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## Redo of Sunland Terrace seen as a positive

### But HUD project has residents concerned

By Judy Wilson

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**Lighthouse Point-** Officials here are taking a positive stance toward the workforce housing project at 2100 NE 39 Street now undergoing renovation. Mayor Fred Schorr said this week, "Let's give them a chance. I think it's a possible positive."

The 22-units known as Sunland Terrace were in foreclosure when the South Florida Community Land Trust (SFCLT) won the bid and purchased them in June 2010 for \$1.6 million with funds from the county's Neighborhood Stabilization Program. More federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money came in the form of \$482,000 for upgrades to the complex and matching funds were contributed by the Federal Home Loan Bank.

While the mayor wants to be a good neighbor, he does have a problem with the amount the non-profit agency paid for the building. The cost of each apartment, most of them about 650-square feet of living space, is about \$80,000 before the nearly \$1 million in improvements. "If in fact, they are committed to low-income housing, the money could have been better spent," he said. You

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DBHS DECA member David Trebego collected 42 pairs of jeans recently, part of a community project to target homeless teenagers. Working with S.W.A.T. and Interact clubs, DECA students donated 235 pairs of jeans to Broward Partnership for the Homeless. In their research, the students discovered that one out of every three homeless people is under the age of 18 which translates to 1.7 million teens who will experience homelessness this year. Project leaders were Jimmy Charles, Jenaire Gumbs, Latoya Peebles and Calvin Harris. Academy of Finance and Marketing sponsor Frank Pizza said, "This was a great opportunity for the students to know that they are directly helping other teenagers in Broward County."

## Citizens launch another committee to study beach erosion

First symposium set for Feb. 16

By Judy Wilson

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**Hillsboro Beach** – How to best preserve the town's trademark - four miles of private beach - continues to be the hot topic here. After a \$6 million nourishment of the north beach late last year, City Commissioner Claire Schubert proposed commission workshops to explore future methods of beach preservation. Schubert has held two such meetings and plans another in late February.

But five "concerned citizens" of the town fear the commission is taking the wrong tack, and they are organizing a symposium on Thursday, Feb. 16 to inform residents about beach erosion here and what the future may bring. "Whatever the town decides, the people will need to buy into it," said Rene Males, an organizing member of the ad hoc committee.

Males said few people are

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## Gibbons senior, Owen Bailey, accepted at West Point

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Pompano Beach** - When Maria Bailey heard the news she broke down crying. "I'm still kind of in shock, actually."

Last week, her son, Owen, received the call: he had been accepted to West Point Military Academy.

"My family was extremely happy. I gave them all hugs and they were

screaming and yelling," said Owen, 18.

"It's one of those moments you think about, and when the moment gets here it's so unexpected," said Maria.

It's a moment Owen, a Pompano Beach resident, has been preparing for since he started Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale. "I've wanted to go to West Point ever since

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After four years of working and hoping, Owen Bailey holds up his acceptance letter from West Point.

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# Process to preserve historic properties fails for now, Pioneer House at risk

By Judy Vik

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**Oakland Park**  
 – Commissioners in Oakland Park have rejected an ordinance to create a historic preservation board that would provide a process for protecting historic properties.

The vote was 3-2 against the ordinance. Vice Mayor Anne Sallee and Commissioner John Adornato voted for the board.

Commissioner Jed Shank said he wanted more time for review and public input. Commissioners received information about the

proposed ordinance in a supplement to the agenda two days before the meeting.

The city currently has no regulations to protect historic properties, Chris Gratz, senior planner, said. He described the proposed ordinance as “a gentle ordinance,” providing for voluntary designation of properties as historic with the owner’s approval. Having a process would make the city competitive in grant applications, and becoming a certified local government provides a means to protect historic properties, enhance property values and stabilize neighborhoods, Gratz said.

Commissioners would need to recruit people with a background in historic preservation to serve on the Historic Preservation Board, Gratz said. Residents

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## 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.

## Meetings

**Dist. 4 Commissioner Chip LaMarca** – Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the district office of Commissioner LaMarca is open at the Lighthouse Point Library, 2200 NE 38 Street. 954-357-7004.

## Great Eats

**Pancake Breakfast**  
 – Every third Sunday of the month, the St. Elizabeth’s of Hungry Parish hosts a pancake breakfast at 3331 NE 10 Terrace, Pompano Beach. The breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. to noon and benefits the Parish and cafeteria maintenance. 954-263 8415.



Arbor Day at Trinity School in Lighthouse Point was a time to plant and pay homage to Mother nature. Mason Yearly and Reagan VanBuskirk plant a tree with Cynthia Rohkamm. The event was sponsored the Lighthouse Point Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Service and Charity

**Archivist Needed**  
 – The Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society is looking for a local retired archivist to volunteer to help open the new Lighthouse Museum & Information Center at 2700 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach. After the initial start up work, the

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# Urban planners get caution light on downtown traffic plan

By Judy Vik

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**LBTS** – Narrower streets, wider sidewalks and parallel parking is the recommendation of the city’s design team, and the commission has agreed to move ahead, but slowly, on plans to beautify three blocks of Commercial Boulevard. The challenge, according to designer Jaime Correa, is that the town has only \$2 million to spend on this project.

Correa named the three blocks to be improved.

Block 1, the area from the beach west to El Mar Drive; Block 2, El Mar to A1A and Block 3, A1A to Bougainvillea.

“Very good streets around the world have 50 percent or more of the right-of-way dedicated to pedestrians and 50 percent or less for autos,” Correa said.

Block 1, he said, is a very good street for obtaining a 50-50 ratio but currently 30 percent is for pedestrian use and 70 percent for autos. Beachgoers take up most of the parking from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and not many spaces are used by shoppers or diners. In Block 2, 20 percent of the space is now used by pedestrians and 30 percent for autos. In Block 3, sidewalks are narrow and autos prevail. “Every time we had to cross A1A, we called home to say good-bye to our wives and children,” Correa quipped. “It’s almost suicidal.”

Traffic speed will be reduced if the streets are narrower and the sidewalks wider, Correa said. He recommends shifting from angle to parallel parking in Block 2.

In the block from the beach to El Mar, the team

suggests an exclusive lane for passenger drop off and pick up and drop off stands for valet parking. The lane is next to an informal plaza that connects to a more formal plaza for public events such as markets or performances.

In the plan, the Aruba Beach Café terrace and valet parking stand remain in place. Entrance to the fishing pier is moved closer to the plaza. With these changes, the area nearest the beach would cater 70 percent to pedestrians and 30 percent to autos. “It would be the best piece of urbanism in South Florida, with the exception of areas of Miami Beach,” Correa said.

Low maintenance landscaping suggestions

include coconut palms, thatch palms, live oaks, cabbage palms, buttonwoods and pigeon palms.

Reaction from the public was mixed.

Three relatives of the late Melvin Anglin, who built the town’s fishing pier, spoke against the project.

Nancy Demko said, “My entire family is 100 percent against this project.” She expressed concern over lack of parking and flow of traffic, noting, “Ninety percent of people can’t parallel park

anymore. And planting a lot of trees will attract a lot of birds and be very dirty.”

“I don’t like this at all. You’re taking away too much parking,” said John Demko. He suggested buying three hotels that are for sale for parking areas.

“Parking has always been horrible, and with this plan we lose 23 spaces,” said Jim Demko. He said having only one lane in and one out at the beach plaza will result in traffic jams.

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# Sunland

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can buy condos for \$20,000 apiece every day of the week.”

Mandi Bartle, SFCLT’s executive director, disagrees. “Rental units are a competitive market because there is such a big need in the community.” There were other bidders for the units, she said.

Whatever the cost, the South Florida Community Land Trust bears little of that expense. The non-profit pays no real estate taxes nor does the HUD mortgage have to be repaid as long as SFCLT fulfills HUD’s standards. At the end of the 30-year commitment, the building becomes the property of the land trust.

The purpose of this

redevelopment is to “improve the community and prevent further decay,” said Bartle.

Some residents of the city are fearful of the HUD project. Bruce Cramb, president of the neighboring Venetian Park Gardens Association, asked at a commission meeting earlier this month that the city not allow more such projects. And Sharon Fay of Northeast 27 Avenue spoke at two meetings to express her concerns over property values. According to City Attorney Mike Cirullo the city has no authority over the sale or purchase of real property.

The city in fact had no knowledge of the sale of Sunland Terrace until someone from the county called to check possible liens three days before the closing.

Bartle said the one and two bedroom units will be leased

at two income levels: people making the county’s median income of \$62,300 and those making up to 120 percent of the median, or around \$82,000 annually.

“We need to dispell the myths about affordable housing,” Bartle said. “These are the people we see every day, teachers, clerks, secretaries, the elderly. And our mission is to provide and preserve housing for them.”

Schorr is hopeful that the mission will be fulfilled here.

Under the former owner, the apartment complex had been a source of problems with numerous code violations and police responses. “They have not been model citizens,” the mayor said. After the owner was murdered several years ago, the property went into foreclosure.

He understands that neighbors fear for their property values but feels the improvements will better the situation. “Nothing drives property values down more than derelict properties,” he

said.

Commissioner Mike Long put a positive spin on the situation saying the derelict property is being improved and the tenants will have to uphold the city’s codes.

Residents got word of the workforce housing project only via a sign that had been placed on the property, but Bartle said her agency appeared before the city’s Community Appearance Board with construction plans. The building is being painted, fencing, landscaping and irrigation installed along with some hurricane-resistant and energy-saving features, she said.

The units, now 60 percent occupied, will rent from \$740 to \$850 a month but no new leases will be signed until construction is complete in April.

County Commissioner Chip LaMarca, a resident of the city, said those that are upset with the HUD presence should “wait and see before they get excited.”

# Sightings

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# County commissioner threatens to sue Wilton Manors over referendum

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** – If voters pass a referendum on Jan. 31 that designates city commissioners as part-time employees, Broward County

Commissioner Lois Wexler says she wants to sue the city to keep it from being implemented.

Wexler's remarks are a direct result of a new county ethics code that prohibits elected officials from serving

as registered lobbyists. Other restrictions including the acceptance food or water from a lobbyist would equally apply.

Her threat to sue stems from what she sees as deceptive ballot language. Any move towards litigation would take a majority vote. Wexler said she's confident enough commissioners would vote with her on the issue.

The referendum would remove Wilton Manors elected officials from all constraints of the new county ethics code and return them to the state code.

The referendum asks voters if being a city commissioner should be considered part-time job and be permitted to "engage in outside employment

concurrent employment consistent with Florida law."

Wexler said the question as written doesn't contain any of the "trigger words," such as "lobbying," that would make it clear to voters that the referendum would allow the city to ignore the county code. "I think local rule is very important, but being clear in what you're asking people is equally important," she said.

"I hate to use Mayor [Gary] Resnick as an example, but Mayor Resnick is a very good example for – for this. As far as I know, he does do some lobbying in his personal life, professional life, and he happens to be a wonderful elected official," said Wexler at the October commission meeting. According to the county's

database, Resnick is registered as a lobbyist. An attorney and partner at GrayRobinson in Fort Lauderdale, he represents private and government clients in communications law and other issues.

County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger agrees with Wexler. "It leads you to believe that the state law is stricter than the current law, when the opposite is true . . . it doesn't talk about lobbying, it doesn't mention the word."

The county ethics code, which took effect Jan. 2, prohibits elected officials from lobbying any Broward or municipal governments unless they are doing it on behalf of the county.

Florida law doesn't prohibit elected officials from lobbying other government entities.

And the new code is not restricted to the elected official only. Their spouses, registered domestic partners, immediate family members and office staff are also impacted by the same code. The county defines a lobbyist as anyone who communicates in any way on behalf of another entity or person to any county commissioner, board member or county employee with the purpose of influencing a decision, regardless if any compensation takes place.

History of the code In August of 2010, county commissioners imposed new ethical standards on themselves. Those rules barred them from lobbying and accepting gifts from lobbyists. In November of

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## The vote is Jan. 31 and it's not just for Republicans

By Anne Siren

PUBLISHER

The eyes of the nation and the world are on the Florida Presidential Primary elections on Jan. 31, but Independents and Democrats in some cities still have good reason to go to the polls.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea voters will choose a new commissioner. In that race Edmund Malkoon and Mark Brown seek the seat left vacant by Birute Ann Clottey. All registered voters, regardless of their party affiliations will have a chance to cast their votes on the commission race. Registered Republicans will also choose their preferred presidential candidate.

Lighthouse Point voters will elect two commissioners. The two incumbents, Susie Gordon and Tom Hasis have challengers for their seats. Gordon faces Becky Lysengen and Hasis faces Earl Maucker for the three-year terms.

Wilton Manors voters have three ballot questions.

### 1. City Elected Officials Serve Part-time and may be Concurrently Employed Pursuant to Florida Law

A "Yes" vote will essentially allow city officials to serve under the Florida State ethics laws as all elected officials have for the past 55 years. It further releases elected officials from the constraints of the recently enacted, and severely limiting, Broward County Code of Ethics.

### 2. "City Board Service is Voluntary and Members May Be Concurrently Employed Pursuant to Florida Law.

A "Yes" vote will essentially allow volunteer board members to serve under the Florida State laws as all board members have for the past 55 years. It further releases volunteer board members from the constraints of the recently enacted Broward County Code of Ethics.

### 3. "Voter Referendum is Required Before the City Seeks to Abolish and Transfer The Police Department.

A "Yes" vote mandates that the commission seek a vote from the citizens on their desire to abolish and transfer its city police department. Note: While the vote is mandated, commissioners maintain the right to make the final decision.

**Hillsboro Beach and Sea Ranch Lakes** voters also have local issues on their ballots, like Wilton Manors, the choice to mandate that state ethics rules rather than the Broward County Ethics Code will govern the actions of their elected officials and those who volunteer for municipal advisory boards.

Along all the heat and hoopla of the presidential primary, voters should weigh these local ballot questions and make educated decisions.

## Wilton Manors Year in Review

Mayor Gary Resnick

WILTON MANORS

As we look forward to 2012, it's nice to take a moment and reflect back upon what was a very busy year here in the Island City. While we faced a few challenges brought on by a slow economy, it was a year that we will remember for positive developments that occurred in our community.

At city hall we welcomed new members to the leadership team who have brought with them years of experience, and have eagerly begun to implement new programs and find better ways to deliver services to our residents.

Some of the biggest changes have occurred within our community development services department. Our staff, led by Director Heidi Shafran, has focused on improving customer service and promoting economic development within the city. Beginning with the Mayor's Business Roundtable early this year, we started gathering feedback and comments from the business community about how we could better serve them and support their success. We, in turn, began online permitting services, one-day walk through permitting, simplified parking regulations, and allowed restaurants the ability to develop outdoor dining. The newer and simplified permitting process has been well-received by residents and business owners.

Without a doubt, the economy has taken its toll on local governments over the past couple of years. However, we should never take for granted that our city's finances are sound, but be assured that we have all the safeguards in place to ensure it remains that way.

The city commission and staff have been very proactive in addressing challenging budget issues from pension reform to redesigning our employee health insurance program. One of the great ways we support our many programs and amenities is through grants. This year, we were successful in procuring approximately \$500,000 in outside funds. Such funds are being used to pay for an additional police officer, improve amenities in our parks and improve pedestrian lighting on Powerline Road.

While we enjoyed a peaceful hurricane season, we did experience a flooding event in the first days of November that showed the responsiveness of our emergency management division. High tides, combined with heavy rains, led to neighborhood flooding like we have not experienced in quite some time. Our staff worked tirelessly day and night to alleviate the drainage and worked with FEMA on behalf of property owners that experienced damage. During such weather emergencies, it remains the city's role to guard the safety of our residents and protect their property.

Wilton Manors greatest resource remains its residents. I have enjoyed seeing many of you at our meetings and special events throughout the year and encourage those of you who have not yet attended one of our community events to make it out to one in 2012. My family and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012, as we continue to pursue improvements to our already terrific City.

## They got carried away and ended up with stupid, expensive stuff

By Anne Siren

PUBLISHER

Who can blame the county commissioners for coming up with a super tight, squeaky silly code of ethics after so many of our county and local elected officials over recent months and years have had to wear the orange prison uniforms?

We think the taxpayer should blame them, and here's why.

The restrictions on all elected officials are so tight that they literally, and this is not a joke, cannot accept a glass of water from anyone with whom the city does business or could potentially do business. And here's the kicker. Neither can their relatives do so all the way to a rather distant second cousin.

With such restrictions, we can be sure that ethics complaints will be flying throughout the county. When that happens, the financial burden could easily fall on the taxpayer. If a complaint becomes an investigation, the elected official will hire an attorney. If the inspector general finds the complaint unworthy, the law says the taxpayers will pay the elected official's legal expenses.

Only three cities are fighting this county ethics code: Wilton Manors, Sea Ranch Lakes and Hillsboro Beach. For 55 years, the state ethics code has been in effect, and with all those arrests, it appears to be working just fine. We encourage the voters of Wilton Manors, Sea Ranch Lakes and Hillsboro Beach to vote "YES" on Jan. 31 and return their cities to the state ethics code of behavior for elected officials.



# Historic board

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could apply for property tax exemptions for additions done in a historically compatible way. The commission could grant this exemption.

To be eligible for exemptions, commercial buildings must be open to the public 1,800 hours a year.

"It's been a long time coming," Sallee said, noting that discussion on the proposed ordinance began in 1975 when the Pioneer House was opened. In that year, the Historical Society compiled a survey of historical properties in Oakland Park. "Fifty percent of those properties are gone. We had no means or

incentive for owners to add on rather than mow them down and build a modern structure," she said.

Adornato supported the ordinance, noting, "There are some good provisions in here, and owners get to object if they don't want their property designated [historic.]"

"There is a lot of value [to the ordinance] but a lot of implications," Shank said. "It can affect property values. It puts a lot of power in the hands of a board," he noted, suggesting the commission defer a vote on the proposed ordinance until the issues can be vetted and safeguards put in place.

During public comments resident Bill Sears said he was not impressed with the historic preservation initiative.

He described it as another layer of bureaucracy for citizens.

"I don't think this board should OK what a homeowner can do with his house," Sears said. "And if we get grant money, taxpayers have to pay to match funds. Taxpayers would pay for something they have no vote on. The board has too much power. This board could manipulate real estate values. They should be restricted by the city as to what they can and cannot do."

Sears said he only knows of one or two historic properties in the city. "I'm sure if this ordinance is passed, there will be 60 to 70 that show up," he said.

"Maybe due to my age, history means a lot to me," said Caryl Stevens, former mayor

and head of the Oakland Park Historical Society. "Please consider this again."

Sallee has hopes the ordinance soon will be back on the commission agenda. "One of the biggest misconceptions was that it would be forced on residents. It's purely voluntary. It won't be forced on anyone."

Properties must be at least 50 years old to be designated as historic.

The city's first post office, a small building, remains on on Dixie Highway. "It's not a pretty building, but it's where early residents caught up with their neighbors. The city's first postmistress, Mildred Delegal, had to find the

property and build the office," Sallee said.

Sallee countered claims about late information on the ordinance. "The information has been out there for years and on the city's business plan for two years," she said.

The ordinance would help to rescue the Pioneer House, where \$60,000 is needed for repairs. The building has termites, moisture coming from the roof, and the air conditioner was stolen. Historic items have been moved elsewhere.

Gratz said this week that he is unaware of any further commission action on the ordinance.

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## Driver's class offers insurance discounts

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Participants will take a refresher course on rules of the road and get a three-year vehicle insurance discount.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members (must have membership card with them) and \$14 for non-AARP members or those without card. Payments must be by check to AARP.

Call Camille Moite at 954-739-2148.

## Foreclosures, opportunities

The Pompano Beach Highlands Civic Improvement Association meets Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Pompano Highlands Beach Park. The topic for the evening is real estate and foreclosure.

Real Estate Broker Gerry Contrino will speak on current market trends and opportunities available in bank-owned properties. Attorney Paul DeBianchi will discuss the foreclosure process and options available to homeowners.

All are welcome, admission is free.

Highlands Park is located at 1650 Northeast 50 Court, just south of Northeast 51 Street, in Pompano Beach. Refreshments will be served. Call 954- 933-6393.

## NE Focal Point Alzheimer Day Care Center offers a weekly caregiver support group



Here a client enjoys a game of dominoes.



This client enjoys an inter-generational chat with a young visitor.

**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - NE Focal Point located at 227 NW 2 Ave. in Deerfield Beach offers a wonderful group of senior services and programs available on its unpretentious campus. One of its most appreciated programs is the Alzheimer Day Care Center. This program gives participants activities that effectively reduce the rate of premature institutionalization of persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related memory disorders. And there's help for the caregivers, too.

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What a relief this is to caregivers who are providing at home care needed for their loved person who is diagnosed with dementia, Alzheimer's disease or memory loss.

Established in 1986, the Alzheimer's Day Care Center is administrated by the City of Deerfield Beach and funded by the Florida Alzheimer's Disease Initiative, the Broward County Aging and Disability Resource Center, CASA, a 501c3

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# Political ad appears to violate state elections law

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**LBTS** - A town commission candidate in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea may have violated a state election law by including his political party affiliation and that of his opponent in an advertisement in a local newspaper.

Edmund Malkoon, a

candidate for Seat #3, ran the ad in the Jan. 20 edition of the monthly *ByTheSeaFuture* newspaper. Malkoon included his Republican Party status in the ad as well as his opponent's Democratic Party affiliation.

According to state law, "A political advertisement of a candidate running for nonpartisan office may not

state the candidate's political party affiliation. This section does not prohibit a political advertisement from stating the candidate's partisan-related experience. A candidate for nonpartisan office is prohibited from campaigning based on party affiliation."

For enforcement of any willful violation of this provision, a complaint must

be filed with the Florida Elections Commission. The commission has exclusive jurisdiction over this matter and may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per count.

Asked about the ad before Tuesday's commission meeting, Malkoon said he had "no comment."

"If elected officials break the law, they should be

held accountable for their action. The same applies to candidates," his opponent Mark Brown said. "The laws are there for a reason, and people should comply with them."

Brown said he would like to see Malkoon's ad brought before the State Division of Elections for review but does

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The sanctuary of Zion Lutheran Church in Deerfield Beach.

**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

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He continues, "As for the arts we offer bells, choir, drama, art classes, art history and more."

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## Election law

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not plan on taking that action himself.

### Campaign signs at polls OK on election day

In other election-related news, commissioners decided Tuesday that despite the code that bans campaign signs on town property, signs will be allowed outside polling places Jan. 31. Campaigners must be at least 100 feet away from the polls.

Connie Hoffmann, town manager, asked for commission direction after noticing all the campaign signs outside Jarvis Hall during the last general

election. She said she tried to get Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, to have the signs removed. "He asked me, 'Do you really want me to do that?'" she said, and the signs remained.

Candidates and their supporters traditionally set up tents and campaign at voting sites on election day here.

"Good luck" [in banning them], said Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd. "Historically, it's gone on, and I wouldn't like to cut it off. Call it election day fever. So long as it's cleaned up after, I think it's just part of the election. It's not worth it to police it. It's a tradition in this town."

"We have to maintain that 100-foot limit from the door," Commissioner Birute Ann Clotey said. "It's tradition to put up tents. It's a little late

now [to prohibit it]."

"You gave me good advice, Bud. Thank you," Hoffmann said. Bentley responded with a thumbs-up gesture.

Susan Trevarthen, town attorney, suggested that as the code is revised next month it be changed to allow an exception to the sign ban.

Voters in LBTS will select a commissioner for Seat 3. Polling places are at Jarvis Hall at 4501 N. Ocean Drive and at Assumption Catholic Church parish hall at 2001 S. Ocean Blvd.

The polling place for Sea Ranch Lakes has moved to the Sea Ranch Lakes Beach Club, but LBTS sites remain the same.

Registered Republicans will also vote for a presidential candidate.

## Sightings

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make friendly visits to terminally ill patients and their families, provide relief for caregivers, visit veterans and more. A two-day orientation is required. 954-777-5396.

### Disaster Relief

– Pompano Has Heart, a volunteer group that assists people impacted by disasters, meets monthly. Volunteers are needed to man tables at the City of Pompano Beach Health Fair on Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Art and Theatre

**Call to Artists** – Artists in all media are invited to submit a sampling of their work to be considered for inclusion in the March 11th Lighthouse Point Arts Exhibition. The Arts panel will view artists' work Jan. 26 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the LHP Yacht & Racquet Club, 2701 NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. 954-806-4749 or 954-376-0538.

### The Producers

– **The Tamarac Theatre of Performing** will be showing The Producers until Jan. 29 at its theater, 7143 Pine Island

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Earl and Betsy Maucker and Judy and Bill Sullivan enjoying great food and company. [Photos by Nicole Goldstein]



Julie Mahfood, Veronica Reynolds, Mary Griffin and President Lucille Pignataro of the Lighthouse Point Chamber of Commerce.



Kyle Hoy and Olivia Delbrouck of Lito's Turf and Surf show off their signature dish - Lighthouse Point Shrimp. Lito's, located in the Shoppes at Beacon Pointe, is one of the newer eateries in the area.



Ali Ahmed and Laura Balistreri enjoying food from 30 eateries and a silent auction at the Taste Around Lighthouse Point.



Theresa Zimmerman and Diana Evers of the Red Fox Diner setting up for the 8th Annual Taste Around Lighthouse Point.

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## Green Markets

**Wilton Manors Green Market** – Saturdays and Sundays at Hagen Park 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. fresh produce, baked goods, herbs, spices, doggie treats, pickles, jams, infused vinegars, pasta and more are available at the Green Market. 954-531-5383.

**Pompano Beach Green Market** – Every Saturday at the corner of West Atlantic

Boulevard and North Dixie Highway from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., fresh vegetables, crafts, plants, food and music are available at the Green Market. 954-292-8040.

## Recreation and Leisure

**2-3 Friday Night Under the Lights** – Every first Friday of the month the Pompano Beach Tennis Center 920 NE 18 Ave., holds a family friendly tennis clinic from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Refreshments will be served. Call 954-786-4115 to reserve a spot.



Angel Ruguian plants a tree at Trinity Learning Center in Lighthouse Point. The event was sponsored by the Lighthouse Point Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Ping Pong Nights** – Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ping Pong Nights is held at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors.

The cost is \$1. All ages can participate. 954-390-2130.

**Bingo** – The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 142, 171 SW 2 St., Pompano Beach, has Bingo on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Food is available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. 954-942-2448.

**Pompano Beach Fishing Pier**, 222 N. Pompano Beach Blvd. 954-786-4073

**Anglin's Pier** at Commercial Boulevard, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. 954-491-9403

**Deerfield Beach International Pier**, 200 NE 21st Ave. 954-426-9206 or 954-943-1488.

## Help and Support

**Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group** – The NE Focal Point Alzheimer's Day Care Center, located at 301 N.W. 2nd Avenue in Deerfield Beach, offers a weekly Caregiver's Support Group every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

## Club Meetings

**Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors** – Rotary meets every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tequila Sunrise Mexican

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# I-2 industrial zoning gains traction

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - A new industrial zoning category for the city's most southwesterly region is moving through the approval process.

Tuesday, the commission passed on first reading the I-2 category [industrial, limited use] which curtails some of the activities now allowed by the M-3 and M-4 heavy industry zoning currently in place.

Mayor Peggy Noland urged the effected residents and property owners to meet

before the second reading in two weeks to smooth out remaining issues. Residents of Independence Bay and the Waterways want the more restrictive I-2 zoning, while business interests and land owners fear eliminating permitted uses of their properties will reduce values.

Attorney Dennis Mele, representing developer Dan Mancini, said some of permitted uses have been given up: wrecking yards, crematories, fertilizer storage, penal institutions, bulk gas storage, medical waste incineration, but wanted to

talk with the neighborhood about the 300-foot setbacks being included in the new zoning. Mele said maybe other buffering methods could be found.

Barbara Hall, an attorney representing Rooms to Go said some of the new restrictions "make no sense" such as regulating the number of machines or employees and asked for a review.

More than a dozen residents spoke in favor of the new zoning citing their years of exposure to noxious fumes, particulate and noise created

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# Sightings

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Grill, 4711 N. Dixie Hwy., Oakland Park. 954-491-6158.

**Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club** - Kiwanis meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at 2749 NE 14 Ave., Wilton Manors. 954-561-9785.

**Oakland Park Kiwanis Club** - Kiwanis meets every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at Peter Pan Diner, 1216 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park. 954-566-9957.

**Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club** - Kiwanis meets Wednesdays at noon at the

Riverside Grille at the Sands Resort, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. 954-444-4815.

**Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club Westside** - Kiwanis Meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkin Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-782-8096

**Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club** - Kiwanis meets at noon every Thursday at the Deerfield Hilton, 100 Fairway Dr. 954-242-6083.

**Deerfield Beach West Kiwanis Club** - Kiwanis meets the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 9 a.m. at Westside Park, 445 SW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. 954-54-732-9883

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# A longtime Deerfield Beach favorite, Brooks restaurant finally re-opens its doors after complete overhaul of premises and menu



Owner Bernard Perron has paved the way for daughter Lisa and husband Jon Howe to continue the Brooks tradition of fine dining and exquisite service.

**By Malcolm McClintock**  
PELICAN STAFF

“We’ve always offered complete meals but now we are excited to introduce our new Brooks Bistro menu,” says the enthusiastic Bernard Perron, a friendly Frenchman who has owned and operated

this stalwart of the gourmet food scene since 1981. “It’s a lighter menu with a whole host of appetizers to be enjoyed between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. along with drinks at reduced prices.”

Available Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, it is touted as an evening event



A highlight of any Brooks meal, the South African lobster tails are astoundingly sweet and tender.

“where Happy Hour meets a supper club atmosphere.” Mixed drinks are \$5, house wines are \$6 and the entire Bistro menu is priced between \$3 and \$14.

The mouthwatering appetizers include a wealth of delectable favorites such as Tuna Tartar, sliced tenderloin sliders, rock shrimp & chorizo flatbread, P.E.I. mussels with white wine cream sauce, garlic butter escargot, artisan cheese plate, fried calamari, crabcake sliders with zesty remoulade and even sautéed spinach with caramelized



The Crispy Eggplant “sandwich” with tomatoes, roasted peppers, spinach and goat cheese is a hugely popular appetizer.

onions.

For those wanting a more substantial meal, Brooks restaurant unveils its fixed price, all-encompassing mix and match three course dinner plan of appetizer, entrée and dessert.

“All our dishes are made from scratch and we use only prime organic meats, locally farmed produce and the freshest seafood from our sustainable fisheries,” says Perron who is equally proud of his outstanding dessert selection. “We have an in-house pâtissier [pastry chef] who makes all our desserts daily.”

For starters, Brooks offers tantalizing options such as the Maine lobster bisque or the novel Crispy Eggplant “sandwich” featuring a tower of tomatoes, roasted peppers, spinach and goat cheese vertically bookended by fried eggplant patties. “It is a very popular dish,” says helpful and well-dressed waiter Tony.

On the entrée front, a plethora of eye-catching choices will provide deep

satisfaction for every type of palate. Meat lovers can indulge in the root beer glazed boneless pork chop with caramelized balsamic onions and bourbon mashed sweet potatoes, the grilled Creekstone Farms Rib Eye or Center Cut filet mignon, the crispy half duckling with dried cherries, currants and port wine or the hugely popular rack of lamb with brown sugar, mustard and rum.

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# Threat

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2010, 75 percent of voters agreed to extend the county code of ethics to Broward's 31 municipalities; Wilton Manors' precincts, some by greater than 80 percent, also voted to extend the ethics code. And in October of 2011, the county commission unanimously approved the new ethics code.

In June 2011, before county commissioners passed the code, Resnick predicted many officials would resign. "They'll have an untenable choice between their jobs and their city positions, which, obviously, is not something that I think our residents want to see, and force cities to have special elections."

Also before passing the code, commissioners amended it to grandfather-in officials who were elected before the new rules were adopted; under the code, they will be allowed to serve out the rest of their terms. "I think we need to understand that it's going to take cities a while, just as it did us, to come up to speed," said Commissioner Kristin Jacobs.

Last October, Resnick and other city officials suggested the county look at recommendations by the Broward League of Cities. One of the League's recommendations was to relax the rules on officials accepting food and beverages from lobbyists or possible

lobbyists. The new code makes accepting gifts with even a small dollar amount like a baseball game ticket, a violation.

"We do not want the limitation to be so extreme as to be absurd and result in unintended consequences for our elected officials," said Coconut Creek Commissioner Lisa Aronson.

In November, Wilton Manors commissioners voted to put the question on the ballot; Vice Mayor Tom Green was the only one to

vote against it.

Said Green, "I just didn't want to interfere with what I thought was the intention of the county."

Commissioners Julie Carson, Scott Newton and Ted Galatis said they have no problem.

"Our city's been governed by the state ethics code [all these years], and it's worked well so far," said Galatis.

In a memo, Broward Inspector General John Scott wrote that the Ethics Commission was concerned

about "lobbying down," a term used to describe an elected official lobbying a government body that is subordinate to them; adding that the issue probably wouldn't apply to municipal commissioners.

He also wrote that public officials who are lobbied by officials from another government might feel pressure to act favorably in order to secure a favorable outcome for themselves in the future.

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## Deerfield

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by heavy industry. Most feared is metal shredding which has been removed in the I-2 zoning category. A metal shredding operation that had planned to open here was the catalyst for the revised zoning. Owners of that company have since located in Pompano Beach.

Dan Mancini urged the residents to revisit the uses not allowed in the new zoning using as an example medical waste transfer stations. Such facilities create no emissions, are totally enclosed, and the waste is sterilized before being shipped to the landfill, Mancini said.

He did point out to the audience that the county has recently added 30 more acres to the landfill which is located just south of their homes.

## Sightings

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Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale from 7 to 9 p.m. 954-895-3555.

**Senior Citizens Club**  
– The Greater Pompano Beach Senior Citizens Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at the Emma Lou Olson Community Center, 1801 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Pompano Beach, at 10 a.m. Activities focus on the general welfare, health, education and security of senior citizens.

**Health**  
**Yoga** – A Yoga class is available for all levels at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$7. 305-607-3520.

**Sightings**  
**1-28 & 29** – Curtain Call Playhouse presents “A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum” at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36<sup>th</sup> Ave., Pompano Beach. Tickets are \$23. Call 954-784-0768 for times.

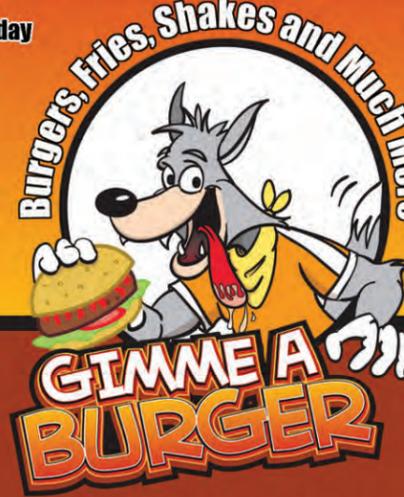
**2-2** – **The Naked Grape**, 2163 Wilton Drive, will host a fundraiser for the Pet Project from 7 to 9 p.m. Donations will be accepted and tickets for raffle prizes will be available. There will also be discounts on wine. 954-563-5631

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## Neighbors support mansion builder

**Deerfield Beach** – Howard Haimowitz's neighbors came through for him Tuesday night and spoke in favor of his plans to build a very large single-family home at 536 NE 20 Avenue.

Haimowitz's 45-foot-high home faced opposition by the planning and zoning board and city staff and citizens who thought it would be a monstrosity amid the small homes in the area. Haimowitz's neighbors, however, thought it would be a boon to the north beach.

Speaking against the project, Marti McGeary said the house could be built under the current zoning with greater setbacks.

City planners rejected Haimowitz's request for a zoning change on his property from RM-25 to RM-10 on the grounds it was spot zoning and incompatible with the surroundings. The RM-10 zoning allows the building to be within 10 feet of the rear property line rather the 25 feet required by the RM-25 zoning.

After hearing comments on both sides of the issue, Dist. 1 Commissioner Joe Miller said, "It's a benefit to the area and the tax structure and people overwhelmingly support."

Mayor Peggy Noland said, "I'm all for it" and thanked Haimowitz for "investing in our community."

"Red Tails" essayist will meet the real deal

Deerfield Beach – Commissioner Ben Preston said this week the city-sponsored "Red Tails" movie day for more than 100 teenagers was an "overwhelming success." Preston and city staffers put together a free showing of the movie last and then posed the teens two essay questions: "What did 'Red Tails' experience teach you about yourself?" and "How do you give back to your community and your country?"

The movie portrays the story of the WWII Muskagee Airmen, a Black group of Air Force pilots who became renowned for their successful missions. Preston said when the winners are presented to the city commission, a surviving member of the Muskagee Airmen, Lt. Col. Leon Gray, will attend. Twenty-five of the teens signed up for the contest which carries prizes of \$50 to \$100.

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## NE Focal Point

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fund raising group from NE Focal Point and United Way of Broward County. These contributors make it possible for NE Focal Point Center to offer this comprehensive day care program on a co-payment, sliding fee scale for qualifying clients. Deputy Director, Frieda Caldes says, "Fees range from \$1 to over \$200 a month. There's a private fee option of \$50 per day for Deerfield Beach residents and \$60 a day for non residents. Our program is run by a team including a case manager, recreation therapist, nurse, CNA, or certified nurse assistant, and volunteers. Currently we have about 35 clients. There is room for more."

In the course of a day, the program participants will be involved in a craft project, music, horticulture, pet therapy, intergenerational story times and games with the pre-school children, exercise, dancing and more. For more specific information, contact the Interim Case Manager, Sue Addis at 954-480-4463.

### Support Group for Caregivers

One of the most successful and appreciated aspects of the Alzheimer's Day Care Center is the Support Group for Caregivers which meets every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A guest speaker with valuable information for this group is scheduled monthly. The January 18 speaker was attorney Patrick J. Murphy who offered updated information on changes in the Power of Attorney Law.

The group is facilitated by Interim Case Manager, Sue Addis, who says, "This group session becomes the place to vent and share feelings. They share anger, loneliness, feelings of failure, resentment of siblings who aren't there to help, fears of going broke, seek ideas on how to handle relatives who, though absent, give plenty of advice. Some have had relatives who want to save money on care so that they can inherit it later. By sharing their pain and common problems these struggling caregivers find fellowship, relief and help. They let their hair down and tell it like it is.. They find out they are not alone. They listen to others who are coping or have coped with some of the same issues."

Here's what some group members had to say. For privacy reasons, full names are

not given.

Kenneth: "This group has given me a new lease on life. It's given me the time and the ability to handle things with a prospective that has developed because of this group. I know now that I'm not alone. Hearing what other men and women are dealing with has made me realize I'm luckier than some of my friends here. The only good thing about this disease is that the loved one never remembers the embarrassing things that happen. You have to have a sense of humor."

At least four members of the group have lost their loved ones, but they keep coming to the group anyway to relieve pain and share their thoughts which may not be understood elsewhere. This is part of the group's healing power.

Viola says, "I lost my husband six years ago, but I never miss a meeting. I learned so

much. I really didn't understand or know about this disease. We all have different problems, but we share a common loss. The real person, we spent a lifetime with, is alive but lost to us. That's not easy to understand or deal with. I've received so much help here that I hope I can give just one other person a helping hand."

Another woman said, "We're women with lost husbands, men with lost wives, daughters and sons with parents. We care for them until we're exhausted and they don't even realize what we're doing. Sometimes you feel as if you're keeping him or her alive and yet, they don't even exist for you. You get nothing back except the fact that you're doing what you should do."

One member said, "My husband went from the program here into a nursing

home.

He just lies on his back, staring at the ceiling. I was spending every day from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. feeding him, reminding aids to change his diaper, keeping track of every detail. I drove myself crazy. This group has given me the courage to stop this compulsive behavior and start to live my own life again. Since I stopped being there every minute, I stopped hating everyone in that place and even him sometimes."

A gentleman from Canada adds, "We learn from each other. Problems linger. We get advice. I read somewhere that if you are doing it for them and not to them, it's OK. We've all coped with relatives who aren't there, but who are full of advice without ever understanding the real situation."

Another man said, "We wish the family members

would come to these sessions. You go away feeling better. We get more realistic about what we can do and what we can't."

"When I come here," a woman said, her eyes filling with tears, "I feel that there's no light at the end of the tunnel. When I leave, I don't feel like that."

The Pelican thanks this support group for shedding light on what it's like to be a caregiver with a loved one who neither knows nor cares about the caregiver or what is being done to keep him or her comfortable.

NE Focal Point is to be commended for its Alzheimer Day Care program and the very helpful support group which provides a venting place for the thankless lot of the caregivers. Call 954-480-4463 for information on the program and the support group.



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# Rackets come out at 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Island City Open

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** - When the "perfect shot" presented itself, Kelly Stratton nailed it.

In the final match of the Women's Doubles B at Wilton Manors' Island City Open Tennis Tournament, Jan. 21 and 22 at Hagen Park, Stratton ensured that she and her teammate would take home the trophy in just two sets.

"Kelly ended it with an overhead smash," said teammate Bernadette Mosquera.

"When I saw the ball go up, I decided to end it right there," said Stratton.

Mosquera and Stratton, defending champs, were among the 40 players who took part in the 3rd annual tournament.

"I think it's grown in energy," said Donna Kocyba, Hagen Park's tennis director and Island City Open organizer. "[We have] a lot of the same players but there are more spectators. More people are coming. We have some good players." Kocyba took over the tournament last year when Hagen's former tennis director left.

The Open was arranged into Men's Singles, Women's



Kelly Stratton, left, and Bernadette Mosquera, Women's Doubles B champions.

Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. With each having an A, B and C category; A being filled with the highest skilled players and C filled with the lowest.

Phil Sokolov and Andy Lennon took the Men's Doubles A trophy. "Unfortunately, the other team double faulted," said Lennon,



Phil Sokolov, left, and Andy Lennon, Men's Doubles A champions.

who was a little unhappy with winning by default. "I'd rather see somebody hit a good shot."

Sokolov seemed less concerned. "We all double fault [every now and then]. You don't really want to lose that way but it's part of the game. But it was a fun tournament."

It was Lennon's first

tournament win. "Every time I get to the point I can win, I get better [and advance to a tougher division]," he said, joking, "[But] Phil has more trophies than [Anna] Kournikova."

Mayor Gary Resnick views the Open as a way to showcase Hagen and the city's tennis facilities. "It's beautiful weather. There's nothing

better. All the sponsors are local businesses. It's a very local event."

Bobby O'Dor, president of the South Florida Tennis Club, which has 193 members and plays in Oakland Park, Wilton Manors and Fort Lauderdale, says Wilton Manors has the best tennis facilities. "We

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# Hillsboro

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attending Schubert's workshops and the public is not aware of the investment the town has, and will have, in beach restoration over the long term.

His group fears that the town's marine consultants, Coastal Systems International, are selling the commission on t-groins as an effective sand-holding measure. Males said the t-groins do capture sand, and if kept full, allow sand in the lateral drift to reach beaches. If not kept full, then the groins contribute to erosion such as occurs on the town's north beach, south of

Deerfield's groin system.

Schubert said this week the commission has made no decision on a beach protection method. "They are jumping the gun. We are certainly a long way and lots of questions off [from making a decision]. By assuming we've made up our minds, they've made up their minds," she said.

In a letter to residents, Males's committee writes that the preservation issues "have not been sufficiently addressed" and the symposium will offer "supplemental efforts." Chair of the ad hoc committee, Males said, will be retiring city commissioner, Rhea Weiss.

On the agenda for the first symposium 7:30 p.m. at Opal

Towers will be the Administrator of the Florida Beach erosion control program, Paden Woodruff; former Broward County Beach erosion administrator, Steve Higgins and Hillsboro Inlet Improvement District President Jack Holland. The topic will be the technical issues involved in protecting the beach, and the decisions on preserving it that the town will have to face.

Males said he believes the workshop will attract a good turnout. "People know us," he said of the committee. "We are approaching them one-on-one to get them interested in our potentially huge liability."

Other committee members are Harry Ambrose, John Carlson and Angelo Rocco.



Mike Manfra, left, Wilton Manors Mayor Gary Resnick, Donna Kocyba, Wilton Manors tennis director and Nick DeJesu, left, and Mike Gula. Dejesu and Gula were the Men's Doubles B Champions.

## Rackets

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prefer here. They keep their courts in great shape. Donna [a certified instructor with the U.S Professional Tennis

Association] does a great job training our players."

Resnick, who also competed, lost a close back-and-forth match in the final round of the Men's Doubles B to Nick DeJesu and Mike Gula. "They were tough and steady," said Gula. DeJesu said their strategy was to try to outlast and outgun their opponents. "We just felt like if we could overpower them maybe they might get a little tired."

Men's Singles A champion was Christian Trimmer, Men's Singles C champion was Brooke Yarborough, Mixed Doubles champions were Rob Hofman and Pam Burton, Men's Doubles C champions were Andrew Nice and Sri Kandula. The Men's Singles B champion will be determined tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Hagen Park.

## Sightings

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**2-2 – The Broward Sierra Club Meeting** and Holiday Dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S., Coconut Creek. 954-946-7359.

**2-3 & 4 – Curtain Call Playhouse** presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum" at 8 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach.

**2-4 – Unity in the Community**, a day of free food and entertainment, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pompano Community Park, 2001 NE 10 St., Pompano Beach. 954-899-5557 or 954-941-6364.

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# Dr. Paula Hedglon's Center offers a natural way to get well and stay healthy



Children respond especially well to chiropractic care. Here, mom Kelley Reed watches as Dr. Paula adjusts Abby.

**P**aula Hedglon sees chiropractic care as an ongoing way to stay healthy. Walking down the long hallway at her chiropractic center in Pompano Beach, visitors can read testimonials from patients who have watched their health improve, but many of them talk about additional benefits that were surprises. They are what Dr. Hedglon calls 'miracles.'

One patient, 44, came because she could not move her neck. After a neck scan and an x-ray, Dr. Hedglon saw in her neck a bone fusion.

"When the spinal bones go out of alignment, it causes nerve interference in the spine. I adjusted her neck with a 'toggle.' After three months of care she went back to her primary physician. She could not only move her neck, her doctor told her that her kidney, atrophied since birth, had regenerated and was growing."

Another patient with Bell's Palsy, was unable to open his mouth on the left side for a year and a half. After one adjustment he was able to open his mouth.

The testimonials are real; the patients include their photographs for all to see. Dr. Hedglon has her own philosophy as to these "miracles," a word she uses freely in her practice.

"The body can replicate and heal itself if there is no interference with the brain. This is healing from the inside out.

The brain sends messages

through the spinal cord and then to the organs. My job is to clear the way for the messages."

She says "stress" is the biggest interference in healing, and stress presents itself in three forms: physical, chemical and mental.

God does the healing," she says. "I just adjust, or move the bone that is causing pressure on the spinal cord"

Prior to completing her chiropractic degree, Dr. Hedglon taught upper grades at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic School in Pompano Beach. She earned her degree in education at Florida State University.

She earned her degree in chiropractic care from Life Chiropractic College, Marietta, GA. in 1985.

But this small, quiet-spoken woman makes no claims on her part other than releasing the body's own innate healing ability.

Her personal faith emanates a quiet confidence in her chosen profession.

The days begin at Hedglon Chiropractic Center with meditations and prayer, and the atmosphere reflects a calm and settling comfort for patients.

She builds strong relationships with her patients through her skills of caring.

Dr. Hedglon is not alone with her philosophy. There are a growing number of chiropractors like Dr. Hedglon who have chosen the philosophy of Dr. James M. Sigafoose, a recognized leader in "natural healing."

"More and more people want to stop living on drugs.

We help them realize that the body has its own healing experience," she says.

Her practice is for the whole family, and she encourages parents to start their children early with the world of chiropractic healing.

"We see a lot of families. This is my mission, from womb to tomb," she adds.



The staff of Hedglon Chiropractic Center: Michele, Kelli, Marilyn, Dr. Paula, Tom and Giselle.

Children are welcomed at Hedglon's Center. They also benefit from the experience.

She explains that children aren't always aware of something being wrong with their bodies. They can have traumas that impact their well-being and go for years or a lifetime accepting an issue that could be healed.

"The first trauma is birth," says Dr. Hedglon.

She recounts the story of a newborn whose father, a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy, was a regular patient. When it was apparent at birth that his child was unable to nurse because he could not move his head, the midwife recommended chiropractic care.

"When I adjusted the baby, he was able to move his head and nurse. Then the whole family continued the care, coming twice a week at first and then weekly," she says. "Every

muscle in the body, including the sucking reflex, is controlled by a nerve. Without the connection, the muscle cannot do its job."

"It's good to set up regular checkups for the entire family—like people do with the dentist—to maintain a body that is able to continually heal itself," she says.

Dr. Hedglon's introduction to chiropractic care came to her from her great uncle, Dr. Frank Fasulo, a pioneer in chiropractic care. He graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1947. When Hedglon's brother, Armand, was injured in a fall and hit the back of his head, Dr. Fasulo took care of him using chiropractic adjustments. Today, Hedglon's brother is also a chiropractor, practicing in Margate.

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Guy Contrada, general manager of Aruba, also objected to the one lane and said planting trees will block views of the ocean.

Business owner Spiro

Marchelos said moving the pier entrance close to the plaza will, "have the potential for chaos, confusion and loss of life. If the project is approved as is, you will be in a position worse than Costa Cruiselines," he said, referring to the company whose ship sank recently in Italy.

Spiro's brother Louis called the plans "innovative and exciting and a good start." Still, he added, "The impact is great, and you should proceed with care and caution."

Resident Lawrence Wick suggested a solution for the congested A1A / Commercial intersection. "The number

one issue when people come to town is parking. Let's buy some facilities and put up a parking garage," he said.

Terra Mar resident Susan Delegal urged commissioners to go forward. "The area is crying out for improvement and changes. I would hate to see you not continue what you

started," she said.

**Commissioners input**

Scot Sasser asked if sidewalks could be reduced to 15-18-foot widths to allow more traffic lanes, but favored moving forward with "some small compromises."

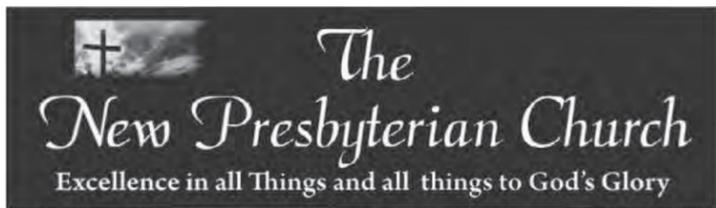
Vice Mayor Stuart Dodd said the proposal calls for a 50 percent reduction in parking spaces. "That's not acceptable. The businesses will die," he said.

Clotey said the project, needs a lot of tweaking. "Losing 40 spaces may kill the businesses down there, so go back and look at that and come back for another public meeting."

Commissioner Chris Vincent asked for bike lanes and bike racks.

Mayor Roseann Minnet said, "It's sad to hear we're catering to cars," Minnet continued. "We should cater to pedestrians. Cars aren't spending money. People walking around have money in their pockets. Cars don't."

"Point of information," Sasser said. "Cars don't drive themselves. People drive them. And when they get out of their cars, they spend money."



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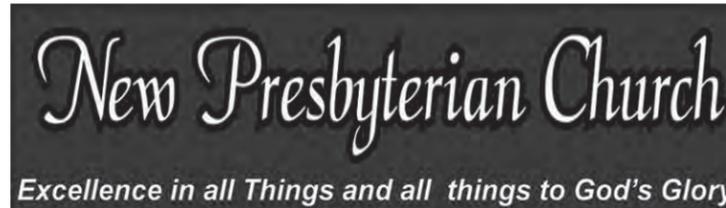
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But we couldn't help but notice the three boats next to us struggling just to get a bite. They kept getting closer and closer to try and see what we were using for bait. I could tell that all three boats were pulling ballyhoos behind them.

Later that afternoon at the shop, one of my friends on

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When I showed him he couldn't believe it. We were using a three-inch purple and red feather with no bait, just a hook.

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# Zion Lions

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Students here have no fear of lions.



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campus chaplain. Our senior pastor is Mark Luttio." Amy Cumming, has a daughter, Stephanie in the tenth grade and she says, "Stephanie is very happy in this school and doing well. We're

Catholic, not Lutheran, but I have never felt uncomfortable or unwelcome."

Loren ticked off the reasons parents and children choose this school. "It's academically excellent with

a low student to teacher ratio. We offer advanced placement classes and have a dual enrollment program with Florida Atlantic University. We're proud to have a high parent involvement with staff and teachers who are certified, highly skilled and experienced."

Kim Danielson will testify to parent involvement, saying, "I often volunteer in the school so I'm exposed to the teachers and I see how well they relate academically and socially with the students. They challenge the children and that's important.

My son Trace is a second grader and daughter, Skyler is in the seventh grade. They're doing well. We're thrilled with the athletics program which gives them a fun outlet and helps them focus on class work later. It pleases me that Zion still offers a good exposure to the arts."

Zion Lutheran Christian School also offers Spanish, Italian, French, Mandarin, Japanese and Portuguese. According to Loren, by graduation, every student will have had three years of language and science, four years of math and English and be fully prepared for college.

Asked about tuition, Loren claims the school is very competitive. The school accepts government programs such as VPK and Family Central which are state funded, pre-school programs. Government assisted programs such as Step Up and McKay are avail-

able for lower levels through high school. A \$1,000 tuition discount is given to all students with proof of a church affiliation, be it a Catholic Church, Synagogue, or other."

Students come as far as Delray on the north to Plantation on the south. Transportation can be arranged.

During this interview several staff members passed by and offered a few comments.

Chief Operating Officer, Frank Strey, said, "I like to have both students and administration on the cutting edge of technology, and they are. This is where the money is spent because this is the future of education."

Principal Jayne Cunningham said, "We're ahead of the curve with outstanding curriculum. We go the extra mile for our students. We are not test driven; we are academic driven."

George Theodore, history teacher, has been on staff six years. His comment, "Zion

Lutheran Christian School is a great environment for a teacher. It's family oriented and stresses Christian values."

Eleventh grader, Caitlin Huiting has been a student at Zion Lutheran since the first grade. She says, "Every year things change for the better. It helps a lot to have an iPad."

After graduation she "hopes to go to college and major in sports management and physiology. I'm a golfer. Sure, I'd like to be a pro, but if not, I want to be part of the sports world."

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# West Point

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freshman year. It's been my goal and dream." He also applied to the U.S. Naval Academy but through it all, his heart was set on the Army. "I like the challenge in life. It's not about me, it's always about the team, the squad . . . it's always about the group."

It's also a moment very few will ever experience. Along with involvement in student government or other extracurricular activities,

West Point requires applicants to excel athletically and academically – especially in calculus, trigonometry and physics. Along with his 4.5 GPA, Owen plays on the football team and serves as senior class vice president. He said he's not sure what his major will be but he's leaning towards something involving math or engineering.

Prospective cadets must also be nominated by a member of Congress or the vice president. Owen's nomination letters came from U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and U.S.

Rep. Allen West.

Owen's main extracurricular activity is as a member of Cardinal Gibbons' wrestling team, named state champs in 2011. Frank Pettineo, Owen's coach, said the attitude he has displayed on the wrestling mat makes him perfectly suited for the military.

"He's a strong athlete but regardless of whether he starts or doesn't start, he does what he needs to do for the team. I'm an ex-marine who likes that particular attitude."

Pettineo said that although Owen wasn't a starter last

year, he still showed up to practice everyday to help his teammates prepare for their next match. "It takes a lot for a kid to do that. That's what the military looks for – guys who are going to do what's best for the group."

Owen got his first up-close look at West Point, located in New York, last June. "I loved it. It was really beautiful. It's a lot different than down here in South Florida. I like the change."

Ric Green, president/CEO of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, is a

friend of Owen's father, Tim, and has watched him grow up, watched him strive to get accepted into West Point. "It couldn't have happened to a better kid."

Owen reports to West Point July 2, a little over a month after graduating high school. Maria says the family has one more trip planned before seeing him off. [I just looked] at flights to Costa Rica to go fishing one last time," she said.

Asked if he was nervous, Owen said, "Not yet. I'm sure I will be, but not yet."

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