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Flippen sets cap for mayor's seat

By Katina Caraganis

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors – Vice-Mayor Justin Flippen is running for mayor in November 2018, according to an announcement he made through email and social media Dec. 4.

“I am pleased to share my candidacy for mayor of Wilton Manors, a community I love and one we have created together,” he said in his announcement.

A lifelong resident of the Island City, Flippen, 38, said he owes much of who he has become to the city and

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Commissioners approve \$182,000 in community grants

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – A pared-down list for community funding was approved by city commissioners last week. Nine of 15 agencies requesting support were approved for a total expenditure of \$181,748.

The commission had deferred a decision on the funding in August turning it back to staff to cut the original request amount - \$260,748.

The organizations that were funded are those that have a proven history,

See *GRANTS* on page 7

Ageless sport



Wayne Aronson, 61

Equal parts softball, sarcasm describe Deerfield Beach Over-50 League

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach – When the members of the Deerfield Beach Over-50 Senior Softball League get together, nearly every pitch seems to be dripping with good-natured sarcasm, every bad hit or play a

chance for ribbing.

“We have more fun than anything else. If we can remember how many innings we’ve played, we’re good,” joked Jay Tacher, 69, a league board member.

There’s some healthy competition,

See *SOFTBALL* on page 9

New chief looks forward to “positive” changes

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Lighthouse Point – “This is some place special and I want to be part of the positive things here,” Fire Chief Shawn Gilmore said after being sworn in to his new job Tuesday Night.

Gilmore, 60, takes over from David Donzella who retired in October after 11 years as chief, and has been acting as interim fire chief. He has eight years with the department in this city and 25 years with Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue.

While retirement was an option - Gilmore’s wife retired from nursing



LHP Fire Chief Shawn Gilmore

in September - the opportunity to stay and “move in a positive direction” kept him on the job.

One of the major tasks facing the commission and Gilmore will be

the design and financing of a new fire station. Also signaling change are retirements, promotions and new faces within the department and Gilmore says he looks forward to all of it.

“I am excited to continue to work

See *FIRE CHIEF* on page 7

Sobel calls meeting to terminate CRA directors; Commission rejects the idea

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – When news flew through the city this week that co-directors of the city’s Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA], Kim Briesemeister and Chris Brown, had



Pompano Beach Commissioner Mike Sobel

RMA did not disclose purchases of properties in CRA districts

-Sobel



Kim Briesemeister
CRA director

RMA disclosed purchases to the city manager.

-Briesemeister

been buying property since 2015 for personal use, Commissioner Mike Sobel called a special meeting Tuesday to “terminate” its contract with their company, RMA [Redevelopment Management Associates].

The prominent issue was that neither Briesemeister nor Brown had ever made a “public” disclosure of the purchases except through a letter to the city manager at that time, Dennis Beach.

Several city officials knew about the purchases, but none made a full disclosure to the public.

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Koi developers begin second phase of waterfront rental residences

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – The developers of Koi Residences & Marina are doubling down on Pompano Beach by building two more residential towers.

Ground was recently broken on “Envy,” the second phase of Koi. It will feature two eight-story towers and 213 apartments next to the existing 46 townhomes at 450 E. Atlantic Blvd. The townhomes are 90 percent sold and the rest of the 8.9-acre development includes a 15,000 sq. ft. community center, pool, cyber café, volleyball court, garden, dog park and resort-style gym and spa. “Ethos,” a six-story, Loft style condo building with 92 units, is the third phase of Koi but construction has not started yet.

“Envy” is expected to be finished by mid-2019. Just like “Ethos,” another portion of the Koi development, “Envy” will be built with the



millennial and youth market in mind. Floor plans will include studio, 1 bed/1 bath, 2 bed/2 bath, and 3 bed/2 bath at market prices not yet

announced.

Edith Conaway, general counsel for Invesca Development Group, builders and owners of Koi, said Pompano Beach was chosen because it's centrally-located between Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale and it was a market that was lacking in high-end residences. Invesca chose apartments, she said, because of the overabundance of

condominiums already on the market.

“There really are some prime, beautiful waterfront properties. I think that's what really attracted the developer. Envy is the type of project Pompano has not seen before. We found Pompano Beach was really lacking in this type of option,” said Conaway.

Koi is also near a lot of the city's recent redevelopment projects, including the beach, pier garage, and the Pompano Beach Cultural Center and Library.

Koi,” the latest phase of Koi Residences and Marina will feature two eight-story towers and 213 apartments next to the existing 46 townhomes at 450 E. Atlantic Blvd.

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Law allowing artificial turf gains ground in Lighthouse Point

By Judy Wilson
Lighthouse Point – A detailed ordinance allowing homeowners to install artificial turf is being considered by the city commission.

First reading was approved Tuesday. It provides very specific regulations for using the material and is based on a new premise that improved versions of the artificial grass are pervious, that is allow for drainage.

Included in a long list of to dos is a building permit, survey and landscape plan and installation by a licensed general contractor or landscape architect. Additionally, the turf must carry an eight-year no fade warranty, be made in

the US of polyethylene monofilament and be lead free and flame retardant.

It cannot be used in public rights of way or swales.

A requirement that approval from the Community Appearance Board be required was stricken from the proposed ordinance.

“The board thought this was just an extra step,” Commission President Sandy Johnson said.

Only Commissioner Mike Long voted against the ordinance which has been under discussion for some time. He gave as his reasons that artificial turf is chemical based and made with components such as recycled tires, absorbs heat

and allows less percolation than grass which means water run off containing contaminants goes streets and canals.

Said Long, “Real grass helps clean the air we breathe.”

Hedge height issue deferred
The planning and zoning board has asked commis-

sioners to delay addressing the limit on hedge heights so that a study can be made of residential boat, trailer and recreational vehicle storage can be made.

An ordinance raising the limits of hedges on non-waterfront properties from six to eight feet was due to be con-

sidered this month. Then the planners were asked to review hedge limits for waterfront properties. That segued into a discussion of boat storage in side yards which in turn led to the board asking for time to review the codes.

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea seeking interim commissioner in the north district

By Judy Vik
Pelican staff

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea -- Commissioners agreed to seek applications from residents

for the commission vacancy created by the resignation of Vice Mayor Mark Brown. Brown resigned in order to run for mayor. His resignation was effective at midnight Tuesday.

Applicants for the seat must

be residents living in the north side of town, be registered voters and LBTS residents for at least six months. Deadline to apply at the town clerk's office is noon Friday, Jan. 5.

The commission intends to name Brown's replacement at the start of the Jan. 9 meeting, so the replacement will serve beginning that night and continue until the new commission is sworn in after the March 13 election.

On the ballot will be the position of mayor, and two commission seats, one north, one south.

In related news, commissioners selected Commissioner Elliot Sokolow to replace Brown as vice mayor until the March election.

The commission also directed the town attorney to draft a possible code change since according to code, the

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Hillsboro Beach

Kirdahy will seek-re-election

Voters here will elect two town commissioners in the March 13 municipal election.

The commission seats now held by Irene Kirdahy and Don Taggart will be on the ballot. Both were elected in 2016 and are completing their first two-year term.

Kirdahy also serves as vice mayor of the board, an appointed job, and said last week she intends to seek re-election. "I am happy to be part of a cohesive commission that works well as a team," she said.

"Over the past two years the town has had a number of projects - the water main, the sewers, the rehab of A1A. I think my past engineering experience has been beneficial here."

Kirdahy and her husband Charles have lived on The Mile since 1998. They have two grown sons.

Filing for the seats opens at



Irene Kirdahy

the town clerk's office Jan. 2 at noon and closes Jan. 9 at noon. Candidates must be residents of the town, state and US and duly qualified

voters.

At presstime, Commissioner Taggart had not responded to phone calls and emails regarding his candidacy.

-Judy Wilson

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RMA

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Beach was not a member of the CRA board, nor did he make that disclosure known publicly to the city commissioners who serve as CRA board members.

Both Mayor Lamar Fisher and Commissioner Rex Hardin said they had been made aware of the purchases

after the fact. Neither brought the information to a public forum.

Said Hardin. "I have known about it for a long time." He added that notifying Beach had been the "proper" thing.

In an interview with Chanel 10's Bob Norman, which aired later that evening, City Manager Greg Harrison said he too had known of the purchases. Asked why he did not disclose it to the

commission, Harrison said, "That's out of my league."

When asked by Sobel if he knew of the purchase, former commissioner Ed Phillips said, "I don't recall."

Sobel said his reasons for termination "had nothing to do with the RMA/CRA work performance."

Instead, he said that the failure of the co-directors to "disclose" three known purchases created the perception of "a conflict of interest" and a "possible misuse of funds in their official positions."

CRA funding is from portions of property tax payments within stated boundaries referred to as TIF [Tax Increment Financing].

Two properties were purchased by Briesmeister and Brown on Nov. 11, 2015 under the corporation "Old Towne Flagler, LLC for a property at 120 N. Flagler Ave. for \$750,000 and at 114 N. Flagler Ave. for \$750,000.

Through a second corporation, East Village 2300, LLC, Briesmeister and Brown bought 2300-2306 E. Atlantic Blvd. on May 14, 2015 for \$975,000.

On Dec. 23, 2014, Briesmeister's attorney, Jamie A. Cole wrote that while the "Broward County Code of Ethics is inapplicable to [the named purchases]," state law requires that she "immediately disclose this fact in a manner provided by state law.

All purchases were financed

through Stonegate Bank.

Briesmeister saw the attempt to terminate her company as an "attack," adding "This is not a coincidence."

In a letter, dated Dec. 11, Briesmeister wrote that the [termination] meeting and the Channel 10 investigation "was an attempt to malign RMA and distract them from the positive work that the CRA is doing in Pompano Beach."

She also rejected the fact that she had not disclosed the information.

Weeks earlier at a CRA board meeting, Sobel asked why the city could not take over the work of development since most of the planning and infrastructure projects had either been designed or completed. His subsequent motion to that issue failed.

On Tuesday, Briesmeister had support from several persons in the audience.

Among them were Jack Rogerson, chair of the east CRA who directed his remarks to Sobel. "Is this going to be a monthly thing? Now you want to do it [terminate RMA] on a perception of a violation. This is ridiculous. I'm embarrassed," he said.

Elaine Fitzgerald, member of the city's economic advisory committee, said, "[RMA] brought the city out of a downward spiral."

But Briesmeister also had dissenters.

Local activist Vincente Thrower, who recently

learned of the purchases directed his remarks to her, "Once you got your legal advice from the CRA attorney, [the attorney] should have disclosed the information to the board . . . to the full body, not just two or three people," he said.

Joseph Wells said, "You say our white sister did not do anything wrong? If you don't get rid of her, we will change this dais."

Whitney Rawls, chair of the west CRA said, "I am terribly saddened. This [is in direct competition with our properties."

Another dissenter not present at the meeting, Broward County Vice Mayor Mark Bogen, whose district includes Pompano Beach, said, "The northwest CRA has been scammed [and] ripped off for decades."

Bogen has asked the Office of Inspector General [OIG] to investigate the matter.

After two hours of discussion, Mayor Lamar Fisher, Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie and Commissioners Rex Hardin and Barry Moss voted against the termination. In favor of termination were Commissioners Sobel and Beverly Perkins.

The city's contract with RMA is \$1 to \$1.5 million annually.

RMA was hired by the city in 2006 to serve as executive director of the CRA which consists of areas on the east and western parts of the city.

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Commentary

Without full transparency, the public's trust weakens

This week Kim Briesemeister and Chris Brown, principals of RMA, the company that guides the city's redevelopment from the beach to the western boundaries, were on the block for lack of full and public disclosure of their personal property purchases within the east and the west CRAs.

They have done an outstanding job. This city has a beachfront that is active, fun and beautiful; it is now an area that has already attracted new restaurants and businesses.

Their guidance has also turned Flagler Avenue and West Atlantic Boulevard into an arts center.

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This city is turning into the sweet-spot for growth.

But on Tuesday, a dash of cold water hit—or should have hit the faces of every public official here.

RMA is a contracted vendor for the single purpose of redeveloping the city—and paid \$1 million annually to do so.

So when news surfaced that RMA has been buying property since 2015 and not revealing it fully to the public, Commissioner Mike Sobel called the meeting to terminate RMA. He prefaced his remarks with admiration for the work RMA has done for the city.

We believe he did exactly the right thing.

This is why.

Sobel after learning of the purchases, brought the three-year-old information to the surface with full-disclosure at a public meeting.

RMA works closely with city officials to redevelop blighted areas. That redevelopment is paid for with tax dollars which, by law, build the streets, sidewalks and infrastructure that attracts new development.

As public property increases in value, so do surrounding properties.

The property RMA bought at 2300-2306 purchased for \$975,000 in 2015 from FNI Development, LLC, a Miami corporation, has likely already increased in value.

Briesmeister and Brown did notice then City Manager Dennis Beach of their purchase a full three years ago.

There is no record that Mr. Beach shared this with the general public.

It took Sobel less than a week to make this and two other property purchases public. Sobel is sticking to his campaign promise of transparency and use of "precious" tax dollars.

The moment that letter to Beach was in the hands of the city, it should have been public information. But it remained known officially only to the city manager. But on Tuesday night, Commissioner Rex Hardin said he had known about the properties "for a long time." Mayor Lamar Fisher said he had "heard about it."

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Correction

In the Dec. 8 edition of *The Pelican*, the story, "City declares Nov. 10 as Current Builders Day . . .," the paper incorrectly stated the annual revenues of Current Builders, a 45-year-old company. The correct amount is \$150 million. We regret the error. Anne Siren.

Transparency

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We believe city officials had the ethical responsibility to release this to the public.

That was never done.

These public servants, from the city manager to the last commissioner, had every opportunity to share this information at any of the public meetings held over last three years.

Not done.

And had they done so, a different response could have taken place. The city could have had another ribbon cutting to celebrate the location of RMA's international corporate headquarters in Pompano Beach.

Lost opportunity.

And we place the wrong-doing equally on every elected public official and the city managers, including the present city manager, Greg Harrison, who failed to disclose the information on the dais.

None, not one official used his or her position to fully reveal to the public that the personal purchases by Briesemeister and Brown had been completed.

Had there been a directive that prohibited the discussion since so many public officials knew and never brought it up?

Broward County Vice Mayor Mark Bogan has asked the Office of Inspector General to look into the matter.

Sobel may have lost his bid to terminate RMA as the director of the city's redevelopment projects, but he raised his own flag higher to have transparency and ethics back in the spotlight.

And that's what we call the good fight.

-Anne Siren

Broward North CRC chair endorses charges against hospital board members

Lighthouse Point – The chair of Broward Health North's Community Relations Committee, Sandy Johnson, said this week "I totally agree with the Grand Jury's decision to indict" the leadership of the Broward Health Board.

"It seems obvious they broke the rules and railroaded Pauline Grant [out of her job]."

Johnson called the Grand Jury's action, "A good decision."

Grant, a former CEO of Broward Health North and acting CEO of the entire Broward Health System, was fired abruptly at a meeting held in November of 2016. No agenda item indicated the board was taking such a step. Grant was given no opportunity to speak.

Johnson, who is also a long-term member of the Lighthouse Point City Commission, has been a firm supporter of Grant as were many people who came to defend her at a Broward Health Executive Board meeting held a few weeks later.

Tuesday, the Grand Jury indicted Board Chair Rocky Rodriguez, Broward Health Interim CEO Beverly Capasso, legal counsel Lynn Barrett, member Christopher Ure and former member Linda Robison.

The indictments are for violations of the public meeting laws [Florida's Sunshine Law] and conspiracy to violate the public meeting law on the suspicion the board members and attorney Barrett pre-arranged the firing of Grant in order to give Capasso her job. The charges are second degree misdemeanors that carry light penalties.

Since then, the tax assisted hospital system has had a series of interim CEO's and the board is in the process of interviewing for a permanent executive. Due to a series of events, some including the district's finances, its bond rating has been downgraded.

Gov. Rick Scott appointed all of those indicted. It is normal for public officials being charged with a crime to be removed from office by the governor. At press time, the governor had not announced his intentions for the five indicted board members.

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Grants

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Vicki Placide-Pickard, director of community development, said. At the top of the list is the Center for Active Aging [NE Focal Point] that received \$63,168 and the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, awarded \$50,000. Another major recipient is the Cathedral Community Development Corporation, \$15,000, that runs a math and

English tutoring program at Deerfield Park Elementary School.

The only charities discussed by the commission were Junior Achievement [JA], funded for \$9,080, and the Railway Museum, which had its request deleted by staff.

Commissioner Gloria Battle said she would not vote for the JA money because the program is mandated by the school board and "should be funded by the school board."

Commissioner Todd Drosky asked that money be found for

the Railway Museum which had made a "compelling case" for \$5,000.

Among the requests cut from the fund by staff was \$35,000 For Gateway Community Outreach, \$10,000 for Broward 2-1-1 and \$15,000 for Broward Regional Health Planning Council.

No changes to the staff recommendation were made and the Community Participation Grants were approved 4-1 with Battle voting no.

Other funded organizations

are: Deerfield Beach High School - \$5,000, Family Central - \$10,000, the Deerfield Arboretum - \$7,500, Northeast Focal Point CASA- \$2,000, Women in Distress - \$10,000 and the Target Industry Tax Refund program - \$10,000, the latter a state-mandated, economic development program.

Motorized vessels must anchor out

Deerfield Beach – The city has established a "vessel exclusion zone" for its one-mile of public beachfront.

To assure the safety of swimmers and divers, motorized watercraft will not be allowed to operate within 400 feet of the beaches mean high-water line. The area is within the offshore reefs and does not apply to government vessels and authorized surveyors. It also excludes paddle boarders and vessels operated with oars.

Fire chief

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with the fine women and men of the Lighthouse Point Fire Department," he said.

Gilmore was raised in Hollywood and is a graduate of Cooper City High School. He received his fire training at the Broward Fire Academy. He and his wife live in Cooper City.

His salary as chief will be \$118,500. [Photo by Marta Hanby Farb]



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Our duty to veterans is to make this a country worthy of their service

By Mike d'Oliveira

COMMENTARY

When General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in April of 1865, he told his men, "Boys, go home now. And if you make as good citizens as you have soldiers, you will do well."

By all accounts, Edward "Pearl Harbor Eddie" Hammond made as good a citizen as he did a Navy man after he returned home from World War II. Hammond, 93, who died on Sept. 15, had his ashes interred at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth Dec. 7, the 76th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

He's so named "Pearl Harbor Eddie" because he was stationed at the naval base in Hawaii when that "day of infamy" occurred.

"We truly have lost an icon. We truly have lost a friend," said Chuck McLaughlin, a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran and friend of Hammond's. In his closing remarks, McLaughlin quoted General George S. Patton by saying

that we shouldn't mourn Hammond but "thank God" we knew him.

McLaughlin spoke of Hammond's friendliness, kindness, trustworthiness, loyalty, stubbornness, and generosity, including the 20 years he spent volunteering at hospitals to comfort those who were sick and in pain. "He was an absolutely great representative of Pearl Harbor. America has lost another hero."

Many came out to pay their final respects at the ceremony, which included a military honor guard, three-volley salute, and flyover by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter.

But attending ceremonies and funerals for veterans is an easy way to honor them for their service and sacrifice.

So, the question now is: How do we continue to honor Hammond and the rest of our veterans, living and dead, after the flags have been furled and the ceremony has ended?

The answer isn't easy, but it is simple: we make this a country worthy of their sacrifice.

Each day, the men and



Young Navy officer, Edward Hammond. Below, Hammond, retired.



Colleen Harris, Edward Hammond's daughter, receives the flag. [Photo by Tracy Lautomne]



women of our military, and many more who don't wear a military uniform, do their duty and keep our country safe from threats both foreign

and domestic. Our duty as civilians is to make this country the best version of itself.

"Pearl Harbor Eddie" did

that, both as a Navy man and as a resident of Deerfield Beach. It shouldn't be too much to ask for the rest of us to just do the "at home" part.

Boat safety classes

The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton will offer a one-day class "About Boating Safely" on Jan. 6 and the first Saturday of the month thereafter from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Spanish River Park HQ Bldg.

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Softball

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but not much formal structure. President Denis Tranchida said they mostly play pickup games and everyone bats. Players, who are not able to run as well anymore, are allowed to have a substitute run the bases for them after a base hit.

But the camaraderie doesn't end after the last out. Every Friday, players get together for beer and soda after the game. Once a month, food is added to the mix.

"There is a great camaraderie with the group, and

you get plenty of exercise," said John Morocco, 80. That camaraderie instantly attracted John Murphy, 77, to the league 14 years ago.

"I saw they were arguing and I said, 'this is for me.' It's actually a great place. Hell, where are you going to play ball over 70?" he asked.

The answer to "where" is at the Ovieta McKeithan Sports Complex on SW 2 St., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. The league, founded 62 years ago, is open to men and women and is comprised of players in their 50s to 80s and, sometimes, 90s,

Danny Napoli, 70, joined



Fred Panton, 65



Roger Widden, 69



Steve Rynkiewicz, 55

six years ago and was inspired by one of those octogenarians, Louie Parmigiano, who only stopped playing after he turned 90. He'll be turning 93 soon and still lives in Deerfield Beach, say the players. Parmigiano, a former farm league baseball player who played in the league until about two years ago, was known as "Louie the Legend" to many of the other players.

"I had just retired [and decided to play in the league]. I wanted to be a kid again. I [looked at Louie and] said, 'wow, there's life after retirement. He was my inspiration,'" said Napoli. Howard Noland, 62, husband of former Deerfield Beach mayor Peggy Noland, started playing 10 years ago and was also inspired by Parmigiano. "I said, 'I got aches and pains

and I'm only 52. He's 82.' If he got up to bat, if he hit [the ball] into right field, he'd make it to third base," said Noland.

But no matter what a player's skill level, everyone is welcome.

"Just having the fun, and camaraderie, and the friendships. We get exercise and BS a bit. It's better than watching TV and staying in your condo," said Rob Glassberg, 68.

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Envy

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"We do feel as though Koi is really a central figure in that redevelopment," said Conaway.

Ric Green, president/CEO of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, called Koi

"another piece of the changes that are taking place in our community." He called Invesca's founder Christopher Longworth a "great ambassador" for the development of the city. "Just the fact that they're doing it and people see it [Koi], and it's not your standard development," said Green.

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Oakland Park

Volunteers give more than 10,000 hours to city programs

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park -- This city had nearly 300 active volunteers during this past fiscal year serving a combined total of 10,336 hours.

The volunteers helped with numerous programs including the tree give away and tree assistance, summer recreation, Operation Our Neighbor and waterway cleanup.

Those who contributed 100-300 hours were recognized last week with a dinner and again at the start of a city commission meeting.

Four volunteers donated more than 400 hours.

Named the top Volunteer of the Year was Lizzy Dost, who contributed 776 hours of volunteer service..

"This wonderful young lady continues to devote

much of her time to our summer recreation and after school programs," said Bruce Garrison, volunteer program manager. Dost, 18, is a senior at Northeast High School.

She's taken part in youth programming since elementary school and began volunteering in 2013 at summer camp. "Children look up to her and enjoy their time with her," Garrison added.

Brandon King, 16, a junior at Northeast High School, last year's Youth Volunteer of the Year, was recognized for his 437 hours of volunteerism. He lives in Hollywood most of the time and takes Uber to summer camp. Brandon continues his involvement with summer recreation, after school program and Youth Day. "He always has a great positive attitude," Garrison noted.

Sol Ferrera, with 429

hours, has volunteered over two years with the summer recreation program. He also volunteered in the after school care, especially with homework assistance and helped with Hollywood Village.

Tom Hardy, with 417 volunteer hours is active in the Friends of the Library. He organizes book sales and raises funds for the library.

Three volunteers were honored for more than 300 hours of service.

Daniela Schonis (389 hours) helped with the summer recreation program and Father's Day Weekend Fishing Tournament.

Nancy Rodgers (368 hours) adds humor and a spark of energy to the library, Garrison said.

Chloe Gillings (355 hours) helped with summer recreation, Father's Day

Weekend Fishing Tournament and Make a Difference Day.

Honored for contributing more than 200 hours to the city were Linda Holevas, Joseph Bradt, Brenda Marino, Nancy Klein, Gabriela Molina, Grismery Andrade, Tatiana Johnson, Robert Varela, Sharon and Bill Tobias, Lindsay Schmidt, Francesca Reyes, Jalyn Jean-Baptistie, Hope Gold, Faith Rodriguez and Pat Crowley.

Donating 100-200 hours were Oscar Andrade, Arianna Rosario, Greg Holevas, Robert Grimes, Alexia Strein, Jasmine Peralta and Kala Pereira.

Garrison also recognized the service of Elita Tanner, who consistently volunteered over 100 years per year. Tanner, who died this year, was a consistent volunteer for more than 20 years at the city library.



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One person's concern with litter is preserving a small urban oasis

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach- The environment has gotten 'greener' at Trailhead Park where Brenda Anthony takes her daily walk. Six months ago, Anthony came before the city commission to complain that the one-mile trail alongside the lake at Independence Bay was heavily littered and the toddler's play area full of debris created when mowers ran over rubbish.



Litter vigilante Brenda Anthony continues to find Styrofoam and plastic bags along the one-mile walking path at Trailhead Park. But the six bags of debris she used to fill each week has dropped dramatically. [Courtesy]

She herself was collecting five or six bags a week of discarded Styrofoam containers along with bottles, cans and plastic bags.

Anthony still walks the trail and picks up debris but nowadays fills only about two bags a week.

She is deft with her trash grabber stick spearing bits of Styrofoam most people would overlook and retrieving the occasional sodden plastic sack. She says she maintains

her vigil so that the debris tossed from passing cars, by customers of the nearby restaurants and that flies off trucks headed to the

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other residents who call it home.

"I owe so much of who I am to the Island City – from my childhood and formative years, to the local businesses that I have relied upon since owning my first car, to the supportive community that provided me a safe environment to be who I am."

Flippen said he feels he's brought a lot to the table while serving as a commissioner and vice-mayor in the city. He was elected to the commission in 2008.

"With the experience, competence, skill set, and commitment that is the requirement for the role of mayor, I am running to build upon the good work we have achieved as well as to create a better city for all who call Wilton Manors home,"

Flippen said.

Mayor Gary Resnick has announced he will not be seeking re-election in 2018. He has been involved in local politics for 20 years and was elected mayor in 2008 making him the longest serving mayor in Broward County currently in office.

When asked whether he planned to stand by his decision not to run after Flippen's announcement, Resnick said he would not rule anything out.

"I'm focused on the needs of the city now," he said.

Last week Resnick traveled to Orlando for the Florida League of Cities' legislative conference on preserving the cities' authority over development, finances, public safety and transportation.

"At the appropriate time, I'll determine what's best for the city as far as the November 2018 election goes," he said.

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Litter

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Powerline Road landfill, don't blow into the lake.

Tuesday, we walked the trail with her as she pointed out clean areas where trash had once piled high.

The one-mile Trailhead Park runs on the west side of Powerline Road from SW 10 Street to Green Road. It is in the midst of a heavy industrial district that includes fill storage, reclamation companies, Waste Management's Mt. Trashmore and tons of traffic, much of it commercial trucking.

Much of the litter is blown from trucks filled with debris that is not well covered. Lately, she has noticed some of those truck drivers being cited.

And the underbrush around the lake, once shelter for the homeless, has been abandoned.

The toddlers' park on the north end of the trail attracts

people just looking for a lake view and a few moments of peace and quiet. Employees at the nearby sports complex and businesses often relax in the park Anthony said. Some of them at Tucker Dukes have offered to help with her clean-up mission.

Her initial effort was aided in large part by Commissioner Todd Drosky, Anthony said this week. "He was the first person to respond and has worked with me."

The park, Drosky said presents "unique challenges due to the proximity of Powerline Road . . . As a result of passing trucks and the prevailing east to west wind, litter is a daily occurrence in the park."

The park is mowed every seven to 10 days by city staff. A contractor mows the grass along the trail weekly in summer, every 10 days other times.

Drosky gives city staff credit for "an admirable job" cleaning up the litter.

The city's pontoon boat now collects the litter along the shoreline of the lake.

"The city recognizes that Trailhead Park is a mostly undiscovered gem in west Deerfield and seeks to maintain its appearance," Drosky said.

Both Drosky and Anthony believe the corridor is suited for an Adopt-a-Street effort.

That program is coordinated by Broward County's Go Green Project. Currently five cities including Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and Wilton Manors participate. Individuals or organizations agree to clean a street four times a year. The county provides supplies, disposal and signage.

Maintaining her abiding

focus on the environment, Anthony says studies show that where litter already exists, people are more likely to add to the mess - like a bad 'matching grant' for every discarded cup and soda can.

But her own pro-activeness is paying off, at least for this one small urban oasis.

City bans sale of pets from retail outlets

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park -- Commissioners approved final reading of an ordinance to regulate the sale of dogs and cats from so-called "puppy mills" and kitten factories" that mass produce animals for sale to the public.

The vote was 3-2 with Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian and Commissioner Michael Carn dissenting.

At the request of a lawyer for a local pet store, Carn tried without success to convince the commission to delay the vote.

"Unfortunately, you only heard one side of the story," said Roberto Stanziale,

attorney for Puppy Boutique owner Jim Anderson.

"My client buys from impeccable breeders. Puppy mills aren't the issue," Stanziale added. "The issue is should animals be bred for profit or not. Opponents don't want animals bred for profit."

He said consumers should

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea

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vice mayor can't serve two consecutive terms.

Commission approves raise, bonus for town manager

Commissioners

unanimously approved a recommendation by Mayor Scot Sasser to grant Town Manager Bud Bentley a \$15,000 bonus, a 5 percent merit salary increase and five additional vacation days.

Sasser noted that for his performance during Hurricane Irma alone, Bentley deserves the \$15,000 bonus.

With the 5 percent increase, Bentley's salary increases from \$160,000 to \$168,000. It

is his first raise in 20 months.

Commissioners approved the changes without comment. "That there are no comments is the greatest compliment you could have," Sasser told Bentley.

"I greatly appreciate it," Bentley responded.

Two residents named to VFD Pension Board

Two residents were appointed to serve on the Firefighters Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Mayor Scot Sasser selected Kenneth Brenner, a former accountant and owner/manager of Interior Digs.

Commissioner Chris Vincent selected Paul LaCoursier, retired fire chief with the Volunteer Fire Department and retired metal roofing estimator.

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- Pour concrete
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- Implied
- Surface measure
- Accumulation of fluid
- Larynx part
- Airmail words
- Civil War commander
- After-tax amount
- Small land mass
- Car front-end cover
- Place for valuables
- Engrave with acid
- Drug-free
- Unit of speech
- Accomplish
- Largest artery
- Disney cocker spaniel
- Dinner in a pot
- Bread for a Reuben
- Brazenness
- Drunkard
- Precious stone
- Implied comparison
- Based on experience
- Figure of speech
- Euro's predecessor, in Italy
- Sub navigation
- Theta follower
- After awhile
- Stone for floors
- Stylish
- Salamander
- Got a perfect score
- Apiece
- DOWN**
- Baby bird sound
- Odyssey maker
- Wrath
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- Long distance phone co.
- Good job!
- Concise
- "The Iliad", eg.
- Swiftly
- Edible root
- Get ____ it!
- Hoover Dam's lake
- Horse's hangout
- Street sign abbr.
- Bloodsucker
- News piece
- River herring
- Betamin source
- Carry on
- Once again
- Ship's pole
- Sailor's call
- Golfer's warning
- Reveal
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- Skin vesicle
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In addition, the water taxis will bring passengers to and from Cap's Place with service being provided from 5 to 10 p.m.

A daily schedule will be posted at each stop indicating



Frank Gernert, FIND Secretary, Broward County, presents a check for \$106,000, representing a grant to assist with design and construction of the water taxi dockage area. Pictured are Pompano Beach Vice Mayor Charlotte Burrie, Mayor Lamar Fisher, Gernert, Commissioners Mike Sobel, Barry Moss, Rex Hardin and Beverly Perkins. [Courtesy of Pompano Beach]

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Pet ban

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have a choice of where to go to buy a puppy. “You’re putting a man out of business in Oakland Park, a man who employs 25-30 people.”

Stanziale said all they were asking was for 30 days to educate the commission.

Several pet store employees and customers urged the commission to delay voting on the ordinance. One said USDA reports are done on each pet to be sure breeders haven’t violated any rules.

Puppy Boutique store owner Jim Anderson said the information the ordinance critics provide is “unfactual.”

“This is a multimillion

dollar business for Oakland Park. We’re asking for an opportunity to meet with you. This is about education; it’s not a fight.”

Anderson said he is regulated by the federal government. “This ordinance doesn’t apply to me. I don’t buy from sub-standard breeders.”

Commissioners also heard from numerous ordinance supporters.

“I trust you will make the right choice,” said Siegi Constantine. Female dogs [in the puppy mills] have puppies over and over until they die.”

“This is about government protecting our society. Pass this ordinance and stop the mass producing of animals,” said one man. “Puppy stores need to change the model and sell rescue animals.”

A representative of the Animal Rights Foundation said females at the puppy mills are “breeding machines, living in cages and bred every cycle.”

“Because of these ordinances, puppy mills are going out of business,” he said. “Whatever kind of dog you want, you can find from rescues or breeders. It’s not about the store. It’s about the source of the dogs, from forced breeding farms.” He urged commissioners to pass the ordinance.

Commissioner Sparks said he heard a lot of emotion, but he was going to make his decision based on facts. “There isn’t room in this city for purchasing from puppy mills.”

Sparks moved to approve the ordinance, a motion Commissioner John

Adornato seconded.

“This isn’t about closing a business. It’s about protecting animals. “Businesses can adapt to changes.

“The sourcing of the animal is what I want addressed,” said Commissioner Carn. “I’m not sure discontinuing retail sales will stop that.”

At the first reading of the ordinance last month Guevrekian said, “I didn’t realize one business was being singled out. I didn’t know if we had a problem not.”

“The overwhelming amount of information we got in the last 72 hours gives me pause,” she said.

The ordinance does not apply to a publicly-operated animal control facility or animal shelter; an animal rescue organization; or a publicly-operated animal control agency, nonprofit humane society or nonprofit animal rescue organization that operates out of or in connection with a pet store.

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It was no different during the annual Broward County Athletic Association North-South All-Star game as the senior kicked two key field goals to give the North a 13-7 victory.

The feat earned him the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Cerra also gave the North its first lead of the game when he kicked a 32-yard field goal to make it 10-7 as time ran out in the first half.

After stretching the lead to 13-7 midway in the fourth quarter on a 38-yarder, he helped seal the MVP award when he made a touch-down-saving tackle on the South's long punt return.

Then the North defense kept the South from making more gains and preserved the win.

"It was a cool experience being on the same team with

guys you've seen as your 'enemy' for four years," Cerra said. "They were real supportive of each other."

It's been quite a journey for Cerra. After transferring from Taravella High following his sophomore season, he was a major factor in Gibbons' 20-4 record over the two seasons.

All four of the losses were to powerhouse and defending state champion American Heritage.

The latest loss came in a gut-wrenching 58-57 triple-overtime loss, denying the Chiefs a shot at the Class 5A final four.

Cerra still remembers the initial disappointment when Heritage converted the extra-point kick for the final margin.

"I was really thankful for the season we had," Cerra said, "but yes, it really hurts knowing this was our last game."

One of the season's highlights for Cerra was becoming the school's all-time lead-



Cardinal Gibbons' Griffin Cerra makes one of his two field goals in the annual BCAA North-South all-star game.

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ing scorer, surpassing Blair Walsh.

He also set the school mark when he connected on all five of his field goal attempts in the Chiefs' first-round playoff game against Orlando Jones, a 43-30 win.

"He was the reason we kept the (scoring) momentum going," Gibbons' Coach Matt

DuBuc said of that game. "There was a point in that game where we had scored on seven straight possessions. . . it had to be demoralizing to (Jones High)."

The field goals were not gimmes. Cerra was called on to kick through the uprights 48, 47, 45 and 38 yards out.

"He's been our security blanket the last two years," DuBuc said. "He's been automatic for us. He relishes the pressure situations. He also

had a lot of kickoffs that went into the end zone (for touchbacks). He works hard on preparing himself and earning the team's trust."

The coach added that Cerra is just as solid in the classroom.

"He's a student in the 4.0 GPA range," DuBuc said. "I'm sure he'll have no problem getting into a Patriot League school on his academics alone. I know Holy Cross is interested in him. His brother (Josh) is a punter at Colgate. I'm looking forward to following how he does at the next level."

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Holiday Tournament, Red vs. Green, 2 Best Ball/Dec. 12
 1. Red Team; Kathy Stewart, Jan Ruck, Nancy Rack, Wiltrud Messinger, Janet Stuart, Polly Rutnik, Dianne Levanti, Patt Sessa, Janice Donnally, Brenda Joy, Debbie Brown, Sandra Gore, Mary Davis, Pat DeSanctis, Janet Tomchik, Deann Baumann, Sandra Doherty, Kathy Dunn, Sarah Lee, Renate Wilson, Carol Rodrigues, Darlene Sesto.
 Closest to the Pins: #3 Deb Brown/Renate Wilson, #7 Nancy Rack/Alberta Bove, #15 Janet Tomchik/Brenda Joy, #17 Linda Doss/Irene Couture Closest Drive to the

Wavy Line, Carol Rodrigues/Ann Poe: Closest Drive to the Straight Line, Pat DeSanctis/Roxanne McCarthy
 Low Net/ Beat the Pro/ Dec 5: 1 winner; Sandra Gore- net 70

Pompano Beach Women's Golf Association

Low Net in Classes Beat the Pro
 A Class,
 1. Sandra Gore, 70;
 2. Kathy Stewart, 73;
 B Class,
 1. Ginette Rivest, 75;
 2. Sarah Lee, 76; C/D Class,
 1. Kathy Dunn, 77;
 2. Roseanna Nixon, 78;
 3. Renate Wilson (won tiebreaker), 79;
 4. Vonnie O'Keefe (won tiebreaker), 79.

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Kiwanis Club of Pompano Beach meets every Wednesday 12-1 p.m. Seaside Grill: Light-house Cove Resort, 1406 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach.

Pompano Beach Westside Kiwanis meets on the first and third Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. at the E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. Call 954-733-2386.

Pompano Beach Woman's Club meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Pompano Beach Woman's Club, 314 NE 2nd Street, Pompano Beach. 954-245-7824.

The Pompano Beach Garden Club hosts tis "Tropicana" themed Soup Luncheon and Fashion Show. The event will feature a Fashion Show

by Stein Mart, gift baskets, raffle and silent auction. Plants will also be available for sale. Lunch will feature Home Made Soups, Garden Salad and Desert. The event is Saturday, Feb.24 at 11:30 am at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 Street, Pompano Beach. \$25. For tickets - Edie Kappler rbkappler@comcast.net or 954-943-2699.

Events

Pompano Beach Green Market - Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 1st Avenue and 1st St. Yoga, Live Music. Vendors.

Job Seekers - First Wednesdays of the month: 12 to 1 p.m. Learn about Pompano Beach CRA job placement. McNair Community Center, 951 NW 27 Ave., Pompano Beach. 954-786-7866.

Gardening

Orchid Care classes at Bonnet House Museum & Gardens Cost of each class is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Call 954-703-2606.

Wilton Manors Island City Yard Sale. Second Saturdays at Hagen Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 954-390-2130.

Library

Monday mornings - Pre-school story time 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Richard Sullivan Library, 500 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. 954-390-2195.

Friday mornings - Story-time at 10:30 a.m. at Pompano Beach Library, 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-357-7595.

Relax and Unwind with Adult Coloring, last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Northwest Branch Library, 1580 NW 3 Ave., Pompano Beach. 954-357-6599

North Regional/Broward College Library offers adult coloring, fitness programs, group jigsaw puzzling and classes in English and Spanish. 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek. Call 954-201-2601.

North Regional College Library -Thursdays - Digital Downloads Open House. Access and download the library's free books and more. Noon to 1 p.m. 954-201-2601.

Music

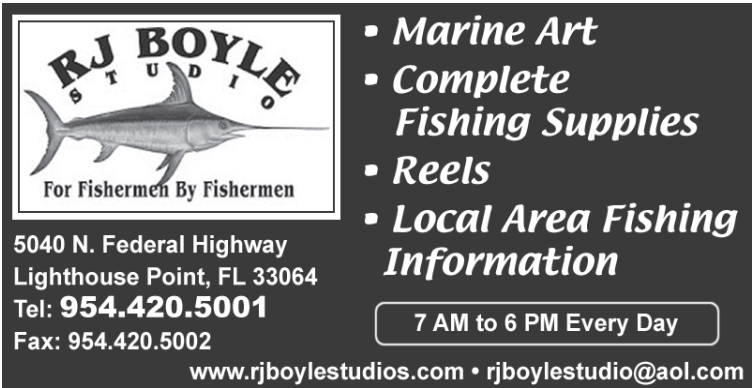
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Saturday, Dec. 16 Low 12:37 AM High 7:20 AM Low 1:04 PM High 7:05 PM	Tuesday, Dec. 19 Low 2:32 AM High 8:56 AM Low 2:59 PM High 9:01 PM	This Week's Tide Tables should not be used for navigational purposes. Boaters should confirm tables with the Coast Guard Weather Station Information taken from www.saltwatertides.com
Sunday, Dec. 17 Low 1:17 AM High 7:41 AM Low 1:44 PM High 7:44 PM	Wednesday, Dec. 20 Low 3:08 AM High 9:34 AM Low 3:36 PM High 9:40 PM	

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12/19 - The Broward Women's Choral Group performs its 2017 Holiday concert on 7 p.m. at the Sunshine Cathedral, 1480 SW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets are \$20. Call 954-942-8711.

Nature
Nights at the Observatory. Wednesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Buehler Observatory Broward College A. Hugh Adams Central Campus 3501 S.W. Davie Road, Davie. Explore the sky through the lens of powerful telescopes at the Buehler Observatory. Free. Call 954-201-6681.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center 1801 N Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton—Learn about behaviors of fish, sting rays,

and other marine life during these free daily feeding presentations. All ages; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 561-544-8605.

Theater
Through 12/25 - The Wick Theater presents "She Loves Me," a musical based on a book by Joe Masteroff. The story has been adapted to film three times already, most recently in the Tom-Hanks-Meg Ryan feature, "You've Got Mail." Tickets \$80. Call 561-995-2333. The Wick Theatre is located at 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton.

Through 12/10 - Curtain Call presents "It's Only a Play," by Terrence McNally. A spoof on what it takes to make a show a hit. It's opening night on Broadway, and all await the reviews. It's raucous,

ridiculous and tender, reminding audiences why there's no business like show business. Willow Theater. Tickets \$15. <http://www.willowtheatre.org/purchase-tickets>. Dec. 16-17 at the Herb Skolnick Center, Pompano Beach: Tickets: \$30 dinner & show, \$15 matinee; Call: 954 786 4590.

Tours
Butler House tours Deerfield Beach – The historic Butler House is open every Saturday for tours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 380 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Admission is free; donations accepted. 954-429-0378 or history@Deerfield-history.org.

Sample-McDougald House – 450 NE 10 St., Pompano Beach, the 1916 Sample-McDougald House is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Daily histor-

ic tours offered with general admission Tuesday – Saturday from 12 – 4 p.m., on the hour with the last tour entry at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Members and children under five admitted free. Parking is free and the first floor is accessible for persons with disabilities, wheelchairs and strollers. For more information contact Sample McDougald House, 450 NE 10th Street, Pompano Beach.. Call 754-307-5446.

Sundays
Bingo every Sunday at 2 p.m. Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 E. Sample Road, Pompano Beach. 954-942-5887.

Mondays
In Your Shoes – Second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m., free discussions for adult men and women, led by professional facilitator at Temple Shalom, 132 SE 11 Ave. 954-942-6410.

Tuesdays
Rotary Club of Oakland Park/Wilton Manors meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Caruso's Restaurant, 4165 N. Dixie Hwy. from 5:30 to 6:30

p.m. Oakland Park. Call John Michael at 954-275-5457.
Pompano Beach Lighthouse Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Galuppi's on the Green, 1103 N Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach. Call 954-253-6251.

Wednesdays
Nights at the Observatory - 7 to 10 p.m. Buehler Observatory. Broward College, Central Campus 3501 SW. Davie Road, Davie. Experts guide you in locating the moon, stars and nebulae (weather permitting). Free and open to the public. Call 954-201-6681.

Thursdays
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Fridays
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