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## Candidates say integrity and community involvement can improve things in Deerfield's District 2

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach-** For the first time in eight years, District 2 voters are guaranteed a new commission representative on April 19, the date of a special election. Sylvia Poitier, 76, has held the seat since 2003 and won re-election in March by almost 300 votes.



POITIER

In April, she was suspended by the governor after her arrest on five counts of falsifying public records, charges that grew out of her failure to disclose her relationship to her brother who could have benefitted from community block grants the commission awarded.

Poitier's term ends March 2015. Whoever wins her seat will serve until then unless Poitier is found not guilty of the charges and wants to resume her place on the podium.

The district has 8,646 voters, 762 of whom voted in March.

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As her family listens to the speakers at the recent garden party hosted by the Sample-McDouglad Preservation Society, Annabelle Poirrier finds the landscaping rocks on the grounds an interesting topic. See story on page 10.

## Despite carjacking, residents against closing park access . . . say more police presence is needed

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – After hearing arguments from residents both pro and con, city commissioners decided not to close off pedestrian and bike access at Northwest 21 Avenue and Northwest 39 Street, the entrance to Royal Palm Isles and a neighborhood park.

The Royal Palm Isles Neighborhood Association wanted the closure citing concerns that were triggered by an armed carjacking there. Of the 670 property owners notified, only 10 were for the closure while 39 were against it. Senior Planner Chris Gratz said staff recommended denial.

Richard Finley, father of the carjacking victim said, "If this stops five

## City terminates Live Nation contract, will negotiate acts in-house

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - Live Nation, the exclusive booking agent for the Pompano Beach Amphitheatre will now have to compete for dates with other agents for space on the city's outdoor stage.

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## Sawtelle resigns, leaving open seat in Hillsboro Beach

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Hillsboro Beach** –Commissioner Celinda Sawtelle, 61, resigned her seat Tuesday citing the need to spend more time at her business. "The real estate market is getting brisk," Sawtelle said Thursday. "I need to put my efforts where it will make a difference. She

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# Lighthouse Point honors child's works for charity



By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

PELICAN WRITER

**Lighthouse Point** -- The City Commission Meeting on June 12 was crowded with well wishers for Rachel Wheeler.

In a proclamation, the commission honored the eleven-year-old city resident. She was named one of America's top 10 youth volunteers for 2011 in a ceremony May 2 at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce headquarters, as part of The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Her fund-raising activities included hosting a lemonade

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# Contract to improve A1A goes for less than estimated

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Commissioners on Tuesday awarded a \$500,000 contract for enhancements to A1A/North Ocean Drive, a \$150,000 savings over the estimate.

The town has received a \$441,700 grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for hardscape and landscape improvements from Pine Avenue to Terra Mar Drive. The town's match is \$205,400.

Horizon Contractors, Inc., of Hialeah was the only bidder.

The bid received was 76.3 percent of the engineer's cost estimate of \$643,648.

Several contractors were

contacted to determine why they did not submit bids, Assistant City Manager Bud Bentley said, and gave reasons ranging from too busy to the state's pre-qualifications being too rigorous.

Bentley is hopeful construction will begin in August. The contract calls for completion in 150 days.

## Project manager contract OK'd

In a related matter, commissioners hired Carnahan Proctor & Cross, Inc., of Margate to manage the enhancement project at a cost of \$77,669, considerably lower than the company's first proposal of \$123,000.

"Staff has negotiated firmly," Bentley told the commission.

Commissioner Scot Sasser said the process seems backwards. If the project goes beyond the 150 calendar days specified in the contract time period specified in the construction contract, the town will be charged for Carnahan's direct labor plus a multiplier for benefits, overhead and profit. "If the project goes beyond 150 days, the meter starts running and what do we do about it?" Sasser asked. "If it goes beyond 150 days, who do we pay?"

Bentley said the town would pay more to the project manager, noting, "We will do

upfront what we can do (to prevent delays). The construction contract includes liquidated damages of \$500 a day if construction is delayed."

Town Manager Connie Hoffmann said, "We still have quite a bit of money in the original budget." She said it's not unusual for these projects to run over, with contractors often blaming weather delays.

The cost of the contract can be paid from the project budget and no additional town funds are required, Bentley said.

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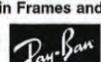
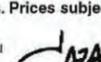
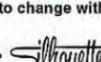
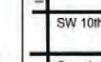
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## Local lawfirm suing Casey Anthony for false information leading to expensive search

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Lighthouse Point** - Casey Anthony, the woman found not guilty of first degree murder charges in the death of her two-year-old daughter Caylee last week is not done with her court trials.

On Monday, attorneys

Marc A. Wites and Alex Kapetan, partners in a Lighthouse Point law firm, filed a law suit for compensatory damages on behalf of Texas Equusearch Mounted Search and Recovery, or TES.

TES is a non-profit group that assists families in locating missing persons. It was on day one in opening statements

that Casey's attorney said, "[Caylee] was never missing. [She] died June 16, 2008 when she drowned in her family's swimming pool."

But for nearly three years, Casey and her family "... told TES founder Tim Miller that Caylee was still alive and asked him to bring her back," according to the lawsuit.

"And you bet, they are very angry," said Alex Kapetan. "Casey was served

See **LAWFIRM** on page 16

## Sightings

A local calendar for events, meetings and more in North Broward County. Please email calendar items to [siren2415@gmail.com](mailto:siren2415@gmail.com) or fax to 954-783-0093.

### Art

**Art over the Bridge** features Atilla Lakatoush, Aug. 5 from 8 to 10 p.m. at 9 Hibiscous Ave., Pompano Beach. Live entertainment, caricaturist and sculpturist.

### Hurricanes

**Hurricane Info**- A seminar Aug. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m., presented by David Bernard, WFOR/CBS4 Meteorolo-

gist; Chuck Lanza, Broward Emergency Management Director; Chief Oscar Llerena, BSO; Brooke Liddle, American Medical Response; Chief Steve Paine, Volunteer Fire Dept. will focus on the 2011 hurricane season. The event is sponsored by the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce. Call 954-776-1000

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### Events

**Democrats meet July 20 at 7 p.m.** at the Emma Lou Olson Civic center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Topic is Florida New Voter Laws. Call 954-942-8711.

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# Business matters

The Pelican takes a look at local business owners. Call The Pelican to find out how you can tell your story here because business matters. 954-783-8700.

## Calvin Glidewell Named CEO of Broward Health Flagship Hospital

Calvin Glidewell has been named Chief Executive Officer of Broward General Medical Center and Chris Evert Children's Hospital.

Glidewell has served as CEO of Imperial Point Medical Center since joining Broward Health in 2007. While there he expanded services, added robotic surgery and interventional radiology, and opened a new \$18 million emergency department and a new outpatient surgery center.

Mark Sprada, chief nursing officer/chief operating officer for Imperial Point Medical Center, will be interim CEO as a search for Glidewell's replacement is conducted.

Glidewell received his undergraduate degree with honors from Vanderbilt University and holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Public Health from Tulane University.

He is the current board chair of the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Executive's Association and sits on the board of directors for the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce.

## Storck Center benefit

**Pompano Beach** - The Ann Storck Center Professionals will hold a business networking party at Wyndham Sea Gardens Resort, July 21 at 5:30 p.m. The event, billed "Networking With A Cause," costs \$20 and includes food, one free drink, prizes and karaoke entertainment. All proceeds benefit the center, a nonprofit organization that provides services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Director of Business and Community Outreach is Hillsboro City Commissioner Javier Garcia.

## Dr. Mary Gardner delivers compassionate hospice and euthanasia to beloved pets in the home

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

This Lighthouse Point veterinarian has chosen to specialize in an unusual, but much appreciated, aspect of veterinarian medicine. Young and very energetic Dr. Mary Gardner could be the poster girl for compassion to ailing pets. She specializes in end of life issues for pets, assisting them in their homes for departure to pet heaven.

Just three years out of the University of Florida where she earned her doctorate, she's logged in three years in practice, two in a general veterinarian practice. I found that it didn't fulfill me," she explains. "Last year my friend, Dr. Dani McVety who practices in Tampa, Florida and I opened Lap Of Love Veterinary Hospice and in-home euthanasia. Business is excellent because we are meeting a need. Many pet lovers prefer saying goodbye in their home setting, stroking their pets and shedding their tears instead of moving a very sick pet into the cold, impersonal atmosphere of a clinic. As a teen, I've grieved at the loss of a my beloved dog, Snow White. I'm sure this motivated me to become a Doctor of Veterinarian medicine. Specializing in this niche is emotionally and personally fulfilling.

One very satisfied client, who asked not to be identified, called Dr. Gardner to the attention of the Pelican saying, "I found her to be one of the most caring, compassionate professionals I've ever met. She's very deserving of a business story."

Asked to describe what happened with this client, Gardner said, "The client's beloved cat, Cricket, was 20 years old and when I met her she was curled up next to the client on the couch and barely responsive. Her owner did not want her to suffer any further so after reassuring the client and her other cat, Beauty, I began my painless euthanasia process. I explain every step along the way. Beauty watched from a distance as I gave Cricket a sedative which made her feel good and also sleepy. The family, or in this case, the woman was in tears but able to stroke and talk to her

pet through the process.

When Cricket was comfortable and the client was ready, I gave Cricket the final medication which is an overdose of anesthesia. Like most pets, Cricket passed without a sound, literally in a lap of love. I listened to the heart to confirm that she was gone. If elected to take the pet to be cremated, I step out to get my stretcher which gives the family, or client, a few moments more to say goodbye. When I return, I make a paw print impression in clay. It will harden in a few days and become a memento. I also leave a paper book, called Eternal Pawprints that deals with the feelings of

the grieving family. The pet's ashes are returned by arrangement. For the cremation, I use Rainbow Crossing in Pompano Beach and Broward Pet Cemetery in Plantation. Both treat deceased pets with great dignity."

### How to know when it's the right time

Gardner tells clients to look for changes in appetite or thirst, decrease interest in playing, inability to stand or ambulate, becoming incontinent, attitude change and not wanting to do the things they loved to do. She encourages pet owners to see their

See DR. GARDNER on page 5



Dr. Mary Gardner loves pets at their best, like Jane who poses with her, and when their time is about up, she helps them end their stay with love and dignity.



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# Dr. Gardner

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own vets first to relieve the pet's pain and give the family a little more time to enjoy life with their pet. She says, "We've seen pets, who have cancer and been given up on, respond well to chemo. They seem to handle chemo better than humans. Be assured

while undergoing chemo, your pet's head won't spin off. It won't throw up its guts or lose its coat. With treatment, the concerned owner gets to have that pet for extra time."

When Gardner was called to see Romeo, she felt he did not need to be given up. He needed an appetite stimulus, a vitamin shot and fluid under the skin, which the owners

can do. She says, "He began to eat and act like himself, but I still referred him to an oncologist. He is now on chemo and will continue to give the family pleasure for quite some time." Romeo's daddy, Anthony Hockaday says, "Dr. Gardner has been phenomenal. Romeo is doing so well that instead of dealing with his death, we are

still having fun with our kitty. We're very grateful and give thanks to that good doctor who recognized that he could be helped."

Gardner beams when she hears statements like that. She says, "I've never received more gratitude, hugs, thank you cards and phone messages in my life and that includes at Christmas. I get referrals from animal hospitals, clinics, other vets and clients. Requests for our services have increased to the point that we have added two more veterinarians to help clients from Miami to Stuart."

This is a business with heart, no doubt about it. There are fees, but Gardner says,

"My fees are not much more than a clinic charges to perform euthanasia. My busiest times are nights and weekends when families are home. I charge between \$200 and \$250 depending upon distance traveled and time of

night. Most people are thrilled with this at-home service and choose it over the impersonal atmosphere of the alternate. I do a lot of crying myself though I try to hold it in, but even during this sad time, I feel so much love it balances out. I've had the love of a pet and lost it. I know the pain."

Gardner and her fiancé have two dogs and four cats, including two who are disabled. "They have a great life," she says, "and so do we playing with them."

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## The Pelican supports Preston for DB District 2



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All citizens of Deerfield Beach should be interested in Tuesday's election in District 2. Although they have no choice in the matter, they should have a voice in it, one that encourages voters in District 2 to seek leadership different from what they have had in the past.

For more than eight years, the district has been represented by a veteran politician who knows how to keep her constituents happy, but unfortunately, listened only to those few. They were enough to elect her, but not enough to bring real change to their neighborhoods.

Now, those voters who might have felt outside the chosen circle, have an opportunity to elect someone who has listened to as many people as he could reach in this campaign and his earlier attempt last March.

This newspaper endorsed Ben Preston then and it endorses him now.

We find no one else in the race who appears as wise, mature and as independent as the former firefighter. We think he can speak to residents of all districts while still being a strong advocate for his neighbors.

His experience in public service and now as a successful businessman should give him an understanding of how business is done at the government level, as well as a practical view of how things are accomplished in the private sector.

Preston knows his district needs to combat crime, blight and the lack of a business core. He believes those things and other needs there can be overcome if there is someone in office that can be trusted to work for the betterment of everyone. Grounded by his family and his company that works to prepare young athletes for future success, Preston has a real stake in this community.

Electing him to office will give him the opportunity he seeks to do good and will give the residents of District 2 a man who is good.

Our second choice would be Andre Samuels, a young man with specific goals such as community policing, loan funds to help small businesses succeed, creation of a volunteer corps and unifying of the residents of District 2 with the rest of the city. Samuels is articulate and visionary. He, too, could bring District 2 into new and better times.

## Garden Club to aid butterflies

Oakland Park – Oakland Park Garden Club plans a working meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at a former community center at 250 NE 33 St.

A butterfly garden was planted at the site more than two years ago and now needs a general overhaul. The city plans to rent out the building, and it's felt that the club's sprucing up the garden will help. Members also will get hands-on experience with plants that attract butterflies, the topic of their last meeting. City horticulturist Charles Livio will lead the planting activity, and the city has purchased some new plants.

Members are encouraged to bring gloves and trowels.

Recently, several club members helped out at a planting days at the historic Sample MacDougald House in Pompano Beach. The historic 1915 house is being restored, and the new grounds are being landscaped.

For information on the club, call 954-564-3259.



Oakland Club Garden Club members, from left, Linda Gordon, treasurer; Bonnie Lalky-Seibert, president; and Helen Smylie help out with planting at the Sample MacDougald House in Pompano Beach.

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# Wilton Manors considers privatizing building department

By John Buchner

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors - City commissioners decided Tuesday night to negotiate with CAP Government, Inc. in an effort to save money and provide better customer service on building code reviews and inspections.

Four companies responded to the town's bid request and two were chosen by the Community Development Services to make presentations to the commission.

After two hours, the commission agreed to negotiate with CAP, a company that focuses only on government contracts and concentrates on building department services, code enforcement, plan reviews and inspections. Its founder, Carlos Penin, told commissioners the city would save five percent of their current costs for these services.

But not every commissioner was in favor of privatization. Said Commissioner Julie Carson, "I firmly

believe that the purpose of government is public service and that private business, while it does have some role in government, is not in the best interest of government because of the profit factor."

The wild card in this situation is the current provider of the service, Broward County. The county has been handling reviews and inspections for the city for 19 years.

In 2011, the city allotted \$450,034 for reviews and inspections. A Broward County representative said

that with current usage rates, they forecast an invoice of \$322,582 for the year, a savings of nearly \$128,000.

"We have no problems with Broward County's services at all, I have never had a bad experience with them," said Gary Resnick, Mayor of Wilton Manors. "We just want to see if there is any way we can save more money." The contract between the city and the county for building plans review and inspections will expire at the end of September.

If no agreement is made with CAP Government, Inc., the motion will be brought back before the commission. At the end of September, Wilton Manors could still be in business with Broward County under the same rates.

In other business....

\*Commissioners approved sending letters seeking qualified persons to join the Economic Development Taskforce. The group will be diverse, with representatives from the community, entertainment sectors, restaurant sector, business owners, land owners and others.

\*Voted to expand the budget to fund emergency sewage upgrades at 3029 NW 9th St. The project will cost more than \$33,000 and will include beautification of the area.

\*And approved an agreement between the city and Sergeant Peter Bigelsen granting him accrued sick and personal hours pay. The city may also have to pay unemployment benefits and Bigelsen's legal fees, a sum all together expected to be \$44,858.44. Bigelsen was involved in an email incident that led to the firing of former Wilton Manors Police Chief Richard Perez.

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Although his business is leverage buyouts which means buying and selling companies, Ben Smith, 38, the owner of the two Lighthouse Inns, 3305 SE 5 St. and 3208 NE 11 St., Pompano Beach since 2008 says, "These two assisted living facilities are keepers. I'm attached to residents and would feel like I abandoned them if I sold the Inns."

My aunt, Sue Beall, is the very capable administrator of both residences and Suzi Mautner is our director of marketing. These two people are my life savers."

Mautner nods, "He's a terrific boss and a very astute business man, he's also interested in every resident. He listens to their stories including their compliments and complaints. Right now we're renovating the entire facility. Ben will grab a paint brush or a broom if he sees the need."

Mautner, who is a seasoned executive in this field, was asked how these Inns differ from other rental assisted living residences.

She replied, "We do all of the services one expects. The difference is in the exceptionally caring staff. We're intimate residences with a capacity of 33 in Lighthouse Inn South and 43 in Lighthouse Inn North. We're small enough to give personal attention.

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other and have concerns for each other the way family members do for one another."

Continuing, she adds, "Our case manager/social worker applies for financial assistance for new residents wherever it is indicated. Many of our residents are receiving benefits from the government and VA programs. Until they moved in, they never realized they were entitled to them. This assistance helps them relax and forget their worries about being able to maintain themselves financially. A licensed therapist attends to individual and group therapy when the need exists."

Both facilities have activity directors who keep residents busy with walks to the ocean, bingo, card games, jewelry making, painting and other crafts. There's an exercise class every morning.

Ivan Lozada has lived at Light-

house Inn South for four years. "I like the staff. They take good care of my room and me. The food is good and always fresh. Ribs, chicken and meat loaf are my favorites. They bake the cakes and pies right here too, but butter pecan ice cream is still my favorite. I often walk the beach with my friends and I like bingo. I wish we played for money."

Cindy Ryan, thinks these Inns as life savers. "My dad lived at Lighthouse Inn, North for six years. I was impressed with the quality of care he received. When my husband needed assisted living, I moved them both to the South Inn. And I, unexpectedly ended up here too. They are very good to us. My husband needs constant attention and it is provided by willing and pleasant staff."

These two residences allow small pets. Mautner says, "if the resident can care for them.

Our staff assists residents with bathing, dressing and grooming, medical management, housekeeping and personal laundry service. Physical and occupational therapy, doctor visits and podiatrists are available on site. We arrange for transportation for off site visits to dentists, doctors and other activities. Family and friends are welcome visitors from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m."

# Candidates

*Continued from page 1*

## Gloria Battle, 61, was born in Deerfield Beach.

Ms. Battle was educated at Bennett College and Howard University where she received a Masters of Urban Studies, and is a candidate for a doctoral degree in public administration at Florida State University.

Ms. Battle worked as Director of the Cultural and Human Interaction Center at Florida International University and later as Director of the Broward County Human Rights Division retiring in 2000. She now consults in employment and housing discrimination complaints. She served on the DB Community Relations board, the DB Ethics Committee and as interim commissioner in 2009. She is the mother of an adopted daughter.



BATTLE

### District 2 problems/solutions:

- 1. Fiscal responsibility-** Citizen input is needed as the city begins a line item review of its budget. Currently, the departments present their budgets which are accepted after questioning by the commission. A line item review would open up all items for consideration.
- 2. Youth** – More programs for youth need to be identified and funded. Non-profits can be assisted in applying for funding outside the city budget.
- 3. Jobs-** Work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify business that can be grown in District 2 and that provide jobs. The program would provide a mechanism for small minority business owners to get funded as many of these businesses are turned down by the major banks.
- 4. Beautification** – Enforce the code. The entire code may need to be revamped.
- 5. Safety** – The best way to achieve safety is to institute community policing.
- 6. Transportation/Environment** – Place bus shelters to attract riders and work with the county to cut the time between buses. In addition, the feeder bus needs to be routed through more neighborhoods. More people on the bus, means a greener environment.

## David Cody

David Cody, 31, running as a write-in candidate, did not return emails or phone calls requesting information for this article. He is a graduate of Deerfield Beach High School, local blogger and activist. [Photo not available]

## Dr. Anthony Davis, 55, was born in Pompano Beach.

He holds a doctorate in Christian psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary and a B.S. in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University.

Dr. Davis is pastor of the Church of Brotherly Love which he founded in 1991. Prior to that, he was a police and code officer for the City of Pompano Beach. He retired in 2000.



He is chair of the North Broward Prevention Coalition, member of the Broward County Anti-Gang Task Force, member, Board of Governors, United Way of Broward; President DB Christian Ministerial Association. He is active in the Alwood Homeowners Association. He established a food and clothing voucher program and emergency assistance program for residents through the ministerial association. He is married to Margaret and they have raised three children and are grandparents of two more.

### District 2 problems/solutions:

- 1. Restore** the confidence of the people in our city government. The trust factor is the primary focus and the commission needs to see itself a servant of the people.
- 2. Improve** the relationship between the Broward Sheriff's Office and the residents of District 2.
- 3. Improve** the community's appearance and neighborhood revitalization with citizen participation. No one person can do it all, but working together we can accomplish whatever we desire.
- 4. Prevent** and reduce violence and substance abuse among our youth by involving all the citizens.
- 5. Be** a representative for all the people of District 2.

## Ben Preston, 59, was born in Stuart, FL.

He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in exercise physiology from Florida International University and now owns a company that trains young athletes. He was the city's first black firefighter and retired as a lieutenant/paramedic after a 25-year career. He and his wife Debbie are raising four children.



P R E S T O N

### District 2 problems/solutions:

- 1. Create a business friendly atmosphere-** Change the appearance of Dixie Highway with Community Development Block Grants, or CDBG, then offer potential businesses tax incentives for two or three years.
- 2. The recently-passed utility tax-** Ensure that a big percent of this revenue comes back to District 2 to benefit the community.
- 3. BSO/fire department merger** – Should this merger take place, I will fight for the highest level of service from BSO and accept nothing less.
- 4. Community activities for children** – I will fight for more programs to keep our kids busy. We can invest now or later, but later is too late by the time kids are in the penal system where we invest even more.
- 5. Community activities for young adults** – Help young adults prepare for jobs. Assist them in getting a GED or high school diploma.
- 6. The lack of successful businesses in the district** – I would hold seminars to help potential businesspersons be successful.
- 7. Restore integrity and trust to the commission seat** – I will hold community meetings, be assessable to all residents, listen and be the voice that sounds the residents' concerns.

## Andre Samuels, 31, was born in Deerfield Beach

He holds a B.S. in biological engineering. He works as a site manager for a paving company. He is a member of the DB Cultural Committee and has established the Legacy Project to collect oral histories of pioneers in his black community.



### District 2 problems:

- 1. Jobs and opportunity** – You cannot cut your way to prosperity. We must generate new revenue by investing in our own citizens. We should create a micro loan fund using Community Development Block Grants and give entrepreneurs small business loans. We must show residents how to run a business through an incubator.
- 2. Safer community** – Resolve conflict with Broward Sheriff's Office. Police our own community by recruiting citizens to join the citizen patrols. Institute a Citizens Review Board to review reports of abuse. Diversify grant funding to maximize benefits and prevent misuse. We must train new leaders and create a culture of volunteerism. One leader will not save our community. We must all become leaders.
- 3. Unification of the district with Deerfield Beach** – Confront the division that exists in our district. The relationship between the district and the city has been strained. I support an All Districts Council so that residents in each district can forge partnerships with leaders all over the city. In time, residents will work in concert towards the same goal.

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# Sample-McDougald volunteers attend first afternoon garden party

The house that once loomed over Dixie Highway, built in 1916 belonging to Neal Sample has always been a sight to behold. In the days of a booming Pompano, this seventeen-room Colonial edifice was a mark of wealth and perhaps in this farming Mecca then, its owners must have enjoyed the finest glory of society that issued coveted invitations.

This month more than 150 people closely attached to Farmer Sample's House finally got their own invitations for the Sample-McDougald House garden party.

It was an emotional event as passionate thank-you's continued to spread around the folk bearing the heat

under canopies. Dirk DeJong, president of the Sample-McDougald House Preservation Society welcomed the select persons—all who had volunteered from the first day to last month's volunteer landscaping event—to the great house that now belongs to the people of Pompano Beach.

There was no absence of emotion.

The celebration commemorates a long list of large and small accomplishments from the day the house was lifted on a truck from its original ground on North Dixie Highway to its permanent home, 450 NE 10 Street.

The dirt was fresh, a vegetable garden with peppers,

*See HOUSE on page 11*



Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs and Dirk DeJong listen to the official welcome from Betsy McDougald Buntrock who grew up in the Sample-McDougald House.



Pompano Beach Commissioner Woody Poirier and State Representative Gwnydolyn Clarke-Reed with Delores Sallette

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Dodie Keith-Lazowick, Margarite White, Pompano Beach Commissioner Rex Hardin, Pompano Beach Mayor and Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs add their own applause to the 150 volunteers. [Staff photos]

## House

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pineapples and okra recalled the early farming days of this city.

Inside, the polished floors, winding stairway, Georgian windows, a wrap-around porch and samples of period furniture still speak of this city's history.

And soon, the house itself will recount the history as a museum.

But on this day, the champagne glasses were lifted to volunteers and contributors.

First on the list were the descendants of the McDougald family who had bought the home from Sample in 1940. Betsy McDougald Buntrock welcomed the guests on behalf of the family.

Many businesses contributed both funding and labor to bring the house closer to completion including JWR Construction, Al Siefert Electric, IBI Group, Dascar Plumbing, Wooden Shoe Gardens, Ric-Man Construction, Carr Builders, Keith & Associates, All-Rite Paving, G.H. Usman Construction & Realty, Lindstrum Air Conditioning and dozens more.

Some supporters were recalled in memoriam; Richard Anderson, and original member of the Society; Mary Ellen Cook, daughter of William and Sarah McDougald; C. William Hargett, city man-

ager who initiated acquisition of city land for the house; Miriam Hood, benefactor and supporter of the Society and William "Bill" Keith, an early supporter and whose daughter, Dodie Keith-Lazowick, has continued the family support.

Elected officials, including Broward Commissioner Kristin Jacobs, Pompano Beach

Mayor Lamar Fisher, State Representatives Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, City Commissioners Woody Poitier, Rex Hardin, Charlotte Burrie, Barry Dockswell and Vice Mayor George Brummer attended.

Preservation Society Executive Director Dan Hobby



So Glad You Came! Welcoming guests and volunteers to the Sample-McDougald garden party are Linda Dubois, Susan Gallo, Margarite White and Claudia Dubois.

noted that every donation from small to large helped make this day happen.

Society Board President, Dirk DeJong wrote in the program, "None of the people

and corporations listed here had to take part in this project. They did it because they care about preserving a unique historical landmark and making this a better place to live."

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Activities will include free child fingerprinting, give-a-ways and demonstrations from BSO deputies.

The Pompano Beach Historical Society will join the group and offer tours of the Kester Cottages, located at the park. The cottages represent a more than 50-year-old architectural style in Pompano Beach.

The city fire museum, located at the park will also be open for tours. On hand will be the city’s original fire truck. The Pompano Beach Fire Department will also have the “Smoke House,” a training experience for children and adults in how to escape a smoke-filled room.

Everything at the event is free and open to the public.

The Miami Dolphin Cheerleaders will join BSO in promoting crime and drug prevention and “strengthening the relationship between BSO and the residents of Pompano Beach.”

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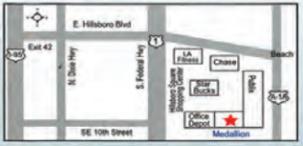
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# Park

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was robbed, and they're still out there," he said.

"It seems incomprehensible to me you would proclaim July Parks and Recreation Month (as the commission had just done) and then close

access to a park," said William T. McGee III, who said he uses the park nearly every day.

David Krongelb, president of the Lake Point Estates Neighborhood Association, said, "We have a gate, and we have crime anyway. Perhaps it deters crime, but doesn't

stop it... Closing the area to bikes and pedestrians is a bit extreme. It's closing access to a public park we pay for with our tax dollars."

## Close the access

"The issue here is crime prevention," said Royal Palm Isles resident Diane Wendt. "The number of crimes in Oakland Park is appalling, and it's way past time to seriously address this and take action," she said.

If limiting pedestrian access is a possible method to deter crime, it should be tried, at least on a temporary basis, Wendt said. In her view, "Adding a few police officers, though sorely needed, will not solve this problem. Better and smarter use of all resources is necessary."

"This is about the security of my neighborhood, not

about cutting off access," said Lorri Winner, a Royal Palm Isles resident. "Unfortunately, this has turned into a circus with ugly e-mail exchanges. I hope the people truly affected can live with your choice."

"All Oakland Park residents have an equal right to safety and security," said Royal Palm Isles resident Sara Guevrekian. "It's a terrible shame that some neighborhoods consider our request to restore our security as an affront or a request for special attention.

Vice Mayor Anne Sallee said there is no evidence closing off the access would stop crime since there are three other ways into the neighborhood. Sallee said crime needs to be addressed city wide.

At the suggestion of increased police presence, Commissioner John Ador-

nato said he won't support a budget that doesn't increase police presence calling it "a proven method for increased crime prevention." He added he couldn't support the road closure when the city's vision is to connect communities.

BSO Chief John Bukata responded that due to residents' concerns, BSO officers spent 117 hours in that neighborhood, in addition to normal hours, and wrote 31 traffic tickets. Addressing a resident's complaint about the tickets, Bukata said, "We were not there to do traffic enforcement. I can write that many tickets in an hour."

Commissioner Jed Shank suggested putting in a fence with a pedestrian gate open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. His idea got no support.

Commissioner Shari McCartney said she has been a victim of a home invasion robbery and had a gun put to her head, not in Oakland Park. "Crime is everywhere, and the fear of crime is very real and shouldn't be diminished," she said. McCartney said, "The solution is more long-term police presence and increasing the ranks of police."

She moved to support the staff recommendation not to close the access. The vote was 3-2, Boisvenue and Shank dissenting.

# Sightings

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By **Malcolm McClintock**

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Open barely 6 months in Deerfield Beach's Cove plaza, the family run Beach Buns eatery has already garnered quite a loyal following. "We have a great meal every time we come here," says Lighthouse Point resident Libby Maroschak.

"I would say that a good 80% of our business is from repeat customers who tried us once and have been coming back regularly ever since," says Kim Cournoyer, the affable hostess and daughter of proprietors Tina and George Jennings. She also enjoys the tireless support of her brothers Bob and Jeff Morace who specialize primarily in the food preparation aspect of the business.

"I ran a gourmet hotdog and sandwich shop in Colorado. It was a simple concept

with a strong focus on high quality products. This is essentially what we are trying to do here," adds Jeff.

Originally from Massachusetts, the whole clan reconnected in Florida some 8 years ago and has been awaiting the right moment to own and operate a family restaurant. Finally, a propitious opportunity came along and Beach Buns was born.

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"We want you to feel like you are on vacation at lunch time," says the cheerful Kim,

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[Right] Accompanied by creamy homemade coleslaw, this gargantuan Chicken Caesar salad wrap can be prepared with a choice of 5 different flavored tortillas. A fat-free version is also available.

[Below] Bespectacled former math teacher Bob Morace and his siblings Jeff & Kim show off a few of the Beach Buns specialties that have made this quaint Deerfield eatery so popular with locals and tourists alike.



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# Beach Bun

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a former hotel GM.

The menu itself is quite straightforward. With regards to House dogs, all are served on a steamed poppy seed bun and can be dressed in a variety of fashions.

The classic Chicago style Vienna Beef hotdog overflows with yellow mustard, onion, neon green relish, tomato, kosher pickle spear, sport peppers and a dash of celery salt.

The "Pipeline" showcases grilled peppers, tomato and grilled onions while the "Wipe Out" is smothered in hearty

chili with white onion, shredded cheese and sport peppers.

"My favorite is the Deerfield Dog," says Kim referring to the area's eponymous specialty that features sauerkraut, banana peppers, relish, deli mustard, tomato and red onion.

Those eager to create their own masterpieces are encouraged to order the "Bare Buns" and embellish it with any of the 20+ toppings available.

And for an extra \$1, it is highly recommended to make it a jumbo dog as this is the technical equivalent of getting a second hotdog for a third of the price.

On the sandwich front, the Vienna Beef company again

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"We want to be part of the community for many years to come," says Jeff. With its lively reggae music, fun surf décor, friendly service and delectable dogs, Beach Buns is likely to be a fixture in Deerfield Beach for quite some time.

Malcolm McClintock holds an MBA and has lived in Thailand, Spain, France, Mexico, Canada and the US where he has developed a deep appreciation for world gastronomy.



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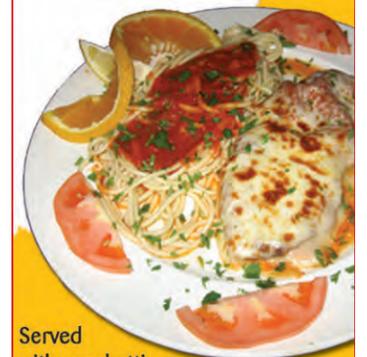
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# Contract

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Mark Beaudreau, recreation program manager, told city commissioners on Tuesday that the “model is not working” and the city wants to expand activity at the amphitheatre

Live Nation has not been able to book 24 shows annually, the contract minimum. With the city receiving \$3.50 for each ticket sold, anticipated revenues from amphitheatre events have remained below expectations.

In 2010 there were nine shows and the city’s take was \$49,000. In 2009 there were 14 shows that brought in \$80,600 and in 2008 there were nine shows netting the city \$35,000.

Live Nation has been the

agent for the amphitheatre since 2008. Fantasma preceded Live Nation.

“Historically there has never been a vendor that could produce 24 shows,” Beaudreau said. “We are creating a standard contract that our staff will negotiate for future shows. Live Nation is proposing three more shows with the possibility of more after the termination of the exclusive agreement. Other vendors like AEG are waiting to talk to us. We just want to provide more entertainment and see more people using the amphitheatre.”

Beaudreau said the industry is “struggling and there are other competing venues. The Hollywood Amphitheatre just opened. Ticket costs have increased. The entire economy of the music industry has declined.”

# Paperwork goof may cost Cornerstone \$1.2 million

**Pompano Beach** - From the beginning, Commissioner Charlotte Burrie rejected the idea that federal funding tagged for rehabilitation of foreclosed homes in Pompano Beach should be passed along to Cornerstone, a corporation set to build Captiva Cove, a 360-unit affordable apartment complex, on Dixie Highway.

The \$1.2 million was considered a loan with payment required in full after the final certificate of occupancy is approved. The project met the criteria for federal funding because the 20-acre site has been determined to be “abandoned land.”

But this week, a memo from the city attorney’s office may have halted the project entirely after it was noted that “original signatures” from the Captiva Cove principals had never been received by the city and thus never signed off

on by the mayor.

That sits well with Burrie who wants all of the money put back into neighborhood cleanup, rehabilitation and re-sales to people who meet HUD’s low-income requirements.

The city continues to buy abandoned homes in the Cresthaven and Pompano Highlands neighborhoods to rehabilitate and sell back to the public.

“Those abandoned homes have been a blight to the community,” says Highlands resident Todd Hennen. “Over the years the number has grown. There are so many now. You can have three or four foreclosures on one street. They have overgrown yards, broken windows and trash on the street. Sometimes they are evicted and leave furniture outside. Homeless people are moving in. We have security problems.”

Hennen is also vice president of the Pompano Beach

Highlands Civic Association. “This is a beautiful area. We want homebuyers with families who will take an interest in the neighborhood. The NSP program was set up to help with single-family homes. Now the city will be able to focus that money back to where it was originally intended,” he said.

Earlier this year, commissioners approved a \$300,000 check as part of the \$1.2 million loan over protestations from Burrie and some residents.

But the incomplete paperwork has prompted Burrie to put the project on the next city agenda with the intent of terminating it.

# Commissioner questions city’s policy on negotiations

**Pompano Beach** – Recently Pompano Beach employees signed a contract negotiated between the city’s team and the employee labor union.

While there were no cuts in employee jobs, the resulting contract continues to eliminate cost of living increases, requires employees to contribute more to their pensions and reduces merit pay.

And while the negotiating team, headed by Human Resource Director Michael Smith, saved about \$1 million this year for taxpayers, Commissioner Barry Dockswell [Dist. 1] is questioning the city’s procedures regarding union contracts.

Dockswell wants the commission to consider changing the ordinance that “automatically” gives the same benefits to the negotiating team that employees receive.

All members of the team are employees of the city and considered management. But a long-standing resolution gives management and commissioners the same benefits as those negotiated for general employees.

Dockswell believes the commission, not a resolution, should determine whether the management team or the commission should get specific benefits. He got no support.

“I have never had to evaluate the city attorney, the clerk . . . for merit increases. I think there should be no automatic conveyance of contract benefits to the management team or the commission. It’s bad management and it’s inappropriate,” he said.

Historically, all employee, fire and police contracts were negotiated through an outside attorney. But it is the commission that determines the parameters and final contract approvals.

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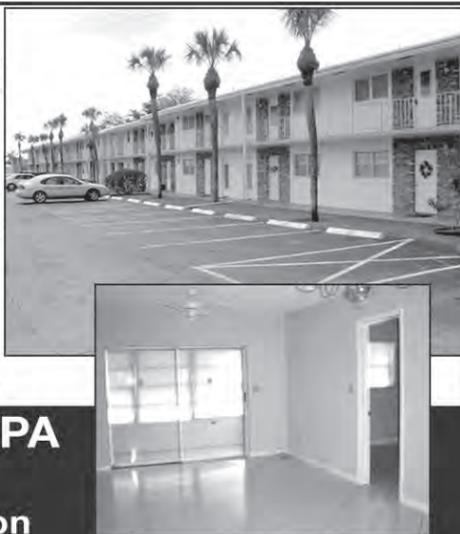
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She garnered raised more than \$160,000 over a two-year period. The money went to build a 25-home village in Leogane, Haiti, near the epicenter of the earthquake that occurred in January 2010.

"You can't just sit around and hope something will happen," she told commissioners. "You have to do it."

Approval of GFS Plat

On the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board, the commissioners approved the Final Plat for Gordon Food Service (GFS) to build a 15,856 square foot

marketplace/food store and a 6,000-square foot general retail building on 2,483 acres at 3260 N. Federal Hwy.

The privately owned company sells bulk food products to restaurants, caterers and other food service companies. It is the fourth largest food service supplier in the country.

In addition, it has 114 retail outlets where it offers its large-size products to the public. The Lighthouse Point store will carry 3,000 items. "We compete with club stores but are smaller," says Rick Morgan who is real estate manager for the company.

Although there was discussion at the meeting concerning the proposed plat, no one in the audience or on the commission spoke against it.

"It's a very nice project that will enhance our neighborhood," said Commissioner

Susie Gordon.

In other business the commissioners:

Passed a resolution adopting a Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning Oct. 1. The rate is 3.5893 mills to fund the General Fund Operating Budget and a proposed debt service millage rate of 0.2709 mills. These rates are very close to last year's that were 3.6188 for the operating budget; 0.2637 debt service.

These rates will appear on the Truth in Millage notices mailed to residents by the Broward County Property Appraiser in August.

The budget hearing meeting is set for Sept. 14 in the City Hall, 2200 NE 38 Street.

Approved a preliminary resolution establishing the non-ad valorem assessment rate for Fire Protection Services at \$84.37 for a single

family home. This is one cent lower than last year's assessment, according to City Finance Director Terry Sharp.

Approved a preliminary resolution establishing a non-ad valorem assessment for Storm Water Utility Services at the rate of \$60 per single family home. The assessment provides for storm drainage improvements and emergency repairs.

Awarded the bid and approved an agreement with Sports Turf One to resurface the athletic and baseball fields at Frank McDonough and Dan Witt Parks. The company's winning bid was \$148,171.

However, after the company held discussions with Recreation Director John Trudel and City Administrator John Lavisky, it was determined that not all the work in the Request For Proposal (RFP) was necessary and that

the project could be completed with assurances of quality for \$95,000.

Therefore, the agreement approved by the commission authorized expenditures "not to exceed" that amount.

The work will be done simultaneously at both parks and should take about three weeks. To accommodate the work, the baseball season will be moved back to Sept. 1 and makeup games will be scheduled.

Amended the General Fund Budget by \$102,500 to fund items such as the turf in the parks, a new vehicle for the Fire Department and increased Code Enforcement staff. This represents a 1.5 percent increase over the existing approved budget.

The next City Commission Meeting will be Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber in City Hall.

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## Swatelle

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had eight months left of her second two-year term in office. She was re-elected in March 2010. Her resignation is effective the end of this month.

"The beach is done and the water plant is underway," the commissioner said. "The mayor decided to negotiate the fire contract, so I am not walking out on anything. I gave the town three and a half years...I've done my part."

Sawtelle said she would be available to transition her replacement

The town charter requires the commission to fill the vacancy by appointment. Mayor Dan Dodge said the commission will take the necessary steps, but he hasn't thought yet about the timing. With so many residents on vacation, he may delay the appointment he said "to give us as many considerations as possible. Celinda had great responsibilities here which she did very well. We will seek the best candidate to take her place," Dodge said.

It is not likely the seat will be filled for the budget workshop in September, he added.

## Beach committee will research ways to prevent erosion

### Hillsboro Beach -

Commissioners have formed a Beach Preservation Committee and have named themselves its members. First meeting is set for Sept. 13. The focus of the meetings will be the town's beaches.

Coming off a \$6 million sand nourishment project completed in April, town officials are now looking for ways to prevent the constant erosion. Claire Schubert, the commissioner in charge of beaches, said one of the things on the docket will be the 'hot spots' where erosion regularly occurs such as at Port de Mer where Deerfield Beach's groin system is thought to be the cause.

Schubert said that the groins, which government agencies were not allowing, are being modified to cause less impact. "There is the possibility of doing a study," she said, adding each city will have its own concerns.

Also on their agenda will be a discussion of permeable sand fences installed to help build the dune. Permits to install them are free, Schubert

said.

Coastal engineers have proposed a \$52,900 study of the hot spots to consider erosion options but Commissioner Rhea Weiss protested, saying "we should go right to the solutions. We don't need more evaluations."

Beach watcher John Carlson reported to the commission that the town is darker than it has ever been, meaning more properties are coming into compliance with turtle lighting laws. Carlson said it is a record season for turtle nesting. He has spotted some double and even triple nests.

One, a nest for loggerhead hatchlings, considered an endangered species, has hatched and all of the young loggerheads made it to the ocean.

## Proposed budget looks stable; few increases sought

### Hillsboro Beach-

Commissioners adopted a preliminary millage rate of 3.8 mills Tuesday, the same strategy they used last year to ensure adequate funding for the 2010-11 budget.

By starting with a higher millage, cities can reduce that

percentage but by law cannot raise the initial millage.

Stephen Bloom, of Severn Trent, the town's accountants, presented a balanced budget for 2011-12 of \$4.98 million using 3.50 as the preliminary millage rate, a substantial increase over the current \$4,187 million budget due to a beach bond payment of \$911,962.

Revenues from taxes, chiefly real estate, show a slight increase over the current year. Operating expenditures remain even.

The commission will review the budget September 16.



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<b>Saturday, July 16</b> Low 3:39 AM High 9:49 AM Low 3:56 PM High 10:19 PM	<b>Tuesday, July 19</b> Low 5:48 AM High 11:55 AM Low 6:04 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from <a href="http://www.saltwatertides.com">www.saltwatertides.com</a>
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# ULI sees marina village for Sullivan Park area

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - A panel of experts from the Urban Land Institute has recommended turning Sullivan Park and the eastern end of the Cove Shopping Center into a marina village by blending a combination of residential, retail, restaurant and water-related activities.

Meeting here two days last week, the architects, developers, parking expert and urban designers studied an area now filled by a vacant field, the Two Georges (former Cove) Restaurant and its marina property, the underpass beneath the Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge, Sullivan Park, an adjoining vacant lot and Chamber of Commerce building. They envisioned small structures, with a marina flair, in an enlarged Sullivan Park to give the area a "porous" feel.

Key to such an enhancement, according to Community Redevelopment Agency Manager Keven Klopp, will be "partnerships." Key players will be Mike O'Leary who heads the investment group that owns a vacant lot, once Pal's Restaurant, on the south side of the Intracoastal Bridge, Steve Scaggs, owner of the Two Georges and vacant land south of that marina, and the

city, which owns Sullivan Park. "Everybody has to work together to make it happen," Klopp said.

O'Leary, who has been a player here since the '90s, said this week he and his partners are "interested in any plan that makes sense and is far for all sides. We love Deerfield Beach and would like to continue to invest there...we're open to all discussions." But, the developer added, "Unlike some others, we are able to stay the

course. We are well funded. This is not a distress situation."

The panel identified a number of problem areas, chiefly parking and access to the Intracoastal Waterway park. A parking garage is recommended for the O'Leary tract. The road running behind the Chamber is a problem because it splits the property. Better access would be provided by moving the road up against the bridge, the panel said.

It also recommended that the city buy the vacant parcel adjacent to the park where the Riverview Restaurant once stood. The panel said a good use for that parcel would be residential development, but in the end agreed it was better for the city to control it. The tract is now owned by Builders' Bank of New York.

Klopp said the Institute's work here "is the type of thing that gets people to take a step forward in the

same direction...they see the city has a serious interest in getting them together."

The cost of the discussion was \$15,000. It was paid for from Community Redevelopment Agency funds after the city commission urged Klopp to get more input from the public on his Five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Improvements to Sullivan Park and purchase of surrounding properties have been included in the five-year plan.



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