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## Locals reacting to big hikes in Citizens insurance rates

*It's the only insurance left for homeowners in Florida after other companies got out*

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Pompano Beach** - When Pompano Beach resident Kim Boehm saw her Citizens hurricane insurance bill jump to be \$2,000 more than last year she knew she wasn't going to pay it without a fight.

On June 13 Boehm and other area residents met one-on-one with two representatives from Citizens Property Insurance Corporation in State Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed's office at Pompano Beach City Hall to ask questions and see if they could get their premiums lowered.

"That's why I'm here. I'm here fighting it," said Boehm. Last year, Boehm paid \$3,000 to Citizens. But two months ago an inspector from Citizens cited a block glass window on her house that made her property

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Alley Oop instructor, Drew Cornwall, demonstrates his skimboarding skills in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. On Saturday, Alley Oop held free skimboarding lessons as part of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea's Family Fun Week. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

## Clothing collection bins disappearing from the scene

*Most are illegal; some are fraudulent*

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - Those donation bins that make it seem like a good thing to give old clothes to charity are, in fact, in violation of city codes. Furthermore, some of them are operated by for-profit companies or companies who don't deliver as promised.

In October of last year, Jim Moyer, donor program manager with the Salvation Army, asked that the organization be allowed to place bins around this city where a new resale store had opened on Federal Highway. Noting that the code prohibits storage

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## City must redraw commission districts

*Some voters appear headed for change*

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** - The city's voting districts will be redrawn for the March 2013 city election, this time based on U.S. Census figures rather than the unofficial guesstimates used in 2008. Voters most likely to be affected are in District 3 - Century

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## 151 days left in 2012 Hurricane season

### Evacuation orders should be heeded by everyone

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** - Since the town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea is in an evacuation zone, all residents must leave their homes, condominiums and apartments when the National Hurricane Center in Miami issues a Hurricane Warning for Broward County.

If you refuse orders to evacuate, the Broward Sheriff's Office will ask you for information on how to contact your next of kin.

"Once a warning is issued, this is a mandatory evacuation zone. Our message is to get people off the island in order to be out of harm's way," said Lt. Angelo Cedeno of BSO.

If and when a storm approaches, emergency personnel relocate to Holy

Cross Medical Center.

After a storm, when an assessment for damages is completed and the area is deemed safe to re-enter, residents will be given clearance to come back, Cedeno said.

Individuals will be asked to show their drivers license or state ID card before they will be allowed to re-enter

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# Big blue recycling carts expected to bring in more recyclables

By Judy Vik

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**Oakland Park** –City officials are hoping to go to 65-gallon recycling carts next year, using \$703,451 allocated by the RRB, or Resource Recovery Board. The decision

to equip homeowners with the blue carts was made after an eight-week test program that resulted in high approvals from residents. This city was the first in Broward County to implement a curbside recycling program and one of the first to institute single-

stream recycling at the curb, done in July, 2009.

City Commissioners have approved submission of a grant application to the RRB and told staff to execute the agreement between the city and RRB.

Currently, homeowners use 18-gallon recycling bins which are open to the elements and require employees to manually load the material into the trucks.

In the last four years, the city has gone from collecting 110 tons a month of recycled materials to a high of 180 tons per month for an average of 1,700 to 1,800 tons a year. Less than five percent of the city's current solid waste stream is being recycled through the 18-gallon bins.

In Miami-Dade, implementing the carts increased the amount of recyclable collected by 285 percent. Its curbside recycling

program has increased from 2,100 tons per month to almost 6,000 tons.

Here, to test the use of the 65-gallon carts, the city provided them to 55 residents taking part over eight-weeks. Overall, residents favored the carts. A larger, 95-gallon cart will also be available upon request.

Vice Mayor John Adornato

and Commissioner Shari McCartney said they were ecstatic about the proposed cart recycling, and McCartney said she liked the "pretty blue cart."

If approved, staff anticipates implementing the revised recycling program in January 2013, after securing the equipment and providing significant outreach.



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## LBTs says no funding this year for Boy Scout request

By Judy Vik

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**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Town commissioners approved \$14,000 in funding requests from four non-profit organizations on Tuesday, but rejected a request from the Boy Scouts for \$1,500 for camping scholarships because its national charter discriminates against gay leaders.

Commissioner Mark Brown, a former Eagle Scout, took

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## Some residents will see drop in water bills next year

By Judy Vik

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**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Town commissioners tentatively adopted a 10 percent reduction in sewer rates in 2013 for the south end of town after hearing from a consultant hired to do a rate analysis. An ordinance reflecting the change will be presented at a public hearing Aug. 21.

The town hired Burton & Associates to analyze input from commercial property owners and residents regarding the impact of a January 2011 sewer rate increase for properties from Pine Avenue south.

The commission also asked Burton to figure how much money should be in the sewer reserve fund. The recommendation was six months of operating and maintenance costs.

Mike Burton said the key issues are less water use due to economic and weather conditions and an increase in operating costs.

Burton said commissioners could choose to make no adjustment in rates until 2017. Then annual 2 percent increases would be needed

from 2018-2022 to cover anticipated costs and maintain an adequate operating reserve.

Or they could reduce rates by 10 percent in 2013, make no change in 2014 and then raise rates by three percent in 2015-2017 and raise rates by 3.85 percent in 2017-2022 to fund capital improvements. Commissioners tentatively approved this choice.

Burton recommended they set a proposed rate structure to recover costs from all types of properties.

### Rate methodology

Under the rate structure being proposed, single-family residential uses would pay a base rate of \$12.71 instead of the current \$14.89 a month but would get an increase in the volume rate from

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## Lighthouse Point PO in need of repairs and better housekeeping service

By Anne Siren

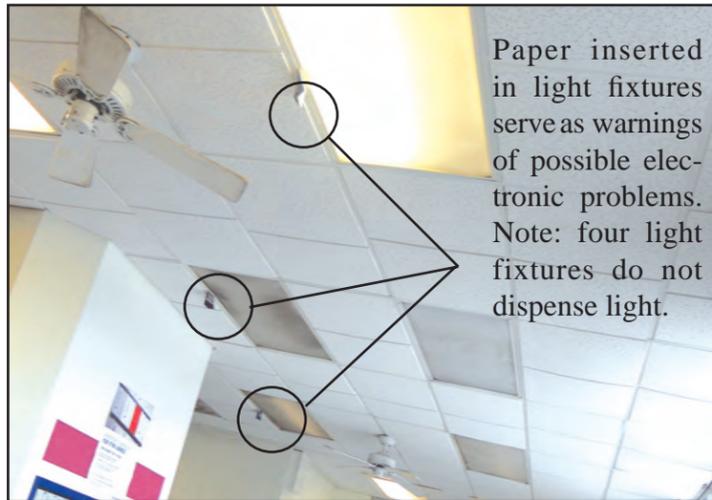
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**Lighthouse Point** – Cobwebs on the ceiling, light fixtures with “warning tags,” a cracked window, a stuck hurricane shutter and one unhappy commissioner add up to a problem at the Lighthouse Point branch post office on Sample Road.

Inside the lobby, dirt is evident on the floors and walls. Large pieces of paint hang ready to fall and only a few overhead lights appear to be working in this building which is open 24/7 for patrons picking up or sending mail.

“This isn’t the first time this has come up,” says Lighthouse Point Commissioner Sandy Johnson. “It’s been going on

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Paper inserted in light fixtures serve as warnings of possible electronic problems. Note: four light fixtures do not dispense light.

Light fixtures in lobby area need bulbs and repair.

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# Pompano Proud, local artist team up to beautify McNab Park for 60th anniversary

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Pompano Beach** – When members of Pompano Proud wanted to spruce up McNab Park, they turned to local artist Pat Anderson.

Pompano Proud, an organization dedicated to beautifying Pompano, commissioned Anderson to create four paintings of native flora that have since been installed on the back of the scoreboards at McNab Park's shuffleboard court.

"It's the 60th anniversary [of McNab Park] and we wanted to do something nice



Local artist Pat Anderson stands proudly in front of one of her paintings at McNab Park in Pompano Beach. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

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# LHP budget reflects efficiencies and changes

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Lighthouse Point** – "We do a lot with a little," Mayor Fred Schorr said this week about the town's proposed \$12.3 million operating budget for 2012-13. Schorr said property owners can expect the millage to remain at 3.65 mills, Broward's third lowest.

As presented to commissioners earlier this month, the new budget increases expenditures by \$340,328, the majority of that money spent on police and fire services where salaries are the big item. While the police budget went from \$4.6 million

to \$4.7 and fire went from \$3 million to \$3.3 million, other departments show decreases. Only the city-run library gains in the new fiscal year with a \$30,000 infusion into the \$65,000 book fund. "We cut it last year because we knew Doreen [Gauthier] was leaving, so this year we put it back to normal," the mayor said.

"We are still affecting efficient changes," Schorr said. "We don't need to raise millage to provide the same services. We are continually saving and at times our revenues exceed expectations."

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# Wilton Manors alters pain management law

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Wilton Manors** – In response to the concerns of two pharmacies, on Tuesday Wilton Manors commissioners amended the city's restrictions on pharmacies and pain management clinics.

The change removes the limit of 5,000 pills dispensed per month.

In January, after a nine-month moratorium on new pain management clinics, the city placed restrictions on pharmacies and pain management clinics that sold controlled substances. The moratorium and restrictions were established to prevent "pill mills" from opening in the city.

A "pill mill" is a business that sells high volumes of pain medication to patients without

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# City takes steps to limit commerce on private beach lots

By Judy Wilson

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**Deerfield Beach** – The owners of a strip of beach sand north of the fishing pier want to provide beach-related services to the public and this week city commissioners took steps to curtail how they can use their property.

The proposed ordinance allows rentals of surfboards, paddleboards, snorkeling equipment, kayaks, beach chairs, umbrellas, cabanas, tents, beach toys, and sales of sunscreen and other beach products. Surf camps and lessons on using the equipment are allowed. No

motorized equipment is allowed and the sale of food or beverage is prohibited. Structures must be no larger than 10-foot by 16-foot chickee huts or tents which can be moved, not powered with electricity or plumbed. No live entertainment will be allowed.

The business must operate at least 135 feet west of the high water mark.

Permit fees of \$250 and liability insurance must be provided as well as the names of all those involved in the vending operation. Background checks will be done on everyone associated with the operation.

The new rules apply to privately-owned open space, most of which is north of the fishing pier.

Deerfield's beach is dotted with privately-owned wedges of sand, the most famous one owned by Boca restaurateur Pete Boinis adjacent to the fishing pier. Several years ago, after a battle that ended with Boinis erecting no trespassing signs, it was purchased by the city so that pier enhancements could be made.

According to City Attorney Andy Maurodis, not many of the remaining lots are suitable for business development. "We have

made every effort to provide limitations," he added.

Case law says that both public and private owners have the right to the use of beach property. The proposed law is designed to limit commercial activity but enhance the beach by making available certain goods and services. The permitting process assures the public's use is protected.

City Commissioner Joe Miller, whose district includes the beach, said the intent of the proposed law is to prevent private owners from obstructing access to the beach. He said he notified the management at Tiara

East Condominium that their neighboring property owners planned to rent beach equipment, but heard no protest from the residents.

"Frankly, it doesn't seem to be a big thing," he said.

## Sightings

A community calendar of Broward County. Email events to [siren2415@gmail.com](mailto:siren2415@gmail.com)

**6-30 – Local performing artist Sara Grant** will be performing "Songs of Old and New" at 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.solchildren.org](http://www.solchildren.org) or call 561-447-8829.

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## Expensive beach parking forces reader to seek inland businesses

To the editor,

Having just moved here as a year round resident from the Boston area, I have to comment on the parking situation in Pompano Beach, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, or LBTS, and Fort Lauderdale area. Several residents have told me that the areas here make more money from the parking meters than they do from the taxes. Well, I totally believe that statement. I understand that after one area started with the parking meters, every beach area followed suit.

Everywhere you go, there are parking stations or meters. It is very discouraging to think that if I want to go to lunch or dinner in the LBTS area, it is going to cost me at least an additional \$3 for parking. How the area continues to survive with the parking restrictions is a mystery to me.

Why not during the off season, have one day a week that the meters are free with a three-hour limit? Or maybe the powers that be could allow parking after 8 p.m. to be free.

Now I take public transportation or head to Flanagans or other establishments on Federal Highway that do not have the parking issues that the beachfront areas have.

C. Kennedy  
LBTS



Recently, the Pompano Beach Rotary Club-sponsored softball team played in the Sunshine Senior Softball League in Pompano Beach. In the bottom row are Tom Abramowski, Claude LaBrie, Bob Harris, Jerry Meehan and Tony Hernandez. Picture in the top row are Bob Johnson, Rick Elbaz, Jim Ritacco, Tom Savino, Frank Monti and Don Schaeffer. Not pictured are Sandy Koplowitz, Tony Longabardo and Cedric Wolfman. For more in Rotary, call 954-786-3274. For more on the Sunshine Senior Softball League, call 954-421-6892. [Photo courtesy of Jerry Meehan]



## July 4th activities planned in your hometowns

### Rockin' 4th of July on the beach

**Deerfield Beach** – The beach will rock Wednesday, July 4, to the music of Luminotti, Andrew Morris, Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways and Hot Brass Monkey beginning at 1 p.m. in the Main Beach Parking Lot, Ocean Way and SE 1 Street.

Sponsored by the Community Redevelopment District, the celebration includes arts and crafts displays and clothing booths; food and liquid refreshments.

Fireworks will rocket off the fishing pier beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Beach parking will be extremely limited but free parking is available in the Cove Shopping Center. A free shuttle bus will operate 11 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. to midnight. The Intracoastal Waterway Bridge will close to vehicular traffic at 6 p.m. and be in lock down for waterway traffic from 7 to 11 p.m.

The fishing pier will close at noon, July 3, and reopen 6 a.m. Thursday, July 5. Ocean Way is closed to traffic all day on The Fourth.

### It's a family July 4th here with fire engines, ice cream and water rides

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Festivities get under way at 10 a.m. on July 4 with the traditional parade.

The parade begins on Bougainvillea Drive behind Town Hall, heads north to Pine Avenue, east to El Mar Drive, south to Hibiscus and then west back to Bougainvillea before heading north and returning to the starting point.

At 11:30 a.m., members of the town's Volunteer Fire Department, or VFD, will demonstrate equipment and provide water hose play for children and photos of children with Sparky, their mascot.

Beach activities are planned from 12:30 to 3 p.m. starting with a sandcastle building contest with prizes and judging by Aruba Beach Café. A chance to cool off and have some fun with water rides courtesy of The Village Grille, Aruba Beach Café and Ocean 101. Kilwin's will dish out ice cream. The VFD hosts a tug of war at the beach.

Burger FI will host eating contests in the afternoon. A custard eating contest for children is set for 3 p.m. and a hamburger eating contest for adults at 4 p.m.

Fireworks will go off at the beach at El Prado Park at 9 p.m. Commissioner Chris Vincent is chairing the annual festivities with help from a committee of volunteers.

### Extravaganza fireworks, music, games and patriotism in Pompano

**Pompano Beach** – Plan the entire day and most of the night in this city to celebrate Independence Day, July 4, at the beach.

The bash begins at 10 a.m. at the Pompano Beach Fishing Pier, 222 N. Pompano Beach Blvd. with watermelon contests, relay races, arts and live entertainment.

At noon, featured bands perform and more music takes place on the city stage at 7:30 p.m. with hits from the rock group, *Journey*.

Fireworks start at 9 p.m. launched from a barge off the fishing pier.

Revelers are welcome to take lawn chairs, picnics and blankets are welcome. Alcohol, personal fireworks, pets and glass containers are prohibited at the beach.

The Atlantic Bridge and 14th Street Causeway Bridge will be in the down position from 9 to 11 p.m. Call 954-786-4111.

# Jacobs urging Frankel to debate "face-to-face" so far, congressional challenger has refused

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Broward County Vice Mayor Kristin Jacobs, a candidate for the 22nd Congressional District, said this week her opponent, former West Palm Beach Mayor Lois Frankel, has refused offers to debate her.

Speaking at a coffee here this week, Jacobs said the *Palm Beach Post* and its affiliate Channel 5, issued invitations to both candidates to debate on July 12. CBS Channel 4 also wanted to set up a debate between the two Democrat hopefuls and offered several dates. According to Jacobs, who wanted to set up four debates, Frankel refused.

Frankel's campaign manager Greg Richardson had not returned phone calls or emails at press time Thursday.

"The people of District 22 have the right to see their candidates side-by-side," Jacobs said. "Voters deserve to know about the key differences between the candidates."

To date, Frankel and Jacobs have appeared together in the same place only at club and association meetings, said Jacobs' campaign manager

Marcia Monserrat. "Kristin will debate her anytime, anyplace," Monserrat said. Jacobs, a county

commissioner for 14 years and Frankel, a former Florida senator and mayor of West

Palm Beach for eight years, face one another in the Aug. 14 primary for the seat now held by Cong. Allen West who moved his campaign to the 18th Congressional District, hoping for more favorable election results.

West's new District is north of his former district.

The 22 District runs along the coast from Fort Lauderdale through Riviera Beach taking in some western precincts in Palm Beach County.

Frankel has been on the campaign trail for well over

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## Fire budget holds the line

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Town commissioners on Tuesday unanimously approved a requested \$764,203 operating budget for the town's Volunteer Fire Department, or VFD, for 2013.

That's about a \$10,000 or 1 percent increase over the current operating budget and will pay firefighters to provide beach coverage 265 days in ready response mode.

The budget includes a significant decrease - from \$40,000 to \$10,000- for medical call assistance to AMR due to recent changes which have resulted in the volunteers responding to fewer medical calls.

Fuel is projected to be more costly next year, and more funds will be spent on training and training supplies as the department continues to place a heavy emphasis on professional training.

In the current year, the town budgeted \$339,500 for the purchase of a new fire engine. Those funds are included in the fire fund, separate from the VFD contract.

The VFD has proposed capital expenditures of \$55,600 next year: \$25,000 for a new extrication tool, \$17,000 for a new compressor for air tanks, \$8,500 for an infrared camera to assist firefighters in burning buildings, \$2,800 for a truck generator and \$2,300 for a 50-foot ladder.

The proposed budget must also be presented to the VFD membership for their approval.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to keep the residential fire fee at \$130 annually. That will result in a separate fund of \$247,000 by 2017, Tony Bryan, finance director, noted.

Commissioners decided they don't want a study done to determine alternate methods of assessing fire fees.

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# Business matters

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## Briefs

### Property, tax questions answered

**Oakland Park** – The Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will hold a community outreach event Tuesday, July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oakland Park City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Ave.

Appraisers will be available to assist with homestead, senior and other property tax exemption applications, as well as answer questions on property taxes. They are also accepting applications for portability. Those who attend should bring a current Florida driver's license or Florida identification card and a current voter registration card or declaration of domicile. Non-citizens must provide proof of permanent residency. For more information, visit [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or call 954-357-5579.

### Humane Society celebrates two-year anniversary

**Pompano Beach** – On July 7 and 8 from 12 to 4 p.m., The Florida Humane Society will host an event celebrating the two-year anniversary of the grand opening of its current location at 3870 N. Powerline Road, Pompano Beach. There will be raffles, food, a bake sale and discounts on pet supplies. The Florida Humane Society is a no-profit, no-kill pet shelter that has cats and dogs available for adoption. For more, visit [www.floridahumanesociety.org](http://www.floridahumanesociety.org) or call 954-974-6152.

### Library closing for maintenance

**Deerfield Beach** – The Percy White Library, 837 E. Hillsboro Blvd., will be closed for air conditioning maintenance Thursday, July 12 and Friday, July 13 and will reopen Saturday, July 14 at 10 a.m. While Percy White is closed, library patrons can visit the Century Plaza Branch Library, 1856A W. Hillsboro Blvd., Pompano Beach Branch, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., or the North Library at 100 Coconut Creek Blvd.

**Send The Pelican your news, big or small, to [siren2415@gmail.com](mailto:siren2415@gmail.com)**

## For 51 years, Plumbing World has offered repair service, supplies, help to Do-It-Yourselfers

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - David Case is the friendly owner of Plumbing World, Inc., a family business that's been assisting area residents for 51 years from the same location at 1777 NE 33rd St. in Shopper's Haven, Pompano Beach.

Case says, "When my father-in-law retired, I bought him out. That was in 1996, but I've been working here for a long time and pretty much learned everything I know about plumbing on the job. We specialize in repair and supplies, working with plumbers and Do-It-Yourselfers. We learn from each other. Not a day goes by that I haven't learned something new. There's always something different to solve in a new way."

"People bring in faucets, toilet tanks and anything you can think of, and we help them determine what can and can't be fixed," he adds.

He no sooner made that statement when customer, Hank Berman stopped in with a faucet in hand, asking, "Can you explain why this brand-new faucet is leaking?"

It took just a few minutes to solve his problem which turned out to be a missing piece that should have been included in the faucet he had just purchased elsewhere. A phone call from Case to the retailer handled the problem, and a grateful Berman left, faucet in hand.

Plumbing World is filled with in-depth stocks of every plumbing piece and part that can fit into the store including faucet stems, handles, trims, toilet parts, hard to find one piece toilet repair parts, sinks, PVC piping, filters and more.

Repair parts for shower valves and toilets are the most frequent requests.

Case estimates that half of his stock comes from local distributors and the other half from national distributors. He says, "We can fill special orders within a day if local distributors have the product. Our space is limited. We can only show so many sinks and toilets, but many more are available from suppliers. We're not into heavy commercial plumbing which calls for different parts and, in many cases, much larger parts. We are geared to individual residences such as free standing homes, condos and co-ops, and the plumbers who service the owners. I have long time customers who fly in from the Bahamas and other islands because it's tough to get the parts where they live."

Andy St. Laurent, plumber, says he visits Plumbing World almost every day. "David is a very knowledgeable man and always a gentleman to do business with. I've seen him reach for a part to fit a customer's faucet before the customer even reaches the counter.



David Case, owner of Plumbing World, Inc. helps Hank Berman figure out why his brand new faucet leaks. This family business has been in the same 33rd Street location for 51 years. The store stocks a huge inventory of parts, offers repair service and assistance to plumbers and Do-It-Yourselfers. [Photos by Phyllis J. Neuberger.]

Plumbing World is filled with in-depth stocks of every plumbing piece and part that can fit into the store including faucet stems, handles, trims, toilet parts, hard to find one piece toilet repair parts, sinks, PVC piping, filters and more.

He knows the field and is always eager to help. The store stocks anything and everything I might need."

Case is pleased with Andy's comments and says, "We get many referrals from customers and the big box stores and we appreciate this referral business because we know

that we have parts that cannot be found elsewhere. After years in this business, we know our parts and can identify what's needed. There really aren't many "one size fits all" solutions in this field. We're proud of our reputation and we work hard to maintain it." Call 954-781-2255.

# McNab

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for the community," said Sherry Walters, president of Pompano Proud. "The scoreboards were looking pretty shabby. And we're really happy with what she came up with."

The paintings are also in celebration of Pompano Proud's efforts to get McNab Park, 2250 E. Atlantic Blvd., certified as National Wildlife Federation, or NWF, habitat. NDF habitats are backyards, public parks and other green spaces that have certain

features that attract and support local wildlife, such as birds and squirrels.

"We're just always looking for projects to help the community," said Walters.

Anderson, a 30-year Pompano resident whose store is located in the Shoppes at Beacon Light in Lighthouse Point, said she's proud to be a part of the beautification and redevelopment of Atlantic Boulevard. "I'm tickled. I've always been into souvenir artwork," she said, referring to the theme of the paintings.

Sandy Von Staden, Pompano Proud board member, said the goal of the

organization is to commission more artists in the future and display new art work at the shuffleboard court about every six months.

"We hope that it will inspire other organizations to work with the city on public art on beautification," said Von Staden. "We enjoyed such cooperation from the city and we hope it will continue."

Pompano Proud is funded through the efforts of members who volunteer at the Pompano Beach Seafood Festival, collecting donations in exchange for Pompano Proud t-shirts and selling bags at the Green Market.

On Friday, July 13 at 8:30 a.m. at McNab Park, Pompano Proud will be officially unveiling Anderson's art work. The event is open to the public and light refreshments will be served. For more on Pompano Proud, visit [www.pompanoproud.com](http://www.pompanoproud.com) or call 954-562-3232.

# Fundraiser to aid children with autism July 4

**Oakland Park** – With hopes high for \$10,000, Forever Propane, 350 E. Prospect Road, will host a day of raffles, food and music to help fund the South Florida Autism Association.

The event takes place July 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Maria Taylor, marketing director for Forever Propane, says she has come to know a child with autism, "and being a mom, I want to help as much as I can."

This first fundraiser is planned for the family and includes a free barbecue with a donation to the cause.

Taylor says this will be one of many events. The company also plans a walk later in the year as one of many different events to reach the company goal.

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**Briefs**

**Choose plastic bladder over bathtub when storing water**

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The bladder is placed near a water source and filled. It can be stored safely in a bathtub or large sink. Water that is held in bathtubs often leaks out, becomes contaminated and presents a hazard to small children.

Cost of the bladder is \$25 at the Chamber, a hefty reduction in the \$39.99 retail price. Buying enough bottled water to meet the one-gallon per person per day recommendation could cost up to \$60.

The Chamber offer is open to the public. The office is located at 1601 E. Hillsboro Boulevard, Deerfield Beach.

**Free trees in Pompano Beach**

**Pompano Beach** - On July 14 and 21, the city's nursery will be open to the public to give away thousands of native plants and trees.

Those who can provide local residency will receive two native trees or other plants until supplies run out.

Residents will also receive instructions on planting the trees.

The city nursery is located at 1000 NE 3 Ave., Pompano Beach. Tree choices include Gumbo Limbo, Live Oak, palms, poinciana and more. Call 954-786-5516.

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**Tiny tots get an early start with books and sounds at the Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library**

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**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

When the Lighthouse Point Library, or LHP library, moved into its current location in the mid 1980s, Doreen Gauthier began a weekly Tiny Tots and Moms story time.

"I believed then, and still do, that the earlier you expose little ones to books and sounds, the better your chance to create life long readers," Gauthier says. "I was inspired by Dr. Henrietta Smith who taught children's literature at the University of South Florida, and by Dr. Ellin Greene whose book, *Babies and Libraries*, also encouraged me. Greene, by the way, was a part time LHP resident."

Gauthier's efforts were a great success. She says, "I get a special thrill when I hear that one of my tots now brings her own little one to the story time."

And they do! Cathy Anthony, now a LHP librarian, says, "I remember bringing my daughter, Lindsay, to Doreen's story time and now Lindsay brings her daughter, Mackenzy who adores the group."

Gauthier recently retired as director of the library. Her successor, Christy Keyes, continues to conduct a story time group for a new flock of tots [ages 18 month to three years] and moms every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. *The Pelican* dropped in to see what was happening.

Much to Keyes' surprise, her Tiny Tots and Moms story time is drawing at least 20 moms and their excited little ones.



Christy Keyes, director of the Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library, uses drama, song and stories to hold the attention of her tiny tots and moms at storytime. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

She says, "I was happily surprised to see that, despite the tremendous focus on technology, story time is still very popular. The attention span of this age group is very short so we switch focus often moving from an abbreviated book to a song to marching and back to a second book—all in just one half an hour. If the group is very active, we may do only one story. If they seem attentive, we may do two stories."

She starts out by introducing herself and then each child tells his or her name. Then the group says "Hi and the child's name." This may seem very basic, and it is, but these children

are being exposed to the library, to books, to group involvement, and they are learning to listen. When the half hour is up, many moms stay on with their little ones to look at books, work puzzles, or to just enjoy the company of other children. We watch them form attachments and create their own social situations. It's wonderful to see," Keyes says.

One mom, Leila Pollack brings daughter, Alexandria, every Friday if she's not working and says, "We enjoy it so much and miss it when we can't come."

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## 15,000 show up for Wilton Manors Stonewall parade



**Wilton Manors** – Reece Darham, chair of Stonewall Summer Pride, estimates that about 15,000 people attended the annual event this past Sunday. The event is named in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Riots after members of New York City's gay community, frustrated with abuse and harassment by the city's police department, started protesting. [Right] Wilton Manors Mayor Gary Resnick throws beads to members of the crowd during the Stonewall Parade. [Above] The Stonewall Library & Archives float drives down the parade route. [Photos by Michael d'Oliveira]



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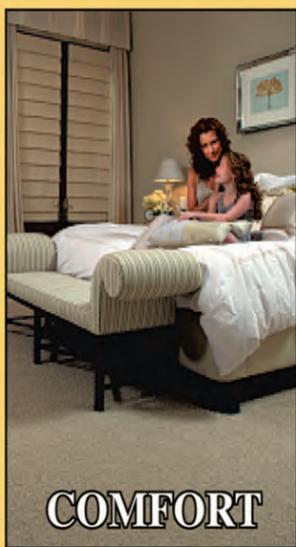
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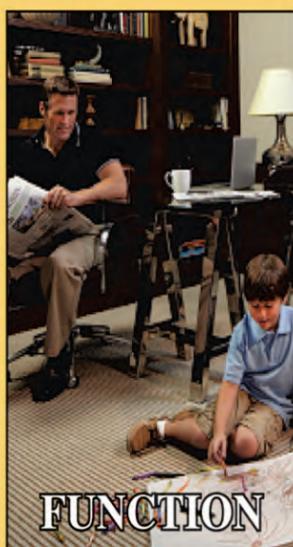
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# Pill mills

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a proper medical examination. In many cases, the pills are sold to people who don't need them and are then abused or re-sold illegally on the street.

Shortly after the city passed its regulations, Fort Lauderdale attorney George Castrataro, representing Quick Script and The Medicine Shoppe on Andrews Avenue, sent a letter to the city asking officials to amend the law.

Because the restrictions exempted big chain pharmacies like CVS, Walgreens and Publix, Castrataro and his clients viewed the ordinance as unfairly targeting independent pharmacies and clinics.

The biggest sticking point was the limit on the number of pills that could be dispensed per month.

The original law prohibited businesses from selling and dispensing more than 5,000 pills of Schedule II substances per month. Schedule II includes codeine, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone and opium.

In the revised law, pain management clinics and pharmacies that are licensed by the state are exempt from the city's licensing procedure.

"Licensed pharmacies are

already heavily regulated by the state," said City Attorney Kerry Ezrol at the June 12 commission meeting. Ezrol added that his office was unable to find any legal basis for limiting the number of pills to 5,000. "The only substantive change [to the law] is the number of pills," said Ezrol.

Vice Mayor Tom Green said he was uncomfortable with removing the 5,000 pill

limit. He views the limit as "reasonable" but voted in favor of the new law. "I really hate approving this but I don't see any alternative."

Mayor Gary Resnick said the changes addressed the previously "overbroad" law but the new restrictions, like one prohibiting doctors from issuing more than a 72-hour supply of medication to one patient, would still prevent "pill mills" from opening in

the city.

Sam Fawaz, owner of Quick Script, said overall the changes are acceptable, but he's still not happy with having to give the police department a monthly list of all the Schedule II substances that his pharmacy has dispensed – a requirement the big pharmacies are exempt from.

Castrataro commended the city for addressing the

concerns of his clients and considers the matter closed. "I think generally speaking, [city officials] were all primarily fairness orientated. I don't think they intended to indiscriminately [target small pharmacies] but [the law] had unintended consequences."

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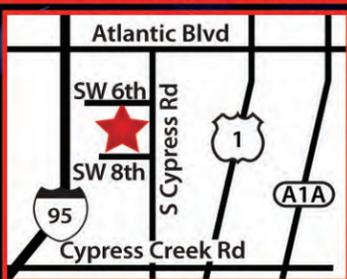
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# Parking needs outweigh costs to city, banner law booted for now

By Michael d'Oliveira

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## Wilton Manors -

Commissioners reluctantly voted Tuesday 4-0 to pay \$210,000 to buy a single family home, 2524 NE 8 Terrace, for the purpose of eventually turning the land into a parking lot.

Originally commissioners had agreed to pay \$165,000 for the property but Chase, the bank that owns the house and

is trying to sell the property through a short sale, refused the offer and now wants \$210,000.

"I think we're overpaying by a lot," said Commissioner Scott Newton.

If the sale goes through the city would combine the land with the other adjacent property it owns and the piece of land it is leasing from Kids In Distress. The three lots would make one large parking lot.

City staff estimates that all three properties, after being paved, would be big enough to fit about 45 new parking spaces. The city is currently working on specific plans that will give it an exact number of spaces that can be built.

The cost of buying the two properties, leasing the Kids In Distress property [\$10 a year for five years], demolishing the two houses currently standing and paving all three lots would cost an estimated \$650,000 – money provided through the \$1.1 million the city borrowed to make

parking improvements along Wilton Drive.

None of the commissioners were happy with the increase but said getting as much additional parking on Wilton Drive was important enough to pay the additional cost.

"I hate to be held hostage," said Commissioner Julie Carson.

Vice Mayor Tom Green and Commissioner Ted Galatis said the cost was worth it. "That property is so important," said Green. "There just isn't very much [parking] in that area," said

Galatis.

Commissioners also discussed possibly combining the three properties and the Acapulco Lindo property, located next to the three lots, to create a parking structure. But officials said talks with the owner of Acapulco Lindo haven't made any progress yet.

Mayor Gary Resnick refrained from commenting or voting because his law firm represents Chase in other matters.

## Banner ban booted

**Wilton Manors -** To help local business owners get through the summer, Wilton Manors commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to lift its ban on temporary banners and/or vertical feather flags through Dec. 31.

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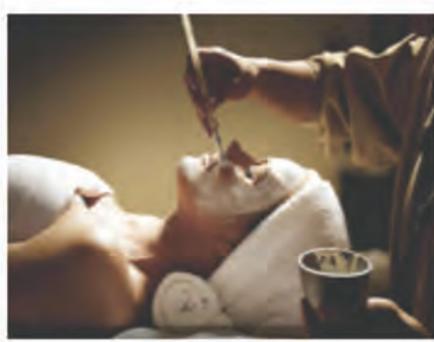
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# Banners

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one sign in front of their business as long as it's not on a sidewalk or public-right-of-way.

Heidi Shafran, community development services director, said the idea came about when she was approached by business owners.

Business owners claim that temporary signs attract customers.

Janet Conklin, co-owner of Lola's Healthy Pet Café at Five Points, said when she had her sign up for two weeks her business increased dramatically. Business owners previously could display signs for up to two-weeks with a city permit. Permits are not required through Dec. 31.

"We're trying to do a good deed for the city," said Commissioner Julie Carson.

Commissioners did request that code enforcement to make sure things don't get out of hand and owners limit themselves to one sign.

Commissioners brought up examples of some owners who have multiple signs out.

When asked why code enforcement wasn't enforcing the rules, Police Chief Paul O'Connell said the department was in transition. "That's the only answer I can give," he said.

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# Sightings

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**7-4 – Pompano Beach will host its annual Beach Bash and Fireworks Extravaganza** at the Pompano Beach Fishing Pier, 222 N. Pompano Beach Blvd. Beach Bash begins at 10 a.m. Fireworks Extravaganza begins at 9 p.m. The Northeast 14 Street Causeway and Atlantic Boulevard bridges will be in the down position from 9 to 11 p.m. 954-786-4111.

**7-5 – The Broward Sierra Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. at Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S.,

Coconut Creek. Lou Fisher, natural resource specialist with Broward County, will be giving a presentation on beach renewal, coral reef protection, artificial reefs, manatees, sea turtles and more. 954-946-7359.

**7-5 – A lecture will be given at The Museum of Discovery and Science**, 401 SW Second St., Fort Lauderdale, regarding the condition of the Staghorn coral off the coast of South Florida. 954-467-6637.

**7-6 – The Sol Children Theatre Performing Arts Camp** presents *Guys and Dolls* at 2 and 7 p.m. at the Olympic Heights Fine Arts Theatre, 20101 Lyons Road,

Boca Raton. Tickets are \$12 per seat. Visit [www.solchildren.org](http://www.solchildren.org) or 561-447-8829.

**7-7 & 7-18 – The Museum of Discovery and Science**, 401 SW Second St., Fort Lauderdale, will hold an ice cream making demonstration at 2:30 p.m. 954-467-6637.

**7-14 – Free car seat safety check** from 9 a.m. to noon at Pompano Beach Fire-Rescue Station 24, 2001 NE 10 St. Appointments are

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## Fridays

**The Pompano Beach Rotary Club** meets Fridays at 12:15 p.m. at Galuppis, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. 954-786-3274.

## Saturdays

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"We have been successful because we love our customers. Honestly, my mother hugs just about everyone that walks through the door!" says the mild-mannered host with not a hint of exaggeration in his



Cypress Nook's Michael Gerike shows off a house specialty.



The rich, three layer Sachertorte chocolate cake is loaded with walnuts and raspberry preserves topped with chocolate ganache. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]

voice. It is indeed true that indefatigable matriarch Ilse Wettengel has been personally welcoming hungry patrons 7 days a week for over 3 decades.

But the truly exciting news revolves around this German family's decision to start offering all the best specialties of its homeland in the evenings. "My mother will

continue to do the morning and noon service while I will take care of dinner Wednesday through Saturday."

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# Cypress Nook

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And when asked about the most popular dinner options, Michael immediately responds that “the Schweinshaxe is our signature dish. It is a 2 lbs portion of ham hock slow cooked for hours and served with rich gravy and 2 sides.”

Indeed, this eye-popping platter will elicit a Pavlovian salivation response in meat aficionados. The enormous serving of Bavarian style, bone-in flavorful pork smothered in a rich savory gravy is sinfully tender and conspicuously abundant. Accompanied by homemade side dishes such as, fresh potatoes, egg noodles, tangy red cabbage or even garlic spinach, the Schweinshaxe is a must-try for those with limitless appetites.

“Everything is made in house, from the spaetzel to the red cabbage,” says Michael who, on most evenings, enjoys the support of his wife Hannah, a native Hungarian.

Other highly prized options include the Deutsche Wurst Platter overflowing with sausage samples of German Bratwurst, Frankfurter and Bavarian Weisswurst, the vinegar marinated tender beef Sauerbraten, the German meatloaf Hackbraten, the melt-in-your-mouth medallions of Chicken Zurich Geschnetzeltes with wine sauce, the Parisian style pan seared fish and, of course, the classic Wiener Schnitzel. “The veal Jaeger with mushrooms in a creamy wine sauce is also another one of my favorites,” says Michael as he breezes from one table to another with typical Teutonic efficiency and gregariousness.

Another notable feature of the Cypress Nook menu is the tantalizing curry component. “Curry is actually one of the most popular dishes in Germany,” says Michael as he brings a pleasantly pungent serving of Curry Knockwurst. The plump sausage is smothered in an über-flavorsome mélange of spices that titillates the palette. “We will soon be updating our menu and do a big curry push. I make it personally and really want people to understand that it is not spicy, just very flavorful.”

It would be criminal to not mention the plethora of toothsome German beers that perfectly complement a copious meal. For the lager leery, a nice selection of red and white wines is also available.

Most large entrées are in



[Right] The Schweinshaxe – a fall off-the-bone, slow cooked ham hock with savory brown gravy, mashed potatoes and garlic spinach. [Left] The Curry Knockwurst features a maelstrom of piquant flavors enveloping the famous German sausage. It is served here with potatoes and red cabbage.



the \$12-\$18 range, imported German beers are \$5, wines glasses start at \$5 and bottles at \$19. An early bird special is offered from 5-6 pm. The portions are gargantuan and will definitely provide some

leftovers to take home. There is plenty of free parking and credit cards are only accepted in the evenings.

Additionally, this cozy restaurant is an ideal place to hold private parties from

Sun-Tue. It seats 40 people and there are 4 outside patio tables as well. Reservations are recommended in season as space is limited.

By the way, if you somehow still have room for dessert,

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## Districts

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Village, Crystal Lake, District 4 and all the remaining neighborhoods west of I-95 to the city limits.

City commissioners heard Dr. Lenore Alpert, a consultant in public policy, explain the need for redistricting and the principles behind it at last week's commission meeting.

They will take up the matter in August.

Census figures show that the population here is 75,018, about 3,000 less than the figure used in 2008. Alpert said that probably does not reflect a loss of residents, but rather the faulty estimates used to draw the current districts. Those estimates have now left the city with "clearly disproportionate representa-

tion," she said, the worst cases District 2 with a population of around 18,100 and District 4 with 19,600 residents.

What the commission should strive for are districts of equal numbers, Dr. Alpert said, in this case around 18,755. Other criteria in drawing voting districts is that they be contiguous, that minorities have a reasonable chance of electing one of their own, that the districts reflect a "community of interest" and that the district include the residence of a sitting commissioner who has yet to complete his term.

The city's current districts show an 8.3 percent deviation in population. The legal limit is 10 percent, Alpert said, which means shifting some boundaries is necessary. Alpert said, District 2's population is 60 percent African-American and "is clearly a majority minority district

which must be preserved." And District 4's population is well above the average putting the current plan at risk.

Dr. Alpert presented four new options that fall within the legal limits, that is within the 10 percent population differential, but which got progressively more deviant as the boundaries shifted.

Options 2 and 3 mirror the current districts except that in Option 3, a swath west of I-95 is moved into District 2. Option 4 places Deer Creek and areas north of Hillsboro Boulevard and east of Powerline Road into District 3 and Option 5 returns Deer Creek to District 4 and extends District 3 to Sample Road east of Military Trail.

Currently the boundaries are matched to major roadways: District 1 east of US 1 except for a triangle

south of 48 Street to Sample Road; District 2 east of Dixie Highway to I-95, District 3 west of I-95 south of Hillsboro Boulevard and District 4 west of District 3 and north of Hillsboro Blvd.

Alpert's maps are posted on the city's website. By city charter, the voting districts must be examined every four years.

## Sightings

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**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.

**Yoga classes** are 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.

**Zonta International** meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Duffy's Diner, 401 N. Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach, at 11:15 a.m. Zonta International works to advance the status of women. 561-392-2223.

### Wednesdays

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

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

**The Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club** meets Wednesdays at noon at the Riverside Grille at the Sands Resort, 125 N. Riverside Drive, Pompano Beach. 954-444-4815.

**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 St., Pompano Beach, at 10 a.m. 954-943-7787.

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# Evacuate

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enter the town. If a person has no ID, a resident with a valid ID who knows the person requesting entrance may vouch for the person. Cedeno advised securing important documents such as bank statements, passport and birth certificates. And obtain cash in case power is lost and you can't get to an ATM.

In its Hurricane Guide [online at sheriff.org] he said BSO advises, as you prepare supplies for hurricane season, assume that you will need supplies for a minimum of three days, but stock enough for seven days.

Begin gathering hurricane supplies at the start of the season in June, especially drinking water at least one gallon per person per day, and have at least a seven-day supply. Water is generally the first commodity to disappear from store shelves when a hurricane is approaching.

Use this checklist as a guide for your preparations:

1. Have plenty of canned food and a manual can opener; perishable food items will spoil quickly if electricity is lost and refrigerators are inoperable.

2. Stock evaporated milk and other non-perishables like peanut butter, cereal, granola bars, instant drink mixes, dried fruits and pet food

3. Store bottled drinking

water before the rush begins. Allow at least one gallon per person per day for two weeks.

4. Have several battery-powered radios, flashlights, lanterns, extra batteries and battery-powered televisions.

5. Purchase a tube of silicone caulk for sealing bathtub drains.

6. Check first aid kits to make sure it's properly stocked and over-the-counter medications have not expired.

7. Inspect hurricane shutters; replace missing or damaged panels. Check plywood to cover windows and doors.

8. For those without hurricane shutters, June is generally too late to order them for the current season. Buy plywood now and don't forget the hardware and tools you'll need to attach it.

9. Remove damaged limbs from trees and prune branches so winds can blow through.

Dispose of trimmings as soon as possible. Never leave trimmings where winds can turn them into projectiles.

10. Consider the purchase of a propane-fueled camp stove or grill. If electricity is lost, this may be the only way to cook. Only use these items outdoors.

11. Make sure chain saws are filled with gas, oiled and ready for use.

12. If purchasing a generator, buy it well before a storm approaches when supplies and selections are plentiful.

If LBTS residents need help physically getting ready for a storm, such as assistance putting up shutters, members of the town's Volunteer Fire Department will be more than glad to come out and help, said Fire Chief Steve Paine.

If you need help, call the VFD at 954-640-4250 to arrange an appointment.

# Lighthouse Point budget

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The city's chief sources of revenue are ad valorem taxes, \$5.8 million, and the utility tax, \$2.1 million, both numbers up \$100,000 over last year's projections.

The city operates with a contingency fund of \$5 million for shortfall in operating revenues, the costs associated with hurricanes and other natural disasters and emergency infrastructure repairs.

Budget hearings will be held for the public Thursday,

Sept. 13 and Monday, Sept. 24 after which the final budget and millage will be formally adopted.

By that time, the city's new finance director Frank DiPaolo will be in place. DiPaolo replaces Terry Sharp who retired in June.

The comptroller for Dania Beach since 2006, DiPaolo graduated from the University of Florida in 2002 and from Nova Southeast in 2007. He became a CPA in 2009. DiPaolo will assume his duties here after July 4.

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## Post office

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for years. Some time ago, I noticed that the American Flag here was in tatters. They took care of that on the same day.”

Johnson added that the post office pays for a cleaning service that is supposed to clean every day. Frank Mariano, manager of the Tropical Reef post offices, that includes this city’s and a new office on West Atlantic Boulevard, confirmed that Support Services of America has the contract for the post office.

Mariano says that the cleaning service is responsible for the employee’s bathrooms, break rooms and outside

lobby.

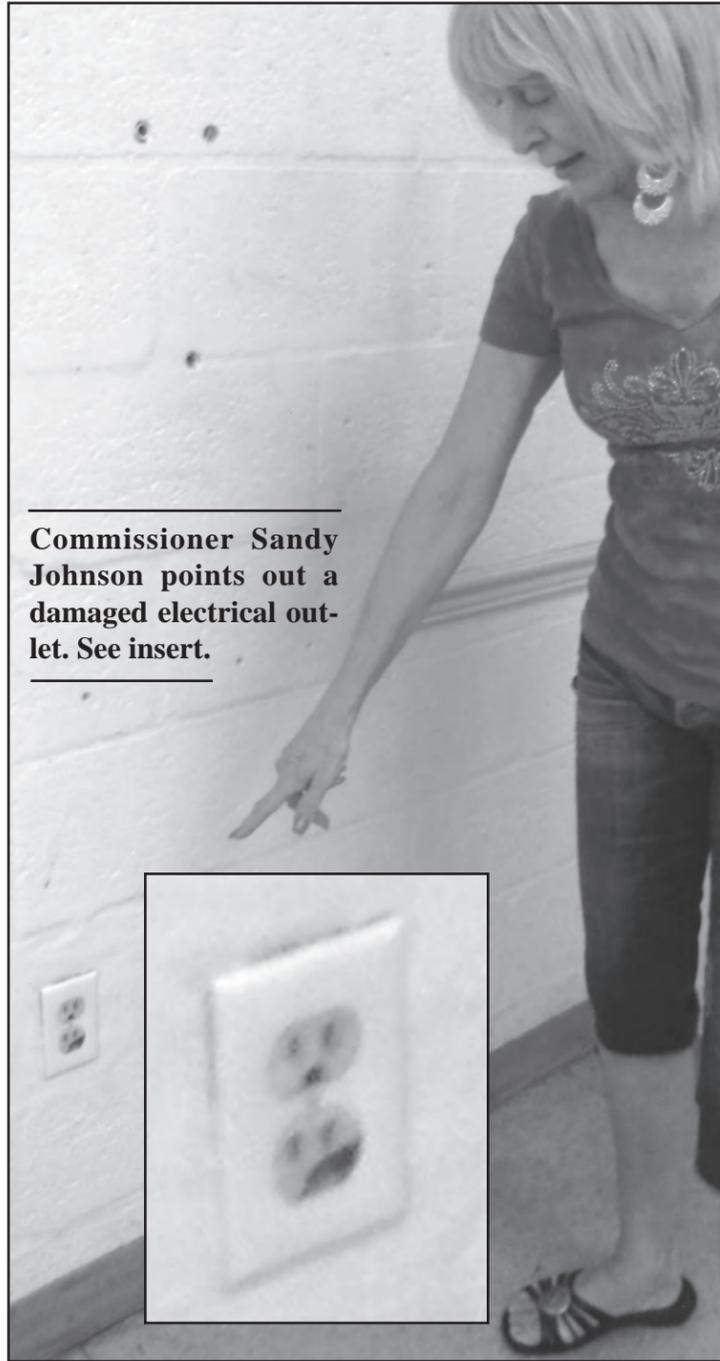
But he added that non-functioning lights and peeling interior paint require professional experts.

“We have had work orders in for this post office location for two years. But funds for the repairs have not yet been approved,” he said. “We are always looking for donations.”

Mariano suggested that if an electrician wanted to donate the services, the lights might get repaired sooner.

City Administrator John Lavisky said the city had requested that the cleanup get started over two years ago.

But the most that was done to spruce up the building was a new paint job underwritten by the leasing company Brixmor,



**Commissioner Sandy Johnson points out a damaged electrical outlet. See insert.**



Peeling paint is a common sight in the Post Office lobby. [Staff photos]

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# Storytime

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Chihiro Kesterson and Ali don't miss a Friday story time. Mom says, "Ali loves to see the other children and listen to the stories."

Beverly Swanson brings grandson, Jaden. She says, "He loves it here and reminds me to come every Friday. I know he looks forward to it."

Julie Lynett brought her 20-month-old daughter, Olivia, for the first time. Olivia sat very still but looked and listened as each child spoke. "This is great. I'm excited by this opportunity to introduce Olivia to the library," said Julie.

When the children in this group outgrow it, they can move right into Miss Jan's group for three to five-year-olds which meets on Mondays from 11 to 12 a.m. Jan Cashette who heads up this activity says, "Enthusiasm runs high with my little ones as we read and explore crafts. We're not rigid on the ages and welcome a few who are slightly older or younger. Some of the moms bring siblings. We work it out. Any child who loves stories, the written word and hands on crafts is welcome."

Always ready to take on the next generation, this library staff encourages children to be involved. During the school year, Donna Beale has a Tuesday evening story hour at 7 p.m. for five to eight-year-olds who bring moms, dads, brothers and sisters. Keyes laughs because Donna's group shows up in both pajamas and street clothing. "It's a great bonding experience for child and parent," she says. "A time when the technology is turned off, and child and parent listen to wonderful stories and share some time together at the day's end."

The Pelican salutes this library, its new director and



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# Water rates

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per 1,000 gallons used to \$5.70. The increases for customers using between 5,000 and 7,000 gallons a month would be 28 to 35 percent.

Multi-family residences would get a per-unit drop from \$14.26 to \$6.01 a month because, Burton said, less demand is placed on the sewer system. They would be charged the same volume rate [\$5.70 per thousand gallons] as single-family homes.

Residents living in duplexes will see reductions in their bills from 4 to 62 percent if their usage is less than 8,000 gallons a month. More than that and the bills will increase.

The biggest change would occur in rates for commercial properties. The difference in demand on the system from one commercial property to another is significant, Burton said. He recommended assigning a certain number of units to commercial properties

based on meter size. The base charge would be apportioned by multiplying the single-family charge by the number of equivalent units.

Burton proposed adding administrative fees on bills for meter reading and customer service costs. Residential units will be charged by the unit; commercial properties by the size of the meter.

Under the current rate structure, restaurants and laundromats are assigned as one unit which means they aren't paying their fair share, Burton said. Under the proposed rate structure, hotels would be charged by meter

size, not by the number of rooms.

One person said paying by use is the only fair way.

Mayor Roseann Minnet asked Burton why the town couldn't do that, "Just charge everyone by what they use."

Burton said the town has fixed costs whether the service is used or not. "You have fees for 'readiness to serve.'" Without that, he said snowbirds wouldn't be paying when they're not here.

In 2021, the town will need to rebuild two lift stations, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann said. Cost is estimated at \$1.1 million.

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<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Mascara's target</p> <p>5 Attacked by a bee</p> <p>10 Recipe instruction</p> <p>14 Frat letter</p> <p>15 Antique shop purchase</p> <p>16 Chute starter</p> <p>17 Cold-shoulder</p> <p>18 Old English</p> <p>20 Family tree</p> <p>22 Adventuresome</p> <p>23 Theater section</p> <p>24 Calculator button</p> <p>25 Ridiculous</p> <p>28 "Fists of Fury" actor</p> <p>32 Woods nymph</p> <p>33 Peace pact</p> <p>34 So. Cal. airport</p> <p>35 Lackluster</p> <p>36 Lousy golf shot</p> <p>37 Bulk buy</p> <p>38 Back talk</p> <p>39 Eagle's nest</p> <p>40 Xbox enthusiast</p> <p>41 Improved</p> <p>43 Volcanic rock</p> <p>44 Nothing more than</p> <p>45 Birthday buy</p> <p>46 Royal seat</p> <p>49 Aerial combat</p> <p>53 Hollywood hunk</p> <p>55 Crowd sound</p> <p>56 Pavarotti piece</p> <p>57 Good-for-nothing</p> <p>58 Fairytale villain</p> <p>59 Turnpike fee</p>	<p>60 Red Sea nation</p> <p>61 Part of a chord</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Talk like Daffy</p> <p>2 Top of the line</p> <p>3 Poker variety</p> <p>4 Kind of liar</p> <p>5 1986 and 2006 movie, "Running _____"</p> <p>6 Radio knob</p> <p>7 Motivation</p> <p>8 Nada</p> <p>9 Break a leg!</p> <p>10 Thinly spread</p> <p>11 Judd Hirsch sitcom</p>	<p>12 It may be pumped</p> <p>13 Sounded the bell</p> <p>19 Pesto or tomato</p> <p>21 _____ one's loins</p> <p>24 Wrinkled plum</p> <p>25 Confuse</p> <p>26 UCLA athlete</p> <p>27 Slender maiden</p> <p>28 Hair twist</p> <p>29 Pack animal</p> <p>30 Studio stand</p> <p>31 Put forth, as effort</p> <p>33 Crowd maker?</p> <p>36 On the sly</p> <p>37 Cookware material</p> <p>39 Concerning, old-style</p> <p>40 Sailor's hook</p> <p>42 Lacking</p> <p>43 London</p> <p>45 Gander's mate</p> <p>46 _____ does it!</p> <p>47 Parade honoree</p> <p>48 Deck feature</p> <p>49 Snare, e.g.</p> <p>50 Belinda Carlisle, once</p> <p>51 "B.C." creator Johnny</p> <p>52 Birch or Beech</p> <p>54 Weeding tool</p>
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**HOW TO SOLVE:**  
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

# Bins

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containers in business zones 1 and 2, the commission took no action, saying that to allow Moyer his bins would require granting him a variance.

Then bins began appearing all over the city. Some were labeled "Shoes for the Cure," and bore the Kiwanis Club logo. Others indicated donations would go to good causes and had contact phone numbers. But some bore no information other than a recycling symbol and a request for clothing.

In an effort to stem the proliferation of these illegal containers, Deerfield officials considered passing legislation. Assistant City Manager Keven Klopp said the city looked at many model ordinances but, "when you dealing with rogue operators, creating an ordinance is not rational. Many cities enacted legislation and found it didn't work. Why set up a permitting process if it is not followed? We are getting results with outreach and education. We tell the property owner the box is not in compliance and they are responsible for its removal. And we have gotten

results."

Most property owners are unaware they are responsible for removing the bins, or that they are not in compliance. In some cases, the property owner does not even know who placed the bin.

The most common infraction is that the collection bin is not on the business site plan. Since code enforcement began telling property owners the bins had to go, 16 large ones have been removed. One, with no ID or phone number, still hangs out on the east end of the Target Superstore center at Powerline Road.

Still on the streets, however, are small bins that claim to be collecting "Shoes for the Cure." Lured by the thought that it would be good for the community to recycle old shoes and by the promise of some cash, the local Kiwanis Club undertook "Shoes for the Cure" as a project and placed bins in prominent places around town.

There is a bin at Deerfield Beach City Hall, at the city recycling center, Deerfield Country Club and at several business locations. Project Chair Avis Swenson filled her car trunk with donated shoes for the bins and got permis-

sion to place them at all the locations.

But somehow the promise made "By Shoes for the Cure" founder Adam Levine, never materialized.

The Kiwanis Club was promised 10 cents of every 30 cents he made selling the shoes to recyclers.

"We made about \$140," Swenson said this week. Aware that the city was cracking down on the bins, she attempted repeatedly to call Levine. It was not until this week, when she left "a message that wasn't so nice," that Levine responded saying he would pick up his bins.

"I repeatedly called for him to pick the bins up," Swenson said. "The Kiwanis logo is on there, but we never got payments. I asked BSO if I could remove them myself and they said no, they were private property. I didn't

know what to do."

Klopp said the property owner can remove the bins if the collector refuses to do so without violating any law.

Levine's excuse for letting down the Kiwanis Club is that he had "troubles with my partner." He said he had his bins in many schools in Boca Raton that participate with him in providing shoes for the poor and in the recycling effort. Levine blames the big collectors - the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and the unnamed bins that have sprung up - for squelching someone "who is just trying to make a living."

For the big collectors, used clothing is a "multi-million business," according to Levine, and there is little charity involved.

Klopp said for legit charities, such as the Salvation Army, the collection bins

would be legal if the site plan is modified. "It's a minor change," Klopp said.

# Sightings

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

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## Hometown boy performs July 4th



**Deerfield Beach** - Andrew Carter Morris, a resident of Deerfield Beach, has signed with new Nashville label, MTD, which will release his CD in September. Morris grew up singing songs in the style of George Jones, Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings and it is this return to "old country" that attracted MTD president Ron Fitzgerald. Morris's four-piece band will be on stage at the Deerfield Beach Fourth of July celebration, 3 to 5:15 p.m. He can also be seen and heard July

## Pompano resident takes second spot in Elvis Fest



**Immokalee** - The annual Elvis Fest competition brought a dozen Elvis tribute artists to Immokalee. First-time contestant David Morin of Pompano Beach, Fla. won the second place prize of \$1,500. He sang "I Was the One," and "Shake, Rattle and Roll." Third place, \$1,000, went to Jeff LaJesse of Seminole, Fla. LaJesse has competed in every Elvis Fest held at the casino. First place winner was Irv Cass of Fenton, Michigan. He received \$2,500 with renditions of "Let It Be me" and "Suspicious Minds."

## Plan for some dolphin this weekend

**Lighthouse Point** - Those looking to cap their week by catching some dolphin will be in luck.

Late this week big dolphin were being caught weighing up to 45 pounds offshore. One benefit of Tropical Storm Debby, says Capt. JR Boyle, is some good fishing. It's basically shaking up the water column. And fishing for this weekend should be really good.

But inshore fishing, should be pretty good too.

Kingfish and snapper seem to be biting the most. Catching them with live bait however might be a tricky task.

And that's because live bait gets scarce with the full moon.

A full moon is scheduled this weekend.

"It's tough to catch live bait on the full moon. They move and relocate."

So Boyle suggests stocking up on plenty of chum and sardines.



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Low 12:26 AM High 6:34 AM Low 12:50 PM High 7:26 PM	Low 3:11 AM High 9:24 AM Low 3:32 PM High 10:00 PM	

# Citizens

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vulnerable to a hurricane. "They're going to investigate it [again]," said Boehm after meeting with the Citizens representative.

Citizens, a non-profit insurance company, was established by state officials to provide insurance to Florida residents after many private insurance companies left Florida because it was no longer profitable.

Deerfield Beach resident Neville Gombs says the inspector who came to his house told him the property was made of too much wood. For that, he's facing an increase of at least \$600 a year. "It seems like every time I look around, they keep raising insurance," said Gombs, who has owned his home for 30 years and says hurricanes have never caused any real damage to his property.

"We haven't had a hurricane since what, 2005? So why should we have to suffer

every time something happens?" he asked.

Citizens requires that homes be insured for 100 percent of the replacement cost.

To calculate the cost of replacing a damaged or destroyed home, Citizens looks at construction labor and material expenses, code variations, demographics and other costs related to residential construction. A free inspection is provided to review each property.

Citizens spokesperson Candace Bunker, in an email to *The Pelican*, wrote that as an alternative to Citizens' premium calculator, customers can also have another insurance company inspect their property.

In addition to the cost of premiums, if a catastrophic storm were to deplete Citizens' funding, the company has the right to levy a one-time assessment of between 15 and 45 percent.

Dirk DeJong, president of Frank H. Furman Insurance, located in Pompano Beach, says homeowners can do a

lot to get a cheaper premium. Updating old systems, such as plumbing and electrical work, can lead to a lower premium because the older something is the more prone is to be damaged during a storm; newer systems are more likely to survive a storm without incident.

"It's important that people update and that their homes are in good shape," said DeJong.

He added that inspectors also look at the condition of the roof, support trusses, garage doors, front doors and hurricane shutters. "You will get a substantial credit on your windstorm policy [if all those are in good shape]," said DeJong.

Pompano resident Brad Tremper, facing an increase of \$1,200, is also wondering why he is paying more when his home has never seen serious damage. "The house has been there for almost 50 years and not a thing has happened."

Eight years ago he was paying \$1,100 a year. Now his Citizen's bill is \$5,000. "It's

sad. I could just save my darn money and put a new roof on the house for what they want to charge," said Tremper.

But although homeowners without a mortgage can legally decline insurance, it's not something DeJong recommends. "Insurance is relatively inexpensive based on the size of your asset," he said, adding that homeowners could save money over a few years but if a big storm comes through and wipes out the home they would lose their biggest asset.

Like some of her constituents, Clarke-Reed's home also failed inspection – a bathroom door that leads to a patio area outside lacked a shutter.

In 2010, she was with the majority of state legislators who voted to allow Citizens to increase rates by up to 10 percent for new policies beginning in January 2011. But she says Citizens is now trying to remove the cap.

On July 16, a public workshop will be held to discuss the possible removal of the cap. The workshop will be held in Miami but Citizens

has not chosen an exact time or location.

Clarke-Reed said she understands that Citizens has to be kept solvent and ready to absorb the costs associated with the next hurricane but "if the residents can't pay, it will never be actuarially sound."

Visit [www.citizensfla.com](http://www.citizensfla.com) for more. Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed has also opened her office to those who have questions about Citizens. Call 954-786-4848.

# Funding

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the lead on the issue. He asked the petitioner, "All my best experiences as a young person involved the Boy Scouts. I won't beat around the bush. If a kid belongs to the Boy Scouts or an adult is a leader in the Boys Scout and information comes out that the person is gay, could he be prohibited from joining the Boys Scouts or prohibited from participating?"

Keith Jones of the South Florida Council of Boy Scouts said, "A kid, no. A leader, there's a possibility, yes."

Because of the national charter?" Brown asked. "Jones said, yes."

Brown said he had no problem with a private organization having membership requirements. But he said he has a philosophical problem providing public funding if there is discrimination, and he would not support the fund request.

"When you stop the funding, the kids I serve won't be able to participate," Jones said.

Vice Mayor Scot Sasser moved to support Jones' request, but his motion died for lack of a second.

The commission did approve a \$10,120 contribution to the Aging & Disability Resource Council, \$2,000 to Women in Distress, \$1,547 to Kids Vote Broward and \$551 for Family Central.

In 2011, the Aging & Disability Resource Council provided town residents with \$20,289 in services. The town has 3,526 residents over age 60.

The Family Central grant will yield \$31,802 in federal dollars. The program provides childcare so low-income parents can work and take part in training programs.

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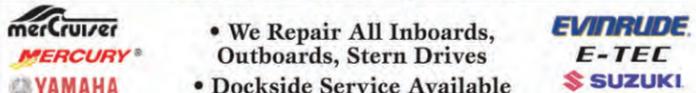
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# Jacobs

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is the underdog in the financial contest but says she is counting on "grassroots support" to get her elected. She points to her election to the county commission when she won with very few campaign dollars against an incumbent.

Following the 2010 U.S. Census, party affiliations shifted in Dist. 22 enough to

**Primary elections take place Aug. 14 for Congressional candidates.**

**Frankel and Jacobs will face each other.**

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give Democrat candidates the edge after a long history of Republican representation. The winner of the democrat primary will face Republican Adam Hasner, a member of the Florida House.

While Frankel is getting support from Democrat heavy-hitters such as former governor Buddy McKay, Cong. Alcee Hastings and Cong. Frederica Wilson, former education commissioner Betty Castor, former gubernatorial candidate Alex Sink

and Broward county Commissioner Suzanne Gunzberger, Jacobs has gathered endorsements from the unions – AFL/CIO, the state and county Police Benevolent Association, the Broward County Council of Firefighters, the United Transportation Union as well as the groups Democracy for America and the Palm Beach Voter's Coalition.

A resident of Pompano Beach, she is also supported by a number of local elected officials.

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