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## This city was happy with the dust, the cranes and contracts in 2012

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – The redevelopment programs, referred to as the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] were center stage for 2012.

Mayor Lamar Fisher says the work of the CRA, both east and west, had a significant impact on the city in 2012, and it was hard to find those who disagreed.

Says Fisher, “Projects include the Atlantic Boulevard streetscape/ utilities improvements, Pompano Beach Boulevard streetscape/beach improvements, Harbor Village parking lot and façade improvements and the

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## Wilton Manors’ focus on economic development to extend beyond 2012

By Michael d’Oliveira

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**Wilton Manors** – Officials here spent much of 2012 focused on improving the city’s economic situation for 2013, 2014 and beyond.

In a series of moves that included buying land for more parking along

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Jordan Latson, 11, [left] and Deandre Ferguson, 12, watch as their robot knocks down some miniature bowling pins at the FIRST LEGO® League Robotics Tournament on Dec. 15 at Crystal Lake Middle School in Pompano Beach. Latson and Ferguson, students at Silver Lakes Middle School in North Lauderdale, joined other students at the tournament, which is seen by teachers and school officials as a way to foster interest in math, science and engineering. [Photo by Michael d’Oliveira]

## Robotics competition fun for students, good for society

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

*Pompano Beach – The battle for more science, math and engineering graduates is won in the classroom.*

And robotics instructor David Ellich knows fun activities and competitions are what help turn a love of those fields into lifelong careers that benefit students and society.

On Dec. 15, some of those careers may have started as over 200 elementary and middle school students from across Broward County descended on Crystal Lake Middle School to test their robotics skills in the FIRST LEGO League Robotics Tournament.

“This is how we get ‘em hooked early,” said Ellich, a robotics instructor at Atlantic Technical resident who teaches at Atlantic Technical Center in Coconut

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## Looking back, 2012 in Deerfield Beach was a year of accomplishment with little controversy

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Deerfield Beach** – 2012 brought a new sense of amicability to the city commission and an apparent efficiency in government which led to fewer commission meetings in the last quarter of the year.

Residents also saw the completion of a major upgrade to the city, the new amenities at the fishing pier.

2012 is notable because achievement trumped acrimony and, midway through, commissioners tamped down their criticism of each other and the staff.

When it comes to the year’s successes, the ongoing improvements

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## Politics stirred the pot as 2012 began its run

By Judy Wilson

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**Lighthouse Point** - 2012 may be most remembered because two long-time commissioners lost their seats and voters may have been influenced by an unlikely force. Tom Hasis and Susie Gordon, both veteran politicians here, lost their seats in March to newcomers Becky Lysengen

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**12-30 – Rick and Carla perform at 8 p.m.** at The Manor, 2345 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors. Rick plays piano as Carla sings of a wide range of popular songs. Visit [www.themanorcomplex.com](http://www.themanorcomplex.com).

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**1-6 – Big Band Dance from 2 to 5 p.m.** at the Elks

Lodge, 240 W. Prospect Road, Oakland Park. Cost is \$8 at the door. Cash bar. 954-564-2357.

**1-6 – Pianist Al Guastaeste performs at 4 p.m.** at Steinway Piano Gallery, 7940 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. Tickets are \$20 for members in advance and \$25 for non-members at the door. Visit [www.bocaraton.steinwaydealer.com](http://www.bocaraton.steinwaydealer.com).

**1-6 – American Songbook Series featuring Marshall Turkin's Classic Jazz Ensemble at 4 p.m.** at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held in the Keith C. & Elaine Johnson World Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$75 to \$160. Visit [www.lynn.tix.com](http://www.lynn.tix.com).

**1-6 – The Music and Times of Irving Berlin at 4 p.m.** at Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. Held in the Keith C. & Elaine



Pompano Citi Centre was the setting last month for a classic car show featuring antiques, classics and vintage automobiles. To a backdrop of oldies tunes, car buffs and shoppers enjoyed the show, which was held to honor the men and women who serve in the military. Pictured is a supercharged roadster [foreground] and 1940 two-toned Ford pickup. [Photo by Judy Vik]

Johnson World Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 to \$30. Visit [www.lynn.tix.com](http://www.lynn.tix.com).

**1-13 – Sunday Matinee Music at Boca Raton Library.** Jim Kovalcik Trio, featuring Jim Kovalcik on flute, Jason Hanley on guitar and Steve Jernigan on bass.

3 p.m. at the Spanish River Library, 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd. 561-239-1536.

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# Song of the sea continued to plague Hillsboro Beach in 2012

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

**Hillsboro Beach** – In this beachfront town, the sea comes calling frequently and when it does it takes away sand, lots of it.

So in 2012 beach erosion remained a big concern, heightened by a study released in March that promised no solution for the scouring that routinely occurs on the north beach.

Vice Mayor Claire Schubert took the lead by contacting officials at the

Department of Environmental Protection and setting up meetings with administrators in Boca Raton to discuss a joint beach nourishment project. Later in the year, funds were approved for a new study of the Boca Inlet shoal, a source of sand for down drift beaches. And communication between the two cities, for the first time, seems to be productive.

*The Pelican's* news story in May that the town's north beach appears doomed unless constantly renourished, attracted Beachgreen LLC,



A Greenbeach scientist explains erosion control plan to Vice Mayor Claire Schubert.

a group of scientists and business people who believe they have a product that will adjust the chemistry of beaches and halt sand loss. After Hillsboro's beach consultant had no viable plan for erosion control, two Beachgreen principals came to town and met with Schubert to discuss their product and examine the shoreline. While they could point to successes in Cape Cod and New Jersey, they

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# New holiday tree at Sample-McDougald House gets retro look

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

**Pompano Beach** – The prize home and museum in this city has finally opened its historic doors to residents and tourists.

Farmer Neal Sample built the house in 1916, and this month children from local schools helped dress the Sample-McDougald House for the holidays.

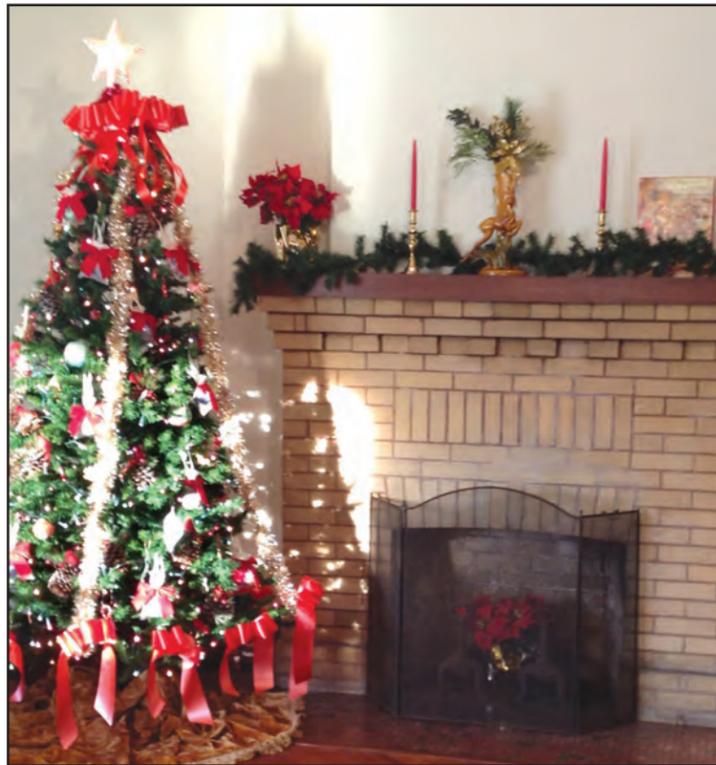
Pompano Beach Elementary students with their teacher Claire Dellerson made

ornaments from pine cones and created red cardinals. Pompano Beach Middle School students offered hand-painted ornaments with their teacher, Nadine Williams.

Students at Pompano Beach High School created their own clay ornaments fired from the kiln at school.

Lee Waldo, curator at the house, calls the tree “glorious.”

Two more trees add to the festive scheme at the house, a large tree in the living room is decorated with vintage bubble



Decked with bubbles, baubles and birds, the trees at McDougald House are welcoming visitors.

lights and the foyer tree is wrapped with antique lights from the 1930s.

The Sample-McDougald House, 450 NE 10 St., dates back to the pioneer era of northern Broward County.

The Sample family arrived in South Florida soon after the turn of the century.

John M. Sample, the first to settle in the Pompano area, purchased land from the Florida East Coast Railway prior to 1910.

To view the holiday trees and other decorations, the Sample-McDougald House is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information on public tours and facility rentals, email SMHevents@yahoo.com or call 954 691-5686.

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public/private partnerships highlighting the new Publix as the signature project. Also

city, Fisher points out more CRA work that will be an engine starter for the city's economy.

Says Fisher, "Projects include the 731 MLK Building consisting of over 4,000 sq. ft. which will house our local businesses, the new

The city's parks are also getting a big star with a newly designed Greg Norman Signature Golf Course at Municipal Park. Delays have only built anticipation.

City Commissioner Woody Poitier also cast his vote for the CRA as having



The new Atlantic Boulevard terminus will be people-friendly with plenty of shade, landscaping and public art.

stay tuned for the upcoming Pier development which includes 40,000 sq. ft. of retail/restaurants/tourist destination and, further north, a four star beachfront Marriott Resort and Hotel at Northeast 13 Street."

Residents and visitors alike had no problem lining up with shiny grocery carts at the new Atlantic Boulevard Publix. But shop-keepers just east of Publix still struggle to keep their doors open as the dust flies over the Harbor Village Shops. That dust won't settle until the parking area has been lighted and landscaped. New facades will add to the glimmer of this new "go-to" spot.

On the west side of the

Broward County Transit Station, the redevelopment of the Ali Building in conjunction with a cultural activity center, the CRA Business Resource Center which provided over \$900,000 in small business loans, façade programs in our Old Pompano and MLK corridors, the Bailey Hotel which will be an integral part of our "Arts District," our successful Green Market and the second Saturday's festivals at the Annie Gillis Park. Also stay tuned for our city hall civic campus to include a regional library and cultural arts facility and finalizing a Collier City master plan focusing on the expansion of our parks."

a major impact on this city. And significantly on the west, Poitier's district.

"The major impact here," says Poitier, "was getting the TOC approved which will open the door to other projects."

The TOC [Transit Oriented Corridor] allows for changes in land-use that offer flexibility in housing and attracts public transportation.

Says Poitier, "Developers have already picked up interest in the TOC for projects along Martin Luther King Boulevard. Pompano Beach is the place to be in 2013."

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Anne Siren, publisher

## Christmas donation to Kids In Distress tops 100 bicycles



Over 100 brand new bicycles wait in Nick Berry's backyard to be delivered to children on Christmas.

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

**Wilton Manors** – This Christmas, over 100 boys and girls served by Kids In Distress [KID] will be getting a new set of wheels.

Earlier this month, Courtyard Café owners Nick Berry and Shawn Bombard and their supporters donated 103 shiny, brand-new bicycles to Kids In Distress.

"We easily doubled what we donated last year," said Berry, who has been organizing the bike drive for the last four years. "The community loves my business and I love giving back."

Said Bombard, "We're going to have to do even better next year."

With its main campus located in Wilton Manors, Kids In Distress' goal is to help children, from newborns to the age of 15, who are abused or neglected. The campus houses up to 24 children at a time.

And along with the bikes, there also helmets, locks and other Christmas presents.

"For several of the children we serve, this will be the first bike

they've ever received," said Brittany Soule, marketing manager for Kids In Distress. "They now have something to open up on Christmas morning and they'll have a bike to call their very own."

Donating the majority of bicycles were Tony Dee, owner of Wilton Manors' Tropics Restaurant; Lauderdale-By-The-Sea residents John and Cheryl McCully; Marsha Milot and Jim Sutton and Terry Syrcle, Berry's former business partner. Others, including Mark Malmstrom, Bob Gagnon and Timmy Coyne, helped assemble the bikes and get them ready to ride.

Cheryl McCully said, in light of the tragedy in Connecticut, this year's donation is even more special.

"It's people like this that make the benefit so worthwhile," said Berry. "It just gives you that drive."

Syrcle, who used to co-host the toy drive with Berry, said Kids In Distress has always been the beneficiary. "To realize that there are kids that have no family or come from an abusive family, it tears at the heart. We've been so blessed. We need to give back," said Syrcle.

## Developer must make sure library is updated, parking is public

To the editor,

I have deep concerns about the way the Pompano Beach City Commission is handling the East CRA project. They are in the process of finalizing a contract with a developer who wants to develop the public parking area directly across from the pier.

While I am in favor of having appropriate retail establishments come to our beach front to enhance the experience for tourists and residents, such as restaurants, cafes and boutique shops, what this developer wants is to rezone a large portion of public park land to build a hotel.

There are already plenty of hotels, large and small along the A1A corridor, and they had to pay top dollar for their land. The residents don't need a hotel; they need quality retailers, and ample, low cost, easily accessible parking.

So, as the contract reads, this developer needs a land-use change and rezoning to enable him to build a hotel. However, he is not obligated to build a parking garage for the residents.

Why in the world would city commissioners accept a contract that doesn't require that the developer build a parking garage with space equal to what existed previous to their developing our public land regardless of whether the proposed hotel parcel is actually rezoned?

The developer should also be required to replace the library with an updated media/community/welcome center. These should be the prerequisites for any developer who wants the privilege of building on this prime location.

The fact that our commissioners are even considering this contract, despite its serious shortcomings for the citizens who own this property, sounds pretty fishy to me.

Donna Torrey  
Pompano Beach

## Citizen wants sheriff to reconsider Wiener's removal

To the Editor,

I am writing as a citizen of Pompano Beach who loves my community.

My wife Alicia and I moved to East Pompano from Weston in January 2007. It was our choice to be close to an oceanfront community as we are avid speed boaters.

I volunteer my marketing expertise for the city's Unity in the Community event and have served on its board. I am just one of a dedicated group of citizens that volunteer many many hours to this event.

I am also very active in maintaining the area where I live.

When we moved into our neighborhood we had drug and prostitution issues and I met Capt. Mick Wiener in Spring of 2007 and asked what we could do to combat these problems. Capt. Wiener gave me his cell, e-mail address and asked me to report such instances to him and that he would elevate patrols. I did just that and in time, we cleaned up the area.

My calls never went to voicemail jail.

I am writing to express my sadness and sense of loss of a wonderful police officer, Capt. Wiener. I can understand that a newly elected sheriff will want a command structure loyal to him. It happens. But at the community "street level," to an officer that was very committed to the community that he actually lives in, is a grave injustice and shows no concern for the citizens of Pompano Beach. Capt. Wiener did nothing wrong and served Lamberti, his sheriff at the time. He has told me that he was willing to put the same loyalty and dedication to [Sheriff-elect Scott] Israel.

I think you all can agree Capt. Wiener was a strong friend of the city.

I urge all of you to contact your city commissioners so with a collective voice they can ask the new sheriff to consider re-hiring Capt. Wiener.

Paul A. Laya  
Pompano Beach

## The public's safety is topic for special DB meeting

**Deerfield Beach** – City commissioners will meet in special session Wednesday, Jan. 3, 6:3 p.m. to consider establishing an office of public safety. Official confirmation of the agenda could not be obtained by press time due to city hall being closed for Christmas, but Commissioner Joe Miller said after he broached the subject of safety in Deerfield Beach schools, Mayor Peggy Noland called the meeting.

Noland could not be reached for comment.

According to Miller the agenda includes discussion of emergency management and infrastructure security.

Last week, newly-elected sheriff Scott Israel announced that he is terminating Deerfield's police chief Pete Sudler. Sudler is one of 28 high-ranking BSO employees being fired by Israel who takes command Jan. 8.

# Pompano Retro

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CRA co-directors, Kim Briesemister and Chris Brown, had no problem picking up the pulse of this city's residents [they are party monsters.] Pre-construction activities often included a food truck, music, art or food event to assist locals in beating a path to a soon-to-be new destination part of the city.

It did not take long for the denizens to find the new location of the Green Market, partly because it cannot be avoided on the corner of Cypress and East Atlantic. The move tripled the market's size and allure.

Commissioner Barry Dockswell, whose district has been the focus of the CRA, expressed elation at what he calls the "rebirth and re-awakening of Pompano Beach."

Says Dockswell, "You

can see it in the projects now beginning to come to fruition in the East CRA. You can see it in the projects now being designed and developed in the West CRA. You can see it in the capital improvements and economic development efforts in several parts of town. You can see it in the city's new logo and branding efforts. You can see it in the city's beginning efforts to focus on tourism. You can see it in the city's dramatically improving ratings on delivery of services as measured by surveys of residents."

And as others have equally proclaimed, Dockswell gives credit to "a city commission which is dedicated to the re-vitalization of our city. We have a city manager who has led substantial re-organizations and visible improvements at city hall. And we have a community redevelopment team providing highly effective economic development expertise and leadership."

Commissioner Charlotte



West CRA rendering of historic downtown.

Burrie cast her vote for the CRA, but in her district, she had more lauds. "Thanks to community policing and a strong BSO, we had safer neighborhoods. The city also passed a new law regarding rental homes, something I had worked on for months. Now rental homes must be licensed and must be up to code."

Burrie added that after new sewer lines are completed in the Highlands, beautification projects can begin."

But joy was absent in the

hearts of many who felt they had lost a good friend when Sheriff-elect Scott Israel announced that BSO Captain Milton Wiener would no longer serve the city. And there were mixed emotions when news hit that Major William Knowles would also leave. Israel announced he was to be promoted and would be working at BSO headquarters in Fort Lauderdale.

In March, the mayor's seat will be open for election

along with Commissioners Burrie and Poitier. The normal two-year terms for the commissioners will be cut short in November 2014 when the city will change local elections to coincide with the national elections.

Pompano Beach had a fine year as a city on the rise. Property values continued to move in the right direction, and with the winter season here shopkeepers are happy.

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## Tennis tournament

**Wilton Manors** – The Annual Island City Open takes place on Saturday, Jan. 26 starting at 8 a.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. The tournament consists of men's and women's categories and participants can compete as singles, doubles or mixed doubles at A, B and C skill levels. Cost is \$25 per person, \$30 per team and includes a shirt, awards, refreshments and a barbeque. Call Donna Kocyba at 954-390-2132 to register.

## Tour of Deerfield Island

**Deerfield Beach** – A tour of Deerfield Island takes place Sunday, Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. The tour will focus on the island's colorful history. The 53.4-acre island, which wasn't an actual island until 1961, was previously known as "Capone's Island" even though famous gangster Al Capone never owned it. Space is limited and preregistration is required. The boat to the island leaves from Sullivan Park, 1601 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Cost is \$3 per person. Call 954-357-5100.

## Bobcat of Broward - the destination for landscapers, construction companies and those who do it themselves

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

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Toby Smith [Right] is very proud of the 33-year-old family business which he says offers equipment solutions for every landscape job, large or small. Bobcat of Broward is a dealer destination to buy, sell, rent or service equipment and parts. [Left] Equipment for major or small jobs is available for on location use. [Photos by Phyllis J. Neuberger]

is now known to the public as Bobcat of Broward and Bobcat of Palm Beach. We're still family owned and run by my mother Lucy Smith, brother Simon Smith and

me. We've grown into two very large, Bobcat super stores where customers can buy, sell, rent equipment and parts, large and small. And we service that equipment.

He continues. "Thousands of Bobcats are in use in Broward and Palm Beach Counties by our local

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## Athena By The Sea boasts new look, new menu items

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

### Lauderdale- By-The-Sea Business outlook

– The grand re-opening of Greek restaurant Athena By The Sea brings with it some hot new menu items and a couple of really cool features.

After months of being closed for renovations, the

13-year-old Athena By The Sea held its grand reopening on Tuesday.

"We completely redesigned the whole restaurant and added some new menu items. It was just time to redo the restaurant," said owner Louis Marchelos, who imported Greek stone to incorporate into the new look.

"We relocated our kitchen to the back of the restaurant and put the bar in the front

[making it an open air restaurant]," said Marchelos.

And the bar is where the cool new features can be found.

"We have a frost rail system on the bar and it keeps the customers' cocktails cold," said Marchelos.

And for those looking for a cold glass of liquor or other spirits, the shot vodka system keeps liquors at zero degrees. "We offer our customers the

coldest martini in all of South Florida," Marchelos said.

Along with new menu items like BBQ ribs, prime pork rib eye and oysters, the wine selection has increased to 40 selections and nightly entertainment is coming after the commencement of the new year.

"We have our Greek wines and wines throughout the world," said Marchelos. Call 954-771-2900.

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# Groundwork was laid in 2012 for a new image in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Lauderdale-By-The-Sea**  
 – Residents and business owners will begin to see the results of months of

planning as major projects get under way on Commercial Boulevard, both east and west of A1A, in the spring of the new year.

Design work is nearly complete for streetscape

and drainage projects on Commercial Boulevard east of A1A and for the area west of A1A from Seagrape Drive to the Intracoastal Waterway bridge.

The eastern project is

aimed at transforming the commercial district into an inviting public space with wider sidewalks, plazas, shade trees and a clear view of the ocean.

The project eliminates parking on Commercial east of El Mar Drive but allows vehicle access to the pier and Aruba's.

“After years of having professional studies and master plans produced, only to sit and collect dust, the town has begun to execute and implement on those strategies [for downtown redevelopment],” Vice Mayor Scot Sasser said.

He said it has been “a complete team effort with many hours put in by the town administration and staff to be able to accomplish so much

this year.”

## Teamwork and harmony

“The single biggest achievement is the continuation of teamwork and harmony that has resulted in the commission and staff working together to make important decisions that will affect the future of the town,” Commissioner Stuart Dodd says. “There is a great sense of “fairness” and the desire to get things done. He points to the hours of discussion over sewer rates so that charges reflect the costs and the hard negotiations over redevelopment plans for the downtown.

Among other

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# Oakland Park preps for its culinary arts district

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

**Oakland Park** – The decisions city commissioners made to hire a consulting firm and listen to their recommendations resulted in visible progress in redeveloping and reinvigorating the downtown.

In February, they approved hiring Redevelopment Management Associates [RMA] to provide a marketing and business attraction program for the downtown and implement a culinary brand for the city.

Earlier, the commission hired RMA to provide services to develop Oakland Station, the former Sears warehouse, as the culinary anchor; to attract proposals to develop property at the south gateway to Main Street; and consult with Broward County on their Redevelopment Capital Program [RCP] funding and provide ongoing redevelopment advice.

“When we brought in RMA, we gave them a big job to do with a relatively small amount of money,” Mayor Anne Sallee said. “Already a new parking lot has been created,” just north of city hall, “where an eyesore building stood.”

Groundbreaking took place

recently for a downtown plaza and Funky Buddha Brewery at the Oakland Station building. The brewery is expected to open by the end of February.

When RMA officials first talked about a vision of the area as a culinary center, Sallee said, “it all made sense. When they listed what we already had and the areas available, it was like all of the puzzles fell into place. They came in with a new set of eyes.”

Oakland Park Station is at the north end of Main Street. Now two culinary schools are interested in the south end, in a building once owned by the Catholic archdiocese.

She says it’s exciting now when the city holds meetings, and people they haven’t seen before are coming and saying they’re thinking of locating their business in Oakland Park.

“What we’re doing for redevelopment is an enormous step forward,” says Vice Mayor John Adornato. “Bringing on RMA, reinvigorating Main Street and getting serious about bringing new development into the city” is a major accomplishment.

“We made a decision to move forward with the culinary arts theme and to put our money where our mouth



Officials celebrate a ground-breaking in the culinary arts district.

is and make things happen. We have community and business support, and nothing is more important than that,” Adornato said.

“Engaging RMA - and implementing their Culinary Arts District theme -- will prove to be one of the most significant acts taken by Oakland Park,” said Commissioner Shari McCartney. The commission secured funding to get the project started and RMA and [Oakland Park] Main Street have worked together to attract culinary-related merchants and industries.”

In July, commissioners authorized an agreement with RMA to complete a

general review of the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency plan, the Redevelopment RCP and develop a strategic plan for the next five years.

In September, commissioners approved a contract with RMA for \$254,615 to market the new culinary district. And it calls for another \$150,000 for incentives.

### City buys two properties

In May, commissioners agreed to purchase the Schnell property at 1229 NE 37 St., just north of city hall, for \$320,000.

The building will be

kept as is until it’s needed for parking or future development.

Commissioners also approved purchasing the Perez property at 1110 NE 34 Court for \$767,500.

The Perez property, at Northeast 34 Court and Dixie Highway, will be demolished during the first quarter of the new year and replaced with a plaza area with seating and landscaping “to reflect the look of Northeast 12 Avenue and carry it across Dixie Highway,” Sallee said.

Railway intersection improvements will be made at that same intersection with

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The English ladies of that era bought these shells, making fancy tables and knick-knacks with them. Thus, in England the Sailor's Valentine first was conceived, with octagonal boxes created to house the fancy creations.

The octagonal shape, lending itself to even partitions and symmetry of design, was adopted for the valentines.

From England, the making of the Valentines moved to Barbados via an enterprising B. H. Belgrave.

He and his brother migrated from England and began a sea curio shop on the island with crafts from the local ladies.

He had cases made and patterns to be copied. He also sold specimen shells, crabs, preserved local fish and other



Shell magic - Patience and an eye for detail make these shell valentines unique. [Right] Marie Antoinette, dressed in fine shells is the centerpiece for this valentine. [Photos courtesy of the Broward Shell Club]

sea creatures. Sailors, gone for a long time and knowing Barbados was one of the ports on their way home, often bought these Valentines as souvenirs.

The typical valentines of today have specific criteria.

There are single Valentines and double valentines and if one is to win an award, no empty space can show on the bottom of the Valentine.

The center is rounded with a theme of hearts, flowers or a love saying. Flowers made from shells or other natural sea objects are made and inserted and colored foil paper is shaped to form partitions on the bottom of the case. As breathtaking as the beauty of these Valentines are, one is hard pressed to actually describe them.

Today, antique and reproduced "Sailor's

Valentines" are sought for their beauty and uniqueness. The Valentines of today had a revival in the 1960s. This revival has increased in interest and artistry since then particularly on Florida's West Coast, some Valentines selling for upwards of \$20,000.

David Rhyne is the recipient of two 2012 Broward Shell Show for Sailor's Valentine along with other awards.

His creations are collected by people from around the world.

David attended The Ringling School of Art, majoring in illustration. After moving to New York City in 1981, he and his wife, Victoria, started their own design business creating shoe

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# Hillsboro Retro

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went away unsure of how to fix the problem here.

The story also spurred a group of citizens to form an ad hoc committee to investigate erosion control methods and their research continues. When Tropical Storm Sandy passed by, the north beach again suffered huge sand losses.

In March, the Barefoot Mailman statue at the Hillsboro Inlet Lighthouse was re-dedicated after being restored by its sculptor Frank Varga and the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society hosted a birthday party for the lighthouse, its 105th.

The lighthouse generated more news when conservationists, concerned that its beam was a hazard for sea turtles, asked that the light be dimmed. Boaters reacted swiftly saying the beam, reportedly the strongest anywhere and casting its light 28 miles to sea, was necessary for navigation. The Hillsboro Inlet is surrounded by coral reefs and known for its tricky currents. Although the Coast Guard announced no official decision, the beam remains turned on.

Another idea that so far has not caught on was broached by developer John Kennelly, owner of 11 acres on the ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. In the past Kennelly has presented plans for both a townhome community and single-family residences and marina, going

so far as to plan a pedestrian tunnel under A1A to connect his two properties. This time, his representatives sent letters to homeowners suggesting there could be interest in building a boutique, 5-star hotel on the site if commissioners would grant the necessary variances. The idea drew a mixed response from the public and has not yet resurfaced.

Using county funds awarded for recycling, the town held its first Earth Day in April built around a beach cleanup and barbecue at town hall. Despite nasty weather, lots of refuse was removed from the beaches and A1A right of way.

Still unresolved is the matter of the Island House Bridge which needs repairs. The bridge which crosses a slough separating the condominium from A1A was deeded to the town in 1966. Because it is used primarily by the residents of Island

House, city commissioners were reluctant to charge the taxpayers for its repair. On several occasions they tried to convince the condo board that the work could be done cheaper and faster by the residents.

The condo board says the city should have maintained a fund for the repairs. An agreement of sorts was reached with the city offering to put up \$160,000. So far, no word from the Island House Board.

Late in the year, the town was notified it was being sued for its open records policy. A Lakeland man filed suit after he requested copies of all the emails sent to the mayor in April and was told by the town clerk to use a request form provided by the town. The lawsuit contends that neither the Florida Constitution nor the Florida Public Records Act require a form to be filed. The lawsuit is one of dozens

filed by a Joel Chandler, or his associates, contesting public record laws. In most instances, he has been successful.

The town did win one court case. Police officer Jim Woolsey had filed an age discrimination law suit in federal court claiming he was denied a promotion because of his age.

Woolsey who is now 54 was demoted from his rank of captain by Chief Tom

Nagy, but the judge dismissed Woolsey's complaint saying it showed insufficient grounds. Woolsey is appealing the ruling in appellate court.

In July, the town rejected its longstanding solid waste collector Waste Management and negotiated a contract with Choice Engineering at what appears to be a considerable saving. The commission is actively encouraging residents to recycle, an initiative that began earlier this year.

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# Bobcat

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# Deerfield retro

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made by the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] take center stage.

The \$5 million construction of the fishing pier entrance, restaurant, restroom, bait shop and observation deck was completed earlier this month. This CRA project encountered a few snags and went over its original budget, but the result is public oceanfront space that can't be matched along this coast.

Securing a vendor for the restaurant, however, proved



Ocean views, refreshments and shade made the new pier a favorite spot to enjoy

to be complicated. After the bid proposal was reworked, the potential vendors had their bids opened and rated. Two filed protests, and when that was settled, the commission deadlocked on the lease holder.

Another meeting resolved

that question, but the vendor not chosen filed a protest which was denied last week by the commission. Presumably, contract negotiations will now go forward and what promises to be first class food service will be available in a few months.

In the meantime, the "T" at the end of the pier suffered damage in Tropical Storm Sandy and awaits repairs which may be months in coming. But most of the pier's 935 feet are operational.

The CRA put the finishes touches to the parking lot upgrades in The Cove Shopping Center and turned its attention to developing Sullivan Park into a recreational area with a marine theme. The project is being jump started to take advantage of a grant from the Florida Inland Navigational District and will be financed by a \$4 million bond issue. Also ready to go are infrastructure improvements – paving, drainage, lighting –

in the residential area known as Cove Gardens between the shopping center and the Publix Shopping Center. This too is a CRA project.

One initiative that did not succeed was upgrades to the main beach parking lot. While staff thought a small amphitheatre and some permanent seating would enhance the area's value as a performance venue, the public wasn't so sure and those plans have been shelved.

Similarly an enhancement to Constitution Park, a small stage for performances, was shot down by the board that controls the Deer Creek Homeowners' Association.

The commission spent considerable time early in the year redrawing the zoning rules for industrial acreage in the city's NW sector. The result pleased residents who live in Independence Bay and The Waterways because certain land uses such as junk yards, metal shredding operations and bio-medical waste facilities were eliminated from the code.

An issue that found wide support this year was the "All In" recycling program which provided homeowners with rolling bins for their recyclables as well as bonus points, redeemable at local businesses.

In the good guys department, the Deerfield Beach Kiwanis Club,

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## Deerfield retro

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collaborating with Scholastic Books, Inc., agreed to fund a reading room at Deerfield Park Elementary School, the first of its kind in the country.

The Broward Sheriff's Department did its share of good work too.

In October it held its first banquet recognizing dozens of "community heroes" whose volunteer efforts make this city a better place to live. And using money from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, the local BSO partnering with FAU, endowed full scholarships to the university for three worthy Deerfield Beach students. The concept was lauded by FAU President Dr. Mary Jane Saunders for being a first.

Sheriff Al Lamberti came to town in November to announce the arrest of nine youth football coaches on gambling charges. Although one local coach was among those being held, the city was lauded for initiating Level-2 back ground checks for volunteers working with kids on public property which took questionable people off the fields.

The city tightened its regulations making it much more difficult for 'for-profit' organizations to operate here.

On a positive note, in April this city completed its "stimulus" project, construction of the Dixie Highway Flyover built with \$40 million in federal funds. This improvement to Dixie Highway came after 25 years of planning and re-planning by state road department officials stymied each time by lack of money.

In May, the city's housing authority board of directors filled a vacancy created when longtime director Pam Davis left the city in January to work in Gainesville. Davis's replacement, Nadine Jarmon, who came here from New Orleans, has kept the agency out of the headlines.

As Father Time tears the last page from the 2012 calendar, the New Year Babe has politics on its mind. With the national election and all its SNAFUs in Florida still a vivid memory, voters here will return to the polls in March to decide on two commissioners and a mayor.

One seat, District 3, serving Crystal Lake and Century Village, is vacant due to term limits, leading to speculation as to who will run there.

Both the mayor and the District 4 commissioner have said they will seek re-election.

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# Wilton Manors retro

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Wilton Drive, the creation of an economic development coordinator position and a bid to develop the Hagen Park/City Hall parking lot, officials have planted a lot of seeds they hope will bear economic fruit well after this year ends.

"We've started some things and planned some things but there's still a lot that has to be done," said Commissioner Tom Green.

"Giving all credit where credit is due, I think it was very difficult [for the city to get economic development going in previous years] because of the economy," said Krishan Manners, president/CEO of the Wilton Manors Development Alliance [WMDA].

One of the first moves was the addition of Randy Welker, economic development coordinator. The city has also decided to hire an outside firm to market its parks and recreation facilities and attract more attention to events like the annual Stonewall street festival, which brings tens of thousands of visitors to the city each June.

"I think they've made a good start this year, especially hiring Randy. I'm already working with him on a few things," said Manners. One project Manners and Welker are working on is wooing a major new employer into the city. Manners declined to say which company is interested but he estimates that it could mean at least 40 high-paying jobs.

And helping to fund Welker's job and the marketing position, or at least make it easier to fund them, was an increase in the city's taxable values.

The 3.63 percent jump in values led to an additional

\$140,000 in revenue. And after four years of decline, Mayor Gary Resnick called the increase a "marked turnaround."

"It's all general fund money but lets just say it adds to the stability of the city with planning and moving forward with some projects. It's always better than having to cut," he said.

"I fully expect 2013 to be a good year," said Manners.

And that could mean a good year in 2014 if the residential development, proposed for the Hagen Park/City Hall site, is good for the city and commissioners vote in favor of it.

Earlier this month, the city's request for bids to develop its four-acre Hagen Park/City Hall parking lot drew one interested party, IBI Group, a Pompano Beach architecture and engineering firm. Although officials were hoping for a hotel, IBI has proposed a mixed-use residential and commercial development.



Students from Wilton Manors Elementary School walked down Northeast 21 Court during the school's annual Walk for Peace in November. The walk is part of the school's Passport to Peace program which teaches students to adopt a positive attitude and character traits, including respect and tolerance.

If approved, it could be finished by the end of 2014 and have a positive impact on Wilton Drive's merchants by placing possibly hundreds of new customers within walking distance of their businesses.

Other developers say they intend to develop the Center for Spiritual Living site at 1550 NE 26 St. and the former trailer park property on Northeast 24 Street.

But although Wilton Drive has received much of the city's attention, officials say they're still working on the city's other major commercial corridors, including Dixie Highway, which recently received a \$1 million grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for sidewalk, lighting and landscaping improvements.

Resnick told *The Pelican*

he also wants to focus on some of the city's western neighborhoods, improve Mickel Field and get a stalled apartment building project on Powerline Road finished and filled with tenants. The building, owned by the county, is supposed to become a low-income housing development

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## Robotics

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Creek who advises the school's award-winning robotics team. "We need more engineers, scientists and mathematicians."

This year's tournament focused on how technology can serve humanity, particularly seniors. Past tournaments have dealt with the environment, transportation and nanotechnology.

The course, which had miniaturized tasks constructed of LEGOs, revolved around challenges and activities seniors often encounter in their daily lives. Each team, using a small computer and LEGOs, had to build and program its own robot. And each robot had to be able to perform tasks including, fixing a chair, planting a garden, bowling, making a quilt, turning on a television, turning off an oven and choosing the right medicine bottle.

"They're all related to the tasks senior citizens have to deal with," said Victor Coto, a mechanical engineering student at University of Central Florida who served as head referee.

The students interviewed senior citizens with an ailments to search for innovative way to help them function.

Baresi Morse, a 5th grader at Silver Lakes Middle School in North Lauderdale, seems to already be thinking about engineering in relation to life's challenges. "I've always liked engineering . . . I want to build stuff to make life easier."

The competition, said McCrary, also develops each student's collaboration, communication and research skills. "They're programming robots, building robots and they're also building their research skills." To get their robot to work, each team must master circumferences, fractions, gears, torque, ratios, computer engineering and other concepts and disciplines.

Lascelles Reece, technology education teacher at Silver Lakes, says it's a way to show students that those math, science and engineering concepts aren't just found in books but also exist in the real world.

Evan Learn, a 5th grader from American Heritage School in Plantation, says "It's kind of cool to see your robot go into action. When it doesn't work you're a little disappointed. But it doesn't matter because you know you can fix it."

# Wilton Manors retro

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but city officials are frustrated over the county's lack of progress. To help, Resnick said he will be giving tours of the city to newly elected Congresswoman Lois Frankel and State Senator Maria Sachs. "Hopefully they'll be in positions to help," he said.

The city has begun work on creating two Business Improvement Districts [BIDs] along Wilton Drive and Andrews Avenue. A BID, if approved by property owners within the BID boundaries, would allow the city to levy additional taxes on them. Right now, officials see a BID as a way to fund sidewalk and lighting improvements on Andrews Avenue. A Wilton Drive BID could provide funds for the city to take control over Wilton Drive [from the state] and make it into a two-lane road similar to Las Olas Boulevard.

With only two lanes, instead of four, being used by motorists, proponents of the takeover say a lot more parking spaces could be added along the street.

But, with a takeover far from certain, this year commissioners voted to buy two properties on Northeast 8 Terrace to provide more parking on the north end of Wilton Drive. They purchased the land using part of the \$1.1 million the city borrowed to create more parking. The total cost of buying the properties and paving them is \$650,000.

Those properties and a deal to use a third adjacent lot owned by Kids In Distress will allow the city to create a new parking lot with about 40 spaces. Newton said the lots should help alleviate some of the parking problems on that part of Wilton Drive.

The other business-related problem on Wilton Drive is a shortage of diversity – too many bars and restaurants, say officials, and not enough businesses selling retail items like clothing and shoes. As an incentive, the city reduced its parking requirements for new and existing retail shops along Wilton Drive.

Commissioner Ted Galatis said the city, like the rest of the country, is still struggling.

But with property values up, developers showing interest in the city and most of the businesses still in business at the end of another year, Galatis added that things are headed in the right direction. "I'd say we're still holding our own."



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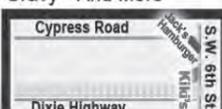
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## Oakland retro

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the idea of a future rail station in mind.

### New recycling carts approved

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Commissioners approved changes to the curbside program and authorized budget amendments to procure recycling carts.

In order to obtain residents' input into a future program, city staff implemented a recycling cart pilot program

with 55 residents taking part in an eight-week period. Overall residents favored carts over bins.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents recommended the 65-gallon cart over the 95-gallon cart for recycling. Vice Mayor John Adornato and Commissioner Shari McCartney said they were ecstatic about the proposed cart recycling, and McCartney said she liked the "pretty blue cart."

Commissioners agreed on an option using 65-gallon blue carts for collecting residential curbside recyclables and continuing the current weekly collection schedule. As an optional service, residents could have 95-gallon recycling carts on request.

Staff anticipated implementing the revised recycling program in January 2013, after securing the equipment and providing significant outreach.

### Millage rate raised

In September, commissioners approved a millage rate of 6.3142, up 5 percent from the previous year. Use of fund balance was reduced from \$3 million to \$2.4 million or 23 percent of operating expenditures.

Commissioners approved an increase in fire assessment fee for residential units to \$196 from \$167. Solid waste and stormwater assessments remained the same at \$255 and \$72 per residence.

"With this budget we have stopped tapping reserves and implemented, as policy, that future budgets will be balanced without use of reserves," McCartney said. "We were able to provide pay increases to city employees for the first time in at least three years. I think we did a very good job of balancing the residents' and city's needs and wants with the responsibility to be fiscally prudent."

Commissioners also addressed pension reform. "With an eye toward a solvent and economically sustainable future for the city, some changes have been made in municipal union members' compensation and benefits," McCartney said. "For example, we offered a contract to our firefighters [at a recent

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## The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

### ACROSS

- 1 Pass by, as time
- 6 Toward the rudder
- 9 Charley horse, e.g.
- 14 Earthy pigment
- 15 Take notice of
- 16 Hair reddener
- 17 Chilled
- 18 Bus rider, e.g.
- 20 Soccer legend
- 21 Heated conflict
- 22 Woodland animals
- 23 Part of FDA: Abbr.
- 25 Sudden commotion
- 27 Type of equation
- 29 Online message
- 31 Not quite right
- 32 Daredevil's asset
- 34 Old Venetian coin
- 38 Hightail it
- 40 Loud racket
- 42 Nothing more than
- 43 Contract details
- 45 Barely enough
- 47 Sargasso, for one
- 48 Bathroom fixture, for some
- 50 Feudal servant
- 52 Aim high
- 55 Largest artery
- 56 Louver part
- 57 Suspect's story
- 60 Nuclear energy source
- 63 Nicaragua's neighbor

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- 65 Voice a view
- 66 Aquatic mammal
- 67 Encountered
- 68 Special influence
- 69 Over yonder
- 70 Poem of praise
- 71 Past or present
- 7 Tour de force
- 8 Reason to cram
- 9 Ship's pronoun
- 10 Metronome part
- 11 The Hulk's catalyst
- 12 Dirty look
- 13 Tie the knot
- 19 Napper's spot
- 21 Squad-car sound
- 24 "The Running \_\_\_" (1987)
- 26 Tupperware top
- 27 Artist's quarters
- 28 Up to nothing
- 29 Throw out, as a tenant
- 30 Flat-topped hill
- 33 Jack's love in "Titanic"
- 35 Discontinuance
- 36 Geometric measure
- 37 Blue-green color
- 39 Make resentful
- 41 Poetic ending
- 44 Military address
- 46 Seasoned sailor
- 49 Letter opener
- 51 Office fastener
- 52 High-class tie
- 53 Slow mover
- 54 Wallpaper goo
- 55 Taper off
- 58 VIP's transport.
- 59 Type of tea
- 61 Our treat
- 62 Dole (out)
- 64 \_\_\_ we there yet?
- 65 World Series mo.

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**Solution to Crossword:**

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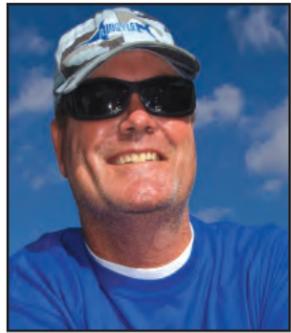
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**Lighthouse Point** – As I sip a glass of eggnog mixed with a little special sauce, I think about all of the great fishing trips I had this year. The Texas swordfish trip stands alone in my mind. We set the record for the most swordfish ever caught on rod and reel in one day, 21.

Than there was the bluefin tuna trip to Nova Scotia where we caught several fish over 1,000 lbs. I also returned to Costa Rica after a 20-year layoff. It's such a different country now; lots of Americans and plenty of fast food restaurants.

I guess I would have loved it if I had not remembered that I had been there years

ago, when nobody else was there. I think about all of the big swordfish that we caught locally and the people who got a chance to catch their first one. The elation and the smiles on their faces makes it all worth while.

And then there were some great reef trips and even a few awesome snook trips on the Intracoastal.

It has always been a goal of mine to fish one more day every year than the previous year. I haven't counted it up but I think I've accomplished my task or gotten pretty close.

I have always been a goal-oriented person. I generally set yearly goals for all aspects of my life, not just fishing.

As for 2013, it should be very interesting and exciting.

My first trip will be to Panama in January.

Everybody goes there for the tunas and billfish. I am going there to try and catch a world

record swordfish. Nobody goes there to catch swords, so I figured I'd give it a shot.

But world record or not, I'm very lucky to be able to do all of the great things that I do.

God has truly blessed me and I am going to get as much out of every day as I possibly can. As we get older and deal with the struggles in life, it is important to take time to connect with Mother Nature. The ocean has a funny way of making everything okay, if only for a while.

When that rod bends over and the line starts peeling off the reel there is no way you can think about anything else, I guarantee it.

Don't waste your life working so hard that you don't enjoy the roses. Make it a New Year's resolution to fish at least twice a month.

Good luck, tight lines and Happy New Year!

## Oakland retro

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impasse hearing] that significantly reduced future pension payment liabilities for the city while maintaining the status quo in benefits for firefighters who are within seven years of retirement. I think this is another example of balance in our decision-making."

Another major accomplishment was addressing water supply issues on the west side of the city, Sallee said. Old four-inch water lines were replaced in the Rock Island area, and work in Lake-side and Royal Palm Acres is nearing completion.

## Sightings

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**1-2 – Family Storytime at 6 p.m. at Wilton Manors Public Library, 500 NE 26 St. Children ages three and up are welcome. 954-390-2195.**

**1-5 – Outdoor garden program for children at 10:30 a.m. at Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. 954-786-2181.**

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accomplishments during the year, a beautification project for North A1A was completed with enhanced landscape, decorative pavement and wider sidewalks and in some areas, the addition of street furniture and crosswalks. This project, Sasser points out, was funded almost entirely with state grant money.

Mayor Roseanne Minnet also mentions streetscape improvements now under way on Bougainvillea just west of town hall as another major accomplishment.

The drainage and streetscape project includes

redoing the roadway and adding landscape island areas and drainage improvements from Pine Avenue south to the fire station.

"I would have liked to reclaim some of the swale area, but the residents spoke that they needed parking," Minnet said. "Overall, the project is progressing as well as could be expected."

### Lower millage rate

Commissioner Mark Brown noted that LBTS was one of the few municipalities in Broward County to lower its millage rate in 2012. The town also cut the water tax in half and lowered sewer rates by 10 percent. "We now have the fourth lowest millage rate and the fourth lowest fire

assessment in the county. I'm proud that we are keeping the town's finances in order," Brown said.

"The beach is our last line of defense in town. It supports our tourism industry and is the last line of defense to protect properties from storm surge. We have an opportunity to get more sand on the beach, and I'm pleased that we will be taking advantage of that opportunity," he said.

### Outsourcing evaluated

In her recent report to commissioners, Town Manager Connie Hoffmann noted progress in several areas in improving government efficiency. She said that hiring Calvin Giordano for code enforcement has been very successful, and the minor

savings projected have been achieved.

Savings on a parking services contract were less than originally projected because the commission deferred a decision on the contract from December to March and decided to pay COBRA insurance coverage and a salary differential for town employees who transitioned to the contractor.

"Performance of the parking services contractor [Standard Parking] has been acceptable," Hoffmann wrote.

Regarding parking, Sasser notes, "We expanded our use of parking pay stations and added credit card acceptance, which generated \$500,000 more in parking revenues while issuing significantly fewer parking tickets. Those funds are being used to

expand parking facilities in 2013 at no cost to LBTS taxpayers."

The town negotiated an extension to its contract with Choice Engineering for garbage collection and recycling at great advantage to the town in terms of service and cost, Hoffmann wrote.

And they renegotiated a contract with AMR, the emergency medical services provider, and avoided automatic annual price escalations.

Hoffmann credited Bud Bentley, assistant town manager, and Tony Bryan, finance director, for their work on contract negotiations.

Dodd notes that significant changes are being seen in the town's recycling efforts. "Wheelie bins rather than plastic tubs should have a dramatic effect in the tonnage that goes to the landfill and tonnage that gets recycled," he said.

The commission also created a new brand image for the town with a pelican on an Adirondack chair and the tag line, "Lauderdale-By-The-Sea. Relax... You're Here."

Approving the brand was a major accomplishment, Minnet said. She's also pleased with programs the town instituted to help hotels and businesses improve their properties.

Plans and projects completed this year couldn't have happened "without the tireless dedication of town management, staff and the support and input of our residents," Sasser said. "There is excitement in the air in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea for all the right reasons," he says. "We are implementing our plans while maintaining those core values we all hold dear and in common. We want to remain differentiated while improving our quality of life."

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and Earl Maucker. Coming into play the weekend before the voting was a mailing by the Broward Republican Executive Committee suggesting Lysengen was linked to "union bosses," and Maucker, was "an independent liberal."

The mailing may have backfired. Hasis, who said he had no knowledge of it, said his campaign had been "high-jacked." Vice Mayor Sandy Johnson, herself a Republican, said it was "muckraking."

Once the election furor died down, however, it became business as usual here and this quiet town produced few headlines.

In May, Christy Keyes officially became the city's librarian replacing Doreen Gauthier who retired in late 2011. Keyes, 41, is a resident of LHP and had been acting director for six months and before that, the youth librarian. She came to the job with a background in education and staffing.

Gauthier was further honored for her 33 years

building the library into a first-class institution at the 12th annual Keepers Days in February. She shared the spotlight with Mike McDace who was named a "keeper" posthumously after 34 years serving in police and code departments.

LHP lost another uniformed officer this year when firefighter Kevin Horkheimer died after 37 years of service.

Taking honors as Community Advocate of the Year was Michelle Greene so named by the Children's Home Society at a banquet that raised \$120,000 for the agency and celebrated its 110th year. Greene is the well-known local businesswoman who founded the LHP Chamber of Commerce.

Police Chief Ross Licata reported an uptick in arrests due to the addition of License Plate Recognition Cameras at the town's major intersections. The cameras pick up on stolen license tags and alert the police department. A number of arrests were made and stolen property recovered. Licata went on record to urge residents to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity or strangers in their neighborhoods. He especially warned

residents not to open their doors to solicitors saying he rarely grants a permit for door to door salespersons. An unfamiliar face at the door often means someone is casing the house, the chief said.

A sad note for many was

the day the Fifth Avenue Grill closed. A popular eating and drinking spot since 1998, it fell victim to competition and hard times a family spokesperson said. The property was sold to a funeral home which will open shortly.

Earlier, the commission followed a trend being established in other South Florida cities and lifted the pre-noon ban on the Sunday sale of alcohol. Restaurants can now serve alcohol on Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

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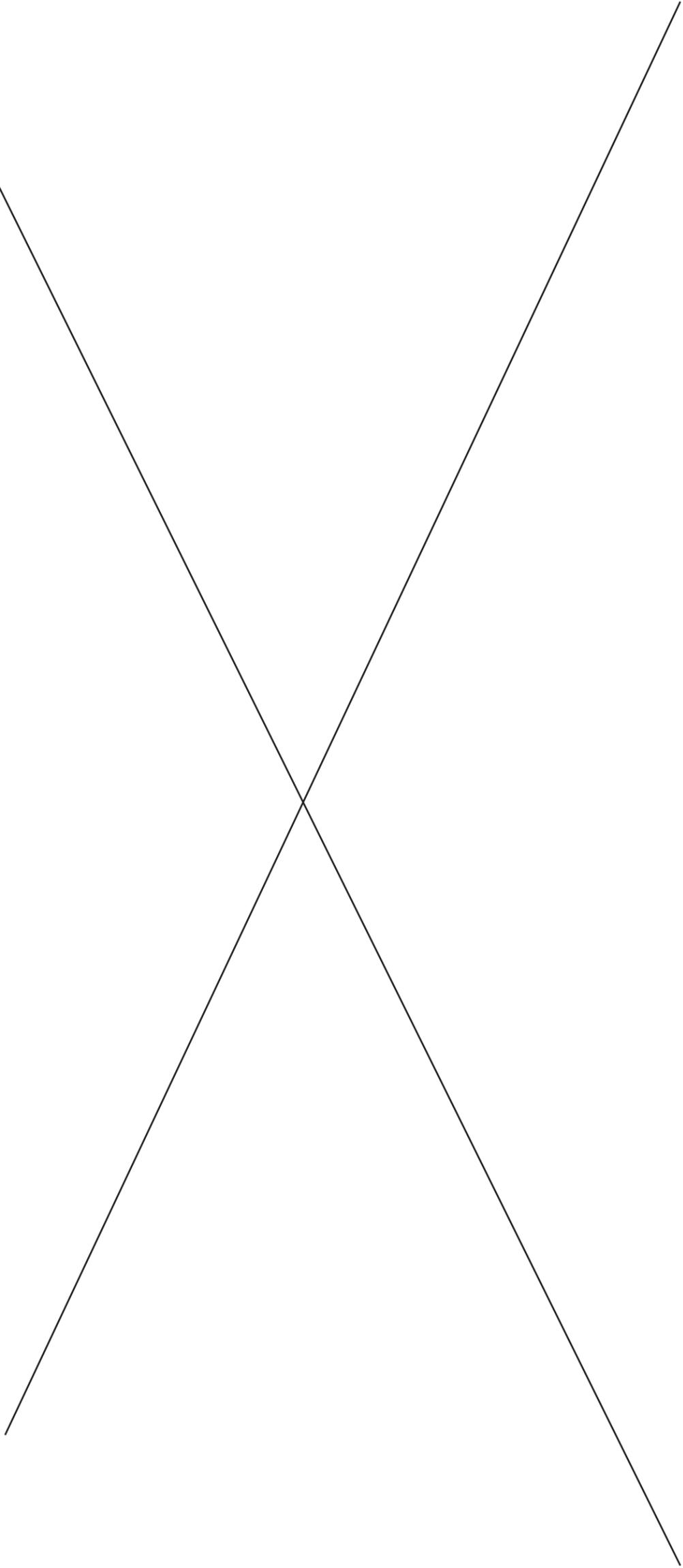
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