city and plan to attend a Florida college. **ABOVE:** Commentators and models of the fashion show pose (far left) with Co-Chairwomen Donna Artes and Lillian Ostiguy and (in back) club President Michele Walter. **Photo provided**

### Go Pink Luncheon

Boca Raton Resort & Club – Oct. 21



Actor and comic Martin Short served as keynote speaker at Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation's annual gathering supporting women's health. Nearly \$1 million was raised for the fight against breast cancer. Proceeds will benefit the hospital's Schmidt Family Center for Breast Care in the Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute. **LEFT:** (l-r) Joan Wargo, Becky Davis, Anne Green and Barbara Schmidt. **Photo provided**

### Golf Tournament

The Wanderers Club, Wellington – Oct. 10

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County welcomed its annual tournament and raised \$58,000 for the Neil S. Hirsch Family Boys & Girls Club. A total of 140 attendees participated in the festivities, which included breakfast, a raffle, putting contests and a luncheon and awards ceremony. **RIGHT:** (l-r) Cliff Carroll, Nick Chillemi, Vince Chillemi and Elliot Bonner. **Photo provided**



### Culture & Cocktails

The Colony Palm Beach – Nov. 2



A crowd topping 100 attended the season's first 'conversation,' titled 'Hey, Mr. Producer,' which featured a talk between Andrew Kato, who is celebrating 10 years at the helm of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre, and Rob Steele, the new president and CEO of the Delray Beach Center for the Arts at Old School Square. **ABOVE:** (l-r) Diane Berk, Mindy Levine and Charlotte Smith. **Photo provided by Corby Kaye's Studio Palm Beach**

### Woman Volunteer of the Year luncheon

Boca Raton Resort & Club – Nov. 6



The Junior League of Boca Raton had its 28th-annual fundraiser – one of the largest to date, with 900 guests in attendance and \$180,000 raised. Linda Coffin, nominated by Children's Home Society of Florida, was named the 2015 Woman Volunteer of the Year out of 35 nominees. **ABOVE:** Mark Larkin, president of the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation, congratulates Coffin. **Photo provided**

### Great Expectations gala

Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. – Nov. 5



Highland Beach Town Commissioner Lou Stern and wife Carol (above) received the the Ruby Lee Piester Adoption Award, a lifetime-achievement recognition, from the National Council for Adoption. The award was presented during the council's annual affair and acknowledges passionate and innovative contributions to the field of adoption. Presented two times previously in the organization's 35-year history, the award is named for the council's co-founder. The Sterns were recognized for the integral role they have played in shaping its mission and vision. 'It's been extremely rewarding to see the changes in the field of adoption over the last 35 years,' Lou Stern said. 'There are still many challenges remaining, and the National Council for Adoption will continue to lead the way.' He is a founding member of the organization's board of directors, has served as board chairman five times for a total of 13 years and continues to serve on the board. The Sterns have lived in Highland Beach since 1997 and are adoptive parents. **Photo provided**

### Trunk or Treat / Chili Cook-Off

St. Joseph's Episcopal School, Boynton Beach – Oct. 20



The school entertained families from nearby neighborhoods with contests for most creative and scariest costumes, as well as tastes of the hot-and-spicy southwest concoction. **ABOVE:** (l-r) The Elliott family — David, James, Avery and Kristin — in their winning costumes. **Photo provided**



### Buddy Walk

John Prince Park, Lake Worth – Oct. 16

The 21st-annual Buddy Walk attracted 2,000-plus participants and raised \$175,000 for Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization and its advocacy, education and support programs for children and adults in Palm Beach County. **LEFT:** Gail Marino, with daughter and grand marshal Kim Marino. **Photo provided**

## Around Town

## FAU president boasts 'unbridled ambition' for university

The FAU Owls may have been plucked by Hurricanes and Gators, but football does not — despite what some misguided folks in this nation believe — make a great university or make a university great. FAU President



Kelly

**John Kelly** knows how it feels for a football team to win: Before FAU he was a vice president at **Clemson University**,

which boasts one of the nation's best football teams. But he also knows that institutions ultimately are measured by academics and research, and his **State of the University** address Nov. 20 set some bold goals.

He used a little streaming and beaming to make his case that FAU should be one of the best educational institutions in the nation.

Examples came from New York via a video conversation with alumnus **Jeremy Murphy**, a vice president for communications at **CBS**, and a live in-person performance from **Emil Liakhovetski**, 18, a junior pre-med student, and his brother **Dariel**. As **Emil & Dariel Rock Cellos** they were finalists on *America's Got Talent*. Also present was 1988 grad **Marc Kudisch**. He stars as the Senate majority leader on *House of Cards*. Grad students **Charles Weinthal** and **Chad Coursey** discussed the prosthetic hand they built with

a 3-D printer.

Kelly acknowledged that FAU had many problems when he arrived and it still needs considerable work to meet not only board of regents' standards but also those that he has set. Though he's been president for less than two years, the graduation rate already has risen from 40 percent to 45 percent. The current freshman class of 3,500 is the school's largest ever, but admission will become tougher with minimum admission standards rising to a grade point average of 3.6 (from 3.3).

"My plan for Florida Atlantic University is to proceed and lead with unbridled ambition," he said.

Another FAU grad was recognized twice recently for her community work. In



Snyder

October the **Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce** honored **Virginia Snyder** with its 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award. More recently, FAU's **Alumni Association** inducted the "private eye" into the inaugural class of its **Majestic Owls Society** that will recognize top graduates from classes 50 years earlier.

In 1965, FAU was so undeveloped that it had no building capable of accommodating a commencement. So the 30

graduates received degrees at **First Presbyterian Church of Boca Raton**. Snyder majored in government and politics. She spent 10 years as a newspaper reporter and then opened a private investigation agency. For 32 years she worked tenaciously, tackling 100 homicide cases, helping to free six men from death row and, using DNA evidence, secure freedom for a convicted rapist after 26 years.

Snyder also was a thorn in the side of the **Delray Beach Police Department** and inspired the hit TV show *Murder, She Wrote*. As a community activist, she founded Boca Raton's **South County Neighborhood Center**, later renamed the **Mae Volen Senior Center**, which spawned the **Florence Fuller Day Care Center**. She helped **George Morikami**, a resident of Boca Raton, obtain his U.S. citizenship and then was instrumental in convincing the county commission to reverse itself and accept the farm worker's donation of land that became **Morikami Park**.

In 1975, Gov. **Reubin Askew** named her an **Outstanding Woman of Florida** and two decades later Gov. **Lawton Chiles** proclaimed her one of "Florida's Finest."

Now 94, she retired in 2008. If she was working against you, watch out. If she was on your side, you couldn't ask for a better ally.

In its four decades, the

**Palm Beach Sports Hall of Fame** has recognized dozens of remarkable figures who have played, coached, contributed to and covered sports in Palm Beach County — from football (Boca Raton's **Mark Richt** and Boynton Beach's **Howard Schnellenberger**) and baseball (Lake Worth's **Herb Score**) to golf (Delray Beach's **Beth Daniel**) and tennis (Boca's **Chris Evert**), even hydroplane racer **Andy Coker** and polo legend **Memo Gracida**.

Two sports, however, despite their growing popularity locally and internationally, have never been represented. That will change next spring when the first hockey and soccer legends are inducted. The ice man is **Noah Babin** of Palm Beach Gardens, the first native Floridian to sign a professional contract. He now coaches in California.

As cool as ice on the field, Boca's **Kristy Whelchel Hartofilis** grew up in a soccer family with two older brothers



Whelchel Hartofilis

who also were standout players. She first distinguished herself while leading **Team Boca** youth squads to state and national prominence in the mid-90s, then earning All-America recognition at **Duke University**. After playing in the inaugural women's professional league **WUSA**, she returned to Boca, first to coach at **Spanish River High** and then join her brother **Jay** in the real estate business.

Hartofilis is another example of the great sport opportunities that exist in Palm Beach County.

Mix a large dose of glamour and a large dose of fun and you get the perfect prescription for a winning **Boca Raton Regional Hospital Ball**, thanks to guest emcee **Goldie Hawn**. The



Wold

54th annual gala is set for Jan. 23 at the **Boca Raton Resort & Club**. The gala will honor **Elaine J. Wold** and raise money for the new **Gloria Drummond Physical Rehabilitation Institute**. Tickets range from \$400 to \$100,000 for a Hope Diamond sponsorship.

"The Event" at B'nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton is still three months away, but seats should go quickly because the guest speaker is **Henry Winkler**, best known as the Fonz. The benefit for the **Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County** aims to "Celebrate All the Good in Our Community." ([jewishboca.org/theevent](http://jewishboca.org/theevent) or 852-5031)

We usually stick to what's happening between Lake Worth and Boca Raton, but when **Clay Conley** and his gang to the north try something, it's usually worth a mention. First came **Buccan** in Palm Beach nearly five years ago, then **Imoto** and **The Sandwich Shop**. Now they're heading across the bridge to liven up South Dixie in West Palm with an Italian place, **Grato**. That's Italian for grateful, which Conley is . . . for the culinary opportunities he's been given and for what he hopes his customers will be after they dine at "the kind of place I would bring my family and friends — a true neighborhood restaurant."

Indeed, the building, at 1901 S. Dixie, has been in the neighborhood for nearly a century, most recently as **Reward Lighting**. Conley hopes to be serving a few days before Christmas.

Back across the bridge, it's nearly a century for **Testa's**. The oldest family-owned and continuously operated restaurant in Palm Beach County, and the third oldest of that sort in Florida, turns 95 next year. So why not start celebrating now?

"We wanted to make it fun," says **Judy Testa**, one of three third-generation siblings who now run the restaurant. In addition to Eggplant Testa, Uncle Joe's Chicken Cacciatore and Testa's Stone Crab Claw, the family is offering a special "Paradise in Pink" cocktail — coconut rum, amaretto and fresh fruit juices garnished with fruit and topped with a drink umbrella. For a chaser, try that newcomer dish, Testa's strawberry pie. It's only been on the menu for 70 years.

The **Miami Dolphins** may not have the greatest record — certainly no 17-0 this year — but at least the fans now can drown their sorrow in something better than **Bud** or **Miller Lite**. Renovated **Sun Life Stadium** now sports two taprooms that serve craft beers, 31 from Florida including four with Palm Beach County connections: **Due South's** Caramel Cream Ale (Boynton Beach), **Saltwater's** Screamin' Reels IPA (great name for a beer, especially in Florida) from Delray Beach. Also represented are **Tequesta Brewing Co.** and **Funky Buddha**, started in Boca Raton and now also in Oakland Park.

Back in Boynton Beach, **Matt Cox** has **Copperpoint** up and foaming with seven brews on tap such as Summer Session IPA, B.Rabbit Espresso Cream Stout and Trula Saison.

Heart surgeon and TV star **Mehmet Oz** and wife, **Lisa**, also a TV host and author, recently plunked down \$18 million for **Louwana**, one of the first Palm

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Beach oceanfront estates built by **Addison Mizner**. Taking a cue from *Let's Make a Deal*, the good doctor saved a little cash — taxable value this year for the 13,539-square-foot home plus swimming pool and tennis court was \$20.1 million.

The hotter, the better for **Alex Callegari**, whether driving a ladder truck to a four-alarm in Boca Raton or cooking over a grill. After taking second a few months back at **Bud and Burgers** in St. Louis, he continued his run on the competitive chef circuit by winning the Southeast Semi-final for **Chevron's Game Day Chef Challenge** in Atlanta with Steak Balls of Fire with Chipotle Cheese Dip. The finals will be held Jan. 1 in Pasadena before the **Rose Bowl** game.

After outdoing several teams of professional chefs to take a top 10 finish in the pasta division at the **World Food Championships** in Kissimmee on Nov. 10, he was asked to be a last-minute substitute in the event's **Kansas City Steak Co. Challenge**. The 10 chefs were asked to cook and plate six bone-in strips and six filets mignon in 70 minutes.

The fill-in finished second.

Next day it was lunch at **McDonald's**: "Love that double cheeseburger!"

Lake Worth's **Bamboo Room** has taken another step in its re-emergence as a magnet for top regional and small-venue performers. On Nov. 20, New Orleans' legendary **Dirty Dozen Brass Band** crammed Bamboo's stage as its first big act.

Coming up, bookings will include blues acts **Ana Popovic**, a 2014 nominee for a Blues Music Award (Jan. 29), **Albert Castiglia** (Jan. 30) and **Samantha Fish** (March 31).

Handling the booking will be Jupiter-based **Morgan Renee Live** headed by **Randy Carrillo**, a longtime resident of Palm Beach County who's been in

### 3rd Annual Delray Beach Surf Festival Delray Beach – Nov. 14



Under rainy skies and gusty winds, Tom Pacheco, Laura Melum, Lydia Ripper, Elissa Masler and Laura Simon cheer for contestant Raef Melum, 10, during the Delray Beach Surf Festival. Competitions included surfing, paddleboarding and a tug-of-war. **Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star**

the music business for more than three decades. With ties to country, rock, Latin, bluegrass, and traditional music, Carrillo hopes to bring Bamboo a wide range of entertainment to supplement its growing stable of local talent.

A little farther south, **Funky Biscuit** is heating up Boca Raton. Proof that the road does go on forever, but sometimes with different locomotion, **Freight Train Band** returns the day after Christmas, steered by **Allman Brothers** co-founder **Butch Trucks**, with his son **Vaylor**, **Berry Oakley Jr.** and **Bruce Katz**.

Also at the Biscuit: **Pat Travers Band** (Dec. 5), **The Hackensaw Boys** (Dec. 9), **Drum Wars** with **Carmine** and **Vinny Appice** (Dec. 12), **Edwin McCain** (Dec. 18), **Donna the Buffalo**, which is promoting **The Stampede**, a campaign to protest the growth of corporate money in politics (Jan. 2), **Tab**

**Benoit** (Jan. 16) and the **Devon Allman Band** (Jan. 17).

**Danielle Rosse** is breathing a little easier and South County residents will be breathing in dramatic new aromas now that **Oceans 234** is back in business. A dramatic three-month, \$1.8 million renovation is complete with the popular Deerfield Beach-front restaurant offering a new entrance, new ocean views, new décor, a 400-bottle wine wall and a menu from Chef **Victor Franco** that is 75 percent new but retains longtime favorites.

Also new is a paver walkway that leads from the entrance to the boardwalk. Rosse's **234 One Step** program aims to raise \$50,000 from the sale of personalized pavers (4x8, 8x8 or 16x16 from \$199 to \$800) for **Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce's** community projects, the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County** and **Broward Health KIDS**

**Programs**. It needs only \$10,000 more.

Where will **Donald Trump** be on Dec. 5? His campaign office doesn't know. Managers at his **Mar-a-Lago Club** don't know. **Lois Pope** doesn't know.

But Pope, who will host the **Lady in Red Gala** at Mar-a-Lago on Dec. 5, hopes the flamboyant mogul-turned-politician shows. After all, her **Leaders in Furthering Education (LIFE)** charity is raising money for veterans.

"I don't know if he'll be there or not," Pope said, "but it was our gala that first exposed him to disabled veterans."

The Manalapan resident was the force behind the **American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial** in Washington and **Ric Burns'** documentary *Debt of Honor*, a chronicle of the history of disabled American veterans being broadcast on PBS. Comedian **Howie Mandel** heads up the entertainment and

each ticket buyer will be entered in a drawing for a **Mini Cooper** convertible featuring the unmistakable touch of world-renowned artist **Romero Britto**.

"We want to take care of people, and it takes a team," Pope said, but she promised the gala would have its lighter moments. If Mandel doesn't have something to say about Trump, Pope is prepared: "I have a few jokes to tell about him."

Despite a messy weekend before Thanksgiving, the **2015 Chris Evert/Raymond James Pro-Celebrity Tennis Classic** offered entertaining tennis and the Saturday night gala at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. The event raised \$600,000 for drug abuse treatment programs funded through **Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida** and the **Drug Abuse Foundation of Palm Beach County**. A healthy portion of the proceeds came from bidders at the gala's silent and live auctions.

Two VIP tickets to a speech plus a photo with former **President Bill Clinton** went for \$11,000 and a **Wimbledon** package — four nights accommodations and tickets to the semis and finals — took in \$9,000.

Among those taking to the court with Evert were such tennis legends as **Martina Navratilova** and **Pam Shriver** and entertainers **Jason Biggs**, **Dennis Miller**, **Gavin Rossdale**, **Chelsea Handler** and **Jon Lovitz**. Gala entertainment was provided by **The Fifth Dimension**. In its 26 years, the event has raised more than \$22 million for South Florida charities.

Well done, Chris.



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## Dining

### Steak and frites? Mais oui!

**The Plate:** Steak 'n' Fries  
**The Place:** J. Alexander's, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton; 347-9875 or [jalexandersholdings.com](http://jalexandersholdings.com).

**The Price:** \$25

**The Skinny:** Members of our circle are not big consumers of steak. But we

make an exception for this riff on the classic French steak frites, beautifully prepared each visit.

The 10-ounce strip steak is grilled over a wood fire. As for that beef, it was tender and redolent with maitre d' butter — that mix of butter, garlic, lemon, herbs and other goodies that bring out the flavor of the beef.

Thin-cut fries were crispy on the outside,



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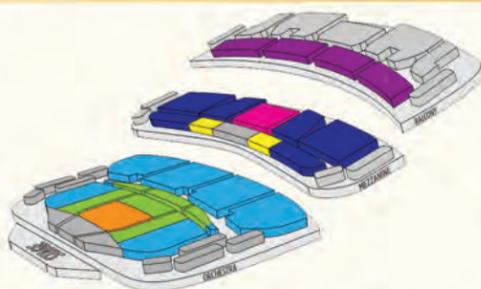


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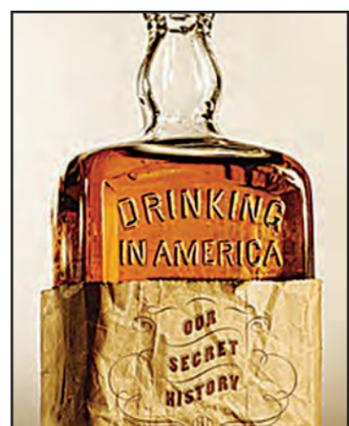
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**Art**

## Japanese-American experience on display at Morikami

**By Gretel Sarmiento**  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

We are often moved by art, but what is art moved by? Tragedy. Joy. Death. Life.

Two dramatic exhibitions now on view at the Morikami Museum feature artworks born out of ashes and out of the necessity to cope with loss.

Running through Jan. 31, *Wendy Maruyama: Executive Order 9066* revives a particularly sad time to mark the 70th anniversary of the closing of the last Japanese internment camp. *Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani* is meant as an exploration of an artist's life through his work because it deserves to be known. Both are armed with truth and heart.

The 1942 campaign that dragged thousands of people of Japanese ancestry — even American citizens — out of their homes into internment camps is the core of *Executive Order 9066*. Maruyama doesn't just touch upon this chapter; she drags it from the pages of the history books and plants it right in front of us in the form of name tags and suitcases used during the move.

Included in this exhibit are wall-mounted cabinets and objects made and owned by the internees. One example is the bird pins said to have been gifted to internee Yone Yoshioka from a fellow internee at Poston, Ariz. Each pin is attached to a twig using metal



*The Tag Project*, an installation by Wendy Maruyama, contains 10 hanging lanterns made of name tags representing the 10 camps where Japanese citizens were forcibly moved following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. **Photo provided**

wire. An odd display consisting of a large black square features an opening from which a short Popeye film can be watched. The film is titled *You Are a Sap, Mr. Jap*.

But the most commanding section is the 10 gigantic paper lamps suspended from the ceiling representing the 10 internment camps in the United States. Each consists of identification tags — sporting names and numbers, 120,000 all told — that were recreated by this third-generation

Japanese-American artist. The names of all 10 camps are reflected on the floor, below each lamp. Maruyama called this *The Tag Project*. Its massive volume makes the event an undeniable fact and seems to restate it: Yes, this happened.

Among these camps, one based in California — Tule Lake — was home to the Japanese-American artist being explored in the second exhibit. Named after its protagonist, *Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani* features less

somber adaptations of equally traumatic experiences.

Colorful child-like drawings take on big serious subjects such as the atomic bomb and the Sept. 11 attacks. The compositions are similar, with the vivid colors making up for the simplicity in execution. Oversize structures appear overwhelmed by bright orange flames and black smoke clouds. Ant-size figures are shown trapped at the bottom

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**Film**

## New 'Star Wars' chapter is set to conquer the world



A scene from *The Force Awakens*. **Photo provided**

**Palm Beach ArtsPaper Staff**

A mass-market cultural phenomenon is set to take place Dec. 18, with the release of the highly anticipated new *Star Wars* film *The Force Awakens*, the first in a new trilogy of the durable space operas, now directed by J.J. Abrams.

While newcomers such as John Boyega and Daisy Ridley are onboard, many of the original characters and actors are reprising their roles, including Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia and Harrison Ford as Han Solo.

"The *Star Wars* films defined childhood for a generation of adults and has an ongoing appeal to upcoming generations," says Gerald Sim, associate

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*Mother and Baby*, part of a whimsical series of cat paintings by Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani, who spent time at the Tule Lake internment camp in California beginning in 1942.  
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## MORIKAMI

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of the frame. There are also slight differences suggesting the thought put into them. For instance, unlike those depicted in *Hiroshima Peace Memorial*, the figures trapped in the chaos of *World Trade Center 1* are drawn lying down; very few appear standing.

The 29 artworks on view, created between 1999 and 2006, represent a small selection of the artist's work, considering Mirikitani lived to the age of 92. But they constitute a powerful introduction to a man with a life story like no other. Mirikitani lost relatives and friends to internment camps and Hiroshima's atomic bombing only to end up homeless in the streets of New York City selling art, before being reunited with a sister he had not seen in 60 years.

A series of landscape drawings reflect his feelings toward Tule Lake, the place of his incarceration following the

## IF YOU GO

*Wendy Maruyama: Executive Order 9066 and Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani* are on display through Jan. 31 at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach  
**Tickets:** \$15, \$13 seniors; \$9 children and students.  
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attack on Pearl Harbor. The choice of soft peachy colors and minimal lines are the opposite of what we would expect. Nothing suggests hatred or hard feelings. There are no traces of anger or violence here. It is a surprisingly soothing response to the cruel event that separated him from his sister, Kazuko.

The painful memories are there though, in the two smallest pieces depicting a gravesite and a cross at the

hilltop. Both reference the journey that relatives and former internees made to the camp site every two years. The gravestones have been marked red and a preserved flower appears pressed against the glass frame.

To survive in the streets, Mirikitani sold playful drawings depicting cats, flowers and fruits. They reflect undying optimism and an unexpected innocence. His felines have a distinctive long dark tail and almond-shaped eyes and it would be fair to assume it is the same cat, posing with different fish, in all the frames. Even the most cheerful drawing, *Cat Taking Sun Bath in Autumn*, cannot escape the artist's dramatic background. Despite the warmth of this lush, idealistic tropical scene, a question persists: How did he get past the pain? How did he manage to create anything resembling happiness?

The answer is the point both of these ongoing exhibitions aim to make.

## Art Basel, art fairs light up Miami

By Sandra Schulman  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

Art fair week has descended on Miami from every corner. The sheer quality and quantity of shows, promotions, screenings, talks, public art and fairs on the billion-dollar sandbar is unparalleled in America and perhaps the world. Add in Miami's own tropical weirdness and heavily multicultural audience for another dose of sensory art overload.

The main big-top event is Art Basel at the Miami Beach Convention Center, with 267 leading galleries from North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa showing significant work from the masters of modern and contemporary art, as well as a new generation of emerging stars. The fair is notoriously difficult for exhibitors to get into — not to mention expensive — but several South Florida galleries make it in regularly, including Frederic Snitzer and Gavlak.

Paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, films, and editioned works of the highest quality are on display in the main exhibition hall — you can find Picasso next to Jeff Koons and Georgia

O'Keeffe next to Cindy Sherman. Works that sell in the millions are in every aisle, making for a remarkable glut of museum-worthy art sold in essentially high-class pop-up booths. Celebrities cruise the aisles with their art advisers, picking the ripest fruit.

While the fair — which last year attracted 73,000 visitors — is the main attraction, my favorite events are the ones outside that take advantage of the unique beachfront location and its lush outdoor landscapes.

Then there are the side sectors, a series of booths that show more focused work: Survey has 14 booths showing "historically informed" works; Nova, where you'll find 34 younger galleries showing new works; and 16 Positions galleries focusing on emerging artists.

Public is always a must-see as 26 artists create site-specific installations and performances all week in Collins Park in front of The Bass Museum at 21st Street and Collins Avenue. *The Theme Is Metaforms*, Nicholas Baume's curatorial premise, considers how art is, at its core, a process of transformation; highlights this year include a gemstone-encrusted *Healing Pavilion* by

Sam Falls; a group of tall chairs from the original production of Robert Wilson's *Einstein on the Beach*; a giant set of luscious red lips by Sterling Ruby; and a monumental deer lawn ornament by Tony Tasset.

The film program is another winner as movies screen on the giant projection wall outside of the New World Center (500 17th St., South Beach). "Our Hidden Futures" is the overall theme for this year's film program. More than 50 films and videos will also be screened at The Colony Theater (1040 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach).

And the world outside the main fair continues to orbit, as there are now 18-and-counting satellite fairs. Miami Project and Art on Paper move into the Deauville Beach Resort (6701 Collins Ave., Miami Beach); meanwhile the 13th edition of NADA heads down the street to the Fontainebleau (4441 Collins Ave., Miami Beach). Pulse Miami Beach hones in on Indian Beach Park (4601 Collins Ave., Miami Beach).

Art Basel continues from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5; noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 6. One-day tickets are \$47; an all-day pass is \$100. Tickets can be had at the venue or online at [artbasel.com/miamibeach/buy-tickets](http://artbasel.com/miamibeach/buy-tickets).

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## STAR WARS

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professor of film studies at Florida Atlantic University and a *Star Wars* fan.

“The amount of YouTube views for a 30-second trailer shows how highly anticipated the new film is,” he says. As of mid-November, the official trailer had some 62 million views to its credit.

A film series about adventure, good guys vs. bad guys, moral dilemmas, father-and-son relationships and the struggle for power — all told in a way that touches people’s hearts — the films left an enduring legacy on Hollywood, leaving their mark on such films as *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *The Matrix* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

The *Star Wars* franchise began in 1977 with the first film, simply titled *Star Wars*, (and later subtitled *Episode IV: A New Hope*). Its combination of storytelling and groundbreaking special effects marked the beginning of a three-decade love affair for creator George Lucas and his fantasy-filled films.

Chapters 5 and 6, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*, were released in 1980 and 1983, respectively.

A second trilogy recounting chapters 1-3 of the mythology came out between 1999 and 2005. *The Phantom Menace*, *Attack of the Clones*, and *Revenge of the Sith* received mixed reviews and disappointed many fans.

“The intensity of reactions, including intense hatred, to the second trilogy speaks to the importance of the film on a whole generation of people,” Sim notes.

Despite the controversy, all six films were nominated for or won Academy Awards, and all were box-office hits, earning in excess of \$4.38 billion.

One can look at the impact of the *Star Wars* franchise on popular culture through a number of different lenses: cultural, economic, psychological, historical and religious. Few films have added so much to the cultural vocabulary — from death stars to Jedi knights, light sabers to Yoda — and it as much a



Familiar characters set to reappear in the new film include the robots R2D2 and C3PO. Photo provided

marketing phenomenon as it is an intergalactic adventure series.

*Star Wars: The Force Awakens* reportedly cost \$400 million to make, and pre-sale tickets broke IMAX records with more than \$6.5 million sold for U.S. screenings in the first day. Opening weekend is projected to bring in more than \$215 million with a total domestic gross of \$762 million, according to expectations by website BoxOffice.com, as well as a global take of \$2 billion to \$3 billion.

“With all the millions spent on merchandising and toys, it shows people are invested in the series and can generate billions in merchandising deals even before the first ticket is sold,” Sim says.

Shelly Isaacs, a film buff and expert on popular culture who runs an international film series called Café Cinematheque, agrees with Sim about the economic impact of the *Star Wars* films.

“*Star Wars* is part of our lifestyle and permeates our culture,” says Isaacs.

Disney, which bought Lucasfilm in 2012, has plans to open a *Star Wars* theme park in Florida and California. “It’s

a money machine for Disney,” says Isaacs, who also sees the franchise expanding to markets in China and India.

“I remember the excitement of going to see the first *Star Wars* movie,” says Sim, 43, who was in elementary school in 1977. “At the time, Lucas used innovative technology to create special effects and establish a set of expectations of what film special effects should be. With each new film, we re-live that initial thrill.”

Lucas’s company, Industrial Light & Magic, a division of Lucasfilm, which he founded in 1975, became the industry standard for computer graphics and special effects.

The first *Star Wars* film launched the careers of Hamill, Ford and Fisher, and raised the profile of its composer, John Williams, who has scored the new film as well as the previous six. Few pieces of music are as familiar to audiences as the fanfare-like opening title of the film, or the menacing march associated with Darth Vader.

Sim notes that Princess Leia was a role model for young girls. Rachel Galvin, writer and producer of the online film magazine *Independent Streak*,

## One critic/fan recalls the beginning

By Hap Erstein

The time was May 1977 and the place was the front row of Washington, D.C.’s movie palace, the Uptown, which had the city-wide exclusive rights to show an untouted intergalactic swashbuckler by George Lucas, that guy who made the nostalgic teen epic *American Graffiti* just four years earlier. Called *Star Wars*, it was set in a galaxy far, far away and had the ability to transport moviegoers back to the days of Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon and other Saturday morning serials.

Thirty-eight years ago is eons when it comes to special effects, but the visuals of *Star Wars* have a timeless quality. Retro from the start, they were never intended to awe, though they gave birth to one of the movie world’s great effects mills — Industrial Light & Magic. Instead, Lucas put the emphasis on storytelling, concocting a mythic tale of an orphan named Luke Skywalker thrust into an intergalactic battle between a rebel army and the Empire, with borrowed bits from Westerns, war pictures and adventure tales.

Lucas was never much good at directing actors — for evidence, see *Episode I*, *The Phantom Menace* — but in the original films, he had the good sense to cast such classically trained performers as Alec Guinness and James Earl Jones, who knew how to make even the silliest dialogue sound good.

Nothing, it seems, can diminish the affection fans have for the original trilogy of *Star Wars* films, though episodes I-III seemed to try. And as for the imminent follow-up movies, we can only cross our fingers and harbor a new hope.

remembers dressing up as Princess Leia.

“I identified with her,” said Galvin. “She is less seen as a quintessential sexpot and more as a warrior, kicking butt and taking names, and standing up for herself.”

Galvin also notes that Lucas was a pioneer in using action as a driving force in a story. “The very way in which the tale was told seemed unique and epic in scale, with high-tech dog fights in space changing the way sci-fi was viewed and paving the way for more films in the future.”

Lucas’ reliance on Jungian archetypes and his interest in the work of anthropologist Joseph Campbell led him in *Star Wars* to reference Greek and Nordic mythology and synthesize a number of genres, including science fiction, Westerns, soap operas, fantasy and Japanese samurai films.

“Lucas, as part of the New Hollywood, along with Francis Ford Coppola and Steven Spielberg, studied film and grew up watching old Hollywood movies. He has a vast knowledge and vocabulary of old films, and some scenes in his film are a recreation of scenes from earlier films, such as John Ford’s 1956

film, *The Searchers*,” says Sim, referencing scenes in *Star Wars* that take place on the desert planet Tatooine.

The first film, coming out in a decade emerging from a long and exhausting war in Vietnam and one in which the president of the United States, Richard Nixon, resigned in scandal, heralded the dawn of a new cinematic era.

“*Star Wars* brought us excitement and brought us back our heroes,” Isaacs says.

Local cinephile Dave Montalbano (aka “Cinema Dave”) believes that *Star Wars* would not be the success that is today if the sequel, *The Empire Strikes Back*, had not been as good as it was.

“The first sequel reached for something deeper with the introduction of Yoda and his philosophies about The Force,” Montalbano says.

As the characters in the new *Star Wars* film break barriers and explore new galaxies, the legacy of the franchise looks certain to last for years to come.

“We want to imagine *Star Wars* as our future,” Isaacs says. “It’s every child’s dream. It’s a common thread among generations — totally translatable and relateable.”

## ArtsPaper News

### ‘Sex With Strangers’ gets an extended run

Fresh off a successful run at the Arts Garage in Delray Beach, Laura Eason’s play, *Sex with Strangers*, starring Michael Uribe and Jacqueline Laggy, moves up the road this month to The Palm Beaches Theatre in Manalapan, the new home of the Palm Beach International Film Festival.

The show, directed by Genie Croft, will run Dec. 4, through Dec. 20, with shows at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

“The response to *Sex with Strangers* has been tremendous,” said Keith

Garsson, producing director at Arts Garage.

The plot centers around online dating. When Olivia, a 40-something writer in Chicago, encounters the younger sex-blogger Ethan, questions about his past take their relationship through a series of comic and surprising revelations.

Alyone Ushe, president and CEO of Creative City Collaborative, which operates Arts Garage in Delray Beach and The Amp in Pompano Beach, said they approached film festival Chairman Jeff Davis about bringing *Sex With Strangers* to his theater.

“Extending the run of *Sex with Strangers* in Manalapan

makes perfect sense,” Ushe said. “It provides audiences with additional opportunities to see this deliciously funny play and allows Arts Garage and the Palm Beach International Film Festival to grow their dedicated fan base even further.” Tickets for the play are \$45. An opening night celebration will begin at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4; tickets are \$75.

Call 450-6357 or go to [www.artsgarage.org](http://www.artsgarage.org).

### Maltz promotes Kato to its chief executive

The Maltz Jupiter Theatre’s board of directors has promoted Producing Artistic Director Andrew Kato to producing artistic director and

chief executive.

Celebrating his 10th anniversary with the theater, Kato has signed a contract for 10 more years.

“We’re so proud of the many accomplishments of the Maltz Jupiter Theatre over the past decade, and much of the theater’s success is due to a great staff, led by Andrew Kato,” said Milton Maltz, founder and chairman emeritus of the board.

Under Kato’s leadership, the theater has produced more than 60 productions and annual subscriptions have grown to more than 7,626 (much higher than comparable regional theaters across the country). Attendance has doubled,

growing from 50,000 to more than 100,000 annual patrons.

During his tenure, the Maltz Jupiter Theatre has continuously earned annual Carbonell Awards, South Florida’s highest honor of artistic excellence. The theater has achieved a fully funded \$10 million endowment, completed a \$2.5 million expansion and renovation in 2013, and opened its Paul and Sandra Goldner Conservatory of Performing Arts in 2007, now attended by over 600 students annually.

“The theater has achieved all of its goals and objectives by producing consistent-quality productions, so now we are looking to the future,” Kato said.

Arts

# Organizers promising best-yet roster for 10th annual Festival of Arts Boca

By Steven J. Smith  
ArtsPaper Art Writer

The 2016 Festival of the Arts Boca promises a compelling line-up of international superstars, thinkers, authors and performers, according to festival chairman and co-executive producer Charlie Siemon, who unveiled the season Friday at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center.

“The 10th Annual Festival of the Arts Boca will be our most celebrated and memorable yet,” Siemon told a gathering of several hundred supporters at the kickoff event. “We have much to be proud of throughout our decade of bringing the best and brightest in dance, classical music, performing arts and literature to Boca Raton.”

Violin superstar and conductor Joshua Bell will headline the festival, which runs March 4-16, splitting time between the Mizner Park Amphitheater at 590 Plaza Real and the Cultural Arts Center at 201 Plaza Real.

Bell will serve as both soloist and conductor in a performance of Vivaldi’s *Four Seasons* with the Lynn Philharmonia on March 16.

The festival will open with a showing of the 1981 film *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on March 4, presented with a live orchestra. The film, which introduced the character of Indiana Jones (portrayed by Harrison Ford), features a stirring score by Academy Award-winning composer John Williams and will be performed live to picture by the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, which is based at the University of Miami.

Other musical highlights will include jazz trumpet legend Herb Alpert and his wife, Grammy Award-winning singer Lani Hall (March 6); Cirque de la Symphonie (March



Violinist/conductor Joshua Bell is the headliner. Photo provided

12); a night of symphonic jazz with the Joey Alexander Trio, the Symphonia and conductor Constantine Kitsopoulos (March 11); and a new family-friendly production in English of Mozart’s opera *The Magic Flute* (March 5).

Siemon attributed the festival’s decade of success primarily to the hard work put in to organize and present it to enthusiastic audiences.

“Also, we really have emphasized bringing in great artists,” he said. “We’ve had the best of the best, and that’s what brings people in — supporters, sponsors and attendees.”

In addition, the Festival of the Arts Boca will continue its “Authors and Ideas” program, featuring CNN host Fareed Zakaria, who will discuss “Global Hot Spots and Trends: The Next Security Crisis” (March 7).

Also contributing to the program will be author and professor Dr. Robert Sapolsky, who will present “The Biology of Good and Evil” (March 8).

Rounding out the program, author and Pulitzer Prize finalist Laila Lalami will discuss

her novel *The Moor’s Account* (March 9) and Dr. Jay Winter, former history professor at Yale University, will explore World War I and its impact on the 21st century.

New this season is a free, official Festival of the Arts Boca app — a digital pocket guide featuring GPS directions, schedule of events, ticket purchasing, contests, links to social media channels, videos, sneak previews of upcoming performances and more. Users will be able to access up-to-the-minute schedule changes, emergency information and traffic updates. To download, visit the app store on your mobile device and search for Festival of the Arts Boca.

When asked what will make the festival’s upcoming season unique, Siemon just smiled.

“I think every one we’ve done has been unique,” he said. “Our speaking program is wonderful, our artists are fantastic and we’re really happy and excited about the movie, which has been digitally remastered. And the score from John Williams is just spectacular. We hope everyone will come on out. It’s going to be a great festival.”

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$225. For more information, go to [www.festivalboca.com](http://www.festivalboca.com) or call 866-571-2787.



Zakaria

## ArtsPaper News

### Opera company seeks funds for new drama

A new musical drama titled *Not In My Town*, written for the stage by Michael W. Ross and based on the events surrounding the death of Matthew Shepard, who was brutally murdered for his sexual orientation, is set to have



Shepard

its debut in March by South Florida start-up Opera Fusion. Shepard, a 21-year-old gay Wyoming college student, was beaten and tortured by two men and then tied to a fence near Laramie in October 1998.

Discovered after 18 hours, he died six days later in a Colorado

hospital.

On Oct. 28, Opera Fusion kicked off a crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo.com in the hopes of raising \$150,000 to fund the production.

The show, which requires seven singing parts, two mute parts, a double chorus and a nine-piece orchestra, will be directed by Dean Peterson, artistic director of Opera Fusion.

In keeping with its mission, Opera Fusion plans to cast local singers in performances scheduled for Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach and Miami.

The musical drama addresses bullying, “a subject that’s in the news every day,” said Opera Fusion President Xavier Garcia.

“Our kids are bullied constantly and they are either killed, or they commit suicide or they are scarred for life,” says Garcia. “Matthew was

killed because he was gay, but Matthew is anyone who has been affected by a hate crime.”

Composer and librettist Ross, who moved to Florida from New York in 2004, writes music reflecting social justice issues.

His other recent works include *The Line that Divides*, based on the anti-slavery movement and women’s suffrage activist Harriet Tubman, and *Yours Truly, Anne*, an opera about the life of Anne Frank.

“I wrote *Not In My Town* because I don’t think people know what happened after Matthew Shepard died,” Ross said.

“I want the audience to see that good can come from such a terrible tragedy,” he said.

The fundraising page can be found at [igg.me/at/NotInMyTown/x/12537295](http://igg.me/at/NotInMyTown/x/12537295).

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## Music

# Hidden among horse farms in Wellington sits an impressive new music studio

By Bill Meredith  
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Anyone who's looked for a recording studio with world-class equipment in Palm Beach County knows that they're hard to find. Until now.

Liberated Studios (liberatedstudio.com) opened in Wellington late this summer to fill that world-class equipment void.

Finding it, however, can still be a bit of a challenge.

That's partially by design. The 1,500-square-foot facility is isolated amid the green grass, trees and winding roads of prime Wellington equestrian real estate, and sits behind the home of husband-and-wife Ian Carey (a composer and keyboardist) and Shanti Ellis (a vocalist). Their third studio partner is Brad Holland.

The three designed and acoustically treated the former guest house, which now features two primary rooms, each with a legendary recording board — the Studio A main room with its Neve 96-channel V66; and the Studio B mixing and overdubbing room with a Logic SSL 8000G/B G Series Console.

"The Logic desk is actually the more widely used of the two," says Carey. "The Neve is two desks put together, since I bought an extra one in order to have spare parts."

"Both brands are very sought after, and just great equipment," he said.

Anyone who refers to such coveted mixing boards as "desks" must have put in some serious work behind them. Carey's client list includes award-winning service for recording labels like Warner Bros., EMI, Island, Universal, Atlantic, and Sony, and artists from Snoop Dogg and the Black-Eyed Peas' will.i.am to Katy Perry and Timbaland.

Part of the reason the studio's exact location isn't completely open to the public is, in fact, because such celebrities might be there.

"Most of my work has been remixing R&B, pop and hip-hop artists," Carey says, "and writing dance music and doing dance remixes for pop artists."

"But I've had a gold Top 10 record under my name in the U.K., a couple multi-platinum records, one of which hit No. 1 in Australia, and a Best Dance Video MTV Video Music Award in Australia in 2009. A lot of that success helped fund this place," he says.

The video award statuette is in the shape of the familiar MTV "Moonman" logo from the network's early days, and Carey's plaques for his gold and platinum records



Ian Carey and Shanti Ellis sit in the guest house they converted to a recording studio. **Bill Meredith**

are also on display just outside Studio B. Liberated Studios' additional recording engineers are Dustin Breeden, a graduate of Full Sail University in Winter Park, and Chris Arrue, who studied at the SAE Institute in Miami. They work the boards amid an additional live tracking room, kitchenette and lounge.

There's also a pool and sauna.

And with cues from Abbey Road Studios in London, the studio specializes in mastering recording projects through Maselec gear using Bowers & Wilkins monitoring.

Online mixing and mastering options are also available.

"The key is the combination of the Maselec console and those monitors," says Carey. "That's behind the sound at Abbey Road, even if most people in the U.S. may not have even heard of those brands."

Carey grew up in Maryland, which is where he met Ellis, a Queens, N.Y., native. The couple named the studio after a famed retail music store where Carey was once a record buyer, Music Liberated in Baltimore.

"It was a legendary place," says Ellis. "John Waters, the film director, is from Baltimore, and he used it for the location scene in 'Hairspray' where the cast was dancing in a record store."

"My father was a live sound engineer while I grew up in Maryland," Carey says. "I got my start in the music biz at Music Liberated, then worked for a retail instrument chain called Mars Music before it folded. After that, I became more involved on the production and engineering side."

Still, the move to Florida was much more circuitous than a straight line south from Baltimore along Interstate 95.

"I got a lot of musical work in Europe," Carey says. "We moved to the Netherlands for a couple years, then to Spain

for five or six, so we were basically overseas for all of the 2000s.

"It was a great scene in Europe, with much more of a middle class for musicians. There's a lot of support from the government there for education, and the arts in general," Carey said.

"When we decided to move back to the United States, we settled on either Los Angeles or in the vicinity of Miami."

"This seemed like a good hub," adds Ellis, "since we didn't necessarily want to actually live in Miami."

"I'm close enough this way, since I've gotten a lot of work there," says Carey. "But this location provides a quiet place to write and work."

The couple has an indie electronica recording group called Aubergine Machine, and also composes music and records demos for clients, often with Ellis providing the vocals.

"We know there isn't another studio in Palm Beach County with equipment this high-end," says Carey. "We wanted to provide that option in hopes that some people would be looking for that, although others have questioned why we bothered."

"We bothered because there are so many people in Palm Beach County," Ellis explains. "There are a million people here!"

And nearly that many reasons to consider the facility, which include an additional assortment of Blue Bottle microphones (along with those by Neumann, AKG, Avantone, Shure and Audio Technica), an array of analog and digital keyboards; Maselec, Logic, and Universal Audio compressors, and an Otari 1/4-inch analog tape mastering deck.

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**Hello, Dolly!** (Wick Theatre, through Dec. 6)

Certain roles are simply owned by their originators, whose memorable performances cast a shadow over all those who dare attempt to fill their shoes. Like, say, Carol Channing in *Hello, Dolly!*

But at The Wick Theatre, as reverent as Lee Roy Reams is to the Jerry Herman-Michael Stewart musical and to those who walked down that red velvet staircase before him, he will have you saying, "Carol who?"

Without slighting the rest of the first-rate cast, the reason to see this *Hello, Dolly!* is the remarkable performance by Reams. In the title role.

Those who saw him last season as drag diva Zaza in *La Cage aux Folles* should not be surprised that he wears matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi's gown, headpiece and finery with larger-than-life self-assurance. But while his performance as Zaza made room for him to camp things up and insert part of his concert act, Reams plays Dolly entirely — pardon the expression — straight.

Reams knows every nook and nuance of this show, as he demonstrates in his staging at the Wick. And while his stellar performance is startling in its gender-bending originality, the rest of the show pays unwavering tribute to the

work of Gower Champion, the director who first put the show on its feet.

Master comic Lewis J. Stadlen is an ideal foil as curmudgeonly Horace Vandergelder, Dolly's designated prey. Soprano Susan Powell (*George M*) is back with a more comfortable assignment as milliner Irene Molloy, who will find romance with Cornelius (aptly bumbling James Clow).

Dustin Cross has put together crayon-bright costumes for the company and cleverly engineered dresses for Reams. Josieu Jean continues to be one of the theater's prime assets with his scenic projections, and the only liability is the continued use of recorded music. — *Hap Erstein*

**Brooklyn** (opened Nov. 25)

Adapted by Nick Hornby from Irish author Colm Tóibín's award-winning 2009 novel, and often suggesting a less-gentrified Jane Austen romance, *Brooklyn* follows Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) from her workaday drudgery in 1950s Ireland and across the inclement waters of the Atlantic, toward a more glamorous, if equally unsatisfying, employ in a Brooklyn department store. Tethering herself to the city's Irish community, she still manages to meet Tony (Emory Cohen), an Italian-American plumber with a penchant for fair-haired Irish lasses.

They form a connection that becomes something more, until a sudden death in Eilis'



Saoirse Ronan stars as an Irish immigrant in 1950s *Brooklyn*. Photo provided

family brings her back home to Ireland. Torn between her native land and her adopted second life, Eilis is forced to make a decision that will dictate her future.

Director John Crowley's cast is unimpeachably period-perfect. Ronan's fragile radiance ensures that she's more than a coming-of-age composite. Cohen, likewise, is an astonishing discovery, a performer who disarms us in the affectless manner of a young Brando or De Niro.

But even formidable actors can't fully realize some of the central-casting supporting characters, including Julie Walters as the lovable curmudgeon who runs the boarding house, and child actor James DiGiacomo as Tony's little brother, who can always be counted on for a sitcommy bon mot.

Crowley's direction tames any wildness that might emerge from this old-fashioned story of self-determination.

Yet the timing of *Brooklyn's* release feels right. In a

campaign season dictated more by fear and loathing than compassion, immigration has emerged as arguably the chief concern among policymakers and presidential aspirants. It's a pretty corny moment when Crowley visualizes a flood of heavenly light spilling from the big blue door separating Ellis Island's immigration station from the hope and promise of America: It's an all-too-literal golden door. But maybe we need a little reminding that this country was, and still can be, a beacon of hope. — *Palm Beach ArtsPaper staff*

**Miami City Ballet** (Kravis Center, Nov. 14)

A tepid launch of Miami City Ballet's 30th anniversary season suggests it might be time to rethink repertoire.

Of the three works, one was choreographed 64 years ago and the other 71 years ago. The third was a commissioned work created for the company just three years ago.

It was disappointing to see just a trickle of the excitement that MCB has reflected in earlier programs. It made me wonder about the continuous two-thirds balance in favor of history when the company clearly and undeniably shines in its newest works.

*Swan Lake*, choreographed by a young George Balanchine in 1951, opened the program. The iconic role of Odette was performed with determination by Tricia Albertson, and her Prince Siegfried was Reyneris Reyes, who performed his solo variation adequately. But the duo lacked chemistry.

Liam Scarlett's *Viscera* opened the second half of the program, packing a big (and welcome) bolt of wonderful, ebullient dancing. The Miami City Ballet dancers seemed so in their element performing this work, as they do performing all the new contemporary ballet additions to the repertoire.

Patricia Delgado sparkled in her role debut as the darting soloist that anchored the choreography amidst the unison duets beautifully executed by Shimon Ito and Renato Penteado. Veterans Jennifer Carlynn Kronenberg and Carlos Miguel Guerra calmed things down in their *pas de deux* with its slow and seamless partnering where the two became one in the movement.

Clearly a custom fit for MCB, as it highlighted the intrinsic artistic core of the company, *Viscera* also centered the program. It left us with a satisfied feeling but also wanting more of this kind of dancing from these spirited artists. — *Tara Mitton Catao*

**Allan Holdsworth** (Mizner Park, Nov. 21)

No one inside the black box theater at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center in Boca Raton — not the overflow crowd of 300 nor the three instrumentalists led by veteran

British jazz/fusion guitar great Allan Holdsworth — could've possibly been fully prepared for what they'd experience.

Considering the reputation and incendiary talents of the 69-year-old Holdsworth, 63-year-old American bassist Jimmy Haslip and 57-year-old Australian drummer Virgil Donati, one could be forgiven for expecting a positive once-in-a-lifetime experience. In many ways, most having little to do with the band itself, this proved quite the opposite.

The trio strode onstage 20 minutes late and launched into *Fred*, a molten piece that Holdsworth had recorded for the 1975 album *Believe It*.

But something was amiss. The trio's sound was alternately muffled and muted, and all three musicians suffered from the imbalance. Donati's drums were the most audible, although some of his microphones were hotter than others; Haslip's bass was too prominent, and Holdsworth's left-hand legato soloing intricacies — a catalyst in his rise to prominence — were buried.

Thus, the obviously distracted guitarist's inimitable spark-to-simmer-to-boil middle solo never materialized as he fiddled with his settings and effects, clearly never satisfied. After the opening song, he stepped up to the microphone and angrily explained why.

"I have to apologize," Holdsworth said. "They put us in a room with no PA! We've been working on it, but it was their [expletive], not ours!"

The first half of the show, which ended up evenly split between Holdsworth's solo material and tunes he'd recorded with Williams, suffered as the musicians and sound technicians scrambled to improve things.

The second half, aided by Williams gems from *Believe It*, some sound tweaks, and the trio's adjustments to the PA-less atmosphere, improved significantly. Holdsworth's expert chording, volume swells and effects were prominent through the night, but on the funky *Red Alert*, he was finally able to cut loose with one of his best and most audible solos. The staggered feel of *Proto Cosmos* was another highlight, and *Mr. Spock* closed the hour-plus set via a funkier arrangement than the raucous original Williams recording.

Holdsworth, Haslip and Donati all professionally overcame and did their jobs, but the headliner clearly wasn't amused at facing such hurdles.

Having influenced most current electric guitarists worth mentioning, Holdsworth certainly deserved better. Considering the slowdowns in both his recording and touring schedules, and the troubling experience this time around — captured for broadcast, no less — the odds don't appear good that he'll ever return.

In fact, to borrow a term from his homeland, they're probably nil. — *Bill Meredith*



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Books

# Oh say, are you soused: Americans and their booze

*Drinking in America: Our Secret History*, by Susan Cheever; Grand Central Publishing; 258 pp., \$28

By Bill Williams  
ArtsPaper Books Writer

American history books rarely mention alcoholism as a significant historical issue. From the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to the presidency of Richard Nixon and beyond, liquor has influenced American society and politics.

Susan Cheever has excellent credentials, having written extensively about her own battle with alcoholism and that of her father, the writer John Cheever.

One of the scariest chapters in this new book involves President Nixon's drunken episodes, which largely were kept secret from the public. Nixon did not imbibe every day, but a couple of drinks "would render him drunk, slurring, stumbling and rambling irrationally before he finally passed out." Aides worried that he might launch a nuclear war while drunk. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger was so concerned that he instructed the Joint Chiefs of Staff to ignore any military orders coming from the White House.

"Since the beginning," Cheever writes, "drinking and taverns have been as much a part of American life as churches and preachers, or elections and politics."

The Pilgrims regarded drinking and taverns as "gifts from God," but they also held that drunkenness came from the Devil. By the time of the Revolution, colonialists were drinking almost twice as much as the average person drinks today.

After George Washington left the presidency, he opened several distilleries on his Mount Vernon property. By the 1820s, Americans' drinking was out of control.

"Children drank before school, during school at recess, and after school," Cheever says. "Farmers had jugs stashed at the end of every row in their fields. Factories featured frequent drinking breaks" and slave owners supplied their slaves with liquor to keep them happy and obedient.

Throughout history liquor has divided Americans. In 1919, those who favored temperance pushed through Prohibition, a failed experiment that led to increased crime and open flouting of the law. Drinking has declined

in recent decades, in part because of the influence of Alcoholics Anonymous and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. DUI accidents have been cut in half as a result of laws raising the legal drinking age and mandating stronger penalties for drunken driving convictions.

Founded in 1935 by Bill W. and Dr. Bob, AA has enabled millions of alcoholics to abstain. For many addicts, it is no longer shameful to admit that one has a drinking problem.

Cheever includes a chapter, "The Writer's Voice," about the link between writing and alcohol in the mid-20th century. Of seven U.S. writers who won the Nobel Prize, five were alcoholics — Sinclair Lewis, Eugene O'Neill, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck. Cheever rejects the notion that drinking promotes great writing. Although alcohol might produce a short-term boost in creativity, it "almost always turns on the writer — eating away talent, which leads to inferior and even embarrassing work."

The author speculates whether President John F. Kennedy's assassination might have been foiled if not for the dereliction of Secret Service agents, six of whom visited an illegal bar until 3 a.m., just hours before they were scheduled to guard the president on that fateful day in Dallas.

Like others who have written on the subject, Cheever stresses that alcoholism is a genetic trait like hair color and not a moral failure or a lack of willpower.

Despite recent trends, drunkenness has soared among college students and military personnel. One study showed that students who drink to get drunk increased from 10 percent to 34 percent in recent years.

Cheever crams a lot of information and factoids into the text. She quotes scores of other writers, which sometimes causes the book to read like a research paper, rather than an original text.

*Drinking in America* awkwardly blends memoir, history and brain science. Still, it offers a fascinating overview of an illness that has killed millions of addicts and influenced the course of U.S. history.

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## Arts Calendar

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### Art Exhibits

**Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens:** Opens Dec. 5: Festival of Trees. Through Dec. 20: Also through Dec. 20 Holiday House, with gift ideas for all. Main gardens are open Wednesday to Sunday. \$15. 832-5328 or www.ansg.org.

**Armory Art Center:** Opens Dec. 11: *Ceramic Mine Field: Contemporary Clay and Ceramics*, through Jan. 2. Free admission. 832-1776; www.armoryart.org.

**Boca Raton Museum of Art:** Through Jan. 10: *Memories of the Shtetl; Veil of Memory: Prologue, the Last Supper; Rosie Won the War; The Neighbor Next Door*. \$12. 392-2500; www.bocamuseum.org.

**Cornell Museum of Art and American Culture:** Through Jan. 3: *Expectations*, contemporary art by 18 women. Suggested donation: \$5. 243-7922; www.oldschool.org.

**Cultural Council of Palm Beach County:** Through Dec. 12: Solo shows by Millie Langlois, Jean Goddeau and Neil Cohen. Opens Dec. 19: *The Art of Dr. Seuss Preview*, a sneak peek at the exhibit coming to the Gardens mall in January. Through Jan. 2: *Nature Preserved*. Free admission. 471-2901; palmbeachculture.com.

**Flagler Museum:** Through Jan. 3: *With a Wink and a Nod*. \$18 adults, \$10 ages 13-17, \$3 ages 6-12. 655-2833; www.flaglermuseum.us.

**Lighthouse ArtCenter:** Through March 5: *The Manoogian Collection: Two Centuries of American Art*, including works by William Merritt Chase, Childe Hassam and Andrew Wyeth. \$10

nonmembers, free for members. 10 am-4 pm M-F, 10 am-2 pm Sat & Sun. 746-3101; www.lighthousearts.org.

**Norton Museum of Art:** Through Jan. 14: *This Place: Israel Through Photography's Lens*. Through Jan. 3: *Going Places*; through Jan. 17: *The Summer of '68: Photographing the Black Panthers*. \$12 adults; \$5 ages 13-21. 832-5196; www.norton.org.

**Society of the Four Arts:** Through Jan. 10: *An Eye for Opulence: Charleston Through the Lens of the Rivers Collection*. \$5. 655-7226; www.fourarts.org.

### Books

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
**Robert Macomber:** Signs *The Assassin's Honor*. 7 pm. Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 279-7790; www.murderonthebeach.com.

### Cabaret

**Thursday, Dec. 10-Saturday, Dec. 12**  
**Tierney Sutton and Aaron Weinstein:** The jazz singer debuts at the Royal Room at the Colony Hotel on Palm Beach with the young jazz violinist. 8:30 pm. \$110, which includes \$50 food and drink minimum. 659-8100; www.thecolonypalmbeach.com.

### Classical Music

**Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**Nancy Weems:** The American pianist guests at Lynn University's piano weekend with a recital of music by Haydn, J.S. Bach and Mendelssohn, plus the Sixth Sonata of Prokofiev. 7:30 pm, Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, Boca Raton. \$20. 237-9000; www.events.lynn.edu.

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
**Symphonia Boca Raton:** Violinist Charles Wetherbee joins guest conductor Alastair Willis for the Concerto No. 5 (in A, K. 219) of

Mozart. Also on the program is Kodaly's *Dances of Galanta* and the Symphony No. 7 (in A, Op. 92), of Beethoven. 3 pm, Roberts Theater, St. Andrew's School, Boca Raton. \$45-\$75. 866-687-4201; www.thesympthonia.org.

**Monday, Dec. 7**  
**Palm Beach Symphony:** Israeli cellist Amit Peled pays tribute to Catalan cellist Pablo Casals in a concert that features Haydn's Cello Concerto in C, along with pieces by Bruch, Popper, Bloch, Handel and Kopytman, and Casals's own *Song of the Birds*. Ramon Tebar conducts. 7:30 pm, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. \$45. 655-7226; fourarts.org.

**Friday, Dec. 11, Sunday, Dec. 13**  
**Delray String Quartet:** The foursome is joined by Ukrainian-born pianist Marina Radiushina in the rarely heard Piano Quintet of Erich Wolfgang Korngold. 7:30 pm Friday, All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale; 4 pm Sunday, Colony Hotel, Delray Beach.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**  
**Itzhak Perlman:** The legendary Israeli-born violinist makes his annual South Florida pilgrimage with a solo recital. 8 pm, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; www.kravis.org.

### Film

**Thursday, Dec. 3-Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**\$5 Movie Classics:** The Palm Beach International Film Festival presents a series of classic films weekly at the Palm Beaches Theatre: *His Girl Friday* (Dec. 3-5), *Meet John Doe* (Dec. 10-12), *Three Guys Named Mike* (Dec. 17-19). 10 am and 2 pm showtimes. 362-0003; www.pbfilmfest.org.

### Jazz

**Friday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 5**  
**Stanley Jordan and Vitali Imereli:** A nonpareil jazz guitarist joins forces with Europe's top jazz violinist for two shows. 8 pm both nights. \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.

**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
**Friday, Dec. 18-Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**Dr. Lonnie Smith:** The turban-topped jazz organist returns to South Florida. 8 pm both shows. \$25 and up. Arts Garage, Delray Beach. 450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.

### Opera

**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
**Palm Beach Opera Waterfront Concert:** The opera company presents a free season-opening concert at Meyer Amphitheatre in West Palm Beach. 2 pm. 833-7888; www.pbopera.org.

### Popular Music

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
**Loudon Wainwright III:** The veteran folkie (*Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road*) has just released his 26th album. 7:30 pm, Kravis Center. \$39 and up. 832-7469; www.kravis.org.

**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
**Crazy Fingers:** The Delray Beach-based Grateful Dead tribute band celebrates 25 years with a New Year's Eve show at Revolution Live in Fort Lauderdale. 8:30 pm. \$20, \$30 at door. 954-449-1025; www.jointherevolution.net.  
**Billy Joel:** The Piano Man, who always plays to a packed house, offers a special New Year's Eve show. 9:30 pm, BB&T Center, Sunrise. \$49.50 and up; ticketmaster.com.

### Theater

**Opens Friday, Dec. 4**  
**Sex With Strangers:** After a blazing run at Arts Garage, Laura Eason's tale of a writer who encounters a sex blogger travels to Manalapan through Dec. 20. With Michael Uribe and Jacqueline Laggy. \$35-\$75. Palm Beaches Theatre. 450-6357; www.artsgarage.org.

**The History Boys:** In Alan Bennett's 2004 play, eight English grammar school students prep for their university entrance exams. With Colin McPhillamy as Hector. \$64. Palm Beach Dramaworks, West Palm Beach. 514-4042, ext. 2; palmbeachdramaworks.org.

**Through Dec. 6**  
**Hello, Dolly!** Lee Roy Reams plays the role of Dolly Levi in the Jerry Herman musical. \$70. Wick Theatre, Boca Raton. 995-2333; www.thewick.org.

**I Hate Hamlet:** Paul Rudnick's play about an actor tapped to play the Shakespeare hero who must decide between the stage or a lucrative television contract. Lake Worth Playhouse. \$29-\$38. 586-6410; lakeworthplayhouse.org.

**Through Dec. 13**  
**Hi-Hat Hattie:** Larry Parr's musical revue about Hattie McDaniel, best known for her work in *Gone With the Wind*. Starring Evelyn Russell. Delray Beach Playhouse. \$30. 272-1281, ext. 4; www.delraybeachplayhouse.org.

**Through Dec. 20**  
**Billy Elliott:** Elton John's musical about a boy in Northern England who nourishes a desire to be a dancer amid the coal miners' strike of 1984. Maltz Jupiter Theatre. \$55-\$65. 575-2223; www.jupitertheatre.org.



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## HOLIDAY

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in April 1742 as an Easter piece, and has been a sellout hit since then, primarily in an abridged format that deals with the nativity of Jesus, or what choral directors call "the Christmas portion" of *Messiah*.

Two of the local ballet companies have already presented their *Nutcracker* performances, but there are others coming in December, including the George Balanchine version, courtesy of Miami City Ballet, at the end of the month.

In between are many vocal and instrumental programs featuring the music of the holidays, mostly Christmas, but with some songs of the season for Hanukkah (Dec. 6-14).

So clip this calendar, mark it up, or just leave it handy: But do take in at least one of these programs. It could be just the thing that puts the holiday spring back in your step.

### Friday, Dec. 4

*Alleluias, Magnificats and Carols: The Delray Beach Chorale*, now under the direction of Florida Atlantic University's Patricia Fleitas, offers a holiday program featuring music by J.S. Bach, Halsey Stevens, and Handel, along with alleluias by Jewish composers. DeSantis Family Chapel at Palm Beach Atlantic University, 300 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$30 at door. 800-984-7282 or www.delraybeachchorale.org.

### Saturday, Dec. 5

*Alleluias, Magnificats and Carols: The Delray Beach Chorale* program, this time at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at door; 800-984-7282 or www.delraybeachchorale.org.

*Winter Tapestry: The Young Singers of the Palm Beaches*, 350 children from grades 2 to 12, perform a holiday program at the Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

### Sunday, Dec. 6

*Celebrate the Holidays ... With a Twist: The Robert Sharon Chorale* presents the first of three holiday concerts with this performance of seasonal music by composers from Handel to Rollo Dilworth. 2 p.m., DeSantis Chapel, Palm Beach Atlantic University, 300 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$15; visit rschorale.com/tickets.

*Cocoa and Carols: The Master Chorale of South Florida*, joined by the *Girl Choir of South Florida*, presents a concert of holiday music, followed by cocoa and cookies. 4 p.m., St. Mark's Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 NW 51 St., Boca Raton. Tickets: \$30. 954-641-2653 or www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org.

*Holiday Choral Prelude: The Nova Singers*, a Broward County-based 125-person



Celtic Woman, a four-person Irish group created by the people behind Riverdance, performs Christmas music at the Kravis Center on Dec. 18. Photo provided

community choir now in its 40th year, presents music by Z. Randall Stroope, Morten Lauridsen and familiar Christmas and Hanukkah selections. Director Chuck Stanley and the singers also will be accompanied by a brass and percussion ensemble. 4 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door, \$5 for students.

*Messiah: Florida Atlantic University's* choral students, along with faculty members, under the direction of Patricia Fleitas, does its annual rendition of the Handel classic. 7 p.m., University Theatre, FAU, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$15; 800-564-9539 or www.fauevents.com.

### Tuesday, Dec. 8

*A Seraphic Fire Christmas: The First Noël: The Grammy-nominated Miami choral group Seraphic Fire* presents its annual Christmas music program in its only Palm Beach County performance this season at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens. The group always stages this a cappella concert of music with candlelight and a canny use of the church acoustics. 7:30 p.m., 3395 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens. Tickets: \$45. 305-285-9060 or www.seraphicfire.org.

*Symphony of the Americas: James Brooks-Bruzzese* leads his orchestra in its annual holiday program, which will include selections from *The Nutcracker* plus an audience sing-along of favorite carols. Tickets start at \$62. 8:15 p.m., Amaturio Theater, Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-335-7002 or www.sota.org.

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

*Live at Lynn Christmas: The 175-member Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida*, led by Harold Dioquino, is accompanied by instrumentalists for its program of holiday music, and promises a special celebrity guest. 7:30 p.m., Wold Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$35-\$55. 237-9000 or www.lynn.edu/events.

### Friday, Dec. 11

*Messiah Sing-In: The Master Chorale of South Florida* revives the older tradition of the singalong *Messiah*, in which audience members join in for the choruses. Bring your own score, or borrow one at the door. 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach,

2331 NE 26th Ave. Tickets: \$25. 954-641-2653 or www.masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org.

*A Christmas Spectacular: The Orchid City Brass Band*, a local British-style brass band, joins the *Robert Sharon Chorale* for a concert that will include the *Hallelujah* chorus and Christmas music from the Austrian Alps. 7:30 p.m., Duncan Theatre, Palm Beach State College, 4200 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth. Tickets: \$20, \$10 for students. 247-4078 or www.orchidcitybrass.org.

### Saturday, Dec. 12

*Nutcracker with the Duke: Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn* created a jazz rewrite of some of the pieces from Tchaikovsky's ballet score in 1960, and the *Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra* will play it along other holiday selections in a concert led by Kyle Prescott. 7 p.m., University Theatre, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$20; 800-564-9539 or fauevents.com.

*The Nutcracker: The aspiring professionals of the Harid Conservatory* present Act II from Tchaikovsky's ballet as well as other dances. 3 p.m., Countess de Hoernle Theater, Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$25-\$30. 997-2677 or www.harid.edu.

### Sunday, Dec. 13

*Symphony of the Americas: Repeat matinee performance of annual holiday program.* Tickets start at \$62. 2 p.m., Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-335-7002 or www.sota.org.

*Gingerbread Holiday Concert: This is the 13th year of Lynn University's holiday concert at the Great Hall of the Boca Raton Resort and Club. The Lynn Philharmonia* performs holiday music in a family-friendly event that doubles as a fundraiser for music scholarships. 3 p.m., 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. For tickets, call 237-9000.

*The Nutcracker: The Harid Conservatory* does Act II from Tchaikovsky's ballet and other dances. 3 p.m., Countess de Hoernle Theater, Spanish River High School, 5100 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Tickets: \$25-\$30. 997-2677 or www.harid.edu.

*Messiah: The Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches* performs its version of the oratorio for the 35th year running at the Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Cocoanut Row,

Palm Beach. 5 p.m. Tickets: \$25. 845-9696 or www.masterworkspb.org.

### FAU Madrigal Dinner:

*Florida Atlantic University* began its own version of this popular dinner-theater tradition five years ago. Students dress in Renaissance-era costumes and sing period music while guests enjoy a sumptuous meal (and can dress in period garb if they wish). The dinner is a benefit for the Choral and Vocal Studies Program at the university. Tickets are \$100 or \$1,000 for a table of 8. 5:30 p.m., Vintage Gymnasium at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach 297-2337 or fauf.fau.edu/madrigal.

*Tuba Christmas: In 1974, the great tuba player Harvey Phillips* brought a large ensemble of tubas to Rockefeller Center to play Christmas carols on the ice rink, and a quirky holiday tradition was born. *Florida Atlantic University* picked up this idea five years ago, and presents it for free; the concert will be led by Sean Murray. 5 p.m., Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton.

*Holiday With the Pops: The Indian River Pops Orchestra*, led by Dwight Robert Roadman, is joined by the Robert Sharon Chorale for a concert of seasonal music dedicated to the memory of Owen Seward, longtime director of the Indian River Pops and the New Gardens Band, who died in August. Tickets: \$25. 7 p.m., Eissey Campus Theatre, 11051 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens. 207-5900 or www.palmbeachstate.edu.

### Monday, Dec. 14

*Christmas Concert and Community Carol Sing: Bethesda-by-the-Sea* music director Hal Pysher leads the Bethesda Choir and an instrumental ensemble in this annual holiday concert and sing-along. 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$15. Bethesda-by-the-Sea, 141 S. County Road, Palm Beach. 655-4554 or www.bbts.org.

### Wednesday, Dec. 16

*Ann Hampton Callaway: The Great American Songbook* chanteuse is accompanied by a trio in an evening of holiday music. 8 p.m., Society of the Four Arts, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Tickets: \$40-\$45. 655-7226 or www.fourarts.org.

### Thursday, Dec. 17

*The Midtown Men: Four* members of the original cast of

*Jersey Boys* add holiday music to their usual 1960s-era Four Seasons repertoire. 8 p.m., Kravis Center. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

### Friday, Dec. 18

*Messiah: Three performances of Handel's oratorio by Seraphic Fire* in Fort Lauderdale, Miami Shores and Cutler Bay from Dec. 18-20. On Dec. 18, the choir is at one of its favorite venues, All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale (333 Tarpon Dr.). 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$65. 305-285-9060 or www.seraphicfire.org.

*Celtic Woman: Three female Irish singers and a fiddler*, in a spotlessly produced selection of Christmas music, accompanied by an orchestra. 8 p.m., Kravis Center. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

### Saturday, Dec. 19

*Messiah: The Masterworks Chorus's* second performance of the Handel oratorio. 5 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$25. 845-9696 or www.masterworkspb.org.

*A Well-Strung Christmas: Well-Strung*, the New York-based all-male singing string quartet offers a concert of holiday music. 8 p.m., Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

### Sunday, Dec. 20

*Lessons and Carols: A Victorian Christmas: The St. Paul's Episcopal Church* choir, led by Keith Paulson-Thorp, presents its annual King's College-style service-plus-concert. Free admission. 3 p.m., 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 276-4541 or www.stpaulsdelray.org.

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

*Palm Beach Gardens Concert Band: The community concert band's* annual holiday show, featuring music of Christmas and Hanukkah. 7:30 p.m. Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 1001 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter. Tickets: \$15. Call 575-2223.

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

*22-Wednesday, Dec. 23 Broadway on Ice: Ice skating* champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White are featured in a program of ice dances set to holiday music and songs from the Great White Way. 8 p.m. Tuesday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$30. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

*Sunday, Dec. 27-Tuesday, Dec. 29*

*The Nutcracker: Miami City Ballet* gives five performances of Tchaikovsky's ballet. 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Kravis Center. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

### Friday, Jan. 1

*Salute to Vienna: The annual* Viennese tradition of a concert to welcome the new year has been a staple at the Kravis Center. The *Strauss Symphony of America* is joined by ballroom and ballet dancers in a concert of waltzes and other dances. *Prosit Neujahr!* 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.



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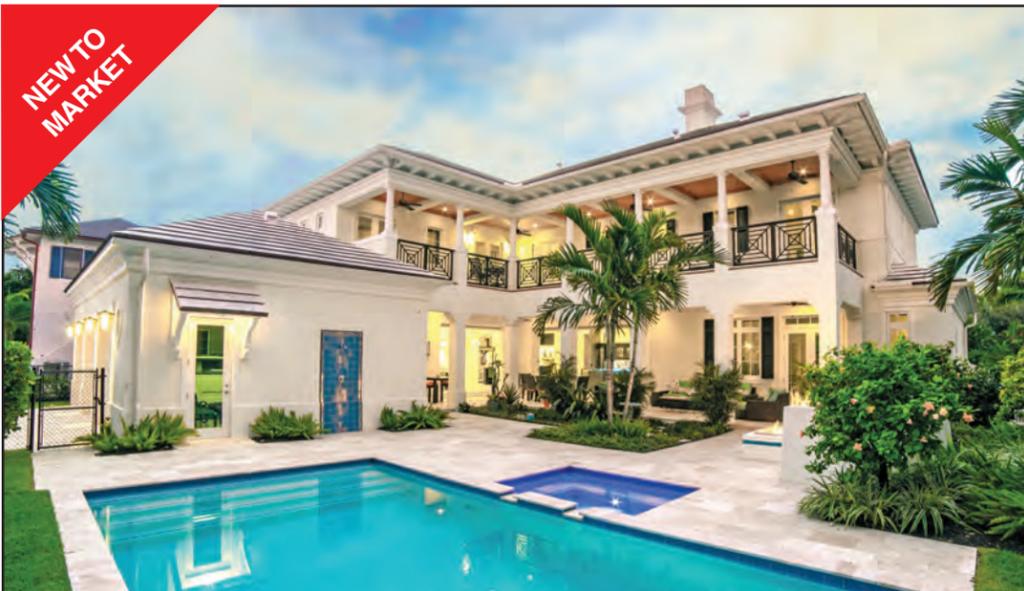


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# Community Calendar



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Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

### DECEMBER 5

**Saturday - 12/5 - Exhibit Opening: Portraits, Landscapes & Photographic Collages** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Artists Elfrida Schragen and Renee Sands. Runs through 1/23. Library hours. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/5 - Quilt Sale** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Benefits the library. M-Th 9 am-8:30 pm, Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/5 - The Writer's Studio** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Every Sat 10 am. 638-7251; delraylibrary.org

**12/5 - The Art of Japanese Paper Wrapping Workshop** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Oki Education Center, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Learn the customs and art of Japanese gift presentation in hands-on workshop. 10:30am-Noon & 1:30-3 pm. \$35 + \$15 materials fee. Advance registration required: 495-0233; morikami.org

**12/5 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. T-Sat 10:30 am; Sun 1:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/5 - A Gilded Age Style Lunch in Café des Beaux-Arts** at Flagler Museum Kenan Pavilion, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. An array of delicacies and refreshments reminiscent of the elegance of entertaining during the Gilded Age. Every T-Sat 11:30 am-2:30 pm & Sun Noon-3 pm through 3/26. \$22/Museum members (includes tax/gratuity); \$40/non-members (includes museum admission, tax/gratuity). Advance purchase recommended: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

**12/5 - Enamel Workshop** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Create a small bowl by fusing glass powder onto copper. Noon-5 pm. \$90. Pre-registration required: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

**12/5 - Fabric Wall Hanging Workshop** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Create a hand-printed personal fabric wall hanging using dyed fabric, relief stamps, stencils; complete with bamboo rod ready for hanging. Noon-5 pm. \$75. Pre-registration required: 392-2503; bocamuseum.org

**12/5 - Wagner's Tannhauser (Encore)** - Part of Met Opera Series at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 12-4:45 pm. \$27; \$15/students w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org

**12/5 - The Shape a Poem Makes: Shapeshifting** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Visiting poet: Christine Swanberg. Hosted by Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 12:30 pm. \$10. palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

**12/5 - Introductory Japanese Language Intensive Workshop: Part I** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 2-day intensive workshop for beginners; introduction to Japanese language and culture. Students cover Unit 1 (Lesson 1&2) of the required textbook *Japanese for Busy People*. 1-5 pm. Held again 12/12. \$80. Advance registration required: 495-0233; morikami.org

**12/5 - 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. Closed 12/5, 18, 21-25, 28-1/1 Monthly pass: \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents; three-month pass: \$40/residents, \$50/non-residents; six-month pass: \$60/residents, \$70/non-residents. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/5 - Dances We Dance Fall Showcase** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 1 & 7 pm. \$15. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

**12/5 - World AIDS Day Commemoration** at Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Sponsored by Genesis Community Health. Community lunch, raffle for gift cards and prizes. 1-3 pm. Free. 806-6835; gencomhealth.org

**12/5 - Indoor Aquarium Feedings** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily. 2:30 pm. Free. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org

**12/5 - Stingray Feedings** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. T-Sat 2:45 pm; Sun 12:30 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/5 - Alligator Feedings** at Dagerwing Nature Center, 11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. 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

**12/5 - Hairspray** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. 4 pm. \$14/adults, \$10/children 12 & under. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**12/5 - 17th Annual Jacob's Ladder Awards Gala: Masquerade Ball** at The Polo Club of Boca Raton, 7400 Champion Blvd. Cocktail reception, dinner, dancing awards. Black tie. 7 pm. \$300. 888-523-2654; jafco.org

**12/5 - Johnny Rodgers Legends of American Music** at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/5 - David and Sally Sayh** at The Palm Beaches Theatre, 262 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Sketch comedy duo. 8-10 pm. \$39/adult; \$32 senior & student w/ID. 362-0003; pbifilmfest.org

**12/5 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Nicolas King** at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave, Palm Beach. 8:30 pm. \$65 cover + \$50 minimum food & beverage. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

**12/5 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show** at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 12/12, 19, 26 & 1/2. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online, \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com

**12/5-6 - 2015 South Florida Open Winter Wheelchair Tennis Championships** at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. 367-7090; tennislink.usta.com/tournaments

**12/5-6 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. Held again 1/2-3. 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Held again 1/2-3. Free. 586-8666; lwartleague.org

**12/5-6 - Eau Palm Beach Marathon & Run Fest** at Meyer Amphitheatre, 104 Datura St, West Palm Beach. 5K, marathon relay, half marathon, marathon. Health & Fitness Expo Sat 10 am-6 pm; run Sun 6:30 am; awards 9:30 am. Race fees start at \$50. palmbeachmarathon.com

**12/5-6 - Artists in the Park** presented by Delray Beach Art League at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Fine art exhibition and sales. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311; delrayartleague.com/dal

**12/5-6 - 4Ever '50s** at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Sat 8 pm; Sat&Sun 2pm. Held again 12/10-13. \$30/person. 347-3900; willowtheatre.org

### DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - Master Class with Nancy Weems** at Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. 10 am. Free. 237-9000; lynn.edu

**12/6 - Sado Tea Ceremony Class** at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Unique opportunity to study the traditional art of Sado, The Way of Tea. Attending a Tea Ceremony Workshop is required for those who have never taken a Tea Ceremony Class but wish to start studying Sado. Two lessons/month (12/6 & 20). Individual appointments begin at 10:15 am. \$50/member, \$55/non-member. Advance registration required: 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**12/6 - Free Museum Admission** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Every 1st Sun noon-5 pm. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**12/6 - Live Music on the Intracoastal** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. First Sun noon-3pm through Feb. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/6 - Bridge Duplicate** at Patch Reef Park Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Sanctioned A.C.B.L. duplicate bridge game for the experienced player. Light lunch served. Partners available for singles. Sun 12:30-4 pm. \$10/at the door. Reservations or partners: 338-2995; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/6 - Bolshoi Ballet: Faure's (emeralds), Stravinsky's (rubies) and Tchaikovsky's (diamonds) Jewels** at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. All performances previously recorded. 2-4:15 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/students w/I.D. 655-7226; fourarts.org

**12/6 - Ed Slater in Concert** at Boynton Beach Woman's Club, 1010 S Federal Hwy. 2 pm. \$20. 279-2839; BWC1901@gmail.com

**12/6 - The Robert Sharon Chorale** at Palm Beach Atlantic University DeSantis Family Chapel, 300 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$15/adults, \$5/children 12 & under. 687-4245; rschorale.com

**12/6 - The Symphonia Connoisseur Concert 1: Gypsy Airs** at Saint Andrew's School Roberts Theater, 3900 Jog Rd, Boca Raton. Guest conductor Alastair Willis. Violin soloist Charles Wetherbee. 3 pm. \$45-\$75. 866-687-3848; thesymphonia.org

**12/6 - Concert: Brazilian Voices** - Part of

## Municipal Meetings

**12/1 & 1/5 - Highland Beach** - First Tuesday at Highland Beach Town Hall, 3614 S Ocean Blvd. 1:30 pm. Agenda: ci.highland-beach.fl.us.

**12/7 - Ocean Ridge** - First Monday at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda: oceanridgeflorida.com

**12/8 - Boca Raton** - Second & fourth Tuesday at Boca Raton City Hall, 201 W Palmetto Park Rd. 6 pm. Agenda: ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/8 - Delray Beach** - First & third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda: mydelraybeach.com

**12/11 - Gulf Stream** - Second Friday at Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda: gulf-stream.org

**12/14 - Lantana** - Second & fourth Mondays at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Cir. 7 pm. Agenda: lantana.org

**12/15 - Manalapan** - Fourth Tuesday at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 9:30 am. Agenda: manalapan.org

**12/15 - South Palm Beach** - Fourth Tuesday in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. 7:15 pm. Agenda: southpalmbeach.com

**12/15 - Boynton Beach** - First and third Tuesday at Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 E Boynton Beach Blvd. 6:30 pm. Agenda: boynton-beach.org

**12/17 - Briny Breezes** - Fourth Thursday at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda: townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

the Friends Music Series at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-4 pm. Free. Reservations required: 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**12/6 - Music in the Museum: Temple Beth El's Shir Joy Youth Choir** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Improvisations based on artwork in the museum. 3-4 pm. Free w/museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**Monday - 12/7 - JARC Golf Tournament** at St. Andrews County Club, Boca Raton.

Breakfast, lunch, day of golf, awards. Call for start times. \$400/person; \$1,500/foursome. 558-2572; jarcl.org

**12/7 - Pickleball** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Sport combines badminton and tennis. Adults. M/W/F 9am-1pm. \$5 at door; annual passes: \$130/residents, \$165/non-residents. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**12/7 - Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Instructor provides class lesson and lecture, emphasis on composition and drawing, then a painting demo. Remainder of class time is one-on-one instruction, finishing with class critique. Ages 18 & up. First M 10 am-1 pm. \$33/residents, \$38/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - You and the Universe: A Fresh Look presented by Sam Storch** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute. First of three-part series. Class continues 12/14 & 21. 10:30 am-noon. \$45/three sessions. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/7 - English as a Second Language Conversation** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Practice speaking, reading, writing, listening to English exercises that focus on proper pronunciation and grammar. Every M/T/W. 10:45am-noon. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/7 - Boca West Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament** at Boca West Country Club, 20583 Glades Rd. Benefits The Pap Corps. Golf, tennis, pickleball, dinner, auction, raffles, gifts. 11 am. \$325. 488-0639; chuck@isroff.com

**12/7 - Senior Bingo** at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St, Delray Beach. Adults ages 60 & up. Every M&W 11 am-noon. Free. 243-7356; mydelraybeach.com

**12/7 - 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

**12/7 - Bridge** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Intermediate and advanced. Every M 1-4 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/7 - Empowerment Zone** at Delray Beach Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Coaching in resume writing, networking, interviewing skills. 1-4:30 pm. Held again 12/10, 14, 17, 21 & 28. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/7 - Culture & Cocktails: A Conversation with Carolyn Rafaelian** at The Colony Palm Beach, 155 Hammon Ave. Presented by the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. 5-7 pm. \$65/advance; \$75/at the door. 472-3330; palmbeachculture.com

**12/7 - Art Talk: A Conversation with Women in the Arts** at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. \$15/at door. RSVP suggested: 243-7922 x305; oldschoollibrary.org

**12/7 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave. Second M 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

**12/7 - 24th Annual Lou Groza Collegiate Place Kicker Award Banquet** at Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Cocktail attire. 8:30 pm cocktail reception, silent auction; 7:30 pm dinner, awards program. \$85/members, \$95/non-members. 233-3180; lougrozaaward.com

**12/7 - Needlework Friendship Group** at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Bring yarn, needle, crochet hooks; enjoy the friendship. First M 7-9 pm. Free. 276-5796; unityofdelraybeach.org

**12/7 - Daniela Liebman, Piano** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/7 - 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

**12/7-9 - Shop, Save and Give Sale** at Mary Mahoney, 336 Worth Ave, Palm Beach. Carmen Borja linens discounted 40% during trunk show. Shoppers designate 5% of their sales to benefit American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, Children's Home Society, Lighthouse ArtCenter, or New Hope Charities. 10 am-6 pm. Free. 655-8288; marymahoney.com

**12/7-10 - Something Wonderful! The Songs of Oscar Hammerstein** - Part of the Musical Memory series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 & 8 pm. Held again 12/14-17. \$30. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**Tuesday - 12/8 - Pickleball: Advanced Play** at Delray Beach Community Center, 50 NW 1st Ave. Adults. Every T/Th/F 9 am-1 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

**12/8 - Socrates Cafe** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every T 10-11:30 am. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/8 - From a Woman's Perspective: Schroder by Amity Gaige** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/8 - Boca Raton Noon Toastmasters** at Train Depot, 747 S. Dixie Hwy. Improve public speaking, leadership abilities. Every T 12:15-1:15 pm. Free. 251-4164; toastmastersclub.org

**12/8 - Affordable Care Act Assistance** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Navigators available for information and enrollment. Every Tu 1-6 pm. Free. Appointment required: 400-3726; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/8 - 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

**12/8 - Chess Club** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Knowledge of the game necessary. Ages 18 & up. Every T&F 1-4 pm. Annual fee: \$20/residents, \$25/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/8 - Modern Line Dance Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Enhance quality of life through music and dance. Ages 50 & up. Every T 1:30-2:30 pm. Per class: \$5/residents, \$6/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/8 - Socrates Café** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Philosophical discussions. Every T 1:30-3 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibrary.org

**12/8 - Paul Gemignani: Musical Theatre's Master Maestro Live Interview** at Palm Beach Dramaworks, 201 Clematis St, West Palm Beach. Host Sheryl Flatow. 2 & 7 pm. \$20. 514-4042; palmbeachdramaworks.org

**12/8 - The Assassin's Honor by Robert N. Macomber** - Part of the Florida Voices Author Series at Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. 655-2766; fourarts.org

**12/8 - A Death in the Family by Karl Ove Knausgaard** - Part of the Evening Book Group at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**12/8 - Interactive Acoustic Music and Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Singing, playing, painting.

All ages. Second T 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/8 - In Love We Trust (R)** - Part of the Foreign Film Series by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 6:30-9 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/8 - Soul Line Dancing** at Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8:30 pm. \$5/at door. 742-6550; boynton-beach.org

**12/8-13 - Blue Man Group** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Tu-Sat 8 pm; W/Sat/Sun 2 pm. Tickets start at \$27. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/8-13 - New Play Festival** at FAU Theatre Lab in Parliament Hall, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Readings by prominent playwrights; post-show discussions; interactions with playwrights as they discuss the process, inspiration, and plans for future development. Check website for schedule/playwrights. Free-\$20/event; \$70/festival pass. 297-4784; fau.edu/theatrelab

**Wednesday - 12/9 - Alzheimer's Poetry Project** at Sunrise Assisted Living Facility at Stratford Court, 6344 Via de Sonrisa del Sur, Boca Raton. Part of the Palm Beach Poetry Festival. 9-10:30 am. Palmbeachpoetryfestival.org

**12/9 - Lawn Bowling** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes skill and practice. Ages 18 & up. W/F 9-11 am. Annual fee: \$40/residents, \$45/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/9 - Shell Chic Designs with Robin Grubman: Ornaments** at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 10 am-noon. \$75 (materials included). Reservations required: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/9 - Opportunity 2015 Luncheon & Holiday Boutique** at The Beach Club, 755 N County Rd, Palm Beach. Raffle and festive holiday boutique followed by luncheon with entertainment by local school choirs and the children of Opportunity. Opportunity is a nationally accredited, Five Star Early Learning Center. 10:30 am. \$150 712-9221; opportunitypbc.org

**12/9 - Socrates Cafe** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Philosophical discussions facilitated by Claire Drattell and Don Clare. 11:30 am. Held again 12/16. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**12/9 - Gold Coast Tiger Bay Club** at City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Speaker: Saied Shemirani. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. \$45/member or first-time guest; \$50/nonmember. 852-0000; goldcoasttigerbayclub.com

**12/9 - Palm Beach Roundtable Speaker Luncheon** at The Colony Hotel, 15 Hammon Ave. Speakers: Herman Pirchner, Jr. and Ian Berman, President and VP American Foreign Policy Council. Choral performance by The Kings Academy. 11:30 am. \$70/members; \$80 non-members. 832-6418

**12/9 - Alligator Feeding** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Every W & Sat 1 pm. Free w/\$5 admission. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/9 - Scrabble** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. Every W 1 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/9 - A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler** - Part of Page Turners Book Discussion Group at Society of the Four Arts King Library, Pannill Pavilion, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. 655-2766; fourarts.org

**12/9 - Palmairs: Music from the Great American Songbook** at Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Standards, pop, big band swing and jazz. Every W 1:30-3:30 pm. \$2/non-members. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/9 - Silver Science Days** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Special afternoon for adults and retirees. Experience the Museum, learn from guest speakers, view a planetarium show, enjoy refreshments. Every 2nd W 2-5 pm. \$10. 832-1988; sfscenter.org

**12/9 - Concert: Lyric String Quartet** at Highland Beach Library Community Room, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. 5-6 pm. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/9 - Boca Raton Chamber 34th Annual Holiday Auction** at Via Mizner Golf & Country Club, 6200 Boca del Mar Dr. Live and silent auctions. 5:30-9 pm. \$25. 395-4433 x223; bocaratonchamber.com

**12/9 - Angle Uncorked: Winemaker Dinner** at Angle Restaurant at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa. Hanzell Vineyard paired 5-course dinner. 6:30 pm reception; 7 pm dinner. \$195 (does not include tax & gratuity). 540-4924; anglerestaurant.com

**12/9 - Writers' Corner** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Manuscript critiquing by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/9 - Residents Against Crime** at Seacrest Training Center, 2350 Seacrest Blvd. Hosted by Delray Beach Police Department; 6-class

course on crime awareness, theft, fraud, scam, personal safety. Second W 7 pm through 4/13/16. Free. 243-7190; tarantinos@mydelrayveach.com

**12/9 - Live in Central Park - Revisited: The Songs of Andrea Bocelli** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org  
**12/9 - Bar Brawls** at Max's Social House, 116 NE 6th Ave, Delray Beach. Bracket-style competition benefits Richard David Kaan Melanoma Foundation. Full table and bar service available for purchase. Every W 9:30 pm through 12/16. \$10 admission. 501-4332  
**12/9 - Girl Power!** at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9-11:30 pm. \$20. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**Thursday - 12/10 - Portrait of Old Floresta** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Plein Air Palm Beach painters paint in the neighborhood around the school. All invited to watch and join in. 9 am-noon. Free. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**12/10 - 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

**12/10 - Personal Management Seminar** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. Rosemary Mulero of Lighthouse of the Blind of the Palm Beaches provides tips on daily living, safety and self-reliance with little or no eyesight. 10-11 am. Coffee and refreshments served. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/10 - Exhibition: Tiny: Streetwise Revisited - Photographs by Mary Ellen Mark** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 3/20/16. T-W, F-Sat 10 am-5 pm; Th 10 am-9 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, free/12 & under. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/10 - Arthur I. Meyer Jewish Academy 10th Annual Luncheon** at Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 10:30 am-2 pm. \$75. 686-6520; meyeracademy.org

**12/10 - Knit 'N Purl** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Twice monthly class. Rotating facilitators. 10:30 am. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**12/10 - Skip Hartzell's Unconditionally Dogs Exhibit Opening** at ArtHouse429, 429 25th St, West Palm Beach. Portion of sales of Skip Hartzell's work donated to Big Dog Ranch Rescue. Tu-Sat 11 am-6 pm through 12/11. Free. 231-0429; arthouse429.com

**12/10 - Lantana Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Forum Luncheon** at Old Key Lime House, 300 E Ocean Ave. 11:30 am-1 pm; Free (attendees buy their own lunch). 585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**12/10 - Adult Acrylics Art Class** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Local instructor teaches basic acrylic painting techniques to beginners; also available for instruction to advanced painters. Call for list of supplies needed. Ages 18 & up. Every Th noon-3 pm. Per class: \$10/residents, \$12/non-residents. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/10 - 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

**12/10 - Coming Ashore by Catherine Gildiner** - Part of the Florida Voices Author Series at Society of The Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1:30 pm. Free. 655-2766; fourarts.org

**12/10 - Between the Tides by Susannah Marren** at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Debut novel from well-recognized gender expert Susan Shapiro Barash under the pseudonym of Susannah Marren. Book signing follows. 2:30-3:30 pm. Free. Reservations required: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/10 - Art After Dark: Mary Ellen Mark Opening** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Changing special exhibitions, music, films, tours, cash bar, menu options. All ages. 5-9 pm. Free/ Florida residents, age 12 & younger, museum members; non-residents \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/10 - Plumosa School of the Arts Fun-Raiser** a Thursday Fun-Raiser at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar, 82 Gleason St, Delray Beach. 6-8:30 pm. \$20/advance, \$25/at the door. 278-1700; craneseachhouse.com

**12/10 - Human Powered Delray Fundraiser** at Max's Social House, 116 NE 6th Ave. Bike racks available for bike riders. 6-8 pm. Held again 1/14, 2/11. \$40 (includes appetizers and one wine/beer/cocktail). 501-4332; humanpowereddelray.org

**12/10 - Gallery Opening** at Artists' Guild Gallery, 512 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Opening reception, award ceremony. 6-8 pm. Free. 392-2503; bocaguild.com

**12/10 - Palm Beach Watercolor Society Meeting** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Second Th 6:30 pm Oct-May. palmbeachwatercolorssociety.org

**12/10 - Open Reading Night** at School of Creative Arts/Crest Studios at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Listen or sign up to read from an original work (published or unpublished). All levels welcome. Read for 10-15 minutes then open discussion (not critique). Second Th 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. 212-677-4278; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/10 - Curator's Conversations: Exhibition Lecture - Conversation with Debbie Fleming Caffrey** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Curators lead insightful discussions about special exhibitions, installations, and the Museum Collection. All ages. 6:30 pm. Free w/ museum admission. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/10 - Jazz in the Garden** at Boca Raton Museum of Art Outdoor Sculpture Garden, 501 Plaza Real, Mizner Park. The Marshall Turkin Classic Jazz Ensemble. 7-8 pm. Free w/Museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**12/10-12 - \$5 Classic Movies** at Palm Beaches Theatre, 262 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 11 am. Held again 12/17-19. \$5. 362-0003; pbifilmfest.org

**Friday - 12/11 - Supervised Bridge Play** at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Crawford Blvd. Partners not needed. Adults. Every F 10am-noon. \$10/person. 393-7807; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/11 - Great Books Discussion Group** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Held again 12/18. Free. 266-0194; delraylibrary.org

**12/11 - Current Events Discussion Group** at Highland Beach Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd. F 10:30 am-noon. Free. 278-5455; highlandbeachlibrary.org

**12/11 - Balkan by the Beach: International Folk Dance** at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Benefit of exercise, pleasure of dancing to beautiful music. No experience or partner needed. Ages 50 & up. Every F 10:30am-1 pm. \$5/residents, \$6/non residents per class. 243-7350; mydelraybeach.com

**12/11 - 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

**12/11 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra** at Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave. Full 16-piece big band; variety of tunes for lovers of music and dance. Every Friday 1:30-3:30 pm. \$4. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

**12/11 - Picasso: His Art & His Women** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Fred Dixon former docent at the Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/11 - The Birth of Venus by Botticelli** - Part of Decoding Art Series at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. 2 pm. \$25. 272-1281; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**12/11 - Boynton Beach Senior Center Group Trip** to Jungle Queen tour and dinner meets at 1021 S Federal Hwy. 4:30-10 pm. \$60. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/11 - Exhibition Opening: Ceramic Mind Field - Contemporary Clay & Ceramics** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Exhibit runs through 1/2/16 during regular hours: M-F 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-4pm. Opening reception: 6-8 pm. Free. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/11 - Boca Raton Museum of Art's VIP Preview Party for Boca Col-lect: International Jewelry and Wearable Art** at 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Shop around for artisanal bracelets, earrings, necklaces and more as the holiday season approaches. 6-9 pm. \$50. 392-2500, Ext. 213 or bocamsueum.org.

**12/11 - Bonfire on the Beach** at Lake Worth Casino and Beach Complex, Bring beach chairs. 10 S Ocean Blvd. 6-9 pm. Held again 12/18. Free; metered parking. 533-7395; lakeworth.org

**12/11 - Chips for Charity** at Lake Pavilion and Terrace, 101 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Benefits Save A Pet Florida, Inc. Silent auction, cocktails, buffet, valet parking, gaming tables, West Palm Beach Police Dog demonstration. 7-10 pm. \$75/advance; \$95/at the door. 835-9525; saveapet.com

**12/11 - Susan Cox** speaks and signs her book *The Man On The Washing Machine* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

**12/11 - The Robert Sharon Chorale with the Orchid City Brass Band** at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 S Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 7:30 pm. \$20/adults; \$10/ student w/ID. 687-4245; rschorale.com

**12/11 - Free Friday Concert: String Theory Band** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of Free Friday Concert Series. Gourmet food trucks, cash

bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/11 - 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, Marvin Gaye. Every F 9:30 pm. \$20 cover includes free drink coupon. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

**12/11-12 - Pavo Real Gallery Art Show and Signing** with Artists Carlos & Albert at Town Center at Boca Raton, 6000 Glades Rd. Limited edition sculpture. Benefits N.I.C.K.'s Camp (Nothing Impossible for Cancer Kids). F 5-9 pm; Sat 1-5 pm. Free. 392-5521; pavoreal.com

**Saturday - 12/12 - 2015 Biathlon** at Meadows Park Pool, 1300 NW 8th St, Boca Raton. 1000-yard swim, 5K run. Awards for top three female and top three male finishers. 7 am. \$40/adults, \$30/kids under age 18. 393-7851; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/12 - 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. \$25. Reservations: 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**12/12 - 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. Four-hour tour includes bus and walking tour, food sampling and visits to historical and cultural sites. Second Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: check website for available dates. \$50/adult & senior citizen, free/ children under 18 (max 5 children per family.) 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**12/12 - Bolshoi Ballet: Chopin's The Lady of Camellias (New Production)** at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. All performances previously recorded. 2-5:30 pm. \$20/adults, \$15/students w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org

**12/12 - Elf, The Musical** at Showtime Performing Arts Theatre, 503 SE Mizner Blvd #73, Boca Raton. Every Sat 4 pm through 1/16. \$14.50/adults, \$10.50/children 12 & under. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

**12/12 - Damsels in Distress** directed by **Whit Stillman (PG-13)** - Part of the Saturday Film Series for adults at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 4-6:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/12 - Thaiyo Celebrates Grand Reopening** at Plaza del Mar, 201 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. New art, new seating, expanded lounge-bar area, exotic cars on display, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, DJ. 6-9 pm. Free. 588-6777; thaiyo.com

**12/12 - Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra: An Ellington Nutcracker** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20. 297-6124; fauevents.com

**12/12 - Gold Coast Band Concert** at the Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Band performing Broadway tunes, marches and popular music led by new director, Kenneth Wilbanks. 6:30 pm/doors open, 7:30 pm/ concert. \$7. 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

**12/12 - David & Sally Sayh** at The Palm Beaches Theatre, 262 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 8-10 pm. \$39/adult; \$32 senior & student w/ID. 362-0003; pbifilmfest.org

**12/12-13 - Boca Col-Lect International Jewelry and Wearable Art** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Fundraiser shopping event: artisanal necklaces, bracelets, earrings, more made from repurposed, recycled, creative materials. Noon-5 pm. Free. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

## DECEMBER 13-19

**Sunday - 12/13 - Art School Open House and Adult Student Exhibition** at Boca Raton Museum Art School, 801 W Palmetto Park Rd. Guests and potential students visit art studios, meet teachers, learn about classes for upcoming terms. 1-4 pm. Free. 392-2503; bocamuseum.org/artschool

**12/13 - Mixed Doubles Tournament** at Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Advanced, intermediate and beginner player flights. Bring partner or find one there. No teams are eliminated. 1:30-4 pm. \$15/ before 12/5; \$20/after. 368-6848; boynton-beach.org

**12/13 - The Hard Problem by Tom Stoppard** - Part of the National Theatre Live Series at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. All performances previously recorded. 2-5 pm. \$25/adults, \$15/students w/ID. 655-7226; fourarts.org

**12/13 - A Musical Celebration of Life! with Sofiya Uryvayeva** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU

## Green Markets

**Boca Raton GreenMarket** every Saturday at Royal Palm Place Southwest Parking Lot, intersection of S Federal Highway and SE Mizner Blvd. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 368-6875; ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**Delray Beach GreenMarket** every Saturday at Old School Square Park, 50 NE 2nd Ave, one block north of Atlantic Ave. Fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music, children's activities. 9am-2pm. 276-7511; delraycra.org

**Lake Worth Farmer's Market** every Saturday at Old Bridge Park, 10 S Ocean Blvd, Lake Worth. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100; lakeworthfarmersmarket.com

**North Boca Farmers Market** Saturday and Sunday at Ascension Catholic Church, 7250 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Features 35 vendors. 9 am-2 pm. 772-345-3797

Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 3-4:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/ at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/13 - Story Central: Performance Series - Connie Regan-Black - Finding Your Way Home** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 3-5 pm. Free. 393-7968; bocalibrary.org

**12/13 - Delray String Quartet: Korngold, Dvorak and 14 Strings** at The Colony Hotel, 525 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. 4 pm. \$35. 213-4138; delraystringquartet.com

**12/13 - Music and Candlelight** featuring The Boca Raton Singers at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 5-7 pm. \$15. 866-1868; oldschoolsquare.org

**Monday - 12/14 - Iran, Hezbollah, United States and Israel: The Inevitable Confrontation? - Dr. Robert G. Rabil** at FAU Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/14 - Weekend** - Part of the Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/14 - Musical Luncheon** hosted by Dreyfoos School of the Arts Foundation at Club Colette, 215 Peruvian Ave, Palm Beach. Gourmet luncheon followed by entertainment by talented students from the school. 11:30 am. \$125/members; \$125/non-members. 805-6298; soafi.org

**12/14 - 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

**12/14 - Theodor Herzl: The Foundation of Zionism - Ralph Nurnberger** at FAU Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/14 - Roosevelt and Stalin: A Complex Partnership with Susan Butler** at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. Book signing follows. 2:30-3:30 pm. \$10. Reservations required: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/14 - A Critique of the Media: How the Media is Harming Our Political System - Dr. Robert P. Watson** at FAU Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 4-5:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/ at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/14 - Wine Tasting with Roberta Sabban: From Champagne to Port** - Part of the Campus on the Lake workshops at Society of The Four Arts Dixon Education Building, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 6-8 pm. \$75. Reservations required: 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/14 - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Every 2nd Monday. 6-10 pm. 844-682-7466; foodtruckinvasion.com

**12/14 - Neil Sedaka** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/14-30 - Lynn Travis Stender & Friends Exhibit** at Spanish River Library Friends Art Gallery, 1500 NW Spanish River Blvd 2nd Floor, Boca Raton. Library hours: M-Th 9 am-9 pm; F & Sat 9 am-6 pm; Sun noon-6 pm. Free. 393-7852; bocalibraryfriends.org

**Tuesday - 12/15 - Henry Fonda: An Actor's Film Legacy to American Life - Dr. Burton Atkins** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis  
**12/15 - Three Men and a Baby ... Grand! Salute the Rat Pack** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 11 am & 2 pm. \$29. 832-7469; kravis.org  
**12/15 - Lunch and Learn: Bob Burger** at

Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. Bring lunch and learn about art; get to know some of the veteran and new faculty members, artists-in-residence, visiting master artists. 12:45-1:30 pm. Free. 832-1776 x33; armoryart.org

**12/15 - Edgar Allen Poe's The Raven: The Poem that Created a Literary Giant - Dr. Taylor Hagood** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/ at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/15 - World War I: Nothing Was Ever the Same Again - Virginia Newmyer** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 4-5:45 pm. \$30/ advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/15 - 76th Annual Meeting of the Delray Beach Public Library** at 100 W Atlantic Ave. 5:30 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/15 - Lecture: Whitehall and The Gilded Age Taste For French Furniture by F. Carey Howlett** at Henry M. Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$20/ non-members; \$10/individual, family & Life members. Includes Museum admission. 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

**12/15 - Underground Library: Passionate Painters - Lucien Freud and Francis Bacon** at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 7-8:30 pm. Free. 544-8578; bocalibrary.org

**12/15 - FAU Astronomical Observatory** - Public viewing day observations at FAU Science & Engineering Building 4th floor, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. First F & third T 7 pm. Free. 297-STAR; physics.fau.edu/observatory

**12/15 - The Music of Richard Rogers: A Solo Piano Performance by Joe Scott** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-9 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/15 - Jazz Ratz Big Band** at Olympic Heights HS Theater of Performing Arts, 20101 Lyons Rd, Boca Raton. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 7:30-9:45 pm. \$18/members; \$26/non-members. 470-0095; swingjazzfl.com

**12/15 - The Long Run, Unplugged** at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 9-11:30 pm. \$20. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/15-16 - Everybody Was So Young: Gerald and Sarah Murphy: A Lost Generation Love Story by Amanda Vaill** - Part of The Talk of Kings Book Discussion Group at Society of the Four Arts King Library, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. T 5:30-6:30 pm; W 11 am-noon. Free. 655-2766; fourarts.org

**Wednesday - 12/16 - B&P Industry Icon Event** at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd, Boca Raton. Connects a diverse group of professionals and entrepreneurs to help build business and the community. 8-11 am. \$36. 852-3182; jewishboca.org

**12/16 - Lantana Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast** at Pearl's, 618 Lantana Rd. 9-10:30 am; Free (attendees buy their own breakfast). 585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**12/16 - Campus Tour** at at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about the federation's history; visit the state-of-the-art school. 10 am. \$36. 852-3182; jewishboca.org

**12/16 - Lisa Todd Trunk Show** at Evelyn & Arthur, 100 N County Rd, Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 572-0900; evelynandarthur.com

**12/16 - Documentary Film Screenings: The Cats of Mikikiani** at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens Theater, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. 11 am & 2 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x237; morikami.org

**12/16 - The Vanderbilts: From Cornelius Vanderbilt to Anderson Cooper - Myrna Goldberger** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca

Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/16 - A Closer Look/Special Exhibition: The Summer of '68 - Photographing the Black Panthers** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Talks begin in a gallery, focus on an individual artwork, then move to the Museum Theater to explore the work's cultural context. 1-2:15 pm. Free w/ admission. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/16 - Special Lecture: Spies Next Door: Boca Raton During WWII** at Boca Raton History Museum, 71 N Federal Hwy. Dr. Peter Barrett shares exciting tales of life as a boy in Boca Raton during World War II. 2 pm. \$5. RSVP required: 395-6766 x305; bocahistory.org

**12/16 - Voices of Dissent in Putin's Russia: The Kleptocratic State and Political Repression - Andrew Kahn** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 4-5:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/16-19 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: The Four Freshmen** at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. 8:30 pm. \$70 cover + \$50 minimum food & beverage. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

**12/16-20 - Cannoli, Latkes & Guilt ... the Therapy Continues** at Kravis Center Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. W-Sat 7:30 pm; Sat & Sun 1:30 pm. \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Thursday - 12/17 - Coaching the Mature Driver** at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Presented by Safety Council of Palm Beach County. Drivers 55+ may get insurance discount after completion. 9 am-4 pm. \$12. 845-8233; safetycouncilpbc.org

**12/17 - Can You Trust What You See? The Magic of Visual Perception: Dr. Oge Marques** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 10-11:45 am. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/17 - Great Decisions Discussion Group** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Presented by Morris Moliver. 10 am-noon. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/17 - Publix Apron's Cooking School Demonstration** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Chef Rey De La Osa. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**12/17 - A Preview of the 2016 Metropolitan Opera HD Season: Giuseppe Albanese** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 1-2:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/17 - How Hatikvah Became the Israeli National Anthem - Dr. Ira Epstein** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 4-5:45 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/17 - 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, brushes supplied. 6-8 pm. \$20/members, \$25/non-members. Childcare NOT provided. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/17 - The Dachau Project presented by Avi Hoffman and Shari Unger Klages** - Part of the BOCA Talks series at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. 6-7 pm. \$12/non-members (includes admission). 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**12/17 - Exhibition Lecture: Going Places** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. 6:30 pm. Free w/museum admission. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/17 - Bleeker Street and Beyond: The Greenwich Village Music Scene Of The 60's - Dr. Joan Friedenber and Bill Bowen** at FAU Barry and Florence Friedberg Auditorium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Part of the Holiday Lecture Series at FAU Lifelong Learning Society. Annual membership: \$45. 7-9 pm. \$30/advance member, \$35/at the door and non-member. 297-3171; fau.edu/lis

**12/17 - Harold Lloyd's The Freshman (1925 - NR)** presented as part of Sounds of the Silent Screen at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Experience classic silent films with live music! 7 pm. \$7/person; \$15/complete series. 347-3948; willowtheatre.org

**Friday - 12/18 - Exhibit Opening: Down the Rabbit Hole** at Flamingo Clay Studio, 15 s J St, Lake Worth. Gallery hours: Sun/M/W/Th 10 am-6 pm; F & Sat 10 am-9 pm. Free. 588-8344; flamingoclaystudio.org

**12/18 - Kinross Trunk Show** at Evelyn & Arthur, 100 N County Rd, Palm Beach. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 572-0900; evelynandarthur.com

**12/18 - Lantana Chamber of Commerce Promote Your Business Luncheon** at Atlantis Bar & Grill, 5805 S Congress Ave. 12:15 am-1:30 pm; Free (attendees buy their own lunch). 585-8664; lantanachamber.com

**12/18 - Gandhi (1982 - PG)** - Part of Friday Films Series at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$5/adults. 655-7227; fourarts.org

**12/18 - Happy Hour Friday/Music on the Rocks** at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. Every 3rd F 6-9 pm through Jun. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

**12/18 - Evening on the Avenue** at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave, Lake Worth. Live music, food vendors, crafts, artists selling their

artwork. 6-10 pm first & third F. 6-10 pm. Free. 588-8344; lakeworth.org

**12/18 - 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 in the parking lot (weather permitting). Telescope is out for at least one hour after scheduled start time; stars must be visible for telescope to align. Ages 8+; under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. 6:30 pm. Free. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

**12/18 - Classic Albums Live Performs Dark Side of the Moon** at Kravis Center Gosman Amphitheatre, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/18 - Free Friday Concert: Wild Fire Band** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Part of Free Friday Concert Series. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/18-19 - FAU Potters Guild Fall Show and Sale** at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Art Gallery, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 10 am-5 pm. fau.edu/galleries/PottersGuild.php

**Saturday - 12/19 - Decoding Beach Curiosities** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 9-10am. \$8 per person. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/19 - 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. Four-hour tour includes bus and walking tour, food sampling, and visits to historical and cultural sites. Every 3rd & 4th Sat year-round, rain or shine. Reservations required: \$50/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18 (max 5 children per family.) 243-2662; tastehistoryculinarytours.org

**12/19 - Demonstrations of Sado, The Way of Tea** at Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens Seishin-an Teahouse, 4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach. Observe Japanese sado by the Omote Senke tea group, an ever-changing tea ceremony demonstration rich in sensational subtleties. Four sessions: noon, 1 pm, 2 pm and 3 pm. \$5 w/paid museum admission. 495-0233 x210; morikami.org

**12/19 - Artist at Work Series: Andrea Huffman** at Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. Demonstration, discussion with the artist about the process, materials, concepts of creating his art. 3-4 pm. Free w/paid museum admission. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org

**12/19 - Funk-Sway in Delray** at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Mini-music fest, featuring DJ Samore and a live band playing R&B, Jazz and Latin sounds. Food provided by Heart & Soul Kitchen for additional cost. 7:30-10 pm. \$10 cash only. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**12/19 - Young Adult Division Blue and White Party** at Honey, 16 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Top-shelf open bar, snacks, live DJ. Bring new unwrapped gift to be donated to JAFCO. Ages 22-45. 7:30-10:30 pm. \$30. 852-3165; jewishboca.org

## DECEMBER 20-26

**Sunday - 12/20 - Karate Demonstration** at Boynton Beach Mall Food Court, 801 N Congress Ave. 1 pm. Free. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**12/20 - Stream of Consciousness Art Exhibition Opening & Ice Cream Social** at Chabad of South Palm Beach, Plaza del Mar, 224 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. Oil paintings of Sheila Ballaban. 3-6 pm. Free. 351-1633

**Tuesday - 12/22 - Suite Francaise by Irene Nemirovsky** - Part of the Book Club discussion by Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. 10:30am-noon. Free. 393-7968; bocallibrary.org

**12/22 - Make Your Own Shark Tooth Necklace** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 11am-2pm. Held again 12/29. \$5/ages 3 & up. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/22 - Marmot Boca Raton Bowl** at Florida Atlantic University Stadium, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. Postseason college football. 7 pm. Tickets start at \$28. espnevents.com

**Wednesday - 12/23 - Make Your Own Shell Picture Frame** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 11am-2pm. Held again 12/30. \$5/ages 3 & up. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/23 - Delray Speaks: A Community Conversation** at Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 7-8 pm. \$5. 279-8883; spadymuseum.com

**Thursday - 12/24 - Make Your Own Shark Craft** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. All ages. 11am-2pm. Held again 12/31. \$5/ages 3 & up. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**Friday - 12/25 - Free Friday Concert: Pangea** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of Free Friday Concert Series. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10 pm. Free (admission/donations appreciated). 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**Saturday - 12/26 - Brad Ross: Unbelievable!** at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$40. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

## DEC. 27 - JAN. 2

**Monday - 12/28 - Torch Song** - Part of the Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/28 - Cercle Francais: French Conversation Group** at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Rotating facilitators. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490; delraylibrary.org

**Tuesday - 12/29 - Polka Demonstration and Dance** at Cornell Art Museum Entrance at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. 6 pm. Free. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**Wednesday - 12/30 - Matisyahu: Live at Stubb's 10-Year Anniversary** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Thursday - 12/31 - Hooray for Hollywood: Great Songs from The Silver Screen** hosted by Randolph DeLago at The Delray Beach Playhouse, 950 NW 9th St. Reception 1 pm, show 2 pm, \$50; reception 7 pm, show 8 pm, \$70. 272-1281 x4; delraybeachplayhouse.com

**12/31 - The Producers: The Mel Brooks Musical** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$35. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/31 - Royal Room Cabaret Performance: Tommy Tune** at The Colony, 155 Hammon Ave, Palm Beach. 8:30 pm. Held again 1/5-9. \$500/inclusive four-course dinner & show. 659-8100; thecolonypalmbeach.com

**12/31 - Donna Summer: A Musical Journey** at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. New Year's Eve concert tribute to Donna Summer by her sister, Mary Gaines Bernard (with her band). 9 pm doors open & cash bar; 9:45 pm seating; 10:15 pm show. \$250/VIP (includes champagne, meet & greet, private reception); \$200/premium; \$100/regular. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/31-1/2 - The Best of Forbidden Broadway 30th Anniversary Tour** at Kravis Rinker Playhouse, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Thu 7 & 10 pm; F 7:30 pm; Sat 1:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$39. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Friday - 1/1 - Movies in the Park** at Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. First F Oct through Jun. Food, snacks, beverages available for purchase. 7 pm. Free. 600-9097; catchboynton.com

**1/1 - Free Friday Concert: Gypsy Lane** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Part of Free Friday Concert Series. Gourmet food trucks, cash bar. Bring lawn chairs, blankets; rental chairs available. No pets or outside food/beverages. Weather permitting. 7:30-10 pm. Free admission/donations appreciated. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**Saturday - 1/2 - Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club: Rob Bartlett & Tony Powell** presented at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$45-\$65. 243-7922 ext. 1; oldschoolsquare.org

**1/2 - Trinity Irish Dance Company** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. \$15-\$59. 832-7469; kravis.org

**1/2 - Sick Puppies Improv Comedy Show** at Center Stage Performing Arts, 7200 W Camino Real #330, Boca Raton. Held again 1/9, 16, 23, 30 & 2/6. 9-10:30 pm. \$15/online, \$20/at the door. 954-667-7735; sickpuppiescomedy.com



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# Holiday Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 11/27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

## DECEMBER 5

**Saturday - 12/5 - Golf Cart Decorating Contest & Parade** at The Pavilion at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Decorate your golf cart. Public voting. Proceeds benefit Old School Square community programs. 9 am-1:30 pm. \$1/vote. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/5 - Southern Handcraft Society Southern Christmas 2015** at Patch Reef Park Community Center, 7000 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Juried arts and crafts. 9 am-1 pm. Free. shsboca.com

**12/5 - Annual Holiday Studio Sale** at Armory Art Center, 1700 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach. One of a kind, handmade items created by Armory faculty and students. 10am-6pm. 832-1776; armoryart.org

**12/5 - Cookie Cruise with Santa** at 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Intracoastal cruise with Santa on board the Lady Atlantic. Visit with Santa, cookies and milk or hot chocolate, coffee and tea, craft activity. Family fare. 10 am-noon. Held again 12/12, 12/19 & 12/20. \$18/person; free/children under 2. Photo w/ Santa add \$10. Reservations required, tickets must be purchased in advance: 243-0686; delraybeachcruises.com

**12/5 - Holiday Fashion Show** at Boynton Beach Mall Food Court, 801 N Congress Ave. Noon. Free. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**12/5 - Ornaments Naturally** at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Create nature ornaments/decorations with holiday themes using shells, sea beans, pine cones, other materials (provided). Ages 7 & up, children under 18 must participate with an adult. 2-3:30 pm. \$7/member, \$10/non-member. Reservations recommended: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org

**12/5 - Boynton Beach Holiday Parade** starts at SE 12th Avenue & Federal Highway, ends at Ocean Avenue & Federal Highway. 3 pm. Free. 742+6243; boynton-beach.org

**12/5 - Delray Beach Chorale: Magnificats, Alleluias and Carols** at First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$25/advance; \$30/day of concert; \$25/student under 25 w/ID. 800-984-7282; delraybeachchorale.org

**12/5 - Special Holiday Dance Performance** at Boynton Beach Mall Food Court, 801 N Congress Ave. 4 pm. Held again 12/18 at 7:30 pm & 12/19 at 3 pm. Free. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com



**12/5 - A Christmas Carol: The Musical** at The King's Academy Sports & Fine Arts Center, 8401 Belvedere Rd, West Palm Beach. Family fare. 7 pm. \$5-15. 888-718-4253; tka.net

**12/5 - Winter Tapestry 2015** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Young Singers of the Palm Beaches annual holiday concert. 7 pm. Tickets start at \$15. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/5-6 - CrisKindmarkt** at American German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth. Traditional food and drink, unique vendor shopping, outdoor ice skating rink, family friendly activities, live entertainment. Bring new unwrapped toy for the club's Toy Run and admission cost is waived. 11 am-8:30 pm. \$8/adults; free/children under 12 years. 966-7865; americangermanclub.org

**12/5-12 - 9th Annual Festival of Trees Community Days** at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 2051 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Dazzling light and music show illuminates monumental sculptures, reflects into one of several ponds. 6-8:30 pm. Held again 12/14-16. \$15/members & seniors; \$20/non-member adults; \$7/non-member child. 832-5328; ansg.org

**12/5-15 - 25th Annual Holiday Toy Drive** sponsored by Delray Citizens for Delray Police/Kids and Cops Program. New, unwrapped toys (please, no toy guns) and store gift cards for boys and girls ages 5-17 old will be collected at various locations throughout Delray Beach and Boca Raton through 12/15. Gifts can be dropped off in specially marked boxes at various locations, including the police department and all fire stations. 243-6234; mydelraybeach.com

**12/5-17 - Food Drive and Toy Collection** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Benefits Boynton Beach Community Caring Center. Regular library hours: M-Th 9 am-8:30 pm; Sat 9 am-5 pm. Free. 742-6390; boyntonlibrary.org

**12/5-18 - Food for Fines Holiday Project**

at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Return overdue library items and donate canned or packaged food and the fine is forgiven. Benefits Food Bank Caring Kitchen. Library hours. Free. 266-0798; delraylibrary.org

**12/5-23 - Christmas at Cason Cottage** at 3 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Open house, docent-guided tour. Proceeds benefit Delray Beach Historical Society programming. Th/F/Sat 11 am-3 pm & 5:30-8 pm. \$5. 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

**12/5-29 - Delray Art League Holiday Showcase Exhibit** at Delray Beach City Hall Gallery, 100 NW 1st Ave. City Hall hours: M-F 8 am-5 pm. Free. delrayartleague.com

## DECEMBER 6-12

**Sunday - 12/6 - Chanukah begins**  
**12/6 - Special Christmas Lecture: Visions of Santa Claus: Iconic Christmas Illustrations by Thomas Nast** at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$28/non-members; \$10/individual, family & Life members. Includes museum admission and tree lighting. 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

**12/6 - The Robert Sharon Chorale Holiday Concert** at Palm Beach Atlantic University DeSantis Family Chapel, 901 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$15/adult; \$5/children 12 and under. rschorale.com

**12/6 - Christmas Tree Lighting** at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Seasonal refreshments, Santa Claus, organ and piano performances, caroling, tree lighting. All ages. 3-5 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2833; flaglERMuseum.us

**12/6 - Holiday Choral Prelude: Nova Singers 40th Anniversary Concert** Season at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 W Palmetto Park Rd, Boca Raton. 4pm. \$20/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/students. 395-0433; nova.edu/novasingers

**12/6 - Master Chorale of South Florida: Cocoa & Carols** at Saint Mark's Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 NW 51st St, Boca Raton. 4pm. \$30/advance, \$35/at the door. 954-641-2653; masterchoraleofsouthflorida.org

**12/6 - Lighting of the Menorah** at Front Lawn at Old School Square, Atlantic & Swinton Avenues, Delray Beach. Family fare. Sundown. Free. 243-7000; mydelraybeach.com

**12/6 - Annual Hanukkah Celebration** at Boynton Beach Mall Food Court, 801 N Congress Ave. 5 pm. Free 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**12/6 - Handel's Messiah** at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$15. 297-6124; fauevents.com

**Monday - 12/7 - Holiday Open House** at Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S Seacrest Blvd. Celebrate the wonder of winter and the beginning of the holidays. Entertainment, crafts, light refreshments. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. All ages. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6380; boyntonlibrary.org

**Tuesday - 12/8 - Holiday Crafts & Coloring** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 9:30-11am. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/8 - Opportunity Inc.'s Opportunity Luncheon & Holiday Boutique** at The Beach Club, 755 N County Rd, Palm Beach. Silent auction, holiday boutique, local school choir, luncheon. 10:30 am-2 pm. \$150. 712-9221; opportunitypbc.org

**12/8 - City Christmas presented by The King's Academy Fine Arts Department** at Harriet Himmel Theater, 600 S Rosemary Ave, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/students. 866-449-2489; kretzerpiano.com

**12/8 - Dickens Carolers** at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. A cappella by professional vocalists. 7 pm. Free. 243-7922; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/8 - Lake Worth Playhouse Outreach: Holiday Extravaganza** at 713 Lake Ave. 7 pm. Free. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Wednesday - 12/9 - Live at Lynn Christmas** at Lynn University Wold Performing Arts Center, 3601 N Military Tr, Boca Raton. Special holiday show starring the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida and a guest celebrity star along with soloists and instrumentals. 7:30 pm. \$35-\$55. 237-9000; lynn.edu/events

**12/9 - Sarge: The Chanukah Chutzpah Tour** at The Palm Beaches Theatre, 262 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 8 pm. \$39/adult; \$32 senior & student w/ID. 362-0003; pbifilmfest.org

**Thursday - 12/10 - Chanukah Celebration to Thank Golden Givers** at Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd, Boca Raton. Holiday celebration (dietary laws observed), musician entertainment. 9:30 am. \$18. RSVP: 852-3170; jewishboca.org

**12/10 - Hanukkah with Miss Helen** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free w/paid museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/10-11 - Sarge Kiss My Mezuzah Holiday Show** at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$44. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/10-13 - Ballroom With A Twist-Mas! Holiday Spectacular** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Show runs through 12/27. W/Th/Sat/Sun 2 pm; Th-Sat 7:30 pm. \$85-\$95. 995-2333; thewick.org

**Friday - 12/11 - Polar Express Celebration: Visit with Santa** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 10:30 am-noon. \$3/member child, \$4/non-member child plus museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/11 - Karaoke Holiday Caroling** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. 12:30-2 pm. Free. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/11 - Boynton Beach Boat Parade Dinner Cruise** boards at 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Holiday dinner buffet, live entertainment, cash beverage service. 5 pm boarding; 5:30 pm cruise. \$85. Reservations required: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

**12/11 - Milagro Center's 3rd Annual Haircuts for the Holidays** at 695 Auburn Ave, Delray Beach. Complimentary haircuts, dental, hearing and vision screenings, family portraits, holiday performances, more. 5-8 pm. Free. 279-2970; milagrocenter.org

**12/11 - Christmas Storytelling Hour** at Cason Cottage, 3 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Special guests read *The Night Before Christmas*, old-fashioned sing-a-long, cookies, apple cider. Proceeds benefit Delray Beach Historical Society programming. 5:30 & 7 pm. \$15/child; free/adults. Reservations required: 274-9578; delraybeachhistory.org

**12/11 - The Robert Sharon Chorale Holiday Concert with Orchid City Brass Band** at Palm Beach State College Duncan Theatre, 4200 Congress Ave, Lake Worth. 7:30 pm. \$20/adult; \$10/student w/ID. rschorale.com

**12/11 - Divas Holiday Party** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Join your favorite divas to celebrate the holidays as only divas can. Songs, skits, a comically good time. 8 pm. \$15. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Saturday - 12/12 - Holiday Extravaganza** at Boca Raton Children's Museum, 498



## HOLIDAY BOAT PARADES

**BOYNTON BEACH/DELRAY BEACH:** 7 p.m. Dec 11.

44th annual event. Boats will line up at the Ocean Avenue Bridge in Lantana, and proceed south along the Intracoastal Waterway to the C-15 canal in Delray Beach. Viewing areas include Sportsman's Park in Lantana, Boynton Harbor Marina and Intracoastal Park in Boynton Beach. Spectators are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots. 5:30 pm live music at Boynton Harbour Marina. Free. 600-9093; catchboynton.com

**LANTANA:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 18. First annual Lake Osborne Boat Parade. Parade route starts at Anchor Inn and proceeds along eastern shore to Lake Worth Road, then loops around the western shoreline back to Anchor Inn. Free. bryanstorin@gmail.com

**BOCA RATON:** 6:30 p.m. Dec 19. 39th annual event. Starts at the C-15 canal (Boca Raton-Delray Beach city limits) and runs south along the Intracoastal to Hillsboro Bridge. Bleacher viewing and fireworks will be at Red Reef Park & Silver Palm Park. Free. 393-7995; myboca.us

Crawford Blvd. Games, crafts, face-painting, pictures with Santa, holiday food & drinks, Hanukkah surprises. All ages. 8:30am-noon. \$10/person, free/children under age 2. 368-6875; cmboca.org

**12/12 - Santa Paws Pet Parade & Costume Contest** at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Put your pet's best paw forward, show off their finest (or funniest) holiday attire. Best costume prizes for little dogs, big dogs, owner/dog look-alike, best costume. Take your furry friend to see Merry Old St. Nick in the Santa House, get a specialty photo (\$10). 10:30 am Pawrads begins; 10:45 am costume judging. \$5/pet. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/12 - WRMF Annual No Snow Ball** at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Chart-topping artists: Third Eye Blind, Adam Lambert, Chemradery, Snack Pack & The Value Killahs, Meresha, and the Dirty Voice winner. Free park and walk from City Hall and downtown Boca Raton library. No outside food/beverages/chairs allowed. 5 pm doors open; 6 pm show. \$25-\$100/advance; \$45-\$100/at the door; \$10-\$20/limited VIP parking. 888-929-7849; myboca.us/pages/mizneramphi/

**12/12 - Delray Beach Holiday Parade** on Atlantic Avenue from Intracoastal Waterway to NW 5th Avenue. Family fare. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 243-7277; mydelraybeach.com

**12/12 - 50th Anniversary Santa's Workshop & "Light Up the Night" Lake Worth Holiday Parade** at Lake & Lucerne Avenues. Workshop at Cultural Plaza sponsored by Kiwanis. Bring lawn chair for the parade. All ages. Noon workshop begins; 6 pm parade. Free. 398-8340; lakeworth.org

**12/12 - Spady Museum Holiday Party** at 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Funk-Sway mini-music fest. Food available for purchase. 6:30-8 pm. 279-8883; spadmuseum.com

**12/12 - An Ellington Nutcracker** with Florida Wind Symphony Jazz Orchestra at Florida Atlantic University Theatre, 777 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. 7 pm. \$20. 800-564-9539; fauevents.com

**12/12 - Holiday Snow Ball** at Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S Ocean Blvd, West Palm Beach. Benefits Salvation Army. Cocktails, dinner, live entertainment. 7 pm cocktails; 8 pm dinner. Call for ticket price. 201-3868.

**12/12 - The Muppet Christmas Carol** at Kravis Center Gosman Amphitheatre, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 7 pm. \$5. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/12 - The Unconventional Nutcracker** at Kravis Center Persson Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Students of Florida Dance Conservatory perform. 7 pm. \$25. 832-

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**12/12-13 - Holiday Business Expo** at Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. Center Court & JC Penney Court. Sponsored by Greater South Florida Chamber of Commerce. 3 pm. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**DECEMBER 13-19**

**Sunday - 12/13 - Breakfast with Santa** at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Hot breakfast buffet, meet 'n greet with Santa and Mrs. Claus, up-close animal encounters and photo ops, holiday music, more. Family fare. 8:30-10:30 am. \$7.95-\$26.95. Pre-registration required: 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**12/13 - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread Holiday Concert** presented by Lynn University Friends of the Conservatory of Music at Boca Raton Resort & Club Great Hall, 501 E Camino Real. Family fare. 3 pm. \$35 (includes valet). 237-9000; lynn.edu

**12/13 - Lazer Lloyd at Chanukah Festival** at Sanborn Square, 72 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Rides, food, Menorah Lighting, Concert. 4:30 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/children. 394-9770; chabadbocabeaches.com

**12/13 - Third Annual Children's Gala** at Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens, 2051 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach. Part of Festival of Trees. Scavenger hunt, pop-up shop, refreshments, treats. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 5-7 pm. \$40. 832-5328; ansg.org

**12/13 - Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches: Handel's Messiah** at Royal Poinciana Chapel, 60 Coconut Row, Palm Beach. 5 pm. \$25/adults, \$10/students. 845-9696; masterworkspb.org

**12/13 - Tuba Christmas Concert** presented by FAU at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Bring chairs/blankets. Free. 5 pm. ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/13 - FAU Madrigal Dinner** at The Fieldhouse at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Presented by FAU choral groups. Pageantry, entertainment, a savory feast, extraordinary music. 5:30 pm. \$100 (includes dinner and a \$55 tax-deductible gift to FAU's Choral and Vocal Studies Program). 297-2337; fauf.fau.edu/madrigal

**Wednesday - 12/16 - Holiday Party** at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S Federal Hwy. Entertainment by Ian Cooney. 1-3 pm. \$3/advance, \$5/at the door. 742-6570; boynton-beach.org

**12/16 - A Christmas Carol** at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 2 & 7 pm. \$45. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**12/16 - Lake Worth Playhouse Musical Theatre Class Holiday Performance** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**12/16 - Concert: Ann Hampton Callaway and Trio: Making Spirits Bright** at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 8-10 pm. \$40-\$45. 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/16-17 - Miracle on 34th Street** at Arts Garage, 180 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. An Arts Radio Network Theatre Project. 7:30 pm. \$15/general; \$20/reserved; \$25/premium. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

**Thursday - 12/17 - Art After Dark: Happy Holidays** at Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach. Music, film, tour, cash bar, menu options. All ages welcome. 5-9 pm. Free/Florida residents, age 12 & younger, museum members; non-residents: \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21. 832-5196; norton.org

**12/17 - Carols & Cocktails in the Garden** at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Cocktails, lite bites, live musical entertainment. 6-9 pm. \$40. 274-7263; sandowayhouse.org

**12/17 - Holiday City Festival of Lights Ride** starts at the 100-foot Christmas Tree at Old School Square in Delray Beach and then goes north on 2nd ave to the Lake Ida area. Family bicycle ride and social gathering with Santa as a special escort. Riders must have bike lights and wear a helmet. Rest stop at Veterans Park before returning to tree. 6:30-8:30 pm. Free. driver8@post.com

**12/17 The Midtown Men: Holiday & Hits** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Friday - 12/18 - Story Time with Santa** at Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. Treats, arts & crafts. 3 pm. Free. 736-7902; boyntonbeachmall.com

**12/18 - Polar Express** at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Movie and activities. Come in your pajamas for free train rides before the movie. Free. 5 pm activities; 6:30 pm movie. ci.boca-raton.fl.us

**12/18 - Celtic Woman Home for**

**Christmas: The Symphony Tour** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 832-7469; kravis.org

**12/18-19 - Holiday Evening Tours** at Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. See Whitehall by the glow of original 1902 fixtures, receive a traditional Christmas cracker, carols, holiday refreshments. All ages. Tours begin at 7:05, 7:15, 7:25 pm. Held again 12/20-23 at 6:50, 7:05, 7:15, 7:25 pm. \$25/adults; \$15/children age 17 & under. Advance purchase required: 655-2833; flaglermuseum.us

**12/18-20 - Atlantic City Boys: Holidays** at Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Part of the Main Stage Series. F&Sat: 8 pm; Sat&Sun: 2pm. \$45. 243-7922 x1; oldschoolsquare.org

**Saturday - 12/19 - Delray Beach Jingle Bell Jog 5K** starts at Anchor Park, 340 S Ocean Blvd. Open to both runners and walkers; guaranteed Santa Suit and medal when you cross the Finish Line! After the 5K, little elves take a shortened course. Children ages 3-10 participate in age-appropriate groups. All ages. 5K start 7:30 am; Little Elf Dashes start 8:30 am. \$25-\$40. jinglebelljog.net

**12/19 Breakfast with Santa** at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Kids visit with Santa and leave with a holiday craft. All ages. 9-11 am. \$7. Reservations: 742-6240; boynton-beach.org

**12/19 - San Francisco Ballet presents Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker** at Society of The Four Arts Gubelmann Auditorium, 2 Four Arts Plaza, Palm Beach. 1-3:15 pm. Free w/reserved tickets. 805-8562; fourarts.org

**12/19 - Downtown Dance Presents The Nutcracker** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 2 & 7 pm. \$15/advance, \$20/at the door. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**12/19 - Masterworks Chorus of the Palm Beaches: Handel's Messiah** at United Methodist Church of the Palm Beaches, 900 Brandywine Rd, West Palm Beach. 5 pm. \$25/adults, \$10/students. 845-9696; masterworkspb.org

**12/19 - Boca Raton Boat Parade Dinner Cruise** boards at 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Holiday dinner buffet, live entertainment, cash beverage service. 5:30 pm boarding; 6 pm cruise. \$85. Reservations required: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.com

**12/19 - A Well-Strung Christmas** at Kravis Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Tu 8 pm; W 2 & 8 pm. Tickets start at \$30. 832-7469; kravis.org

**DECEMBER 20-26**

**Sunday - 12/20 - Concert: Lessons and Carols - A Victorian Christmas** - Part of Music At St. Paul's series at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. 3 pm. \$20/preferred seating, \$15/regular seating, \$5/students. 278-6003; stpaulsdelray.org

**12/20 - Akademia Dance Presents Baby It's Cold Outside** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. 5 pm. \$15-\$20. 762-2991; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**Monday - 12/21 - Gingerbread House Decorating Contest** at Gingerbread Gift House at Old School Square, 51 N Swinton Ave. Bring a team or create on your own. Fee includes complete Gingerbread House kit, but bring your own embellishments, too. 6-8 pm. \$15/advance, \$20/day of event. 243-9722; oldschoolsquare.org

**Tuesday - 12/22-23 - Broadway on Ice: A Special Holiday Celebration** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$29. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Wednesday - 12/23 - Make Your Own Gingerbread House** at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Uses graham crackers and lots of chewy, gooey, colorful candy to decorate. Ages 4+. 11 am & 2 pm. \$10/resident, \$12.50/non-resident. 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

**12/23 - Santa's Workshop** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. \$3/member child, \$4/non-member child plus museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. Registration: 742-6780; schoolhousemuseum.org

**Thursday - 12/24 - Christmas Eve Dinner** at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd. 5-7 pm. \$29.95/person + tax & gratuity. 965-5788; AtlantisDine.com

**12/24 - Stradivarius Chamber Ensemble** at First United Methodist Church of Boynton Beach, 101 N Seacrest Blvd. 6:30 pm. Free. 954-947-1951

**Friday - 12/25 - Christmas Day Saturday - 12/26-27 - 9th Annual New Year's Weekend Craft Festival** at Atlantic & 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues, Delray Beach. 150 leading crafters. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 746-6615; artfestival.com

**DEC. 27 - JAN. 2**

**Sunday - 12/27 - Kwanzaa Celebration** at Spady Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. Reaffirmation of the individual, community, culture, family, environment. 4-7 pm. Free. 279-8883; spady.org

**12/27-29 - George Balanchine's The Nutcracker** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. Presented by Miami City Ballet. Sun 7 pm; M & Tu 2 & 7:30 pm. Tickets start at \$25. 832-7469; kravis.org

**Thursday - 12/31 - Happy Noon Year Celebration** at Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-12:01 pm. \$3/ members, \$4/non-members + paid museum admission: \$5/adults & children; \$4.50/seniors. 742-6782; schoolhousemuseum.org

**12/31 - Noon Year's Eve** at South Florida Conservation Depot, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Dance party, face paint, eco-craft stations. apple juice toast. 11 am-1 pm. Free w/admission. 547-9453; palmbeachzoo.org

**12/31 - Noon Year's Eve** at South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, 4801 Dreher Tr N, West Palm Beach. Ring in 2016 with a dance party, science crafts, Dino-themed activities, popcorn, snow cones, a Dry Ice apple cider toast at noon. Decorate your own party hats and horns; enjoy Dino crafts and activities. Ages 4-12. 11 am-1 pm. Free w/paid admission: \$30/child; \$15/each additional child. 832-2026; sfsciencecenter.org

**12/31 - Delray Beach First Night 2016** on Atlantic Avenue. Family fare. 5 pm-12 am. \$10/advance; \$15/day of event; free/children under 3. visitdelraybeach.org/firstnight

**12/31 - New Year's Eve Gala Dinner and Dance** at Atlantis Country Club, 190 Atlantis Blvd. Entertainment by Valerie White and Stan Woodgett. 7-10 pm. \$75/person + tax & gratuity. 965-5788; AtlantisDine.com

**12/31 - Those Were the Days New Year's Eve Spectacular** at Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Jimmy Mazz (from Las Vegas Legends) and Barbara Van Eycken (from Patsy Cline tribute). Celebration, music, hors d'oeuvres, champagne. 8 pm. \$40. 586-6169; lakeworthplayhouse.org

**12/31 - New Year's Eve Dinner Cruise** boards at 801 E Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Holiday dinner buffet, disc jockey & dancing, premium open beverage service, fireworks. 8:15 pm boarding; 8:30 pm cruise. \$200/person; \$175/person for tables of 8. Reservations required: 243-0686; delrayyachtcruises.co

**12/31-1/2 - The Lennon Sisters Ring in the New Year** at The Wick Theatre and Costume Museum, 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Th 5:30 & 10:30 pm; F 3pm; Sat 2 & 7:30 pm. \$85/regular shows, \$225/New Years Eve show. 995-2333; thewick.org

**1/1 - New Year's Concert 2016! Salute to Vienna: Strauss Symphony of America** at Kravis Center Dreyfoos Concert Hall, 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. Tickets start at \$27. 832-7469; kravis.org

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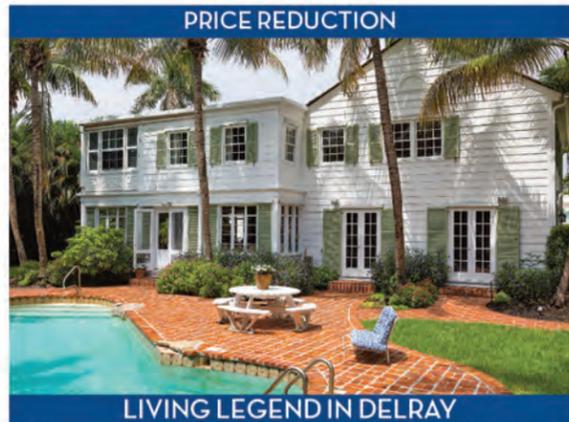


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