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LBTS will roll out single-stream recycling before year end

By Judy Vik

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

– Commissioners and the public got a preview Tuesday of what's ahead as the town prepares to launch a recycling program.

The goal is to revitalize interest in recycling and increase participation by residents and visitors.

Commissioners approved a plan that calls for several changes in sizes and colors of carts.

With the new plan, each household

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Pompano wins "green" award for making reclaimed water cheaper, easier

By Stephen Feller

STAFF WRITER

Pompano Beach - The barrier to most people doing something good for the environment often is cost. The city found this out by changing the cost of its water reclamation program for single family homes.

Because of this innovation, The Broward League of Cities gave the city a Green Leaf Award for its ICanWater program after more than 400 residents signed up after installation costs were taken out of the equation. The award is part of the League's Cities of Excellence Award

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Pompano Beach officials and developers break ground at the city's new retail center along Martin Luther King Boulevard. The 4,150 sq. ft. building will have room for up to seven tenants and is slated to be completed sometime in the spring of 2013. Pictured are from left: Cory McFarlane, chief visionary at Pinnacle, the company hired to help build the project; Maggie Anderson, project manager at Pinnacle; City Commissioner Rex Hardin, Northwest CRA Chairperson Deborah Anthony; City Commissioner Woodrow J. Poitier; Mayor Lamar Fisher, City Commissioner Charlotte Burrie; CRA Co-director Chris Brown and City Commissioner Barry Dockswell. [Photo by Michael d'Oliveira]

Officials tout jobs, redevelopment at MLK retail building

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – It's been over 50 years since Martin Luther King Boulevard saw a new retail building. But breaking the long drought is the Northwest Community Redevelopment Agency, or NW CRA, with its 4,150 sq. ft. retail development.

Adriane Esteban, CRA project manager for the development, said once the \$1.5 million building,

financed by the NW CRA, is completed sometime in the spring of 2013 it will have enough space for up to seven retailers. The development sits on 2.18 acres of land and will include 41 parking spaces when finished.

"Government is leading the way. It's the beginning of the future," said Carlton Moore, liaison to the NW CRA. "I think they did not hit a home run with this project. They hit a grand

See BUILDING on page 14

Residents question need for increase in PD budget

Final hearing will be Sept. 20

By Judy Wilson

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Hillsboro Beach – Commissioners here went into budget discussions this week looking at a proposed

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74 days left in 2012 Hurricane season

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Hurricane windows turned down by commissioners

By Judy Vik

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

– This town’s newly launched Hotel Improvement Program got off to an inauspicious start this week.

Commissioners refused to approve staff’s first recommended grant recipient, the High Noon Resort at 4424 El Mar Drive.

Owner Paul Novak applied for a \$22,550 grant to replace 23 windows and a front door. Town Planner Linda Connors said the application met the requirements of the program.

Applicants can receive up to \$25,000 in matching funds for expenditures that improve their properties. Commissioners must approve any requests in excess of \$15,000.

Improvements eligible for funding include replacement of awnings, overhangs, doors and windows if visible from a public street.

But two commissioners argued that didn’t mean hurricane windows as Novak was proposing.

“I felt the intention of the

program was to match funds for appearance improvements, which could include windows, but to upgrade, not to replace existing windows with hurricane windows,” Commissioner Stuart Dodd said. He asked that staff take another look at how the requirements are worded.

Vice Mayor Scot Sasser agreed with Dodd, noting he’d gotten more calls about this issue than about sewer rates or Commercial Boulevard improvements. “I thought this was to help struggling hotels, to sharpen up through paint and to beautify. Taxpayers don’t think windows are beautification. We need to re-look at this whole program, in my opinion.”

Commissioner Mark Brown commended Novak on coming forward with the application. “We voted for this program. He did what we invited him to do, and others are putting their applications together,” Brown said.

Brown said he was surprised to see the application for windows, but noted it meets eligibility standards. “If we approve this,

we will have to approve other similar requests for windows. If we don’t, it’s unfair to Mr. Novak and others and sends us back to ground one,” Brown said.

If commissioners want to scrap the whole program, Brown said he would be amenable to that. But he noted that it was the commission that approved the program.

“Now people don’t like the program. If you want to be mad at someone, be mad at me. I voted for it,” he said. “Don’t take it out on Mr. Novak. He only did what we asked him to do.”

“Mr. Novak submitted his application based on what we put in place,” said Commissioner Chris Vincent. “I don’t want to pass this [the program] and then renege after staff approves the application.

“Going forward, maybe

we need to establish what is beautification and what is not and then revisit the criteria. We should approve this application. I commend Mr. Novak for coming forward,” Vincent said.

A motion for approval failed by a 3-2 vote with only Brown and Vincent voting for approval. “This is common

sense,” Vincent said. “If we pass this program and then yank it because we disagree with staff, we are not doing our job.”

“The town reneged on their agreement and because of that, I turned out to be the bad guy,” Novak said.

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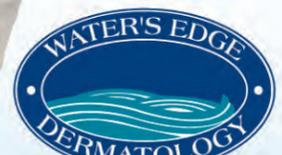
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New shoes for school - Denny, Jessie and Marlene Shub, owners of All Shoes \$9.88, a retail outlet on West Hillsboro Boulevard enjoy a moment with children at the Jim and Jan Moran Boys & Girls Club in Deerfield Beach. Children here received a gift of 1,500 pairs of shoes from the store owners. Pictured in the back row are attorney Pat Murphy, store owners Denny, Jessie and Marlene Shub and Mayor Peggy Noland. Murphy, a member of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, is counsel for the shoe outlet.

Air Force rock concert

Deerfield Beach – “Reserve Generation,” the six-piece rock band composed of Air Force musicians plays here Friday, Sept. 21, 7 to 9 p.m., at the main beach parking lot, on the beach south of the fishing pier. This group plays rock and roll, R&B, jazz and country and is brought here free by the Deerfield Beach Cultural Committee and the city. Blankets or chairs OK. Refreshments will be sold. 954-592-3160.



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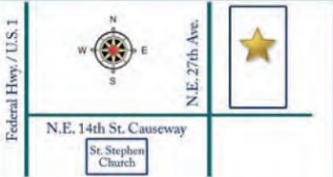


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Legion promises place of honor for a steel section of World Trade Center

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – It's only 48 pounds but represents something much weightier. On the morning of Sept. 8, members of American Legion Post 142 accepted a piece of steel from the former World Trade Center – a piece the Legion plans to include in a new memorial which should be finished by Memorial Day 2013.

Legion Commander George Rafajko said the memorial would honor all the civilians, police officers, fire fighters and military personnel who died during the September 11th attacks along with the servicemen and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and those "who are still putting their lives on the line in Afghanistan."

In order to receive the steel section, the Legion had to agree to certain standards. The steel must be part of a larger memorial, relatively secure and accessible to the public. "They want people to be able to come up and touch it," said Rafajko.

When completed, the memorial will also include a marble statue of a firefighter and two plaques; one will list the names of those who donated to the project and the other will include a description of the memorial's meaning. Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach is donating the marble and the Legion is selling brick pavers to raise the funds needed.

"We have been through four different monument [designs] so far, and I think this is the final one," said Rafajko.

So, with the Legion ready to start building a final resting place for the steel piece, residents, city and county officials and Legion members braved the morning heat to witness the groundbreaking for the memorial. "We'll never forget. It needs to be

said over and over and over again," said Rick Johnson, Commander of the American Legion's 9th District, which oversees Legion 142.

Ray Lebowitz, deputy director of the 9-11 Foundation, delivered the piece to the Legion plus another portion of steel to the City of Pompano Beach. He estimates about 40 pieces of the World Trade Center are dispersed throughout Florida.

"This is a remnant of what we lost that day," said



Legion Commander George Rafajko, left, and Ray Lebowitz, deputy director of the 9-11 Foundation, with the piece of the World Trade Center.

Lebowitz, a former New York City firefighter. Lebowitz left the fire department in 1995 and moved to Coconut Creek in 1999. When the towers fell 11 year ago, Lebowitz lost some of the "brothers" he worked alongside during his 35 years in uniform.

One was Lt. Dennis Mojica, of Fire Rescue 1, a company that lost half its numbers when the World Trade Center collapsed. Lebowitz wears a commemorative bracelet with

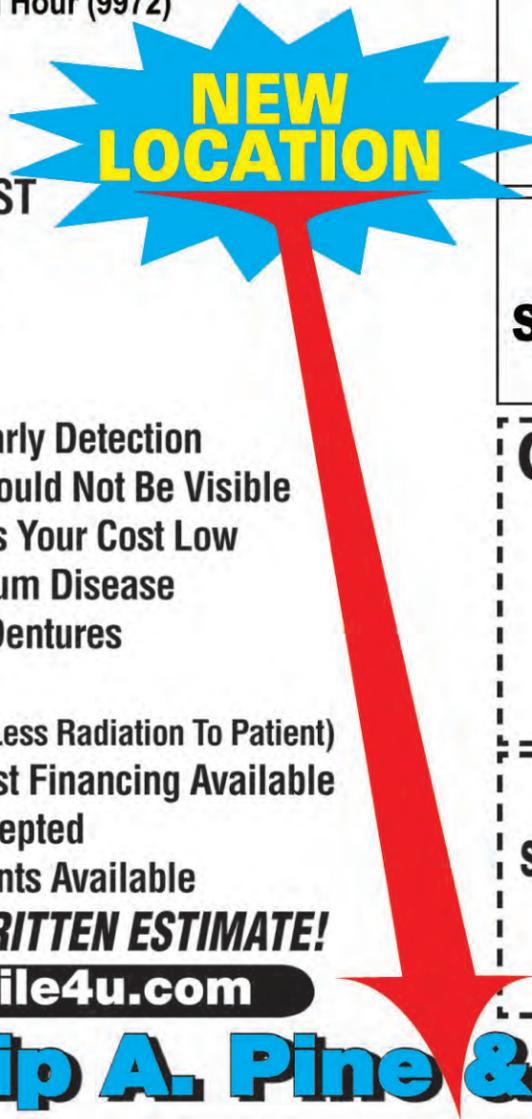
Mojica's name on it around his wrist. "And we're still losing members from diseases they got on the pile," said Lebowitz.

In the aftermath of the attacks many first responders, who worked at Ground Zero to find survivors and recover the remains of victims, have contracted respiratory diseases and illnesses and died as a result.

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Local code revisions is topic at neighborhood meeting

Pompano Beach - Cresthaven Neighborhood Watch meets Sept. 20 at St. Elizabeth Hall, NE 33 Street and 10 Terrace at 7:30 p.m.

This month's topic is code enforcement. Sonny Martz, code enforcement inspector, will discuss recent changes in the city's code. Also on hand will be Commissioner Charlotte Burrie and BSO Lt. Charlotte Road.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 954-786-7536.

Residents say proposed development too big for site

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Wilton Manors – It's called "The Village at Wilton Manors." But to residents who live near the proposed development it feels like an entire village is being dropped into the middle of their neighborhood.

At the city's Development Review Committee, or DRC, on Monday and city commission meeting on Tuesday, residents voiced their opposition to the project in its current form – a two story apartment complex with 81 units that, if approved by city officials, would be located on the four-acre property at the corner of

Northeast 15 Avenue and Northeast 26 Street that is now the home of the Center for Spiritual Living.

John Fiore, former mayor and current vice president of the East Neighborhood Association, or ENA, said residents are willing to work with developers to come up with a proposal that fits into the neighborhood. Along with their site plan approval,

developers will also have to get the property rezoned.

"But this plan doesn't cut it," said Fiore, who lives next to the property and thinks the development should be between 60 and 65 units.

Michael Miller, a consultant planner hired by the city to help review the plans, agrees. "The project

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Dysfunctional voter? Visit the Women's League of Voters website

Tallahassee - High interest in this year's election may well be a mismatch with sweeping changes in election laws that have tightened voter address rules and reduced early voting days. Changing precinct lines and a ballot of unprecedented length worsen the situation, and the League of Women Voters of Florida sees potential problems ahead on Election Day.

To make sure that every vote counts, the League is urging voters to take action now to ensure that they are eligible and prepared to vote. A new website, www.BeReadyToVote.org, makes the process easy.

The site is a one-stop shop that allows Floridians to check and update their voter status, register to vote, find their precinct, request an absentee ballot, check on important election dates and deadlines, and be informed about the candidates and issues on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"Voters can prevent Election Day delays and frustration--what we call 'electoral dysfunction'--by being prepared," says League President Deirdre Macnab. "With the high level of enthusiasm and interest we're seeing in this year's election, sharp reductions in early voting days and a very lengthy ballot, we want to ensure a successful experience for every Florida voter. Even if you're registered, you still should contact your local Supervisor of Elections to check your voter status and update your record if necessary."

Local Supervisors' offices throughout Florida are ready to help citizens prepare to vote.

Macnab adds, "Being confronted by this year's pages-long ballot filled with dense legal amendment language and often-misleading titles can also cause problems for unprepared voters and the voters behind them in line. People really need to know the issues and be ready."

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Correction

In the Culinary Concepts article that was published in the Aug. 31 issue of *The Pelican*, Dean Merten's name, owner of Culinary Concepts in Pompano Beach was misspelled. *The Pelican* regrets the error.

Commentary

What is it about facade improvements they don't understand?

By Judy Wilson

Commissioners in LBTS seem to be dismantling a program that would help do what they have spent untold hours discussing: ramp up the appearance of their aging beachfront town. In turning down a hotel owner's request for \$25,000 in matching funds to install hurricane strength windows and doors, they have created confusion not only among themselves, but the public as well.

It is almost amusing. The Hotel Improvement Program was approved only weeks ago. It is funded with \$150,000 and is similar to facade programs currently available to business owners in Deerfield Beach and Pompano Beach. In those cities, community redevelopment agency tax dollars are used to encourage improvements to commercial buildings, and the results have been impressive.

In Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, the commission included the installation of windows and doors in the Hotel Improvement Program as one of the allowable sprucing-up measures. It is common knowledge that replacement windows and doors on any structure must withstand hurricane force winds. That's in the Florida Building Code. It is not an option.

So why was this commission surprised to find public tax dollars going for this purpose? We want to ask, "Where have you guys been?"

The problem with the program may be it gives the commission power to approve or disapprove a project. That should be the job of administrators who understand construction and who are not so easily swayed by public opinion. In this town, a few vocal people can cause the commission to rethink almost anything.

It must be frustrating for staff to bring a good program to the public only to have it shot down by an indecisive board. It will be equally discouraging for the business owner who is willing to invest his own money to make improvements. What could be a more important improvement than making a building safer for its occupants?

In denying their first application for improvement funds, commissioners said they had thought the money would go for mere touch-ups. But building owners can pretty much handle the spit and polish improvements- paint, awnings, overhangs - themselves.

It is the more expensive work -doors, windows, roofs - that often delay refurbishment. This program was established to help with the costly structural improvements. In most cases, the business owners spend far more than the matching dollars. In other cities those dollars have proven to be the incentive that gets things rolling.

In this week's discussion, the mayor was concerned that the project would not greatly change the appearance of the hotel which is already one of the best kept in town.

Perhaps the criteria that applicants must be members of the Superior Small Lodgings Association should be broadened. Owners of more run-down hotels are the ones who really need the financial assist. And since they would have to come up with a good deal of their own money, the chances are they would take renewed pride in their properties.

As for those speakers at Tuesday's commission meeting who fear the program will get out of hand, we remind them the work being done must be visible from the street. Remodeled bathrooms will obviously not be allowed.

We don't understand how the commission could be so unaware of the program's purpose. But in a town where elected officials spend a lot of the time taking one step forward and two steps back, it may not be surprising.

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Hotel/marina project takes another step, Alsdorf gets \$91.7K grant

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - On Tuesday, commissioners agreed to abandon a public portion of the right-of-way for Riverside Drive to allow for the construction of an easement road. While the property is a small strip of land just east of the Hillsboro Inlet, the move by the commission signals a development of a hotel and marina on the property.

Formerly Tails Restaurant, the property is now the focus for a hotel and marina. Drivers entering the city from the bridge at the inlet already see workers tearing down the former restaurant.

A spokesperson for Hunter Hospitality, owners of the property, said when the project is completed, those drivers will see a "pop" as

they enter the city from the north.

Landscaping, lighting and more are planned to make the northern gateway memorable.

The company is now in the process of completing permits for the hotel. The marina permits are already in place.

On Tuesday, one SCUBA business owner urged the commission to approve the abandonment. "We desperately need this hotel. Upscale clients don't end up in Pompano," he said.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell said he had seen the plans and complimented the team working on the project. "We're finally moving forward with this development," he said.

Said Mayor Lamar Fisher, "We just want that Hilton built."

The hotel spokesperson said that Hilton officials



Recent reports of loose railings have closed a section of the Pompano Beach Municipal Pier, but anglers take their chances to get a good casting spot. See related story on page 9. [Photo courtesy of Keith Mizell].

had visited the property, but nothing is confirmed.

County grant will fund ramp at Alsdorf Park

Pompano Beach - More boaters will have dock space at Alsdorf Park on the Intracoastal Waterway.

A \$91,757 grant from Broward County will fund the construction of a boat ramp, additional parking spaces for vehicles and over-sized trailers, seawall repairs and additional pilings.

The grant requires matching funds from the city, but a grant from Florida

Inland Navigation District for the same amount will reimburse the city.

The only objection to the project came from former city commissioner, Ed Phillips, who said the construction would "reduce the fishing space for the community."

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Boca Raton -The public is invited to an evening of music, memories and tributes as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Boca Raton Christian School. Friday, October 5, 2012 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Boca Raton Community Church Sanctuary, 601 NW 4 Ave, Boca Raton. Free admission; no tickets required. For more details visit www.bocachristian.org or call 561-391-2727 x 352 or email licatae@bocachristian.org

Pull a few weeds, plant some beans and join the fun

Pompano Beach - Join volunteers at the historic Sample-McDougald House on September 15 8 to 11 a.m. to spruce up the grounds and turn the kitchen garden to begin a new planting season.

Sample-McDougald House/Centennial Park award-winning landscape looks great, but in order to keep it that way a little extra TLC is required. Municipal lawn-maintenance does a great job, but there are always a few details that need to be taken care of, Sample-McDougald House needs your help!

Just show up on the morning of Sept.15 in work clothes and have a good time making something great even better. Also, volunteers can get involved in the kitchen garden as they begin clearing out the summer crops and begin planting for the fall season -- beans, peppers and other local veggies.

The Right Pill Pharmacy of Pompano offers fast personal service plus competitive prices

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

The right pill at the right price is the slogan of this new pharmacy in town, located at 1960 N. Federal Hwy. in Pompano Beach. Manager Cynthia Hershkowitz, sat down with *The Pelican* to talk about the business. "We took over an existing pharmacy in May of this year, cleaned it up until it is now an immaculate pharmacy, well stocked with a large inventory of over-the-counter medical products, and a newly added \$1 section filled with a wide variety of kitchen, bath, beauty, household and paper products. In addition, we also stock medical supplies such as bathroom safety items, canes, compression garments and more."

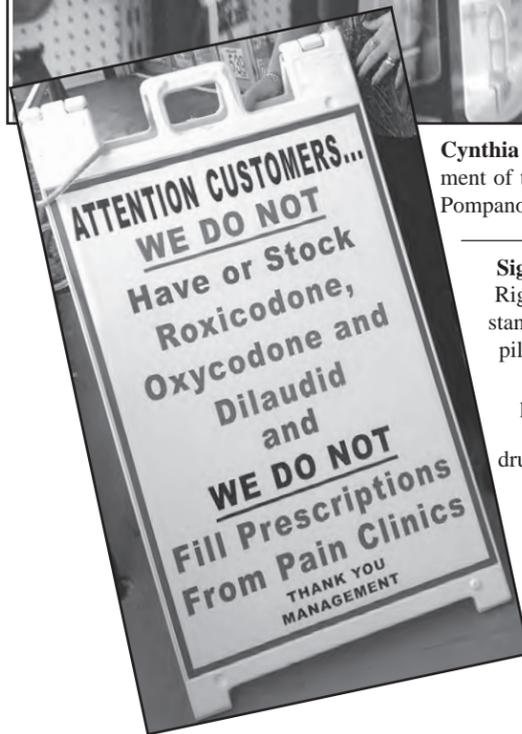
She continued, "We have a second pharmacy at 799 E. Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton, both under the general management of Fahim Rahmani. However, I'm the designated spokesperson who handles daily marketing, public relations, inventories and management of both stores. I'm back and forth throughout the week. The stores aren't that far apart. and I'm an old hand in this business."

With a pleasant smile, she says, "I've been in retail pharmaceutical business for 28 years, mostly in the Boca area. I walked into a pharmacy looking for a job when I was a young girl. I was hired as a cashier and kept working my way up the management ladder until I now handle every aspect of a retail pharmacy."

Stocking two stores enables The Right Pill Pharmacies to be very competitive with the large national chains as customers are finding out. Hershkowitz points out, "We can offer something that they can't



Cynthia Hershkowitz handles public relations, marketing and management of the new The Right Pill Pharmacy at 1960 N. Federal Hwy. in Pompano Beach which promises personal service and discount prices.



Sign of the times of The Right Pill Pharmacy sign stands sentry to keep pain pill seekers away. A new Florida web site helps pharmacies to identify potential prescription drug abusers. [Photos by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

and that's fast, personalized service. If a customer wants something we do not stock, we will get it within 24 hours. Our suppliers are very accommodating."

Asked for other examples of personalized service, she says, "Customers seldom have to wait to get a prescription filled here by our pharmacist, Mathew Pendergrast, who is very knowledgeable about medical interactions, over the counter products, vitamins, and nutritional supplements.

He's a great resource and he makes the time to share information with the customer. Customers aren't told to come back later. We work with people to make sure they get the medication they need even if they have temporary financial or insurance difficulties."

This new pharmacy considers itself to be a very competitive discount outlet, offering a number of promotions such as free delivery, free antibiotics and

\$15 off of new transferred prescriptions. The Friends and Family Program rewards existing customers for referrals. The Pompano store has an intern to assist the pharmacist. Hershkowitz adds, "We're rapidly building our reputation and already have a growing group of repeating customers."

Roberta Kistner is one. She says, "They're wonderful. I found them by accident and decided to try them. Unlike the big chains that make you stand and wait or come back later, The Right Pill Pharmacy was very accommodating. They gave me immediate service and it was courteous service. They have up to the minute technology and old-fashioned courtesy. I would recommend them."

Bonnie Swanson is another loyal patron who says, "I think they're great. I'm dealing with an illness that

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Pier railings deemed dangerous by city

Pompano Beach - Public works director, Rob McCaughan, reported to the commission that the city's municipal pier was in need of repairs. "The existing safety railing at the pier is in an advanced state of disrepair and presents an eminent danger to public safety in its current state," his report read.

The city approved a \$29,700 contract for engineering services to determine the work that needed to be done. The contract also requires engineering inspections. The total cost for repairs could be as high as \$100,000.

Keith Mizell, a beach resident, said, "Bolts in the concrete have rusted. I saw one loose rail, but after I made an inspection, I found no others."

Mizell asked the city to

halt the design until members of the community could meet.

McCaughan countered that all of the rails were in need of repair.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell asked the commission to consider the age of the pier, 45 years old with a life expectancy of 50 years. "We need to look at the big picture. We may all be prohibited from using the pier after 2016."

Vice Mayor Brummer agreed that the rails should be repaired at the least cost. "The pier is in bad shape. The rails should be repaired to live another five years," he said.

City Manager Dennis Beach urged the passage of the contract for engineering services. "The pier may have another five years, but the rails don't," he said.

Sightings

A community calendar for Northeast Broward County. Send your event information to mdpelican@yahoo.com

9-14 - Deerfield Beach Computer Club is now open Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Le Club/Activity Center, Room B in Century Village East, Deerfield Beach. \$1 entry fee waived for first time guests. 954-725-9331 or www.db-cc.org.

9-15 - Garage sale from 6 a.m. to noon at Northeast 38 Street and Northeast 5 Avenue in Oakland Park. 954-630-4500.

9-15 - Pony rides from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Sand & Spurs Equestrian Park, 1600 NE 5 Ave., Pompano Beach. Just north of the Goodyear Blimp Base. Free Admission. Cost is \$3 per ride. 954.786.4507.

9-15 - Recovery Awareness Night to benefit Vision of Change, an organization that raises money to help fund projects

that benefit the children of Los Quinchos, Nicaragua and their efforts to recover from substance abuse and addiction. Event starts at 6 p.m. at Signature Memories Event Center, 299 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale. Admission is \$20. 954-401-0261.

9-15 - Family Fun Day is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Aquatic Center, 820 NE 18 Ave. A free day of swimming, diving boards, fire trucks, snorkeling, games and more. There will also be raffle prizes. 754-246-0665.

9-19 - Art-By-The-Sea group meets at the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Community Church in Friedt Family Hall, 4433 Bougainvillea Drive. Marcia Hirschy will discuss how artists can market their work. The meeting is free and open to anyone. 954-594-0444.

9-19 - ArtHall will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, 50 NE 1 St., Pompano Beach. ArtHall combines business and art in a series of six receptions. Each month a new exhibit begins with an opening reception on the

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Briefs

Goldi-locks and a great charity



Gretchen 9, from Pompano Beach, donated her hair to Locks for Love this Sunday, Sept. 9. She had been growing her hair for more than two years so that she could make the donation.

Gretchen after her haircut, holds her "locks" which will be sent to the charity in West Palm Beach. Locks are used for cancer patients in need of wigs during and after chemotherapy.

Oakland Park Garden Club

Oakland Park - Elaine Farquharson will present a program on "Vegetable Gardening in South Florida" at a meeting of the Oakland Park Garden Club on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

The meeting will be held at Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Garden Club also hosts "PARK(ing) Day" on Friday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot on the Southeast corner of Oakland Park Boulevard and Northeast 6 Avenue.

Parking spaces will be transformed into a park-like setting with a plant sale and raffle for a rain barrel. For more information, call 954-630-4511.

Colorful Broward County Mummers still on the march with music, clapping, tapping and strutting



The Mummers sit still for a moment in between rehearsals for their high stepping performances.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

When this string band of ornately costumed, volunteer musicians march up to the stage, the audience often responds with standing applause. This one-of-a-kind band rolls out its talent, energy and songs in concert,

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and normally restrained people break into song as they clap hands and tap feet. One song like the "Beer Barrel Polka" will set the mood, and as one fan said, "This is like a tailgate party at a football game."

The Broward County Mummers group was founded 35 years ago and currently has 54 men and women members between the ages of 49 and 88. The musicians play



Captain Jack Hultman courtesy of Mummers

banjos, saxophones, clarinets, guitars, accordions, drums, and glockenspiels. They are a dedicated and hardy bunch who drive themselves to weekly rehearsals at the Moose Lodge, 6191 Rock Island Road in Tamarac, and at least 35 concerts during the season. Members arrive from as far as Miami on the south to Delray on the north every Thursday because they want to keep this music alive and

they enjoy the camaraderie.

Captain Jack Hultman took the top job 13 years ago and is still filled with enthusiasm for the Mummers.

A retired divorce lawyer from Long Island, Hultman, now 82, started a Mummers group there 50 years ago. When he settled in Florida, he quickly became active in the Broward County Mummers and soon assumed leadership. He says, "My job

is many faceted. I keep busy behind the scenes with office detail, recruiting musicians, getting bookings and keeping members informed. During performances, I'm the one who fires up the audience and gets folks on their feet strutting, dancing and singing.

"We used to be a marching band, but our musicians have aged so we now settle for fast strut to the stage."

He goes on to stress, "None of us are paid. We charge fees on a sliding scale and the money we earn is basically poured into expenses and costumes which cost about \$8,000 each year." This year they'll be decked out in red, white and blue.

Hultman describes Mummer music as "river boat style, done to a Mummer beat which has its own unique sound." The five musical directors who rotate responsibility are Scotty Johnson, Mike Moe, Martin Miller, Carl Castle and John Lolli who is 87.

Vice President Jan Little serves as lead strutter. "I remember seeing and loving the New Jersey Mummers as a child, so it's great to now be part of a Mummers group. My husband, George, plays the bass fiddle, and being in this together means we share a lot in common, including time."

Hultman says, "I'm having a marvelous retirement. When the Mummers aren't taking my time, my pets are. I have

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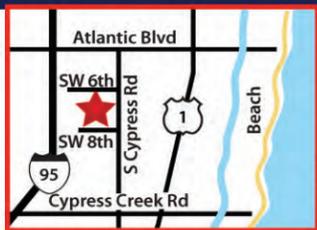
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Mummers

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a dog, a cat, two tanks of fish, two outside iguanas and 27 outside ducks.”

When asked if this isn't a lot to manage, the retired divorce lawyer quips, "It's easier than having a wife."

The Mummers have pitched in to raise funds for 9-11 victims, March of Dimes, cancer funds and more.

Thanks to you, Mummers, for keeping song, dance and strutting alive.

To become a Mummer or to schedule a concert, contact Jack Hultman at 954-956-7212.

The Mummers

The Mummers supposedly made their American debut parading in Philadelphia

on January 1, 1901. Then a mix of costumed male musicians from many national backgrounds, they became famous on the Northeast coast.

According to Captain Hultman, the group evolved from an old Swedish custom.

He explains. "King Momus was a fictitious God of Evil long ago in Sweden. On New Year's Day, Swedish musicians, dressed in weird costumes, had fun scaring off the evil King Momus.

"They managed to scare the current population as well," he laughs.

The next performance of The Mummers is Oct. 21 at Temple Kodesh in Boynton Beach. Call for a complete schedule.

Sightings

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third Wednesday of the month through October. The event is free. 954-586-1111.

9-20 – Campaign fundraiser for Wilton Manors Commissioner Julie Carson at Archidezigns, 2214 N. Dixie Hwy., Wilton Manors, from 6 to 8 p.m.

9-20 – Wilton Manors Historical Society meeting at 7 p.m. at city hall commission chambers, 2020 Wilton Drive. 954-566-9019.

9-22 – Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club Kids Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wilton Manors Elementary School, 2401 NE 3 Ave. Free food, fun and games for elementary school students. 954-560-7813.

9-23 – FAU professor and activist Mike Budd leads a discussion on Rachel Maddow's new book, *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power and the U.S. Love Affair with War*. Event is free. Donations are requested. Event is at 1 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale,

3970 NW 21 Ave., Oakland Park. 908-477-7812.

9-25 – Card party held by the Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does Drove 142 is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Elks Lodge, 700 NE 10 St. Open to the public. Bring your table of friends or group.

Cost is \$4 and includes desert, coffee or tea. Call 561-479-2002 for reservations.

Fridays

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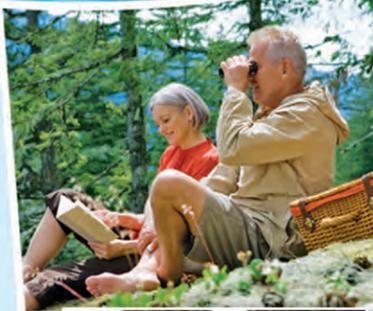
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The Pompano Beach Kiwanis Club Westside meets the first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-782-8096.

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Boat safety

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slam.”

At the groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 7, residents, commissioners and NW CRA board members expressed their excitement that plans for the NW CRA were finally moving forward.

“This has been a long, long, long time coming,” said Dist. 4 Commissioner Woodrow J. Poirier, who represents residents in the NW CRA.

“People often say ‘When is something going to happen on MLK?’ Well today is the day,” said Deborah Anthony, NW CRA chairperson.

So far four businesses have expressed an interest in opening a location there – a sit down restaurant, take-out restaurant, beauty shop and professional office.

Two of the business owners interested in renting space also live in the area.

Kimberly Holmes owns a home-based business, Brown Sugar Bakery, and is looking to move into the 731 MLK Boulevard location or one of the storefronts located on Northeast 1 Street in Historic Downtown Pompano.

To help her move in and buy some new equipment, Holmes has applied for a loan from the CRA’s Microenterprise Fund. Started

in 2006, the Microenterprise Fund gives small business owners who either live or base their business in the NW CRA, the opportunity to apply for a low interest loan of up to \$25,000.

But whether Holmes opens on MLK or Northeast 1 Avenue she’s glad to finally see some improvements to the area. “It’s time to fix it up,” she said.

Benita Brown and her husband, Bernard Noble, already received a Microenterprise Loan and plan on opening the take-out restaurant at 731. “I was born and raised here. Anything that we can do to help make it better, that’s what we’re going to do,” said Brown. Once open, she said she plans



When completed, the MLK development would be the first new retail space on Martin Luther King Boulevard in over 50 years. [Rendering courtesy of the City of Pompano Beach]

to hire five local residents as employees and possibly more if she and her husband expand the business.

Jobs and economic development were two words repeated a few times during the groundbreaking.

Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher touted the use of Pompano Beach subcontractors in the

construction of the new development. “Employ our own,” said Fisher.

Pinnacle, the general contractor the city chose for the project, has hired five Pompano businesses as subcontractors. Cory McFarlane, chief visionary at Pinnacle, said about two-

thirds of the subcontractors hired will be based out of Pompano. “We like to keep a lot of dollars in the community,” he said.

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Pompano Green Market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Cypress Road. Vendors

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Yep, he likes the car



Nine-year-old Angelo, a member of the Jim and Jan Moran Boys & Girls Club in Deerfield Beach, won an art contest sponsored by Doug and Linda Von Allmen that involved decorating a template showing the top, sides and back of a Ferrari. Angelo's design, the New York City skyline, won over 500 other entries from five other Boys & Girls Clubs around Broward County. Angelo won lots of prizes and a chance to meet race car driver Doug Allmen.

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police department budget that increases next year's expenditures by \$162,000, a figure some citizens say requires further investigation. Also on the agenda, and added since the budget was prepared in June, is the addition of another sworn officer at a cost of \$88,000.

Last month Police Chief Tom Nagy specifically mentioned that additional staffing would put the town's marine patrol boat in the water more often. This week he said the additional person will allow him to stabilize the schedule and put the ATV on the beach and the marine patrol boat in the water on more nights and weekends. Currently he operates with 14 sworn officers and four civilian dispatchers. Only nine of the officers are trained in the use of the boat and the ATV.

In addition, the chief, said he has to do road patrols. "I need a fulltime officer to make sure the road is covered. When I have to work the road, something is wrong. The major [Maj. Jay Szesnat] and I fill in regularly. The additional man would also provide for dispatch calls to come directly to the station. "We get a ton of calls from the residents," Nagy said.

But resident Al Shore pointed out to commissioners Tuesday that police services are 48 percent of the proposed \$4.8 million 2012-13 budget. Non-operating expenses not included in the current year account for \$42,000 of the increase. "This requires a further look," Shore, a resident of Opal Towers, said.

Shore placed the cost of the additional police officer at \$126,000, but Nagy said the figure is closer to \$88,000. The \$42,000 he is asking for is to replace equipment that can't be repaired, a new police car and to initiate phase one of a three-year update of the radio system. By 2015, the system used now will be obsolete, Nagy said. In addition, his numbers for overtime, workman's compensation, insurance and the pension fund are up.

Bruce Warshaw, a resident of Ocean Club, said before the town hires another police officer, it should pay a consultant to explain the disparity between Hillsboro's police budget and that of Highland Beach, a town in Palm Beach County with about the same number of people and miles of A1A to patrol. Highland's police budget is \$400,000 less than Hillsboro's. "Imagine what we could do with \$400,000," Warshaw said. Highland Beach has 14 police officers and some backup personnel. For the second year in a row, it has unfunded an additional sworn officer position.

Former city commissioner Rhea Weiss asked if supervisory personnel could be included in the road patrol schedule and could other cities with marine boats patrol Hillsboro Beach waters? She also asked if the town could save money by outsourcing dispatch.

Renes Males noted that Highland Beach contracts some services." She questioned the need for a police boat suggesting there could be more effective ways for residents to protect their property.

All three speakers said the

police department runs well and keeps the crime rate low and response times short.

The first budget hearing was held last night [Thursday]. As presented by financial consultant Steve Bloom, the general fund for 2012-13 stands at \$4.819 million, with a slight reduction in the current 3.8 mills. Budgeted for the current fiscal year was \$4.869 million. The addition of the police officer could change the millage, Bloom noted, but that would depend on whether cuts are made somewhere else in the fiscal plan.

Final reading is set for Thursday, Sept. 20, 5 p.m. at town hall.

Town endorses inlet and shoreline sand study

Hillsboro Beach- Commissioners this week committed to spending \$51,000 for sand studies of the Boca Raton Inlet and the

shoreline between the Boca Raton and Hillsboro inlets. The study will be done in hopes of the Department of Environmental Protection, or DEP, will increase the amount of sand Boca has to dredge annually. That sand drifts downward to help fill the eroded beaches in Deerfield.

Consultant Penny Cutt said the DEP may reimburse some of the study costs, perhaps as much as 75 percent.

The study is a preliminary step to what Vice Mayor Claire Schubert is trying to achieve: a beach nourishment collaboration between Hillsboro Beach, Deerfield Beach and Boca Raton.

The study will determine how much sand can be pumped into the downward drift to replenish the beaches. "This [collaboration] is really a dream of mine. There will be a lot of steps to get this done. We have taken the first one," Schubert said.

Cutt said officials in Boca

Raton do not see the need for an additional sand study and are using numbers from a study done in 2002 which has determined the amount of material they are required to dredge and put into the littoral drift annually. Cutt said data gathered in the last 10 years could change that figure.

Mayor Dan Dodge said, "This may be the long term solution. Instead of a big project every 10 years from a source that no longer exists, we can [nourish] more frequently. This could stabilize our north end."

The town completed a \$6 million project last year that nourished one and a half miles of the north beach. Sand was taken from a borrow area off of Deerfield Beach. That source is now depleted.

A second phase would be a \$24,000 study to evaluate the shoreline between the Boca Inlet and the Hillsboro Inlet. The study has not yet been approved.



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Sea Watch restaurant hosts LBTS Chamber monthly networking event

By Malcolm McClintock

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– Held every second Wednesday of the month at member restaurants, the highly regarded LBTS Chamber of Commerce “Business After-Hours” was yet again a resounding success. Sea Watch’s General Manager Beth Tannar made sure there was a good supply of pork sliders, lobster bisque and conch fritters as over 70 area business leaders mingled enthusiastically.

Business cards were exchanged and contacts were made as participants enjoyed happy hour libations and great views of the Atlantic Ocean. The convivial atmosphere ensured that all guests had a fun and productive time. “I am always happy to see such a good turnout for our events,” says Chamber President Mark Silver who was also eager to talk about the Chamber’s revamped Visitors Guides. “The redesigned guide will sport a great new look, be easier to carry and offer several new opportunities for businesses to promote themselves to visitors as well as area residents.”

Among the exciting innovations is a more detailed map of the community, developed



Alan Forgea of Blue Moon Fish Co., Beth Tannar of Sea Watch restaurant, and Jeff Levine of South Florida Chamber Maps. [Photos by Malcolm McClintock]



Eileen Nesdale of the National Save The Sea Turtles Foundation, Emylene Egusquiza of Taylor Tax LLC, and Rachel Sampson of Villa Caprice/A Little Inn By The Sea.



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Pompano Beach – The Greater Pompano Beach Chamber hosts the State of the City on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:45 a.m. at the Pompano Beach Elks Lodge #1898, 700 NE 10 St. Mayor Lamar Fisher will talk about the past year and what the city's plans for the upcoming year are. The cost to attend is \$25, includes breakfast and is open to the public. To RSVP send an email to info@pompanobeachchamber.com or call 954-941-2940.

Musical tribute to the troops

Pompano Beach – KP Productions will perform Home For The Holidays a musical in honor of veterans and current servicemen and women still serving in the military. The cost is \$15 per ticket and the event is on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave.. The costumes and sets will take you back to the 1940's and the Big Band sounds in this tribute to America's military. For more information, call 954-274-8537.

Women's Health Expo

Deerfield Beach – The Women's Health Expo will be held at the North Broward Medical Center, 201 E. Sample Road, on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be food, shopping, activities and giveaways. There will also be vendors providing services geared towards women and women's health issues. For more, call 954-759-7400.

Yom Kippur at Temple Sholom

Pompano Beach – Yom Kippur services begin on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 6:55 p.m. at Temple Sholom, 132 SE 11 Ave. Services will also be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 954-942-6410.

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The Gold Coast Toastmasters Club meets on the second and third Monday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Denny's, 3151 NW 9 Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-895-3555 or 954-782-9951.

Tuesdays

Yoga every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Cost is \$7 per class. Classes are also held Saturday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45

a.m. 954-607-3520.

The Oakland Park Historical Society meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the at Oakland Park Library, 1298 NE 37 St. For more information, call 954-566-9957.

Deerfield Beach Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 12 p.m. at the Deer Creek Golf Club, 2801 Deer Creek Country Club Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-630-9593.

Pompano Beach-Lighthouse Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Galuppis, 1103 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. 954-972-7178.

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.

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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 Deerfield Beach

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Storm Windows

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"Who is going to do business with this town? Shame on us. I'm very disappointed," Vincent said.

After the vote, Mayor Rosanne Minnet said she disagreed that the installation of hurricane windows improves the appearance of the property, a program criteria. She said Novak's property is incredible, "but what visual impact does this have?"

She said she doesn't want to see the program pushed aside suggesting commissioners need to discuss it further in another forum.

Dodd suggested staff review the criteria to make it clearer to those applying that improvements must visual.

Town Manager Connie Hoffmann said staff will work to define the criteria but may need more commission guidance.

Three residents spoke against Novak's application.

"You shouldn't be paying for hurricane windows. I agree with painting or awnings or stucco. To spend my tax dollars on hurricane windows is ridiculous," said Bill Vitollo. Vito Chiarello said he wasn't against the hotel program but wondered how well the program was thought out. "Most taxpayers thought it was for paint or to get a clean look. Now some want new windows, doors or landscaping. Why stop there? Why not redo bathrooms or add a hot tub? This can get out of hand. If you're using taxpayer's money to improve the town, I want to replace my windows and redo my landscaping, too. People of this town should be concerned about where this will go."

Edmund Malkoon said the commission should reconsider the criteria so any small property owner can apply.



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Recycling

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will receive a black 65-gallon trash cart and a blue 65-gallon recycling cart. The town currently uses the 96-gallon blue carts for trash collection.

Residents also can request a 35-gallon blue recycling cart or keep the 96-gallon blue cart for recycling. Multi-family units can keep the larger trash carts.

In explaining the changes, Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, said the town is

replacing the blue carts with black for trash because blue is commonly viewed as the universal, international indicator of recycling.

Also, the blue carts now in use in town for trash have the name of the vendor, Choice, imprinted on the side. That will be replaced with LBTS information.

Any household can keep the blue 96-gallon cart for yard waste. It will be re-labeled "yard waste only" and will be emptied at the same time as the trash cart. Over the next year the number of

households using the yard waste cart will be measured to help decide whether the town should start a yard waste collection program.

If there's enough interest, the town will ultimately go to green carts for yard waste.

The advantage of diverting yard waste from the trash stream is that it reduces disposal costs, according to a report provided commissioners.

The recycling program will be funded by a \$121,429 grant from the Resource Recovery Board of Broward County, meant to stimulate single-stream recycling. The money covers the cost of carts, an educational program, community outreach and hiring a coordinator.

All recyclable materials - aluminum, paper, plastic, glass and steel cans - will be collected in a single container.

Curbside bins will be replaced by the blue, rolling carts.

The aim is to distribute the new carts by the end of this calendar year, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann said. The commission already has authorized purchase of the carts.

Commissioner Stuart Dodd, who has been pushing for more recycling for years, described the program as "exciting."

"If we can achieve 90 to 95 percent of people recycling, it will make a big difference in our costs," Dodd said. "We get a double benefit. We don't pay for what's recycled to go to the trash and we get a credit [for the volume of recycled materials.]"

The change to a blue cart

for recycling will require an educational campaign, Bentley said. Direct mail pieces will be sent to each resident explaining the switch. Information will be published in the town's magazine, "Town Topics." And the sides and top of recycling carts will have imprinted information. The lid will have an imbedded label showing types of items that can be recycled.

Commissioner Mark Brown suggested an effort be made to engage condos to participate in recycling, such as providing small containers for inside the units.

"I think there is a willingness to recycle - finally," Mayor Roseann Minnet said.



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Annual blessing of pets, Oct. 7 at St. Martin's

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Father Bernard J. Pecaro of St. Martin's Episcopal Church usually gives blessings to those with two legs. But next month he'll bless those with two legs, four legs, eight legs or no legs.

Dogs, cats, fish, snakes, rabbits, birds, ferrets, horses,

pigs, chickens – Father Pecaro will bless them all on Sunday, Oct. 7 at St. Martin's, 140 SE 28 Ave. "We get everything. I even blessed a spider one time," said Pecaro.

"It's always just been a great event," said Fred Segal, event coordinator. "I've been to a lot of pet blessings at other churches, but this is the only one where the animals are actually brought inside the

church for the blessing. The people are seated in the pews with their pets."

It will also be a great opportunity for pet-related business owners, Segal says.

"We've got space available for a few vendors – anything that will be pet related. It's just a nominal donation to the church for the space. Non-profits are free," said Segal.

In the past, pet related vendors, such as pet adoption organizations, veterinarians and groomers have been on hand.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by a short procession of the animals down Southeast 28 Avenue, led by Pecaro on horseback, which ends inside the church where the blessings start at 10 a.m.

After the blessings, there will be food, a bounce house, petting zoo and a dove release.

"It's really an outreach to the community. We try to build it as a community event each year," said Pecaro. "It seems to be growing every year."

To sign up as a vendor, call 954-941-4843 or 954-849-0745.

Development

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seems very dense and shoe-horned in. Maybe [80 units] is too much for that site," said Miller.

The developers, Urban Dynamic Communities and Stellar Homes Group, say they need to build a certain number of units in order to make the project successful.

"The number of units is pretty modest," said Larry Coker, the attorney representing the developers. Coker suggested one way to make the project less dense is to build higher. Originally, plans called for the apartment complex to be 115 units.

In his report, Miller lists 37 suggested changes; from the size of parking spaces to inadequate signage to lack of proper landscaping. One of his recommendations involves "significantly" improving the architecture.

And the way it looks now leaves residents Randy Comer and his wife, Laura, worried the apartments could hurt property values.

"We want something conducive to the neighborhood. Something that will fit in. This is the nicest area

of east Wilton Manors. This [development] could destroy us. It could destroy our entire neighborhood," said Randy Comer.

Developers called the project "high-end" while residents have compared it to a cross between a college dorm and a prison. "Luxury is a matter of opinion," said Larry Baum of Stellar Homes Group.

"The issue here is not so much the architecture . . . but the way it's displayed here," said Coker.

Bruce Connolly, ENA board member, thinks developers should have modeled their project after Belle Isle, the mixed-use residential/retail complex on Wilton Drive.

"I'm not against it. It seems like they're trying to cram as much as they can onto the development," said Connolly. "I was hoping for something commercial. Kind of bring flair to the neighborhood. But if something's going to go in there, I'd rather see a park."

Final approval of the development will have to be given by city commissioners. Before the issue reaches them developers will have to go before the DRC again, then have their plans approved by the Planning and Zoning Board.

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By Rabbi David Hartley Mark

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Sundown begins the High Holy Days, the Days of Awe, the beginning of the Jewish New Year, 5,773 years since the creation of the universe. The rabbis of old who created our Hebrew calendar did not know about dinosaurs or carbon dating.

There are many New Year's customs—wearing a new garment, dipping apple slices in honey for a sweet year, eating the special challah, or rich egg-bread, which is in the shape of a crown, or spiral, to remind us either of God's sovereignty, or the cycle of time—but chief among them is the blowing of the shofar, or ram's horn. It is sounded in three different tones, to mimic a person crying over their sins, because that is the central focus of this holy time: repentance, or examining one's deeds, and resolving to do better. We spend hours in temple, asking God to forgive our trespasses against Him; but we must also seek out those whom we have wronged, and humbly ask their forgiveness.

There is the old tale of the Chasidic rebbe, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev [1740-1809], who loved to ask the common folk about their thoughts during the High

“Once, I deliberately cut a rich man's pants a little bit too short, so that I would have more cloth left over to patch my own children's ragged garments.” - Chaim

Holy Days. He approached Chaim, a humble tailor, and asked him how he was planning to speak to God that Rosh Hashana.

“Oy, Rebbe,” answered Chaim, “I have committed any manner of sins. Once, I deliberately cut a rich man's pants a little bit too short, so that I would have more cloth left over to patch my own children's ragged garments. And another time, when I had very little money, I was forced to eat food which was not exactly kosher. But look, God—” he gestured

emphatically toward the heavens—“Look at Your own sins! You create floods, fires, and famines, and cause parents to lose their precious children, and you allow nations to go to war, so that many men die—I ask You, are my sins anything compared to Yours?”

“Chaim,” said the rabbi, “You let God off too easily. You could have easily forced the Almighty to forgive, not only the sins of the Jewish people, but those of the entire world!”

As we conclude this past year, there are many areas of suffering, and far more of misunderstanding and hatred, among the various countries. May 5773 prove to be a year in which the great and small nations of the world, like the lion and lamb in the Book of

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The Right Pill

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Reclaimed

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Program now in its second year. It's a series of three award categories created to recognize work by cities in Broward County, said Sely Cochrane, executive assistant at the Broward League.

Each program submitted for an award must be in effect, and is vetted for financial impact, effectiveness, and how it has the potential to achieve specific goals set out by the municipality.

"It's to create awareness of what our cities are doing," Cochrane said. "Hopefully, other cities will see this and say, 'Hey, I want to implement that.'"

In the Green Leaf category, Pompano was up against Miramar's urban food plan and the City of Fort Lauderdale's Smart Watts program for light bulb awareness, she

said. City Commissioner Barry Dockswell said that elected officials were very involved in creating the water reclamation program

Water reclaimed from sewage and other uses that is unfit for drinking has long been used by apartment complexes, golf courses and other commercial properties to irrigate lawns and foliage, Dockswell said.

The commission and city staff spent time looking for ways to make it easier for residents to have the pipes installed at their homes in order to sell them the reclaimed water specifically for irrigation. "We listened to what the customers were saying and put together a program that resolved as many issues as we possibly could," said Maria Loucraft, utilities compliance and efficiency manager for the water department.

"What we were able to do was

create a program where the city took care of all the hassle that previously had been the customer's, as well as the upfront cost."

Covering half of the program's cost with a \$220,000 grant from the county's Integrated Water Resources Plan, the city eliminated the responsibility and cost of installing the reclaimed water pipes from the mains buried beneath streets to spigots at people's homes, she said.

According to Loucraft, the city has a list of plumbers and contractors who are asked to submit bids for each individual job after a resident makes a request to join the program.

Every yard is different, she said, but plumbers are called in and the logistics are worked out, and once residents give clearance for the city to work on their property, the city pulls all needed permits and installations take about a day.

The Pompano Beach city

website includes an application for new businesses to join the list and be contacted for bids, potentially helping to give even more work to local businesses, another benefit of the program.

Once the new lines have been installed, residents are charged 85 cents per thousand gallons of water used, a 20-cent hike from the 65 cents per thousand gallons prior to installation. Over the long term, the increase will allow the city to absorb those installation costs, she said, pointing out how much less expensive it is to use the reclaimed water as compared to the \$2.24 per thousand gallons cost of drinking water.

Residents are not subject to the limits placed on the use of potable drinking water.

Concerns about drinking water in South Florida have been a focus for the state overall, Dockswell said. In the case of Broward County, this program will help it meet a state requirement to use at least 60 percent of all reclaimed water.

So far, the program has about 400 customers in the first nine months of ICanWater being fully online, and

more are calling every day to join. Cochrane said this has put the city ahead of its early estimates of 770 sign-ups during the first two years.

Currently, she said, the city has the capacity to connect about 1,200 homes and that will increase as approximately 10,000 feet of main is buried each year.

Dockswell said the city will eventually install pipes beneath the Intracoastal Waterway so that residents on the island can link up, but costs and logistics for that are still in the planning stages.

The commissioner said the most important part is that the city is helping to reduce the consumption of potable water and helping to hold off the intrusion of saltwater into the county's freshwater wells - the reason the city looked into a reuse program in the first place.

"The recognition is very nice, but it's for a good proper reason," Dockswell said. "What's most meaningful is that we're actually showing great leadership, and in some cases pioneering leadership, in preserving the scarce water resources we have in South Florida."



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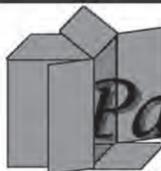
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Pompano Beach – The wind could bring good dolphin and sword fishing this weekend. And it's all about the seaweed.

"We call them weed lanes," said RJ Boyle, of RJ Boyle Studios in Lighthouse Point. According to Boyle, weed lanes attract dolphin and swordfish, which look for squid and other smaller sea creatures to eat. Friday might be dull but Boyle expects Saturday and Sunday to be big fishing days.

"The dolphin hang out under the sea weed," said Boyle. And this weekend the

sea weed is being pushed by the wind and current towards South Florida waters.

Squid also tend to follow sea weed. "There's a huge squid migration off our coast right now. All the fish we've been catching have a bunch of squid inside their stomachs," said Boyle.

"You'll troll the boat along the seaweed lanes," said Boyle, who has already caught a few swordfish.

"A lot of big swordfish are out there right now. I fished four days this week and I caught eight swordfish. The biggest fish we caught this week was 335 lbs.," said Boyle. But he also tasted defeated. "We lost one over 500 lbs."

Rip currents

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Signs of a Rip Current

Stand on a high area, such as a sand dune or deck, and scan the water. To spot a rip current, look for the following characteristics:

A streak of water that is a different color. The streak may look more murky or darker than the surrounding water.

A gap in advancing breakers where the rip current is pushing its way seaward.

A line of foam extending offshore.

An offshore plume of turbid water past the sandbar.

If still unsure, throw a

floating object into the water and see if it moves steadily seaward.

What to do?

Do not panic or try to swim against the current

Swim parallel to shore until you feel the current lessen and then swim to shore

If you can't break out of the current, float with it until it dissipates, usually just beyond the breakers. Then swim diagonally to shore.

If you do not swim well, know your limits, stay in wading depths, and watch for sudden drop-offs.

Always swim in an area protected by certified life-guards.

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Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Old School Museum, 232 NE 2 St., Deerfield Beach. For more information, call 954-429-0378.

The Pompano Beach Historical Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Dick & Miriam Hood Center, 217 NE 4 Ave., Pompano Beach. For more information, call 954-292-8040.

The Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at 2749 NE

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lion and lamb in the Book of Isaiah, truly lie down in peace with one another. Amen!

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<p>Saturday, Sept. 15</p> <p>Low 1:59 AM High 8:20 AM Low 2:22 PM High 8:40 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, Sept. 18</p> <p>Low 4:12 AM High 10:42 AM Low 4:39 PM High 10:54 PM</p>	<p>This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes.</p> <p>Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com</p>
<p>Sunday, Sept. 16</p> <p>Low 2:42 AM High 9:07 AM Low 3:07 PM High 9:23 PM</p>	<p>Wednesday, Sept. 19</p> <p>Low 5:01 AM High 11:32 AM Low 5:30 PM High 11:43 PM</p>	

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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.

The Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meets Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the NE Focal Point Alzheimer's Day Care Center, 301 NW 2 Ave., Deerfield Beach

Thursdays

The Wilton Manors Historical Society meets on the

third Thursday of the month at Wilton Manors City Hall, 2020 Wilton Drive, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 954-566-9019 or 954-566-8219.

The Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors meets every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Tequila Sunrise Mexican Grill, 4711 N. Dixie Hwy., Oakland Park. 954-491-6158.

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

The Pompano Beach Republican Club meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. 954-786-7536.

Upcoming

9-27 - Greater Pompano Beach Chamber hosts the State of the City at 7:45 a.m. at the Pompano Beach Elks Lodge #1898, 700 NE 10 St. Mayor Lamar Fisher will talk about the past year and the city's future. Breakfast is \$25. To RSVP send an email to info@pompanobeachchamber.com or call 954-941-2940.

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