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Wilton Manors commissioners offer budget with no increase, no surprises

By Katina Caraganis

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Wilton Manors – While the city has no plans to raise taxes, residents may still see an increase in their overall tax bills thanks in large part to a nearly eight percent increase in property values in the last year.

City commissioners adopted a proposed tax rate of \$6.4548 per \$1,000 of assessed value, roughly 0.5 percent lower than the current tax rate due to a slight decrease in debt service.

If the tax rate is adopted, residents who own a home valued at \$300,000 will pay \$1,936.44 in municipal property taxes. Resident's tax bills also include fees paid to the Broward County School District, the North Broward Hospital District, and the South Florida Water Management District.

The \$36.4 million budget does not include hiring any new employees.

According to information provided to the city commission by City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson, property values in Wilton Manors rose 7.73 percent over last year.

Property values have grown steadily over the last 10 years, according to

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Population plucked by over 200



Poultry have been pounding the pavement in Pompano for years; but numbers are decreasing with new trapper in town.[Courtesy]. See full story on page 18;

In the next decade, Artificial Intelligence will change how we live and are governed

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – City Manager Burgess Hanson's budget proposal for 2018-19 pretty much maintains the status quo. It's the future that's exciting.

Dubbing 2020 the beginning of a "Decade of Distinction," Hanson describes a very different world, one dependent on technology and Artificial Intelligence [AI].

Preparing for this future is the task for the next decade, one which also includes, in 2025, the city's 100th anniversary.

According to Hanson's research, by 2030 over 50 percent of current job classifications will be lost to technological advances with Artificial Intelligence. Cashiers, fast food workers, taxi drivers, retail associates, even construction workers will be replaced by robotics, humanoids and other systems controlled by AI. Already surgeons are seeing robotic procedures

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Commission approves PJ's but not late-night hours

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park -- Commissioners have granted conditional-use approval for PJ's Corner Pocket, a bar to be located at 3635 N. Andrews Ave. in the Community Business Zoning District.

City code requires that bars have conditional-use approvals.

After the city's planning & zoning board recommended denial of the

request, the applicant SW-Andrews LLC, appealed the decision to the city commission.

It was delayed so past code violations issues could be addressed. On Aug. 1, Alex Dambach, planning supervisor, said all violations had been resolved.

Bar owner Phillip Williams proposes to have a 10-seat bar counter, several sofas and two pool tables. He said the bar would be vibrant and lively with DJs, karaoke nights and pool

tournaments.

Williams previously operated a bar at 2340 Wilton Drive in Wilton Manors. That bar is now closed, and he sought to relocate to Oakland Park.

Williams agreed to numerous conditions, including moving the main entrance from the back of the building to the Andrews Avenue side, employing a parking lot attendant, adding directional signage and making

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New tenant in 731 Building: 'It's what we want to see,' says Perkins



Landmark Photos & Prints co-owner Norman Edwards and Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher hold the scissors as they cut the ribbon at Landmark's grand opening on July 27. Also pictured [from left to right] are Dist. 92 State Representative Patricia H. Williams, Dist. 4 Commissioner Beverly Perkins, Landmark co-owner Mathias Thomas, Edwards' son, BJ, and employee Nahshon Hallman. [Staff]

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Small business expansions in the northwest section of this city aren't as frequent as residents or politicians here would like them to be.

So that's what drew three elected officials to the July 27 grand opening of Landmark Photos & Prints, an expansion of Norman's Photoland, owned by Norman Edwards. The elected officials who attended were Mayor Lamar Fisher, Commissioner Beverly Perkins and Dist. 92 State Rep. Patricia H. Williams.

The business is located in the 4,000-square-foot 731 Building, located at 731 Martin Luther King Blvd. Owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA], 731 was built in 2015 as the first new commercial building on Martin Luther King Boulevard in 50 years.

Edwards' expansion has occupies all five spaces of 731. Previously, the building now occupied by Landmark was formerly home to a salon.

Partnering on the expansion with Edwards is Mathias Thomas. Thomas said the 731 locations has been neglected for a long time; he hopes his prosperity can be part of what helps others around him prosper. Norman's is a photo studio and Landmark makes banners, magnets, shirts and car wraps.

Next to Landmark is Bojo's Seafood Kitchen, owned by Brandon Smith. He moved into 731 in 2016 and was originally a tenant in one of the smaller spaces. He was skeptical at first. But once he moved into the larger space, which was previously occupied by a soul food restaurant, he said business has been good.

Finley's Bahamian Restaurant has occupied Smith's old spot for about a year. The other

space is used as an office for RTD Construction.

A big part of his success,

said Smith, is from the community support he's received. "I'm Pompano, born and raised," he said, adding that help from the CRA, including a business loan and the CRA-owned equipment he uses, have allowed him to give back to the community through sponsorships of youth sports teams.

He views Landmark's opening as a good sign and expects people who visit 731 to dine at his restaurant. "It will definitely be beneficial. They'll have some lunch while they wait [for whatever they've ordered from Edwards or Thomas]."

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, officials praised Edwards for investing himself and his money in the city for

so many years.

"He was one of our first tenants. We had some hiccups, but he stayed with us," said Fisher. "If he keeps growing, I don't know where we're going to put him. We may have to put a second story on [731]. You have to stay here, [Norman]," he joked.

"This is what we want to see on MLK: economic development," said Perkins, who represents the area of 731. The night before at a campaign event, Perkins said more economic development was needed in her district.

Edwards responded to the comments about economic development with a goal.

"We're going to try to employ people in Pompano," he said.

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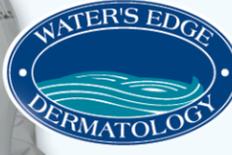
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Pompano takes stand to ban offshore drilling

A new resolution to oppose offshore oil exploration activities has been adopted in Pompano Beach. The resolution passed unanimously at the city's July 24 commission meeting.

The motion comes in response to pressure from environmental groups and public opinion following an announcement by the Department of the Interior earlier this year to expand offshore oil exploration in U.S. coastal waters.

Included in the resolution is opposition to controversial techniques like drilling and seismic blasting, which uses the reflection of loud sound waves to examine beneath the earth's surface.

Environmentalists argue that the latter technology disturbs sonar communication between animals like whales and dolphins. The city of Pompano Beach joins local and state governments across the country in adopting similar resolutions already this year.

-Brady Newbill

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Palermo donates funds to restore caboose



Caboose Chat - Gigo Palermo talks with Emily Lilly, Karen Hardy and Denise Bogner. [Courtesy]

Deerfield Beach - Gigo Palermo, president of the 3460 Condominium Association, donated funds last week for the further restoration of the historic caboose at the Old Schoolhouse adjacent to Deerfield Beach City Hall.

The gift was made in memory of Dan Bogner who was instrumental in getting the caboose moved to the site.

Said Emily Lilly, executive director of the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, "We at the Society continue to be grateful for all that Dan did in restoring the caboose. He blessed us in a thousand ways . . . and now we are beyond blessed by all of those who knew of his good works."

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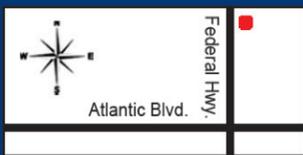
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Deerfield Beach, the future

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in their operating rooms.

Drones are replacing drivers for delivery and rescues

As the city's IT Director, Ron McKenzie, said in the budget workshops held in June, driverless and flying modes of personal and mass transportation are on the horizon.

Like the accomplishments of the inventors that followed the Wright Brothers, issues with drones will be overcome. Airspace will be filled with automated devices making deliveries of all kinds.

In San Diego, drones now deliver restaurant orders. The Israeli Defense Forces are experimenting with unmanned aerial medic vans that remove the wounded from war zones. In Dubai, automated flying taxis are already in use.

Hanson points out that changes in buying habits and commerce activities will also impact transportation as drones deliver and pickup goods.

This will impact commercial property values. And the current challenge of providing workforce housing could become a crisis as those people who have lost jobs to technology will not be able to afford traditional housing.

Searise concerns will impact building codes

Beside the economic influence of advanced technology, climate change and more particularly sea rise is in Deerfield's future. First believed to be at bay until the next century, scientists predict significant sea rise could begin by 2045.

Here it would impact homes and businesses on the beach

and perhaps even the Cove neighborhoods. The good news is that Deerfield Beach has some of the highest elevations in Broward County but the expectation is land use constraints may be imposed by both the state and the county affecting the type of housing that can be built.

Hanson suggest this city's single-family neighborhoods need to be preserved to give residents housing options other than the high-rises that become the trend when land decreases. The task he says is to enact ordinances that can adapt to a "volatile, ever-changing marketplace of the future."

He uses as an example, the Dutch engineering methods now in place in Hampton, VA.,

where the first floor of new buildings must be three feet higher than what is required by FEMA.

That city is also considering requiring pervious parking lots and sidewalks.

Sea rise will also intrude into Deerfield's fresh water supply. Hanson says it is certain the federal government will impose strict water management regulations which will increase the cost of providing water, meaning future rate increases.

Police operations in the future will change too. Special units already in use are more efficient and more cost effective and will be used even more in the future.

Systems already feasible

such as video cameras and drones at neighborhood entrances and at strategic intersections will become common place. Hanson predicts, drones will handle traffic infractions, reducing the need for road patrols. Manpower in fire rescue units will also be reduced with similar technologies.

In the future, the city's solid waste and recycling services may operate with its own transfer facility as well as automated solid waste collection, i.e. driverless garbage trucks.

For Deerfield Beach, the decade of 2020 should be about investing in infrastructure, Hanson writes. Today's buildings were designed for a small population and most are past their 50-year life-cycle.

In the next decade, a strong economy and a low debt ratio should make it possible for city officials to

pursue construction of Tam O'Shanter Park, a centralized law enforcement headquarters on Southwest 11 Way, a new ocean rescue headquarters and beach towers and new or renovated fire stations.

More immediate projects, paid for with bond funds approved this year, will be the renovation of city hall, a new campus for the Center for Active Aging and the rebuild of the Johnny Tigner Recreation Center.

Hanson predicts the city will play a greater role in county, state and federal levels of policy-making in order to affect policies and funding critical to this city.

"The importance of how we plan and execute new policies and projects will determine whether we thrive as a successful, desirable community or just survive as another South Florida municipality," Hanson concluded.

New budget holds the line on most expenses; maintains 6.5 millage rate

Deerfield Beach -City officials are proposing a millage rate of 6.5 for the third consecutive year to balance a 2018-19 operating budget projected to be \$188.5 million. That's \$5 million more than last year.

All other fees and rates remain stable as does the number of employees.

Property values rose by \$71 million to \$7 billion-plus. Estimated ad valorem tax revenues are \$42 million, up from \$39 million. Other sources of revenue remain largely unchanged except for permit fees driven by a surge in building and renovation to an all-time high of \$5 million from the current \$4.5 million.

City Manager Burgess Hanson warns that for the next fiscal, 2020, revenue sources will have to be re-examined. On the November general election ballot is an amendment, expected to

pass, that will give many homeowners an additional \$25,000 Homestead Exemption. For this city, that is a \$1.3 million loss in tax revenues.

Water, sewer and solid waste funds remain stable although upgrades to the city's two water plants and new regulations for waste water collection and discharge will cause rate increases in the future.

Expenditure increases are being limited to COLA, merit pay, health insurance premiums, bond payment, minimal capital improvement projects and a few vehicle purchases.

Employees are getting 2 percent merit increases and a 2.5 percent cost of living adjustment.

Law enforcement services are up \$2 million; fire rescue,

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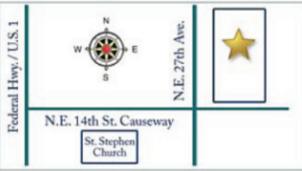


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Hopes for new mixed-use redevelopment district expected to spur Federal Highway growth

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park -- Commissioners approved on initial reading a code amendment that would allow mixed-use projects in a new zoning district called Planned Redevelopment District [PRD].

Round Corner LLC requested the code change and intends to develop projects on N. Federal

Highway in the 3101 to 3300 blocks.

The city's P&Z Board recommended approval of the PRD at its July 23 meeting by a vote of 4-1.

In 2006, the city adopted the Federal Highway Business and Entertainment Overlay District to encourage mixed-use redevelopment opportunities for property owners and business owners. Since its adoption no mixed-use

redevelopment has occurred along the intersection of Federal Highway and Oakland Park Boulevard.

As originally proposed, lot sizes in the PRD must be 2.5 acres. Maximum residential density is 50 units per acre. Minimum unit size is 400 square feet.

Maximum building height is 130 feet plus parapets and roof structures up to 24 feet.

The proposed new district incorporates urban design standards, including requirements for ornamental architectural details and for green walls and vegetative landscaping in all areas facing residential zones.

Parking structures must be integrated within the design

and not stand alone.

Robert Roselli, owner of property adjacent to one of the proposed developments, asked the commission to reduce the required lot sizes in the PRD to 2 acres and it agreed.

Resident Steve Arnst expressed concerns about a reduction in green space and reduced setbacks. He asked what would prohibit the rentals from being vacation rentals.

"The city is creating a way to allow what they envision for this area," said resident Jack Doren. He suggested requiring a one-year lease for rentals or renting no more than twice per year.

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\$1 million.

The city has made cuts resulting in a \$90,000 savings in community grants. Only Family Central, \$10,000; Women in Distress, \$10,000; Cathedral Community Development, \$15,000; the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, \$50,000; and DB High School, \$5,000, were awarded funds. Seventeen non-profits made requests including The Arboretum, NE Focal Point CASA and the Railway Museum.

One of the fastest-growing department in the city is Information Technology Services which has added nine people to the staff and almost doubled its budget to \$2 million since 2016.

Budget hearings are set for Sept. 4 and 17 at 7 p.m.

-Judy Wilson

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Anne Siren, publisher

Letters

Narrowing Atlantic Blvd. will have bad outcomes

To the Editor:

I have read Michael d'Oliveira's article, "Game Changer" envisioned for Atlantic and Dixie (page 11 of the August 3, 2018, issue of The Pelican). I also read and previously commented on the article published in The Pelican on April 27, 2018: Residents get first take on Atlantic Boulevard complete streets plan. I wish to thank The Pelican for publishing both of these informative articles.

In my humble opinion, here's why the plan to narrow Atlantic Boulevard is a very bad idea:

The traffic engineers and others are probably correct in that the folks coming to the beaches in this area via I-95 and the turnpike will bypass a narrowed Atlantic Boulevard. Although the traffic engineer quoted in the article in the April 27 issue of The Pelican seemed to have the idea that the overflow of traffic could be absorbed by Cypress Creek Road or Copans Road, neither of those streets go all the way to A1A. I think it is more likely that folks seeking beach-side fun, restaurants and entertainment will simply exit I-95 or the turnpike at Commercial Boulevard or Hillsboro Boulevard and then go directly east to the ocean. Once drivers on Commercial or Hillsboro Boulevards are almost within sight of the ocean, why would they want to backtrack down U.S. 1 or A1A to Pompano Beach?

Once Pompano permanently narrows our primary east-west artery, and traffic on Atlantic is routinely backed up, as described in the above articles, I predict that beach-side businesses will boom in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea and also in Deerfield Beach, while beach-side businesses in Pompano may die on the vine.

I don't think it takes a crystal ball to predict that the expected traffic slow-downs and tie-ups on a narrowed Atlantic Boulevard will be a detriment to Pompano Beach's east-side businesses and to the city's tourism economy.

According to the recent Pelican articles, the planned narrowing of Atlantic Boulevard was not approved by Florida Department of Transportation as the plan does not meet FDOT design standards.

To implement the planned street narrowing, the city had to take ownership, control and maintenance responsibility of most of Atlantic Boulevard east of NW 6th Avenue and of Dixie Highway from Sample Road south to the southern city limits (there will also be some lane elimination on Dixie).

What if narrowing Atlantic Boulevard, our main east-west artery, turns into a \$29 million disaster? Then what?

The plan to narrow a boulevard that serves as Pompano's main artery seems like risky business to me...especially since the plan does not meet FDOT design standards. I agree with Commissioner Sobel's comments in the more recent article: "Once we pull the trigger, there's no going back."

I am very uncomfortable with the rush to get this "Game-Changer" project approved and underway in 2018.

-Phyllis Franklin
Pompano Beach

Commentary

School board's request for additional tax should be denied

This board's leadership fails to keep its word

On Aug. 28, the Broward County School Board will ask voters to approve a ½ mill tax to pay expenses for school security, attract and retain good teachers and fund essential services.

That request will be an additional tax added to this year's tax bill. The dollar amount would depend on the appraised value of a property

If a home is appraised at \$300,000, the additional tax would be \$150 provided that property has no deductions.

Paying for public schools is a proud obligation for most citizens; education has long been agreed upon as the great equalizer for citizens.

But this school board has not demonstrated that it can follow through with promises to use those funds efficiently or in a timely manner.

In 2014, voters approved \$800 million to bring schools up to safety standards. But four years later this board, led by Superintendent Robert Runcie, has dragged its feet for so long that costs have soared making the original projects impossible to complete.

One school, Northeast High School in Oakland Park was discussed last week. Referring to its leaks, mold and decay, one school board member recalled how this school had been the "poster child" in 2014 to campaign for the \$800 million.

And it worked. The bond passed with over 70 percent of the votes.

And that's where the action stopped.

This month the board met to focus on Northeast High School, still the poster child.

Another school board member wanted action, saying, "... those students have been walking through water and mold for years."

Four years to be exact.

Runcie commented that something had to be done and that "... charter schools are hovering."

Yes they are. Parents want their children in schools that are high-achieving and safe.

Public schools lose funding with each charter school in each district.

The Aug. 7 issue of *Sun Sentinel* reported a dizzying list of failures including Sunshine law violations, resignations and incomplete bids that stalled construction and repairs.

Northeast High repairs and construction costs in 2014 amounted to \$14.5 million. Last week the board approved the work and will advertise the same job at a cost of \$41.17 million.

[Note: the board added a few things, air conditioning for locker rooms, demolition of several classrooms and the construction of 24 new classrooms amounting to \$9 million added to the cost, included in the \$41.17 million.]

The loss of funds through this board's indecision or ineptness continues to cost the students their classrooms, their health and their safety.

There was no irony that the parents of Northeast High School students did not attend this meeting.

With this school board's history, there's little reason to hope for better results.

Broward schools have years to go before those original construction needs will be met. Soaring costs make it obvious that not all bond projects will be completed.

Voters did the right thing in 2014—that thing being to fund the needs of our students.

This time is different.

It's time to say "no" to the Broward School Board. The \$800 million bond turned out to be a great idea with no follow-through.

Here's the language of the ballot item:

Funding Security and Essential Instruction Related Expenses of Schools through 1/2 Mill Property Tax Levy

Shall The School Board of Broward County levy an ad-valorem operating millage of 1/2 mills annually for fiscal years July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, to (i) enhance funding for school resource officers, including individual charter schools with more than 900 students, (ii) hire district school security staff, (iii) increase compensation to recruit and retain highly qualified district teachers and (iv) fund other essential instruction related expenses preserving important programs in district schools?

We say "no."

-Anne Siren
Publisher

The Broward Supervisor of Elections urges all citizens to vote on the Aug. 28 primary and Nov. 6 elections. Deadline to register to vote for Nov. 6 is Oct. 8. For vote-by-mail forms, call 954-357-7050, ext. 2.

Letters

Purple Heart story, commentary speaks truth of the country's veterans; Good reading for all generations

I wish to commend editor-in-chief and reporter Michael d'Oliveira for his two very moving articles and commentary on U.S. military veterans in the August 3, 2018 issue of The Pelican newspaper.

To commemorate National Purple Heart Day on Aug. 7, Mr. d'Oliveira profiled 8 area veterans—mostly of the Vietnam Conflict—who described how they were wounded and awarded their Purple Heart medals. It is

a tribute to Mr. d'Oliveira's professionalism and sensitivity that he got these heroes to relate their battlefield experiences which often leave physical and psychological scars for a lifetime.

Today's generation should know this history.

Mr. d'Oliveira also authored a wonderful tribute to longtime Pompano Beach resident Fred Conrod, a member of "The Devil's Brigade" commando unit in World War II who recently passed away at age 93.

Mr. Conrod's recounting of his wartime campaigns in West Europe in a previous interview was captivating reading.

Paul A Kuta
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Gridiron Grill-Off returns

Pompano Beach – John Offerdahl's Gridiron Grill-Off Food, Wine and Music Festival will return, Friday, Nov. 9 to Sunday, Nov. 11, to the Pompano Beach Amphitheater, 1806 NE 6 St.

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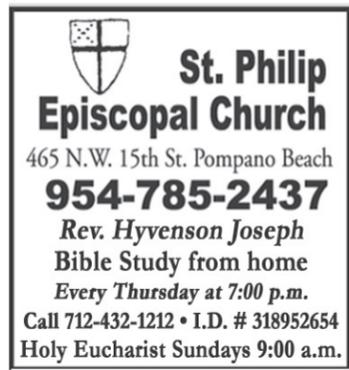
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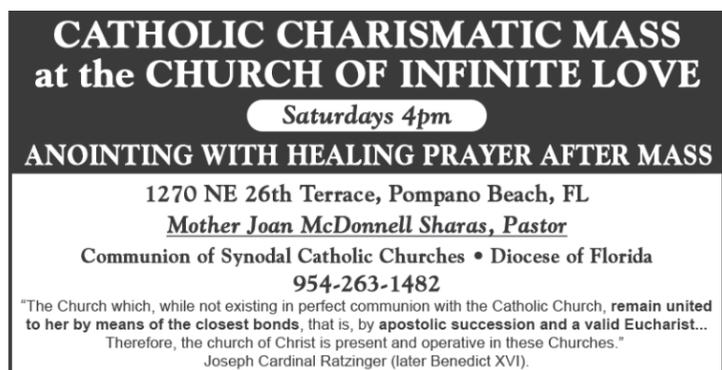
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Deerfield Beach

CRA presenting healthy budget to board Aug. 16

The Community Redevelopment Agency will take in nearly \$4 million in tax revenues for fiscal 2018-19, a gain of \$465,814 over the current year. The revenues have shown steady gains for the last seven years.

With another \$2.5 million in unspent or not-budgeted money, CRA Director Kris Mory will present a \$6.4 million budget to the CRA Board Tuesday for approval.

Continuing expenses are administrative costs, this year estimated at \$268,650, and a debt service payment of \$1.1 million.

Ongoing programs in the new budget are community policing, \$55,000; special events, \$183,000; the commercial façade loan fund, \$100,000. A new item is \$180,000 for public art at the north pavilion and main beach parking lot.

Renovation of the north beach pavilion will be done next year at a cost of \$1.2 million; \$900,000 of that from bond funds. Other capital projects proposed for the new fiscal are \$1.1 for beach enhancements, \$150,000 for the main beach parking lot, \$400,000 for lighting.

The CRA Board will meet Thursday, Aug. 16 7 p.m. to review the budget.

Also on the agenda is approval of a \$415,000 bid to amp up power sources on Ocean way between SE 2 and 4 street. The improvement will support special events and the holiday lighting display.

- Judy Wilson

After 15 years Roger Gingerich rebrands; Now Atlantic Tax Service...new name, even more services

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

For Roger Gingerich, rebranding is like a personal declaration of independence.

He explains. "As a CPA with an MBA, I began my career in corporate accounting but I wanted to be more local. I went with a franchise system and offered my expertise here at 1000 E. Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach for 15 years.

"When we had the opportunity recently to buy out of our contract, I did so. I have always wanted to control my destiny and with Atlantic Tax Service I am closer to that goal."

This past week, on Aug. 8, Atlantic Tax Service launched its new name with a re-branding ribbon cutting party.

Mayor Lamar Fisher, other city officials, members of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, many friends and clients were on hand to celebrate with Roger, his wife Susan, and staff.

With his new name, Gingerich and his team have expanded and can market additional services including an approved tax school with free tuition.

Expert tax and accounting services now include federal and state tax returns, prior year returns, business tax returns, IRS representation, business consulting, bookkeeping and payroll and sales tax assistance.

Gingerich says, "We're expanding our space and taking over the next office area for our tax school. The time to sign up is right now for our 10-week class that starts in September and runs through November with continuing education



Roger and Susan Gingerich flank Mayor Lamar Fisher as he cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of Atlantic Tax Service, formerly Liberty Tax. With his new name, Gingerich and his team have expanded and can market additional services including an approved tax school with free tuition. [Staff photo]

in December. Free classes, taught by Roger, Nancy Peterson and Robert Ehrlich, are three hours long and take place twice a week for 10 weeks. Graduates have the prospect of employment during tax season when extra hands are needed.

The busy tax season runs from January to April 15. At that time, Gingerich says, "We're here 12 hours a day and all weekend with up to 18 people helping clients prepare their income tax returns."

Asked how he competes with other tax preparers, he says, "By offering exceptional personal service. I'm very involved in the community and working with my friends in many organizations has been the key to our success as well as our chance to give back to the community. Currently he is on the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce

and will soon be the new Chairman.

He is also an active member of chambers in Fort Lauderdale and Lauderdale By The Sea.

He's a member of the Exchange Club and participates in Unity in the Community, Bit by Bit Horse Shows and the annual Yuletide Parade.

One of his clients is Jeff Martin who says, "It was a chance meeting because Roger gives so much back to the community. Eight years ago I entered a raffle and won a free tax audit with his company. That meeting turned into a friendship as well as a business resource. He does my taxes and his staff is so friendly they make you feel like family. I highly recommend his services."

Simone and Keith Lasota feel the same way. Simone

says, "We've been with Roger for about six years. He's awesome. He handles our personal and business taxes. He and his staff are very friendly and very available."

Atlantic Tax Service has what Gingerich calls his permanent, part time group plus full timers like Michelle Charlton and Nancy Peterson. "All of my part timers have flexible schedules and work as needed.

Roger's wife, Susan Gingerich, has been in marketing for many years and is now the executive director of the Sample McDougald House and loves it.

Their daughter, Lauren, lives in New Jersey, and like her mom, she's in marketing.

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Briefs

Lighthouse Preservation Day tour

Tour the historic Hillsboro Lighthouse tomorrow, Aug. 11. Take one of the five shuttle boats from Alsdorf Park, 2974 NE 14 St., Pompano Beach.

Sail times are 8:15, 9, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Parking is available in the park's (pay) parking lot.

Registration/check-in starts 30 minutes prior to the first sail time and remains open until the last boat returns.

Tourist should arrive at the departure dock 10-20 minutes before the departure time.

Members of the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society [HLPS] will provide tourists with wrist bands and assistance in boarding to and from the lighthouse.

A current HLPS membership or a \$35 per person transportation fee is required.

Making a Difference

Ann Kreiman has volunteered for 10 years at The Center for Active Aging [N.E. Focal Point]



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Phyllis's book, China Dahl, is available on amazon.com. Call 954-783-8700.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

PELICAN STAFF

Center for Active Aging, the new name for N.E. Focal Point at 227 NW 2nd St. in Deerfield Beach has a dedicated volunteer in Ann Kreiman.

She says, "I drive about 30 minutes from my home in Boynton Beach to Deerfield Beach, right down Dixie Highway every Monday where I work until noon or a little later."

She goes on to explain that she used to live and work in Boca.

"For over 20 years I worked as a community relations specialist for Hospice By the Sea and was a delegate into the community.

"When I retired, I was encouraged by Janyce Becker, then at the Deerfield Chamber of Commerce, to volunteer at N.E. Focal



Ann arrives at Center for Active Agency with a smile on her face and a friendly greeting for everyone.

Point. I wanted to be involved with something worthwhile; this Center for Active Aging certainly is that.

"I love the place because it offers so many services to the community and provides seniors with stimulation and activities every day. Its slogan, "Where Life Happens" is a perfect description of what happens here."

Asked what she does on Monday mornings, she replies, "I assist the office specialist with clerical work, answer the phones and welcome and direct visitors. Recently, Director, Donna DeFronzo asked if I would interview some of the seniors who attend the programs and the instructors who lead classes. So now I do two interviews for each issue of the newsletter.

At this point she laughs and quips, "I do just what you're doing right now [interviewing], and I love

it. You learn to ask the right questions and in return you tap into a wealth of experience every time. Every person has an interesting story."

She elaborates. "I have met a share cropper, a bank vice president, a poet, an artist and more. I love meeting the variety of people who come here; the people who teach in the Center are also fascinating. I would never meet them otherwise. I love writing about them, and they seem to like being recognized."

Kreiman also goes to N.W. Focal Point in Margate every Thursday from 1:30 to 3:30 to listen to Pauly Cohen's Band. She says, "Pauly has retired. I think he's 98. But the band plays on. The all-volunteer band consists of a mix of old and younger musicians, but all play and love the music of the 30s and 40s as I do. Many of the older musicians once played with famous bands. It's

a treat and I encourage people to come and enjoy the sounds of yesteryear with me."

Kreiman lost her husband in 2002, but she is still surrounded by family. She has three children, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She makes the time to enjoy her expanding family.

Sherry A. Wilson, CPRE, CPSI, assistant director of Department of Active Aging says,

"Ann is a wonderful and reliable volunteer. Her dedication and hard work are very valuable; we look forward to seeing her every Monday as she is always smiling and friendly to everyone."

Thank you Ann Kreiman for sharing your time and talents in the home away from home.

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Cardinal Gibbons football team looks to avenge rival American Heritage and a chance at state crown

By Concepcion Ledezma

PELICAN SPORTS

With his team already battle-tested and hungry to remain at the state elite level, Cardinal Gibbons High football coach Matt DuBuc knows the spotlight remains on his Chiefs.

"I think the teams in our district will get better," DuBuc said. "The level of play will be better."

The Chiefs, ranked in the top five in the Maxpreps state poll throughout last season, had their pursuit of a Class 5A crown halted by district rival American Heritage (Plantation) in a classic see-saw battle in the third round of the playoffs. They lost that battle in a 58-57 loss in

overtime.

In fact, all the losses in Cardinal Gibbons' 22-4 record under DuBuc have come in the hands of the Patriots in fiercely competitive battles.

The Chiefs are bracing for another shot at Heritage, which went on to capture Class 5A state title and finish with a 14-0 mark.

DuBuc has good reasons to believe he has the signal caller in 6-foot, 185-pounder Nik Scalzo, a senior who is returning as a third-year starter. As a junior, he scorched opposing defenses with 2,065 passing yards good for 23 touchdowns and six interceptions. The offense averaged 37.3 points per game.

His two-year total at Gib-

bons stands at 50 touchdown passes against 15 interceptions.

"This being his third year as a starter, this should be his best season yet," DuBuc said of Scalzo, who committed a college career at the University of Kentucky. "I'm expecting him to continue to do the things he did well last season while improving on parts of his game that need improvement."

An already solid offense at Gibbons will be marked by an improvement in the running game, the coach said. Senior Vincent Davis and junior Tajae Davis (no relation), combined last year for 1,406 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Vincent Davis, a University

of Pittsburgh commit, finished with a team-leading 942 yards on 125 carries and 11 touchdowns. Tajae ran for 464 yards on 71 rushes and eight touchdowns.

"These two will be an improvement of our running game from last year," DuBuc said. "They'll be a good complement to Scalzo's passing game."

The receiving corps, led by tight end Nik Ognenovic (6'6", 225 pounds), is coming off a season where he had 11.1 yards-per-catch average, while providing blocking on the offensive line, which is anchored by left tackle Gerald Mincey, 6'5", 300 pounds. South Plantation transfer Jonathan Weaver (6'1" 300) will

help provide experience there.

"All of our offensive line is coming back," DuBuc said. "And the rest of our receiving corps will get better as the season progresses. Three of our four receivers are in the 6'2", 6'3" range."

The Chiefs are just as solid defensively, led by defensive end Khris Bogle (6'5", 225) who had 13.5 sacks last season along with 70 total tackles (25 solos). He will get plenty of help from fellow senior defensive lineman Rashon Crooks (6'1", 310) and junior Terry Mareus (6'1" 290).

Seniors Yahweh Jeudy (6'2" 215), a Kansas State commit, and Trevis Robinson (6' 230) are expected to lead the linebacking corps. Robinson has the knack for the big plays with 6.5 sacks and two blocked punts. Jeudy had 2.5 sacks in 2017.

Gibbons has at least two Division I players at defensive backs in senior safeties Sidney Porter (two interceptions and four blocked punts) and Derek Atwaters (17 solo tackles and one fumble recovery for a touchdown).

At special teams, with the graduation of school record-breaking kicker Griffin Cerra, currently a Southern Illinois University freshman, last year's starting punter Daton Montiel will double as a place

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On July 22nd, 2017, 12 players took the field in Cooperstown New York, with their home town watching from afar.

The incredible thing is they accomplished the unexpected, with a loss early in the tournament, the Pompano Piranhas went on to win six games in a row, qualifying for tournament playoff as the 19th seed.

The Piranhas had a total of eight players, including Johnny Montgomery(5 HomeRuns), Conner Phillips(4 Home Runs), Kaden Eichhorn(3 HomeRuns), Marcelo Pillegi (2 HomeRuns), Tyler Anderten (2 HomeRuns), Trent Hussey (1 HomeRun), Kyler Eichhorn (1 HomeRun), and Hudson Gardiner (1 HomeRun) hit

a total of 19 HomeRuns in Cooperstown! Achieving the ultimate dream of becoming a part of Cooperstown Dreams Park history in the making.

There is no greater feeling of success, watching these young men work hard to achieve the unthinkable has been the utmost honor.

As a baseball mom I don’t believe there is a more amazing experience, then to see your son and these incredible young men give it their all for the love of the game.

The Piranhas leave Cooperstown with their heads held high, and memories that will last a lifetime. And for many years there will be stories and memories to be told of the 2018 Piranhas that chased the Dream of becoming legends in Cooperstown Dreams Park where they all lived the Dream!

Baseball is a game of failure, and the climb makes it all worth while. No matter

how many errors you make, or how times you strike out, you have an opportunity to make the game winning play and hit the game wining HomeRun

your next at bat. And there is nothing great than that, which is why baseball is and always will be the most beautiful game in the world.

Gibbons

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kicker. As a reserve, he made six of eight extra-point kicks and a 29-yard field goal in his only attempt.

The Chiefs will open their season on the road against Miami Central on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. Then they will travel to Milton, Ga., an hour north of Atlanta to take on Milton High School on Friday, Aug. 31 for an 8:30 matchup.

Gibbons will play its home opener on Sept. 7 against Dillard with kickoff set at 7 p.m.

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Police investigate two incidents; One targeted at a police car, a second possible "hate crime" directed at pedestrian

By Katina Caraganis

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors – Police Chief Paul O’Connell is asking for the public’s help in finding the person responsible for torching a marked police cruiser sitting in the police department’s parking lot July 26.

According to a statement released by the police department, an unknown subject threw an object containing an accelerant onto a police cruiser sometime between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. July 26.

The cruiser was not occupied at the time and was parked in the south lot at the

police station, located on Wilton Drive.

No employees or people were injured in the arson incident, according to the statement.

Despite burn marks on the hood of the cruiser, the fire was extinguished before the fire could spread anywhere else.

Police say the object rolled around on the hood of the cruiser, fell to the asphalt, and eventually extinguished itself.

The incident was captured on video surveillance, and it shows a flash of light at the time the object was thrown, according to police.

Investigators released video surveillance footage from a nearby gas station of a man wearing a green t-shirt and khaki pants walking into a convenience store. Authorities would like to question the

man in the video.

Anyone with information about the incident are being asked to contact Detective Bonnie Owens at 954-390-2192 or bowns@wmpd.org.

A \$3,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to an arrest.

Investigators are also asking for the public’s help in catching the person or people responsible for throwing eggs at people outside local businesses along Wilton Drive July 26.

Brian Carter and two of his friends were standing outside Gym Sports Bar when they saw a black BMW drive by with a passenger yelling racial slurs in their direction.

Before they could respond, Carter said he felt himself being pelted with an egg.

The police responded to the scene and a report was filed

but so far there are no suspects.

Carter took to Facebook to share the news, saying he wasn’t hurt and he felt worse for the perpetrator.

It doesn’t appear that this was an isolated incident, according to police.

Egg yolks were found outside the police station as well as Out of the Close, a thrift store affiliated with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

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City approves incentives to help bolster police ranks

By **Katina Caraganis**

PELICAN WRITER

Wilton Manors – In an effort to make the police department here a more attractive employer, city commissioners recently approved monetary incentives for officers.

Police Chief Paul O’Connell said the incentives are needed to help attract and retain officers. Currently, the department has three vacant positions.

Human Resources Director Dio Sanchez said the purpose of the policies is to “attract and retain highly qualified candidates in a time when the nationwide critical shortage of public safety workers has created an intensely competitive environment among public agencies.”

The first incentive establishes a financial reward of \$500 for city employees who refer a candidate to the police department. There is a maximum of three rewards per employee per calendar year.

The second establishes a one-time signing bonus of \$5,000 for candidates who accept and begin employment in the city. The bonus is payable upon completion of field training. If the employee receives the signing bonus and voluntarily leaves the department within three

years after they finish their field training, they must refund the full bonus.

Currently, officers living within the city receive an annual housing stipend of \$3,000.

The base salary for a new police officer in Wilton Manors is \$52,039. In neighboring Fort Lauderdale, it’s about \$10,000 more. Officers are also eligible for annual raises of up to three percent of their current salary.

Sanchez said that 15 officers make less than the \$62,000 base salary offered by Fort Lauderdale. If all 15 were to have their salaries raised to the minimum amount paid by Fort Lauderdale, he estimated it would cost the city an additional \$119,000 annually.

“Competing with Fort Lauderdale Police dollar-for-dollar would be difficult given our small tax base,” said O’Connell. “We strive to compete in different ways, such as quality of work environment. What truly makes the Wilton Manors Police Department attractive is the small family feel we have in our entire community.”

There are other financial considerations when hiring new police officers, said O’Connell.

Some new employees have to go to the police academy, which costs \$4,500. That cost does not include books, uniforms and ammunition.

Once an officer completes the police academy, there is a 16-week field training program attended with a veteran officer from within

the department.

“Training a new police officer through the field training program is expensive because two police officers are doing the work of one for 16 weeks,” said O’Connell. “In addition, each new hire must complete a plethora of training for new skills, new equipment and new life experience. No set dollar figure can be given; but it is expensive. That is why hiring the right person is one of our greatest challenges.”



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Donations needed to purchase new roof for Sample-McDougald House

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The Sample-McDougald House is 102 years old. Its current roof isn't that old, but it's old enough to need replacement.

To pay for a new one, the "Raise the Roof Fund" has been established.

Susan Gingerich, executive director of Sample-McDougald House, said \$17,000 has already been contributed to the fund. "We're down to our last



The Sample-McDougald house, 450 NE 10 St., is the standing reminder of the long farming history of Pompano Beach. The house is open for tours, weddings and community events. [Courtesy]

\$6,000 that we need to raise," she said.

The donations have been coming in increments of \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500 from individuals and companies. But any amount is accepted. "We're most appreciative for anything we get," said Gingerich.

Built by Pompano Beach pioneer and farmer Albert Neal Sample, the house was moved in 2001 from its original location on Dixie Highway to where it sits today, 450 NE 10 St. It was purchased by William and Sarah McDougald in 1943. The family lived in the home and owned it until the 1990s.

Tours are given of the house as a way to teach visitors a little about life here in the early to mid-20th Century.

But the house isn't just a museum.

Located in Centennial Park, the house is used often for events, classes and programs, including Florida Highwaymen art exhibits and the annual Pineapple Jamboree.

Gingerich said the house is also open to local organizations to use as a place to host events. And she said she wants to keep it that way.

"We want this to be a place for all people. We're trying to make it for the Pompano Beach residents. Not just one particular group but open for the entire community."

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WM budget

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Mayor Gary Resnick.

“We’ve had an extraordinary run since 2008,” he said.

Sal Torre, the chairman of the budget review advisory committee, cautioned city commissioners at the July 24 budget meeting that the city needs to plan for a potential plateau in property values because of a “leveling off of recent real estate transactions.”

Finance Director Boy Mays agreed, saying property values can’t rise forever.

“Our property values increased fast, but in the next three years, it may go down,” Mays said.

Commissioner Tom Green said one way to offset that potential decline is new development.

Mays said what’s important is the right type of development.

“That is something the city needs to focus on, the type of economic development that promotes new construction,” he said.

Henderson also told commissioners the city stands to lose \$330,000 in property tax revenue should voters in November adopt a constitutional amendment granting eligible residents an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption.

Commissioners are also proposing raising the fire assessment fee for single family homes by \$4.73, bringing the assessment to \$219.45.

Additionally, the city is reducing the fire assessment subsidy for non-profits from 70 percent to 50 percent.

Commissioner Green said non-profits previously did not pay the fire assessment, and still do not pay property taxes.

Mayor Rensick said the city needs to do something to help offset the subsidy.

“At some point, you have to look at how much residences are subsidizing non-profit development,” he said.

He said he feels that if a non-profit in the community such as a church or the Pride Center has a commercial development on their property, that should be taken into consideration.

“They should have to pay something if they are making money,” he said.

The members of the budget committee did make several recommendations they want considered by commissioners in the future.

Those recommendations include:

- Re-evaluate the way in which raises are given to city employees. Currently, employees get a two percent cost of living raise annually, and can get up to an additional three percent increase based on merit.

- Look at whether contracting with third party vendors

for comprehensive studies is the best option when there are talented people working for the city that could do the work.

- Re-evaluate spending \$96,000 on converting city tennis courts to clay surfaces and instead use that money to fund other things, like the Wilton Drive streetscape project.

- Look at the replacement cycle for police vehicles and decide whether cycle could be extended.

- Increase the city’s unassigned fund balance to a median range of 17 to 18 percent. Currently, it sits at 15.7 percent.

A final budget hearing is scheduled for Sept. 24 in the commission chambers at city hall.

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8/11 - “The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton will offer a one-day class “About Boating Safely” from 9 a.m.to 5 p.m. in Spanish River Park HQ Bldg. The class is \$20 for teens (12-19). For others, the cost is \$35. For questions or RSVP, call 561-391-3600.

Clubs/Groups

Pompano Beach Rotary Club meets at noon at Galuppi’s Restaurant, 1103 N Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach. For details or membership information call 954-649-9200.

Community Presbyterian Church of Deerfield Beach hosts Prime Timer Seniors in Briggs Hall weekly on Wednesdays. Meditation, exercise, Bible study, guest speakers, trips and lunch. At the church, 1920 SE 5 St. 954-427-0222.

South Florida Depression Glass Club meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Wilton Manors Woman’s Club, 600 NE 21 Ct. Join the members to learn more about Vintage Glass & Pottery that is made in America. Call 954-649-9547.

Gold Coast Fly Fishers South Florida chapter of Fly Fishers International hosts meetings on the last Tuesday of the month to discuss outings of fly fishing in South Florida at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 142, 171 SW 2 St. Pompano Beach. Call 954-299-0273.

The Boca Raton Stamp & Coin Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Stratford Court Auditorium, 6343 Via de Sonrisa del Sur, Boca Raton. BocaRatonStampAndCoinClub@gmail.com.

Miniature Club, Les Petits Collecteurs, on the first Wednesday of the month, 6:45-9 p.m. at the Boca Raton Community Center, 150 NW Crawford Blvd., Boca Raton. Guests & new member welcome. Call ahead, 954-725-1270.

The Broward Shell Club

Health Calendar

Stop the Bleed and other health information available at Broward North

An interactive training event on what to do in a bleeding emergency will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m. at Broward Health North. Called Stop the Bleed, the program is being held around the county to teach non-professional first responders how to apply tourniquets and pack wounds.

Kits are being made available in many public places that contain the materials needed to save lives in a bleeding emergency.

Dr. Igor Nichiporenko, medical director of trauma services at Broward Health, will give the hands-on training.

Stop the Bleed is a national coalition focused on a grassroots effort that empowers the public with the knowledge necessary to stop bleeds. Statistics show that hemorrhage is the most common cause of preventable trauma deaths.

Registration is at 9 a.m.; a continental breakfast will be served 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the conference center.

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Three programs addressing other health issues will be held this month.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., in Classroom 7, Dr. Manish Gupta, an orthopedic surgeon, will discuss medical advances in reducing or eliminate joint pain. Included will be treatment of arthritis of the hip and knee and the non-surgical, minimally invasive treatment options.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 9 a.m., orthopedic surgeon Dr. Adam Lipman, will discuss the same topic in Classroom 7. Also being provided is a free health checkup and a cup of coffee.

Also on **Wednesday, Aug. 29**, 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the cancer center, Dr. Jason Green will speak on skin cancer and the hospital is offering a free skin cancer screening. The screening, due to high demand, is by appointment only. Call 954-759-7400.

meets monthly on second Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Call 954-296-5633.

Pompano Beach West-side Kiwanis meets on the

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

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. 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.

Events

8/21 - The Pompano North Beach Alliance will host a community forum with Broward County Sheriff’s Office Aug. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pompano Beach Library, 50 W. Atlantic, Pompano Beach. The event includes safety and crime prevention tips. The free event is open to the public for questions, 954-357-7595.

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Bingo – St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 E. Sample Rd., Pompano Beach. Thursdays 1 to 4 p.m. and Sundays 2 to 5 p.m. Call 954-942-5887.

Bingo every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 142, 171 SW 2nd Street, Pompano Beach. p.m. 954-942-2448.

Bingo – Tuesdays at St. Martin Episcopal Church at 11:30 a.m. 140 SE 28th Ave, Pompano Beach. Call 954-941-4843.

Knitting and crocheting instruction at 1 p.m. at Temple Sholom, 132 SE 11 Ave., Pompano Beach. All levels invited. Call 954-942-6410.

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"Off to a farm;" trapper reports 247 chickens caught in western Pompano Beach

By Michael d'Oliveira

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Pompano Beach – It's unknown how many chickens call this city home. But whatever the number, there are 247 fewer today.

The trapper the city hired to clean up its chicken infestation has reported 247 caught over two days – July 3 and July 31.

"They're off to a farm in South Dade," said "Trapper" Mark, owner of All Broward Animal Removal. "We're good at what we do."

Resident Vivian King called *The Pelican* the week

of July 3 to express how happy she was that the city finally found someone to get rid of the chickens.

King, who lives west of Dixie Highway on Northwest 14 Street, said her neighborhood had been "infested" with chickens for five or six years. Besides being a noisy nuisance that dug up her yard, they also defecated.

Dist. 4 Commissioner Beverly Perkins said she's received many calls from residents complaining about chickens. "Cleaning" them up was even one of the issues she said she's worked to address at her recent re-election cam-

paign kick-off event.

All Broward was paid \$50 per chicken removed. In a previous Pelican article, Public Works Director Robert McCaughan said paying per chicken was better than paying a salary to an employee.

"If he's out there and runs around and doesn't bring any chickens in, we don't pay. It's not an additional employee we're funding. We pay for him as he provides service," said McCaughan in June.

The city budgeted \$5,000 but that figure was increased by another \$5,000, said McCaughan. He said that \$50 was paid for adult chickens



\$50 per chicken removed off to the farm.

he said, the plan is to use code enforcement to fine people caught violating the law against feeding or keeping chickens in the city.

"We are able now to issue citations for violations . . . People have to realize it's not acceptable to have livestock." McCaughan also said that residents should tell city officials when they see other residents violate the law.

"We found a property with chicken coops with hay [laid out] for eggs . . . But it's difficult to enforce the no chicken ordinance. So, its something we're going to have to stay on top of."

but a lesser amount per young chick.

"Trapper" Mark said he thinks the city needs to keep on top of the problem "or it's going to be never ending."

Asked if the city would budget more money to hire All Broward again, McCaughan said he didn't know right now. "We're at the end of the fiscal year." For now,

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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ACROSS

1	Make a reservation	34	Brewed beverage	64	Cancellation	8	Mideast ruler	33	All present
5	Highest point	35	Faucet flaw	65	Altar area	9	Remove, as cargo	36	Golf club
9	Store window sign	38	Cut off	66	Shorten, in a way	10	Madam or mom	37	High-spirited
13	Atop	39	Plain to see	67	Cut out, as coupons	11	Wipe clean	40	Extreme anger
14	Fats Domino hit, "Ain't That a ___"	42	Miner's find	68	MGD, e.g.	12	Clerk's call	41	Religious flyer
16	Meter reading	43	Crawl (with)	69	Columnist's page	15	Circus animal	44	Wander aimlessly
17	Kick back	45	Bard's "before"	70	If all ___ fails...	21	Use a diving rod	47	Add pizzazz to
18	Class attendee	46	Small earthquake			23	"We ___ the World"	49	Paid player
19	Fiber-yielding plant	48	Keep in check			25	Share a workstation	50	Withdraw
20	Hemophiliac	51	With regard to			27	Trading post item	52	Listerine rival
22	Pragmatic one	52	Like horror films			28	Lotion additive	54	Worn out
24	Spiral shell	53	Sailing vessel			29	1973 Timothy Bottoms film, with "The"	55	Thick slice
26	Lying face-down	55	Blockhead			31	Golf peg	56	Drug bust qty.
27	Melonlike fruit	57	Charleston college, with "The"					58	Kewpie, for one
30	Quick-tempered one	61	Batch of laundry					59	Protection: var.
32	Pass, as time	62	Gunpowder ingredient					60	Relaxed gait

DOWN

1	Socket insert	8	Mideast ruler	33	All present
2	October birthstone	9	Remove, as cargo	36	Golf club
3	Flow like slime	10	Madam or mom	37	High-spirited
4	Patella	11	Wipe clean	40	Extreme anger
5	Rockies resort	12	Clerk's call	41	Religious flyer
6	Wedding setting	15	Circus animal	44	Wander aimlessly
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PJ's Bar

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the front windows clear and transparent. Outdoor seating will be on the Andrews Avenue side.

The Broward Sheriff's Office recommended outdoor security cameras and mirrors in the interior.

Several residents urged the commission not to grant the approval.

"This is a bar with liquor, music and lively entertainment. If they wish to have an entertainment club, why put it in our neighborhood? Why not in the downtown entertainment district?" asked Joe Russo. "For the sake of the integrity of our neighborhood, deny this, and encourage him to find another location," Russo said.

"I don't feel it's appropriate," said Jeff Helyer, president of the Lloyd Estates Neighborhood Association. With improvements to Andrews Avenue, he noted there will be a median at 37 Street. "You won't be able to get in or out [of the plaza] and it will send cars into the neighborhood.

"This will disturb the tranquility of our single-family neighborhood," Helyer said. "This will impact three streets in our neighborhood and not for the better."

Jack Doren, chair of the planning and zoning board said. He was concerned about the former code infractions and the issue of noise.

Robin Cruise, the property owner, said the property has been vacant for years. He said he fixed the code violations in a week after the June commission meeting.

"I think this is a positive for the community. The neighborhood is slowly getting better," Cruise said.

Mayor Tim Lonergan asked Cruise if he left the property dilapidated by design. He had said his firm bought the property in 2015.

Cruise said he was waiting for the right anchor and

conditional use approval. Lonergan urged him to get his other properties up to code.

Commissioner John Adornato said, "You have to make it look good to get the client to come in."

Adornato asked if staff could make a site visit before the bar opens.

Jennifer Frastai, Engineering and Community Development director, said conditions must be met before the owner will get a permit to open.

Adornato said he was "pleased to know PJ wants to bring his business to the city. He said there is already a bar in the area backing up to a neighborhood.

Commissioner Matthew Sparks applauded the property owner for rectifying the code violations so quickly.

While he was pleased with upgrades done to the property, Commissioner Michael Carn said he heard the impassioned pleas from residents. "I'm not comfortable with allowing this to permeate this community," Carn said, noting he couldn't support approving the conditional use for the bar. "I think the neighbors deserve a quiet

spot." Mayor Lonergan who grew up in Milwaukee where there was a bar on every corner said, "I grew up in a house next to a bar. Ted, the bar owner, was always saying to my mom and dad, 'Keep your kids under control. They're loud. They're disturbing patrons in the bar.'"

Lonergan said he was pleased with the way the building on Andrews looks now adding, "It's our duty to make sure the business is a good partner in the neighborhood."

A motion by Adornato to approve the conditional use passed 3-1, with Carn dissenting. Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian was absent.

Commissioners unanimously denied the applicant's request for a 24-hour business.

Williams wanted to remain open until 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Helyer said, "Our concern is the late night traffic. Andrews Avenue on the west side is not an entertainment strip."

Urging commissioners to deny the request, resident Steve Arnst said, "Nothing good happens after midnight."

At that remark, resident Jack Doren told commissioners, "I have had some very good experiences after midnight."

City Attorney DJ Doody said the applicant could return in six months to request the after-midnight hours.

Deerfield Beach

Bison home opener Aug 18 at Middle School Complex

The Bisons Youth Football teams take to the home field Saturday, Aug. 18 beginning at 9 a.m. against West Pines at the Deerfield Beach Middle School Athletic Complex.

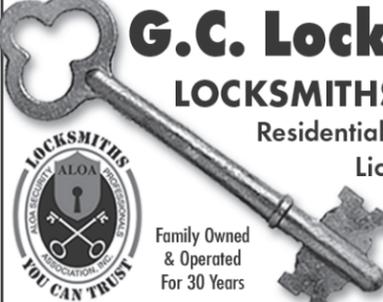
According to Parks and Recreation Director David Miller the team to watch will be the Under -13 squad which has been nationally ranked. That game should begin around 5 p.m.

In its second year of play, the Bison organization has attracted 200 football players and 30 cheerleaders, ages 5 to 15.

This year, some volunteer coaches from Coconut Creek have joined the Bisons since that city has halted its tackle football program.

Ninety percent of Bison players are residents of Deerfield Beach Miller said.

The Bisons open their season away this Saturday again Miramar.



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The Big Buck Music Fest featuring OT Genasis with headliner Busta Rhymes

Deerfield Beach— Hip-hop music artist, OT Genasis, performs Aug. 18 at Deerfield Beach's The Big Buck. Headlining the event is rapper Busta Rhymes, an 11-time Grammy award nominee. Rhymes is also on the sound track of Broadway's hit play, "Hamilton."

OT Genasis is signed to Busta Rhymes' Conglomerate Records. Hip Hop audiences have raved over singles such as "Touchdown (Remix)" featuring Busta Rhymes and French Montana, and "CoCo." "To have OT Genesis and Busta Rhymes on a stage in Deerfield Beach is surreal – this will be the biggest thing this city has ever seen," said Vice Mayor, Gloria Battle.

The concert will be held at the Oveta McKeithan Athletic Complex, a venue with limited seating. Tickets are free at www.eventbrite.com at any city recreation center. Call 954-480-4429.

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Theater
8/10 – 26 – Constellations by Nick Payne. Vanguard, 1501 S. Andrews, Fort Lauderdale. Tickets \$20 to \$35. Call 954-650-5938.

8/25, 26 – Dixie's Tupperware Party at the Wick, the off-Broadway show that won the 2008 Drama Desk. Tickets \$55. The Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Fed. Hwy., Boca Raton. 561-995-2333.

8/29 – 9/2 – When a Baby Cries by Benita Alane Cor-

nick, is about the redemptive power of new life and is part of the company's new playwright series. Evening performances (7 pm) Wednesday-Sunday. Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased at www.ccpompano.org. Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-545-7800.

10/18 – 11/11 – Pirates of Penzance - Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta is an uproarious comedy with a brilliant score. Swashbuckling pirates, a love story and bumbling constables combine to make for a wonderful evening with fabulous music. The Wick Theatre, 7901 N. Fed. Hwy., Boca Raton. Tickets \$75-\$95. 561-995-2333.

11/30 -12/23 – Bread-crumbs - Theories of identity are put under the microscope in this time-bending drama. An aging writer (Angie Radosh), who despises technology, accompanied by a mysterious stranger, (Jacqueline Laggy) travels back in time to the dark woods of the past, unearthing a tragedy that shatters their notions of language, loneliness and essential self. Jennifer Haley, playwright; directed by Keith Garsson. Tickets \$30-\$35. Boca Sol Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 561-447-8829.

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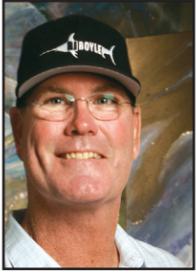
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Pictured here is the Davis family holding up a few Intra-coastal trophies. Below are family groups at the event.

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Denise Jordan gets warm welcome at chamber



Deerfield Beach area business leaders and elected officials gathered last week to welcome Denise Jordan, the Greater Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce's new executive director. Over 90 people attended the monthly Business Breakfast at the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort to meet and learn more about Ms. Jordan. "We are about to embark on the largest journey ever," said Ms. Jordan. She was referring to the Chamber, now beginning a new chapter in its history. "We want to shape the future, not just be the future." Pictured with Jordan who is second from left are, Saul Chapnick, assisted living facility director, Rebecca Hahessy, Feeding South Florida director of client services, Patricia Kodish, public health professional. [Courtesy]

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"People who are struggling financially are forced to choose between paying bills and covering the basic needs

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Antoya Bellamy, a Family Success client said, "I'm so excited. This is the best day that ever happened for me and my kids."

Magalie Germain shared, "I'm a single mother working hard. I was so excited when they called me, so I now have money for my son. I don't have money to buy stuff. I was working for a patient who just died, so now I'm looking for a job. If they didn't call

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