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Signs in Deerfield Beach Neighborhood reflect opposition to TLC, a recovery center slated to open in this neighborhood.

## TLC not equipped to operate recovery house, neighbors say

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – Neighbors of TLC Recovery, LLD don't believe they are being treated with "tender, loving, care" and are asking the city to turn down the company's request to house more than three people at their facility at 1550 SE 12 St.

Calling for city officials to protect their "health, safety, and welfare," they spoke this week at a hearing where an attorney for TLC asked his client be allowed up to nine recovering

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## Tight budget offers decreases in taxes, utility rates

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** – Local property tax bills will be going down next year..

Commissioners unanimously agreed Tuesday to set the preliminary tax rate at \$3.93 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. That's down from the current \$3.99. Connie Hoffman, town manager, recommended the lower rate in her proposed budget.

Property values have been appraised at \$1.761 billion, a 1.7 percent increase over this year and the first increase since 2007-2008.

*See TIGHT BUDGET on page 20*



## 123 days left in 2012 Hurricane season

### Gone with the Winds: Pompano Beach's 1947 hurricane that put the town under water

By Bud Garner

POMPANO BEACH HISTORIAN

It was a dark and stormy day in Pompano on this Friday in October, 1947. Pompano was just recuperating from the effects of a huge hurricane that had blown through earlier creating much damage and flooding in many low lying areas. Another one was on its way, and the townspeople were leaving their homes heading to hurricane shelters carrying the essentials they might need for who knows how many days.

Shelters were not official. Back then there was not a designated place to go. People just knew where the safe places would be to weather a hurricane.

The Pompano High School auditorium was one along with First Baptist church and First Methodist church. They were on a first come, first served basis.

The night brought higher winds and lots of pelting rain. Everyone needing shelters were probably already in them and could now bed down to wait out the night.

It was hard on people to face a hurricane that came in after dark. Nothing could be seen, all the electricity in town was off, and it was terribly dark.

Saturday morning brought with it winds that were lashing out of the east in excess of 150 miles per hour, and the rain was coming down almost horizontal, cutting exposed skin like a knife.

This condition continued all through the day until mid afternoon. The eye of the hurricane passed over

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# Cultural center is approved, reviews mixed Pompano festival will reach out to Brazilian community

By Anne Siren

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**Pompano Beach** - Whitney Metevia, a local attorney, has a strong affection for opera. But Metevia, a Pompano Beach native and a member of the city's economic advisory committee, has mixed feelings about plans for a new cultural center in Pompano Beach.

"If it's run right, it will have an economic value to the city," she says. "But it has to be promoted the right way. I've lived here all my life. This city is diverse. It will be hard to cater to just one taste or cultural interest."

Earlier this year, plans for a Broward County Public Library were approved. This library will replace the

Pompano Branch Library on East Atlantic Boulevard.

This month, commissioners approved the addition of a 20,000 square foot cultural center to be built on the second floor of the library. The center, a 5,000 square foot area, will be a multi-use facility with a 750 square foot exhibition gallery and a 2,500 square foot media center.

The multi-use flexible space will be designed for live performance, dance, theater, film presentations, visual arts exhibitions, banquets and other special events. The main space will accommodate 400 people in theater configuration, 275-seated people at banquet tables or 500 people for standing-room events.

None of that came close to Vice Mayor George Brummer's vision of a cultural center.

"They hired a group [Webb Management Services, Inc.] that specializes in theater and that kind of venue to complete a study," Brummer said. "They came back with an answer that a separate theater was not feasible now, but maybe later. I am not happy with that at all."

Brummer had originally wanted three separate buildings: a library, a theater and a banquet center/exhibition space. But suspected soil contamination on the property made three buildings impractical.

The vice mayor said he wanted something that would put Pompano Beach on the map and found the recommendation

See CULTURAL CENTER on page 21

# Pompano festival will reach out to Brazilian community

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** - For the first time since the earliest Brazilian restaurants and businesses opened here, Pompano is taking a big step to make sure its South American residents connect with the community.

On Nov. 24, TV Record USA, one of Brazil's largest television networks, will host Show De Fim De Ano, or End of the Year Special, at the Pompano Beach Amphitheatre featuring some of Brazil's most popular and well-known entertainers.

"One of my goals as mayor was to bring forth the Brazilian community and to make them feel part of the city," said Mayor Lamar Fisher, who estimates

Brazilians make up about 20 percent of the city's 100,000-strong population. "We are so thrilled to be able to have our first event which will embrace the Brazilian community."

And that large population of Brazilians is what drew TV Record USA to North Broward. "Pompano has the largest concentration of Brazilians in Florida and South Florida," said Luciano Sameli, account executive with TV Record USA. "After 11 years broadcasting in the United States, we decided to do something in the Brazilian community."

Brazilian communities in the Spain, the United Kingdom, Africa, Japan and other parts of the United States that subscribe to TV

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## Neighbor charged with multiple Deer Creek burglaries

By **Judy Wilson**

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### Deerfield Beach

— Residents in Deer Creek Country Club are resting easier after the July 19 arrest of their neighbor Darrin Engel, 44, charged with 39 residential burglaries involving 800 stolen items.

Engel, who lived with his mother on Lakeshore Drive, was charged after he pawned an item giving detectives enough evidence to charge him with 44 counts of

burglary / grand theft.

Engel had no car and committed his burglaries either on foot or riding a bike. He stashed the stolen goods in the attic of his mother's home, accessible from her garage. Broward Sheriff's Office Det. Craig Brown said the mother had no knowledge of her son's nefarious activities.

Detectives say, when arrested, Engel confessed to every burglary and drove them to the scene of each crime.

Because he lacked

transportation, Engel chose to target his neighbors. Lt. Neal Glassman told a gathering of District 4 residents meeting at Constitution Park this week. Near to his own home, Engel was hard to track because when he entered his house, the police dogs lost his scent, Glassman said.

With Engel in jail, crime stats in the zone, up 7 percent, should return to normal, Glassman added.

The apprehension of Engel brought BSO deputies to the country club community in

many guises. "You may not have seen us, but believe me we were out there, in golf carts, in unmarked cars..." Glassman said.

Another man was arrested breaking into a Deer Creek home when the resident, upstairs in her shower, heard a noise and called 911. In this incident, a canine officer brought down the suspect.

The distressing fact for law enforcement, Glassman said, is that when one crime wave

See BURGLAR on page 13

## Bogdanoff to speak at chamber

**Deerfield Beach** — State Senator Elynn Bogdanoff will speak at the Aug. 2 Breakfast N' Deerfield event hosted by the Greater Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel Deerfield, 100 Fairway Drive, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Visit [www.deerfieldchamber.com](http://www.deerfieldchamber.com) for more information or to purchase tickets.

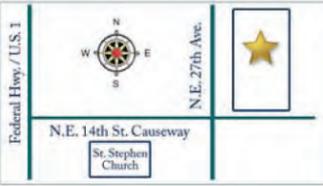


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# Whole Foods store opening on Federal at former Pompano Kmart

By Michael d'Oliveira

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**Pompano Beach** – For years, Whole Foods customers in Pompano Beach have had to drive to Fort Lauderdale, Boca Raton or Coral Springs if they wanted to shop at the organic grocery chain.

But with the announcement that Whole Foods is opening a new 40,000 sq. ft. store in the old Kmart, 2421 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, the drive to buy natural and organic groceries and products should be a lot shorter for many Pompano, Deerfield Beach and Lighthouse Point residents. The store is planned to open sometime in 2014 and will be the company's 22<sup>nd</sup> in Florida.

"This is a really fantastic addition to the greater Pompano Beach area. It's in close proximity to Lighthouse Point and will certainly serve it well. You might even see an uptick in retail use because of this," said Ric Green, president/CEO of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Green added that he sees Whole Foods as having a positive impact on Citi Centre, the Beacon Light Shopping Center and other small businesses that don't offer the kinds of products the organic grocery chain sells.

Whole Foods is the latest in a series of nationwide chains that have added or increased their presence in the Pompano area. GFS is building a store in Lighthouse Point and Public recently opened its new and significantly expanded store on Atlantic Boulevard.

"Businesses are looking at this area, feeling that it's underserved and they can penetrate the market," said Green.

And Whole Foods has been eying Pompano's market

or a while now.

"It's just finally great to get the word out," said Pompano Mayor Lamar Fisher. Before the Kmart closed, Whole Foods was already in discussion with city officials about opening its doors in Pompano.

"I think it's going to be fantastic for our city. It's absolutely the perfect fit. It provides the ideal location for Whole Foods," said Fisher, referring to the close proximity to shoppers in Lighthouse Point.

"We are thrilled to be opening in Pompano Beach. For years, our customers have been longing for a store here and we've wanted to open one as well," said Juan Nunez, president of Whole Foods Market – Florida Region, in a press release. "After much planning, it's very exciting to see it come to fruition."

One of those customers is Star Shulmister, who lives in

Palm Aire. She rarely shops at the Fort Lauderdale Whole Foods now but would become more of a regular if Pompano got a store. "I would probably go more often . . . it would be a little bit closer because I work on Atlantic Boulevard and Federal," she said. "I would get the things that I get from Whole Foods more often, instead of just when I was in the neighborhood."

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# CANA brings new artistic opportunities to Wilton Manors

# Sightings



[Above] Artist Amy Gross with one of her works at CANA's Gallery 21 opening. [Right] Artist Carl Phillips. [Staff photos]

**By Michael d'Oliveira**  
**PELICAN STAFF**

**Wilton Manors**  
 – When she looked around her community, resident Constance Ruppender saw a lot of parks but no city property dedicated to the arts.

That changed last Friday when Ruppender and members of the Central Area Neighborhood Association, or CANA, celebrated the grand opening of Gallery 21 in the Woman's Club of Wilton Manors building. "We don't have any

cultural centers. I feel like Wilton Manors is in a place where it could use some culture," said Ruppender, who serves as president of CANA.

Built in 1955, the building was the meeting place for the Woman's Club. Its members were a leading force in

*See CANA ART on page 24*

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## U.S. Senate refuses to debate Disclose Act

*Voters deserve to know origins of secret money in elections*

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**Washington, DC** -- Twice this week, the U.S. Senate refused to allow full debate on the Disclose Act, which would require complete disclosure of spending on big-money advertising in candidate elections.

Twice, the Senate failed to invoke cloture, the procedural motion that requires 60 votes before the Senate can even consider legislation.

"Huge sums of secret money are flooding into our elections, and without full disclosure the voters won't know who is trying to buy influence," said Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida. "Secret money should have no place in our elections, but today we see it nationally and in Florida, drowning out the voices of everyday Americans."

### How did Florida's Senators vote?

"Florida Senator Bill Nelson did vote to allow debate on this vital issue," said Macnab, "putting the interests of everyday voters first. Disappointingly, the yes votes were overwhelmed by those Senators who voted to terminate debate on the Disclose Act, including Senator Marco Rubio."

"The League supports the Disclose Act of 2012 because we believe that Americans deserve all the information they can get before they vote," said Macnab. "The Disclose Act builds on disclosure requirements already approved by the Supreme Court in Citizens United when it said that disclosure is important to 'providing the electorate with information.'"

The League says: Tell us where the money is coming from and let the voters decide. "The Disclose Act is an important step towards eliminating secret money, and we will not give up," said Macnab, speaking for the League of Women Voters of Florida.

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## Pompano voters should vote "YES" on three local referenda

By Pompano Beach Commissioner Barry Dockswell

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH



Dear Voters of the City of Pompano Beach,  
There will be a general election this Aug. 14. Many citizens already have their "Vote by Mail" ballots [formerly called "Absentee Ballots".] Since this is a primary election, there are some ballot items which are only for registered Democrats or Republicans. However, all voters are eligible to vote – and should vote! – on a number of non-partisan items, including judges, school board members, and three Pompano Beach proposed amendments.

I urge all Pompano Beach voters to vote YES on all three of the city amendments. I will explain why I support each item below.

### Proposed Amendment #1 – Hours of sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

In 1977, Pompano Beach voters set the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages via a public referendum. This did not become part of the city charter; however, a law established by public referendum can only be repealed or changed via another public referendum. Therefore, this item seeks to repeal the law established by referendum, so that the city commission can set hours and other conditions for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages via normal commission ordinance procedures.

It is important that this level of flexibility be returned to the city commission. For example, Pompano Beach is now one of the very few Broward County cities which still prohibits the sale of alcohol in restaurants on Sunday mornings.

Our restaurants which may not serve mimosas or conduct champagne brunches on Sunday mornings are at a competitive disadvantage compared to restaurants in neighboring towns.

Another example of the need for flexibility in this area relates to the Isle Casino. There is the possibility that the city might want to establish an Entertainment District including the Isle Casino which might be justified in having different rules relating to the hours for sale and consumption of alcohol as compared to the rest of the city.

For reasons like these, it would be very wise for the voters to give the city commission the ability to react to evolving circumstances and set the hours and other conditions for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages by commission vote.

Of course the city commissioners are still answerable to the voters and are subject to state laws in this area. And any ordinances passed by the commission in this area would be subject to the usual public hearings and debate before passage.

### Proposed Amendment #2 – Transfer of city-owned land to Pompano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency.

This item seeks to correct a problem which is impeding the city and CRA's redevelopment efforts. There are cases where the city owns one parcel of land and the CRA owns an adjacent parcel of land. If the city could simply transfer the ownership of its parcel to the CRA, the parcels could be assembled for development either by the CRA or through a public-private partnership. Under the current city charter, the city may not convey its parcel to the CRA without putting the parcel through a public bidding process first. This would be cumbersome, time-consuming, and could defeat the city and CRA's redevelopment plans.

Approval of this amendment will simply allow the city to transfer its public-owned land to the CRA just as it can already do today with other governmental bodies such as the county and the state.

### Proposed Amendment #3 – City elected officials serve part-time and may be concurrently employed pursuant to Florida law.

As many voters know, city elected officials became subject to a strict new county code of ethics as of Jan. 1 of this year. I enthusiastically support a strong code of ethics for all elected officials. However, this amendment, if approved, will deal with the fact that there are two meaningful differences in this area between a county commissioner and a city commissioner.

First, county commissioners are considered to be full-time county employees and are paid as such. Thus, under the ethics code, they must report all their other sources of income. By contrast, city commissioners are considered part-time and are paid as such. Thus, it would be unnecessary and intrusive for a city commissioner to have to make public his/her income from his/her primary job or business.

Second, the new ethics code prohibits elected officials from lobbying in Broward County cities. This makes sense for county commissioners since they have a superior relationship to city commissioners: They have the power to

# Yes

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pass laws which affect the cities and the power to review and approve many city actions and requests.

Clearly, if a county commissioner lobbies a city commission, say, for approval of a client's development proposal, city commissioners could be understandably reluctant to say no to a county commissioner's client, for fear of losing the county commissioner's support on items of importance to the city commissioners.

On the other hand, city commissioners in Broward

County do not have a superior relationship to commissioners of other cities in the county. Thus, there is no reason why a city commissioner in Pompano Beach should be prohibited from lobbying, say, the Coral Springs city commission.

Note that, if this amendment is passed, city commissioners will still be subject to state laws which regulate conflicts of interest and require disclosure of income and other factors which could create conflicts of interest.

Passage of this amendment will retain the full strength and spirit of the new ethics code, while accounting for

the difference between county commissioners, who are full-time employees with power over cities in the county, and city commissioners who are part-time employees with no power over other cities in the county.

I hope that the above makes the intent and effect of all three proposed amendments clear. Again, I urge a Yes vote on all three amendments.

I wish all residents of Pompano Beach a happy, healthy and safe summer – Vote and Have Fun!

Barry Dockswell  
Pompano Beach City  
Commissioner, District 1

# FDOT study addresses lighting problems

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach-** A traffic safety study of Hillsboro Boulevard between Dixie Highway and Natura Boulevard has been drafted and awaits input from local officials. The Kimley-Horn study analyzed traffic accidents between 2008-2010 where residents complain of poor lighting and dangerous pedestrian conditions.

The study, commissioned by the Florida Department of Transportation, noted 173 accidents in the corridor in the

two-year period. There were no fatalities until this year when a pedestrian was killed crossing Hillsboro at NW 2 Ave. His death prompted calls for traffic controls and better lighting in the area.

At least one of the negative findings, a high-skid area, will be resolved when FDOT resurfaces Hillsboro Blvd. from Military Trail to US 1. Bids for that project are due to be let in July 2014, according to FDOT spokesperson Barbara Kelleher.

As to when any of the recommendations in the safety study could be addressed, Kelleher said the project has not yet been designed and she could not speculate as to funding. Some of the improvements suggested in the study could possibly be included in the resurfacing project, she said, and when local funding is available, her agency does joint participation agreements with cities.

Among the recommendations in the report is to install a traffic signal and crosswalk at NW 2 Ave., improve signalization and westbound/eastbound turn times at Natura Blvd., add intersection lights to the SW and SE corners of MLK and Hillsboro boulevards, add corridor lighting on north side of Hillsboro, make street lighting in the area uniform, add a bike may-use lane and relocate several bus stops.

The study noted that lighting on the north side of Hillsboro is not effective for motorists and lighting along the corridor is inconsistent. Two problems in the area are frequent pedestrian and bike movement across Hillsboro Blvd.

City officials are reviewing the draft now.

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### AARP Driver Safety Program

**Deerfield Beach** – Drivers over 50 years old can save money, earn a discount on car insurance and update their driving skills by attending the AARP Driver Safety Program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the N.E. Focal Point Senior Center, 227 N.W. 2nd Street, Deerfield Beach. The cost is \$14 or \$12 for AARP members. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 954-480-4447 or email nefocalpoint@deerfield-beach.com.

### CERT training classes

**Fort Lauderdale** – Classes for CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team, will be held on Aug. 11 and 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Station 53, 2200 Executive Airport Way. The classes are free. CERT members learn life-saving skills to use in the case of major emergencies including hurricanes, floods and fires. CERT members will also learn fire suppression and injury care for everyday situations and will be trained to assist emergency response personnel during emergency response operations. Pre-registration is required. Email carladeanf@fortlauderdale.gov or call 954-828-

### Country music festival

**Deerfield Beach** – A country music festival will be held from 12 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21 Ave., Deerfield Beach.

Bring beach chairs and towels and enjoy the summer beach breeze, sands, and the variety of country sounds: 1:30 to 3 p.m., Shane Duncan; 3:30 to 5 p.m., Andrew Morris; 5:30 to 7 p.m., The David Ray Band; 7:30 to 9 p.m., Tom Jackson Band. For more information, call 954-480-4429.

## State Farm agent, Michele M. Greene, named *Child Advocate of the Year* by Children's Home Society

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Michele Greene is an unusual woman whose business success is rivaled by her incredible after hours life of dedication to many areas of the community. On October 20, 2012, Children's Home Society will honor Greene as the agency's R. David and I. Lorraine Thomas Child Advocate of the Year. The Society's annual gala will be an evening affair held at the Westin Beach Resort & Spa.

Greene reminisces about her involvement with Children's Home Society, or CHS, which began 22 years ago.

"I was eight months pregnant with my son, and I wanted to meet other moms and women in the community. I needed to step away from my business world into my new role as a mother. New friends suggested I join the CHS Auxiliary which I did. I sit on the local and state boards in a volunteer position. We aspire to be the voice of our children to local business, social service organizations and our governing world. This award recognizes the importance of advocacy roles—mine and all of those who came before me. I am the 30th person to receive this award."

Expanding her involvement with CHS, Greene became a "Foster Respite Grandmother" on Mother's Day, 2011. "That means I am a short term "grandmother" who gives a little relief to the full time foster parent. I keep my babies from three to 10 days. So far I have had six babies who often return to me for weekend stays."

Asked why a working woman would willingly get up in the middle of the night to give a bottle to a crying baby, Greene says, "I loved it as a new mother and I love it now. I form an unconditional bond of love for the small child in my arms and that child feels my love. I can't explain it, but it's there."

Is it traumatic to give up the baby you have learned to love in its short stay? "No," says Greene, "because I know that infant will be well cared for when reunited with its birth parent or



Michele Greene, *Child Advocate of the Year* award winner, is also a Foster Respite Grandmother, who cares for babies for three to ten days giving a brief relief to the full time foster parent. Shown here with one of the babies she has fostered since Mother's Day, 2011 when she took on this, her latest volunteer challenge. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

foster family."

There's even a little nursery set aside in Greene's State Farm office. She explains, "Throughout my 25-year career in this location, my employees have brought their newborns to work for the first few months. I think this is an example of what businesses can and should do to accommodate the needs of valuable employees. I'm also a conduit for those who have donations of infant and children's needs from diapers to furniture. I seem to know who needs what."

The Intercoastal Division of CHS operates nine programs delivering a unique spectrum of social services

designed to protect children at risk of abuse, neglect, or abandonment; strengthen and stabilize families; help young people break the cycle of abuse and neglect; and find safe, loving homes for children in Broward County. The East Broward Auxiliary was founded in 1989 to raise money for an actual emergency home. The 15,000 square foot I. Lorraine Thomas Children's Emergency Home and Family Support Center opened its door, debt free, in 1994. Formerly an emergency home for 20 children, it is now a residential home for 12 boys,

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# Ahoy, captains! Pompano Chamber sets new date for Holiday Boat parade

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – Year after year they line up, from pleasure craft to fishing yachts, decked-out from bow to stern in holiday lights and cheer – all to make a grand display down the Intracoastal for the annual Pompano Beach Holiday Boat Parade.

This year's parade celebrates the 50th annual ride down the Intracoastal, making it the oldest in Florida and one of the oldest in the nation.

Organizers have moved up



**Boat Parade** - This parade began with a few fisherman who decorated their boats and sang carols along the canals. Today the Pompano Beach Holiday Boat parade is a signature event in the city. All boats are welcome, and there is no charge to participate.

the date to Sunday, Dec. 9 in an effort to get more boats.

"It's not as much witnessing the parade as it is participating," said Ric Green, president/CEO of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, the event's main organizer.

In years past, Pompano's boat parade has been held the day after Fort Lauderdale's Winterfest – held this year on Saturday, Dec. 15. And for some boaters, two days in a row can be a tall order – sometimes too tall.

"The problem is they're

tired when it comes to Sunday," said Green.

Starting at Lake Santa Barbara just south of Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, the parade winds its way north through Lighthouse Point, Hillsboro Beach and ends in Deerfield Beach at the Hillsboro Boulevard Bridge.

"A majority of the boats are smaller boats. But that's been in the past. The new date may change that. Our parade could be a warm-up for Winterfest," said Green.

But while there's room for the big yachts and fishing boats, Green said the focus is still on the "mom-and-pop's and families and smaller boats" that show up. "We want to keep it for the residents and the families. Our whole thing is it's all about family, it's all about putting fun in the parade."

Along with the date change, organizers are

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**2nd Annual Family Night**

**Deerfield Beach** – The 2nd Annual Family Night will take place on Tuesday, July 31 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Duffy’s Sports Grill, 401 N Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach. 10 percent of the proceeds will benefit N.E. Focal Point which provides services to children, people with Alzheimer’s, seniors and adult services. Those unable to attend can still support the event by sending a check to N.E. Focal Point CASA, Inc. 227 NW 2 St., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Call 954-480-4460 for more information.

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**By Phyllis J. Neuberger**

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They dance for charity, but on July 21, they partied and danced with and for each other as they celebrated last year’s successes and launched Viva Las Vegas, this year’s extravaganza!

When Elvis [Gene Allen] dropped in for a surprise visit, excitement filled the ballroom of the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club, the setting for the elegant buffet luncheon. The thirty plus dancers and their support team of at least 70 theater buffs of the Original Florida Follies were all on hand and raring to party.

All smiles and dressed to the nines, this unique group of talented men and women between 60 and 90-plus years were gearing up for a punishing season of rehearsals to prepare for their six Broadway style performances scheduled for this coming season.

These dedicated volunteers will produce a top-quality show featuring song, dance and costumes that always exceeds all expectations. And they will all do it with the hope of raising and donating over \$150,000 to children’s charities.

Cathy Dooley, producer and director of this 501© (3) non profit organization, greeted her dancers and support team with a big smile and these words, “Let’s dance and have fun. This is our celebration, so eat, drink, and be merry!” Music filled the air. Men and women in their fancy finery filled the dance floor, defying their ages to reveal their mastery of dance.

Pat Siberski calls the group “a true anti-aging program that inspires the dancers, the support team and their audiences. “Siberski is a volunteer CPA who gives her time, talent and

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Joe Ruggiero, left, and Jack Deering, share a laugh with Cathy Dooley as they watch Elvis shimmy, shake and charm the Follies girls, several of whom got up to wiggle along with him. [Photo by Phyllis J. Neuberger]



Elvis [Gene Allen] really turned his charm on for the ladies, and they loved it. [Photo by Sheila Phillips]

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# Follies

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treasures to the group and says she's honored to do so. "I'm thrilled to be part of this inspiring organization," she says.

Ethel Beardsworth has been dancing since she was two and says, "It's my life, and this group is my second family." She also writes their newsletter, handles the web site, telephone directory and more.

Beverly Blatchley has been dancing with the group for the past seven years. She says, "We're all doing what we love to do. Even my husband, Jim, helps behind the scenes."

Sheila Phillips travels from South Miami to every rehearsal and says, "After being a Rockette in New York for 14 years, meeting celebrities and traveling the world, I ended up in Florida. I'm fairly new to this group. I'm impressed with the quality and enthusiasm of the Follies and I'm pleased to dance with them and be their camera woman."

Jack Deering and Joe Ruggiero have been active volunteers for four years. Deering says, "We love performing, but we're also back stage helpers."

One of the beneficiaries of the Follies is Family Central, Inc. Dr. Barbara Weinstein, president and CEO of the organization, was on hand

for the party. She called the Follies' donation "a miracle for us. Their gift to us allowed us to buy a van which now picks up donations and distributes them to those in need. We adore these dancers and the good work they do for the community. I've headed up Family Central for 26 years. We started out serving about 1,800 children from a very needy population. Now, we are servicing over 100,000 children in extreme poverty. It's a tremendous challenge to do so."

A major recipient of the Follies is Children's diagnostic and treatment Center, or CDTC. Enjoying the celebration were Dr.

Ana Calderon and Stephanie Clayton from this agency. Calderon said, "The Follies made it possible for 35 children to attend a special camp in Texas, as well as countless other children, with special health care needs, to attend summer camps in Fort Lauderdale."

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# Burglar

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is ended, another one begins. "These people are out there," Glassman said. "It is up to you to protect your property ... look out for each other." Glassman said that organizing neighborhood Crime Watch units has been effective in deterring crime in other areas.

## New recycling bins may be too large for some spaces

In other news from the meeting, held by City Commissioner Bill Ganz, residents of Verona, a town home community in Deer Creek, expressed their concerns over the city's automated recycling program which will be launched in

October. Their garages, they said, are too small to fit the 65-gallon recycling container alongside a car. They asked if they could continue with the small container bins now in use.

Chad Grecsek, assistant director of environmental services said the old bins will be phased out but residents can keep them for other purposes. "We know that

limited space may be an issue," Grecsek said. "We can deploy the smaller 35-gallon cart to those areas."

The small bins now in use will not work with the automated collection trucks that not only collect the cans, but keep track of the amount of material being dumped. Grecsek is hoping everyone will use the 65-gallon size to get the maximum benefit for recycling. It has the same footprint as the small bins, he added. Those with the space and lots of recyclables can opt for a 95-gallon container.



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# Greene

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a community conference room and administrative offices. Mrs. Thomas, for whom the building is named, remains active on the board of directors and on the auxiliary as an advocate for children.

The Children's Home Society is not the only recipient of Greene's seemingly endless energy and devotion to causes close to her heart. She calls herself an Ambassador to the Lighthouse Chamber of Commerce which she has served in many capacities including President.

And then there's her volunteer work with her church, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, where she was a religious instructor for years. She now puts her expertise to work on the parish and financial councils where she assists in finance, marketing and public relations.

"I really like the diversity of our church which has merged with St. Joseph Haitian Mission to become a unique tri-lingual Catholic church offering masses in English, Spanish and Creole."

Greene is well known in the area as a successful State Farm Agent with offices at 3320 N. Federal. She started with State Farm as a young woman 25 years ago and is the first to admit, "It was not easy for a young woman to have her own agency. Like everything else, my business which I love, is filled with changes and challenges every day. I'm just glad that I have been able to give back to the community and our residents."

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# Hurricane

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Pompano, and the winds and rain suddenly died down. The sun came out, the birds appeared and began singing, but not for very long.

About 20 minutes later, the wind began to pick-up, coming now from the west where before it had been from the east. Another ten minutes and it was just as bad as it had been before the eye came through.

This lasted all night and by morning, it was still raining hard but the wind was gradually dying down.

The beach area in Pompano was in shambles. The ocean had washed up and over A-1-A depositing beach sand from the Casino to the East Coast canal which was out of its banks. Water covered Ocean drive East to NE 26 Avenue.

Extremely high tides and winds worked against the mainland, pushing the tidal

waters into the canals and backing it up into the glades. This happened every six hours from high tides to low tides and being at low tide not long enough to empty the huge amounts standing water in the everglades just a few miles west of Pompano [Note: At this time, Pompano had not annexed the beach area to take its newest name of Pompano Beach.

The Hillsboro Lighthouse was undamaged although sand was washed away from its base. The problems arising from this hurricane were just beginning after it had passed on through.

Water was the issue.

Most of South Florida was now under water from ankle deep to neck deep in places.

Just west of the FEC Railroad and Dixie Highway and down Hammondville road, the water level had reached Church Street or Northwest 3 Ave. It got deeper as people traveled west, so deep there was no automobile traffic from this point to the range

line, or State Rd 441, where Margate is today,

Old Dixie highway from Hammondville Road to Deerfield was impassible because of the high water although, in the Sample road area there was a sand ridge but the water was standing deep in the road. And this remained for several days after the hurricane moved on.

The Howell family, long-time friends of mine had a business on Hammondville Road about NW 10th Ave. Their manufacturing business sat on the South side of Hammondville and we, the Howell boys, Lowell, Duane and myself, decided to walk out and see what kind of damage had incurred,

We began walking west on Hammondville. The water got deeper, and soon was up to our waists.

On getting to a small bridge crossing Hammondville, there was a shop immediately on the south side.

When we got the front doors open, there was nothing to be

seen but water. All the machines were completely under water.

When the water receded weeks later, it was flowing south across Hammondville Road in front of the Howell's store and alive with hundreds of small fish known as "Oscars" going with the flow.

People scooped them up with nets pillowcases, bed sheets, buckets and bean hampers. There were also three eels as big as a man's arm, some of them three-foot long. No one bothered with them.

There were no alligators in sight. I suppose they were the only things that really enjoyed this "water bonanza" of fresh food.

We had seen all we needed to see and did the next best thing. We closed the doors and started back east to Old Dixie Highway.

Going south on Dixie just past the Pompano Canal, the water extended west all the way to 441 and beyond.

There was only one house in a field where the Campbell

family lived. It was completely surrounded by water. The road to Avondale Apartments was waist deep in water. No one was going in or out of there.

This condition extended south to Fort Lauderdale and New River and west to the boundaries of the Everglades.

It also continued making its way east and south to the inlets where it was channeled into the East Coast Canal and on out into the ocean.

The flowing water was taking eastward and southern routes to reach the Atlantic or the Gulf of Mexico.

As the water got shallower, its speed increased causing "gouging" and erosion. New channels were created which, in most instances was detrimental to future development.

My friend, Duane was a licensed pilot and had access to a J3 Piper Cub airplane, so we decided to take a ride out over the Glades. Leaving Pompano Air Park and heading west following Hammondville road as best we could, we were shocked at the sight of all that water. Looking west and south as far as the eye could see, nothing but water.

As we flew over the Pompano Housing project, there were all those houses with water flowing into the windows.

When we went further west, nothing but water and occasionally the tops of houses. One of the more striking aspects of this scene was after getting to 441 and turning south, we could only see the bridges spanning 441 for a short distance, then nothing but water. Highway 27 was gone.

This hurricane kept South Florida immobile for the better part of six weeks before it dried out enough for farmers to plow and plant their fields.

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# Parade

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offering goody bags, gasoline vouchers, cash prizes and a special commemorative Christmas ornament, designed by local artist Pat Anderson, to boaters who join the parade. "It may not be a lot but it's something to get participants involved," said Green.

Michele Greene, co-chair of the parade, said this year more sponsors would be needed to help entice more boaters to join.

"We're trying to get more community sponsors to support the family event. We'd like to have a minimum of 50 plus because it's the 50th anniversary," she said. "If we get more community involvement and more backing we can promote it and really make it a commemorative event. That helps our community, businesses, as well as tourism."

For more information on participating in the boat parade, volunteering or sponsoring the event, call Lisa Spinelli at 954-941-2940.

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## Festival

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Record USA will get to see Pompano featured on their screens when Show De Fim De Ano airs a month later.

"That's going to be watched by Brazilians everywhere. Millions will be watching," said Sameli, who credited the partnership TV Record USA has forged with the city, Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Brazilian Business Group with making the event possible. "We would not be able to do that without them," he said.

It's a partnership that Ric Green, Chamber of Commerce president/CEO, sees as a long lasting one.

"We've been working

on this since probably January. We want to make this an annual event," said Green, who compared the Brazilian event's potential to the Seafood Festival and Boat Parade - Pompano's two most popular events.

"It really is huge for Pompano Beach, for all of North Broward. And as it grows . . . this could be a signature event for the area," said Green. "Because it's a four-day weekend, the possibility exists that people will travel here for this."

And there's plenty of room to grow.

With seating for 3,000 and room for another 2,000 in the activities area, Mark Beaudreau, recreation programs administrator, said the amphitheatre is well equipped to handle this year's crowd. And

if the event does turn out to be a success and grow, Community Park, located adjacent to the Amphitheatre, can be used in combination to accommodate 10,000 or more.

"We can easily outgrow the amphitheatre," said Beaudreau.

Along with Brazilian entertainers there will be some country and classic rock performances, booths and exhibits run by local merchants, giveaways and "the best of what happens in Brazil in terms of food," said Sameli, adding, "Were going to mix up things to not only make things successful for Brazilians, but for Americans as well."

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**8-7 - National Night Out Against Crime** from 6 to 9 p.m. at Quiet Waters Park, Pavilion 10, 401 S. Powerline Road, Deerfield Beach. 954-571-4552

**8-11 - City shred** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Recycling Drop-Off Center, 401 SW 4 St., Deerfield Beach. Cost is \$10 for one to five boxes or bags and \$20 for six to ten. Checks only. 954-480-4379.

**8-11 - "Lenny"** will be performed at the Tamarac Theatre of the Performing Arts, 7143 Pine Island Road. Tickets are \$25 each or the summer special price of two for \$25. Play runs through Aug. 26. 954-726-7898.

**8-11 - Sheriff's Community Day & Backpack Give-away** from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Westside Park, 445 SW 2 St., Deerfield Beach. 954-422-5818.

**8-19 - Garage sale at the Herb Skolnick Center**, 800 Southwest 36 Ave., Pompano Beach, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by Scleroderma Foundation of Southeast Florida. Vendors wanted. 954-798-1854.

**8-4 - Monthly beach cleanup in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the pavilion at the end of Commercial Boulevard. 954-640-4200.

### Fridays

**Pompano Proud** meets every second Friday of the month at McNab Park, 2250 E. Atlantic Blvd., from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Every second Sunday the group meets at Galuppi's, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach, at 6 p.m. 954-562-3232.

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# Tight budget

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With the increase in values, the lower tax rate will raise the same amount of revenues as last year, Tony Bryan, finance director, told the commission.

Commissioners agreed to keep the residential fire assessment fee at \$130.

The total budget for the new fiscal year is \$20 million, up from \$17.7 million.

The proposed budget calls for a 10 percent reduction in sewer rates for most multi-family homes and hotels. Single-family homes and large restaurants will have increases.

The budget calls for a 50 percent reduction in the water service utility tax, from 10 percent to 5 percent. That will help offset an 8 percent increase in rates Fort Lauderdale will impose in October. Residents in the south end of

town receive water service from Fort Lauderdale.

Residents are expected to see a reduction in garbage rates because of a new contract with Choice Environmental and a decrease in landfill tipping fees. The exact amount is being determined.

A \$5.7 million capital improvement fund includes funds for a streetscape in the downtown area, beautification of West Commercial Boulevard, drainage on Bougainville Drive and repairs to infrastructure. No debt funding is required for the proposed projects.

Police and emergency medical services account for about 42 percent [\$4.3 million] of the total \$10.2 million general fund.

Parking revenues are up \$586,000 over the amount budgeted this year, due to rate increases, expanded use of pay stations and improved signage. Costs were reduced by more than \$100,000 since

the town contracted with a private firm to handle parking operations. Those savings will be offset in the new year due to the cost of reconfiguration of the A1A parking lot, constructing parking spaces on South Bougainville and paying for alternative parking during Commercial Boulevard construction.

## No pay raise for commission

The proposed budget calling for a five percent salary increase for the commission totaling \$3,000, was turned by a 3-2 vote.

The mayor's salary is \$13,401, and commissioners receive \$10,720.

Commissioners Mark Brown and Stuart Dodd favored the increase. While noting it's awkward to judge their own performance, Brown said he believes this commission has done a good job and deserves the raise. Dodd said the cost of living has gone up more than five percent, and the commission

has done an excellent job.

Vice Mayor Scot Sasser said approving the raise would have sent the wrong message. Commissioner Chris Vincent said the accolades he gets from friends and family are enough for him.

In discussion of the proposed millage, Brown said he favored the current, higher rate of 3.999. He is concerned about completing Commercial Boulevard improvements quickly with minimal disruption. He suggested setting aside \$150,000 as an incentive bonus for the contractor to finish as quickly as possible.

Vincent and Sasser preferred liquidated damages in a construction contract for not meeting deadlines rather than incentives to finish early.

Sasser also would like to see a lower millage rate. They have the right to set a lower rate later, but state law prohibits setting a rate higher than the preliminary rate.

Dodd said he could support the proposed or a lower millage rate, adding, "In the

past, clearly the millage was too high and projects weren't getting done. That's how we accumulated \$5.6 million in funds."

In her written report to the commission, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann noted that the town has increased code enforcement activity at no additional cost by contracting that responsibility to a private vendor. And by switching from the county to a private sector contractor the town has decreased the time it takes to turn around building plans and improved customer service to contractors and homeowners.

"This budget serves the community well," said Mayor Roseann Minnet. "I'm happy we can have these savings and have the long-awaited upgrades in the community."

The first public hearing to consider the tentative millage, budget and final fire assessment is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 12 in Jarvis Hall. The final budget hearing is at 7 p.m. Sept. 24.

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## Cultural center

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from the city's CRA "... disappointing. I tried to point out that flexible space would be neither a theater nor a banquet hall. It's a glorified civic center."

Commissioner Charlotte Burrie was far from disappointed. "We are no more a sleepy town," she said. "This second floor will give everyone a chance to enjoy the arts. We will be fully rounded with everything to offer. 'Let's go see a play.'"

Commissioner Barry Dockswell pointed out that the city hasn't been able to fill the local "... amphitheatre, and this could mean hir-

ing more people with more pensions. I think it will be a tremendous mistake."

Neil Fritz is special projects manager for the CRA, and he understands some of the issues of being in a pre-design stage of construction.

"These designs will far exceed expectations," Fritz says. "It's a new day for Pompano. The commission has made a real commitment to cultural arts. This will be a destination."

The total cost for the library/cultural center/civic campus is \$18 million. Costs will be shared by Broward County, the City of Pompano Beach and the Community Redevelopment Agency, or CRA.

The break down of the funding sources are the library, \$7.2 million funded

by Broward County; furnishings for the library, \$3 million funded by Broward County; 2nd floor cultural center, \$6 million with \$3 million funded by the city and a \$3 million funding source to be determined; civic campus master plan, \$1.8 million funded by the CRA which includes surrounding facilities in addition to the library.

Other cultural facilities in Downtown Pompano are also being planned including the rehabilitation of the historic Hotel Bailey in the Old Pompano commercial district, and the rehabilitation and programming of the historic Ali Building on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The business plans for the Ali Building and Hotel Bailey are expected to be completed in August.

Construction of the civic campus and library/cultural center is scheduled to commence in 2013 with completion anticipated in 2014.

## Pompano pastor celebrates 8th anniversary at pulpit



The Rev. Anthony Burrell [left] of Mount Calvary Baptist Church recently celebrated his 8th anniversary as pastor of one of the county's oldest historic churches. His weeklong celebration included participation from

those pictured here; Bishop Neville Campbell of First Providence Baptist Church in Freeport, Grand Bahamas, The Rev. Frederick A. Davis of First Calvary Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina and Pastor Rasheed Baaith of Christ Resurrection Community Church in Fort Lauderdale. Prior to assuming his position at Mt. Calvary, Burrell was assistant pastor at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale.



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# CANA art

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the city's early social and civic life. In 2007, the city designated the building as an historic landmark.

At its height in 1962, the club boasted a membership of 85. But the numbers dwindled and those who remained were unable to keep up with the care of the property. In 2011, members donated the building to the city.

Not long after, the building housed classes and recreational activities.

It was during a jazzercise class there that Ruppender got inspired.

"I thought this could be a gallery," she said. And so CANA set about convincing the city to fix up the structure so it could become Gallery 21; so named for its location at 600 NE 21 Court.

"This has been her passion since last year," said CANA member Bill Richardson about Ruppender.

Originally, CANA set its artistic aspirations for the Richardson House, but the Woman's Club proved to be a better fit.

The inaugural exhibit featured abstract paintings, realism, self-portraits and photography by eight Florida artists.

"I wanted to get a wide variety of artists," said Robert Gross, exhibit curator and one of the featured artists.

Gross and Ruppender both share a vision of expanding Gallery 21 beyond just paintings – a vision that includes sculptures, musicians and art-related classes and lectures.

Ruppender calls her vision for Gallery 21 "cosmic velcro."

"When you start a project, and other people become involved in the project, it takes on a life of its own. And often times, in my experience, I've seen it go way beyond what I originally imagined."

# Lighthouse Point, Wilton Manors lead in home value increases

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

After years of falling property values, most Broward cities saw an increase in taxable values this year.

Among the cities with the highest increases were Lighthouse Point at 4.17 percent, Wilton Manors at 3.63 and Sea Ranch Lakes at 4.53. Values rose 0.21 percent in Pompano Beach, 1.06 in Deerfield and 1.82 in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. The highest increase was Cooper City with 8.47 percent.

Overall, taxable value rose county-wide by 1.48 percent. In Oakland Park, values

dropped by 0.11 percent and by 7.21 percent in Lazy Lake. West Park had the highest loss at 8.44 percent.

Broward Property Appraiser Lori Parrish credited aggressive code enforcement as part of the reason some cities saw an increase in property values. "These code enforcement efforts include actions to prevent abandoned homes from falling into unsightly, unsafe and blighted states of disrepair," wrote Parrish.

Since 2008, Broward's property values, like the rest of the country after the housing market bubble burst, have been steadily

decreasing. The worst single year decrease was in 2010 when overall taxable property values fell by 11.7 percent.

But since then, the values have slowly been on the rise.

"It's really turning from a buyer's market to a seller's market right now," said Judy Trudel, realtor with Balistreri Realty in Lighthouse Point.

Trudel said homes are "getting snatched up. The inventory of available homes is lower. What I'm seeing is that there are very few affordable homes on the market." And the ones that are available, she said, are getting

multiple offers. "Buyers are very picky. They want this year's inventory, but they want to pay last year's price."

The growth in property values in Lighthouse Point and Wilton Manors is in stark contrast to what those cities have experienced in the past. In 2009, Wilton Manors saw a 15.3 percent drop in taxable property values – the worst it experienced since the decline in values began. In 2010, Lighthouse Point saw its worst year with a 10.9 percent drop.

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

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# TLC

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addicts at the lavish waterfront address. "Evoking the American Disabilities and the Fair Housing Acts, Attorney James Green asked that a 'reasonable accommodation' be made to allow more occupants in the home than allowed by code. His argument has prevailed in the courts as other cities have attempted to regulate such transitional homes. The 7,000 square foot, 6

bedroom, 6 bath mansion is shown on the TLC website to be an elegant choice for those recovering from addictions. It profiles a staff of eight managers and counselors including Allie Natkin whose stated credentials are that he is a recovering addict "who knows how to care" for others.

Natkin is one of those at TLC Recovery that has annoyed the neighborhood. Elena Perez said Natkin misrepresented himself telling neighbors he and his family were moving into the house

at 1550 SE 12 St.. She said he drove aggressively on the street, stuck out his tongue and verbally abused one of her neighbors.

Citing several incidences when TLC clients apparently walked away from the residence, Perez said the company lacks the experience and skills needed for emergency situations and "has no control over its clients... it cannot handle day-to-day episodes."

David Steavens, also on SE 12 Street, said TLC has

had work done at the house without permits and has no regard for local laws. He said cars are parked on the sidewalk and called the residence a "public nuisance." He called TLC's work a "non-regulated profession requiring no skills, no licenses."

Paul Tilley, who lives nearby, asked that TLC be restricted to the three unrelated residents allowed by the code for a one-year probationary period during which it could prove itself to be a good

operator. Right now, he said, "It is an accident waiting to happen."

Speaker Patrick Jolivet, said two young men who were clients at TLC approached girls at a neighbor's pool. He asked what happens if TLC clients have lapses in their good behavior. "Who protects our children?" he asked.

The public's remarks concluded with Robert Borowski asking what the city will do for his neighborhood if TLC is allowed to continue. "Will you put more police presence into our neighborhood 24/7?" Borowski asked.

Ending the hearing, Green said parking concerns would be addressed and repeated his request for 'reasonable accommodation.'

City Attorney Andy Maurodis said Jerry Ferguson, director of planning and development, will issue a ruling on Green's request by Monday at 5 p.m.

According to county records, the recovery house is owned by the Andrew J. Levine Trust. Levine has a Boca Raton address. A message left with a listed phone number went unreturned. The record shows the trust paid \$3.1 million for the house in 2008. It is currently appraised at \$2.3 million.

## Benefit at Paragon supports Lamberti's re-election



Sheriff Al Lamberti (right) and Paragon Theater owner Mike Whalen share a handshake Monday at a benefit hosted by Whalen in support of Lamberti's political campaign. All eight of the Paragon theaters showed Batman movie, "The Dark Knight Rises" and 600 tickets were sold. Whalen has offered his theater to a number of public function including fundraisers for the Boys and Girls Club, American Cancer Society, Boca Raton Fire Explorers. Lamberti is running for re-election as a Republican in November. He is unopposed in the August primary.

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The Showdown is the culminating event in the three-leg PBSC trail. Only 75 teams receive the honorable invitation to compete in the Showdown based on their performance in the first two qualifying legs of the series.

Currently, Casey Hunt's Flight Plan fishing team leads the coveted Showdown Crown category sponsored by Simrad Electronics. Fishing aboard a 66' Spencer, Hunt's team stands to become the first team to ever win the Crown fishing aboard a sport-fish watercraft. The Showdown Crown awards points to teams in each of the three PBSC legs based on where they finish in the tournament. Flight Plan sits in first with 182 points, followed by Robbie Buckley's Kimbaktu team with 124 points and No Mercy in third with 122 points.

With an anticipated cash purse in excess of \$100,000, there will be more than just recognition at stake for the teams competing in the Showdown championship. Two years ago, Stan Hunt, Casey's younger brother, collected a record setting check for over \$99,000 when his Rebound fishing team won the Showdown and the well publicized KDW Jackpot.

The Kids Castathon Championship sponsored by Chaos Rods will take place at Alsdorf Park on Aug. 4 in conjunction with the Showdown tournament. Kids between the ages of 5 and 12 will have the chance to test their casting accuracy and win prizes compliments of Chaos Rods. The

casting contest takes place between 3 and 6 p.m. at the same location of the Showdown weigh-in – 2850 NE 14 Street Causeway, Pompano Beach.

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<b>Saturday, July 28</b> High 4:10 AM Low 10:36 AM High 5:09 PM Low 11:10 PM	<b>Tuesday, July 31</b> Low 1:09 AM High 7:22 AM Low 1:33 PM High 8:04 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from <a href="http://www.saltwatertides.com">www.saltwatertides.com</a>
<b>Sunday, July 29</b> High 5:18 AM Low 11:39 AM High 6:13 PM	<b>Wednesday, August 1</b> Low 2:02 AM High 8:12 AM Low 2:25 PM High 8:52 PM	



Capt. RJ Boyle is an experienced angler in South Florida. His studio is located in Lighthouse Point. Call 954-420-5001.

## It's never too calm when trying to catch the big one

By RJ Boyle

RJ BOYLE STUDIOS

I absolutely love it when the ocean is flat. This whole week we have been greeted with flat and calm seas, which opens up tons of options when it comes to catching fish.

The hard part about great weather is figuring out which species of fish to target. What I notice about myself is that on a flat, calm day of fishing I will target up to three different types of fish when I leave

the dock.

I know I can fish for swordfish for six hours before I set out a spread and troll for dolphin for two hours. The two species travel in roughly the same area so I prepare myself for both.

Many days we have been lucky enough to catch a swordfish and shortly after that we are bailing dolphin. If I have no luck with the dolphin I can drop deep for the black belly rose fish. This fish is a delicacy, and they are really fun to catch.

Make sure that when you leave the dock on a flat, calm

ocean day be prepared to cover all the bases so you can come home with dinner. If you plan on fishing inshore, be wise not to high speed troll for wahoo for an hour, then set out the live baits for a tuna, sailfish, kingfish, or wahoo, then move inshore towards the end of the day.

Anchor your boat and put out the chum bag and get ready for some snapper action.

In the end you will usually catch one of your target species. You will also feel good because you put in tons of effort to make things happen.

At the end of the day, the only thing bothering you will be what to do tomorrow.

## Value

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"It's the first time in four years. Things are shining in Wilton Manors," said Mayor Gary Resnick.

For Wilton Manors, the increase in values translates into an increase of \$140,000 in budget revenues. Leigh Ann Henderson, Wilton Manors' assistant city manager, said

the city would discuss how it wants to utilize the additional income at the special city commission meeting on July 31 at 7 p.m. at city hall, 2020 Wilton Drive. At the meeting, the city will adopt a tentative millage rate and preliminary special assessment rates.

For Lighthouse Point, the extra revenue from the increase amounts to just under \$190,000.

Frank DiPaolo, Lighthouse Point finance director, said the city plans to cut into its reserves to bolster its budget. But with the additional revenue the city will be able to take less money out of the reserves in 2013.

## Lenny at the Tamarac Theater

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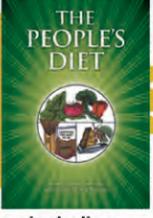


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