Along the Coast

Rare seaweed washes ashore

Sargassum species perplexes but doesn’t worry experts, who see no threat to nesting turtles

By Cheryl Blackerby

Sargassum, the brown seaweed that is tossed onto South Florida’s beaches by Atlantic waves, has always been a mixed blessing. Environmentalists love it, beachgoers loathe it.

But this year, the piles of seaweed also have presented a mystery that has scientists baffled. It’s a new species of sargassum with larger leaves and heavier tangled mats than in years past. Where did this new sargassum come from and how did it get here? Scientists believe it didn’t take the usual path on the Gulf Stream.

It doesn’t seem to be carrying as many tiny shrimp and crabs that made the old seaweed species sources of food for seabirds.

And, most perplexing, this year there have been far fewer man-of-war See SARGASSUM on page 18

Boynton Beach

Civic Center’s last dance

Final social event stirs a half-century of memories

By Ron Hayes

Walls go up, and walls come down, and in between lives are lived.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1962, Mayor Thomas A. Summers turned a shovelful of dirt at the corner of East Ocean Avenue and Seacrest Boulevard, and a new, $100,000 Boynton Beach Civic Center was born.

The walls stood strong through 56 years of teen dances and rummage sales, pingpong and pool, Jazzercise and hurricanes, but now they’re about to come down.

On Sept. 3, the city will hand the Civic Center keys to developers, and those old walls will make way for Town Square, a $118 million, 16-acre redevelopment.

And so, for six hours on Saturday afternoon, June 16, some men and women who were young when the center was young gathered there to mourn, remember, dance a last dance —

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Along the Coast

Property values hit new highs

Manalapan leads South County with 10.51% increase

By Mary Hladky

For the seventh year in a row, the taxable value of Palm Beach County properties has surged to a new high.

After making up the losses last year from the Great Recession, countywide taxable property values jumped 6.53 percent to $187.8 billion this year, according to the county Property Appraiser’s Office. That’s well above the pre-recession taxable value record of $169.4 billion set in 2007.

The total market value of countywide properties now is $264.7 billion, up from $251.9 billion last year.

While property values continue their upward march, experts see no sign of a housing bubble. The $263,900 median value of a Palm Beach County home in April was 18.8 percent below the pre-recession peak of $325,100, according to the national real estate website Zillow.

And while values keep rising, the rate of growth has decreased in recent years.

“Continued modest, sustainable

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Mounds of sargassum, in places more than 30 feet wide and more than a foot deep, pile up on the beach in Ocean Ridge in mid-June. Since then some of the seaweed decomposed but then more arrived on the tide. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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With anger everywhere, violence not a surprise

We lock our doors when there's only one person in the office. We lock them when we're working at night. There've been times when we've asked local law enforcement to keep an eye on our office and our employees. We've been screamed at on the telephone and had hateful postings on the online and social media versions of our postings. And, of course, we've been threatened with lawsuits and sued over our reporting.

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Little paper. We talked about the origins and success of our little paper. We agreed that every community's value is often measured in retweets and celebrity. We agreed that every community, no matter its size, is filled with interesting stories that should be told.

If Americans learn anything, it's that one of Pawlicki's most ambitious goals combined the two. Just a few weeks ago, Pawlicki reach a major milestone when he donated a pint of blood that put him over the 100-gallon mark. It is an achievement that has been more than 20 years in the making and one that few others reach.

“Giving blood is the easiest way to do something good,” says Pawlicki, 79, a Bruny Breezes resident. “It’s easier to replace blood than to replace money.”

Pawlicki, from Michigan, has been giving blood for decades, but says his quest to reach the 100-gallon mark began almost two decades ago after he attended a celebration honoring blood donors. He read a booklet there that listed those who gave in order of how much they donated. At the time, Pawlicki was fairly close to the 100-gallon mark, but he was ambitious. “I wanted to get on the front page of the booklet,” he said.

Once Pawlicki reached 46 gallons, he did a few calculations and set an even more ambitious goal. “I thought I could get to 100 gallons,” he said.

There was a bit of a hitch, however. Blood banks generally limit whole blood donations to six times a year. At that rate, Pawlicki calculated, it would take far too long to reach his goal, and he probably would never make it.

Pawlicki, who has A-positive blood, went a different route, becoming a plateletpheresis donor, who can donate up to 24 times a year, making his goal more realistic.

With pheresis, blood is withdrawn from the body and platelets, the cells responsible for clotting, are removed. The donor’s blood is then put back in the body to house remaining and newly produced platelets.

A familiar face at the OneBlood blood bank in Delray Beach, Pawlicki is there on a regular schedule for a minimum of 90 minutes every other week. “I like doing it,” he said. “You can lie there and watch a movie.”

Through his donations, Pawlicki has gotten to know the staff at the center as well as some of the other regular donors, including someone with whom he plays tennis.

For Pawlicki, his regular trips to the blood center also helped him discover he had high blood pressure, which is now being treated.

Trained as a nurse, Pawlicki spent much of his career in Michigan as a public health educator teaching all aspects of health, including fitness, nutrition and stress management.

“Health is really synonymous with happiness,” he said, adding that having your health makes it possible to achieve your goals.

It was a few years after his son Michael was born that Pawlicki and his wife (now ex-wife), also a nurse, began giving blood.

“We would go to the blood center as part of a family outing,” he said, explaining that the couple would bring their son, who would play at the blood center while they gave blood. “We all did it together. It might have something to do with learning to insert an IV.”

Pawlicki believes that the future of blood donations belongs to younger people who he hopes will become donors.

“The only way a high school student should think about losing blood is by donating,” he said.

As for Pawlicki, he now has a new goal — to reach 1,000 donations.

“That’s 25 more gallons,” the former math professor said without skipping a beat.
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Along the Coast

Plans for luxury condos near Briny put busy developer in spotlight

By Jane Smith

Briny Breezes residents will soon be joined by luxury townhome owners living on the south side of the oceanfront town.

In early June, Gulf Stream Views LLC paid $5.4 million for the nearly 2-acre site, according to county property records. The new owner is a division of National Realty Investment Advisors of Secaucus, N.J., which plans to buy the parcel and build 14 townhomes.

"We have a luxury product. There are no other oceanfront parcels available in the area," said Glenn La Mattina, senior vice president of National Realty and its new division, NB Living. "We have location, location, location."

The price paid was almost 22 percent below the asking price of $6.895 million.

"The buyers came in and negotiated very friendly terms to the seller," listing broker Steven Presson said. "My clients came to a point and made a business decision it was time to move on."

David Rinker, who purchased the property in 2017 when it still housed the Pelican Apartments, paid $3.2 million for the parcel. The Old Florida-style, 11-unit complex was soon demolished. Rinker and investors planned to build Tuscan-style townhomes. He did not return phone messages.

The purchase is National Realty's eighth in coastal Gulf Stream and Delray Beach, according to its website. Its divisions spent $37.3 million in the past year, according to county property records. National Realty's website also lists one property each in Ocean Ridge and Delray Beach with a status of "closing on 915 Bond Way.

"We are building luxury units for sale or rental on the sites owned in southern Palm Beach County," La Mattina said. Most of the parcels have another local connection. Former Delray Beach Mayor Tom Carney's law firm is listed as the registered agent for the limited liability corporations set up as the owner of each property. He declined to comment about his role, saying, "I don't discuss my clients."

National Realty also turned to a local lender for the bridge loan that covers acquisition and development of the townhomes near Briny Breezes. Trez Capital Group was formed two years ago by Boynton Beach-based Forman

The eastern facade of Gulf Stream Views as seen from Old Ocean Boulevard. Rendering provided Capital and Vancouver-based Trez Capital Group.

"I've known the borrowers for a long time. I started Forman Capital in 2014 in Delray Beach," said Brett Forman, president and CEO. His company is still optimistic about residential real estate in South Florida. "We look closely at the project and location," Forman said. "People still want to move to South Florida."

In mid-June, T. Forman gave SoFA Partners a $20.6 million construction loan to build 111 First Delray, a boutique condo project in Delray Beach.

Other National Realty purchases, projects

Ocean Ridge
• Closed on 6644 N. Ocean Blvd. The property now contains three condo units and sits across from the county's Ocean Ridge Hammock Park. The parcel can hold four townhomes, according to Jamie Titcomb, town manager. The condo owners have come in to discuss what they think can be built on the property. The land sits in a zoning district that is not subject to the town's moratorium on building, he said.

Gulf Stream
• Paid $6.5 million in August 2017 for a lot at 3565 N. Ocean. The town says the new owner can build 1,706 square feet, including a 467-square-foot gatehouse.
• Paid $6.5 million in August 2017 for a 27.7-acre parcel once owned by Delray Beach real estate investor Carl DeSantis.
• Paid $4,510,000 in September 2017 for 837 Denery Lane, which has a 1,706-square-foot home built in 1954. The house sits on .23 of an acre.
• Closing on 195 Bond Way with a 2,373-square-foot home built in 1954. The house sits on .28 of an acre. The National Realty website gives this description of its planned Palm Trail townhomes: "The new owner can build 7,875 square feet, including a 488-square-foot gatehouse, according to the town."

The town does not allow condos to be built along the ocean, said Rita Taylor, town clerk. Both parcels recently received permission to build single-family homes, she said.

Delray Beach
• Paid $4,510,000 in September 2017 for 707 N. Ocean Blvd. The property has a 4,042-square-foot home built in 1954 on .77 of an acre. A National Realty division submitted plans for a two-story, 5,451-square-foot home that sits mostly east of the Coastal Construction Control Line. That means the state Department of Environmental Protection would have to approve it. The department has allowed most such structures in the past. • Paid $7,655 million in October for 344 N. Ocean Boulevard. The property is .89 of an acre and has a house under construction. The former owners, Albert and Tamara Rabil of Boca Raton, are involved in litigation with their builder and subcontractors over $4.7 million in unpaid bills on the house with costs exceeding $9 million. On June 7, with 30 parties and 85 claims, the Rabils asked the judge to declare the case "complex" and set up a case management plan with non-binding arbitration and mediation. As of press time, no hearing date was set.
• Part of a $7.25 million purchase in July 2017 of 322 N. Ocean Blvd., 1239 Laing St. and 316 N. Ocean, for a total of .87 of an acre. The parcels have city approval to build a two-story, 6,310-square-foot home with five bedrooms, three-car garage and a pool; a two-story, 5,451-square-foot home with five bedrooms, three-car garage and a pool; and a two-story, 5,451-square-foot home with five bedrooms, three-car garage and a pool.
• Paid $3.05 million in September for four parcels (302, 318, 338 and 348) of an acre on Southeast Fifth Avenue. 302 has two, one-story office buildings of 1,222 square feet each, 318 has a four-unit building of 4,130 square feet, 338 is vacant land and 348 has an 800-square-foot office building. As of press time, no plans were filed with the city.

Sources: Palm Beach County property appraiser, county clerk & comptroller and Delray Beach Planning, Zoning and Building Department

—Jane Smith

Lantana

By Mary Thurwacher

The Florida Commission on Ethics in June dismissed one of two complaints filed by Lantana resident Catherine Padilla against Mayor David Stewart.

The complaint, filed on March 27, accused Stewart of using sexual innuendo during a Kiwanis Club dinner at the Whistle Stop Lounge on Oct. 24. Town Manager Deborah Manzo was also in attendance.

Padilla claimed she heard Manzo say she wasn't happy with her choice of entrées and that Stewart remarked, "You haven't tried my meat yet."

According to a news release from the Ethics Commission, the complaint was dismissed "due to a lack of legal sufficiency."

The commission said that the only provision of the Code of Ethics that could have applied in this circumstance was misuse of public position. However, the commission maintained that Padilla's allegation failed to show in a "factual, specific manner" that the alleged conduct was for the "purpose of securing a special private capacity benefit for the respondent or anyone else."

For that reason, the complaint was dismissed without investigation.

"I'm surprised because there were witnesses," Padilla said when she learned of the complaint's dismissal. "I have a lot of support from residents and officials."

Stewart declined comment. "It would be inappropriate for me to comment at this time until all the investigation is complete," he said.

Padilla filed another complaint earlier in the year on, Jan. 2, and the Ethics Commission has not ruled on it. That one accused Stewart of saying that if she had sex with him, he would make sure her neighborhood would get the speed bumps she had asked the town to install for safety reasons.

After the state notified the mayor of that first complaint, he went to his home to talk about the complaint, according to a statement Stewart gave to the Lantana Police Department. Padilla didn't let him in and called the police. They reported the visit as a "suspicious incident."
Drainage issues straining town budget

By Dan Moffett

Problems caused by rising seas are forcing expenditures to seep into the Ocean Ridge budget.

During the next fiscal year, town commissioners are considering spending roughly $125,000 on new stormwater infrastructure for the flood-prone Inlet Cay neighborhood, $47,000 to maintain and repair existing drain pipes, another $12,000 to install new drains, and $20,000 for swale construction.

There's also $12,000 set aside in the proposed budget for Geographical Information Systems mapping that will help officials identify the areas in the town that are most vulnerable to future sea rise problems.

"The sea level and drainage problems will always be exacerbated," Town Manager Jamie Ticomb told commissioners during a budget workshop on July 3. "We live on a barrier island."

With a 3-2 vote, the commission approved setting the maximum millage rate for the next budget at $5.55 per $1,000 of taxable property value, a number that's significantly above the $5.05 rollback rate that would keep tax revenues flat and the current millage rate of $5.25.

The commission can decide on a final tax rate less than the $5.55 maximum in the weeks ahead but cannot go above it.

Vice Mayor Don MaGruder and Commissioners Phil Besler and Kristine de Haseth approved the ceiling rate; Mayor James Bonfiglio and Commissioner Steve Coo voted no.

Preliminary numbers from the Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General show taxable values in Ocean Ridge up nearly 6 percent over last year, roughly in line with those throughout the county.

Bonfiglio and MaGruder have recommended that the commission start advancing projects to improve drainage before their construction costs increase in future years. But the mayor also warned that property owners will have to play a major role in helping the town deal with the rising costs of the rising seas.

"With sea level rise and our water table rising, it essentially makes the land less able to absorb water," Bonfiglio said. "So as a town we can decide we want to have homeowners help us deal with that potential flooding issue."

The commission has directed Town Engineer Lisa Tropepe to propose a priority list of possible drainage projects for the next few years. Tropepe said the town could act on two chronic problems without incurring great expense: getting seasonal residents to use moisture-detecting "smart" timers on their sprinkler systems when they leave town and persuading homeowners and contractors to reduce their use of impervious decks and driveways, as well as expanding swale areas.

The mayor said that without cooperation from homeowners and builders, the town is facing the task of developing "a massive drainage system" that is unrealistically expensive to build and manage. The town's Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing building rules, and officials are awaiting the results of an engineering consultant's study of the Inlet Cay neighborhood that should be released in August.

In other business:

• The town got a passing grade from the Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General during a routine audit of capital assets completed in June.

"We found generally adequate controls for the capital assets process," the IG report said, "and physical controls for safeguarding the capital assets."

The town accepted the auditors' recommendation that administrators conduct an annual review of assets to ensure that insurance records are accurate. Capital assets are defined as tangible or intangible items that cost $5,000 or more and benefit the town for more than a fiscal year.

• Bonfiglio has submitted his resignation from the Town Commission, effective Nov. 6. The mayor is a Democratic candidate in the state House District 89 race and, under Florida's "resign-to-run" law, must give up his municipal seat in order to seek the higher office in the fall election. ※

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Historic preservationist and longtime resident Susan Oyer writes a goodbye message to the Boynton Beach Civic Center.

CIVIC
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DONNIE & JEANNIE, ’69
Inside to the heart of course. Regina Day, 66, was born in Delray Beach, and Don Day, 67, moved there where he was 6. They met at the old Seacrest High School.

“We’d come up from Delray,” Don Day said, as a trio called Three’s Company burned through Great Balls of Fire on stage.

“This was the main dance hangout,” he remembered. “The idea was to pick up the girls in the parking lot so you didn’t have to pay to come in and then take them to the Royal Castle in front of St. Mark’s School on U.S. 1.”

One night, he got in a fender bender on Ocean Avenue. “Took the gray primer off my old Ford Falcon,” he said. “I finally painted it white.”

But his future wife, Regina — known to all as Jeannie — could not be lured to Royal Castle.

“I was the good woman who came in with my cousin and danced,” Jeannie Day said. “We were real dancing machines back then. That’s why last year I had to get new knees.”

Cathy Patterson, 67, was one of the organizers who decided the city should host a Last Dance at the Civic Center “so all the kids who used to hang out here could say goodbye.” She also suggested it be from noon to 6 p.m., even though those Saturday dances of the 1960s were at night.

“Nowadays, we all have to get to the early bird at the Longhorn,” she laughed.

Cathy thinks the dances cost 25 cents when she was a girl, but her husband, Jim, says 50 cents, and he should know. Jim Patterson, 72, was the city’s recreation supervisor back then and held the job for 30 years.

“It was 50 cents for Boynton Beach Youth Association members and a dollar for others,” he said.

Memories fade, but both agreed they met within these walls.

“He was running the dances,” Cathy said. “I was 16 and he was 21, the adult in the room.”

You could tell Jim Patterson was the adult in the room because he wore a coat and tie.

“We didn’t have that many problems,” he recalled. “I had to watch out for a little bit of drinking, and check the bathroom for smoking. A few kids would get drunk.”

On a good night, he said, the teen dance might draw as many as 300, 400 kids.

But we averaged about 150. We paid $70 or $80 for a band, $90 if they were real good.

The big local band was The Avengers.

Propped on an easel near the door beside a table full of Civic Center scrapbooks, a blown-up, black-and-white photograph from the old Boynton Beach News Journal has captured the five Avengers with their Beards hair and bell-bottoms in February 1969.

The Avengers’ bass player was an 18-year-old boy named Dana Carrier.

On stage at the last dance, facing that photo from the stage, the bass player for Three’s Company was a 67-year-old man named Dana Carrier.

DANA & LYNN
Lynn loves Dana
In a heart, of course.
Lynn Shephard and Dana Carrier met here, too, and married.
I tried to get the original band back together for this,” he said, “but they’re all over the United States. One’s in California and one in Tennessee, one in South Georgia. I gave them four months’ notice, but ...”

He shrugged.

Carrier had auditioned for The Avengers to replace a departing guitarist, he recalled. The other guys told him he wasn’t good enough to play guitar, but if he wanted to be a bass player, they’d get him a bass and teach him. Garage bands were loose like that back then.

“We used to rehearse in a tin barn down where Bud’s Chicken is now,” he said.

They played the tunes most of today’s teenagers have never heard of, and they will never forget.

“We played a lot of Vanilla Fudge,” he said. “Young Rascals. Good Lovin’ was my big song, and we had a singer who had a voice like Gary Puckett, so we could do Young Girl.

Meanwhile, Noel Cyr, 67, and his brother Duane, 65, stood against the wall, reminiscing about The Tree.

Something in Noel’s grin, and the way he spoke those two words, let you know The Tree should always be capitalized.

“This was the place to come and meet girls,” he explained, “and The Tree was this big banyan tree out in back. You’d go out there to kiss.”

They pushed through the side door, stepped out into the library parking lot and pointed.

“That’s it, right there,” Noel Cyr said, and sure enough, straight across the lot, beside Southeast First Avenue, a majestic banyan tree still stands with branches low enough to hide a multitude of teenage temptations.

“There’s probably a couple girls here today that I took out to The Tree,” Noel said.

The library wasn’t here back then, it was dark, and there were other trees around, so The Tree was really several trees.

“If you could get the girl outside, any tree was a good tree,” Duane Cyr said.

But of course the good girls wouldn’t venture back here, surely.

“Well,” he drawled, “they were good girls when they came out here, but they might not have been good girls when they went back.”

The Tree has survived, but youth doesn’t, and the teen dances didn’t, either.

What killed the teen dances was psychedelic music,” Jim Patterson said. “I tried to keep it going. I bought six black lights, but the kids weren’t dancing to that sort of music.”

By the 1970s, he was patrolling preteen dances instead.

“We played bubble gum music, but we didn’t have a brand,” he said. “It was just records.”

And then came Jazzercise classes.

“Gonna Miss This Place 1971?”

Monica Roundtree Cleckley, 44, a Boynton native, led her daughters, Malia, 9, and Kirinyaga, 15, around the hall while she made a smartphone video.

“I went to dances here, and I brought my daughters for ballet and tap class. It was a hub for things to do on a low-key street. Everybody in the community coming together.”

On Aug. 13-26, the Civic Center will be reopened to accommodate early primary voting, but this last dance would be the last real event.

Teenagers become Medicare recipients, band members move away, memories fade, time flies and walls fall.

The teen dances of the 1960s could draw 400 on a good night, but the Last Dance at the Civic Center never saw more than 60 or 70 that Saturday afternoon.

By 5:55 p.m. when the real last dance came due, there weren’t more than 25 or 30 old-timers lingering. The others had already left, for that early bird at Longhorn, perhaps, or a nap.

In the end, a young group called Bright Colors played a song called Good Times, recorded in 1979 by the rhythm and blues band Chic. Dana Carrier sang along, but only a few people danced.

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Oyer, whose great-great-grandfather arrived in Southeast Florida in the early 1870s, stepped back to read what she’d written on the wall.

“Jazzercise in here as a kid,” she said. “Beautiful building—sorry to see it go — progress I guess.”

“How many buildings can you fight for?”
Ocean Ridge

Town wrestles with ways to hasten revisions to building code

By Dan Moffett

Ocean Ridge officials are quickly learning that it’s much easier to put on a construction moratorium than to take it off. The town Commission took the unprecedented step of halting new projects in May after concerns arose over loopholes in building rules that could allow the construction of oversized houses or, worse, sober homes. Mayor James Bonfiglio said the town needed time to work on code and zoning revisions that had needed attention for years.

Builders, contractors and property owners with plans in hand have reacted with angst and anger at the prospect of being sidelined for an indefinite time — perhaps as long as six months.

Commissioner Steve Cox says his phone has been ringing with calls from unhappy people.

“There are a lot of very angry residents who are terrified,” Cox said during a meeting with the town’s Planning and Zoning board members on June 18.

“Sales of properties are stopping. Sales of open land are stopping. So it’s having an impact on the town.”

Complicating officials’ predicament are the ongoing efforts to update the town’s comprehensive plan, the long-range guide for shaping growth and development in Ocean Ridge. Commissioners and planning officials find themselves under pressure to move quickly with decisions that could affect the town for decades to come. Bonfiglio told officials they should keep working on a dual track and deal with updating the comp plan while also “easing the fears of people who are concerned about the moratorium” by getting the building rule revisions done “as quickly as we can.”

The commission approved hiring Marty Minor, an urban planner with Urban Design Kilday Studios consultants of West Palm Beach, to help the town make changes that are often highly technical and tangled with unintended consequences.

The mayor has insisted that no single construction project moved the town to implement the moratorium and rewrite its rules. However, part-time resident John Lancing, a Massachusetts businessman, touched off debate about overall housing in May when he showed the town his plans to build a nine-bedroom, 1½-bath home on property he owns at 92-94 Island Drive S. Bonfiglio has directed P&Z members to consider four issues related to large home construction: parking requirements, septic tank limits, drainage and accessible exits and entrances.

“Drainage is a big issue,” Minor said. “It’s always going to be a big issue from now on.”

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Manalapan

Publix pushes toward finish

Plaza del Mar, Manalapan — June 15

A construction crew works on the parking lot in Plaza del Mar while another works on the roof of the new Publix under construction. Publix officials hope for an early August opening but say the date will not be confirmed until Manalapan issues a certificate of occupancy for the building, Tim Stepiei/The Coastal Star

Greene property hit with code violations as Manalapan cites ‘dreadful’ conditions

Billionaire Palm Beach real estate entrepreneur Jeff Greene is busy campaigning around the state for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Officials in Manalapan would rather see him repairing the house he owns at 4020 S. Ocean Blvd.

Three years ago, Greene and his investor group, 920 N. Stanley Partners LLC, bought the 6,400-square-foot, six-bedroom home on 2.4 acres adjacent to the Boynton Inlet.

Greene’s group told Manalapan officials in 2016 the plan was to demolish the structures, divide the lot and build two homes there. That hasn’t happened. A legal dispute with an adjacent owner over submerged land property lines has stalled Greene’s plan.

Meanwhile, the 60-year-old, $6 million house is falling apart, officials say.

“It’s a nightmare,” said Town Manager Linda Stumpf.

“Lights are falling down. It’s dreadful.”

The town has cited Greene’s group with a lengthy list of code violations and wants them resolved soon. The case will go before a special magistrate in August.

The message from the town is “either fix it or take it down,” Stumpf said.

“We understand there are some special circumstances,” Mayor Keith Waters said. “But that doesn’t preclude taking care of the property.”

Representatives of Stanley Partners could not be reached for comment.

— Dan Moffett

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Manalapan began the year with ambitious plans to expand its Police Department by 50 percent. Those plans have stalled lately over problems recruiting and keeping qualified officers, despite a hefty across-the-board increase in pay.

Police Chief Carmen Mattox says he has eight full-time uniformed officers now and has made no progress expanding the department to 12 as the Town Commission unanimously approved earlier this year.

“We’re just really having a tough time with hiring and keeping,” said Town Manager Linda Stumpf. “Right now we’re struggling against the Sheriff’s Office and the School Board. They both hiring like crazy.”

Stumpf said that two officers who left Manalapan recently to work elsewhere in the county said during exit interviews that the town’s salary increase was important to them, but their main reason for leaving was pension benefits. Manalapan offers a 401(k) plan but does not offer defined benefits plan. Waters said it makes no sense to go ahead with plans to improve the town’s network of security cameras and overhaul the police dispatch center without first hiring qualified officers.

“If we invest in all this technology and we don’t have the people, we have nothing,” Waters said. “We have to invest in people first.”

After a string of car thefts late last year, commissioners approve in January a plan to spend $417,000 from reserve funds to expand the department. The plan called for raising police starting salaries from $46,700 to $51,200 and giving each officer currently in the department a $4,500 raise.

Mattox said he needs more officers to satisfy the commission’s goal of having three patrol cars on duty around the clock.

Stumpf said that improving police pensions likely will force the town to increase its mill rate. Manalapan is well positioned, however, for a modest tax hike. The town has one of the lowest mill rates ($2.795 vs $1,000 of taxable property value) and highest per capita tax base in the county — and property values have risen roughly 10 percent in the past year, Stumpf said.

Besides the police expansion, another major project featured in the 2018-19 budget is a renovation of the Town Hall chambers. Commissioners are waiting for cost estimates on that project.
Along the Coast

Cities, towns prepare for hurricane season

By Jane Smith

When Hurricane Irma swept through southern Palm Beach County last September, power poles fell like dominos, wind-driven debris blocked streets and residents sat powerless for days amid temperatures in the 90s.

Irma's damage cost area municipalities more than $26 million for unplanned overtime, and for debris removal. Yet South County coastal residents felt relieved that the area avoided catastrophic hurricane winds.

In Florida, only an area of 15 miles surrounding Cudjoe Key felt the brunt of Irma's winds on Sept. 10, according to the National Hurricane Center's May report on Irma.

Other areas in the Keys, such as Key West and Key Largo, felt Category 1 sustained winds between 74 and 95 mph.

"It's a common misconception," said John Cangialosi, lead author of the report. "Many residents hear Category 3 or 4 peak winds hit South Florida, but it was only within the core where the strongest winds were felt."

During Irma, sustained winds along the Palm Beach County coastline were 60 mph below Category 1 strength. Cangialosi said, "But some 100-mph gusts were recorded along the coastline," he said.

Coastal residents likely were anxious from watching Irma as it traveled west through the Atlantic Ocean for 13 days, hurricane researchers said. The storm held onto its Category 5 strength for 60 hours. Irma had seven landfalls, four at Category 5.

For this year's hurricane season, with an expected peak between late August and mid-October, coastal municipalities are appealing to residents early to be prepared and to know their evacuation and flood zone.

Boca Raton gave its residents two more bulk and vegetation pickups as part of its Clean & Clear program in May, said Chrissy Gibson, city spokeswoman. The program was designed to help residents clean out garages and yards and cut overgrown vegetation earlier, instead of waiting until a hurricane approaches.

"One of our biggest challenges last year was that once Irma was headed our way, people came out to clean their garages, throwing out pool toys, breaking down swing sets and old fencing, and placing it all at the curb as the storm approached," Gibson said.

Residents became angry when the curbside could not finish all of the pickups before the storm.

Delray Beach utilities workers struggled to move 30 portable generators among its 129 lift stations when 70 percent of the city lost power from Hurricane Irma. Fire Chief Neal de Jesus, interim city manager at the time, called the lift station problem the "Achilles' heel of the storm."

Delray Beach has since purchased 20 extra portable generators and the parts needed to make them function, de Jesus said. Commissioners approved the $20 million-plus-purchase earlier this year.

In addition, the city now will deploy its emergency management center in the conference room of the Fairfield Inn. The building carries a Category 5 wind rating, de Jesus said. The hotel is allowing the city free use of its conference room and offering city staff rooms at the government rate.

Boynton Beach is increasing its hurricane public communications and marketing efforts, said Eleanor Krussell, city spokeswoman. "We secured the website domain name of BoyntonBeach.com to simplify messaging," she said. In addition, the city relies on hurricane expos, utility inserts and Facebook Live videos on hurricane preparedness and tree trimming with a sign-language interpreter, Krussell said.

Smaller communities alert residents by sending police door-to-door and via the town website, said Greg Dunham, Gulf Stream town manager. Barrier island residents were supposed to evacuate before Irma approached, but some residents apparently stayed because they did not want to leave their pets.

When Lee County was under a mandatory evacuation order for Irma, the county allowed residents to bring pets into its shelters, county Emergency Manager Lee Mayfield said at the Governor's Hurricane Conference in May.

Mayfield said the county's 14 shelters, which were in schools, accepted pets. The shelters housed 35,000 people and 3,000 pets, which included dogs, cats and a goat.

Palm Beach County's only pet-friendly shelter is in suburban Boynton Beach. The other shelters are in public schools, run by a combination of school and county employees. The schools allow only service and assistance animals.

"No one was turned away from the pet-friendly shelter," said Mary Blakeney, senior program manager in the county's emergency management division. "We are looking for additional pet-friendly shelters in county facilities, but none will be ready for the 2018 season."

Near a year after Hurricane Irma, South County coastal cities are honing lessons into actions to prepare their residents, businesses and workers for the next big storm.

Each of the 10 coastal cities and towns received the same list of questions from the Coastal Star, divided into five main categories: communications, curfews, power, shelters and debris removal.

Here are the highlights of their responses:

For communications, how did your city/town inform residents of the approaching storm and areas to be evacuated? The three biggest cities used their websites and social media to alert residents. Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach also have AM radio stations to use.

Smaller locales don't use social media. In Gulf Stream, its officers alerted residents by going door-to-door, said Town Manager Greg Dunham. Manalapan sent emails about the approaching storm to its residents, said Linda Stumpf, town manager.

Lantana also used a PA system and personal contacts to alert its barrier island residents about evacuating, said Robert Hagerly, Lantana police commander.

Highland Beach found its CodeRED emergency platform most effective in alerting residents about Irma, said Police Chief Craig Hartmann. "For this hurricane season, we will be activating CodeRED notifications sooner and more frequently," he said.

South Palm Beach, which is primarily condo buildings, sent faxes and emails to condo managers about the mandatory evacuation, said Mo Thornton, town manager. "Parking directories were everywhere throughout town with lights activated, encouraging residents to evacuate," she said.

Ocean Ridge used its Twitter and NextDoor accounts, among other methods, to alert residents about the mandatory evacuation, Town Manager Jamie Titcomb said.

Briny Breezes Council President Sue Thaler said the town's main goal after Irma wasn't changing procedures but trying to improve communication with the corporation. The idea is to precisely define the roles of the government and corporation in dealing with storms.

How were post-storm communications handled? Most municipal representatives said this issue needs work.

Along with Highland Beach, Delray Beach is pushing residents to sign up for CodeRED now so the city has a way to communicate with its residents post-storm.

South Palm Beach will use Blackboard Connection, similar to CodeRED, to communicate with residents this year, Thornton said.

Out-of-state residents will be issued ID cards that can be used to enter the town at the checkpoints post-storm, Thornton said. As part-time residents, their government-issued IDs don't have South Palm Beach addresses.

Most municipalities followed the countywide curfew that went into effect at 3 p.m. Sept. 9. Based on advice from its Police Department, Delray Beach asked residents to clear the streets even earlier than that — by 2 a.m. Boca Raton delayed its curfew by one day.

In Boca Raton, "curfews are a challenge to coordinate for us because we're on the border of Broward County and have many residents that live in one county and work in another or vice versa," Gibson said. "There needs to be better coordination on curfewns."

Florida Power & Light, the main electricity provider, said 95 percent of its customers had power restored within seven days following Irma, compared with 15 days after Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach were able to open their libraries just after the storm to give their powerless residents a place to charge their electronics.

Shelters in the public schools were adequate; residents have to bring their own food and bedding. New for 2018, the county will hire two mental health counselors per shelter to help with anxiety issues.

The county has a special needs and pet shelters, which require advance registration.

Debris removal proved to be the bane for most municipalities.

Even though the cities and towns had contracts with debris haulers, it became a free-for-all with most of Florida's 67 counties impacted by Irma.

Gov. Rick Scott allowed the Florida Department of Transportation to hire haulers without going through a bidding process, Neal de Jesus, interim city manager during Irma, told Delray Beach city commissioners in September. Scott wanted to quicken the pace of cleanup in the Keys and Miami-Dade County, which were hardest hit.

As a result, contractors left Palm Beach County cities where they were making $7 per cubic yard to earn as much as $18 per cubic yard hauling debris further south.

Delray Beach commissioners and Boca Raton council members agreed to pay AshBritt haulers more per cubic yard, until Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi started to investigate AshBritt and other haulers for price gouging. AshBritt no longer sought the price increases.

Then, the problem became not enough truck drivers.

Boca Raton purchased a few more trucks this year to help with post-storm cleanup, Gibson said.

Many municipal representatives think the governor needs to set a pre-storm, standard rate for debris removal.
City moving toward ban on plastic straws

By Jane Smith

The Delray Beach City Commission likely will vote to phase in a ban on plastic straws at its July 10 meeting, when it considers an ordinance requiring restaurants, bars and other beverage purveyors to supply plastic straws only upon customer request.

In May, the city’s Green Implementation Advisory Board passed a resolution asking for the ban, said Ana Puszkin-Chevlin, sustainability officer and liaison with the board.

“It came from the recent Earth Day that had an international theme of plastics in the ocean,” she said.

In April, Delray Beach screened the film A Plastic Ocean in the Crest Theatre. The documentary showed marine animals and water birds affected by the plastics they had eaten. Delray Beach joins a few cities nationally that are moving to ban plastic straws, including Fort Myers, Miami Beach and Seattle. All are coastal cities that want to prevent plastics from getting into the ocean.

The effort was helped in 2015 by a video showing researchers removing a plastic straw stuck in a sea turtle’s nostril.

Delray Beach also recently moved its sustainability officer to report directly to the city manager. That elevation, recommended by the city’s Rising Waters Task Force, should help the city receive grant money for its environmental projects, said Mayor Shelly Petrolia.

Puszkin-Chevlin hopes in 18 months that consumers will get used to drinking cold beverages without plastic straws and no longer ask for them. Then, the city can move to ban plastic straws from being served in restaurants and bars.

“We’ll start with a public awareness campaign to get information to consumers,” said Hal Stern, new chairman of the green board. “We need to get the hospitality industry behind us.”

If the commission passes the first phase of a ban, an education event called Skip the Straw will be held at The OG, a relatively new bar in Delray Beach, from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6. About 130 bars and restaurants will receive four tickets each, said Brian Rosen, OG partner.

One tip that will be offered is to move the straws to a different area so that the server doesn’t automatically put a plastic straw in a drink, said Melissa Wilkinson, a college intern who is working with Puszkin-Chevlin on the project.

For the past six months, wording on the menu at Caffe Luna Rosa has said plastic straws are given only by request, said founder Fran Marincola.

Delray Beach also recently made plastic straws on the forefront of reducing single-use plastics in our lives. Instead of using a K-cup to brew coffee, you might consider making coffee with a filter. *
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Betty Bingham

Wether you think of it as getting involved or, as she puts it, “sticking your nose in there,” Betty Bingham has always been a doer. After finishing college and beginning her career, Bingham noticed a nearby hospital for crippled children and noticed that the youngest kids had no activities until they were ready to start kindergarten. She took the initiative to start a nursery school for kids aged 1-4.

At least a part-time resident of Ocean Ridge since her father bought property back in the 1950s, Bingham has been an active participant in every facet of the beach community’s life, serving as a commissioner on the Planning and Zoning Board, of Ocean Ridge for 12 years, serving as a commissioner and on the Board of Adjustments. She’s also been active in community initiatives, from protecting turtle nests to saving sand dunes. She enjoys time with her fox terrier, Mindy. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Betty Bingham, a former Ocean Ridge town commissioner, has been active in many community initiatives, from protecting sea turtles to saving sand dunes. She enjoys time with her fox terrier, Mindy. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star

Her charitable work goes on and on. “I was working for every cause there was for a while,” said Bingham, who is divorced. “After a while, I’d come to my neighbor’s door and he’d say, ‘Which charity are you collecting for now?’ People need me to be working.”

Most of her recent charitable work has been for the garden club and the Rotary Club. The next cause she sees herself working on in the Rotary Club is trafficking, both human and sexual. “People don’t realize how bad it is,” she said.

She owns 200 acres along the North Toe River in North Carolina and is developing ecotourism on it.

“We have lots of turkeys and deer and bears, and we’re re-establishing a goat that had been the original goat of North Carolina and had become extinct in this part of the world. The goats were found on an island off the coast of Australia. It’s greatly expanded that Captain Cook, when sailing in the South Pacific, would pick up and drop off livestock as he went around the world. He probably dropped the goats off there. A lady from Massachusetts found them 20 years ago and started breeding them. We have 18 and I believe there are about 70 in the U.S.”

— Brian Biggane

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A. I was born in Baltimore in 1929, so it could be said it was my arrival that brought on the Great Depression. When I was young our summers were spent at Gibson Island, where I learned how to swim, sail and catch Maryland blue crabs.

My family moved to Charleston, W.Va., in the 1930s, and I did a lot of my growing up there. One of the major events each year was seeing the Ringling Brothers Circus come to town, when we would watch the elephants working to set up the tents, as well as the paddlewheel steamboat coming down the Kanawha River with its minstrel shows.

I started school in a one-room schoolhouse for grades one through six, which was closed shortly after I enrolled. After my public school education took me through grade 10, I spent my last two years boarding a train to Massachusetts to attend Walnut Hill boarding school.

After my two years at Walnut Hill I moved on to Sweet Briar College outside Lynchburg, Va. I was awarded a bachelor of arts in math and science, though my father said it should have been for bridge and riding.

Q. What professions have you worked in? What professional accomplishments are you most proud of?
A. My first position was in banking; I was trained by the Shawmut Bank. I spent a few years there working my way up to a bank officer. I quit when I got married, but no matter where we were after that I could always get a job in banking. I worked at three different banks.

Much of what I’ve accomplished has involved my family. I married Bill Bingham in 1957 and we had three boys, so I was kept very busy as a den mother for Boy Scouts, running horse shows for the 4-H Club, setting up a baseball league and for four summers serving as a counselor at a day camp. All my children went to the camp where I was kept busy teaching swimming, riding and sailing.

When I moved to Florida I thought about being a banker but decided to become a travel agent instead. That’s when Lantana Travel came into my life. My father opened two banks and three travel agencies after he retired, so when I came down I took over Lantana Travel, where I worked about 14 years until my older son came down with ALS.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person seeking a career today?
A. Do what you really like and believe in. Work hard and listen. But then move on if you don’t like the way the operation is being run. Being a traveling salesperson will get you a good recommendation for your future endeavors.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Ocean Ridge?
A. I like small towns where everybody knows everyone and is working together. In the late ’30s my father bought a house at 1 E. Ocean Ave. Because my children had problems with polio, we started visiting in the month of February, when they could attend Gulf Stream School. They became very involved with the turtles, saving the sand dunes, dealing with the different animals and so on. I was attracted to Ocean Ridge because it was a small town where people spent a lot of time outside. I always liked to be outside and active.

A. Moved to Florida in 1971, and, due in large part to my love of the ocean and snorkeling, settled in Ocean Ridge with a strong desire to keep it a small, friendly town.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Ocean Ridge?
A. Working to address the challenge of preserving the small, quiet nature of the town. We’ve had to ward off people who wanted to make one of the last natural wood hammocks in South Florida into a parking lot, or developers who would fill in the mangroves on Corrine Street for another high-rise.

What a quiet retreat this has been: manatees, owls, raccoons and all the rest. The dunes are both our pearls and our protection. Then you have the Briney Breeze project that was proposed, and the reef ball project, and transplanting oyster beds. So much goes into keeping nature working as it should.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. I have dyslexia, which makes me a slow reader, so I rely on audio books for enjoyment. I like historical novels and autobiographies. I picked up a biography of the Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin the other day.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. I like a wide variety of music, from big bands to bagpipes to light opera to Tchaikovsky. I like to listen to marches when I want to feel energetic.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your daily life?
A. “Those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it...” — Edmund Burke. That’s true of any country.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. My grandparents and my parents were great mentors.

We used to have very animated conversations. I came from a family of debaters and I did debate at one time. I can defend my statements as a result of that, even if I know I’m wrong.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you play?
A. Shirley Temple. She was a good person, had very high principles, was hardworking and carried through on what she believed was right and wrong.

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Briny Breezes

New town attorney appointed

By Dan Moffett

For the first time in its 43-year history, the town of Briny Breezes has a lawyer who isn't named Skrandel. The Town Council on June 28 unanimously approved hiring Keith Davis of the West Palm Beach law firm of Davis & Ashley as the new town attorney.

Skrandel held the position for five years, succeeding his father, Jerome, after his death in 2013. Jerome Skrandel was at the table during Briny's founding, signing on as the town's attorney in 1975 after previously representing the corporation.

Davis adds the town to a growing list of municipal clients his firm represents, including Briny's neighbor to the north, Manalapan and Atlantis, Tequesta, Mangonia Park, Palm Beach Shores and Royal Palm Beach.

"I'm very proud of our reputation," Davis told the council during interviews at a June 14 special meeting. "Other attorneys reach out to us."

Davis was unanimously approved for the council's meeting on July 24, a date that was rescheduled to accommodate officials' summer vacations and absences. The overriding decision waiting for the council is whether to approve the existing building or to tear it down and build a structure of different design.

"I don't know which way we're going to go," said Vice Mayor Robert Gottlieb. "We're going to have to decide."

In business:

• Council members are divided over how much to fine dog owners who violate the town's new ordinance that allows police to cite and fine dog owners who bring their pets onto the public beach.

• Mayor Robert Gottlieb. "We're actually working right outside your driveway," Gottlieb said to implement the $250 fines for violators with repeat offenses.

• Councilwoman Sarah Crotty said it was a resolution making the general contractor and subcontractors responsible for its subcontractors' obeying those rules that get a permit, not just new construction, issuing citations to the general contractor instead of offending subcontractors and stopping work when two citations are received; requiring a police escort for any vehicle over 9 tons; and

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By Steve Plunkett

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Two federal grants help town prepare buildings for hurricanes

By Mary Thurwachter

It’ll be a year in September since Hurricane Irma wreaked havoc in Lantana and so many other communities.

But this year, with the hurricane season already underway, the town is fortifying two of its buildings with help from FEMA grants.

News of one of the FEMA grant approvals came late in June. The money is for the police station at 901 NE Eighth St., which functions as the town’s emergency operations center during a hurricane.

The $1.5 million project will consist of installing a new code-compliant roof and installing hurricane barriers on all openings such as windows, doors, skylights, vents, louvers and exhaust fans. The project includes a backup generator. The federal government will cover 75 percent of the cost, with the town paying the remainder.

“Once the town receives an approved agreement from the state (which includes the building, part of the A.G. Holley property), the town will begin the design and bid documents needed to move forward with this project,” said Town Manager Deborah Manzo.

The accordion shutters will allow town staff to spend their time on other pre- and post-disaster efforts.”

In other action, the Town Council:
• Set its second budget work session for 6 p.m. July 9. During the first workshop June 11, the council learned that the estimated taxable value has risen about 8 percent to $1 billion. A proposed tax rate will be chosen in July.
• Turned down a proposal from P3 Global Management to permit a bike-sharing program in Lantana like the one in West Palm Beach.

Delray Beach

Paid parking downtown starts with grace period

By Jane Smith

Free parking in downtown Delray Beach ended in late June.

The city has installed 32 smart parking kiosks on Atlantic Avenue between Swinton Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway and one block north and south of Atlantic.

Meters are enforced from noon to 9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and noon to 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Drivers will each need to note their license plate number and go to the nearest kiosk to pay by credit card, cash or smartphone app. Change is not given.

The city also switched to just one downtown zone for parking time limits before enforcement started. The cost is $1.50 per hour with a three-hour time limit.

“The time and zone changes, we needed extra time to program the meters and redo the signs,” said Susan Goebel-Canning, public works director.

For the first 30 days, until late June, downtown patrons will have a grace period and will not have to pay the tickets, which cost at least $35 per violation. The first 20 minutes are free for those who want to get takeout food or do short errands.

When city staff presented the parking information in early June, they pointed out the revenue the meters would bring to the city — nearly $1 million, after expenses.

Mayor Shelly Petrolia was the lone vote against installing the kiosks. She wanted to see a permit program for city residents to offset the costs to taxpayers paying for the meters and then to park.

The City Commission gave staff 90 days to develop a residents’ parking program, similar to the beach parking permit program.

“City staff talked about the revenue, but the parking management program was supposed to increase turnover on Atlantic while stopping employees and others from parking in the spaces all day,” Petrolia said after the early June commission meeting.

Residents and visitors still can find free parking in the six public parking lots with time limits between two and nine hours.

Free parking until 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays also is available in the city’s two garages: Old School Square and Robert Federspiel. After 4 p.m. until midnight, drivers will pay a flat $5 fee. Sunday parking is free at both garages.

The city’s Downtown Development Authority will help educate the public about where to park. Its downtown safety ambassadors, on foot and bikes, also will have information about parking in the downtown.

East of the Intracoastal Waterway, the parking rate remains $1.50 per hour for up to four hours, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day. East Atlantic Avenue to A1A is metered, as is A1A between Carusi Road and Beach Drive.

In addition, the city has seven beachside parking lots that are metered and enforced between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day at the $1.50 hourly rate.

Drivers with disabled placards or license plates can park for free for three hours west of the Intracoastal or four hours on the beachside.
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growth indicates a healthy and stable real estate market in Palm Beach County, real estate Appraiser Dorothy Jacks said in a video announcing the 2018 valuations.

Speaking to the County Commission on June 19, Jacks said 16 new apartment complexes and additions were added to the tax roll this year, and 20 will be added in 2019, with an average value of $50 million per project. 

Those complexes account for more than $80 million of the total $2.4 billion in new value added to the tax roll, she said.

“The biggest trend in Palm Beach County, apartment complexes is the new condo, “Jacks said.

As it has for the past two years, Delray Beach outpaced other cities in South Palm Beach County with a taxable value increase of 8.62 percent. “People coming here find it to be a place they want to relocate to, “ said the 30th Districts property manager.

Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia. “We have so much growth, an explosion almost, from single-family homes to townhomes to apartment complexes. “

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City adds two from public to CRA board after outcry over commission’s takeover

By Jane Smith


Racial undertones. “Those black community members have spoken those words at Delray Beach City Commission meetings since the beginning of April, when commissioners voted to take over the city’s redevelopment board.

A few hours before the June 5 meeting, where Community Redevelopment Agency board expansion was on the commission agenda, the politics ramped up a notch.

Reggie Cox, a former agency board member, accused Shelly Petrolia, the most divisive mayor in the last 30 years” on his Facebook page. He also shared his post to the Concerned Delray Citizens group page on Facebook, a social media platform.

In addition, he wrote, “The Mayor destroyed a black board. “ The old CRA board had four black and three white members.

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Three weeks prior to the vote, the commission’s only black member, who called for the takeover. The four commission members are white.

The City Commission approved expanding the agency board by a 3-2 vote on June 5. It then voted to add former Commissioner Angie Gray and Pamela Brinson, both black women, giving the CRA board three black members and four white.

Bill Bathurst and Ryan Boylston, both elected commissioners in March, sided against the expansion because they wanted to discuss what their roles would be on the agency. “We are just getting our feet wet,” Bathurst said.

Boylston agreed and said he wanted to have a workshop first to discuss the commission’s vision for the agency. He also wanted to have a few more agency meetings before deciding whether to expand the board.

“We haven’t put it out to the public,” Boylston said. He wanted to wait a week to give the public an opportunity to apply to be board members.

But the city clerk has been taking applications since late March, a few weeks before Johnson had said she wanted to wait a week to take over the CRA board on April 3, the first commission meeting since the election, but left open the possibility of adding members of the public.

By June 5, 30 people had applied to become board members. Nineteen either live in the agency district or have businesses there.

The pool of applicants from the Northwest/Southwest neighborhood, where the commission wants to focus redevelopment, was smaller.

Boylston nominated Connor Lynch, whose dad was mayor. Shelly Petrolia and Connor Lynch both have 12 years of experience combined.

Johnson then nominated Gray, her campaign consultant, for a four-year term on the board. Gray also had served on the CRA board before her election as a city commissioner.

The commission voted 3-2 in favor of the appointment. Vice Mayor Adam Frankel then offered Brinson to serve a two-year term. Brinson had run against Gray in 2014 when Gray lost her re-election bid to former CRA board member.

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When asked if he was sticking to his election slogan, and that “this discussion has already been had,” Boylston said.

The mayor said, “No, sir. There has been no discussion.”

Boylston then said, “I just hope Delray Beach is paying attention.”

Delray Beach city commissioners approved changes to the old lifeguard towers that will add more than $21,000 to what some have called “mini condos” that now sit on the beach.

One change order on June 19 included seven items: extra 30 days to pressure-treat the lumber in a more environmentally friendly manner; extra 70 days to pick the correct color schemes; extra 14 days to comply with state regulations to protect nesting sea turtles; $9,600 for roof material change from cedar shakes to metal; $8,700 for roof color so that the lifeguard towers now match the roofs of the pavilion; $2,906.86 for stainless steel testing of bolts; and extra 30 days starting Nov. 1 to demolish the existing towers.

The state won’t allow demolitions on the beach during turtle-nesting season.

The project manager was not comment or would not say whether they have finalized budgets for the new fiscal year.

City Attorney Max Loxman, whose undergraduate degree was in oceanography, said the surface on the beach is likely to react with sulfur in the air. He also explained that stainless steel is not rustproof, but rust resistant.

The commission voted 4-1 to approve the change order to the lifeguard tower contract, with the mayor dissenting.

Petrolia supported replacing the old lifeguard towers, which were no longer usable, but she didn’t want to spend so much taxpayer dollars on the new ones.

The new lifeguard towers will each have a metal roof, a solar panel to power public safety radios and a fan inside, impact windows, louvered shutters and the hardware would not have to be replaced.

The $21,000 will come from the 5.2 percent state money, since it is a federal aid, which added incommunication.

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He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Betty Brown Vander Wolk; his daughter, Hope Morris; his sons Philip Jefferson Vander Wolk of Santa Fe, N.M.; his sons Donald Powell Vander Wolk of Palm Beach Gardens; and his unique style of management.

Mr. Vander Wolk was born in Brockton, Mass., on June 16, 1930, and grew up in Longmeadow, Mass. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Babson College, where he earned a bachelor degree in business and later sat on the board of trustees.

Mr. Vander Wolk was stationed in Big Spring, Texas, as a flight trainer in the Air Force. While there, he began his real estate development company and eventually parlayed his business sense into owning and operating a variety of successful businesses, including the Inn of the Governors in Santa Fe and the Waterway Cafe in Palm Beach Gardens.

As the employer of thousands over his lifetime — many of whom remained with him for decades — he treated his workers as partners by listening to their advice and distributing to them a handsome share of profits generated by their efforts.

Inspired by the teachings of William Edwards Deming, an American statistician credited with much of the economic rebirth in Japan after World War II, Mr. Vander Wolk wrote and published The Workplace Where Everyone Wins in his life, illustrating his own philosophy of management and his unique style of management.

Mr. Vander Wolk was born for his distinctive looks, his toughness and willingness to live in a house he didn’t design, the convertibles he drove while negotiating a legal pad and a No. 2 pencil in hand, his propensity to be the last to leave a party, his larger-than-life personality and his ability to move well on his feet, whether in black tie on the dance floor or playing net on the tennis court. He enjoyed offshore sailing, golf, socializing, dining with his wife and flying.

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A new Boca Raton house at 899 Enfield St., exclusively listed for sale by Kathryn Gillegipe, an agent with Illustrated Properties, has been selected as a finalist in HGTV’s international Ultimate House Hunt 2018. The $11.5 million home, developed by Mary Widmer of JMW Florida Properties, is one of 12 worldwide properties to be chosen for the “Waterfront Homes” category. The new, five-bedroom, eight-bathroom, 10,000-square-foot home, designed by Ron Rickert of Intelec LLC and built by Ed Cleary of The Cleary Group Custom Homes, features 202 feet of Intracoastal Waterway frontage, a media room, club room, office, two 50-foot docks, an infinity edge pool with a spa and a four-car garage with a lift. The house is a promotion being held at HGTV.com through July 17, and winners are decided by online votes. To vote, visit hgtv.com/design/ultimate-houses/hunt/2018-hgtv-ultimate-house-hunt/waterfront-homes. 

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At $19.88 million, the estate at 6161 N. Ocean Blvd. set a sales record for Ocean Ridge. Photo provided

First place in the “Hunt” category went to the May 31 listing at 3501 N. Ocean Blvd., a 10,000-square-foot estate in Gulf Stream. The sale closed for $23.88 million, a new record for the market. This new 10,000-square-foot home on Enfield Street in Boca Raton takes advantage of the view of the Intracoastal and is a finalist in HGTV’s online Ultimate House Hunt 2018. Photo provided

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Topping off
3550 South Ocean, South Palm Beach — June 15

DDG and Kast Construction celebrated the topping out of the 3550 South Ocean condominium on the site of the old Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn. A topping out is traditionally held when the last beam is placed atop a structure during its construction. Two palm trees were placed on the roof as part of this tradition. Availability starts at $2.3 million for the oceanfront two-bedroom, three-bedroom and penthouse homes. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
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A wave of change
Program teaches kids to swim, surf, instilling confidence and self-esteem

By Lona O’Connor
Jeremiah Decius had just joined Streetwaves, a nonprofit group that teaches kids how to swim and surf, and already he was in trouble.

He was accused of hitting a girl in the group and was asked to leave. But his return after an 18-week absence and progress since then mark one of the group’s success stories.

“It was heartbreaking for me to do that,” Streetwaves founder Maurice “Mau” Goodbeer said of the dismissal. “But it was my hope and prayer that he would return.”

Goodbeer started Streetwaves as an answer to the murder of his younger brother, Melvyn Patterson, in San Diego in 2003. Patterson, 21, was shot to death by a 16-year-old gang member.

Goodbeer couldn’t bring back his brother, but he made a promise when he delivered his brother’s eulogy that he would do something to save inner-city youths from getting involved in gun violence.

Goodbeer, who lives in Delray Beach with his wife and two young daughters, began surfing as a boy. He is convinced that the ocean can change the way youngsters interact with their environment.

Ten years ago, while surfing, he decided that he would honor his promise by sharing his love of the ocean with children.

In Miami, he added a surfing program at Alonzo Mourning’s Overtown Youth Center and learned how to start a nonprofit. In Broward County, Deerfield Beach Middle School students learn to swim and surf in a daily program supported by private donors, grants and the city of Deerfield Beach. The Streetwaves kids have
Philanthropy Notes

Cultural Council receives gift to support arts growth

Donald Ephraim and Maxine Marks, on behalf of the Donald M. Ephraim Family Foundation, have made a $250,000 gift to the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County to support the nonprofit’s mission to grow the arts in the community.

The donation will pay for planning, advocacy and community relations, as well as a five-year capacity-building program that includes training for cultural organizations and their leaders.

“Don and Maxine are philanthropists who care about this community and its future,” said Nathan Slack, the council’s board chairman.

In other council news, David Lawrence, who has spent nearly two decades at the Arts Council of Indianapolis, will become the new president and CEO in August. Lawrence’s arts-management background includes working with the Indianapolis Opera, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and the Indiana Repertory Theatre. For the last nine years, he served as president and CEO of the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

“He brings a passion for arts and culture, a strong strategic perspective and an infectious enthusiasm for the role he will be taking on with the cultural council,” said Bill Parmelee, the council’s board vice chairman.

Boyon Beach CRA awards two more grants

The Community Caring Center of Greater Boynton Beach and Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County are the newest beneficiaries of a Boynton Beach CRA grant through the Nonprofit Organization Grant Program, or NOGP.

NOGP is a new initiative that allocates money to assist organizations with economic and business development and affordable housing. The Community Caring Center of Greater Boynton Beach was awarded $57,681 for its Secret Garden Café Culinary Incubator, which offers training in all aspects of the culinary arts. Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County was awarded $40,000 for The Door to Sustainability Project, which consists of the construction of four new homes, the repair and maintenance of six homes, a neighborhood cleanup project and educational workshops.

Earlier this year, an NOGP grant of $32,077 was awarded to Pathways to Prosperity’s Grant for Palm Beach County Program.

Palm Beach boat show donates $35,000

The Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation and Sherri Santos House Family Ministries were the recipients of $35,000 from the Palm Beach International Boat Show thanks to a charitable campaign with Bennett Auto Supply, Informa Exhibitions and the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County.

Attendees who purchased a $24 ticket at any local Bennett Auto Supply store received a second ticket free, with all proceeds divided between the two charities.

“Knowing that the Palm Beach International Boat Show is successful thanks to the support of our local community, it’s important to us that we serve as community stewards and do our part to make South Florida a better place,” said Mary Bender, vice president of marketing at Informa Exhibitions, the company that manages and produces the show.

Local travel professionals form new nonprofit

Palm Beach Travel, a Manalapan-based agency, along with partners British Virgin Island Tourism, Crystal Cruise Lines, Etihad, Lamborghini and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, have formed a nonprofit called TravelCares.

TravelCares presented its first donation of more than $50,000 to the British Virgin Islands Recovery Fund.

“Our goals for our inaugural event were to raise funds to support hurricane recovery, provide insight into the devastating impact of Hurricane Irma on the people and economy of the BVI, give updates from BVI Tourism and encourage attendees to contribute to recovery efforts through the event, through the official BVI Tourism Board donation site and through visiting hotels and resorts as they resume operations,” said Annie Davis, president of Palm Beach Travel.

Palm Beach Poetry Festival scores NEA grant

The National Endowment for the Arts has approved more than $80 million in grants as part of the organization’s second major funding announcement for this year. Included in the announcement was an Art Works grant of $10,000 to the Palm Beach Poetry Festival.

The grant will promote “different perspectives and unique experiences for the region and the nation,” according to the NEA website.

“Through the work of organizations such as Palm Beach Poetry Festival … NEA funding invests in local communities, helping people celebrate the arts wherever they are,” departing NEA Chairwoman Jane Chu said.

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Celebrations

Literacy Links Golf Tournament
Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course — May 22

The event was a big success thanks to generous sponsors, good players, a gorgeous golf course and cooperation from the weather. Lunch and a silent auction followed. The benefit brought in $20,000 for the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. ABOVE: (l-r) Dr. Peter Bonuttii, Iain Calder, Harrison Calder and Glen Calder. Photo provided

Check presentation
Boca Helping Hands, Boca Raton — May 2

Karen Swedenborg, development manager at Boca Helping Hands, accepted a $1,000 donation from the Highland Beach chapter of UNICO National. The funds were made possible by the Ralph J. Torraco Food Bank/Shelter Fund Grant. ABOVE: Swedenborg with Frank LoRe Jr., the chapter’s district governor. Photo provided

UNICO National meeting
Arturo’s Ristorante, Boca Raton — May 7

At an evening event, the chairwomen of the Women of Grace Luncheon announced the 2018 honorees. More than 75 guests attended, including hospital administrators, committee members and family and friends of the six distinguished women. ABOVE: (l-r) honorees Debralyn Bellelierti, Deborah Dowd, Gail Oliver, Isabella Diefendorf, 16, Beth Schatman and Patricia Tormey. Photo provided by Downtown Photo

Soroptimist International breakfast
Babione-Kraeer Funeral Home, Boca Raton — May 23

Every year, Dollars 4 Tic Scholars brightens the summer for two children by sponsoring their attendance fees for a special summer camp. At the organization’s fourth annual event, a group of supporters gathered to enjoy drinks and hors d’oeuvres — and to paint blue lions, which represent the courage children with Tourette syndrome need to have — to raise money to cover the $900-per-child cost. Photo: (l-r) Elaine Koehler, Denise Alman, Joanne Scheller and Maria Jula. Photo provided

Summer Camp Paint Party
Vino Van Gogh, Delray Beach – June 10

Soroptimist International of Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach, which focuses on improving the lives of girls and women, honored 16 local nonprofits that do the same. Breakfast Chairwoman Lisa Jensen, with Co-Presidents Marybeth Keenan and Dr. Heidi Schaeffer, greeted 60-plus members and handed out awards. LEFT: (l-r) Helen Babione, Suzy Broad, Sandy Gerstein and Karen Hanson. Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

Women of Grace reception
Bethesda Hospital East, Boynton Beach – May 17

UNICO National meeting
Arturo’s Ristorante, Boca Raton — May 7

The Highland Beach chapter of UNICO National gathered for its May meeting, attended by special guests Dr. Frank and Linda DeFrank. Dr. DeFrank addressed members and presented Frank LoRe Jr., the chapter’s district governor, with a 25-year pin. Keynote speaker was Rita Thrasher, founder of Boca Raton’s Promise, a mental health nonprofit that received a $1,000 donation. ABOVE: (l-r) Frank Todaro, Cleve Guy, Rosaria Gismondi, the DeFranks, Charles Maikish, Madeline LoRe and Ralph Gengo. Photo provided
Dine Out Downtown Delray highlights summer events at eateries

Locals finally get relief on the roads, in shops and at restaurants now that the snowbirds have flown. They’re the beneficiaries of a city’s or region’s Restaurant Week (or month) — when programs all around South Florida showcase the new eats in town, as well as other favorites dusting things off with new menus or other changes. Such as it is with Dine Out Downtown Delray, set for Aug. 1-7. More than 25 restaurants or food shops are scheduled to participate.

That’s the ultimate reason and purpose for this event,” said Laura Simon, executive director of Delray Beach’s Downtown Development Authority. “It gives everyone every chance to try out new items, at a discount. Trying out new items, at a discount.

The udon and soba.”

She said. “And a couple of traditional noodle dishes, but I like to add a little Thai and Korean to the menu; other bits and bobs. That’s the lab — experimental part of the restaurant.”

The brand opened in Boca Raton, where fast-casual isn’t as popular yet, he said. It also has two stalls in the Grandview Market food hall in West Palm Beach, a Ramen Lab and a Poke Lab.

Grayson will step out of the traditional noodle shop format with Asian fusion, where a pan-Asian spin will be added — experimental part of the menu. “It rocks till 2 a.m. So it’s proven to be a late-night spot and he’s adjusting to that, as well. It rocks till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

In brief

The Driftwood restaurant, which opened this spring, is making waves in Boynton Beach. It’s in the old Scully’s location on Federal Highway. It’s a Polynesian casual atmosphere, with modern cuisine, craft cocktails and a good brunch in the mix.

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Nearby, Truluck’s, a seafood spot, and Uncle Julio’s, a Mexican eatery, also have closed in Boca’s downtown area. …

Down in Fort Lauderdale, Sablino’s exit is making waves. The vegetarian full-service restaurant, a fixture on Federal Highway for 15 years, closed its doors suddenly in May. It hosted the likes of Sir Paul McCartney and other celeb vegetarians over the years.

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Lake Worth’s Bamboo Room gets yet another new life

By Bill Meredith
ArtPaper Music Writer

Risen from the ashes, the Bamboo Room opened for the fourth time in Lake Worth on June 8 as the Phoenix Charity Bar at the Bamboo Room. The reason for the new name is based more on benevolence than the mythical bird’s revival, though. More on that later.

The iconic venue, in the 1920s-era Paradise Building, has featured international blue- rock, and jazz/fusion artists (Bo Diddley, Elvin Bishop, Hubert Sumlin, Dan Hicks, Garaj Mahal, Col. Bruce Hampton, Joe Bonamassa, NRBO) intermittently since first opening in 1999. Closures in the late 2000s and mid-2010s led to the site’s third installment, in which the only recurring activities were Sunday services under management by Mike Olive, pastor for Common Grounds Church.

Patrons once poured in for the club’s initial blues-heavy, decade-long run with something bordering on religious fervor, but any of those in attendance for the Phoenix Charity Bar’s maiden voyage quickly realized that this was not their father’s Bamboo Room.

“We don’t want to focus on just one musical genre,” said general manager Stephen Werkle, who has leased the bar for three years with partners Dan Popejoy and Michael LaMorte. “We want to be open five nights a week and feature all different kinds of music, primarily by area acts, and also have some karaoke, comedy shows and movie nights here.”

An hour into its existence, the bar’s first presentation was the metallic reggae sounds, and ample dreadlocked hair, of the shirtless Lake Worth band Space Coast Ghosts. Next up was West Palm Beach retro 1980s quartet Static Momentum, followed by area country trio the Tom Blake Band. Things got more pop-centric later in the evening through local group Lavola and singer/songwriter Lindsey Mills, who’s also bassist/vocalist for the international, Wellington-sprung band Surfer Blood. But no blues was served.

The trend continued the following night via another esoteric locals lineup including Broot McCoy, Stinky Gringos, Vibes Farm, and Yardji. The turn away from a blues-heavy format had actually started during the second incarnation of the Bamboo Room, when it was run by the Paradise Building’s owners, area real estate agent Ryan Mueller and finance industry veteran Blaine Minton. They eventually closed the club, but continue to own the building.

As attendance reached near-maximum capacity around 10 p.m. June 8, mostly new faces mixed with occasional Bamboo Room veterans like Marlon Foster, visitor services and music manager at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. Mueller made an appearance, as did his Paradise Building co-owner’s father, David Minton. A former Bamboo Room

See BAMBOO on AT6

Art

‘Nomadic’ tapestries weave their way into our minds, hearts

By Gretel Sarmiento
ArtPaper Art Writer

Picasso, Miró, Dalí, Chagall, Raphael and Rubens experimented with it, but tapestry is still not the sexiest medium in the world of art. Given the right time, space and patience, however, this ancient practice — once held in higher esteem than sculpture and painting — blows away the most skeptical art fan. Trust me. I’m one of them.

When I engagement ring you have been hinting at and the question you know to be imminent but pretend not to see coming, Nomadic Murals: Contemporary Tapestries and Carpets is a truly unexpected surprise. One that triggers an entirely different question: Where have you been all my life?

More than 40 large-scale carpets and tapestries are on view at the Boca Raton Museum of Art through Oct. 21. All are original concepts by contemporary artists. A lion and a man share the same body in Sometimes, a semi-autobiographical work by Miami-based artist Carlos Luna, which features his characteristic bold style and energy. The lower portion of the body ascends into the red sky where it splits into two heads: animal and human. Ghostly shadows mimicking the same pose as the beast haunt it along the way.

Luna exhibited works on paper in a solo show at the Boca Raton Museum last summer. This jacquard tapestry, created in 2015, shares more than the common subject of animals with those pieces; it retains the same impetus. The jacquard method, invented by Joseph Marie Jacquard in 1804, uses perforated cards — much like the first computers — that dictate the colored thread to be used. Each punched hole corresponds to an individual warp thread. Eventually, the practice evolved and faster methods emerged but the basics are the same. Colored weft threads are woven into fixed warp threads, creating a thick textile fabric.

 Floridians will instantly relate to the bad weather developing in April Gornik’s Rain, Storm and Light (2017), which treats us to a picture of dexterity and realism-dreamlike quality, for which the New York-based artist is known, but the loose ends and irregular shapes she has conquered. With boundaries that slowly blur to make way for a new color and clouds that seem in constant motion, this is a picture of dexterity and control. It lacks the sharpness of Gornik’s oil paintings, but certainly preserves her voice: “I am an artist that values, above all, the ability of art to move me emotionally and psychically,” reads her online statement.

Favored in ancient times
See NOMADIC on AT7

Duppy Conqueror II (2017), by Faisal Abdu’Allah, at the Boca Museum of Art. Magnolia Editions
managing partner, the elder Minton has run his own clothing company, Action Sportwear, since 1988. "I still do a few things with the Paradise Building, but not with the club anymore," Minton said. "Stephen, Dan and Michael are good guys with good ideas, and I've always enjoyed coming here. My wife, Virginia, used to hostess here, and we had some great times. I'm glad to see it back open, and the building has some good tenants downstairs as well. The pub Revelry has a nice atmosphere and selection of brews, and Rudy's, where the Bamboo office used to be, has been doing well since opening here in February."

Werkle, who runs his own area information technology business, was talked into partnership at the Phoenix Charity Bar by Popejoy — a senior corporate executive who founded the Lake Worth-based nonprofit The Phoenix Mission in 2017. As its CEO and chairman of the board, Popejoy oversees programs to collect clothing for needy people, and particularly otherwise-wasted food from grocery stores, restaurants and farms to distribute to food banks, pantries and homeless shelters. Phoenix Charity Bar partner LaMorte is also that nonprofit’s vice president of media and PR. Proceeds from the club (advertised on its Facebook site as “The First-Ever Charity Bar in Florida”) will aid in the organization’s efforts. "Dan moved an impressive 40,000 pounds of food to hungry people through the Phoenix Mission last year," Werkle said. "When he said he wanted to continue its mission by opening a bar, I told him he was crazy. Then I walked into this place for the first time, and said, 'Where do I sign?' After we cover our expenses, we donate 30 percent directly to the Phoenix Mission. We’re using the rest to save up for a food bank."

The room bears many similarities to the one that initially opened in 1999. There are the same leopard-skin stairs leading up to its hardwood floors, some of the same art and memorabilia on the walls, and cocktail mixers behind the original stately bar. Look up, and you’ll see the same vaulted wood ceiling and unique, tubular air-conditioning ducts. The outdoor patio, where patrons can go to smoke and/or enjoy lesser volume, remains the same, with food trucks beneath it in the back parking lot. And the stage features the same PA system and house Yamaha drum kit.

On opening night, the tardy sound engineer wasn’t around to help when Space Coast Ghosts drummer Alex Mandel had trouble with both the house kit’s kick and snare drums.

If You Go
Misfits Mondays, Phat Taco Tuesdays and Karaoke Thursdays start at 7 p.m. at the Phoenix Charity Bar at the Bamboo Room, 25 S. J St., Lake Worth. At press time, the following acts were scheduled: Lindsey Mills & Friends at 8 p.m. July 6; The Ricca Project at 8 p.m. July 11; Kelly Blaxx Reggae Night at 9 p.m. July 18; SoleMark at 9 p.m. July 20; Spred the Dub at 9 p.m. Aug. 4; and Unlimited Devotion at 8 p.m. Aug. 17. See the bar’s Facebook page for updated listings.
for its ease of transportation, the art of tapestry lacks the sensationalism that comes from associations with notoriously temperamental stars, drugs, alcoholism and suicides. It is a long-distance runner; not a sprinter. Its pace is methodical, requires focus and consumes lower but continuous bursts of energy. Luckily, neither the hard work that goes into it nor its susceptibility to bugs and climate is deterring modern artists from exploring it. Some of the works included here are hand-woven by the artists themselves, while others are the product of collaborations with art galleries, production companies and rug manufacturers.

Color patches in pale blues and rosy pinks blend to give shape to the gigantic male nude in *Reclining Youth*, which spans 82 by 169 inches. Slowly, out of the chaos, and thanks to a carefully calculated use of color, emerges the man’s flesh, muscles and head. The piece has a raw, distressed quality and reflects Leon Golub’s fascination with Greek mythology. Although it looks as if the figure has been beaten up (he is covered in bruises and fluids are gushing out of wounds), this is still a cheerier take from the controversial artist/political activist who portrayed dictators, war victims, hangings and torture chambers. The Met exhibited many of his darker works in May.

The Chicago-born artist, who died in 2004, borrowed inspiration from his 1959 painting of the Great Altar of Zeus at Berlin’s Pergamon Museum. This 2003 tapestry was done in collaboration with Magnolia Editions, an art studio that employs a computerized system to preserve the essence of an artist’s design with “no alteration from the weaver” and has the tapestries woven at a family-owned mill in Belgium.

If You Go

Nomadic Murals: Contemporary Tapestries and Carpets runs through Oct. 21 at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues., Wed. and Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thurs.; noon-5 p.m. Sat. and Sun. Admission: $12; $10 for seniors; free for museum members, students and children 12 and younger. Info: 392-2500 or bocamuseum.org

NOMADIC
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Wine and beer selections were limited to predictable brands, including no draft beers—a stark contrast to the initial Bamboo Room’s high-end bottled and draft imports and craft brews. And because of a thin wait staff, the bar got backed up as the crowd grew later in the evening. All, perhaps, growing pains that will improve, or have already.

“We’re in the process of getting the phone number changed,” Werkle said, “so for now, the best way to contact us is on Facebook through the Bamboo Room or Phoenix Charity Bar pages.”

At press time, those pages advertised weekly music events on Fridays at 7 p.m., plus a trickle of ongoing additions, as the fledgling club was firming up its calendar.

“A few technical hiccups aside, the grand opening was a HUGE success,” Werkle wrote on the venue’s Facebook site June 9. “Thank you to everybody who came out, and to our awesome staff!”

BAMBOO
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BAMBOO (2015), a jacquard tapestry by Kiki Smith, currently on view at the Boca Raton Museum of Art. Magnolia Editions
Reviews

Here are edited reviews of current performances. For the full reviews, see palmbeachartsreview.com.

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Next stop: Delray Beach, where Goodbeer plans to start a
free Saturday surfing program starting Sept. 1, on the heels of Streetwaves’
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Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton; 392-
9446 Guardian Angels.

He was mine, as
were both born on Aug. 31. “We
were swimming 1,000 yards a day.”

Novices learning fast
Many of his students have never been to a beach before.
At first they have some apprehensions about the water,” said Goodbeer.
Apprehensions are gone now, as the kids pile out of the Streetwaves van, zip into
dive into the surf and paddle out to find waves.
The van is a converted SWAT vehicle now filled with youngsters and surfboards
instead of police and automatic weapons.

Like the others in Streetwaves, Guerdy Laurent, 12, a seventh-grader at Deerfield
Middle School, learned swimming first, then practiced surfing techniques on the sand
before he was ready for the water.

“Just watching Coach Maui helps me a lot,” he said.

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This downtown Boca Raton lunch spot
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The place is tiny, with 10 tables. It specializes in soups, salads and sandwiches, but the banana
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The students have to prove they are strong swimmers before they start surfing, and 10 of
the current group learned well enough to be invited to join swim teams.

“Swimming!” they all shouted in a chorus.

Maya Hodges, 12, of Pompano Beach, is working on
popups, going from prone on the board to standing up.

“She has a great popup,” said Goodbeer.

“Her name is swimming, as far as I was concerned. I took
him to the beach with me all the time. We were each other’s
guardian angels.”

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Something that’s better than just desserts

The Plate: Banana cake
The Place: Tin Muffin Café, 364 E.
Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton; 392-
9446
The Price: $8; cash only
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It's the end of an era for the Congregational United Church of Christ of Boynton Beach, but it isn't the end. The church, better known as Boynton UCC, is working on an agreement to lease back part of the building it recently sold to the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. The church would pay $10 a month until Dec. 31, 2020.

The congregation will have a much smaller space — about one-quarter of the building — but enough to continue services for the time being. A former agreement had the church, which has been a fixture in Boynton Beach since it opened in 1976, vacating in mid-December. Now the city library will occupy most of the building beginning in mid-August. It will move into the space temporarily while the city’s Town Square project is under construction. The church hopes to stay until the library moves into its new building.

The 1.3-acre tract on the west side of Federal Highway between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue downtown is worth $3 million to the city, which owns an adjacent parcel of land. It’s a good investment for the city. Mayor Steven Grant said, considering its prime location and potential uses. For one thing, it would help solve the parking issues resulting from the blooming revitalization of this neighborhood.

The new 500 Ocean, a retail and residential development that’s nearly finished, will have about 340 one- to three-bedroom apartments plus 20,000 square feet of retail space. Other planned projects include Ocean One (more apartments and retail), Town Square (about 16 acres off Boynton Beach Boulevard that includes City Hall, the historic high school, the library and the police station, which will all be rebuilt) and The Villages at East Ocean Avenue (more homes and commercial space). The site is also important to the planned Tri-Rail Coastal Link station just across the FEC tracks. The commuter train service would run on the Florida East Coast Railway in Palm Beach County, and a station is planned for Boynton on the west side of Northeast Fourth Street.

One sticking point in negotiations had been what to do with the church’s cross and the stained-glass windows. Under the new agreement, the cross will be moved inside, and the windows will stay in place until the church moves. The windows were designed by renowned artist Conrad Pickel, who died in Boynton Beach in 1994 and whose work is found in more than 700 churches throughout the world. An art tour hosted by the Boynton Beach Historical Society featured Pickel’s work, including pieces at other city landmarks — Boynton Beach Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Ascension Lutheran Church and St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church — so the city plans to preserve the windows for the benefit of the citizens of Boynton Beach.

But the church won’t be able to keep its thrift shop. Volunteers packed up the goods and donated them to charity. Fred Birdsall, a moderator at the church and a former inspector for Boynton Beach, called the deal “a win-win for us and the city. It’s been a pleasure working with the city on this.”

Birdsall and his wife, Jean, are well-known in Boynton, which no doubt smoothed negotiations. Jean Birdsall clerked for the both the city manager and the police chief and is active with the Friends of the Library, according to her husband. The church, just blocks from the Intracoastal Waterway, once boasted 250 active members and now has fewer than 50. Just shy of his 83rd birthday, Birdsall says he worries about the dwindling membership, but he’s prepared to leave that, too, in God’s hands. “The good Lord has been looking down on us. We’re doing very well.”

Between the time the library closes at 8:30 p.m. July 12 and re-opening at the church building at 9 a.m. Aug. 13, there will be no physical location for the library. Materials will be due on Aug. 20. Library card holders will have access to electronic resources (audio and electronic books and databases) at www.boynton-beach.org/city-library. Janis Fontaine writes about people of faith, their congregations, causes and events. Contact her at janisfontaine@outlook.com.
July 7-14

Monday - 7/9 - Ladies of Mary St Mark Catholic Church, 645 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Follows 8:30 Mass every M. Free. 734-9190, stmarkbytheocean.com

7/9 - Monday Morning Women’s Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Glacian St. Every M 10-11 am. Free. 276-6361, stmarkbytheocean.com

7/9 - Women's Bible Study at St. Mark Episcopal Church, 2708 N. Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every M 10 am. Free. 276-1663, saudi1663ths.com

7/9 - Rosary for Peace at St. Vincent Ferrer Adoration Chapel, 840 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Every M 7 pm. Free. 276-4892, stmarkbytheocean.com

Tuesday - 7/10 - Lectio Divina at St Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1085 Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Benedictine practice of scripture reading, meditation, prayer. Every T 9-10 am. Free. 276-6411, stpaulsdelray.org


7/10 - Bible Study at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 81 St Paul’s Dr, Delray Beach. Every M 7:30-8:30 pm. Free. 276-6411, stpaulsdelray.org

7/10 - Women’s Bible Study at St. Mark Catholic Church, 645 St Mark Pl, Boynton Beach. Every T 7-8 pm. Nominal fee. Free-will offering for study guide. Register: 734-9368; stmarkbytheocean.com Wednesday - 7/11 - St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Bible Study @ Patrons, 1701 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. Every W 9 am. Free. 276-4541, stpaulsdelray.org

7/11 - Centering Prayer at St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church, 1100 S. Swinton Blvd, Boynton Beach. Every W 1:30 pm. Fee: 734-3805, stjosephsboyntonbeach.com

7/11 – Wonderful Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 10 Glacian St, Delray Beach. All ages. Every W 4-5 pm dinner. 30 min program. 571-5504; 575-5005 per family. Reservations: 276-4542, stpaulsdelray.org

7/11 - Rector’s Bible Study at St Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Every W 10 am open space (you & adult, donation requested). 7 pm Bible study (free). 395-8218, stgregorysdelray.org Thursday - 7/12 - Prayer Circle at Trinity Lutheran Church, 490 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach. Every Th 9:30 am-noon. Free. 378-7177, trinitydelray.org

7/12 - Men’s Fellowship at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 10 Glacian St. Every Th 8:30 am. Fee: 276-6361, stmarkbytheocean.com

7/12 - Women’s Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Delray Beach. Every Th 10 am-noon. Free. 395-1344, flmcbocaraton.org

7/12 - Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God @ St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 444 George Bush Blvd, Delray Beach. Augustine Institute’s 6-week series. Every Th through 8/7-7:30 pm. Free. 365-8564, Chestercoster.com Friday - 7/13 - Women’s Bible Study Group at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 360 NE 2nd St, Boca Raton. Every F 7:15 am. Free. 395-8225, stgregorysdelray.org

7/13 - Couples’ Bible Study Group at First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd, Delray Beach. Every F 6-7 pm. Free. 395-1344, flmcbocaraton.org

July 15-21

Thursday - 7/19 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pel Theological at Barrel of Monks, 1141 S. Rogers Circle #5. Conversation, fellowship, open discussion. 3rd Thu. 395-1344, flmcbocaraton.org

7/19 - Interfaith Cafe: Matters of the Heart at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach. Speaker Brett Puterbaugh 7-9 pm. Free. 334-2046, interfaithcafe.org

Friday - 7/20 - Parents of St. Gregory’s at St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd, Boca Raton. Potluck dinner, discussion targeted to young parents with children age 2-10. childcare available for free. 395-8225, stgregorysdelray.org

July 29-Aug 4

Thursday - 8/2 - Open House at Sanctuary of the Woods, 19801 SW 81st Ave. 11 to Th 7 pm. Free. 395-7221, sbkc.org

Religion

Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 6/29. Please check with organizers for any changes.
Boca Raton Regional Hospital is paying homage to its founder by naming its existing inpatient facility the Gloria Drummond Patient Tower. The action was taken in response to a $250 million gift from philanthropist Elaine J. Wold and the Bay Foundation in April. Wold is a Boca Raton-based seven-story patient tower, which is part of the hospital's proposed $260 million expansion and renovation project. The name, Wold, is a fitting one, given Dr. Robert Wold's lifelong friend. Wold is a Boca Raton Regional Hospital's founder and Wold's lifelong friend. While the structure, when completed, will reflect that name, it was thought that Wold's largesse should be immediately recognized.

"With the magnitude of Elaine's gift and her material and long-standing support of our hospital in other areas such as our Wold Family Center for Emergency Medicine and the Gloria Drummond Physical Rehabilitation Institute, we thought it most fitting to have her request realized now and affix Gloria's name to the present-day hospital as well," said Mark Larkin, president of Boca Raton Regional's Foundation. Boca Raton Regional Hospital has begun offering regenerative medicine therapy for orthopedic patients undergoing rehabilitation for osteoarthritis of the knee.

The treatment uses the body's natural healing process to stimulate healing, diminish pain and restore the normal function in the affected areas. Joshua Rothenberg, D.O. and director of regenerative medicine at the hospital, noted that the therapies often help patients recover quicker and return to their lives sooner.

"I employ regenerative medicine as part of a comprehensive rehabilitation program that is focused on the strengthening of the musculoskeletal system," he said. "While the field is still relatively new, we know that the body has an inherent ability to heal itself from injury."

The mainstay of the therapy include the use of platelet-rich plasma as well as new regenerative cellular treatments, which contain a patient's own mesenchymal stem cells.

The Kathy Krickstein Pressel MammoVan arrived at Boca Raton Regional Hospital in June, showing off a new design. The van, which travels to South Florida community events, businesses and health fairs, has customized mammography and exam suites, a waiting area, new awning and wheelchair lift. It also offers the more comfortable Senographe Pristina 3-D Mammography. The Kathy Krickstein Pressel MammoVan is financed with contributions from Boca Raton resident Morgan Pressel Bush, the Morgan Pressel Foundation and The St. Andrews Country Club.

The Christine E. Lynn Women's Health & Wellness Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital has begun to offer Saturday appointments for mammograms, breast ultrasounds and bone density on the first Saturday of each month. Major insurances are accepted and financial assistance is available for those without coverage who qualify. Appointments can be made by calling 955-4700.

Florida Atlantic University's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing received a $2.8 million grant from the Florida Department of Health Resources & Services Administration for a four-year, $5 million Career-Based Academic Partnerships in Excellence, RNs in Primary Care project. It is aimed to recruit and prepare nursing students registered nurses to practice in community-based primary care teams. The award is for three consecutive years, the grant totals $6.4 million.

The overarching goal of our program is to create healthier communities in rural and underserved populations," said Karthikeyan A. Edwards, project director and assistant professor of nursing. "With this latest grant, we will educate and provide clinical training to establish a primary care workforce of students with a bachelor of science in nursing degree who are practice-ready and willing to serve our veterans and patients in rural and underserved communities."

Some good news in the fight against strokes: Delray Medical Center is offering a new procedure, transcatheter artery recanalization, to treat carotid artery disease and prevent strokes. It’s clinically proven, minimally invasive and a safe approach for high-surgical-risk patients who need carotid artery treatment.

"To have an implantable new option in the fight against stroke and is particularly suited for the large portion of patients we see who have high-risk complications of carotid surgery due to age, anatomy or other medical conditions," said Dr. Joseph R. Betz, medical director of vascular surgery and endovascular therapy at Tenet Healthcare, who performed the procedure at Delray Medical Center.

The new procedure is unique in that blood flow is temporarily reversed so that any small bits of plaque that may break off are diverted away from the brain, preventing a stroke from happening. A stent is then placed inside the artery to stabilize the plaque, minimizing the risk of a future stroke. For more information or for a free physician referral, call 800-897-9789 or visit delraymedicalctr.com.

Summer mornings are looking brighter for many people who are food-deprived. Delray Medical Center, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, St. Mary's Medical Center and West Boca Medical Center donated more than 73,000 servings of cereal to local food banks in Palm Beach County during their Thirty Over Hungry Cereal Drive, which ran in the first week of June.

"The donations collected will help provide local children and adults struggling with hunger with a healthy breakfast during the summer," said Joy Bentley, executive officer of Tenet’s Palm Beach County hospitals. "Good nutrition is essential to good health, and we wanted to help lead the fight against hunger in Palm Beach County."

The hospitals partnered and donated to the following local organizations: 7,000 servings from Delray Medical Center to CROS Ministries Food Pantry; 2,749 servings from Good Samaritan Medical Center to Feeding South Florida; 8,432 servings from Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center to Feeding South Florida; 4,721 servings from St. Mary’s Medical Center to Boys and Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County; and 8,190 servings from West Boca Medical Center to Boca Helping Hands.

Wendy Lo, the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens' curator of education, has received the Health Care Innovation Award for her work on the Stroll for Well-Being Program at the gardens. The award was presented at the Palm Beach County Medical Society Services' annual luncheon and awards ceremony at the Kravis Center. The Stroll for Wellness benefits include the enhancement of mental and physical wellness, and mitigating symptoms of depression. Lo has represented the program for nine years at national garden conferences, inspiring others to launch similar walking initiatives, including San Diego's Japanese Friendship Garden and the Yume Japanese Gardens of Tucson. For more information, call 495-2333 or visit morikami.org/for-adults/special-programs-stroll-for-well-being.

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens is at 4000 N. Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach.

Abbey Delray South senior living community has a new executive director, Rachel Blumberg.

"Rachel has the background, experience and leadership skills necessary to help us bring Delray South to continued growth and success," said Sloan Bentley, President and CEO of LifeSpace, which owns and operates Abbey Delray South.

Blumberg has a bachelor’s degree in social work from Florida State University as well as a master’s degree in health service administration from Florida International University. She’s also a Florida State Humanitarian of the Year award winner, recognizing her hospice-related volunteer efforts.

Nominations are open for the Susan G. Komen South Florida Race for the Cure 2019 Florida Warriors in Pink breast cancer survivors. Each year, eight Warriors are selected and recognized for their fight against breast cancer to support a light on advancements in breast cancer survival and to help others through their journeys. Tell a breast cancer survivor to write or on video about your mother, sister, best friend or yourself. To download the nomination form, visit komensouthflorida.org/2019-warriors-in-pink.

Send health news to Christine Davis at cdavis979@gmail.com.

### Health Notes

**Inpatient tower’s name honors Boca Raton hospital’s founder**

Boca Raton Regional Hospital is paying homage to its founder by naming its existing inpatient facility the Gloria Drummond Patient Tower. The action was taken in response to a $250 million gift from philanthropist Elaine J. Wold and the Bay Foundation in April. Wold is a Boca Raton-based seven-story patient tower, which is part of the hospital’s proposed $260 million expansion and renovation project. The name, Wold, is a fitting one, given Dr. Robert Wold’s lifelong friend.
Health Calendar

JULY 7
Saturday - 7/7 - Freedom Meditation @ Delray Beach Community Center, 501 SW 2nd St. 10 am. Free. 777-6696; delraybeachcc.org

JULY 8
Thursday - 7/8 - Tai Chi Class @ Bethesda Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Presented by Little Champs Foundation. Every Sat through 11/3 10 am-noon. 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

JULY 10
Monday - 7/10 - Yoga with Cara @ Delray Beach Library, 100 W. Ocean Ave. Every Mon 9-10:15 am. Free. 772-5415; ymca.org

JULY 11
Tuesday - 7/11 - Tai Chi Class @ Bethesda Heart Hospital, 340 SW 1st St. Boca Raton. Held again 7/19 11 am-12:00 pm. Free. 772-5415; ymca.org

JULY 12
Monday - 7/12 - Yoga Class @ First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every Mon 9-10:30 am. $5/session. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org

JULY 13
Tuesday - 7/13 - Men’s Issues Support Group @ Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Rd, Boca Raton. Every W 10-11 am. Free. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org

JULY 14
Wednesday - 7/14 - Safe Baby: Prepare, Prevent & Respond @ Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Identify leading causes of injuries to older adults, other hazards in the home, learn simple steps to correct them. 4:30-6:30 pm. Free. 731-2273; publicrelations@BHInc.org

JULY 15
Tuesday - 7/15 - Zumba @ South Palm Beach Tennis, 101 NW 22nd St. Boca Raton. Presented by Little Champs Foundation. Third Sun of the month 4-5:30 pm. Free. 955-4468; brrh.com

JULY 16
Wednesday - 7/16 - Safety Baby Care-Newborn and Care @ Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Cypressing, treading, soothing baby. 6-8:30 pm $150/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

JULY 17
Tuesday - 7/17 - Caregivers & TV Guide’s Safety to Your Home Safety @ Bethesda Heart Hospital, 340 SW 1st St. Boca Raton. Presented by Little Champs Foundation. 7:30-10:30 am. Free. 955-4468; brrh.com

JULY 22
Wednesday - 7/22 - Baby & Llamas @ Costa Raton Community Center, 200 Crawford Blvd. CPU mice teaches nutrition, timing, and framework of the basic patterns. No partners needed. 7:30-9:30 pm. Free. 955-4468; brrh.com

JULY 23
Tuesday - 7/23 - Intro: Mindful Meditation @ First United Methodist Church Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. Every W 5-6:30 pm. Free. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org

JULY 24
Wednesday - 7/24 - Mediation and Law @ Costa Raton Community Center, 101 W Palm Aire Dr. Boca Raton. 11 am-noon. Free. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org

JULY 25
Tuesday - 7/25 - Free Yoga Class @ Palm Beach Town Hall, 3577 S Ocean Blvd. Every 1st and 3rd Sat 10 am. $10/class; 60-day course $21.50/resident; $27/non-resident. 858-8889; southpalmbeach.com

JULY 27
Thursday - 7/27 - Zumba Gold @ Cafe Rata Community Center, 101 Crawford Blvd. Cafe Rata teaches nutrition, timing, and framework of the basic patterns. No partners needed. 7:30-9:30 pm. Free. 955-4468; brrh.com

JULY 28
Wednesday - 7/28 - West Coast Swing Dance Class @ Cafe Rata Community Center, 101 Crawford Blvd. Cafe Rata teaches nutrition, timing, and framework of the basic patterns. No partners needed. 7:30-9:30 pm. Free. 955-4468; brrh.com

JULY 29
Tuesday - 7/29 - Healthy Living: Express a Day Full of Fun & Learning @ Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. 9 am-5 pm. $150/couple. Registration: 369-2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org

JULY 30
Wednesday - 7/30 - Tai Chi Class @ Bethesda Heart Hospital, 340 SW 1st St. Boca Raton. Presented by Little Champs Foundation. 7:30-9:00 pm. $10/class. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org

AUGUST 1
Thursday - 8/1 - First Wednesdays: Meditation @ Cafe Rata Community Center, 101 Crawford Blvd. Boca Raton. Every W 10-11 am. Free. 483-5002; faithcentercongregation.org
Warnings against E-15 use in boats gain steam

Most South Florida marinas offer boaters non-ethanol fuel because of problems associated with ethanol use in boats. Boaters who trailer their vessels to gas stations can find “Rec 90” or similar non-ethanol fuel at many gas stations in Palm Beach County.

Although problematic, the E-10 gasoline blend that contains 10 percent ethanol can be used in most modern boat engines.

But boating organizations are warning boat owners against using E-15, the 15 percent gasoline/ethanol blend available at some Florida gas stations.

President Donald Trump recently allowed year-round sales of E-15, previously banned during the summer because of concerns that it contributes to smog in hot weather.

BoatUS, the nation’s largest recreational boating organization, says gasoline containing up to 10 percent ethanol (E-10) can be used in pleasure boats. But gasoline with a larger percentage of ethanol, such as E-15, voids many boat engine warranties, BoatUS says.

Labeling of E-15 at the pump has become a concern in the marine industry.

In May, U.S. Reps. Lois Frankel of Florida and Austin Scott of Georgia, members of the Congressional Boating Caucus, introduced the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018, which would require clear labeling of E-15 at the pumps.

“Many consumers assume that all products sold at gas stations are safe, which is not the case when it comes to fueling marine engines with

Florida, recreational boating is more than just a way of life. It’s an $11 billion industry supporting more than 56,000 jobs.”

Google mapping waterways by boat

Google Maps, which uses cars fitted with cameras to offer “street views” of landmarks, is going nautical with its first mapping boat to cruise South Florida waterways.

Google plans to map the Intracoastal Waterway from Pompano Beach to Lake Worth and from Lake Worth to Jupiter Inlet.

The mapping boat, a 35-foot Boston Whaler, also will head south along the Intracoastal Waterway to the Miami River and to Ocean Reef near Key Largo.

Chips Ahoy wins Sail Inn tournament

Capt. Chip Sheehan of Boynton Beach and his fishing team on Chips Ahoy caught a 21-pound kingfish to win largest fish in the June 9 Sail Inn KDW Charity Fishing Tournament. The 21-pound kingfish they caught in the final few minutes was the largest fish of the 31-boat tournament, which raised $12,000 for Hospice of Palm Beach County.

Chip Sheehan said fishing was tough that day because of stormy weather. His team caught the winning kingfish on a live cigar minnow in 110 feet just south of Boynton Inlet with only eight minutes left to fish.

Mike Bone and his team on Mojos won top dolphin with a 12.8-pound mahi mahi.

Team Fish Nix weighed in the only wahoo, at 10 pounds.

The 31-boat tournament, organized by the Sail Inn Tavern in Delray Beach, raised $12,000 for Hospice of Palm Beach County.

Florida boating accidents killed 67 last year

Sixty-seven people died and 437 were injured in Florida boating accidents last year, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Coast Guard Auxiliary member is boating educator of the year

Andrea Rutherford, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Florida, 56 Boca Raton, was named the state’s 2017 Boating Educator of the Year by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Rutherford, of Delray Beach, has been teaching boating safety classes since 1992, including the About the Water event.

Safely classes held monthly in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park.

She also coordinates annual boating skills training for the Naval Sea Cadets.

Rutherford credits the success of the Boca Raton fleet’s boating program to “the dedication and expertise of all the auxiliary instructors.”

Coming events

July 14: Basic boating safety class offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the headquarters building at Spanish River Park, 3939 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Fee $35. Register at the door. Bring lunch. Call 391-3600 or email info@bcaux.org.

July 25-26: Two-day sport lobster season for recreational divers. Daily bag limit 12 lobster per person except for Monroe County and Biscayne National Park, where the daily limit is six. No egg-bearing lobster may be taken. Sport lobster season, or head season, must measure at least 3 inches. Lobster must be measured in the water and landed whole. A Florida saltwater fishing license and lobster permit are required, unless exempt. Call 625-5122 or go to myfwc.com.


July 29: Project Learning Tree Workshop at Green Cay Nature Center, 12801 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Ages 8-12; children must be accompanied by an adult. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fee: $35. 544-8605; gumbolimbo.org.

July 7

Saturday – 7/7 - Boardwalk Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12801 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Discount-priced tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary, call for details. Free. 954-780-7000; myfwc.com

Friday – 7/13 - Big Dog Fat Cat ROWD Shootout Fishing Tournament at Jupiter Inlet Marina, 98 Lake Dr, West Palm Beach. Benefits two local animal organizations. 9-11 a.m. 8-10 a.m. fishing; 1-3:30 p.m. weigh-in; 4-8 p.m. awards dinner ceremony. Entry fee $250 (includs 2 dinner tickets. 853-456-1943; legolandportal.com

Saturday – 7/14 - Birds & Breakfast at Green Cay Nature Center, 12801 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1 hour walking tour w/a naturalist. Age 9+. 9 a.m. Reservations: 954-7000; gumbolimbo.com

July 8-14

July 17 - Butterfly Life Cycle Project Opening at 201 S. Seabreeze Blvd., Delray Beach. Coffee, refreshments, 1-hour walking tour w/a naturalist. Age 9+. 9 a.m. Reservations: 954-7000; gumbolimbo.com

July 7-22

Saturday – 7/7 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee: $25/member; $35/non-member. 544-4565; gumbolimbo.org

Sunday – 7/8 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee: $25/member; $35/non-member. 544-4565; gumbolimbo.org

Sunday – 7/8 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee: $25/member; $35/non-member. 544-4565; gumbolimbo.org

Wednesday – 7/11 - Lantana Beach Cleanup at Ocean Inlet Park, 6990 N. Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Benefits two local animal organizations. Fri 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner/party. Entry fee $250/boat includes 2 dinner tickets. 853-456-1943; legolandportal.com

Saturday – 7/14 - Fishing Fun at Deering Estate Nature Center, 14550 Old Cut Rd, Bill Baggs State Park. Bring sunscreen, water bottle, closed-toed shoes you can get wet in. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. No fee. includes fishing supplies. 859-629-8700; gumbolimbo.com

July 15-21

July 28 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee: $25/member; $35/non-member. 544-4565; gumbolimbo.org

July 29-August 4

Saturday – 7/28 - Guide Tours at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 6-adult; children must be accompanied by an adult. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Fee: $25/member; $35/non-member. 544-4565; gumbolimbo.org

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Wednesday – 8/1 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 13th 5/8th Ave. David Hartwell Intercoastal Fishing for Cobia Snapper & Snook. 7 p.m. Free. 832-6760; westpalmbeachfishingclub.com
Tots & Teens Notes

Tots & Teens Calendar
July 2018

Do you have a tale to share with Luna the sea turtle ambassador? Do you have a story to tell about your favorite hobby? You can have a postcard made from a favorite photograph or send one from your favorite local destination. Consider using stickers, stamps, clippings, drawings or craft materials to make your postcard special. Be sure to include your name and address so the campers can write you back, and send your cards by July 8. For more information, call 274-9578.

Mail postcards to: Snail Mail Campers, Delray Beach Historical Society, 3 NE 1st St, Delray Beach, FL 33444.

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**Chords, Tablature Reading, Lead Sheet Expertise!**
Held again 7/17-20 & 24-27. Age 3-5 4:30 pm; at John Denson Pool, 225 NW 12th Ave, Boynton Beach. Young children must be properly supervised. Age 4-6. Level I every Thu from 8/9-9/4, 4:30 & 5:30 pm; $50/resident, $60/non-resident. 742-6645, bobyten@bocafl.gov.

**Anine Club at Delray Beach Public Library, 1101 N Military Tr, Delray Beach.** Participate in a wide variety of activities with an emphasis on good nutrition, exercise, and mental development. All 3-5 year olds are welcome. 742-6645, bobyten@bocafl.gov.

**COASTAL STAR**
**July 12-22** - Summer Family Fun at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Introduces children to the world of engineering and mechanics. 2-3 pm; $50/resident, $60/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.


**July 16** - **Tots and Teens Calendar**
- **Monday** - 7/16 - Family Story Time with Louie at Boca Raton Public Library, 240 NE 5th Ave. Children 0-5 years old. Th/F 11 am. Free. Registration required. 742-6645, bobyten@bocafl.gov.
- **Tuesday** - 7/17 - Science Demonstrations at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Delray Beach. Young children and their families will explore the world of engineering and mechanics. 2:30 pm; $40/resident, $50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.
- **Tuesday** - 7/17 - Mother Nature Me: Ecological Field Trip at Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Delray Beach. Experience nature including walks through butterfly garden, zoom room and focused viewing. 9:30 am-12 pm; $20-25, $25-30 depending on event. Registration: 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

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**Tuesday** - 7/17 - Tennis Fundamentals at Tennis Center, 3333 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Wear tennis shoes and bring racket. All 7-12 years old. Free. 742-6575; boynton-beach.org.

**Wednesday** - 7/18 - Full Moon Night Sky at Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd, Boynton Beach. Children ages 10 and over will learn about the night sky and Moon Phases. 6-7 pm $15. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**Saturday** - 7/21 - Field Explore: Super Sensory Messy Play at Sugar Sand Park's Classroom, 300 South Military Trail, Delray Beach. Explore, develop important motor skills. Age 2-5 years old. Fri 10 am-11 am. $15/resident, $17.50/non-resident. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org.

**July 20 - Saturday** - **Tots and Teens Calendar**
- **Monday** - 7/9 - Lil’ Explorers: Super Sensory Messy Play at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 129 Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. All ages. Every Mon through Fri. 10am-12pm. Free. Registration: 742-6645, schoolhousemuseum.org.

**July 21** - **Tots and Teens Calendar**

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Pet owners turn to bufo buster to rid yards of toxic toads

Bufo toads are highly toxic and lethal. "The manmade lakes, canals and shorelines of our backyards are all over the place," says Judy McDonough. "I love animals, and I worked as a veterinary technician and my background is science education. I needed extra money as I am on a teacher salary, and this bufo buster's business has just taken off."

Bufo toads are nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night when they feed and breed. By day, these toads typically bury themselves under bushes or concrete slabs. In order to capture these dog-dangerous toads — and to avoid being mistaken for a flashlight-wielding burglar prowling in dark backyards — Tilford purposely dons a blinking LED vest. "I look like a walking Christmas tree, which keeps people from calling the police, and it has gotten me more business," says Tilford, who is registered as a nuisance wildlife trapper with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. "I wear a head lamp to keep my hands free. I catch the toads by hand, wearing gloves and safety glasses."

Judy McDonough schedules Tilford to round up bufo toads on her property every two weeks. In addition, Tilford taught her how to humanely capture these toxic toads using a net. McDonough also reinforces the "back off" training cue in her corgis and is grateful that a "little toad in my patio and almost died," says Tilford. "People need to know just how dangerous these toads are."

About bufo toads
- Bufo toads are not native to Florida. They were imported in the 1930s to help farmers rid sugar-cane fields of white grubs.
- Bufo toads come in these color combinations: olive-brown, reddish brown or grayish yellow.
- Bufo toads sport big, flattened heads, large, stocky bodies and short limbs. Each can be up to 6 inches in length and weigh up to 4.4 pounds.
- These toads can live up to 15 years in the wild and up to 35 years in captivity.
- Their diet consists of insects, snails, mice and lizards, but they are attracted to dog or cat food left unattended in bowls in porches.
- Bufo toads are highly toxic, with a milky-white toxin known as bufotoxin that is capable of disrupting normal functioning of the heart.
- Pets that bite or eat a Bufo toad can become sick and die within 15 minutes if not medically treated.
- Pets who "play" by pawing or licking these toads can also be exposed to this rapid-acting toxin.
- Bufo toxin can develop within a few seconds of exposure. Symptoms include crying, pawing at the mouth, excessive drooling, head-shaking, difficulty breathing, stumbling, convulsions and collapse.
- Immediately flush your pet's mouth with water for 10 minutes to prevent further venom absorption. Wipe the dog's mouth with a rag and immediately call the nearest veterinary clinic to say you are en route. There is no antivenom or anti-venom for this toxin, so veterinary treatment calls for providing intravenous fluids, oxygen and medications to control the affected pet's body temperature and heart rate until it recovers.
- To reach Toad Busters, visit www.bufobusters.com or call 202-8192.
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