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## The rains came, and so did the floods, storm water system not up to the task

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – Heavy rains caused flooding in at least 30 homes in Oakland Park last weekend, many of them in Lloyd Estates where one phase of a storm water project has been completed. Eleven inches of rain fell on the city from Friday to Monday.

Adding to the problem was the 15 inches of rain in October, twice the average, that saturated the ground. "It was the fourth wettest October on record," Horace McHugh, assistant city manager, told commissioners Wednesday.

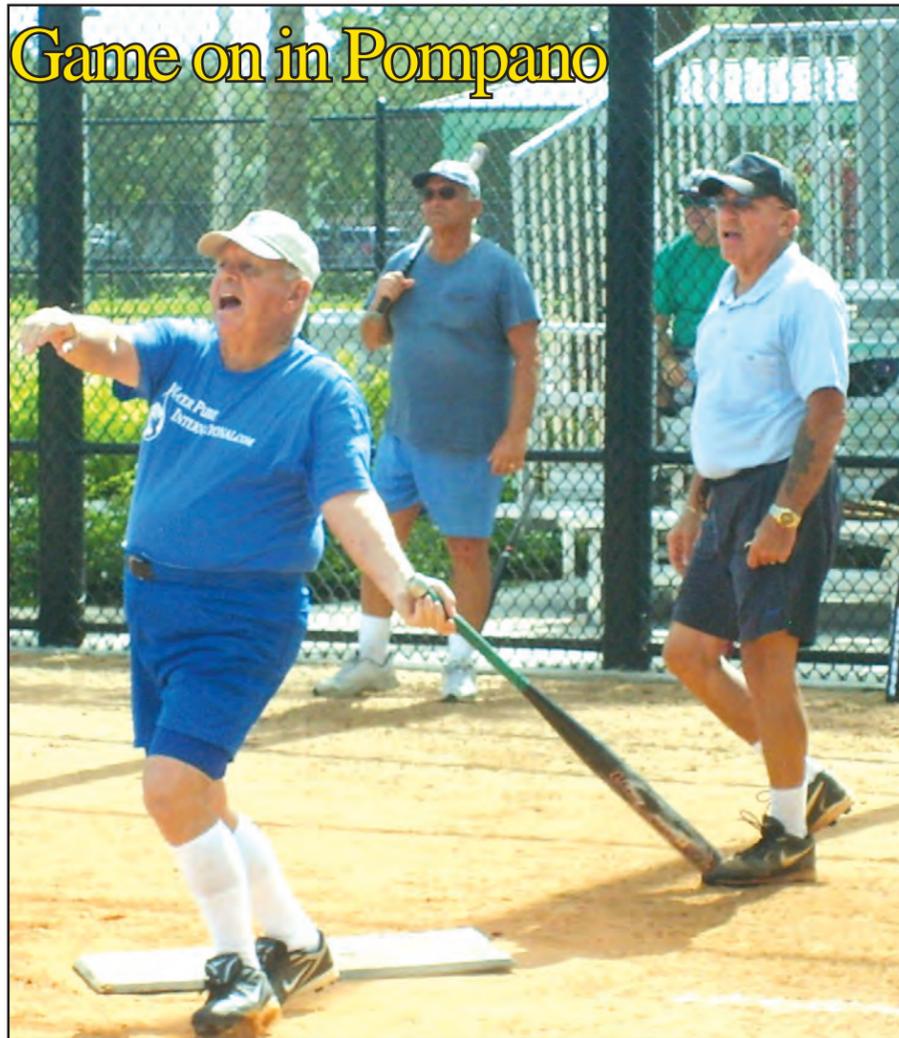
The Sleepy River Canal rose five feet and overflowed its banks. The C-13 Canal overflowed, and there was flooding on NW 35th, 36th and 37th Streets in Lloyd Estates.

Gerda Kendall, president of the Lloyd Estates Homeowners Association, said she has lived in the neighborhood for 40 years and has never experienced flooding like Sunday's. She said most of her backyard was under water.

"How could we do all this work and spend all this money and still have flooding?" Kendall asked. "I told

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## Game on in Pompano



Gerry Hughes watches the ball fly as Vic Dalessio and Umpire Joe Travis watch.

## Boys of summer are now the Sunshine League Seniors

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - Once they were the boys of summer playing major softball all over the country. Now, they will play ball any time of year that they can field a team - all they need are 12 guys age 60 or older, and a ball field.

In this city, they have the ball field, the newly renovated Four Fields Complex in Community Park. After a complete makeover, the complex contains a new concession stand/bathrooms, office and storage space, new fences, new dugouts, new bleachers,

sidewalks, paved parking and lush landscaping.

The one thing it lacks at this writing is rest rooms, and for the over 60 guys jogging around the bases, that's a big thing. "It's something about the [Certificate of Occupancy]," one said. "But it is long way back to our cars and a longer way to the next rest room. We're not young guys, you know."

The on-field camaraderie reflects their ages. "We're all on medication," said one. "We have a lot of replacement parts," said another. But neither meds nor hip replacements keep these

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## Another 1,300 signatures collected to halt utility tax

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Petitioners attempting a referendum on the newly-enacted utility tax are waiting this week for 1,314 signatures to be verified by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

Jean Robb, co-chair of Rescind Utility Tax, said the new signatures were turned in to the city clerk on Wednesday. Required to attain the 4,120 voters' signatures needed are 1,226.

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## CRA has 'back to the future' plans for Old Pompano

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – Officials here are focusing on redevelopment in Old Pompano, the area between Atlantic Boulevard and Sixth Street that is destined to become an active hub of new urban living under a zoning category called Transit Oriented Development, or TOD.

"Think about it," says Chris Brown, co-director of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA. "People can live there, get rid of a car and take the bus or rail to work, and walk to shop, dine and have fun."

Although not in the immediate

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# Grab your [felt] hat and enjoy your vicarious trip to Casablanca

By Dan Hobby

**POMPAÑO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

If an organization has as its mission the preservation of history, it stands to reason that its annual fund-raising event would have a historical premise. Last year it was "A Night at the Speakeasy," a 1920s-themed evening of

food, drinks, entertainment and a secret casino.

This year the Pompano Beach Historical Society is moving up a couple decades with "A Night in Casablanca," its take on the 1940s and the famous movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.

The event takes place on Nov. 18 from 7:00 to 11 p.m.

at Galuppi's Restaurant, 1103 North Federal Highway, Pompano Beach.

Once again there will be great food and drinks, entertainment and, as we were shocked to find at Rick's Café Américain, a gambling den. Visitors will be able to play a variety of games of chance

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Last year, historical society members threw the dice to raise funds, but this year it's going to be intrigue and romance.

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# Local writer brings South Florida's tales of Prohibition to life

Stories air on WLRN

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Sally Ling likes to tell stories, true ones about Florida's colorful history. Mostly, the Deerfield Beach resident keeps her accounts local.

Last week her book on prohibition in South Florida was the grist for a documentary aired on WLRN. Producer Steve Waxman took 75

percent of the material he used for the one-hour show from the tales in her book "Run the Rum In."

"My book was the catalyst for the show. I had the story and Steve found the people who could speak to it," Ling said. As co-producer, she helped select the photos, clips and actors that relate the very interesting story of South Florida's connection to the Bahamas' seemingly unending supply of rum.

Like another storyteller, Ken Burns, whose three-part series on prohibition takes an



Historian Sally Ling with an orchid plant, another of her passions, orchids.

inside look at the politics of the time, Ling's book discusses the women's rights movement and the anti-saloon sentiment that drove states to vote themselves dry. Burns, she says, "missed the boat by ignoring Florida and the Bahamas in his "Prohibition" narrative.

Broward County in fact, gained its independence from Dade County not because local leadership wanted to control their own bailiwick, but because Broward had voted to be a dry county and Dade

politicians favored a more liberal attitude on alcoholic beverages and drew a new county line.

Ling and Waxman brought in many local historians to tell their tale, among them: Lighthouse Point City Commissioner Tom Hasis, an owner of Cap's Place, long regarded as one of the hot spots for rum running in this county largely because the owner, Cap Knight, did the bootlegging himself and was an Intracoastal Waterway historian. More stories came

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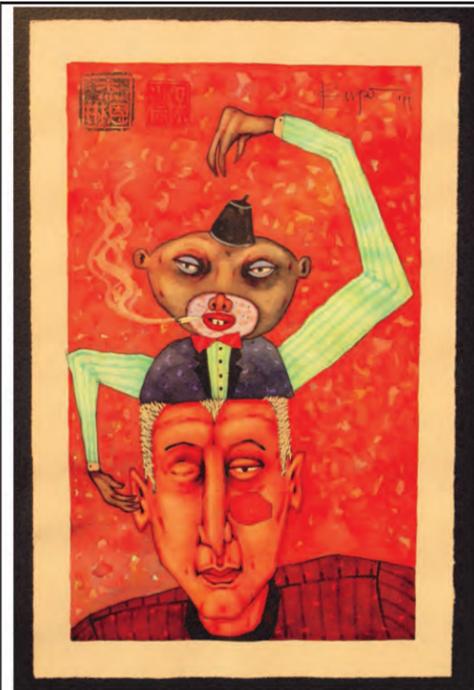


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# Rum

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from Deerfield Beach Housing Authority attorney Bill Crawford, Jr., Nova professor Bob Jarvis, Susan Gillis from the Boca Raton Historical Society and Broward County Historian Helen Landers. A story she couldn't tell as fully as she would have liked is of Capone Island now Deerfield Island and the gangster's gambling den which became the Riverview Restaurant. Former owner Bill Stewart would not speak with her, Ling says, but she has fond memories of dining at the old Riverview after it became a respectable place.

Ling, 63, has some history here herself. She came to South Florida in 1970 and worked for the developers of Deer Creek Country Club before becoming a free lance journalist, producer of video shows, public speaker, ghost

writer and owner of a marketing and communications company. Her first book was a historical story for children.

"I love the obscure, local stories nobody knows about," she said.

*Run the Rum In* contains many more stories than could be included in the one-hour WLRN piece, and on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. she will reveal more of them in a talk before the FAU Lifelong Learning Society.

Ling is working on another not-well-known topic, the Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee. Her title is "Out of Mind, Out of Sight." The building was a federal arsenal and then the state's first penitentiary before it became a place to stash the criminally insane. At times, its history is shameful, Ling says.

She also has two historical novels swirling about in her head, one about a double homicide that occurred in 1948 in Boca Raton. She is still

collecting information but has tracked down a relative of the murdered pair and some of the jewelry taken to make the murder look like a robbery.

"It is the most fascinating story ever," she said. "And it is still unsolved." Will her research close the cold case?

She doesn't know, but changing her genre from historical fact to historical fiction gives her more creative license. "I'll use the characters to present the facts and because it is a novel, I can speculate on the motive and the perpetrator," she said.

*(Ed's note: More about Sally Ling and her work can be found on her website sallyjling.org.)*

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## Feed the hungry, don't legislate against them

By Anne Siren

PUBLISHER

This month, Fort Lauderdale officials focused on making it illegal for people to beg within the restaurant areas of town.

Begging there will turn people who are simply hungry into a new brand of criminals.

Poverty in South Florida is booming. Miami is reported to have the third largest population of people in poverty in the United States.

On the other side of the issue, complaints are pouring in from restaurant owners who don't like their patrons forced to be among the beggars.

If I were a beggar, that's where I would go, and if the patrons gave me no satisfaction, I would probably know where the left-over food was tossed. There is a solution. Why not use county funds to allow a soup kitchen near restaurant sections? The surrounding restaurants can be contributors.

We all experience hunger, and some of us can do something about it. We can call out for pizza among the myriad possibilities.

The voices that speak for the hungry are few these days. Those who are trying to help are so busy they don't have time for public relations.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Jack Seiler, according to reports, said, "We've got to start somewhere."

I think Seiler should start by opening his wallet, walking the streets and looking straight into the eyes of hungry families.

Seiler and others who vote for this new pan handling law are writing their names on an institutional injustice aimed at Americans who have fallen on bad luck.

Study the statistics of the homeless, Mayor Seiler. Adding to those who have been on the streets for years are the new hungry: the unemployed who have lost their homes and jobs.

If anything, officials should look to solve the agonizing issue of hunger instead of making it a crime.

I know this is not an original phrase, but it's been a mantra for millions of people for more than 2,000 years.

Feed the hungry.

## Former Pompano Beach resident debuts new book on veterans

Melissa Soldani-Lemon, who has long been an advocate for the needs of military veterans, has now found another way to show her support. The Tallahassee Community College, or TCC, faculty member has written a book that is in many ways a salute to veterans.

Marvin's Book: The Story of a Professor and a Promise is published by Visual Impressions Publishing and will be available online as an e-book beginning on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011.

A paperback edition will follow. The book recalls a promise Soldani-Lemon made to a student 10 years ago--and traces a journey to find meaning and hope in the face of tragedy.

It's full of stories by and about TCC students, especially student-veterans and students who face profound obstacles with dignity and optimism. Soldani-Lemon, who is an associate professor of history at TCC, sees herself as both a scholar and a storyteller. "I've been working on the book for a decade," she said. "It took me this long to find a happy ending for it." That happy ending is the creation of the Hero Scholarship, designed to help students who have overcome heroic odds pay for their college education.

Soldani-Lemon made a significant personal pledge to initiate the scholarship, and a portion of the book's proceeds will go to fund the Hero Scholarship. "Going to college is an act of optimism," she explained. "We cannot do enough for our veterans here at TCC." Soldani-Lemon also tries to connect the College with veterans in the community.

Last summer, she and her students collected and delivered food for Veterans Village, a transitional residential community for homeless veterans. The food was for an Independence Day party, as well as for stocking the facility's pantry. Her current students continue to make weekly donations to Veterans Village and are gathering supplies and gift cards for a Veterans Day barbecue for residents. In addition to her teaching duties at TCC,

Soldani-Lemon writes regularly for her blog, Stories for Invisible Friends. For information about the HERO Scholarship, contact the TCC Foundation at (850) 201-8580 or foundation@tcc.fl.edu.

## Men, women of Broward County who served during World War II are focus of Brown Bag Lunch on Nov. 17

Men and women of Broward County who served throughout campaign regions during World War II will be the topic of the November Brown Bag Lunch of the Broward County Historical Commission, located at the historic West Side Grade School, 301 Harmon (S.W. 13th) Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, to be held beginning at noon on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

From Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Bataan, Iwo Jima, the Battle for Britain, to Omaha Beach and across the Rhine River, the men and women who served from Broward County were recounting their whereabouts and experiences weekly to the Fort Lauderdale Daily News with the by-line: Our Men in Service.

Each week Mrs. Raymond Holman, who lived in the Dr. Kennedy Homes, cut the section out of the paper and pasted the stories in a scrapbook. In the early 1990s, the scrapbook was given to the Broward County Historical Commission for safe keeping. Pages of the book will be on view. Those attending are encouraged to share their stories of Broward County men and women who served in World War II.

Attendees should bring their own lunch. Cold drinks and coffee will be provided. Guests are advised not to park in the numbered spaces to the south of the Historical Commission. For additional information on the program, contact Helen Landers at 954-357-5514 or hlanders@broward.org. For information on parking, call the Historical Commission at 954-357-5553.

Due to the upcoming holidays, there will not be a Brown Bag Lunch program during the month of December.

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**Young Artists from Florida Grand Opera perform favorite arias at John Knox Village concert**



Tatiana Vassilieva, Jonathon Michie, Courtney McKeown, Lacy Sauter with Justin Moss, operations manager of Miami Opera. [Staff photos]

**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

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The auditorium at John Knox Village, or JKV, was filled to capacity on Saturday night, Nov. 5 as residents waited to hear the voices of Young Artists from the Florida Grand Opera, or FGO.

Activities Director, Sara Berkowitz, says, "It's an exciting event for our residents to be entertained by such a special group of talented young people. We're thrilled to bring a night of opera to the Village. Sam Townsend and Harriet Mertz are both generous patrons of the Young Artists, and they helped to arrange this inspiring concert."

**Justin Moss**, operations manager of the Miami Opera,

was on hand to narrate the program. Moss is well known to the opera audience as the man who, with wit and charm, presents informative previews of every performance at the Dade and Broward theaters during opera season. Moss has held management positions with the Virginia Opera, Baltimore Opera, and Boston Lyric Opera before joining the FGO.

**Meet the Young Artists**

**Lacy Sauter**, soprano, is a graduate of Arizona State University, followed by graduate work at the University of Indiana. There she sang Rosalinde in *Die Fledermaus* and Juliette in *Romeo et Juliette*. She has been the Young Artist at The Glimmerglass Festival where she sang the

role of Valentina Scarcella in *Later the Same Evening* and covered the roles of Frasquita in *Carmen* and Woman of the World premiere of a *Blizzard on Marblehead Neck*. She is the winner of honors and grants.

**Courtney McKeown**, mezzo-soprano, is a graduate of DePaul University and Northwestern University where she has performed the title role in Bizet's, *Carmen*, Mozart's *Idomeneo*, Florence Pike in *Albert Herring* and Mother Marie in *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. In her second season with FGO, last season she appeared as Antonia's Mother in *Les Contes d'Hoffmann* and as IaDuegne in *Cyrano*. She has appeared with many opera companies, received many honors, and in the 2010-11 season she was featured in a Night of the Stars Concert with Opera Tampa honoring Placido Domingo conducted by Maestro Anton Coppola and Sherrill Milnes.

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**Jonathan Michie**, baritone recently completed tenure as an Apprentice Artist with FGO where he was featured in numerous roles including Ping in *Turandot*, Dancairo in *Carmen*, Fiorello in *Il barbiere di Siviglia* and Masseto in *Don Giovanni*. He has performed with other opera companies and orchestras and is the winner of awards and competitions. He returns to FGO to perform Mercutio in *Romeo et Juliette* in the 2011-12 season. In the summer of 2012 he will sing Dominik in *Arabella* with the Santa Fe Opera as an Apprentice Artist.

**Tatiano Vassiliev**, pianist, is pursuing a diverse career as a vocal coach, chamber musician and soloist. She has her Master's Degree from the Eastman School of Music. She has been a staff member of Boston University, playing fortepiano continuo for *Così fan Tutte* and second piano for William Bolcom's *Lucrezia*.

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Recycling is the simplest act an individual can do to positively impact the planet. Since its inception in 1997, the nationally celebrated America Recycles Day has been held each year on November 15 to encourage people to become better stewards of the environment.

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Pelloni became the spokesperson

for the partners when he sat down in the Pelican offices to talk about PVS Marine Contractors. "We've been in Deerfield since 2009, servicing customers in both Broward and Palm Beach counties. I've been in the business in Florida since 1986 and I love it. I came here from Connecticut in 1981 to escape the brutal winters and my first job was in marine construction. My background is in construction so it was a natural for me. I enjoyed working on and in the water so much, it became my career."

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Don Bachman, Pompano Beach, says he's very impressed with Jim and the work he and his crew have done. "Jim put in a lift for me a long time ago and he did a great job. Just recently I had to face the fact that my 30-year old dock was falling apart. Again he did a great job. He got the permits he needed and went to work, replacing, raising and extended the dock and put it all at one level. He and his crew were neat, clean, and reliable. He hadn't planned on it, but decided he needed to pile drive the posts down deeper to better secure the dock. He could have fooled me. He did it without charging extra. That doesn't happen too often, does it? I am more than satisfied."

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munity-minded organizations will be sponsoring a community job fair on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Deerfield Beach Hilton.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will run from noon to 4 p.m. and will feature more than 30 local companies.

“With the season just about to get into full swing, employers in many sectors from throughout the area will be looking for qualified people to help meet the expanded demand,” says Ted Smith, president of New Eyes Marketing, which is coordinating the job fair. “Our goal is to

help connect those who are looking for a job with those companies and businesses that need extra help.”

Smith said the companies will be representing many segments of the business community and will be accepting applications for jobs in categories including sales, medical services, transportation and distribution.

“Our goal in creating this job fair is to strengthen

our community by helping people find jobs,” Smith said. “When people have good jobs, they’re more inclined to spend money in the community and that can benefit all of our businesses as well.”

Opportunities are still available for employers wishing to participate in the job fair for a set-up fee of \$100.

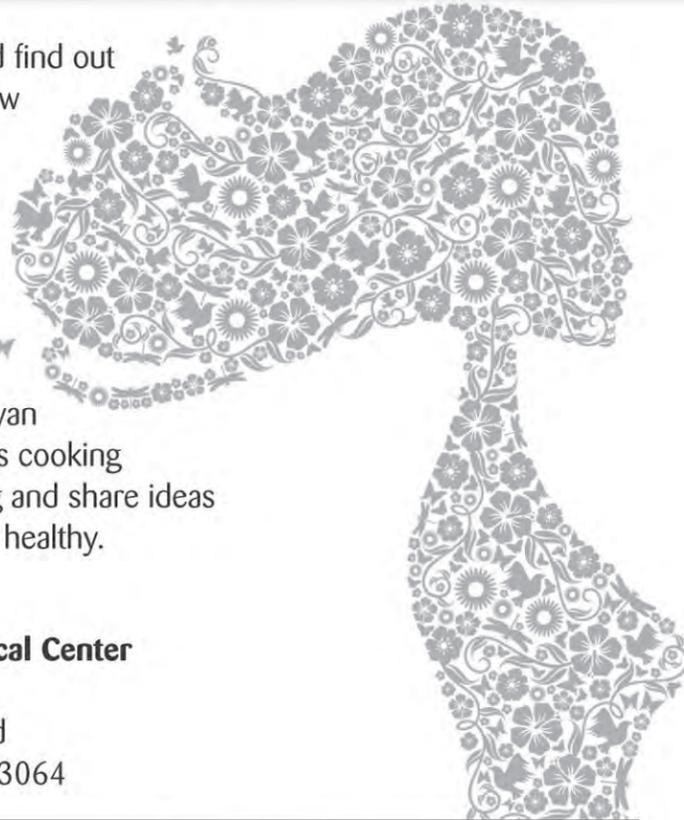
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## Casablanca

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But he likes a sunny day, too, especially if he and his wife, Denice decide to take a late afternoon cocktail cruise in their small boat. "We enjoy

cruising in and out of the canals heading for downtown Fort Lauderdale," he says. "We often stop at the various intracostal restaurants for outdoor dining. Our favorite is the Downtowner because it has a good floating dock."

Pelloni says he doesn't have time for hobbies other than boating now and then and doing yard work with his wife. "We have four children and seven grandchildren with one more on the way. They're in Georgia, Orlando and Pompano Beach and we enjoy visiting with them whenever we can."

"Our other involvement is in Pinion, an organization that fund raises for children and Special Olympics. We have dinners, silent auctions and other events during the year and we do attend the Special Olympics when we can."

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which show the extent neighborhoods are at risk for flooding, are used to help determine federal flood insurance requirements.

Under the proposed new  
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# Artists

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Her most recent engagements include apprentice coach positions at Ash Lawn Opera, Coaching Fellow and Coach/pianist at Florida International University and FGO in this year. She has received many awards.

## About the Young Artist Studio

Each year more than 600 young singers audition for six to ten coveted spaces in the renowned Florida Grand Opera Young Artist Studio, a program that provides today's most promising young opera stars with the vital musical, dramatic and business training they need to transition from academic to professional careers.

The young artists selected attend this program free of charge and are provided with housing, utilities, health insurance, round-trip travel and a modest weekly stipend to cover living expenses.

More than 100 graduates of the studio now appear on the stages of the nation's leading operatic productions, expanding FGO's impact in the opera world at large and keeping South Florida artistically relevant.

Many return to FGO after their graduation, bringing their time and talents to the company that supported them early in their careers.

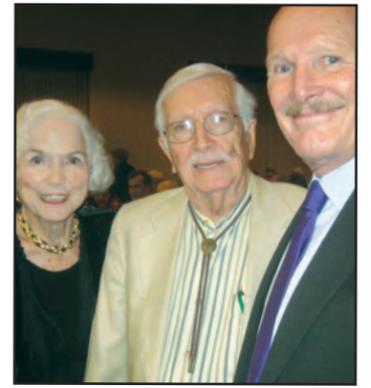
The talented Young Artists performing on Nov. 5 brought the audience to its feet in a standing ovation at the concert's end. The evening concluded with a wine and cheese social



Sally and Paul Loree enjoy opera at John Knox Village



Tatiano Vassilieva, pianist with John Knox Village Activities Director Sara Berkowitz



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Sam Townsend has been a patron of this group since 1996. He and Harriet Mertz were elated to work with Berkowitz to engage the Young Artists for a performance in the Village.

A career bacteriologist for 40 years with the VA Hospital in Miami, Townsend has always been a music lover. He sang in the chorus of FGO and

helped with costumes back stage. He liked it so much he apprenticed back stage and became a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage and Moving Pictures of the U. S. and Canada.

The Village residents in thank their Activities Department, Townsend and Mertz for bringing such fine performers to entertain them.

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## Leisure

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## Taxes

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The petition drive to force an election on the tax began in September. Robb turned in 6220 signatures to the city clerk on September 30, but only 5,614 went to the supervisor's office for verification. Once in the certification process, another 2,270 were eliminated for various reasons.

Robb blames poorly defined precinct maps for mis-

takes made on the petitions. The maps are particularly flawed in Century Village where some buildings were eliminated altogether, and others had multiple precincts. Volunteers collecting the signatures were told one building was in Precinct AO19, when in fact, voters there are in Precinct A018. All the petitions collected there were thrown out.

This city has an unusual

requirement for initiating a referendum question in that signers of the petitions must include their precinct number along with name and address.

Robb has appealed to Dr. Brenda Snipes, Supervisor of Elections, and to the Florida Elections Board to reverse the requirement, but so far City Attorney, Andy Maurodis', ruling that the precinct requirement in the charter is valid, stands.

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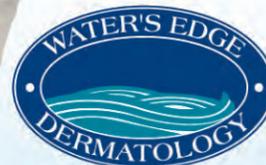


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# Old Pompano

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future, plans include a passenger rail on the Florida East Coast Railway, or FEC, to stop in Pompano Beach near its original station on Flagler Avenue and First Street.

In preparation for the TOD, the CRA is developing plans for town houses, a parking garage and changes in the streets.

One change is First Street that feeds into Atlantic Boulevard.

Originally First Street was Main Street in the city. There, the early farmers stowed money at the Framers' Bank on First Street and First Avenue. First Street offered residents a hotel, a pharmacy and other shops and restaurants patron-

ized by residents and business owners.

"In a way," says Brown, it's back to the future. We are continuing that early plan for Main Street.

Commissioner Rex Hardin said that his vision is another Victoria Park, a Fort Lauderdale residential community reflecting early Key West styles.

But before those plans meet the drawing board, more

discussion is needed.

This month, Jean Dolan, senior planner, explained that the area already is prime for a TOD, a specific area where public transportation serves a large part of the population.

A TOD area also represents a population of high density and mixed-use housing where business and residential units occupy the same complex.

The city already has the Northeast Transit Center on

Martin Luther King Boulevard and North Dixie Highway, expected to be complete and operational shortly. Five Broward County bus routes will use the Center.

Pedestrian-friendly sidewalks, crossings and rail transportation will increase the facilitation of people movers.

But Dolan says the hope of the project is to move people into the city onto the sidewalks and into the shops. To do that, she says, the city must have specific destinations.

Says Brown, that sense of place could be achieved with the proposed library and cultural center on a civic campus adjacent to city hall.

Vice Mayor George Brummer agreed with the idea of a cultural center at the library, but his distrust of the word

"cultural" quickly became obvious.

"A library does not add anything to the city. Put a theater in the cultural center or forget about it. Stop the [cultural] lip service. Stop patronizing us. We need something in this city that is an attraction, and the library ain't gonna do it," Brummer said.

But Brown says once the public infrastructures are in place like wide sidewalks, easy access, beautification and the TOD designation, the area will be prime for private investors to enter the picture with shops, restaurants and development.

The next public workshop plans will take place on Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. at city hall, 100 West Atlantic Blvd.

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## Boys

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men off the ball field. Tommy Abramousky, 70, still hits the ball over the fence and Tony Longobardo plays the game five days a week, twice in Pompano Beach and three days with a Deerfield Beach league. When the snowbirds return, Eddie Basel, turning 80, will be back in the lineup. And Barry Kushner, 78, drives down from Deer Creek to play with the Sunshine League.

“They are young in their minds, but their bodies don’t always work,” said score-keeper Sandy Johnson who attends most games with her player-husband Bob. “In their time, they were some of the best.” A good number of the players are in the national and Florida Softball Hall of Fame, she said.

Her husband Bob began playing with the now defunct Pompano Beach Bums, a team for men over age 50. The Bums won two golds and a silver medal in national tournaments, but age and the cost of travel has made friendly competition preferable, Sandy said.

The Sunshine Boys play every Tuesday and Thursday and in a Saturday tournament. In the winter the Sunshine Senior Softball League fields six teams under the direction of Bart Grillo who has made the game a big part of his life for the last 33 years. “Most of these guys are over 70,” he said. He himself gave up playing when he developed COPD, but he still runs manages the rosters and sets the schedules. It’s a big part of his life. “These guys, they are all like brothers to me,” Grillo said.

The holdup with the bathrooms according to what the ball players have been told is due to problems with a contractor not finishing the project to the city’s satisfaction. This week, a temporary CO for the bathrooms was issued solving the problem.

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The “French Place” is a bit of a misnomer. This established Pompano fixture is, more accurately, a Belgian bistro.

Nonetheless, anyone wanting to speak French will be thrilled to meet emblematic owner Chef Jean-Pierre Bollinne. The wily restaurateur, with his trademark voluminous coiffe, has over 45 years of culinary experience spanning both sides of the pond. From Europe to Africa to Canada and on to the United-States, the adventuresome Belgian finally found his home, his bride and his future life in Broward County.

It was in 1974 that Chef Jean-Pierre, along with his wife Diane, first opened the French Place on McNab Road just west of Federal Hwy. And for more than 3 decades, this stalwart of the Pompano culinary scene thrived on its outstanding fare, loyal clientele and overall glowing reputation.

But in 2005, the Bollinnes yearned for a more tranquil existence. Consequently, they ceded the restaurant to young entrepreneurs. Unfortunately, the whippersnappers lacked the vision, moxie and stamina required to run a successful dining establishment. Predictably, this once proud *trattoria* was promptly run into the ground.

Seeing a lifetime of work being ignominiously squandered, Jean-Pierre and his lovely partner Diane decided to take back their restaurant and give it a fresh new start. At age 65, the Belgian Chef is truly excited about getting back to the business he knows and loves... the business that allowed him to put his four children through school... the business of... high-quality European cuisine.

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The hand-written menu belies the thoughtfulness of the weekly offerings. “I haven’t printed a permanent



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## French Place

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menu because I want to offer exciting new dishes every week," says Jean-Pierre. "But don't worry; all the favorites such as the flambéed Duck or the filet of sole Meunière will always be available."

Foie gras mousse, garlic butter escargots, parmesan fondue and the tasty cold leek Vichissoise soup are all house specialties that deserve serious consideration.

Speaking of elegant French potages, "our Billi-Bi is

excellent. No one else even makes it," says Chef Bollinne about the rich, esoteric, velvety soup made with mussels, onions, wine, cream and seasonings. "I also add fresh Maine lobster to make it even better!"

Meat lovers will salivate over the hearty beef Bourguignon, the 3 mushroom veal roast and the tasty French-style lamb shank. True carnivores will greatly appreciate the primal ecstasy of an authentic steak Tartare.

"We are also planning on having all-you-can-eat *choucroute garnie* for \$15," adds Chef Bollinne. The

mouthwatering sauerkraut with sausage, pork and potatoes is one of those heartwarming Alsatian creations that transcends time, place and palate.

For some sultry seaside surprises, the scampi with cream and garlic is a perennial favorite while the seared tuna with capers is guaranteed to please the most discriminating of tastes.

Of course, the most famous Belgian dish known to peripatetic epicureans is the classic "moules et frites" (mussels and fries.) This quintessential Belgian specialty is always on the roster at the French Place and should not be missed.

Equally enticing are the succulent salads, the various quiches (the farmer's market vegetarian one is outstanding!) and the cajoling crêpes such as the feta, spinach and tomato combo.

Also, "our Sunday brunch is all about eggs Benedict, crêpes and mimosas!" says the enthusiastic Euro-Chef with his charming, visa-worthy accent. "Plus, we have a fun Karaoke soirée on Fridays and live French music on Saturday nights."

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# Town enhancements run into trouble as demolition gets underway

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**LBTS** – Now that construction is under way on an A1A enhancement project, some “unforeseen field conditions” have been discovered, Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, informed town commissioners Tuesday.

During sidewalk demolition activities near Sea Ranch Club A, it was discovered that decorative street lights throughout the corridor are installed on concrete spread footings as large as 5 x 10 feet and 2 feet thick rather than being installed on a precast concrete cylindrical foundation and surrounded by a typical sidewalk slab that is only 4 or 5 inches thick.

The only exception to this

condition is the streetlight at the northeast corner of SR A1A and Pine Avenue.

“Once the demolition was started, the conflict became apparent. Workers started to remove the concrete and then wisely stopped because they weren’t making any progress,” Bentley said.

The original design plan called for taking 4 inches of the footings, or pads, to install brick pavers.

Instead, staff recommended changing the size of paver areas to avoid having to remove the top 4 inches of the footers.

Resident Edmund Malkoon’s asked why this information (the size of footers) wasn’t known earlier. Bentley said, “The designer relied on aerial views.”

The light poles were

installed in 2004, according to Raul Mederos, project manager with Carnahan, Proctor, Cross. The footers are reinforced with rebar, which is on the bottom of the footers.

He said there are 10 locations in the project area with conflicts, most at locations with the spread footers. Five are at locations with seating walls that are currently under construction on the east side of A1A. Five are on the west side.

Mederos suggested two alternatives. One would be to jack hammer or otherwise remove the top 3 to 4 inches of the spread footing and install the pavers as shown in approved plans. Cost is about \$2,500 per footing.

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# Town

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Nine footings would need to be modified for a total cost of \$22,500. The change would need approval from the Florida Department of Transportation.

A second choice, and a more economical option, would be to leave the footers in place and modify how the pavers are laid out. The paver layout would be modified to work around the footers. The modifications would be minor, according to Mederos.

Commissioner Chris Vincent, the commission's liaison on construction matters, asked if they could grind 1 to 1-1/2 inches off

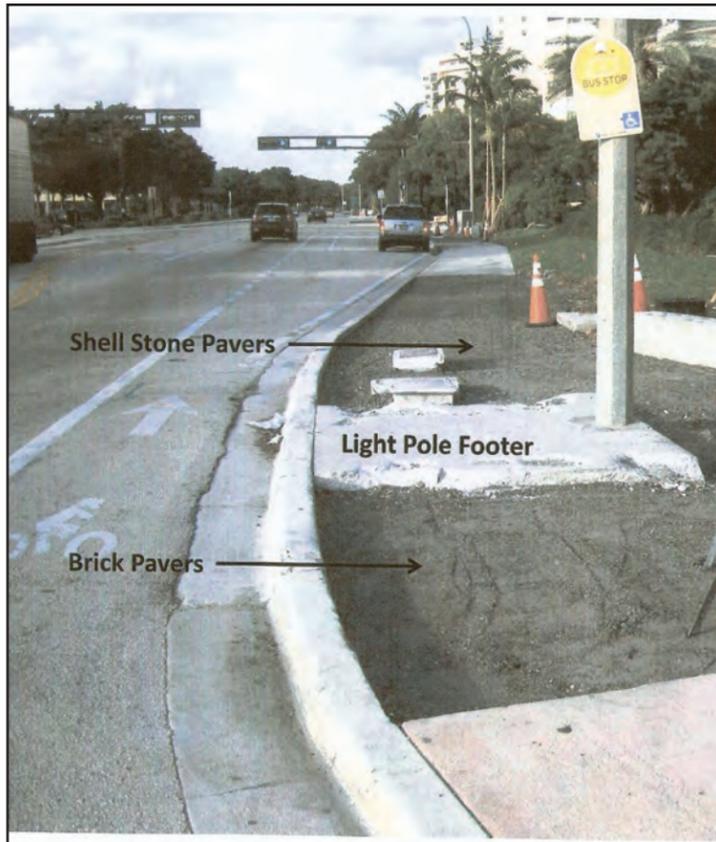
the footers rather than 3 to 4 inches, add a 1-inch paver and save on the cost.

Mederos said he didn't know if changing the depth would lower the cost.

Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey said if it's not a safety issue, she would prefer they say with the original design, noting, "I don't like a mismatch. I don't want it to be a hodgepodge or quilt. I want it to look nice. I want to be proud."

Commissioner Scot Sasser agreed. "This is the face of our town. To do it right is very important." He said he would like some options.

Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd, acting mayor in the absence of Roseann Minnet, said he



This photo at the northeast corner of A1A and Pine Avenue show one of the street light footers that are two feet thick.

would like to see 1 inch paver topping and no change to the beautification plan.

Bentley reminded the commission, "This project is supposed to be done in July. It's time sensitive, and we don't want to delay the contractor, add to the time and inconvenience the neighbors." He asked that commissioners give direction but not dictate the construction solution.

"We may do a 1-inch paver at one location but need to do a different technique at another." He said staff will coordinate with Vincent.

Sasser said he didn't want to micromanage the project but said the price per footer seemed way high to him.

Vincent agreed, noting he could build a detached garage for the \$22,500 price.

Commissioners agreed by a 4-0 vote to recommend keeping the east side at the original design, (grinding down footers) and putting in 1 or 2 inch pavers and bringing back plans for the west side later.

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# Flood zones

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maps, 343 property owners in LBTS would need to buy flood insurance for the first time. Thirty-seven property owners would see the federal flood insurance requirement dropped, although it may still be prudent for them to keep their policies intact.

The new maps were produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Broward County.

Preliminary maps can be viewed online at <http://www.broward.org/Regulation/Engineering/FloodZoneMaps/Pages/ProposedNewFloodMaps.aspx>

The maps have not yet been officially adopted and will only become effective after a public comment period, when property owners can submit appeals and protests if they can show maps are in error.

Congress mandates that federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on properties in high-risk flood zones. Some lenders also require flood insurance for properties located outside of high-risk flood areas.

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# New laughs to be had at Comedy Club, and even grandma will be tickled

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – In the mood for a laugh? A new club, the Fort Lauderdale Comedy Club, is holding its grand opening this week at 840 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Unit 106, in Oakland Park.

Shows are set for 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 12. The location, two blocks west of Dixie Highway, is the site of the former Rising Action Theatre.

Headliner is Orlando-based comic and entertainer Ron Feingold, along with Chris Cope and local host and comic, AZ.

The earlier show is G-rated and more geared to seniors, “so your mother or grandmother won’t be offended,” said Pete O’Neil, managing partner. The later

show will have bluer material.

O’Neil said it’s taken him and his partners eight months to find the right site with enough parking.

“This is just right,” he said, lauding Seigi Constantine, executive director of Oakland Park Main Street, and city staff for their help.

“Having someone like her holding our hands was a miracle. Seigi and the staff have embraced the idea in the community and helped us make this our home. They

went beyond the call of duty,” O’Neil said.

“Our community was very excited to be the new home of what will become the premiere stand-up comedy club in South Florida,” Constantine said. She announced the opening at recent City Commission meetings and noted that Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue has been invited to tell the first joke on Friday.

The club has a beer and wine license and will serve

light snacks.

One of the club owners, designer Tony LoGrande, has re-designed the club in a mid-century modern style, similar to what’s seen on the Madmen and Pan Am TV shows.

“I want to recreate a time when America was a happier place, where the country had great hope and aspirations,” he said. He designed one area as a “Rat Pack” room where guests can sit down and have a drink before the show.

Cost for Friday and Saturday night shows is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. To reserve tickets, call the box office at 954-530-2369. More information is available at [www.FortLauderdaleComedyClub.com](http://www.FortLauderdaleComedyClub.com).

Wednesday night will be open mic night with a \$2 admission cost.

A Comic Retreat 2012 is planned for Jan. 9 to 11 with

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By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

## Veteran salute

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## New looks at Oakland Park

**Oakland Park** – The public is invited to a meeting to review and discuss proposed redevelopment plans for the city of Oakland Park from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Jaco Pastorius Park

Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court.

Speakers will include Ray Lubomski, the city's director of community and economic development; Neal Fritz, RMA project manager; Dan Lindblade, president of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and Bill Feinberg, chair of the Oakland Park/Wilton Manors Council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

The program will include discussion of programs and functions offered to Oakland Park businesses by the chamber councils.

No reservations are required. Call 954-630-4344 for more

details.

## Dump the drugs, shred the evidence

**Oakland Park** – Broward Sheriff's Office Oakland Park District will host an "Operation Medicine Cabinet" and free "Shred-a-Thon" from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 12, at the city's Municipal Building, 5399 N. Dixie Highway.

Bring your unused, unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. And dispose of personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data. Call 954-630-4344 for more details.

# Laughs

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the B Ocean Fort Lauderdale as host hotel.

O'Neil describes the retreats as like the Sun Dance Film Festival for comics.

He expects 300 comics from around the world to take part with a comedy showcase on Jan. 11 at War Memorial Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale. Headliner will be Jose Sarduy of Miami. More information on the retreat is available at [www.ComicRetreat.com](http://www.ComicRetreat.com).

# Sightings

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on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 171 SW 2 St., Pompano Beach. Food is available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Call 954-942-2448.

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By RJ Boyle

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This lure is a very universal one that opens your game to pompano as well as small bluefish. With this format I speak of, the smoker kings will also be close to the beach feeding on the macks, and as

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So when you go out of the inlet of your choice, do not overlook the possibilities of a stellar catch in less than 30 feet of water.

For the reef, there are great reports of sailfish being caught out of the kites and many of the hook ups have doubles and triples.

Yup, we are in full swing of kite fishing season and reports of quite a few dolphin also

eating up the kite baits up to the 35-lb range, Swordfishing grounds have been hard to access due to a big low pressure pocket off of the Abacos creating a large swell in the hunting grounds.

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All in all chances are great for memories of a lifetime on the reef.

Get tight be safe.  
RJ

## Manatees need a welcome not a death sentence in Florida

Manatee season in South Florida begins Nov. 15, marking the time when manatees move south toward warm water refuges and seasonal speed limits go into effect. Boaters should be on the lookout for manatees moving into the county's waterways and any changes to the boating speed zones.

Last season, more than 1,000 manatees in the County's waterways, which represents the largest number of manatees ever recorded in Broward County. During very cold spells, the majority of manatees can be found in the warm-water refuges of the Lauderdale Power Plant cooling lakes and Port Everglades Power Plant cooling canal. During warmer periods, the manatees will move into the surrounding canals and Intracoastal Waterway to forage, increasing the chance of manatee and boater interaction. Statewide, 83 manatees were killed by boats in 2010 with four of those deaths occurring in Broward County. To avoid striking manatees, vessel operators should obey all posted speed limits, wear polarized sunglasses to help them spot the creatures in the water, and watch for the large, tell-tale circular slicks on the surface of the water (manatee "footprints") that indicate the presence of manatees.

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High 8:26 PM	High 10:26 PM	Low 6:48 PM
Saturday, Nov. 12	Tuesday, Nov. 15	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 www.saltwatertides.com
Low 2:32 AM	Low 4:27 AM	
High 9:02 AM	High 11:06 AM	
Low 2:59 PM	Low 4:59 PM	
High 9:04 PM	High 11:13 PM	
Sunday, Nov. 13	Wednesday, Nov. 16	
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County officials adopt the new maps.

But for now, property owners can check out the

maps, ask questions and meet with specialists regarding the potential impact of the maps on their insurance

requirements.

Former maps have been less precise, and as better data is released regarding flood areas, some owners may be exempt from flood insurance

while others may be required to purchase it for the first time.

The event takes place at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach, Nov. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m.

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# Rains

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people the mess (during recent repairs) would be worth it. My level of disappointment I can't explain."

Jeff Helyer, a Lloyd Estates activist whose home was flooded, said the second phase of the Lloyd Estates project will funnel water into the same outfall. He said flooding in the west end is worse since the Florida Department of Transportation landscaped Powerline Road and removed some drains.

Currently, the outfall for Lloyd Estates is into the Sleepy River. Helyer said other options should be considered, such as an existing outfall at the intersection of Andrews Avenue and Oakland Park Boulevard, or catch basins.

Helyer said he is not criticizing the city's engineering department, which did things by the book, but he says something is wrong with the engineering standards now being used. "If we have a drainage system that only works at low tide, I believe there's a problem," he said.

In his 12 years living on NW 38th Street Helyer has been through three floods and four so-called 100-year storms. "Something is wrong with the definitions. They're far too conservative. We have to plan for this on a regular basis," he said.

Commissioner Jed Shank said, "I have great concerns about the millions we've spent on storm water repairs." Shank asked who designed the repairs in Lloyd Estates and whether the design was appropriate.

City Engineer Harris Hamid said the design was by Craig A. Smith, and repairs were constructed above South Florida Water Management, or SFWM, standards.

"This was a 25-year event, with a combination of things. The high tide was coming in, there were heavy rains, and water from the western cities flows through our city to get to the Atlantic. Water was flowing from the C-13 Canal," he said.

Commissioner Shari McCarty asked if there is a protocol when SFWMD is dumping five feet of water in Oakland Park, "or are we like sitting ducks?"

Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue said they should write to the water management district and let them know "we're not happy with their releasing water through our town. Since 2000 we've had 100-year storms five or six times," she

said.

Boisvenue said she started getting calls at 2 a.m. Monday from residents with water in their houses. She toured the city with Stunson and staff got into action installing road barricades. She said NW 38 Street was impassable between Andrews Avenue and Powerline Road and the city could do a better job of getting barricades up where there is standing water.

Commissioner John Adornato said water was a foot deep north of 56th Court. He said that area also had an improvement project.

Stunson said the North Andrews area was designed with a French drainage system and no outfall. He said the city is trying to find outfall for that area. Hamid said Broward County requires a tremendous amount of study - a costly effort - before that can occur.

Fire Chief Don Widing was meeting Thursday with teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and with state and county emergency officials to determine if any assistance would be available to homeowners whose homes were flooded.

## Good dogs in Wilton Manors

When the dogs began to bark downstairs, David and Celeste Ellich knew something was up. It was 3 a.m. Monday morning. That night the rains had come again for the third day.

When they arrived near the bottom of the stairs, the Ellichs knew what the barks were about.

"Wires were arching. We heard the sounds and saw sparks," says Celeste. "The TV room was under four inches of water. Two

bedrooms and the laundry room were under nine inches."

While this was the third flood for the Ellichs, the electrical event was new. They walked on top of the furniture to unplug the outlets they could reach. And then they went back to bed.

"That's what you do. You go back to bed, and in the morning the water is gone," says Celeste.

The next day, Celeste took pictures of the damage. She held a yardstick against a wall to show the high watermark.

"I know the FEMA drill," she added.

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