By Steve Plunkett and Mary Hladky

Boca Raton voters handed Scott Singer a commanding mandate Aug. 28 to lead the city into the 2020s. "I'm glad that a lot of our city spoke tonight," Singer said. "I love serving this city, and I'm so grateful to get the opportunity to continue serving." Turnout was high, with 18,622 ballots cast in the three-way mayor's race, compared with 11,783 two years ago. Unofficial results from the Supervisor of Elections Office had Singer with 63 percent of the vote to about 34 percent for runner-up Al Zucaro. "The strong support, the overwhelming support that the voters gave for our collaborative partnership with residents and a community message of positivity makes me feel proud to be a Boca Ratanian and makes me feel honored to be a public servant in Boca," Singer said.

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By Janis Fontaine

A former Catholic priest living in a condo on A1A in Boca Raton and who helped at a local church for four years has been named in a grand jury report as one of hundreds of priests accused of sexually abusing children in dioceses across Pennsylvania. Thomas J. Benestad was named in the report as one of the priests whose reprehensible behavior it specifically referenced in its introduction. Benestad, 73, was listed as president of the Atlantic Cloisters Homeowners Association on its most recent annual report, filed April 4. However, Benestad recently gave up the position and resigned from the board at the request of board members, according to a letter sent to residents. Through his lawyer, he has denied the allegations made in the grand jury report, which covers 70 years of abuse. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8. "Monsignor Benestad has never done anything that would be deemed inappropriate with any individual," attorney John Waldron wrote in a formal response to the grand jury dated June 8.
Editor’s Note

Portraiture to breaking news. For everything from the professional recognition journalists feel so necessary to the fruits of their labor for injured sea turtles.

The story of work being completed included a trio of stories by Michelle Quigley, Michelle Quigley helped with the research, and Rich turned the information gathered into an online quantifying the impact of the president’s visits on private aviation in our area. Also recognized at the FPA Awards luncheon held Aug. 10 in Orlando were second-place winners Dan Moffett and Cheryl Blacklsey in the agricultural and environmental reporting category for their package on local beaches and the area’s search for sand. Also recognized with a second-place award was Stacey Singer Deloey in the health, medical and science reporting category. Her entry featured Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s use of honey as a healing agent for injured sea turtles.

Third-place winners included a trio of stories by Janis Fontaine in the faith and family reporting category, a trio of editorials by Coastal Star Editor Mary Kate Leming and the staff of The Coastal Star for overall graphic design. For the first time the organization created an awards category for best reader-generated photographs. Delray Beach resident Joseph Vincent placed third in this category. The Coastal Star competes in FPA’s Division A, which includes the largest weekly newspapers in Florida. These are excellent newspapers making a difference in their local communities.

We are proud to be a part of this group of Florida journalists and congratulate all of them on their awards.

When you see any of the above Coastal Star winners, please congratulate them on the professional recognition they’ve received for their long, hard work.

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Gulf Stream School students to see safer classrooms, campus

By Rich Pollack

When students return to Gulf Stream School on Sept. 4, they'll discover a campus more secure than ever before in the school's 80 year history, and a staff more focused on safety.

Soon after the February shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, the school’s leadership made procedural changes to enhance student safety. Then, this summer, several additional physical security measures were implemented on the 5-acre campus.

“The school’s efforts to improve security for students, teachers and parents were essential,” Head of School Joseph Zaluski said. “We are all concerned about the safety and welfare of our students, and implementing several new procedures will better secure our campus.”

During the summer, more than 20 classroom doors were replaced with doors containing bullet-resistant glass and with easy-to-use locks on the inside. In the past, classroom doors could be locked from the inside only with a key; now it just takes the turn of a button to lock or unlock the door.

“Even the youngest child should be able to turn that lock,” Zaluski said.

The school now requires that every occupied classroom must be locked from the inside at all times. Another physical change to the campus includes the installation of several video cameras at strategic locations, including hallways and entrances.

Zaluski estimated the school spent in excess of $100,000 to replace the doors and about $40,000 for the cameras. “Though expensive, all the steps taken were absolutely necessary,” he said.

Another significant change at the school this year is additional steps to restrict access to the campus.

The exit gate from the driveway in front of the school is closed throughout the school day but will automatically open for exiting vehicles after a gate mechanism is triggered. The front entrance gate remains open but is closely monitored with cameras. Access to parking facilities will better secure the campus.

Steps to restrict access to the campus now require that every vehicle entering the school be locked and visitors entering the campus every morning when students arrive and at dismissal times throughout the day.

In addition, Zaluski said, police officers will often walk through the campus during routine visits.

“They have an increased presence,” he said.

Officers from the town are familiar with the campus and recently conducted a second active shooter drill at the school following one held in the spring.

This school year will also mark the beginning of a transition, as Zaluski prepares to retire after his 14th year as head of school.

A committee of trustees, parents and teachers has been conducting an international search with a goal of having the position filled by the fall.
Lucibella defense drops speedy trial request

By Steve Plunkett

Onetime Vice Mayor Richard Lucibella may offer a simple defense to charges he battered an Ocean Ridge police officer and resisted arrest with violence. The officer pushed me first.

A hearing on last-minute motions from prosecutor Danielle Grundt and defense attorney Marc Shiner a half-hour before Lucibella’s trial was set to begin Aug. 20 offered a preview of what jurors may eventually hear.

Shiner said officers Richard Ermeri and Nubia Flesnik and Sgt. William Hallahan had no lawful right to be in Lucibella’s backyard the night of the Oct. 22, 2016, arrest because they were not chasing a suspect or stopping a felony in progress.

Grundt disagreed. “They were responding to shots fired,” she told Circuit Judge Daliah Weiss.

“Right, nothing more,” Shiner said.

“Nothing more than shots fired?” Grundt said, sounding somewhat surprised.

The exchange followed a summary Shiner offered of Lucibella’s view of what happened behind his oceanfront house. After police arrived on the patio, Lucibella asked longtime girlfriend Barbara Ceuler to get him a drink.

“She’s in the doorway with her arm extended with a drink. My client tries to grab it,” Shiner said. “Officer Ermeri, it depends on the witnesses but all the witnesses agree that he pushed him back, everyone but Ermeri agrees to that.

“It’s clear he then pushes him, he even grabs his arm. My client pokes him in the chest and says, ‘Don’t touch me … You have no legal right to be pushing me or touching me. This is my house. I didn’t do anything wrong.’

“And that’s when the officer takedown is what it’s called, and places him flat on the ground. Hits his head on a side screen, had a couple of cracked ribs. And that’s pretty much the case.”

Shiner also complained that Lucibella was not given a breath test to measure his blood-alcohol level despite repeated requests. Lucibella also faces a misdemeanor charge of using a firearm while intoxicated. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Grundt filed a motion in limine (Latin for at the threshold) Aug. 15 to keep Lucibella and Shiner from, among other things, referring to Lucibella’s age (he was 63 at the time) and suggesting that the case is politically motivated, either of which Grundt said would “inflame the jury.”

She also wants to “wholly exclude and/or substantially limit” what Shiner’s expert witnesses can say on the stand, including whether Lucibella should have been permitted to go into his home while police were questioning him and whether the officers’ actions were excessive based on his age.

On Aug. 16, Shiner filed a motion for a “statement of particulars” from Grundt detailing “when, where and what specific conduct” Lucibella is charged with so he can “properly investigate and prepare a defense.”

The judge scolded him over the maneuver. “Really, the court could take this as the defense not being ready after two demands for speedy trial,” Weiss said.

Shiner withdrew the speedy trial demand and asked that the case be postponed.

“We’d like to try to resolve the motion in itself instead of wasting days of the court’s time,” he said.

Weiss agreed and told Grundt and Shiner to return Sept. 5 for a status check and possible rescheduling of the trial.

After the hearing Lucibella maintained his innocence. “I will not accept anything less than a complete dismissal of charges. Not yesterday, today or tomorrow,” he said. ✪

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ALF developers plans to sue city over project denial

By Mary Hadky

One month after Boca Raton City Council members rejected a proposal to build a luxury adult living facility in the downtown, landowner Robert Buehl announced he plans to file a lawsuit seeking reimbursement of $75 million in damages against the city.

The council’s 3-1 vote on July 23, with only Deputy Mayor Jeremy Rodgers supporting the project, was unexpected since developer Group P6’s previous condo projects in the city were easily approved and the council unanimously supported a separate downtown luxury ALF project last year. Council members have praised Group P6 for following the city’s development rules.

But in considering the proposed $75 million Concierge, council members, sitting as Community Redevelopment Agency commissioners, expressed concerns that the facility would overburden the city’s fire-rescue services and lacked adequate parking.

Council members Andrea O’Rourke and Monica Mayotte also questioned whether another ALF was a good fit for the downtown. Speaking of the city’s vision of a vibrant downtown, O’Rourke said she was not sure how much the Concierge’s residents would be engaged in the community since the ALF would provide many services, such as dining.

In an Aug. 24 release about his intentions, Buehl said the comments amounted to discrimination against elderly people.

“The statements made by elected officials regarding our city’s elderly residents were absolutely discriminatory and shameful,” Buehl said. “…The council members should be embarrassed of their remarks against these important and vital members of our community.”

Another basis for the litigation, Buehl said in an email, is that council members “inordinately burdened, restricted or limited Robert Buehl’s property rights.”

Two days before Buehl’s announcement, Group P6 headed to court to appeal the city’s decision without seeking damages. A city spokesman declined comment, citing city policy of not commenting on pending litigation. These actions mark the second time that developers have pushed back against denial or delay of approvals for their projects since O’Rourke and Mayotte won election on platforms of being “resident-friendly” and opposed to over development. Developer and landowner Crocker Partners filed suit May 23 after the City Council in January posted a vote on ordinances that set a framework for how its proposed Midtown project could develop. The 12.5-acre parcel land just east of the Town Center mall, would have included up to 2,500 new residential units.

That lawsuit seeks to have a judge compel the city to write land development regulations for Midtown and to rule that the council’s delay in adopting them, and instead voting to develop a “small area plan” for Midtown, are unlawful.

In a separate action in April, Crocker Partners told the city it planned to file a lawsuit seeking $137 million in damages because it has not been able to redevelop three properties it owns in Midtown — Boca Center, The Plaza and One Town Center.

Crocker Partners filed its notice to the city under the state’s Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act, which gives the city and developer 150 days to reach a settlement. If that doesn’t happen, the developer could file the claim for damages in circuit court.

Buehl also intends to file his notice under the Bert Harris Act.

In his release, Buehl said he had been approached by “special interest groups that defend the rights of seniors” that he thinks will file their own legal actions.

“His projects are very close in line with what we’re doing here,” Commissioner Peggy Lord said in an email. “They’ve finished up a startup program and that’s similar to what we’re doing.”

A Michigan native familiar with the West Bloomfield area, Gossett-Seidman pointed out other similarities between the two communities, especially in the age and income level demographics.

Another plus for “Labadie,” she said, is his knowledge of key environmental issues. Labadie holds a degree in environmental science and economics from Michigan State University and a master’s degree in management from Walsh College in Michigan.

He was responsible for creating West Bloomfield’s sustainability policy and has worked as an environmental manager in the Ann Arbor area as well as a soil erosion officer.

Although a few of the five other finalists for the Highland Beach job are or have previously served as town managers, Gossett-Seidman said Labadie’s experience more than qualifies him for the job.

“If you look at what he’s done, he might as well have been a town manager,” she said.

Labadie said he would bring a “strategic management style that focuses on a team approach, transparency, and respect for all stakeholders” to his new job, and thinks his 20 years of varied governmental experience fits well with Highland Beach’s needs.

“Public administration is life’s passion,” he told commissioners while in town for interviews. “I think I’m built for handling tough issues. I’ve dealt with situations with similar to what you have here that I know I can come in and help.”

Labadie said he became interested in the job after doing research and thought he could be a good match for the town.

“Also, the town manager position with Highland Beach aligns with my career goals, providing an opportunity for me to group professionally and personally in a beautiful premier southern Florida community,” he said.

Labadie was chosen from a list of finalists that included Mark Stivers, the deputy director of community sustainability for Lake Worth; Tom Bradford, former Palm Beach town manager; William Vance, former city manager of Pickerington, Ohio; and Kevin Abbate, director of parks and recreation for Martin County.

“Every single one of the candidates was terrific,” Riesa said. “They all brought much to offer. It was a difficult choice.”

The selection of Labadie came after a previous effort to find a candidate ended with commissioners firing their search firm, contending that the firm didn’t provide an adequate slate of candidates. Commissioners then sorted through a list of more than 70 people who applied for the job, choosing three applicants they felt would better fit their needs.

Until Labadie starts work, Town Manager Shadoe Gaskins will fill both roles.

The Highland Beach town manager position opened in August when Robert Weis was fired Valerie Oakes with a 3-2 vote. Former Gulf Stream Town Manager Tom Buehl becomes interim town manager until his three-month contract expires Aug. 21.
Residents getting restless over lack of progress on new house

By Steve Plunkett

Town Commissioner Paul Lyons already knows what he’ll be asked when Gulf Stream’s seasonal residents start to return next month.

"The first question’s going to be underground, the second’s going to be: What’s going on with that house?" Lyons said, referring to almost three years of construction at 3140 Polo Drive.

People who were hoping the end is near will not be happy with either answer.

James and Jennifer Cacioppo bought three lots on Polo Drive, had them replatted as two lots and won commission approval to demolish an existing house in July 2015. Seaside Builders LLC filed its notice of commencement of construction on Nov. 10, 2015.

Work has now taken so long the owners will have to repaint the outside of the 8,560-square-foot structure and clean the roof to get approval to move in, Town Manager Greg Dunham said at the commission’s Aug. 10 meeting.

Lyons said he fields “a lot of complaints” about the house and Commissioner Joan Orthwein said she does too.

“They keep saying, ‘Isn’t there something you can do?’” Orthwein said. “It’s unfortunate that they won’t get it done. … The people that own the house—they keep changing their minds, from what I gather, or something along those lines.”

Neighbor Bob Burns, who walks by regularly with his dog, gave an update from the audience.

“It seems like there’s three or four cars there where there used to be maybe one. So in the last 10 days or so I would say that there’s been — I won’t say significant but there’s been a slight improvement at least in the number of people that are there trying to do something,” Burns said. "I haven’t seen much, except it now has shutters, it now has outside lights, but as far as anything else … it doesn’t look like there’s any more work been done in the last week than there’s been in the last two months.”

Vice Mayor Thomas Stanley said the rule of thumb is 24 months for a 10,000-square-foot house. “They’re probably a little over that,” he said.

Staff attorney Trey Nazzaro said even if the town adopted an ordinance like Palm Beach’s spelling out time constraints for builders, it would not affect this project. "Based on the square foot calculations, this house is about within the time it would normally take," Nazzaro said.

Meanwhile, the town was installing underground piping in an easement on the southern edge of the Cacioppos’ property to drain often-flooded Polo Drive into the Intracoastal. Dunham expects on that project to end before Labor Day.

Commissions asked him to contact the Cacioppos when the project was finished to see if they would put in landscaping and take down the chain-link fence while work on their house continues.

On the underground project, Wilco Electric still had a few homes to convert from overhead power, Dunham told commissioners. Comcast has already begun to connect its fiber-optic lines, then AT&T will come to put telephone lines into the underground conduit.

If they work one after the other, “it would probably be a year” before they finish, Dunham said. He said he would meet with the companies in hopes of getting them to work simultaneously on different streets.

"We’ll continue to move forward on it, and it will be done at some point," Mayor Scott Morgan said.

In other business, commissioners on first reading approved an ordinance eliminating reference to items in the town’s building design rules categorized as “discouraged” and declaring them “prohibited.” A proposal to paint the garage doors on a white house black prompted the change.

Also, Dunham withdrew his suggestion that Gulf Stream pay part of the health insurance premiums for the families of town employees. He said he would investigate compensation packages and bring the idea back next summer.
Council endorses rules to streamline small-business approvals

By Mary Hladky

The Boca Raton City Council has endorsed changes that would make it simpler and less time-consuming for small-business owners to get approvals for their projects in the downtown.

Council members have long talked about the need to streamline the process for reviewing downtown building and renovation projects, and the issue was highlighted earlier this year by the saga of an entrepreneur who wanted to open an ice cream shop on Palmetto Park Road.

Rick Felberbaum said it took nearly two years to get City Council approval to change the allowable use of his building from office space to a 971-square-foot ice cream shop. But when Felberbaum still needed to jump through more hoops to launch his business, he gave up and opened his shop in June in Delray Beach.

“The city took such a long time to approve my plans, I had to make other plans,” he told The Coastal Star in March. “I had no other choice.”

Council member Andrea O’Bourke, sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency chair, brought up the city’s loss of Felberbaum’s small business on Aug. 20 as CRA commissioners discussed city staff-recommended changes to the ordinance governing downtown development and CRA rules.

A potential buyer of Felberbaum’s building wants to open a retail shop but fears going through a cumbersome process, she said.

“How can we encourage this business to prosper … on Palmetto Park Road so we have vitality in our downtown, but we don’t have to put the potential buyer through that type of long-term process?” she asked.

Development Services Director Brandon Schaad said the changes likely would shorten the length of time to complete approvals, which now can take 18 to 24 months, to just a few months for that potential buyer.

The changes would benefit small projects or when a business owner or developer wants to make minor changes to projects that already have completed the approval process.

The new rules, which must be finalized and formally approved by the City Council at a future meeting, in effect would make a distinction between a major condominium, apartment or hotel project, and smaller projects such as a retail shop or restaurant in the downtown.

The rules would allow City Manager Leif Ahnell, who also serves as CRA executive director, to approve a project that includes a new building or addition to an existing building that is 5,000 square feet or less, and to approve minor changes to landscaping and parking on land parcels of one-half acre or less.

Changes to paint color, roofing material, window trims and the like would go to the Community Appearance Board for approval after city staff recommends in favor, and then placed on the CRA consent agenda for final approval without debate unless a council member asks for discussion or more information.

Another proposal would allow 10 percent of trees and plants in an already approved landscape plan to be changed if the CAB approves.

The long list of proposed changes includes establishing valet parking standards and electric vehicle parking standards in the downtown. Such standards already exist outside downtown.

If a building project causes the loss of on-street parking, the developer would be required to replace it at another on-street location. Currently, the developer can provide for the parking in the project’s parking garage, but drivers don’t necessarily know they have access to it.

The changes also clarify existing rules, such as to explicitly state that industrial uses are not allowed in the downtown and to more clearly specify when electricity, telephone and other distribution lines must be placed underground.

Council members supported the changes.

“I think these are all really good clarifications and modifications,” said council member Monica Mayotte.

Architect Derek Vander Ploeg, who has long advocated streamlining the development approval process, also voiced his support.

“I think this is great. Long overdue,” he said.

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Delray Beach

Police chief moves to role of acting assistant city manager

By Jane Smith

Jeff Goldman has traded his badge and Delray Beach police chief uniform for a suit-and-tie job as acting assistant city manager.

He was tapped by City Manager Mark Lauzier to spend the remaining months of his police career overseeing the operations and budget of the police, fire-rescue, parks and recreation, and community improvement departments.

Goldman’s first business suit day was Aug. 1.

“When I first arrived, I noticed the Police Department was well-run,” Lauzier said. “It will give Goldman a chance to do something else while we test his two assistants.”

Assistant Police Chief Mary Olsen will run the department until Dec. 21. Even though Goldman worked on the Police Department budget, he let Olsen give the presentation on Aug. 14 to city commissioners. After presenting the facts, Olsen, following the style of other department heads, then pointed out that police officer positions were not funded, creating an $875,210 gap.

Olsen served as acting police chief in West Palm Beach three years before moving to the Delray Beach Police Department in 2014.

After her stint is over, Assistant Chief Javaro Sims will take over for 4 months until May 15. Sims was hired in 1992.

Goldman, who joined the department in 1988, is enrolled in the state retirement program for government workers. His police career is one filled with promotions: sergeant, lieutenant, captain and assistant chief before being named police chief in 2014. His last day will be in May.

He likes to tout his community-police relations as one of his successes. Goldman attends community events where he moves around on a Delray Beach police scooter.

At the first Budget Town Hall on Aug. 2, Goldman said he looks forward to working with the department heads to see whether that career path interests him.

“It will give Goldman a chance to see if he likes working for me,” Lauzier said on Aug. 14. “And whether I like how he works.”

If it works out, Goldman could move over to the city manager’s office next year, Lauzier said.

Goldman will be Lauzier’s third assistant city manager. Previous city managers had two assistants.

New sallfish sculpture

Auditorium, Briny Breezes — Aug. 21

Briny Breezes residents Bill Birch and Susan Jaworski Gross, along with recently hired Park Manager Donna Coates, admire a new bronze statue of a leaping sallfish by the Briny Breezes’ hybrid owner Manager Dale Behringer was absent.)

The council first hired C.A.P. in 2016. The town pays the company 75 percent of permit fees collected and $60 an hour for code enforcement. C.A.P employs 180 people in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties, and on the Gulf Coast.

In other business, state officials have officially recognized Briny’s estimated population as 610 people, probably the all-time high. Since January, Sugerman has lobbied the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Florida to use counting methods from the 2010 census, when the population was set at 601. Several years ago, the estimate fell to 420, because of a methodology change.

Getting a higher estimate is important because it increases the town’s tax revenue-sharing amount of state money.

Briny Breezes

After concessions, town rehires building inspection company

By Dan Moffett

How to simplify Briny Breezes’ often complicated building permit procedures perplexed Town Council members as they considered a contract renewal for the town’s building services provider during their Aug. 23 meeting.

Three council members — Christina Adams, Bill Birch and Kathy Gross — balked at renewing C.A.P. Government Inc. to handle building inspections and plan reviews.

Adams complained that too often residents had to “keep going back” to officials to satisfy what seemed to be changing permit requirements. Birch, an architect, said residents were confused by what often appeared to be excessive inspection demands. Why couldn’t one multilicensed inspector handle one building project? Gross questioned the use of “stop order” notices on projects that might not even require permits.

Council members cited recent frustrations over efforts to rebuild the water fountain at the town’s western Cordova Avenue entrance as evidence of the need for simplification — too many permit requirements, too many inspection requirements, too much confusion.

Carlos Penin, president of C.A.P., a 29-year-old company that provides inspectors and plan review specialists to 45 municipalities around the state, told them his employees were bound by the Florida Building Code. He said C.A.P. doesn’t make the rules and neither does the town.

Town Manager Dale Sugerman conceded that Briny Breezes has a building approval process that is inherently inefficient. “Because Briny is truly unique,” he said.

Briny Breezes’ hybrid makeup — part corporation, part town — adds a layer of bureaucracy other municipalities don’t have. Sugerman said the process is further complicated by Briny’s five districts that weigh in separately on projects. “There are five different districts with five sets of rules,” he said. “It’s convoluted.”

Sugerman said the key for improving the process is to improve plan reviews so that all requirements are made clear early on, before work begins.

Penin said his staff would be willing to put on a workshop to educate residents about what his company does and improve communication. The council accepted his offer, with a date to be determined.

“We look forward to improving what needs to be improved together,” he said.

Adams, Birch and Gross were persuaded and joined Council President Sue Thaler in approving C.A.P.’s contract extension through the next fiscal year. (Alderman Chick

Along the Coast

More I-95 work on tap for Delray, Boynton

By Steve Plunkett

Late night motorists on Interstate 95 from north of Atlantic Avenue to north of Gateway Boulevard should be prepared for lane closures for the next 14 or so months.

Work to resurface the 7.7-mile section in Delray Beach and Boynton Beach is scheduled to begin Sept. 5. The $15 million project includes drainage improvements, guardrail, rumble strips, signing and pavement markings, and traffic monitoring site installation. Community Asphalt Corp., which is trying to finish its overdue projects at the Woolbright Road and Hypoluxo Road interchanges, won the contract; the state Department of Transportation said it expects the resurfacing to be completed in fall 2019.

Lanes will be closed when needed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Sunday nights through Thursday nights, with one lane closing at 9, two at 11 and three at 1 a.m. while crews are at work.

Meanwhile, the start date for improvements at the Atlantic Avenue interchange in Delray Beach was pushed back to Oct. 1. The $52.2 million project includes widening the northbound entrance ramp from Atlantic, creating a dedicated northbound and southbound access from westbound Atlantic, and construction of two turn lanes from westbound Atlantic, one to northbound Congress Avenue and one to southbound Congress. Russell Engineering Inc. is doing the work, which is also expected to be finished in fall 2019.

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Council race goes into overtime

By Steve Plunkett

A squeaker of a City Council race that could shape development decisions — and Boca Raton’s landscape — for years to come had supporters on both sides anxiously waiting to hear who won. Only 3 votes out of 12,875 ballots separated Seat A candidates Andy Thomson and Kathy Cottrell.

The supervisor of elections is still counting provisional ballots, so we don’t have a final number yet,” city spokesperson Chrissy Gibson said as City Clerk Susan Saxton conferred with the city attorney early Aug. 29 over what to do. “We’ll provide a statement with the details ASAP.”

Under state law, the city’s canvassing board must order a recount when unoffical results show a candidate losing by 0.5 percent or less. In Cottrell’s case, the margin is 0.2 percent. Singer, who lost a 2001 City Council race by 2 votes, heads the city’s canvassing board, which includes City Manager Leif Ahnell and Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

Cottrell had a lead of about 200 votes after two-thirds of the ballots had been counted on election night, a tally that did not change on the supervisor of elections website for more than an hour.

The mood at Thomson’s election watch was somber. “It’s nerve-racking, as you might imagine,” he said as he waited. By 10 p.m., Cottrell’s lead had shrunk to 15 votes. “It will be better or it will be bad, but I’m confident it is what it is,” she said.

A little before midnight they were down to just one vote, 7,872 votes and a third candidate, Tamara McKee, with 2,118. “That’s a number hard to believe,” said Thomson.

The last update at 12:31 a.m. put Thomson up by 3 votes: 7,879-7,876. The Seat A winner will serve two full three-year terms. If Thomson wins, she will also face Delray Beach Mayor O’Rourke and Monica Mayotte on election night. At the time she thought she won. Photos by Rachel S. O’Hara/The Coastal Star

Flanked by supporters on election night, Al Zucaro concedes that opponent Scott Singer would receive more votes and retain his seat as mayor of Boca Raton. Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star

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after she was charged with official misconduct and perjury.

Singer will serve until March 2020 and then be able to run for two full three-year terms. If Haynie wins her case before her 2020 term expires, she would return to office and Singer would vacate the seat.

The polls closed at 7 p.m., and Zucaro conceded the race at 8:32 after the vote tallies in 25 of 36 city precincts showed him falling well behind Singer.

“I don’t see a possibility of winning,” he told about 45 supporters who gathered at the Griddle restaurant.

Singer, who urged voters to “keep Boca’s new mayor,” was elected to the City Council in 2014 and re-elected in 2017. An attorney, Singer reigned his council re-election mantra as “a leader who listens to residents” but added “and delivers results.” Most recently he was instrumental in negotiating a deal with the School Board to build a new elementary school on an owned land by Est Ottawa High Tech Middle School.

He was also the frontrunner in raising donations. Singer opened his campaign account in October when Haynie was expected to resign as mayor to run for the County Commission this November and create an opening for a March 2019 election.

Singer’s donations totaled $187,740, not counting $25,015 in self-loans, and equalled $38,508 in the final Aug. 11-23 filing period.

Singer was endorsed by the city’s police and firefighter unions, the Chamber of Commerce’s political action committee, the Realtor’s association, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County and the Business PAC of Palm Beach County. He also listed on his campaign website more than 500 “local residents and community leaders” who backed him, including County Commissioner Steven Abrams, state Rep. Bill Hager and U.S. Reps. Ted Deutch and Lois Frankel. Zucaro, who publishes the BocaWatch website and lost to Haynie in March 2017, told voters that “we are at critical crossroads in our city’s history,” citing traffic, congestion and overdevelopment as top concerns.

BocaWatch contributing writers supported his candidacy on the blog. On election day, the blog ran a Zucaro “publisher’s comment” that said, “Today for the first time in decades, a ‘resident friendly’ supermajority can be elected to the city council. . . .” Singer took aim at the website in July, complaining to the Florida Election Commission that the blog is an unregistered political action committee that violates election law because it promotes Zucaro’s candidacy. Zucaro denied operating a PAC and called the complaint a political attack.

The commission did not resolve the issue before the election.

Zucaro collected $44,133 in donations; he or his law firm also loaned or gave the campaign $15,500 more. Total contributions were $23,638 in donations; he or his law firm also loaned or gave the campaign $41,551.

In the final Aug. 11-23 period, mostly sums were $30,000. Campaign expenses were $23,638 and she loaned her campaign $30,000. Campaign expenses were $41,551.

Bonfiglio, Caruso to face off in November

By Steve Plunkett

Experience beat youth in the primary contests for District 89, with Mike Caruso and Jim Bonfiglio, both emerging as a top contender to take a seat in the Florida Legislature.

Caruso, 59, a barrier island resident and Delray Beach attorney, beat Matt Spritz, 35, a Boca Raton lawyer, to become the Republican standard-bearer. Caruso had 6,691 votes for a margin of 56 percent to 44 percent.

Bonfiglio, 64, a lawyer and Ocean Ridge’s mayor, overcame Wesson Gibson, who is not affiliated with a party, District 89, which leans Republican, stretches along the coast from Boca Raton north to Singer Island.

Bonfiglio has been on the Ocean Ridge Town Commission since 2014 after spending 14 years on the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission. He resigned effective Nov. 6, Election Day, to run for the legislature.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Dave Magrogan

Dave Magrogan, owner of Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar in Delray Beach, lives in coastal Delray.

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Dave Magrogan says his fiancée, Melissa, and his children never fail to put a smile on his face. Melissa and I love to travel, visit restaurants and go to concerts together,” he said. “We always have fun wherever we find ourselves. My kids are my inspiration. Watching them grow and evolve into caring and intelligent adults is the greatest feeling in the world.” — Brian Biggane

Q: Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?
A: I grew up in Brookhaven, Pa., with a single mother who moved around a lot. My mom worked long hours to make ends meet and always told us too bad to work hard to get somewhere in the world. I graduated from West Chester University in Pennsylvania with a pre-med degree, and received my doctorate in chiropractic from Life University in Atlanta.

Q: What advice do you have for a young person seeking a career today?
A: I began my professional career as a chiropractor and when it got to a point where I started watching the clock and feeling trapped in an office, I didn’t have the passion for it anymore. Follow your dreams, no matter how out of reach they seem. Passion will create persistence, which will help you persevere during the difficult times in growing your career.

Q: How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?
A: The Delray Beach community has been so welcoming and inviting to both Harvest and Local Greens that it only made sense. Plus, it’s absolutely beautiful! There is a palpable energy in Delray, a positive vibe that inspires creativity and growth.

Q: What is your favorite part about living in Delray Beach?
A: I wake up every morning and walk on the beach; it’s truly an amazing place. The energy in South Florida and in Delray is contagious. The amount of time you can spend outdoors walking, running or bathing makes it a fantastic lifestyle.

Q: What book are you reading now?
A: The Start-Up J Curve, by Howard Love. It is an excellent book for the entrepreneur or business owner.

Q: What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A: I have always been a huge fan of the Grateful Dead. The new Dead and Company tour with John Mayer in the band has been fantastic.

Q: Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A: One of my favorites: “Leaders are visionaries with a poorly developed sense of fear and no concept of the odds against them. They make the impossible happen.” – Dr. Robert Jarvik.

Q: Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A: My mother taught me the value of a dollar and helped shape me into the motivated person I am today. I also have a very dear friend in Philadelphia, Bernie Spain, who built several successful businesses during his career. He has been a trusted adviser and mentor during the past 15 years.

Q: If your life story were made into a movie, who would play you?
A: I’m not sure of the exact answer, but the movie The Founder, about Ray Kroc, starring Michael Keaton, reminds me a lot of the difficulties one faces as an entrepreneur in any business. I tell every entrepreneur they need to watch that movie.
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Letter confirms state ethics probe of Haynie

By Mary Hladky

The Florida Commission on Ethics is investigating whether one suspended Mayor Susan Haynie violated state ethics laws while she also is fighting criminal charges lodged by state prosecutors.

A state ethics probe had been widely thought to be underway after Al Zucaro, a Haynie adversary, filed a complaint with the agency last year, alleging she failed to report income on financial disclosure forms she failed to report income the agency last year, alleging

“thecrime probe is to evaluate the results of the preliminary investigation,” the letter says. Zucaro, Haynie and their attorneys may attend the hearing.

Mark Herron, Haynie’s attorney on ethics matters, did not respond to a call and an email requesting comments.

“If the hearing actually takes place, my intention is to go,” Zucaro said in August.

Haynie admitted to violating the county’s ethics code and agreed to pay a $500 fine for failing to disclose a conflict of interest. The commission dismissed a second allegation that Haynie misused her public office.

Zucaro, who was defeated by Haynie in his first Boca Raton mayoral bid last year, also filed a complaint with the county ethics commission. Mark Bannoon, the ethics commission’s executive director, has said he did not act on the complaint because he received it after his office had launched an investigation.

The state ethics commission has the power to seek Haynie’s removal from office. Penalties it can impose range from a reprimand to a recommendation to the governor that an official be removed. The most common penalty is a fine of up to $10,000 per violation of ethics laws,

Haynie faces a second public ethics complaint and possible removal from office.

Artists given small window to apply for mural spots at Red Reef Park

By Steve Plunkett

Artists had just two weeks in August to fight for the honor of being chosen to paint one of up to 10 murals at Red Reef Park.

The city’s Art in Public Places advisory board is supervising the project, its first, and planned to pick the winners Sept. 5.

“The preferred artist(s) will have an extensive background in street art with proven results in public spaces, civic and community engagement to create innovative temporary public art project(s),” the advisory board said in its Aug. 16 Call to Artists.

Boca Raton City Council member Andrea O’Rourke secured $40,000 for the effort, half from the City Council and half from the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District.

“Artists are not going to make a fortune painting murals in Boca at this time,” she said at the council’s Aug. 20 workshop meeting. “But we’re looking at this as something to enrich the community, and hopefully the artists see that as an advantage for them.”

The call to artists carried an Aug. 31 deadline. Muralists were asked to provide a statement describing “the conceptual basis for your practice and approach” and a proposed concept that is “developed enough to provide clear understanding of the purpose, content and media of the mural and its relationship to our coastal area.”

They also had to submit a resume and up to 10 examples of completed artwork or projects.

“This visual arts initiative not only beautifies our city but showcases artistic talent from our community and beyond,” said Ruby Childers, the city’s downtown manager and liaison to the advisory board. The murals will be painted around a maintenance yard in the golf course’s parking lot that borders the southern path to Gumbo Limbo.

“We identified some walls in the maintenance area that are just canvas just begging for some attention,” O’Rourke said.

The plan is to reveal the finished murals Oct. 20, the same day the volunteer Friends of Gumbo Limbo holds a fundraiser at the nature center.

City makes deal to replace a Marine Patrol boat

By Steve Plunkett

The city’s Marine Patrol will spend $224,000 for a 30-foot Intrepid mold 300 boat and trailer with twin 250-horsepower Yamaha outboards.

Dania Beach-based Intrepid Southeast Inc. will get $186,990 for the center console boat and trailer and to install the motors and police sirens, lights and other accessories. Boca Raton will buy the two Yamaha engines for $37,403 via a state contract.

Intrepid prides itself on building boats “the way they should be made,” one at a time, its website says. The manufacturing plant is on the other side of Florida, in Largo.

No date has been set for delivery. Police Department spokesman Mark Economou said.

“The new boat will go into service once purchase is approved, it’s purchased, motors are installed, it’s logo’d and emergency radios and lights installed,” he said.

The City Council approved the boat expenditure Aug. 21. Council members also renewed a contract with Palm Beach County to provide more waterway patrols during manatee season, Nov. 15 to March 31. The county will pay $17,000 for the increased manatee protection.

The Intrepid is replacing an older, identical vessel. Boca Raton has its Marine Patrol boats on a 10-year replacement cycle, Economou said.

The Police Department has three Marine Patrol officers, and each operates his or her own boat.

“They are out mostly day hours, but their shifts vary by day of the week depending on season and how busy it is on the water,” Economou said.

Boca Raton will hold an online auction this month for its used Intrepid, city spokesman Chrisy Gibson said.
Cost leads Highland Beach to mull dropping Delray fire protection

Price, logistics of starting own department might prove too much, expert says

By Rich Pollack

Surprised by an increase in the cost of fire service for the next fiscal year, Highland Beach commissioners are again wondering whether it would make sense for the small community to have its own fire department.

Currently, Highland Beach has a contract with neighboring Delray Beach to staff the town’s small fire station and provide fire and emergency medical services.

For the coming fiscal year, the cost jumped 8.6 percent to $4.28 million total for the upcoming fiscal year is $4.1 million, causing commissioners to worry about increasing costs for the remaining seven years of the 10-year agreement. Commissioners budgeted $4.22 million, causing commissioners to worry about the feasibility of starting a fire department.

Africano Nila said she discovered that Broward County’s Lighthouse Point, a city of a little more than 10,000 residents, operates its own fire department at a reasonable cost.

“Obviously, it’s feasible for a small town to have its own fire department,” she said.

In fact, according to Lighthouse Point City Administrator John Lavisky, the city runs its 26-person department for slightly less than what Highland Beach pays Delray Beach for fire service.

Lavisky, Lighthouse Point’s fire chief from 1995 to 2003, oversaw the operations of 26 U.S. Air Force fire departments prior to coming to South Florida. He said the town’s Fire Department budget for the upcoming fiscal year is $4.1 million.

To cover the 2.3-mile town, Lighthouse Point has two EMS vehicles, a ladder truck and an engine.

With a fire station located in the center of the city, the department has a response time of between three and four minutes.

“Our department is very lean,” Lavisky said. “We have 26 people and we make it work.”

Should it need additional resources, Lighthouse Point has an agreement with neighboring Pompano Beach to provide backup.

While there are similarities between Lighthouse Point and Highland Beach, there are differences as well, especially in the types of structures. Lighthouse Point has several businesses, while commercial properties are almost nonexistent in Highland Beach.

Another big difference: Lighthouse Point has a four-story height limit, while Highland Beach has several high-rise buildings, which would require additional apparatus and staffing.

While it may be possible to operate a fire department at a cost similar to what Highland Beach is paying Delray Beach, starting from scratch might be a different story.

In addition to what could amount to millions of dollars in costs, there is a range of issues that has to be considered.

“You can’t just flip a switch and have a fire department,” said Robert Finn, a senior manager at the Matrix Consulting Group and a former fire chief. “It would be a big task for any agency. There are a lot of steps and a lot of things to consider.”

Finn, whose company was hired three years ago to study the feasibility of a barrier island fire department in south Palm Beach County — which would have included Highland Beach — says too often communities find the challenges and potential costs overwhelming.

“Most times they decide to continue with whoever they’re working with,” he said.

Finn said it could take as long as a year for a community to start its own fire department and during those 12 months, the town would have to continue paying its current contractor while also paying a fire chief and any additional personnel on board prior to a conversion.

“You want to get an administrative staff to develop policies and then begin recruiting staff,” he said. “In South Florida, there is some difficulty in hiring people who are already certified.”

In addition to paying training costs, Finn said, a startup department has to worry about equipment, including additional trucks to ensure backup vehicles are available during maintenance.

There’s also potential station remodeling issues as well as providing equipment for the firefighters and paramedics.

“Each firefighter has to have their own gear,” he said.

Besides direct costs, indirect costs also have to be considered.

Starting a fire department, Finn said, has an impact on a town’s departments for human resources, finance, technology and legal affairs, which would be needed to negotiate union contracts.

“For some departments, when you lay all those cards on the table, it becomes too large a task,” he said.

To help municipalities with the decision-making, Finn’s company provides extensive feasibility studies, which typically run between $40,000 and $50,000.

“It gives them a blueprint and an implementation plan,” he said. “It has all the information needed to make a decision.”

For Lighthouse Point and Lavisky, startup costs weren’t much of a problem. The city’s Fire Department started as a volunteer department in the 1960s and was converted to a full-time department in the 1970s.

The department added emergency medical services in 1999 and now has a part-time medical director who is paid $18,000 a year.

“Starting a department takes time and you have to have someone who can plan it out,” he said. **
Town adds nickel per $1,000 to proposed tax rate

By Rich Pollack

Residents in Highland Beach could soon be paying more in property taxes as town leaders, facing increased fire service costs, have tentatively agreed to a slight increase in the town’s operating tax rate.

During budget meetings last week, commissioners set the operating tax rate for the 2018-2019 fiscal year at $3.12 per $1,000 of assessed property value.

That’s slightly higher than the current rate of $3.07 per $1,000 of assessed property value, and marks the first time in four years the tax rate would not drop.

The increase is needed because of a significant increase in the fire Highland Beach pays Delray Beach for fire service, according to commissioners.

Highland Beach has budgeted $4.28 million to pay for fire service from Delray Beach plus maintenance costs next fiscal year. The fire service cost jumped to about $4.22 million, or roughly 8.6 percent from this year.

“This number is out of control and it’s affecting the millage rate,” said Vice Mayor Alyseen Afnico Nala.

In addition, the town’s Police Department budget for 2018-2019 will increase from $2.45 million to $2.54 million, making public safety account for nearly 47 percent of the town’s overall $12.1 million proposed budget.

The proposed budget also includes funding for a new position, an assistant town manager/public information director, and a salary of $51,780 and $82,848.

Also in the proposed budget is $100,000 for an environmental consultant and an additional $60,000 for legal fees, bringing the total budget for outside legal assistance to $200,000.

To help keep from raising the tax rate even higher, the commission agreed to take about $571,000 from their reserve fund, leaving about $4.5 million for emergency situations.

Mayor Carl Feldman said he didn't think it was wise to move away from the mills.

"I am not in agreement with robbing Peter to pay Paul," he said.

Some protest after commissioners tighten rules on public comment

By Rich Pollack

Loud, sometimes accusatory tirades aimed at commissioners by the mayor have led Highland Beach town commissioners to adopt policies that some say make it harder for residents to speak before their elected officials.

Since his bid for re-election in March, former Vice Mayor Bill Weitz has been appearing at Town Commission meetings and using the allotted five minutes per person for public comment to lash out against commissioners. After speaking, Weitz immediately leaves the meeting.

Hoping to muzzle Weitz, commissioners last month voted 3-2 to reduce the time residents have to speak before the commission from five minutes to three minutes. In addition, commissioners moved the public comments from the beginning of the meeting toward the end and moved public comments to the end of agenda items during workshop meetings.

In February commission meetings have run as long as five hours, with few if any residents staying until the meetings are adjourned.

For his part, Weitz thinks moving public comment to the end of meetings, and reducing the time the speaker is allowed to speak is "clearly an attempt to limit free speech."

"The mantra of four members of the commission has always been to emphasize open and public comment and to increase transparency with residents," he said. "Since they have become the majority, this policies they have implemented have allowed them to conduct business without any public input or scrutiny."

The decision to scale back public comment has drawn push-back from some residents, who say the commission is overreacting to one resident's outbursts.

"This is the only time we in the public have an opportunity to express to you, our governing body, our opinions, ideas and desires," John Boden, who attends most meetings, told commissioners. "Short-term issues that may be occurring should not determine the long-term policy of this commission."

Boden said he understands the commission's frustration with Weitz's outbursts but doesn't think other residents should have their comments restricted because of the actions of one individual.

"The mayor with a verbose citizen should not change the entire procedure," Boden said.

Some commissioners, however, think it's Weitz's behavior that is limiting the opportunity for people to speak before the commission.

"People won’t come to commission meetings because they’re afraid," Commissioner Rhoda Zelniker said. "I have people asking me why we don’t have metal detectors."

Commissioner Elyse Riesa, who along with Mayor Carl Feldman voted against the changes, said she thinks all residents should have the opportunity to share their views with their elected officials.

Others say there is still an opportunity at all commission meetings for public comment.

"No one is taking away their right to speak," said Vice Mayor Alyseen Afnico Nala.

Feldman countered, however, saying that moving comments to the end of long meetings will in essence have that effect.

"Public comment at the end of the meeting is going to eliminate any comment," he said.

During discussions of bringing decorum back to commission meetings, commissioners said one reason changes were needed was to bring the town's policies in line with those of other municipalities.

With the new time limit, Highland Beach joins most other communities in south Palm Beach County that have a three-minute cap on public comments. However, an informal check by The Coastal Star shows that five of eight local municipalities — including small towns and larger cities — allow public comment at the beginning of meetings.

"If we have to raise our millage rate, let's do it at a little at a time," she said.

The Town Commission will hold special meetings each month, with a public hearing on the budget. The public hearings, in accordance with state law, will be Sept. 6 at 5:01 p.m.

A vote on raising the tax rate will be held on a date to be determined.

Boca Raton

By Steve Plunkett

Work to rebuild the hugely popular observation tower at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, which has been missing observation tower at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, which has been missing since March 2015, should begin in September.

The new tower will be constructed with composite wood decking, rather than natural timber, but otherwise will be a replica of the 40-foot original.

Fort Pierce-based Custom Marine Construction Inc. won the $1.1 million project, which includes demolishing and rebuilding the south loop of the nature center's boardwalk and the drawing up of environmental permits.

Environmental concerns led to a rerouting of the boardwalk so it will not intrude into the mangroves on the east bank of the Intracoastal Waterway.

"It skips the area without actually going into it," Gumbo Limbo manager Lee Weitz said. "That is something the existing loop never received environmental permits.

"I think one of the big questions I’ve heard is, ‘Where’s the tower? When is it coming back?’" said Robert Rollins, chairman of the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District which will reimburse the city for the expense.

The entire boardwalk and the observation tower were closed to the public in February 2015 after engineers warned they were near collapse. District and city officials dithered for months about whether to rebuild the tower or to reposition it with the district finally keeping control.

Work on the first phase of the boardwalk started in May 2016 and was finished the following December. It cost almost $631,000.

While construction was underway, the city decided it would build the tower and the second phase of the boardwalk. It hired a different consultant, who had plans drawn up and a bids viewed on the project last May.

The city owns Red Reef Park, which includes the former Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, and the city decided to bring the project in line with its purchase of the land and pay for all operations and capital improvements there.
Lantana/Hypoluxo Island

Delayed water main project set to end Sept. 30

By Mary Thurwachter

Although it’s making progress, Intercounty Engineering Inc., the firm hired to install water main pipes on Hypoluxo Island’s South Atlantic Drive, remains behind schedule and now has a projected Sept. 30 completion date. The contractor is being fined $500 a day by Matthews Consulting Inc., Lantana’s engineering firm. “The contractor completed the installation of the water main and is installing fire hydrants,” Linda Brien, Lantana’s director of operations, said in mid-August.

The project at the island’s main street, begins at East Ocean Boulevard and South Atlantic Drive, cutting south to Lands End Road, where it turns east to the end of Southeast Atlantic Drive. The contractor at times has used double crews to catch up, Brien said. “The projected completion date is Sept. 30.”

Brien said the project was set to begin in June 2018, but problems with the contractor, including a data breach and a ransomware attack, held up work and the lack of progress. “We are especially vigilant for dog owners to avoid conflicts with the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the council has rescheduled its regular meeting to Sept. 12, immediately following a 7 p.m. hearing on the proposed 2019 budget. A second budget hearing is scheduled for 5:01 p.m. on Sept. 24.

In other business:
- South Palm Beach police gave out their first written warning last month under the new ordinance prohibiting dogs on the beach.
- Sgt. Mark Garrison, the town’s interim police chief, told the council during its Aug. 21 meeting that the department will begin recording violations in a database as part of the law’s implementation. First offenders receive written warnings, but then for each subsequent violation within a calendar year they face $100 fines.
- ‘Parking citations and town ordinance violations imposing a fine will now be handled on our computer-based reporting system,’ Garrison said.
- “Citations will be tracked by year and number for payment,” he said.
- “If someonelesia said an officer responding to the scene of a possible dog violence incident will be able to determine quickly whether the offender should receive a warning or be fined.

Garrison told Jordan that officers are “trying to do five or six beach checks per shift.”
- Thornton said IT contractors are making “good progress” fixing internet and phone problems that have dogged the town for more than a year.

In June 2017, the town’s system was hit by a ransomware attack that paralyzed business at Town Hall. Officials paid no ransom and were able to get computers and website back online with the help of an outside contractor. But problems have persisted.

South Palm Beach

Town agrees on tax rollback with big decisions ahead

By Dan Moffett

Despite having a hefty list of unresolved issues, the South Palm Beach Town Council has signed off on a rollback of the property tax rate for the 2019 budget.

Council members have agreed to drop the current millage from $4 per $1,000 of taxable value to the full rollback rate of $3.73. The current tax rate is $3.92 per $1,000 of property value.

“I think it’s important for us to get it done,” Mayor Bonnie Thornton said.

She also requested that town council members must find a town clerk. The council is vacant police chief position and choose someone to fill the position in the future.

Council members have postponed the budget until next week.

Council members also voted to authorize the Town Hall costs tens of thousands or significantly more. “My plan is to schedule a workshop to go over his report,” Thornton said. “We have too much to take up at a regular meeting.”

To avoid conflicts with the Rosh Hashanah holiday, the council has rescheduled its regular meeting to Sept. 12, immediately following a 7 p.m. hearing on the proposed 2019 budget. A second budget hearing is scheduled for 5:01 p.m. on Sept. 24.

In other business:
- South Palm Beach police gave out their first written warning last month under the new ordinance prohibiting dogs on the beach.
- Sgt. Mark Garrison, the town’s interim police chief, told the council during its Aug. 21 meeting that the department will begin recording violations in a database as part of the law’s implementation. First offenders receive written warnings, but then for each subsequent violation within a calendar year they face $100 fines.
- Parking citations and town ordinance violations imposing a fine will now be handled on our computer-based reporting system,” Garrison said.
- “Citations will be tracked by year and number for payment,” he said.
- “If someone sees an officer responding to the scene of a possible dog violence incident will be able to determine quickly whether the offender should receive a warning or be fined.”

Garrison told Jordan that officers are “trying to do five or six beach checks per shift.”
- Thornton said IT contractors are making “good progress” fixing internet and phone problems that have dogged the town for more than a year.

In June 2017, the town’s system was hit by a ransomware attack that paralyzed business at Town Hall. Officials paid no ransom and were able to get computers and website back online with the help of an outside contractor. But problems have persisted.
Developer shares oceanfront townhouse details

By Jane Smith

Construction should begin by mid-September on the oceanfront Gulf Stream Views, a townhouse development in a lot that formerly held the Pelican Beach apartments.

The new landowner last month showed off plans for a posh complex south of Briny Breezes in response to a list of questions from Kristine de Haseth, executive director of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, on behalf of residents of the County Pocket and Briny Breezes and The Coastal Star.

Glenn La Mattina, senior vice president of NR Living, gathered the project experts on Aug. 20 at a Boynton Beach waterfront restaurant in an effort to address the concerns.

Density: According to the project’s architect, Richard Jones of Delray Beach, the six buildings, with a total of 14 units, will have a modern design featuring a lot of glass.

“All of the units will have ocean views from one or more levels,” he said.

The complex will be framed by retaining walls with heavy landscaping that Jones described as “providing a terraced contemporary green space along the street.”

Traffic: Briny Breezes Boulevard on the north will provide access from A1A, and Seaview Avenue on the south will provide access from the County Pocket into Gulf Stream Views’ main gated entrance off Old Ocean Boulevard.

Elevation: The complex sits within the state’s Coastal Construction Control Line. As a result, the project’s first floor will be at 16.4 feet, said land planner Bradley Miller of Boynton Beach. The state requires a first floor start at 14 feet above NAVD (the North American Vertical Datum).

Gulf Stream Views will add an additional 2 feet for the pilings and other foundation work. This will put the 1st floor about 2 feet above the level of Old Ocean Blvd.

Each unit will have a two-car garage, according to Miller. The site also will have 10 surface spaces for guest parking.

Public beach access: The beach will continue to be open to the north and south of the complex, Miller said. Gulf Stream Views residents and their guests will have private access through a gated entrance in the middle of Old Ocean.

Water: Michael LaCoursiere, the project’s civil engineer in West Palm Beach, said Gulf Stream Views will have water provided by Boynton Beach through a main on Briny Breezes Boulevard.

Each unit will have its own wastewater pipe that flows to one lift station at the southwest corner of the complex. From there, the wastewater will be pumped to a 6-inch pipe under Seaview Avenue on the southern border of the property. That pipe eventually connects to the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on the mainland.

Drainage: Stormwater runoff will be dealt with on-site, LaCoursiere said. It will be discharged into the ground and not flow off-site into the County Pocket to the south, he said.

Landscaping: Leo Urban, the project’s landscape architect in Boynton Beach, said he chose native plants or low-water-use plants for the complex.

“We will move the existing sabal palms to the east side of the property,” Urban said. Coconut palms will be planted near the buildings to avoid storm damage from shade trees.

In between the tiered retaining walls, purple bougainvillea will be planted, Urban said. “It will bring some color to the complex and serve as a barrier [to possible intruders],” he said.

Rich Radici, the construction manager from New Jersey, said workers would park on-site during construction. Radici has a Boynton Beach condo and says he will be down often to check on the project.

During construction, Karl Indrino will be the on-site manager daily. Radici said the project would take about 18 months to complete.

Each three-story unit will have three bedrooms, an elevator, a splash pool, a two-car garage, a rooftop deck and 3,400 square feet of air-conditioned space. Preconstruction prices range from $1.8 million to $2.7 million.

The Coalition for Preservation is a grassroots group dedicated to preserving the quality of life on the barrier island with responsible growth.

The project sits on a nearly 2-acre vacant parcel in an unincorporated county pocket. Gulf Stream Views LLC paid $5.4 million for the property in early June.

The company, a division of National Realty Investment Advisors of Secaucus, N.J., purchased the land from real estate investor David Rinker. He and other investors bought the parcel in 2006 when it housed the Pelican apartments.

Realtors Pascal Liguori and his son Antonio of Delray Beach have the exclusive sales listings for the Gulf Stream Views townhomes.

ABOVE: Fourteen townhouses split among six buildings will have private beach access, while still maintaining two existing public beach access points. BELOW: Lush landscaping is planned with coconut palms, bougainvillea and a variety of native plants. Renderings provided by National Realty Investment Advisors.
KEVIN McCARTY

By Rich Pollack

DELRAY BEACH — Kevin McCarty loved serving his community and helping others.

Mr. McCarty, who died early last month at the age of 90 following a battle with cancer, was 70.

A successful stockbroker and public finance banker who worked at the Raymond James Financial office in Delray Beach and later was managing director of the Bear, Stearns & Co. Boca Raton office, Mr. McCarty is remembered for his generosity and kindness and for his willingness to always lend a hand.

"Kevin was always happy not to be in the spotlight," Mary McCarty said. "It was always about other people — me, his mother — and about the community. There was no ego involved with him. He was just very gracious."

In addition to his civic involvement, Mr. McCarty was very active in politics, serving as a Palm Beach County Republican state committee man for 12 years and a delegate to four Republican national conventions.

Although Mr. McCarty and Alperin had vastly different political views, they were able to talk politics and have friendly debates.

"He was always a gentleman, respectful of the opinion of others," Alperin said. "We'd have some tough discussions, then we'd go out and get a drink."

An avid golfer who played Alperin every Sunday for many years, Mr. McCarty loved the water, often finding time to go fishing.

His favorite place, however, was home, to spend time with his wife and the couple's dogs.

Married for 38 years, Mr. McCarty and his wife remained devoted to one another during a federal investigation that led to both receiving prison sentences.

Growing up in an a decade ago that led to Mary McCarty's being convicted of charges related to misuse of office, Mr. McCarty was sentenced to eight months in federal prison for failing to report that his wife illegally benefited from her elected position.

"Never once was there an ill word said to me in this situation," Mary McCarty said. "If there was something in the universe that it thought we'd tear apart, it just cemented us closer."

She said Mr. McCarty's experience in prison and with the judicial system likely helped prepare him for a 17-month battle with cancer.

"In both situations there are things you can't control, so you manage around the edges, working with things you can control. You talk to the best doctors and get the best treatment."

"Throughout the battle with pancreatic cancer, Mr. McCarty tried to lead as much of a normal life as possible."

"He never complained, he just wanted to do whatever he could to survive," Mary McCarty said. "He was an inspiration."

Mary McCarty was at her husband's side when he died in the Delray Beach Regional Medical Center during the early morning hours of Aug. 5.

Mr. McCarty was survived by his wife; a sister, Mary Conklin of Winsted, Conn.; and cousins Christine and Paul McCarty of Vernon, Conn., and Paul Raymond of Canterbury, N.H.

A memorial Mass was held on Aug. 17 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Boynton Beach.

Instead of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Suzanne Wright Foundation, Codte Purple Now for pancreatic cancer research, www.suzannewrightfoundation.org.

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Benestad could not be reached for comment.

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At the time of his death, he was a salesman for Massey Yardley Jeep Chrysler Dodge in Plantation. He was known as an athlete and a musician, and he loved animals. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Ireland is survived by his father, Jeffrey L. Ireland of Ocean Ridge; mother, Sandra (Rolfs) Ireland of San Antonio, Fla.; grandmother Marilyn Ireland; sister Stacie (LaGarrick) Gantt and aunt, Sharon Kirk.

Diana Rolfs and Hugh Ireland, his grandparents Sheldon and Diana Rolfs and Hugh Ireland, and an aunt, Sharon Kirk.

Mr. Ireland’s funeral was held Aug. 27 at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer, Mich., with burial at Metamora Cemetery in Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family on a GoFundMe page, linked through Jeff L. Ireland’s Facebook page. Condolences and memories may be left at MuirBrothersLapeer.com.

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E-Ad National Properties, in Elad Group company that develops, manages, sells and administers operations for 4.372 Florida properties, has moved its headquarters from Plantation to downtown Boca Raton in the Bank of America building, 150 E. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 408.

From its new location, it plans to hire additional employees to manage its $500 million ALINA Residences Boca Raton, a luxury condominium community with up to 384 units that will replace the Mizner on the Green townhomes on Southeast Mizner Boulevard. One building of the old complex has already been demolished to make room for a sales center for the project, which debuts its new name this month.

“We have long had a real estate presence in Boca Raton and are now pleased to officially call Boca Raton and Palm Beach County home,” said El-Ad National Properties executive director of development Noam Ziv.

In line with the project, El-Ad National Properties is partnering with businesses and nonprofit groups that include a programming collaboration with the Boca Raton Museum of Art, memberships in the Boca Downtown Business Alliance and Boca Raton Chamber, and support of the Golden Bell Education Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County and the FAU Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine.

Elad Group, a real estate company with several billion dollars in assets, focuses on the acquisition, development and conversion of architecturally significant residential and commercial properties in markets throughout the United States.

Douglas Elliman Real Estate has acquired the Boca Raton firm Pink Palm Properties that was led by Rochelle LeCavalier and specialized in properties in Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club. LeCavalier and her team will work out of Elliman’s Boca Raton office at 444 E. Palmetto Park Road.

Sales of homes priced at $600,000 and above saw an unprecedented rise in July compared with the same month last year, according to the Realtors of the Palm Beaches and Greater Fort Lauderdale.

Sales of homes priced at $1 million or more rose 30.6 percent, and home sales in the $600,000 to $999,999 range showed a 26.6 percent increase for the same month.

The median sales price of single-family homes increased 4.2 percent to $530,000; active inventory decreased 5.1 percent. -

Sales numbers are looking especially good for Corcoran Group agent Steven Presson. As of Aug. 2, Presson had completed 15 residential sales for his clients in 70 days, with combined sales totaling more than $36 million.

Presson, who specializes in luxury coastal real estate in Ocean Ridge and surrounding communities, has been ranked No. 2 out of the Corcoran Group’s 133 agents for the first quarter of 2018. His recent sales include: $6,895,000 for a lot near Briny Breezes; $5,032,000 for a home at 913 N. Atlantic on Hypoluxo Island; $3,699,000 for a beachside point lot at 53 Spanish River Drive, Ocean Ridge; $4,195,000 for a panoramic waterfront estate at 27 Harbor Drive, Ocean Ridge; $1,695,000 for a waterfront home at 62 Harbor Drive in Ocean Ridge; and $1,095,000 for a waterfront land at 1508 Lake Drive in Delray Beach.

Last month, NHL hockey star Max Pacioretty listed his $3.742 million for a 4,372 Florida properties, has moved its headquarters from Plantation to downtown Boca Raton in the Bank of America building, 150 E. Palmetto Park Road, Suite 408.

The five-bedroom home has 4½ bathrooms, 13-foot ceilings, marble floors, an outdoor summer kitchen, saltwater pool, smart house technology, a safe room, and indoor/outdoor basketball and sports courts. Pacioretty, 29, a left wing with the Montreal Canadiens, has 226 goals in 10 NHL seasons, with a career best of 39 in 2013-14 for Montreal.

Ken Johnson, associate dean of graduate programs and professor of finance in the College of Business at Florida Atlantic University, was named president of the American Real Estate Society. Founded in 1985, the association produces and disseminates research and information about real estate decision-making and the functions of real estate markets.

Allison Turner has been appointed to the board of directors of the Institute for Regional Conservation, a Delray Beach nonprofit that aims to protect, restore and manage biodiversity regionally, and to prevent regional extinctions of rare plants, animals and ecosystems. Turner, a Delray Beach resident, is owner and CEO of BCoSF Media and Business Consultants of South Florida.

John M. Campanola, a New York Life agent since early 2012, has become a member of the 2018 Quality Council of New York Life Insurance Co. His office is in downtown Delray Beach. A longtime Florida resident, he is involved in the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he won its 2013-2014 Ambassador of the...
Year award and the 2013-2014 Ken Ellingsworth Community Service Award.
Campanola is also involved in the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce, where he won its 2017 New Member of the Year Award.

Artist Amanda Johnson will debut her “Recovery Butterfly Bag” at an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 15 at Amanda James Gallery. For every bag sold, the gallery will donate $10 to Wayside House, a women’s addiction recovery facility in Delray Beach. The gallery is at 412 E. Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. Visit amandajamesgallery.com.

Crane’s Beach House Boutique Hotel & Luxury Villas launched a new event series, “Tastings at the Tiki,” to benefit local nonprofit and community service organizations. Events will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and will offer special wine and beer tasting experiences.

The Sept. 20 event will benefit artists’ services of Delray’s Art Warehouse. Drinks will be from Chalk Hill Winery, Smith & Hook Winery and Saltwater Brewery. Crane’s will offer hors d’oeuvres from local restaurants and live music. Admission is $20 and includes a drink ticket. Call 278-1700 or visit cranesbeachhouse.com.

This year, 108 students will receive $1,069,500 in scholarships, ranging from $600 to $60,000, awarded by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. With more than 100 scholarship funds established by donors committed to education, the organization has given more than $11.5 million in scholarship grants since 1983, helping 2,136 students.

In South County, students from Boca Raton Community High School and Olympic Heights Community High were among the recipients.

Among the donors is Sanjiv Sharma of Highland Beach, and one of his two funds, Pundit Mulchand and Janki Devi Sharma Scholarship Fund, had several scholarship recipients this year.

“We understand that many of our aspiring local students do not have the financial resources for a college education,” said Brad Hurlburt, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. “It is through the generosity of our donors that these dreams can become a reality, and we are extremely proud to be able to provide this service to the community."

Call 659-6800 or visit yourcommunityfoundation.org.

The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium and the Stiles Nicholson Foundation will hold an event Sept. 29 honoring the recipients of STEM Innovation Awards recognizing leadership, service and collaboration in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. To be held at the Science Center, the event will include a cocktail reception, dinner, music and science demonstrations. Tickets are $75 each or $750 for a table of 10, and sponsorship opportunities are available. The South Florida Science Center and Aquarium is at 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Call 832-1988 or visit sfsciencecenter.org.

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Three days before the new Publix opened its doors in Plaza del Mar, Wade Rinderknecht kept a close eye on an army of employees filling the shelves and undergoing training sessions. As the store manager, Rinderknecht needs to stay on top of it all.

“This is coming together great,” he said. “I’m amazed at what we’ve been able to fit in here. I’m super-excited.”

That excitement only grew on Aug. 16, when the 28,000-square-foot supermarket officially opened for the first time. The beige-colored store is about the size of the downtown Lake Worth Plaza del Mar.
Philanthropy Tank
returns for fourth year

Applications are open for Palm Beach County students in grades eight through 12 who want to participate in the Philanthropy Tank program.

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Installation luncheon
Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar, Delray Beach — July 18

The Soroptimist International of Boca Raton/Deerfield Beach chapter celebrated a year of making a difference for women at an affair chaired by Brandi Adams. Officers were installed by Kathi Pease, president of the Palm Beaches chapter. They include President Marybeth Keenan and honorary director Helen Babione, who was honored for 52 years of membership. Dr. Heidi Schaeffer, who is stepping down as co-president to become district director, received a plaque of recognition. ABOVE: Babione and Schaeffer.

Photo provided by Barbara McCormick

Reception showcase
DeVos-Blum Family YMCA, Boynton Beach — Aug. 9

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County’s board of trustees invited more than 100 supporters to the luncheon event where summer campers, including several served by the Caridad Center, greeted guests upon their arrival. On display were the artwork and science projects the youths completed. Also featured were the donors and funders of the Summer Education Enrichment program, who received well-deserved recognition. ABOVE: (l-r) Boynton Beach Mayor Steven Grant, Bradley Hurlburt, president and CEO of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Daryl Houston, community investment officer at the foundation, and Kimberly Trombly-Burmeister, director of development at the YMCA.

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Before opening day
TOP: Employees must stock shelves more often because the Manalapan store is about half the size of a typical Publix. ABOVE: Melissa La Rock trains workers at the deli, which has sandwiches, salads and soups. Photos by Jerry Lower/The Coastal Star
Opening day
TOP: Ginny Foot of Boynton Beach pays for her purchases at the new Publix.
RIGHT: Produce manager Julie Rutmann handed out 100 roses to customers. More than 20 people waited in line before the 7 a.m. opening.

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Publix and about half the size of the Palm Beach Publix. It’s the only supermarket on the barrier island from South Palm Beach to Boca Raton.

“Because it’s smaller, we have a more concentrated shopping experience,” said Rinderknecht, 44, of Palm City. He has worked for the Publix chain for 19 years, but this is his first time as a store manager. He oversees 110 employees.

“The store has digital menu boards at the deli counter,” he said, as a dozen employees were trained on proper sandwich making. “Instead of two homemade soups, we’re offering six.

Another store feature that Rinderknecht expects will be a customer hit are the Chef Selections, fully prepared and cooked meals with a meat and two sides. “Time is a real value to people,” he said. “With Chef Selections they can pick up dinner and take it home ready to eat.”

Other store highlights include a pharmacy, bakery, full-service meat case with more prime meats than the average Publix, a large cheese selection, an extensive wine collection, a floral department, seafood, sushi and fine farm-raised caviar from Marky’s, a Florida-based company.

Areca palm trees planted on the backside of the center camouflage a water tank and delivery trucks, which will be limited to working between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Hub of plaza renovation
The grocery store is the centerpiece in Plaza del Mar’s $10 million renovation. The 36-year-old shopping center at State Road A1A and Ocean Avenue was treated to new landscaping, signage and LED lighting.

Plaza landlord Kitson & Partners said the redesign actually decreased the retail space from about 103,000 to 83,000 square feet.

Occupancy at the plaza at times fell below 70 percent in recent years as the last decade’s recession took a toll. But Matt Buehler, Kitson’s vice president of retail operations who has worked extensively on the plaza project, said occupancy has risen to 93 percent, the best in the center’s history.

“Having Publix there gave us the opportunity to renovate the shopping center and stabilize the center,” Buehler said. “It benefits the community as well. It serves the residents there, and that was part of the driving factor. We wanted to turn that into a successful shopping center for the town as well as the ownership of the shopping center.”

Now that Publix is open, the plaza is doing so well that Kitson & Partners, the Palm Beach Gardens real estate development company that has owned the center since 2007, is very pleased.

“We’re excited,” Buehler said. “We’re happy this day is here. It’s been a long time coming.”

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Also excited was Terrance Richmond, the first person in line waiting for the store to open. He arrived at 5:40 a.m. for the 7 a.m. grand opening, providing him with a front-and-center position for the ribbon-cutting photos. But perhaps no one was as happy as longtime Manalapan resident Melissa Parker, one of the first customers. "I have been waiting 26 years for this store to open," she said. "Tomorrow marks the 26th year we have lived here in Manalapan."

Changes in ownership

Kitson is the third real estate development company to own the plaza. The first was Draper & Kramer, an old-line Chicago company. The second was Woolbright Development, a real estate investment firm based in Boca Raton.

John J. Hoecker, who worked for Draper & Kramer, was the shopping center's first property manager. Along with his college pals Rich Draper and Tom Jackson, they founded the Ice Cream Club, the shopping center's first tenant. Hoecker long ago sold his share to his partners but continued to work at the shopping center until he left after 15 years to go out on his own. He has his own company, Jupiter Realty in West Palm Beach.

"When I first got there, I was all of 22," he said of Manalapan. "We had a lot of fun in the early years there. We went through the original construction that sits on 1,000 pilings. It was a construction event. It was a good experience."

Plaza del Mar opened in 1982. At the time, La Coquille Club, an exclusive residential club built on the beach across the street in 1952 by Spelman Prentice, J.D. Rockefeller's grandson, was still operational. The club was known as a tropical retreat for folks such as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Vanderbilts, Fords and Whitneys. The club closed in 1984 and was razed in 1986. By 1991, a Ritz-Carlton opened on the property. Five years ago, the hotel became Eau Palm Beach.

According to 1982 news reports in The Evening Times, the 43-unit shopping center, Plaza del Mar, was long-awaited by island residents. With the exception of a few stores at the Lake Worth Beach Casino complex, the plaza was the only island shopping area between Palm Beach and Delray Beach.

Buildings were given a contemporary style and architecture, and the majority of the façade was cedar siding to give it "a very rich look," the Times reported.

The three buildings of the center were separated by an outdoor walkway, and one had a 52-foot clock tower. That tower was bulldozed during the recent renovation.

Some of the first stores to make a home in the shopping center were Flagler Bank (now SunTrust), the Ice Cream Club, a gourmet food store, a wine and cheese shop, a florist shop and a pharmacy.

Other businesses housed in the center over the years included a housewares store, a clothing shop, a cashmere shop, gift shops, several art galleries, a theater, several restaurants, a coffee shop, a travel agency, a dry cleaner, and several real estate offices.

Besides Publix, the center’s newest tenants are the Shoe Garden, which has another location in Delray Marketplace; and Fountain Dry Cleaners, which opened Aug. 16, just like Publix.

Jerry Lower contributed to this story.
No stone unturned: A jeweler’s family tradition continues

Pedro Maldonado is not a flashy man, but his jewelry dazzles. He opened his store, Jewelry Artisans, in Plaza del Mar in the late 1980s after having a jewelry business in Palm Beach for seven years.

“We came here because they were going to build the hotel across the street,” Maldonado said of the Ritz-Carlton. He thought the luxury resort, which opened in 1991 and transitioned into Eau Palm Beach five years ago, would be good for business — and it has.

His customers have included actor Christopher Plummer, Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts and singers Shirley Bassey and Billy Joel. Elton John bought a Maldonado-made ring in Palm Beach.

From a family of master jewelers in Cuenca, Ecuador — a city known for its artisans — came crowns, church artifacts and unique jewelry of the highest quality. Maldonado started working in his father’s shop when he was 7.

When he was 16, Maldonado moved to New Jersey to live with his sister and brother-in-law. He studied at the Spanish-American Institute in Manhattan and got a job in the jewelry district on 47th Street. He worked with the renowned jeweler Louis Tamis, whose clients included Cartier, Tiffany and Bulgari.

Eager to succeed in his craft, Maldonado traveled throughout Europe to research and learn the skills of the old masters and learn the techniques of Russian, Greek and Italian jewelers. His experience in New York, he says, “was really sort of magical.” While he missed his family in Ecuador, having his sister and her family there helped him feel at home.

Because he already knew the basics of the trade, he found work in the jewelry business immediately. The company that employed him was run by a Russian immigrant who proved to be an excellent teacher for Maldonado.

“It was really my luck that I landed that job,” he says. “I learned how to make handbags out of gold for Tiffany,” he said. “Each handbag at the time was $12,000 or $13,000. We used to make cigarette boxes, gold pens, cigarette holders and lipstick cases, as well.”

His art, he says, is designed for those who prefer their jewelry custom made with the mark of distinction.

His first store in Plaza del Mar was in a building that was razed as part of the shopping center’s renovations to make room for the new Publix.

In what Maldonado calls “a miracle,” space for his shop — about 2,100 square feet — became available alongside Evelyn & Arthur Clothing & Gifts. Evelyn & Arthur downsized by half and turned over the eastern side of the unit to the jewelry store, which is now more than double the size of its former spot.

Plaza del Mar has been good.
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for more than Maldonado’s business. Not long after he moved to the plaza, he met and married his wife, Shannon, there. He was having coffee at Café del Mar, next to his shop, when he met her. She was a college student and part-time waitress and, like him, a karate devotee. Both have black belts.

They were married at the now defunct Assembly restaurant in Plaza del Mar. Maldonado made the wedding rings with gold mined in his country. The couple lives in North Palm Beach with their five children, three boys and two girls. Two sons, Max and Alex, work with their dad at Jewelry Artisans. Both are surfers, so when weather and time permit, they run across the street to the Atlantic to catch some waves.

The boys gave their dad a paddleboard for Father’s Day, which Pedro Maldonado is trying to master. In the meantime, he relieves stress by swimming about two miles from Lantana Beach to the Lake Worth Pier, then runs back on the shoreline.

Then he’s back to mentoring his sons on the fine art of jewelry making. And so the Maldonado family tradition continues.

A clothing store that has run the gamut at Plaza del Mar

New Yorkers Evelyn and Arthur Lewis launched their flagship clothing store, Evelyn & Arthur, in 1985 after moving to Palm Beach a year earlier.

Evelyn, as their story goes, needed clothing that reflected her new location, lifestyle and sensibilities.

Arthur, who had been in the garment business in New York, thought how hard could it be, according to his son-in-law, Fred Weissman, the company’s chief financial officer and husband of the Lewises’ daughter, Adrienne. Fred and Adrienne Weissman had worked in Macy’s in New York. They married and moved to Florida in 1986 to join the family business. That year, they opened another store in Plaza del Mar.

“The original store at Plaza del Mar was a swimwear store called Evelyn & Arthur’s Beach House,” Fred Weissman said. “That’s where Lang Realty is currently. Over the course of years, we’ve had lots of different stores in the plaza.”

A year later, Evelyn & Arthur expanded next door to what is currently Jewelry Artisans. “That became a little bit of a sportswear store,” Weissman said. “The year after that, we expanded again and turned that store into a men’s store. So, at one point we had a swimwear store, a card and gift store, a men’s store, and at one point, over in the building that’s now demolished, we had a large-sized outlet store. We’ve done the outlet store there in three different locations over time. So, we’ve really run the gamut at Plaza del Mar.

The original owner’s landlord, John I. Hoekse of Draper & Kramer, was very accommodating, Weissman said. “He gave us the opportunity to try experiments in the center, which is why we kept trying and opening up stores there,” he said. “Over the course of time, with the changes in the plaza, as the plaza was very strong in terms of its tenant base, we were able to support all those businesses there. But at this point, we’re really focusing on our women’s apparel. The gift store, which is really not a strong business anymore, we let that go.” Jewelry Artisans occupies that space.

“We’re very enthusiastic about what’s going on in the plaza now with Publix coming in and the refurbishing of the center, and of course, the painting and the parking lot,” he said. “It’s always been a great little center. It just required TLC and the current owner seems to be putting it in there. We’re expecting good things.”

The character of the plaza was very different back in 1986, Weissman said. “There was a pharmacy and a couple of brokers in there and a different real estate office. There was a housewares store and a dry cleaner.”

The plaza had a different feel, he said. “It was very much serving South Ocean Boulevard, in particular, when the condos were really at their peak. That was really the place people were moving to.”

Little by little, things have changed, Weissman said. “We’ve gone through two or three attempts at markets there, people that obviously didn’t have Publix’s expertise. I expect Publix knows their business and will do just fine.”

Weissman has always viewed Plaza del Mar as a little gem. “With John G’s in there now and Basil moving over to another spot in the plaza, and of course with Publix, it should have an opportunity to fill back up. It’s just very convenient.”

Some of the folks from across the bridge seem to be back, he said. “We used to do a big business from Atlantis and Boynton Beach and I don’t know if people have traveled over as much as they used to, but I’m hoping with the center filling in we’ll see that traffic coming back again.”

The scoop on Plaza del Mar’s first tenant

In 1981, three college pals at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — Rich Draper, Tom Jackson and John J. Hoekse — fled chilly Chicago and landed in Manalapan, where they founded an ice cream store. That shop, the Ice Cream Club, opened Jan. 8, 1982, as the first tenant of Plaza del Mar at the corner of East Ocean Avenue and State Road A1A.

Hoekse, who like Draper worked commercial leasing for the shopping center’s developer, Draper & Kramer, eventually sold his interest in the ice cream store to Draper (no relation to the developer) and Jackson. The two still own it and have expanded the business to include an 18,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Boynton Beach, where a staff of 60 produces about a million gallons of ice cream annually.
When we decided to open, we thought we would buy ice cream, but there weren’t a lot of choices, not someone like us now to buy from,” Draper said.

“We looked around and ended up going to a restaurant show in Chicago where we found a guy selling a little ice cream machine and bought it on the spot.”

Back in Florida, Draper and his buddies played around with some recipes and got the store open.

“A lot of the flavors we first started marketing were from customer requests,” Draper said. “People coming in from the Northeast would say, ‘Hey, we tried this at this store or that store’ and we’d make it.”

The partners continued making ice cream in the store for three or four years before acquiring additional space in the plaza to make more ice cream. “This was all in the ‘80s and then we went to a bigger building in Boynton Beach where our factory is now. We’ve been here (Boynton) for 25-plus years,” Draper said.

“There are other stores that license the Ice Cream Club name, Draper said, but they are all independently owned.

“We love having the retail store, but that’s our only retail store,” he said. “We had to make a choice along the line and picked the production and the distribution. We have over 100 flavors in stock all the time, so we’re kind of a one-stop shop for independent ice cream stores.”

When Plaza del Mar opened in 1982, La Coquille Club across the street was past its heyday, but still operational, Draper said. “It was demolished (in 1986) and for a while we had an ocean view from our front door. The Ritz came in the early ’90s. There was a period where there was just a big dirt field out there.”

A lot of things have changed but a lot have stayed the same, he said. “A1A is still A1A, people kind of cruise along. I remember when I first looked at this site for opening a store. It was in the fall. That’s the slowest time of the year and I was kind of wondering how many people are going to stop here. But I just thought A1A is a road people want to stop on. So, I kind of made the leap there.”

With a five-star hotel across the street (the Ritz-Carlton that became Eau Palm Beach five years ago), the Ice Cream Shop has hosted many famous folks, including Martin Sheen, Steven Tyler, Kevin James, the Jonas Brothers and Gwen Stefani.

“We don’t take pictures of them and put them on the wall,” Draper said. “It’s nice for people to come in with family and have a relaxed time like everybody else.”

He likes hanging out there, too. “My wife, Heather, and I just live up the road (Palm Beach). It’s just a fun store. I’m proud to have the store, proud to be part of the community. We have community support and the hotel folks are great. The police and fire department, everybody has been real supportive.”

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Keeping active and engaged is key to long life, author says

All the evidence was there. Diversity of Harbour’s Edge senior community was more than ready to Live Long, Die Short, as in the title of the book by author Roger Landry, who was about to pitch his program for a vital old age. Every seat in the large banquet room was filled, with walkers and other devices parked in all the available space. Those who could stand, mostly staff members, lined the walls.

And if there were any skeptics, Walter Krueger, from Abbey Delray, another lifespan retirement community in Delray Beach, gave them an endorsement. “We’ve been involved in the book for two years,” he told the group. “I had a bucket list when I retired, three pages on a legal pad. I cross one off and added two more on the bottom. At the end of the year, you’re the boss and CEO. You’re running things. You’re directing all your energies for the first time.”

Nancy Flynn, part of the team that brought the Masterpiece program at Harbour’s Edge, is using the program and has begun to work with a trainer. “I’ve been here more than two years,” she told the group.

“I’m in my mid-70s, I lost my husband about 10 years ago to Harbour’s Edge to expand my connection with people. The point is that the programs are available here to maintain your health while you age.”

Landry was a flight surgeon for 22 years before joining his brother Larry in forming the Masterpiece Living program and to write Live Long, Die Short. The core of the program is that living a healthy lifestyle allows people to age with less pain and more joy and purpose, and to die “short,” without years of illness and pain.

He teased his audience about the perennial failure of New Year’s resolutions. “Why do we fail?” Landry said. “Because we take on too much.” He offered the Japanese idea known as keizen, or incremental improvement. “You take small tiny baby steps towards wherever you want to go.”

He described his client Tony, who was with the couple of years promised he would get more active, but never seemed to follow through. “I told him just to stand during TV commercials,” Landry said. “After a week, I said, ‘Now I want you to walk in place.’”

Tony continued to progress. Using incremental change, said Landry, “we can’t fail and change will be durable.”

Landry asked the audience a series of questions based on a self-assessment in the Masterpiece program. The answers would be the basis of a personal program shared to each person’s needs.

“First question: Are you using it? Sitting is the new smoking. Sitting is comparing the risk factors of a sedentary lifestyle with those from sitting in a car. Our ancestors were hunter-gatherers. Our brains, muscles, heart, everything works better when we move.”

More good news, said Landry, is that brain science now suggests that you can teach an old brain new tricks. “Neuroplasticity is now the lifelong ability of the brain to rewire itself in response to what we do,” said Landry. “For example, his client Nola was a master gardener for a year after age 90, after fully recovering from a surgery. ‘There’s a real benefit that comes from learning new things every day.’ When they scan brains of people learning a new language, they see the brain becoming heavier and thicker as it makes new connections. If you don’t want to learn a new language, how about eat with the opposite hand? How about you get lost? Challenge yourself. Get out of your comfort zone.”

“Those are enhanced by connection with other people, Landry said. “We are social creatures. People can be annoying, but we still need them.”

Speaking of the social context of health, Landry added the need for a sense of value.

“Don’t let others put you at risk,” he advised. “People have low expectations of what aging is all about. They don’t see you as human capital. You need purpose and society needs you.”

And then there are the children. “Don’t ever plan to live with your kids,” he said. “They love you too much to let you age in the best way possible.”

When Landry met Chuck Yeager, the pilot who broke the sound barrier and was immortalized in the book and film The Right Stuff, Yeager said he planned to do it again on the 50th anniversary of the feat. “But you’ll be 70” Landry protested.

“Is this your point?” Yeager said.

The message, said Landry, is that “It is your spirit or your age in charge. Never act your age. Shock people. Be out there experimenting. Life expands or contracts in proportion to our comfort zone.”

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Lawrence Toll, Ph.D., a professor of biology and science in Florida Atlantic University’s College of Medicine and a member of the college’s Brain Institute, secured a $1.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for the project “Mixed NFO/PYU/COMPOUNDS and the Investigation of Their Receptors in Anagalis.”

Toll, the principal investigator for the grant, has focused his research on the management of pain and drug addiction through pharmaceutical research and drug discovery. He is recognized as the co-discoverer of the endogenous neuropeptide nociceptin, which is involved in regulating reward and motivation pathways related to substance misuse, and regulating growth factors from the spinal cord to the brain.

Melissa Durbin, vice president and chief nursing officer at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, was appointed president of the Nursing Consortium of South Florida. She will lead the organization in unifying community leaders to address the region’s shortage of qualified nursing staff.

Ms. Durbin has been appointed to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Network. Chalkley is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. His special areas of interest include the management of diseases of the nervous system, infusion therapies, multiple sclerosis, and non-infectious and neuromyelitis optica. Miller is board eligible in neurology. His specialties include brain surgery, functional neurosurgery and spine surgery.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital appointed Brian M. Snelling to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Physician Network. Snelling is board eligible in neurology and vascular neurology with an area of interest in cerebrovascular neurosurgery, cranial neurosurgery and endovascular neurosurgery.

The medical center was also recognized as a top-ranked hospital in South Florida, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2018-2019 annual review of its Best Hospitals. It currently ranks 13th out of approximately 300 hospitals in Florida. The annual Best Hospitals rankings aim to help patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care. Its methodologies are based on risk-adjusted survival and readmission rates, volume, patient experience, patient safety and quality of medical care, among other care-related indicators.

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**Tuesday - 9/10 - The Next Step to a Healthier You at Bethesda Hospital East**

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $100/couple.

- Registration: 2229; publicrelations@bhinc.org.

**Wednesday - 9/11 - Parent Lectures: How to Use Social Stories to Prepare Your Child for Success at Sugarbush Farm**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:

- $40/couple.

- Registration: 588-8989; spr@bocaraton.com.

**Thursday - 9/12 - Parents’ Night Out: How to Make Your Home a Safe Haven**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:

- $40/couple.

- Registration: 588-8989; spr@bocaraton.com.

**Friday - 9/13 - Baby Care Basics: Newborn Care**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $25/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Saturday - 9/14 - Breastfeeding & the Nursing Mother**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $25/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Sunday - 9/15 - Fall Brunch**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.:

- $25/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

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**SEPTEMBER 16-22**

**Monday - 9/17 - Childcare Express: A Day Full of Fun & Learning at Boca Raton Memorial Hospital**

5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $50/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

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As part of the firm’s effort to support Gift of Life, Sims held its first Virtual Swap event for its bone marrow registry company connected via VIDTO technology, along with the Gift of Life team, to learn more about the donor process and to hear CEO and founder Jay Feinberg’s story.

After Feinberg was diagnosed with leukemia almost 30 years ago, he and his parents launched a years-long fight to save a narrow-marrow match; the very last and 60,000th donor was the person who saved his life. This process inspired him to start Gift of Life. “It takes one person to perform a painless, life-saving swap to discover a potential match for someone suffering from bone marrow cancer — and cure,” Feinberg said. The Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization for more information, visit giftoflife.org.

Delray Medical Center is a five-star recipient for hysterectomies from Healthgrades, an online resource for information about doctors and hospitals.

“When more options than ever on where to receive care, consumers need to do their homework,” said Dr. Brad Bowman, chief medical officer for Delray Medical Center.

“Hospitals that have received a five-star rating have shown dramatic improvements in results and are resulting in high-quality outcomes for patients.”

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**Health Notes**

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**From South Florida PBS and Baptist Health South Florida have joined forces to launch a new TV channel, “All Health, All the Time,” which is on the air 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

The health channel may be found on over-the-free (air) TV Channel 2.3 and Comcast Cable Channel 205 or 1193 in Palm Beach County.

Lawrence Toll, Ph.D., a professor of biology and science in Florida Atlantic University’s College of Medicine and a member of the college’s Brain Institute, secured a $1.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for the project “Mixed NFO/PYU/COMPOUNDS and the Investigation of Their Receptors in Anagalis.”

Toll, the principal investigator for the grant, has focused his research on the management of pain and drug addiction through pharmaceutical research and drug discovery. He is recognized as the co-discoverer of the endogenous neuropeptide nociceptin, which is involved in regulating reward and motivation pathways related to substance misuse, and regulating growth factors from the spinal cord to the brain.

Melissa Durbin, vice president and chief nursing officer at Boca Raton Regional Hospital, was appointed president of the Nursing Consortium of South Florida. She will lead the organization in unifying community leaders to address the region’s shortage of qualified nursing staff.

Ms. Durbin has been appointed to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Network. Chalkley is board certified in psychiatry and neurology. His special areas of interest include the management of diseases of the nervous system, infusion therapies, multiple sclerosis, and non-infectious and neuromyelitis optica. Miller is board eligible in neurology. His specialties include brain surgery, functional neurosurgery and spine surgery.

Boca Raton Regional Hospital appointed Brian M. Snelling to the medical staff of the Marcus Neuroscience Institute and BocaCare Physician Network. Snelling is board eligible in neurology and vascular neurology with an area of interest in cerebrovascular neurosurgery, cranial neurosurgery and endovascular neurosurgery.

The medical center was also recognized as a top-ranked hospital in South Florida, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2018-2019 annual review of its Best Hospitals. It currently ranks 13th out of approximately 300 hospitals in Florida. The annual Best Hospitals rankings aim to help patients and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care. Its methodologies are based on risk-adjusted survival and readmission rates, volume, patient experience, patient safety and quality of medical care, among other care-related indicators.

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**SEPTEMBER 23-29**

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Your Heart: An Owner's Manual: How To Get The Most Out Your Warranty at West Boca Medical Center**

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.:

- $30/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Community Acupuncture Session**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $25/session. 52 sessions.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Tuesday - 9/25 - The Business of Flowers; Newborn Care and Comfort at Bethesda Medical Hospital**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $30/couple. 15 sessions.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Managing with Timelines: Time Management**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $30/couple. 15 sessions.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Tuesday - 9/25 - Breastfeeding & the Nursing Mother**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:

- $25/couple. 15 sessions.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Wednesday - 9/26 - Childbirth: Preparing and Expecting Your Baby at Bethesda Memorial Hospital**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.:

- $100/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Wednesday - 9/26 - Buggy Stroll Program**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.:

- Free.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Thursday - 9/27 - Parent Lectures: How to Use Social Stories to Prepare Your Child for Success at Sugarbush Farm**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:

- $40/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

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5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.:

- $40/couple.

- Registration: 369-2221,uchboca@bcb.com.

**Friday - 9/28 - Health & Wellness at Boca Raton Public Library**

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.:

- Free.

- Registration: 495-0233; morikami.org.

**Sunday - 9/30 - Celebrate the Season: A Fall Brunch**

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.:

- $25/couple.

- Registration: 369-7906; myboca.us/957/library.
Palm Beach County environmental officials dropped 530 tons of boulders into the ocean northeast of Boca Raton Inlet on Aug. 1 to create an artificial “step” reef.

The Boca Step Reef comprises two piles of boulders placed in 35 feet of water about a quarter mile north of the inlet. The reef is intended to create an intermediate shelter, or steppingstone, for fish moving from inshore habitats to the open ocean, said Carman Vare, environmental program supervisor for Palm Beach County’s Department of Environmental Resources Management.

The installation of the Boca Step Reef completes a county plan to create shallow reefs near each of the county’s four inlets. Vare said the newly placed boulders should attract small baitfish for anglers and are far enough away from the beach to have no impact on the survival of sea turtle hatchlings that must elude predators to reach the open ocean.

The approximate coordinates for the Step Reef are 26°20.519 N and 80°20.519 W. A grant from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission covered half of the $120,000 cost of the reef. County funds were used to match the FWC grant.

Boca divers capture most lionfish in roundup

Despite choppy seas in early August, eight teams of divers bagged 179 invasive lionfish during the Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby organized by the Reef Environmental Education Foundation, better known as REEF.

The nonprofit organization’s eighth annual lionfish roundup in Palm Beach County comprises several held throughout Florida to help control populations of lionfish — a small, colorful fish with 18 venomous spines that is native to the Indian and South Pacific oceans.

The prized aquarium fish began multiplying in Florida waters in the early 2000s. Lionfish are living on reefs, wrecks and other locations where they eat the young of native fish and compete with them for food.

In the Palm Beach County Lionfish Derby, team Julie’s Ring — Paul Cardone and Kelsi Jensen of Boca Raton and Don Skinner of Fort Pierce — bagged 179 lionfish during the derby’s weigh-in. Photos by Willie Howard/The Coastal Star

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County environmental officials dropped 530 tons of boulders into the ocean northeast of the Boca Raton Inlet to create an artificial reef that intends to help fish moving to the open sea. All four county inlets now have such reefs. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star
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Outdoor Calendar
Note: Events are current as of 9/1. Please check with organizers for any changes.

SEPTEMBER 1
Saturday - 9/1 - Walk Around Tours at Green Cay Nature Center, 12801 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Docent-guided tour of wetlands. All ages. Times vary; call for details. Free. 966-7000; pbcnaturer.exe
9/1 - Sailing the Lagoons at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Explore gardens and flux of the intratidal Waterway behind Gumbo Lignana. Participants watch release a variety of fish, shrimp, crabs, marine life. Wear clothes that can get wet. No hip flops or sandals. Old socks or water shoes only. Age 10+ adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 9-11 am. 313 member; 310 non-member; reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/1 - Tours of the Marsh at Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, 12326 Lee Rd, Boynton Beach. M/W/Th/S/T 10-11:30 am. $5/vehicle. 5/10-resident reservations: 733-6792; loxahatcheefriends.org/events/events.shtml
9/1 - Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 12:30 pm. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/1 - Sea Turtle Talk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. Daily 2 pm. Free. 544-8601; gumbolimbo.org
9/1 - Audiobooks of the Everglades: Redacting America’s Everglades: Current State of Affairs and Next Steps by Colleta De Palma at Florida Atlantic University Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 5001 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 4:30 pm doors open/refresher program. Free. 757-771-9680; audiobooksrev.com
9/1 - Boynton Beach Fishing Club at Harvey E. Oyer Jr. Park, 10 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. All ages. Children under 18 must participate with an adult. 8-11 am. Free. Registration: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/1 - Raptor Day for Nature Photographers at Okeeheelee Nature Center, 7715 S Haverhill Rd, West Palm Beach. Short introduction, then birds are on natural perches. Proceeds benefit programs/inhibits at the nature center. 8-10 am. $25. 210-1400; pbcnaturer.exe

SEPTEMBER 2-8
Sunday - 9/2 - Intracoastal Adventures: Kayaking at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida’s unique animal communities. All ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 9/9-11-17. 313 member; 310 non-member; 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
Wednesday - 9/5 - Guided Nature Walk at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Guided walk along the Ashley Trail, 1/4-mile trail through the Ashley Gardens, coastal hammock, mangroves, to a sandy beach by the intratidal. All ages; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Every Thu 11-1 pm. Free. 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/5 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 Sth St. Capt. Chad McAllister: Nighttime Fishing for Snook. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

SEPTEMBER 9-15
Sunday - 9/9 - Intracoastal Adventures: Stand Up Paddleboarding at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Short talks about South Florida’s unique animal communities. Age 6-adult. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Held again 9/16-17-19-23. 230 member; 310 non-member; 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
Wednesday - 9/9-12 - Lantana Beach Cleanup at 500 N Ocean Blvd, Lantana. Gloves/bags provided. 2nd W 9-10 am. $85/666; marinelifeconservancy.org
12/16 - Beach Treasures at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learning about shellable, the animals that make them. Caravans to Red Reef, 1400 N State Rd 64A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
Saturday - 9/15 - 33rd Ocean Conservation’s International Coastal Cleanup at multiple locations in Palm Beach County. Coordinated by Keep Palm Beach County, one of the world’s largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment. Check website for locations/times. Free. Registration: 866-6448; goseabright.org
9/15 - International Coastal Cleanup at 33rd Ocean Conservation’s. 5001 Summit Blvd, Boca Raton. All ages. Children under 18 must participate with an adult. 8-11 am. Free. Registration: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
9/15 - Raptor Day for Nature Photographers at Okeeheelee Nature Center, 7715 S Haverhill Rd, West Palm Beach. Short introduction, then birds are on natural perches. Proceeds benefit programs/inhibits at the nature center. 8-10 am. $25. 210-1400; pbcnaturer.exe

SEPTEMBER 16-22
Wednesday - 9/19 - Fishing at Boynton Beach Marina, 11050 N Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Meet in lower parking lot. Held again 9/26-10/3-10/10-10/17. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org
Thursday - 9/27 - The Night Walkers at Green Cay Nature Center, 12801 N Ocean Blvd, Boynton Beach. Join a Naturalist on a boardwalk tour looking at nature from the point of view of its nocturnal residents. Age 7+. 9-7:30 pm. RSVP: 544-8601; pbcnaturer.exe
Saturday - 9/29 - Sea Angeles Cleanup at Ocean Reef Pier, 2001 E Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Last Sat 8-10 am. 309-5572; cleanup.org
9/29 - Intracoastal Adventures: Canoeing at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Learn about stability, the animals that make them. Caravans to Red Rock Reef, 1400 N State Rd 64A, to search for ocean treasures. All ages; children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 544-8615; gumbolimbo.org
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SEPTEMBER 23-29
Wednesday - 9/26 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 Sth St. Capt. Will & Bill Sabouray: Center Console Kite Fishing Tips & Tactics for Saltfish, Tarra & More. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

SEPTEMBER 30-OCT. 6
Wednesday - 10/3 - West Palm Beach Fishing Club at 201 Sth St. Capt. Eden White: Capt. Danny Barrow: Fishing the Lake Worth Lagoon. 7 pm. Free. 832-6780; westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

Kathleen Harris and Chris Miller with the 26-pound kingfish Miller caught using live bait north of Boynton Inlet. The fish won $2,600 as heaviest in the Mark Gerresen Memorial event. Harris and Chris Miller fished with Capt. Carl Miller of Miller Time Charters in Boynton Beach. Photo provided by Miller Time Charters.

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Tip of the month
As we enter the peak of the hurricane season, boat owners might want to brush up on methods for securing boats, both in the water and on land. BoatUS, the boat owners’ group, makes available pre-storm and post-storm checklists, mooring tips and suggestions for finding a “hurricane hole,” or place to move a boat to ride out a storm. The BoatUS tips can be found at boatus.com/hurricanes/boaterprep.asp.

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Barrette returns to Unity as minister/CEO

The Rev. Gregory Barrette is returning to Unity of Delray Beach Church as its new minister and chief officer. Since the Rev. Nancy Norman retired last August, guest ministers have filled the role.

“It’s not Barrette’s first time in Delray Beach. He served the church from 1991 to 1996, but his most recent post was as senior minister at Unity Northwest in Des Plaines, Ill. Barrette has 38 years of leadership experience as a minister and administrator. Though he was not among the candidates, Barrette will begin his role permanently in October.

Barrette, a non-denominational church that welcomes visitors and guests of all faiths, is at 101 NW 22nd St., at Swinton Avenue. Info: 276-5796.

‘Believe’ series begins

Beginning in September, First United Methodist Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton, will offer a new series, “Believe,” on Sunday mornings supplemented by small group meetings during the week. The series will be led by Pastor Art B. Campbell. For more information, visit the teachings in Randy France’s book Believe, which encourages spiritual growth by asking three questions: What do I believe? What do I already believe? And what do I want to believe?

Anyone interested in joining a small group should contact Pastor Rachel DeLaune at racheld@fumcbocaraton.org. For more information or to purchase the book, contact Jill Haire at jhaire@fumcbocaraton.org or call 395-1244.

Wedding gown displayed

Seacrest United Methodist Church will host “Portrait of a Bride. An Evolving Silhouette,” a display of 25 to 30 antique, vintage and contemporary wedding gowns by Leigh Anne Brown at 11 a.m. Oct. 6. The fundraiser will be at Benvenuto Restaurant, 1730 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Info: 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

Those who attend can learn the history of this important garment, from the evolution of textiles and construction methods to how its design was influenced by economic boom and crises to the ever-changing notion of the “modern bride.”

The day begins with a reception and silent auction, followed by lunch and the program at noon. Tickets are $60. For reservations, call 271-3588 or visit casenum.com.

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Religion Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 8/24. Please check church websites or call for updated information.

SEPTEMBER 1

Saturday – 9/1 - Catholic Grandparents, Mediterranean Village, 800 Club, 5th Floor, 7661 NE Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Sat 10:30-11 a.m. Free. 209-2451; diaconate.org

Sunday – 9/2 - St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 404 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Free. 333-5617; stmarkboynton.com

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Sunday – 9/2 - Installation of Ascension of Catholic Women Officers at Ascension Catholic Church, 720 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Noon - 5 p.m. Free. 499-5466; acbocaraton.org

Monday – 9/3 - Women's Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church, 625 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Free. 276-4541; stpaulsdelray.org

Wednesday – 9/5 - St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 100 St. Paul’s Pl., Boca Raton. Weekly, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 276-5551; stpaulsdelray.org

SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday – 9/9 - Rosh Hashanah at Chabad of Boca Raton, 12081 NE 2nd Ave, 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Day; 9/10 6:45 p.m & 9/11 7:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah II; 9/14 7:30 pm Kol Nidre; W 8:30 am & noon Yom Kippur Services; 3:15 pm Yom Kippur I Morning services; 3:45 pm Kol Nidre; 9/16 7:30 pm Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre. Advance tickets are $60. For more information, call 391-8900; tbeboca.org

Monday – 9/10 - Open House at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 404 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 7-7 p.m. Free. 333-5617; stmarkboynton.com

Tuesday – 9/11 - Lecture at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 100 St. Paul’s Pl., Boca Raton. Free. 276-5551; stpaulsdelray.org

Wednesday – 9/12 - Blue Mass at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 100 St. Paul’s Pl., Boca Raton. 7:30 am R, 6:30 pm M. Free. 276-5551; stpaulsdelray.org

Thursday – 9/13 - Interfaith Cafe: Questions on Forgiveness at South County Civic Center, 16700 NE 42nd Dr, Boca Raton. Free. Contact morningstar delray@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 16-22

Monday – 9/17 - Ascension of Catholic Women General Meeting at Ascension Catholic Church, 720 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Light fare refreshments. 7 p.m. Free. 499-5466; acbocaraton.org

Tuesday – 9/18 - Yom Kippur Services at Chabad of Boca Raton, 12081 NE 2nd Ave, 4:45 p.m. Advance tickets $25/adult, $10/child. For more information, call 391-8900; tbeboca.org

Wednesday – 9/19 - Interfaith Cafe: Questions on Forgiveness at South County Civic Center, 16700 NE 42nd Dr, Boca Raton. Free. Contact morningstar delray@gmail.com.

Friday – 9/21 - Parents of St. Gregory’s Church of Boca Raton Pub Theology, 120 NE 1st Ave, $25/adult, $10/child. For more information, call 954-379-2828; casenum.com

Saturday – 9/22 - Members of one of the community’s oldest Jewish communities is replacing its 100-year-old building with a synagogue and others to look for its own space in an effort to hold regular services. “We’re very discouraged, Biston says space at the Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach will accommodate up to 70 worshippers. Biston said space at the Seagate was the goal is to make a connection, to safely closer to home. Like other Jews in Palm Beach County cites two barriers of entry and encourage community engagement in the interfaith conversation. Biston returns to Unity with a synagogue and others who attend can learn the history of this important garment, from the evolution of textiles and construction methods to how its design was influenced by economic boom and crises to the ever-changing notion of the “modern bride.”

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Finding Faith

East Delray opens arms for High Holidays

To Rabbi Shmuel “Shmuly” Bison of Chabad of East Delray Beach, offering free services this month is the modern way of saying “I love you.” Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the holiest days of the year in Judaism, is the right thing to do. “Traditionally, the world revolves around money,” Bison said. “But we’ve found sponsors and people who believe in the cost of renting the hall.”

Bison said place at the Seagate Hotel in Delray Beach will be the Chabad of East Delray, a local branch of one of the largest Jewish outreach organizations in the world, offers the hotel as a relaxed alternative to traditional synagogues.

“Even if you’ve never picked up a prayer book in your life, you’ll feel comfortable,” Bison said. “Our goal is to allow the barriers of entry and encourage everyone to actively participate in these most holy and introspective days.”

Rabbi Josh Broide of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County cites two important messages to the High Holidays: “One is sweet, apples and honey, and the other dark, introspective days.”

“Eventually, it’s not just about an apple and honey, but about what is our state of mind while the rest of the flock grazes safely closer to home. Like Christmas Catholics and Easter Christians, some Jews come to the synagogue just twice a year. It’s not ideal, said Broide, who also leads services at Boca Raton Synagogue, “but we’ll take what we can get.”

Attending synagogue is important, but “you don’t become a better person by attending a service,” Broide said. It takes work. “I try to find ordinary people whose example can inspire others to believe that change is possible, that they too can become a better person.”

A week after Rosh Hashanah is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Jews will have spent the week looking back at their behavior, repenting and making amends for what they said and did. Jews may fast, sit alone for their individual and communal sins and God “closes the book,” sealing their fate for the coming year.

All this talk of judgment is terrifying, but Yom Kippur also is a time of hope, compassion and renewal. Biston said.

Taking responsibility in today’s society is hard. Apologizing to a colleague is admitting you’re wrong, gut-wrenching. So even though using technology during the holidays is generally considered blasphemous, Biston says you can text your apology if you must. But you must! “What is the point of saying ‘I’m sorry’ if you don’t actually mean it? You have a choice! How do you want this next year to be? Filled with anger or with love?”

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SEPTEMBER 23-29

Saturday – 9/29 - Women's Retreat: Mary's Heart, Martha's Hands at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 640 George Bush Blvd, Boca Raton. Meet 8:30 a.m. Fri with lunch included. 9 a.m-4 p.m. Tickets $220/adult, $120/child. Info: 333-0245; meetup.com/interfaith cafe.

Thursday – 9/20 - First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton Pod Theology at Market of Marks, 4145 Cypress Rd. Free. 6:30 p.m. Free. 276-3794; stmkbo.org.

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Rosh Hashanah marks birth of creation

(This is the last in a series of stories about how different cultures mark the New Year.)

By Janine Fontaine

In our look at New Year’s celebrations from around the world, we’ve included holidays recognized by millions — and others celebrated by just a few. We found some celebrations that are rooted in ancient cosmologies and are as close to home as they are to the United States. But few of the commemorations merit the attention of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, which takes place from Sept. 9 to 11.

Rosh Hashanah is the most solemn and important holidays for Jews. It marks the anniversary of the birth of the earth, in which God created the world. It also recognizes the birth of Adam and Eve, and it was man’s first sin that started the clock ticking on humanity.

But Rosh Hashanah is more than a New Year’s commemoration; it’s also judgment day. Judaism teaches that during this period, Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, which is Sept. 18, 19 and every year, everything will pass before God to be judged. The New Year’s Day, Sept. 10, is the Day of Atonement. Sept. 11 is Yom Kippur, a 25-hour fast during which Jews will pray and give and ask for forgiveness for wrongs during the past year.

“Getting judged is scary,” said Rabbi Shmuli Biston of Chabad of Delray Beach. “We want to help you get right with God. We want you to make a step forward.”

The rabbi’s job is to facilitate this deep personal analysis and to make it meaningful and to explain the teachings behind this holiday.

Rosh Hashanah isn’t the only New Year’s commemoration that takes place in the fall. Al-Hijra, also known as Arabic New Year, is celebrated by Muslims around the world in September. In the lunar-based Islamic calendar, days begin at sunset instead of at midnight, and nightfall Sept. 11 will mark the first day of Muharram, the first month of the Islamic year.

The historic significance is that in the year 522, Muslim emigrated from Mecca to Medina (the hegra), two of the holiest sites in Islam, during Muharram. He said that Muslims would be free to practice their religion. The suffix AH seen on the Muslim calendar means “after hegra.”

People use the day to reflect on the year that has passed and ponder the coming year. This day, it’s more of a public, cultural holiday rather than a religious one. The festivals that mark the end of hajj (the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca) and Ramadan are considered the most important day for Muslims. Traditions and customs vary, but those who celebrate will go to prayer sessions and spend time with family. Religious scholars say the focus of the day should be on reflection and gratitude.

A world away in Ethiopia, people will celebrate Enkustatata, also called the Festival of Jewels, on Sept. 11. This national holiday marks the first day of the Ethiopian New Year, and Ethiopia stands alone as the only country to use the 13-month Coptic Calendar. In it, there are 12 months of 30 days each and an additional 5 days, or six days in leap years. The new year begins with the first day of Meskerem.

In late October, when many folks are putting up Halloween decorations and getting ready to binge on candy, in Western Australia, a few people will celebrate the New Year in the manner of the aboriginal Mururid, now extinct. Oct. 30 is an important day to the tribe and people still gather to commemorate it by recalling the tribe’s culture via arts and texts. Mururid celebrates friendship, reconciliation and appreciation.

Finally, on November, millions of Hindus will celebrate Diwali, or the Festival of Lights. Sometimes called Deepavali or Deepawali, it’s celebrated with great enthusiasm nationwide. The main festival night — Diwali Night — falls on the new moon with the darkest moonless night of the new moon. The theme is light conquering darkness, and it’s a celebration of love.

People decorate their houses with lights and candles and put on the best clothing for newlyweds and abundance. Gifts are exchanged, sweets are eaten and fireworks are set off to celebrate this family of friends and children, which includes siblings and cousins.

Most cultures have some sort of New Year’s celebration or commemoration, and in many cultures it’s an important time for self-assessment, personal growth, reconciliation and new beginnings, while for others it’s just another party.

Tots & Teens

Library can be just the ticket for returning students

By Janine Fontaine

The best asset in your children’s “Do Better in School” toolkit might be a little card you can get for free. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and a library card can unlock access to a world of information.

Before you say, “Who wants to drive there when I have Google right here?” consider this: Your library card will not only get you free admission to Boca Raton, Free online homework help for grades K-12 is available daily from 3 to 10 p.m.

“IT’s a live tutor, and you can actually develop a relationship with the tutor and work with them over time,” Randolph said.

Every afternoon, the library is full of students and tutors. “Students come by and say, ‘Hey, Vicky, Fitzsimmons said there are but a couple of kids who can’t afford the cost of a tutor. This allows us to level the playing field’.”

Whatever the subject matter, tutor.com has an expert who specializes in that subject. Kids set up a Skype-like system, for face-to-face sessions, or they can do audio sessions.

Either way, students can see a computer screen, which is especially helpful for math and science studies. “Sessions are recorded so kids can watch them again, plus they get a written transcript,” Fitzsimmons said.

For research papers, a virtual drop-off service enables students to have their papers critiqued, with a maximum turnaround time of 24 hours.

More programs and apps are being developed for kids with special needs, Fitzsimmons said. The library has special equipment such as tracking balls and styluses for students with sensory or physical disabilities. The library also has programs and apps that help students with learning disabilities.

“Library is a place where students can go to discuss a problem or find a study buddy,” Randolph said. “It’s a friendly environment that has helpful -light heavy and wider spacing between letters and words. Programs that read text aloud to kids who find auditory learning are available. For the visually impaired, there is a screen-based software program that highlights small blocks of type, an aid to students with dyslexia.

Some activities do require a trip to the library, like the Tail Wagging Tutor program. This program pairs kids with dogs to practice reading aloud, working in the recording studio or with the 3D printer, or taking one of the coding classes. Also available are language instruction classes, career development workshops, book clubs, cultural events and lectures.

The Downtown Branch is at 400 NW Second Ave. The Lake Worth Library is at 1500 NW Spanish River Blvd.

The Delray Beach Library (100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray) offers Brainfuse, a collection of online resources for homework help, reading and writing. HelpNow offers live homework help, a writing lab, and an adult learning center, and all you need to log in is your library card.

At the Highland Beach Library (361 S. Ocean Blvd.) students can get books, DVDs, audio CDs and music. The Children’s Room has two computers with educational games and software.
SEPTEMBER 9-15

Sunday - 9/9 - Family Movie Night: My Little Pony, The Movie
Library at Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Education Center, 129 S Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Grades K-6. $5/family. Reservations: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Monday - 9/10 - My First Book Club
Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Education Center, 129 S Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Grades 6-12. 3:30-4:30 pm. Free. Registration: 347-3900; sugarsandpark.org

Tuesday - 9/11 - Advanced Acting
Delray Beach Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave. Age 18+. $180-$225. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

Wednesday - 9/12 - Youth Night at the Museum: Science Theater

Thursday - 9/13 - Chess for Kids
Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-8. $20/resident; $25/non-resident. 347-3912; scienceexplorium.org

Friday - 9/14 - Family Science Explorium
Children’s Science Explorium, 8751 S Dixie Highway, Palm Beach Gardens, ages 3-12. $15.50. 394-2626; showtimeboca.com

Saturday - 9/15 - Family Fun: Uchiwa Fan Craft
Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Education Center, 129 S Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach. Ages 7-12. 11-11:45 am. $5/student. 393-5605; myboca.us/957/Library

Sunday - 9/16 - Kidokinetics
at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 5-12. $20. 347-3950; sugarsandpark.org

Monday - 9/17 - STEM Team Train Technology Program
at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13+. $4-$60. 347-8260; delraylibrary.org

Tuesday - 9/18 - Everything’s a Story

Wednesday - 9/19 - Beginning Acting
Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-11. Every M through 12/4. $195/$185.50 sibling. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Thursday - 9/20 - Mother Nature & Me:
Arts at Sugar Sand Park
Sugar Sand Park, 300 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 6-12. Free. 10-10:45 am; age 3-5 years 11-11:45 am. $5/resident; $10/non-resident. 393-7706; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 9/21 - The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Campground program in the garden amphitheater w/a touch of fun. Different tape each month. All ages. $20/half day, $35/full day. 347-7300; myboca.us/957/Library

Saturday - 9/22 - Better Bidding at Daggerwing Nature Center
Daggerwing Nature Center, 1745 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. Learn about bird watching. Age 5+. 9 am. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Sunday - 9/23 - Family Art Day
Florida Atlantic University Schmidt Center Galleries, 777 Guadelupe Rd, Boca Raton. Children/families participate in an art activity, create their own works. 1-4 pm. Free. 297-2903; fau-museums.org

SEPTEMBER 23-29

Sunday - 9/23 - Strawberry Festival of Jester Hollow
(Atlantic & NW 3rd St) at Boca Raton Public Library, 305 S Military Tr, Boca Raton. Age 11 & up. Free. Every S through 10/1. 8 am-7 pm. 347-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Monday - 9/24 - Girls Code 4 Life Class
at Corner Gardens, 950 NW 3rd St, Boca Raton. Hands on coding experience with HWM, girls, 5th-12th grades. 3:30-5:30 pm. Free. Reservations: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Tuesday - 9/25 - Drum Circle at Delray Beach Public Library
Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 13-79. 4:30-5:30 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Wednesday - 9/26 - Jester Hollow - Junior Achievement of South Florida Bould-A-Thon at Stoken Bould in Boca Raton, 205 N NE 5th Ave. 8 am. Free. $5/$25 registration per person. 947-7978; jazzonthebeach.org

Thursday - 9/27 - My Little Pony Movie Night
at Strikes Boca, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Age 4 & up. 6 pm-9 pm. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 9/28 - Treasure Hunters Night
at The Museum at South Florida Science Center & Aquarium, 4800 N Dredge Dr., West Palm Beach. Science crafts, activities, entertainment, exhibit, planetarium show, a chance to win the night out. 4-7 pm. $35/Adult, $15/Child. Ages 3 & up. 629-5040; pbcmorikami.org

Saturday - 9/29 - Storytime with Nature

Sunday - 9/30 - Swim Lessons at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Campground program in the garden amphitheater w/a touch of fun. Different tape each month. All ages. $20/half day, $35/full day. 347-7300; myboca.us/957/Library

Monday - 10/1 - Bedtime Story Yoga
at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Age 0-6. $12.50. Bring your own yoga clothes and your stuffed animal. Children are welcome to bring a special toy to snuggle with. 6:30-7:30 pm. 347-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Tuesday - 10/2 - Group Swim Lessons
at The Swim Center, 21618 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton. Lane 1 & 2, Parent & Child & Preschool Level 1 classes. 5-7 pm. Free. 347-7300; myboca.us/957/Library

Wednesday - 10/3 - Ocean and Environmental Science Exploration
at Sugar Sand Park, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 7+ & up. 9 am-10 am. Free. Registration: 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Thursday - 10/4 - Explorism Squad
at Sugar Sand Park, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 7-14. $20. 347-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Friday - 10/5 - Teen Makers: LittleBits Star Wars Droids
at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Age 10-17. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library

Saturday - 10/6 - Color Me Kitchen
at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 701 Morikami Rd, Delray Beach. Free. 11 am & 1 pm. Reservations: 495-0233; morikami.org

Sunday - 10/7 - Eyes to the Skies with professional
at Children’s Science Explorium, 8751 S Dixie Highway, Palm Beach Gardens. Free. 1-2 pm. When the weather allows, held in the park. 305-539-5133; morikami.org

October 7 & 14

9/9-5 - Exploration Squad: Extraordinary Engineers
at Children’s Science Explorium, 8751 S Dixie Highway, Palm Beach Gardens. Free. 10:30-11:30 am; 1-2 pm. Free. 393-7968; myboca.us/957/Library
Music

From a South Florida condo, the blues reaches the world

By Bill Meredith
ArtsPaper Music Writer

Along with popular and country music, blues is now a booming, modern audiovisual industry. Particularly since the mid-1980s, when a young guitarist/vocalist from Texas named Stevie Ray Vaughan interrupted the decade's synthesized, video-driven pop trends by blending rock swagger and blues rhythms to help create a roots music revival.

A sizable, pre-existing subset of aging traditional blues fans has ballooned since Vaughan mixed Jimi Hendrix's firepower and Albert King's phrasing until his untimely death in a 1990 helicopter crash. Now, there are more blues artists, clubs, festivals and radio stations than ever before.

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Vienna, perhaps during World War II. The idea that you can send a signal through the air, and have it be heard without a wire thousands of miles away, still fascinates me. When people talk about wireless today, they're talking about a 50-foot range from their computer to their router.

Framed photos of BRI performers such as Susan Tedeschi, Derek Trucks, Walter Trout, Tinsley Ellis, and Bob Margolin line the walls of a hallway leading west toward the broadcast studio, which might otherwise have been a modest-sized office or spare bedroom. The decor there includes graphs of BRI listeners and maps of the world's major cities. "I've been interested in radios since I was a teenager, and collect a lot of them," Finkelstein says, gesturing toward shelves displaying dozens in his living room. "Most of these are European shortwave radios from the '30s through the '50s, which gives you the idea that people were tuning into them from places like Munich and..."
The Blues
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ability to reach people in different places. The impetus for Blues Radio International was the thought that there was something beautiful to be shared, including with people you couldn’t otherwise reach, if you could figure out how to do it.

“So while we’re surrounded by the internet, it’s important to remember that almost two-thirds of the world don’t have access to it. We have listeners in more than 184 different countries, some of them very well-to-do places, but I wanted to reach people without those luxuries as well. And shortwave was a retro way of doing that.”

Finkelstein grabs a pen and paper to draw a diagram that helps to illustrate the medium’s special properties and functions.

“With a four- or five-dollar device, people in difficult situations in impoverished areas, refugee camps, or war zones can hear the programs this way,” he says. “Not just our friends with problems like debt and divorce, but people who are truly in misery. The Earth is curved, and transmissions like FM are based in a straight line of sight. If the transmitter can’t see your receiver because of that curve, then transmission is impossible.

“Shortwave, at certain times of the night, can feed off of the charge from the sun during the day on a level of the atmosphere. So it’s possible to bounce a signal off of that, on one side of the globe, to a listener on the other side.”

Finkelstein also broadcasts annually from the Blues Music Awards in Memphis and other international locales, and records segments at area nightclubs like the Funky Biscuit in Boca Raton. All are available on the BRI website.

What you won’t see there is ads, promotions, or divorce, but people who have their misery, I know blues helps to illustrate the medium’s special properties and functions. And advertising of any kind. BRI is known to mankind, to have the history with Western music, including intricate jazz, rock and roll, and blues and country. What the response would be in, for example, Brazil, where there are no blues yet hear in the streets, is not otherworldly. It’s understandable and relatable.

“It is the relationships, whether it’s with our listeners, or with people on a different continent that he’s touched through radio yet will never meet, that Finkelstein hints might eventually be the basis for a BRI-based book.

“We interviewed [Allman Brothers Band co-founding drummer] Butch Trucks not long before he died,” he says. “We had him on the tour bus maybe a year before he died. We’ve had some great interviews, and some great connections not necessarily related to music. Walter Trout talked about an amazing encounter with Carlos Santana that changed his life.

“Walter was playing guitar with John Mayall’s band, and a multiple substance abuser at the time, and he told me about a gig they were playing in what was then East Germany. Santana was on after them, and when Walter and the band got off the stage, Carlos accosted him. He said, in effect, I see what you’re doing up there, I see what you’re working, and sticking your middle finger up at the Creator who gave you this talent. And if you have the guts to straighten this out, I can help you do that.

“That hit Walter like a ton of bricks. He and Carlos talked it out over the next 48 hours, and that was it. No more drinking, no more drugs, and no rehab or detox for Walter, who now has a wife, three sons, intact relationships and a successful life. These are some of the stories we have.”

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If You Go
The Theatre Lab opens this season's productions Sept. 8 with Ronia: The Robber's Daughter, by Allison Gregory, in its U.S. premiere. The show runs through Sept. 30, with shows at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sundays and 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $15. Call 297-6124 or visit www.fauvents.com.

As Alswang notes, "If there's one thing I'll take from Lou, it's that we're nothing without them." Stabile feels that one of his biggest missions has become "to ensure that their work is valued because it is equal to — if not better — than the work of our top students, staff, and surrounding community as we shape and impact the future of the arts." Stabile said in a prepared statement.

News Briefs
Norton's Alswang to retire in March

Palm Beach ArtsPaper Staff Reports
WEST PALM BEACH — Hope Alswang, who has led the Norton Museum of Art since April 2010, will retire in March after it reopens following its massive expansion and renovation by the architectural firm of Norman Foster. Alswang, who led a $100 million capital campaign called The New Norton, has overseen an expansion of the institution's collections, receiving donations of more than 875 artworks and the gift of three collections of more than 700, buttressing its collections of modern art and photography. She also inaugurated the Recognition of Art by Women (RAW) exhibition series and increased opportunities for free admission and programs for the public.

Alswang

There's so much that goes into being artistic director, there's still a lot for me to learn. Asked about Theatre Lab's financial health, Stabile says, "Well, it can always be better, but we're in great shape right now. We have the (Hecksher) Foundation supporting us for our education program, which enables us to leverage some other support. We have two seasoned benefactors that have been with us since the beginning here. Our ticket sales, we keep seeing growing year to year. It will be even better this year.

Still, Theatre Lab is a much smaller operation than Florida Stage. "Florida Stage had a $4 million budget at one point. We're running at a little over half a million. So it's about shrinking what we're doing, I want the budget to grow, but it is unlikely to ever get up to $4 million.

"If there's one thing I'll always take from Lou, it is that you make sure that the top priority is taking care of your artists. So we try to make sure that our artists are compensated at a rate that is livable and is equal to — if not better — than other places in the area," Stabile explains. "We want them to feel that their work is valued because we're nothing without them.

Stabile is adamant that his new role as artistic director is not intended as a stepping stone to a job elsewhere. "Our contracts are annual. But in terms of how long I’ve signed on for, I’ve got a 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-year plan," he says. "So I'm in this for the long haul. I’ve always been in love with South Florida, I think my biggest mission has become trying to stop the talent drain that happens here. I want to stop the running narrative that if you want a career, you’re going to have to leave. And if you’re here, it’s because you look like it somewhere else," says Stabile emphatically. "It’s become this mission for me to support South Florida arts and artists. I’m thrilled to be doing this here."

As to whether the audience will notice any differences when Theatre Lab under the Stabile administration, he thinks that is doubtful. "It’s going to remain the same Theatre Lab. Virtually the same team with a little adjustment. And maybe there'll be a lot more puppets," Stabile adds with a laugh.

Lawrence

"It is with great excitement that I look forward to partnering with the faculty, students, staff, alumni and surrounding community as we shape and impact the future of the arts," Lester said in a prepared statement.

Lester

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Arts Calendar

(Note: Events are listed through Oct. 5 and were current as of Aug. 25. Please check with the presentation agencies for updates. Ticket prices are single sales. Most of the presenting organizations offer subscription plans.)

**ART EXHIBITS**


Arts at the American Stage: Theatre, through July 29. The American Stage, 550 N. E. 7th Avenue. 561-557-3248 or americanstage.org.

Art of the Dance: The Great Travelers, through Nov. 12. The Palm Beach Photographic Centre: Midtown, 100 S.E. 10th Street. 561-832-2750 or pboparts.org.


Boca Raton Museum of Art: Through Oct. 11. A show that incorporates classic American pianist Davina Sowers and her quintet in a show that incorporates classic American styles from New Orleans, Memphis and other styles from New Orleans, Memphis and other.


Cultural Council of Palm Beach County: Through Nov. 23. Play With Your Food! works by 23 visual artists inspired by the god of springtime and flowers. 10 am-4 pm Sun-Thurs. Through Nov. 4. 1431 N. County Road. 561-833-7687 or wwww.gac.org.


Lighthouse ArtCenter. Opens Sept. 4: Art of Association, group from South Florida artists associations from Miami to Vero Beach. Through Oct. 11. $10 adults, $5 students and children under 12. 10-4 pm Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat. 746-3101 or lighthousearts.org.

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens: Opens Sept. 4: Hard Bodies, contemporary art, shifting traditions of Japanese art, but now on a larger scale, such as an automobile hood. Through March 18. Museum tickets: $15, $11 seniors, $9 children and college students. 10 am-5 pm. 561-472-8904 or morikami.org.


**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

Sunday, Sept. 16

Delray String Quartet: The durable four-some is joined by pianist Ariane Jason for a Richard Hymen master's program of the Haydn String Quartet in C major.

For tickets visit: www.delrayartcenter.org

Sat., Oct. 6

The Joffrey Ballet: AANG in New York!

Sat., Oct. 13

The diva Vesselina Kasarova stars in Verdi's Don Carlos.

Sun., Dec. 2

The New York City Ballet: The Nutcracker

**JAZZ**

Saturday, Sept. 29

Davina and the Vagabonds: $35-45. 450-6357 or artsgarage.org.

**MUSIC**


The album is a collection of songs written by the duo’s late mother, the late Jewish film director, Mary Shannon.

Sat., Oct. 6

The Manhattan Transfer: The Grammy-winning vocal quartet is known for their innovative arrangements of classic jazz standards. The group has sold more than 30 million records worldwide.

Sat., Nov. 3

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band: A New Orleans jazz band that brings together a mix of traditional and contemporary styles, with a special emphasis on American roots music.

Sat., Dec. 15

The Wailers: A reggae band that has been influential in the genre since the 1970s, with a special emphasis on the music of Bob Marley.

Sat., Dec. 22

The Roots: A hip-hop band that incorporates elements of funk, jazz, and soul into their music.

Sun., Dec. 23

The Harlem Nazzaires: A historic jazz band that has been performing for over 50 years, with a special emphasis on the music of Duke Ellington.

**THEATER**

**ARTS**

By Sandra Schuman

ArtPaper Contributing Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — The art world is a big place. Much of it has come to South Florida in the last decade or so as major art fairs and new museums have taken root from West Palm Beach to Miami.

The really big picture gets taken annually by Deloitte, which pulls all the seemingly disparate threads together in a report that runs close to 300 glossy pages. Adriano Pizzinato di Torcello, director and global art and finance coordinator at Deloitte and co-author of the report, spoke about the global art market and shared the report’s latest insights earlier this summer at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale.

Using a series of slides, di Torcello showed how the art market has grown over the years. The Deloitte Art and Finance Report 2017 notes the convergence of three main spheres of influence: finance, which includes bankers and collectors; culture, which means museums and private collectors; and business, which takes up galleries, art fairs and the rise of art technology. The current global market value of art is upward of $640 billion, he said, including reported amounts from auctions, private sales, antiques and the contemporary market.

Staggering prices at auctions (more than $100 million for works by Basquiat and Warhol) have been paid by a new class of wealthy people, particularly in Asia and Russia. They are seeing the art market as a more exciting and emotional place to invest than stocks and bonds, although they still park their money there, too.

A new investing trend is crowdfunding, di Torcello noted. A recent online drive allowed 25,000 people to buy a Picasso worth $2 million. These buyers will all enjoy a piece of the profit if the piece sells more for a future auction.

Walt Disney is suggesting art purchases more and more, as “the industry moves toward the more holistic asset management model,” di Torcello said. This calls for art advisers to keep track of auctions, fairs and big gallery showings.

Technology is playing a key role in the evolution of art services as art sales continue to grow, while social media influences the creation of marketing and distribution channels, di Torcello said. Instagram, for example, has become a major player by instantly blasting art images into cyberspace. Sales and connections are made across time zones in ways that would have been unthinkable a few years ago.

Technological innovations are improving art market transparency, too, as one can check an artist or dealer or gallery or fair’s reputation with just a few clicks, he said. Worldwide databases for stolen, faked or copyrighted art make up a huge market. One can also check the management infrastructure for art and collectible wealth, he added. Online sales are booming, accounting for almost 5 percent of all sales, up from 1.5 percent in 2013.

Creators of the new technologies, who tend to be younger, in turn become collectors themselves. Art becomes their capital and provides bragging rights, he said.

Art fairs have grown from a handful to hundreds in a decade. For all their expense and shopping mall reputation, they are still a way for galleries to be seen by thousands of people that would never walk through their physical doors.

Art managers also guide collectors both private and corporate in using this new currency in estate and tax planning. Private museums of collectors’ works have increased 20 percent in the last five years, with 317 new ones. At The Bunker in West Palm Beach, collector Beth DeWoody parks her enormous collection of well-curated contemporary art in a two-story renovated factory building off Dixie Highway.

The art market outlook for the rest of 2018 remains cautiously optimistic despite heightened geopolitical and economic risk, di Torcello said. The Deloitte ArtTactic art market speculation barometer is up 12.7 percent from January 2017.
SEPTEMBER 1
- 9/1 - Save the Jaguar 5k Run/10k Run/Big Ear Base Series: of Palm Beach Zoo 2nd & Dreyer Park, 1001 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 2nd of 3 runs. No strobes, millinades, flash lamps, beverages, etc. permitted as an accessory. Registration includes race admission + 3 geo-games friendly discount coupons. 6-7 am packet pick-up/registration, 7:30-10 am run. $40/adult, $25/student, $45/tearoom, palmzoo.org
- 9/1 - Pickleball at Delray Beach Tennis Center, 218 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. M-F 9-9 am, Sat 8-6 pm. $3/resident. $10/non-resident. $10 for night play. Reservations preferred. 243-7559; mydelraybeach.com
- 9/1 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 82 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Takes experienced players. Partner not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. Free. 252-7559; delraybeach.gov
- 9/1 - Summer Safari at Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. All summer long buy any full price daytime Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 9/1 - Summer Safari Savings $130/resident, $165/non-resident. 742-2121; visitors@palmbeachzoo.org
- 9/1 - Bike Nite at Highland Beach Library, 1901 N Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach. Age 18 & up. Fri 8 am-9 pm. 9/1-30 - Boca Raton Restaurant Month myboca.us/957/Library Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adults. Held again 9/1-30. Noon-10 pm. Free. 393-7807; myboca.us
- 9/1 - Coral Reef Shark, Alligator & Stingray Feedings at Natural History Nature Center, 425 Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach. Shark 11 St 10 am, Sun 3 pm - Alligator W 4 pm, Stingray 1 Sun 2:45 pm. Free, w/fax admission 852-2480; aquarium@myboca.org
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- 9/1 - Soap, Ooze, Oval & Alligator Feedings at Seaquarium, 7435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton. W 1:30 pm, Snake 3:30 pm. $1.50, Ooze 1:30 pm, Free $1 child. 702-2480; phishroom.com
- 9/1 - Wine Pairings: Artisanal Cheeses at Altay Boca Raton/Downtown, 201 W Palm Park Rd #3. Th 1-5 pm. Free. 405-3177; infosavory.com
- 9/1 - B. J. Bremer at Museum Park Cultural Arts Center South Room, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Part of Summer Comedy Series. 8:30-10 pm. $15, $20. 904-7193; muparkparkcenter.com
- 9/1 - The Chris Thomas Improv Bridge Series at Naval Air Station, 442 NE 2nd Ave, 1-2:30 pm. Free. 243-7155; mydelraybeach.com
- 9/2 - Boca Raton Restaurant Month at Delray Beach Public Library, 101 W . 1-2:30 pm. Free. 243-7559; mydelraybeach.com
- 9/2 - Comedy Show: The Full Fiasco at 10/5 on 50th Ave, Delray Beach. Not recommended for children under age 10. 9-10:30 pm. 502-644-4242; thefiasco.com
- 9/2 - Boca Raton Restaurant Month at Delray Beach Public Library, 101 W 50th Ave, Delray Beach. Benefits Palm Beach County Food Bank. Specialized 2-course meals for lunch/ dinner. Bring a non-perishable food donation to improve the quality of life for those in need. Every Wed 11 am-1:30 pm. $25, $30. 243-7155; mydelraybeach.com
- 9/2-3 - Socrates Cafe at Publix Pub 320 Aventura Rd, Boca Raton. Held by Troy Pappas. Every T 1-3 pm. Free. 243-7155; mydelraybeach.com
- 9/2 - Balkan by the Beach: International Music Festival at South Florida’s Leader Beach Zoo & Dreher Park, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. 9/1 - Lawn Bowling at Veterans Park, 82 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Every Th 1-4 pm. Free. 252-7559; delraybeach.gov
- 9/3 - Improv Drop In at Delray Beach Community Center, 1000 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Opossum W 3:15 pm, Friday - 9/7 - Grandparent's Day Party at Bayou Beach Bistro, 1251 NE 9th St, Delray Beach. Welcome. Partners not needed. Every Th 1-4 pm. $5/person; $10/couple, delraybeach.gov
- **9/7** - First Friday Art Walk at Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square, 51 SE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. Current exhibits, wine/cheese, then visit participating galleries on Atlantic Avenue, in Pineapple Grove, Antiquity Alley. 6-9 pm. Free. 404-2096; oldschoolsquare.org
- **9/7** - Adult Ballroom Dance Class at Boca Raton Community Center, 150 Southfield Blvd. Singles and couples welcome. Every 2nd & 4th Fri. 7-9 pm. SM/LSR student; 75/90-resident. no registration required
- **9/7** - West Coast Swing Dance Class at Huthford Community Center, 3300 Yamato Rd, Boca Raton. Instructor John-Gracius. Singles and couples welcome. Every 4th Fri from 10/2 - same Monday: 7-9:30 pm. S/LR/student; 56/75-resident. myboca.org
- **9/7** - Community Jam Dance at Veterans Park, 882 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. Adults. 1st Fri 10-11:30 pm. 55-211-2103; delraybeach.org
- **9/7** - Garage Queen! Two Queens. Four Months. A Competition for the Title of Garage Queen at Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 8-10 pm. 815-4192. artsgarage.org
- **9/7** - City Fish Market, 7940 Glades Rd, Boca Raton. speaker: Thomas Wolf, NYU School of Law. Center for Justice. 10-11:30 am. Free. RSVP required
- **9/7** - Rise & Remember Bus Tour departing from Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 175 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach. 2-hour tour, focus on 5 historic districts. 2nd Sat at noon or 2:30 pm. Reservations: 277-4581; spadymuseum.org
- **9/7** - Workshop: Break Through How to Get Published part of Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Market on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach. 10 am. Registration: 229-7796; mardiefrederick.com
- **9/7** - The Anatomy of a Canvas by Sarah Vaughn at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. Part of Page Turners Saturday morning book discussion. Adults. 10-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 269-0144; delraylibrary.org
- **9/7** - Tea Ceremony Workshop at Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 751 SW 3rd Ave, Delray Beach. Study the traditional art of Sado, which who wish to start studying Sado. 2 lessons/month (96 & 16), individual appointments begin at 10:30 am. 500/student member; 350/resident. Registration: 495-0233 x270; morikami.org
- **9/7** - Grandparent’s Day Party at Boynton Beach Senior Center, 701 S Federal Hwy. Noon-5 pm. Free. mrsxpress.com
- **9/7** - Friends Sunday Music Matinee: Preservation Road at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. 3 pm. Free. 307-7043, library.org
- **9/7** - Grandparents Day at Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Families tour Whitewall/wirestitchy place for kids, family activities. Create family tree, scrapbook page, or interviewed by grandchild, write a postcard to send to family, have a photo taken in front of Rockefeller No. 91. 9-5 pm. Free w/museum admission. 655-2233; flaglermuseum.org
- **9/7** - Preservation Road with Dr. Robert Watson at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Part of French Music Series. Adults. 2-4 pm. Free. Reservations: 393-7852; library.org
- **9/7** - Marc Reese and Friends at Lynn University World Performing Arts Center, 500 S Military Hwy, S Boca Raton. 4 pm. 232-3700; Lynn.edu
- **9/7** - "A Silver Liningد Da Bellow" part of Great Books group at Boynton Beach City Library, 205 S Seacrest Blvd. 10-11:30 am. Free. 264-6200; library.org
- **9/7** - Introduction to Computers at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave. Adult. 2nd Sat 7:30-9:30 am. 10:30-11:30 am. Free. Registration: 269-0144; delraylibrary.org
- **9/7** - Downtown Lake Worth Food Truck Invasion at Cultural Plaza, 441 Lake Ave. 2nd Sat 4-6 pm. Registration: 482-6464; foodtruckinvasion.com
- **9/7** - Thursday - Beginner Drawing with Edward Bender. 11:30 am-1:30 pm. $35/resident; $49/family. Registration: 266-0196; delraylibrary.org
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Wednesday - 9/4 - Poetry and Flute: flute and piano performance with Patricia Weitlauf. 7:30 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us

Friday - 9/6 - iPad Intermediate at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0366; myboca.us


Saturday - 9/7 - Monday Monday Morning Murphys & Mysteries: The Long Drop by Denise Mina $30-$45. 392-2500; bocamuseum.org/education

Tuesday - 10/29 - 3rd Annual Outrun Hunger Palm Beach County 5K at Cherry Lake Park, 7755 Sportsman Way, West Palm Beach. Feeding South Florida. 6 am registration/packet pickup; 7:30 am run/walk start; 8:30 am presentation. $40-$60; feedingflorida.org/2018/3rdannualoutrunhunger

Wednesday - 9/11 - The 18th Annual O’Keeffe Festival, Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, 701 East Phipps Drive, West Palm Beach. Free. 561-655-6161; phipps.org

Saturday - 9/14 - Beginner Piano for Adults $6-$8. 495-0233; morikami.org

Saturday - 9/15 - Lucy Grau presents “Mozart & the Thrilling Truth” at Rutherford Community Center, 2000 Yamato Road, West Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. $30-$45. 482-1013; zontabocaraton.org

Saturday - 9/15 - Auditions for Lake Worth Community Playhouse, 237 NE 4th Avenue, West Palm Beach. Debut of Recovery Butterfly Bag; open to all. Noon-5 pm. Free. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

Saturday - 9/15 - Exotic Plant & Orchid Sale & Festival at the Botanical Garden of South Florida at Naples, 5613 S Military Tr, West Palm Beach. Walking tour 9-7 pm. $5 donation/member; free/$5 non-member. 680-7500; bocablackbox.com

Saturday - 9/15 - 3rd Annual Outdown Downtown Delray Beach Craft Festival at 330 Atlantic Ave. Over 100 craft booths. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 746-9674; bocablackbox.com

Sunday - 9/16 - 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights March on Washington at First United Methodist Church, 1301 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach. Free. 680-7500; bocablackbox.com

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday - 9/16-18 - Florida Authors Academy Workshop at Murder on the Beach, 273 NE 4th Ave, Delray Beach. 7 am-noon; 1-5 pm; 7 pm-10 pm. $250/person; $450/3 classes. 279-7790; murderonthebeach.com

Wednesday - 9/19 - Literary Lectures: How to Get Along with Difficult People at Boca Raton Public Library, 400 NE 2nd Ave. Adults. 6-7 pm. Free. 393-7852; myboca.us

Thursday - 9/20 - 40th Annual Downtown Delray Beach Balloon Festival at 330 Atlantic Ave. Free. 746-9674; bocablackbox.com

Sunday - 9/23 - Dixieland/Hot Jazz Session at German Club of the Palm Beaches, 5111 Lantana Road, Lake Worth. 1-5 pm. Free. 746-9674; americangermanclub.org

Thursday - 9/27 - Bob Gruen: “Lennon, Onstage” at the Kravis Center. 8 pm. $40-$75. 450-6357; artsgarage.org

Friday - 9/28 - iPad Advanced at Delray Beach Public Library, 100 Atlantic Ave. Adults. 1-2 pm. Free. Registration: 266-0366; myboca.us

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Monday - 9/10 - 100 W. RSTARR2010@gmail.com at Lake Worth Casino Building & Car Show 7035; myboca.us

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Thursday - 9/5 - "South of the Border" with Laurie Albrecht Program at Florida Atlantic University Ritter Auditorium, 7000 Ocean Drive, West Palm Beach. Free. 561-655-6161; bocablackbox.com

Saturday - 9/7 - St. Joseph’s Episcopal Church 2nd Annual Jaguar Classic Golf Tournament at PGA National Resort & Spa, 11000 Southern Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens. 7:30 am-3:00 pm. $150/person. Registration by 9/5: 773-2045; stjos.org

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