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Dist. 4 candidates cite community issues

Crime, drugs top lists

By Judy Vik

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Pompano Beach – Two of the three Dist. 4 city commission candidates faced off Saturday at a forum at Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.

Commissioner Beverly Perkins and former Commissioner Ed Phillips fielded questions posed by *Pelican* publisher Anne Siren and by numerous members of the audience. The third candidate, Carmen Dixon Jones, did not attend.

Here's a sampling of the questions:

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Pompano budget supporters: cuts should have been suggested

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Supporters of the city's 2018-2019 budget have a response to critics: you should have told us what to cut.

"I don't know what more can be said

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Oktoberfest racers



The Dachshund Dash, pictured above, is part of the 14th Annual Oakland Park Oktoberfest which takes place at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Hwy., on Friday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 6 from 1 to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 7 p.m. More information on page 2. [Courtesy]

Oakland Park approves sale of lots to developer

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – The sale of two city-owned lots has gotten initial approval from commissioners here.

The lots, located north of Central Bark on both sides of Northeast 38 Street [Park Lane] on the west side of Dixie Highway, are to be sold to Integra Investments for \$2.55 million.

The first vote, which took place Sept. 19, was 4-1 with Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian dissenting.

A proposed development at the site, Oakland Park Square, calls for two 68-foot high buildings including 87 residential apartments, 11 live/work

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Commissioners approve decrease in millage rate

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – Commissioners here have approved a 2018-2019 millage rate of 5.9985, the fifth consecutive decrease. The rate is down from this year's 6.0985.

The commission also approved a budget of \$89.671 million with a \$53 million general fund.

Fifty-one percent of the general fund goes for public safety with \$16.1 million going to the Broward Sheriff's Office and \$11.1 million to Oakland Park Fire Rescue.

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LBTS hires Hoffmann to recruit town manager

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Bud Bentley, town manager here for the past two years, has announced his plans to retire when his employment agreement ends in April 2019.

On Wednesday, at Bentley's recommendation, commissioners agreed to hire his predecessor, Connie Hoffmann, to conduct the search for his replacement. She will be paid \$18,000.

Hoffmann was town manager here from 2010 to 2016.

Bentley began working for the town

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Chiefs win third straight, beat Douglas

By **Concepcion Ledezma**
PELICAN SPORTS

Parkland – For the second consecutive game, Cardinal Gibbons High quarterback Nik Scalzo reached 196 passing yards.

This time, he did it in just one half as the senior led his team to four consecutive touchdowns in the team's first four possessions; en route to a 45-8 rout at Douglas in Parkland in a non-district matchup Friday.

Scalzo, who is committed to play at the University of Kentucky, finished with 247 yards, completing 19 of 29 passes, including three touchdown passes before sophomore Brody Palhegyi filled in for him midway in the third quarter.

"We've stressed all week that we had to come out fast and play our brand of foot-

ball," coach Matt DuBuc said after watching his Chiefs win their third consecutive game to improve to 3-2.

"I think our guys are getting it together; I think we executed well early, which carries over into the second half of the game."

The Chiefs led 35-8 at halftime with Scalzo throwing touchdown passes of 51 yards to Dimon Stewart and 23 yards to Chris Benestad. Vincent Davis scored on runs of two and 18 yards and Coleman Bennett had the game's longest run on a 40-yard touchdown.

Gibbons started the season at 0-2, facing two elite teams [Miami Central and Milton in Georgia] right out of the gate.

"When you start [playing] high ranking [teams] and you have seven players from defense who graduated that were really, really good . . .

we had to replace some guys and it took a little longer than we thought," DuBuc said. "I think our seniors are starting to step up and see what's ahead of us."

Senior Yahweh Jeudy led the defense with six tackles while freshman Tray Brown had five.

Douglas didn't score until Gibbons was already ahead 28-0. Douglas got on the board on a touchdown and a two-point conversion late in the first half.

The Chiefs will next host district opponent Coconut Creek [3-1] in a 7 p.m. game tonight.

WA enjoying break, turnaround season

Fort Lauderdale – Coach Tommy Lewis and his Westminster Academy team are

See **TURNAROUND** on page 19

Oktoberfest returns to Oakland Park

Oakland Park – The 14th Annual Oakland Park Oktoberfest will take place on Oct. 5, 6 and 7 at Jaco Pastorius Park, 4000 N. Dixie Hwy. The times are Oct. 5 from 6 to 11 p.m., Oct. 6 from 1 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 7 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Along with beer by Funky Buddha and traditional German cuisine, there will be beer stein races, the Dachshund Dash, beer barrel roll, apple strudel eating contest and the Doggie Fashion Show. There will also be culinary seminars on beer and cheese pairings, home brewing and sausage making. Rides, games, arts and crafts, face painting and cookie decorating will be available for children.

Entertainment will include the San Antonio-based Alpine Express, jodler and accordion player Sepp Diepolder and singers from Opera Fusion. A dance floor will be set up under the big tent. The cost is \$5 for ages 13 and up. Children 12 and younger get in free. Designated drop-off and pick-up spots will be set up for ride share services such as Uber and Lyft.

Visit oaklandparkfl.gov/228/Oktoberfest for more information.

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JP Soars & The Red Hots perform

Pompano Beach – The blues band JP Soars & The Red Hots will host a video release party to celebrate Soars' new album, "Southbound I-95."

The party will be held at Rip's Sports Bar, 2200 N. Federal Hwy., on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Visit facebook.com/jpsoars for more information. The event is free.



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Andrews/Oakland Park land use meeting

Wilton Manors – Multiple meetings on the proposed land use changes for Oakland Park Boulevard and Andrews Avenue will be held. The first is on Monday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. The other two are on Thursday, Oct. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. All the meetings will be in the Commission Chambers, 2020 Wilton Drive.

Wilton Manors officials are proposing an amendment to the city's and Broward County's Land Use Plan to change the land use designation on 140.9 acres which currently has designations of commercial, community facilities and residential uses. Community Development Services Director Roberta Moore and City Planner Evangeline Kalus will answer questions.



Deerfield Beach – Curaleaf opened its Deerfield Beach cannabis dispensary last week, a well-attended event hosted by the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left are Chamber Director Gordon Vatch, Chamber Executive Director Denise Jordan, Deerfield Vice Mayor Gloria Battle, Curaleaf Florida President Lindsay Jones and representatives from Dr. Harley Bofshever's office and the Veterans Suicide Prevention organization. The dispensary is at 140 N. Federal Highway, one of two that opened here this month. Curaleaf has 20 other locations around the state. [Staff]

Dunn's Run turns 22; \$2.3 million raised

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – None of the 12,500 children and teens served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County were alive when the first Dunn's Run took place in 1996.

But the need to assist the Boys & Girls Clubs in its mission still exists, so Dunn's Run organizers, Jim and Ann Marie Dunn, keep the race going every year.

It's a commitment that has resulted in over \$2.3 million raised for the Boys & Girls Clubs over the life of Dunn's Run. The Dunns, who founded and own J.R. Dunn Jewelers in Lighthouse Point, were honored for their support in 2017 when they were inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame.

This year's race is set for Sunday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 a.m. just south of the Deerfield Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21 Ave. Over 1,000 runners are expected to participate.

The cost per person to register online before noon on Oct. 5 is \$30 for the 5K Walk [not

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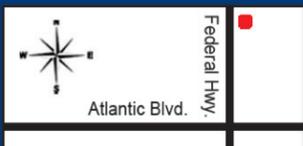
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Beach pavilion in Deerfield Beach renamed to honor Kirk Cottrell

Deerfield Beach – The north beach pavilion has been named for Kirk Cottrell, the founder of Island Water Sports.

Cottrell opened his store here on the “S” curve in 1979 and rose to prominence in the surfing industry along the East Coast. Also a pastor, Cottrell moved his family to South Africa in 1997 after he lost an election here for mayor. He founded Calvary Chapel there.

In 2001, Cottrell died in a surfing accident.

Today, his wife Lucinda, and children Cheyne, Linsey and Karley, operate the business which has grown to five Island Water Sport franchises.

Mayor Bill Ganz said of the pavilion’s new name, “This is a perfect fit.” A total renovation of the pavilion will begin soon.



Pictured above Kirk and Lucinda Cottrell in a vintage photograph. [Courtesy “52 Moments”]

City gets sidewalk grant

Oakland Park – This city was awarded a Safe Routes to School Grant for \$922,749 for the construction of sidewalks for the Lloyd Estates Elementary School and Prospect Gardens area. The Florida Department of Transportation provides the funding through a grant program for infrastructure-related projects that will improve the safety of students.

Approximately 36 percent of Lloyd Estates students walk to and from school every day. The project will provide a continuous sidewalk system in the area designated. An estimated 14,750 linear feet of 5-foot wide sidewalk will be installed or replaced.

Ramps for individuals with disabilities and crosswalks will also be provided. The boundaries for the proposed project are: West Prospect Road to the north, Northwest 38 Street to the south, Powerline Road and I-95 to the west, North Andrews Avenue to the east.

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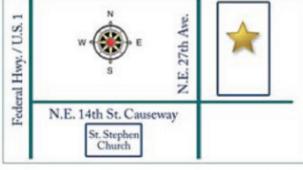
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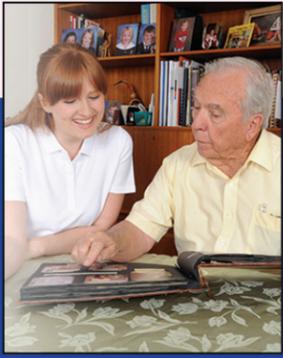


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spaces, retail/commercial and city hall. The development would also include 343 parking spaces.

City hall commission chambers would be on the first floor of the south building and administrative offices on the sixth floor.

"This is the realization of 13 years of planning that started in 2004 with the creation of the Downtown Mixed Use District," said city consultant Renee Miller.

She outlined goals that would be accomplished with this development, including: generating new taxable value; increasing property values; providing additional public parking downtown; enabling residential development

downtown to support business; hardening municipal facilities.

Studies of city facilities have shown a need to centralize municipal operations, and the existing city hall is past its useful life, Miller noted. If the existing city hall operations are moved to this site, there would be other opportunities for development at the current civic complex on Main Street.

The city will consider a 15-year lease agreement for the city hall operation, starting at \$26.07 per square foot. The estimated cost to the city would be \$754,000 the first year. The lease costs will escalate over time. That agreement will come before the city commission later.

In the sale agreement, Miller said the city puts \$1.745 million on the table. The city agrees to make \$500,000

in roadway improvements, waive city impact fees and can offer CRA retail tenant incentives. The developer pays \$43.2 million.

"For every dollar the city spends [on this development], the developer will spend \$55," Miller said. "A good partnership is a 1-10 ratio."

The agreement includes a provision to address the contaminated north parcel and allows the developer to back out of the agreement for environmental reasons.

"Residents have said for years that we need to clean the site up," said Commissioner John Adornato.

A development agreement with timeline will be presented to the commission for approval at the second reading of the purchase and sale ordinance. The development agreement is now in the drafting stage.

Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian said, "I have to know

what's coming next before I can put my stamp of approval on this."

Miller said the plan will be reviewed by the commission. And commissioners can vote on building heights, but they don't vote on the site plan.

"We have only seen renderings before modifications. That gives me pause," Guevrekian said. "There are so many unforeseen things."

The purchase and sales agreement provides that the city and developer will negotiate and execute a long term lease for city hall during the inspection period.

"I'm happy we're at the framework of a partnership and cleaning up that land," said Commissioner Michael Carn.

"We have a chunk of land that needs to be cleaned up. I'm willing to take the first step and see where we go after an analysis of the property," said Commissioner Matthew Sparks. "We can walk away if there's a complete nuclear zone over there."

"I agree with the concept and agree with accomplishing the cleanup. I'm not comfortable with the process and the order," said Guevrekian.



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Anne Siren, publisher

Kudos to Wilton Manors officials for having multiple meetings

When important public issues are discussed in meetings, not every citizen can attend. Work, family and other commitments can get in the way of individuals attending public meetings and either learning more about what is being discussed and/or expressing an opinion.

That's why Wilton Manors officials deserve credit for scheduling multiple meetings on the proposed land use changes for Oakland Park Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. The first is on Monday, Oct. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. The other two are on Thursday, Oct. 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. All the meetings will be in the Commission Chambers, 2020 Wilton Drive. [More info is on page 3]

Not every public meeting, such as the city commission or city boards, can be held multiple times. But, whenever possible, the public needs to be given multiple chances to participate. *The Pelican* applauds officials and hopes they will apply this practice to future topics of public interest.

Free groceries this weekend

In the United States, one in six people struggle to get enough to eat. Broward Sheriff Scott Israel wants to help fight hunger, so he's partnered with the Wayne Barton Study Center's Good News of Christ Ministries, WSVN 7 and Cox Media Group to distribute free food, via the Grocery Giveaway Food Distributions. The goal of the event is to enhance the health, welfare and education of the community through healthy eating.

Participants are encouraged to bring bags and carts to fill with meat, produce, bread, dairy and frozen foods. Everyone is welcome to attend this free community event. The Wayne Barton Study Center was founded by former Boca Raton police officer Wayne Barton, who has created a safe recreation and education venue for youth to study, learn and play. These Grocery Giveaways are taking place throughout South Florida.

The next will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mount Olive, 1530 NW 6 St., Fort Lauderdale.

For a complete schedule of the Broward County Grocery Giveaway, visit sheriff.org or call the Broward Sheriff's Office Community Services Department at 954-831-8901.

The Broward Supervisor of Elections urges all citizens to vote in the Nov. 6 elections.

The deadline to register is Oct. 8.

For vote-by-mail forms, call 954-357-7050, ext. 2.

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Mike Sobel is the best choice for Pompano Beach mayor

Voters here should elect Mike Sobel, a leader who can continue the city's development, encourage public dialogue and see to it that tax dollars are used as they should be—without waste.

Pompano Beach needs a forward movement that focuses on all residents and all neighborhoods in every corner of this city.

It follows that the city must have an open and collegial commission where all district representatives will speak openly about success as well as failure.



Commissioner Mike Sobel

Sobel, 62, an attorney has served throughout his career as a district court magistrate and traffic magistrate in Broward County. He was elected as District 1 commissioner in 2016.

He refers to tax dollars as being "precious."

On the dais, Sobel's questions regarding pending contracts, failed contracts and other spending issues are often dismissed as "attacks."

But they are not attacks; they are critical questions that need to have answers placed before the public.

Sobel says he will continue to ask the questions on behalf of the taxpayers.

"We must ask questions. The residents have placed us in our offices to do that and protect their tax dollars," he says. "There are three pillars of government: accountability; oversight and transpar-

ency."

Sobel says the benefits of redevelopment must be citywide and must be spread fairly.

And on the same par as economic development, Sobel says public schools are paramount to a sound economy.

"The state and the school board are authorized to operate the public schools, but that does not exclude city participation and city leadership," he says. "It does not exclude parents, teachers, local government and businesses to flex their muscles and take an active role."

He says he will muscle-up the city's educational advisory board to give this group a prominent voice with city officials. "The board will have to be restructured with a framework of partnerships. All of this will be in conjunction with the school board."

As to the homeless population, he says, ". . . the city has failed to address the homeless issue in the city, and the problem has increased. We can't solve societal problems, but there's so much more that can be done: a comprehensive plan."

Sobel adds that developers and business owners will look forward to a more transparent city commission where all decisions will be based on facts and merit.

And when taxpayer dollars are concerned, Sobel calls for oversight and scrutiny.

Pompano Beach commissioners will be managing millions of dollars from the voter-approved government bond [\$180 million].

The new pier is under construction; new restaurants and other upscale developments are already in construction on the beach. Bond money will be used for myriad projects from parks to infrastructure.

Taxpayers will make their first payments on the 30-year-bond this year.

Sobel will be the watchdog of those funds for the people of this city.

The CRA plans for west Pompano include an "Innovation Zone," which is designed for residential units, commercial units, hotels and more. The six or so blocks between Martin Luther King and West Atlantic are expected to spur massive development.

The Pelican endorses Mike Sobel for mayor of Pompano Beach.

Sobel faces three opponents: Dist. 3 Commissioner Rex Hardin, Debresia LeSane and Cyndy Floyd.

Commissioner Rex Hardin, is backed by a Political Action Committee [PAC]. In 2016, Hardin was charged with mismanagement of his campaign funds by the state ethics board. One charge included paying himself for distributing election flyers; another for outside printing expenses that were inflated by 300 percent which he charged to his own printing company, Cypress Printing. This year, Hardin received another complaint from the ethics committee for developing and purchasing websites in the name of Mike Sobel. Hardin said he considered the dozen or more purchases an "investment." To date, Hardin has not placed those expenditures on his campaign disclosure reports.

Debresia Lesane is an active participant at city meetings. She advocates for a well-rounded use of funds so that all areas enjoy the benefits of redevelopment.

Cynthia Floyd, 51, has been an activist in Concerned Citizens of Holiday Lake and is a member of the NAACP. She is a native of Pompano Beach.

Voters urged to elect John Geer to represent District 1



John Geer

John Geer offers District 1 residents and this city a brilliant mind, courage and honor as a public servant.

He says he has been “blessed” all of his life. Those blessings, he says, include his wife, Ann, their four children, his 23 years as a JAG [Judge Advocate General’s Corps] in the U.S. Navy and 17 years with GEICO [Government Employees Insurance

Company].

He claims that his best experience as a JAG officer came when he convinced the U.S. State Department to seek compensation from Iraq for the spouses and families of the sailors who had been killed or injured in the USS Stark incident [1987] before Desert Shield.

An Iraqi jet had fired missiles at the frigate. Twenty-seven U.S. Navy personnel were killed and 27 were injured. Geer was part of the group that went to Iraq to seek the compensation for those families. He brought back \$23 million for the victims and survivors.

He sought justice then; we believe he will continue to seek justice for the residents of this city as well. That justice includes fair taxation;

safe streets; fair contracts; great schools; a fair homeless solution; safety during emergencies and all issues that come before the dais.

“Voters of each district elect the commissioner, but all people citywide are affected by the votes of all commissioners,” he says.

Geer says that District 1 has a real opportunity with the Fishing Village and the pier.

He says he is concerned about developers who want to build condos in [single] residential areas. “Condos in a condo area makes sense.”

While ocean front area values are high, he says that does not mean everyone there is a millionaire. Many are retired. He adds that District 1 residents have concerns about high taxes and homelessness. Younger families here are

concerned about schools. With all these taxes, why don’t we have better schools? Not everyone has the option to send their children to private schools.

The tax base went up almost a billion dollars last year and will probably go up another similar amount this year. But, he says, the taxes do not go down. He doubts that commissioners study the city budget critically in workshops before it goes before them for a vote.

Geer voted against the G.O. Bond in March. But as the bond funds are now a legal responsibility, he says all projects promised must be completed. He says the city did a “lousy” job in putting the bond together. But if elected, he will oversee the projects carefully so taxpayers

will get what they are paying for.

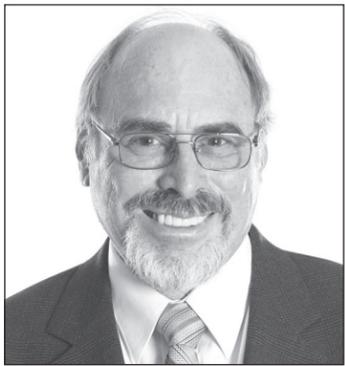
“The passage of the bond is done – now we must lawfully fulfill its mandates,” he says. District 1 and all residents of this city will benefit from Geer’s approach to public service.

Geer is an expert in negotiating and mediating. He has deep concerns for the school children of this city. With Geer on the dais, we believe that all residents will be clear about how money is spent; if money is wasted, residents will know that as well. Geer will keep in mind that all city monies are deposited by taxpayers.

We hope voters will keep this in mind on Nov. 6 and vote for John Geer.

Geer faces John Cavanaugh and Andrea McGee.

In District 2, Tom Terwilliger is best choice



Tom Terwilliger

everyone.

His participation keeps him aware of city issues, something that will allow him to hit the ground running.

He is a board member of the Leisureville Homeowners Association. He says taxes, traffic, trash and term limits are high on his to-fix list.

Terwilliger says he would reduce taxes by reducing the number of employees in the city, over 1,100.

He adds that other increases, including this year’s millage rate; increases in EMS [Emergency Medical Services] and fire fees along with a new

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District 2 voters should send Tom Terwilliger to the commission on Nov. 6.

Terwilliger is a regular attendee at commission meetings and often brings issues to the floor with his questions, something that is good for

Choose McMahon to represent District 3



Tom McMahon

disabilities and serves on two city groups: preservation and community development.

Residents can count on McMahon to support open dialogue and work with all commissioners to encourage questions and find answers to offer residents a clear understanding of the city’s work and action.

“We do not have to agree. We must be negotiators. The notion that ‘it’s my way or the highway’ doesn’t work.”

McMahon sees heavy work ahead for this commission when it comes to implementing all of the bond projects; he says it will be critical to stay on budget. As to the collegiality, he says he will make sure he visits all districts in the city

to have a better understanding of their needs. We think that is a great idea for all commissioners.

McMahon also will encourage his colleagues to support programs that will upgrade safety in neighborhoods and community parks.

McMahon’s ideas include re-establishing “neighborhood watches.” McMahon’s business, Power & Play Sports, is located in Pompano Beach.

He is also a volunteer for his family’s monthly charitable events.

The Pelican endorses Tom McMahon for District 3 commissioner.

McMahon faces Mike Skversky, a volunteer who helps the homeless.

Perkins should be returned to District 4



Beverly Perkins

Black citizens were prohibited to cross the tracks after dark. Residents to this day remember that law.

Arrests for crossing the tracks were often accompanied with other punishments like putting the person in a police car and driving him or her to the county line, dropping them off and leaving them to walk home.

It was a dark moment in our history.

Those laws died with the Civil Rights movement.

Strong leaders emerged.

When hope of renovation of the Northwest area was initiated in the ‘80s and led by the late mayor, E. Pat Larkins, a new term, called a Community Redevelopment Agency [CRA] was the buzz. CRA’s

were formed to rid communities considered to have “slum and blight.”

District 4 had its share of both. It met the criteria, and this city’s first CRA began. Two new communities were developed with parks and landscaping.

A CRA was a good thing.

Later, when CRA funds began to grow, things changed.

The east side of town saw the success of the West CRA, prompting officials to extend the boundaries of the West CRA across the tracks to include the city’s old downtown. That move halted redevelopment in the west.

In the ‘90s when the East CRA was formed, the eco-

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It is easy to call District 4 the most ignored district in the city.

That’s what Beverly Perkins says, and we believe her.

We suspect there are good reasons for Perkins’ words.

For decades, the division between the east and west has been Dixie Highway and the railroad tracks.

Keep Moss in District 5



Barry Moss

Knox Village.

These three communities differ in needs and qualities of life.

The upscale residences of Palm Aire, Cypress Bend and John Knox Village have little in common with Collier City. The manicured landscaping of these communities contrast greatly from the often unkempt streets of Collier City. Other contrasts are well-lit streets as compared to little or no lights. All areas of the city are seeing more crime, but even that varies from car-stealing to drug dealing.

Collier City residents are most concerned about crime, education and neighborhood blight.

If elected to District 5, this will be Barry Moss’ third term. We think he has earned it and urge voters to keep this commissioner at work.

Some of Moss’s best work has been in Collier City, a neighborhood abutting the Palm Aire and Cypress Bend communities.

District 5 also includes John

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Dist. 4

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Q. What kind of impact has crime had on District 4 and other areas of the city?

Phillips: "Crime has always been an issue. It doesn't seem to go away, but we can minimize it. We need job opportunity, and we need to do some forms of social services, and where that doesn't work, they need to visit Sheriff Israel. We need to be innovative on how to resolve crime and not just put people in jail."

Perkins: "Crime is a big problem, especially in District 4. We have a lot of drugs, loitering, speeding, selling of drugs. I've been meeting weekly with Capt. Irvin on what's going on, about removing drugs and eliminating people hanging out on corners."

Q. Have you called for meetings between the city and police for safer streets?

Phillips: I have responded to problems. When flakka was an issue in the community, we created responses and we caused that to dissipate where you don't hear about it anymore. I used to tell BSO when crimes happen in Pompano, I asked police to call me first."

Perkins: "I have had empowerment meetings in the community with city departments and residents and had one with BSO and the community [after a police-involved killing in the neighborhood] to discuss the verdict and not get too emotional about it and discuss where we go from here."

Q. What are the obstacles to achieving a public school system that's the best in the nation?

Phillips: "We don't have enough facilities, and teachers don't make enough money. Unequal resources for unequal needs. We don't have enough resources."

Perkins: As a school teacher, I'm very supportive of the schools. Markham Elementary was a D school

Phillips, Perkins take stands at Pelican forum



Ed Phillips



Beverly Perkins

and about to be closed. Several of us went there weekly to help students read, and now it's a C school. I'd like to see the community more involved in our schools. With more community volunteers, we could be more successful."

Q. How can you use your position as an elected official to demand the best schools in the nation?

Phillips: "We have School Board members we're supposed to prod. My job is to prod the School Board and superintendent to do better and show us more."

Perkins: "Before we demand, we have to understand what's going on. I served on the School Board Diversity Committee. The community has to get more involved and be more informed before they can help us."

The candidates agreed that the commission should recognize students for their academic achievements as well as athletic achievements.

Q. Pompano Beach has one of the largest contracts with BSO. Are you going to expect more from BSO? We have a lot of needs. We have prostitution, killings. [Question from audience member Shelton Pooler.]

Perkins: "Yes, I will demand more of BSO. You want to feel safe. I'm always told we have a shortage of police officers. The number one concern of the community is safety. You hear guns at any time of the night and day. It boils down to community

policing, something BSO doesn't do. Until they do we won't be able to put out some of these fires. It will take community policing for crime to be reduced."

Phillips: "Our first safety net is us, not the police. We need to use the police force. Police need training, diversity training. I have a problem with them pulling a gun as first response. Our first line of defense is us."

Q. How do you assess the city manager's performance? [Question from audience member, Dist. 5 commission candidate David Miller.]

Perkins: "In the past I had concerns with the manager. When I request something, I expect him to act on it."

Phillips: I knew him before he was manager. He was quiet, unassuming, and at first I didn't like him. I didn't like there was no diversity [on staff]. Now there is diversity. Has he done all we want? No, but I've seen him responsive. He's not the best in terms of style but getting it done, he does."

Q. What is your most difficult task as a commissioner, and what can you do to fix it?

Perkins: "Trying to get the best information out to the community so they have facts and not false information. Lots of people don't look at the city website or read newspapers. We have to find better ways of communicating."

Phillips: "We need to ensure opportunity to all

neighborhoods. We need to form relationships with developers. When Landmark [built City Vista], we ensured folks from this neighborhood had a chance to work there. Opportunity is coming."

Q. "Every time I monitor the area, I see the same piles of trash and garbage for months. Why is this continuing to happen? The city has a huge contract with Waste Management. What do you plan to do about this? If that pile were on A1A, it would be gone in five minutes." [Question from mayoral candidate Mike Sobel.]

Perkins: "Waste Management was picking up bulk trash twice a week. Now it's only on Saturday. What we have in place is not working."

Phillips: "We have some trash problems, but I don't like the perception that we have constant trash."

Q. What is your Number 1 project for infrastructure in your district? [Question from Dist. 3 candidate Mike Skversky.]

Perkins: "Getting the Blanche Ely Museum up and running, the concession stand at Mitchell Moore Park and the senior activity facility."

Phillips: "The \$181 million G.O. bond has funds for the whole city, including a fire station in the northwest and the senior citizen facility."

Q. The city has authorized the city manager to approve contracts up to \$75,000 without commission consent.

If elected, would you require that all those contracts be posted on the city agenda, including the contractor, the job and the reason?

Perkins: "There are a lot of back door deals and under the table deals and a lot of secrecy on how deals are done. The public needs to know what's going on."

Both candidates said the contracts should be posted on the agenda.

Q. Do you have concerns about the way the NW CRA redeveloped this area?

Perkins: Yes, I've always had concerns. There's been lots of movement underground. We haven't had much movement [above ground] in 30 years. It's time to bring more business."

Phillips: "I'm not a proponent of saying slum and blight. The CRA did an admirable job in getting rid of slum. We got the Ali building, the 731 building. We have blight."

Summing up the evening, both candidates were cordial, but Perkins had a little stab for her opponent at the end.

"If you want things to happen, I'm your person. I like to finish what I started." Then she read from a list the results of Phillips' 11 times running for office, including his wins and losses.

"It's time for you to rest and have a drink," she said.

Phillips' response: "Thanks to the coaches who taught me determination."

Pompano Beach wants ideas on library property

Pompano Beach – The old library building at 1213 E. Atlantic Blvd. hasn't been demolished yet. But city officials plan to redevelop its land. They say they just don't know yet what will happen there.

Mayor Lamar Fisher said requests for proposals are going out soon for how the property should be utilized. "Rather than us dictate [how it will be used]," said Fisher, "the commission wants residents, developers and anyone else to come with ideas."

At its Sept. 11 meeting, the commission approved a \$134,795 contract with Camino Real to demolish the library, which was vacated when the new Pompano Beach Library and Cultural Center opened last year.

-Michael d'Oliveira

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Soma Kasam of Discount Liquors named Business Man of the Year by the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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Delighted to be honored by the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, Soma Kasam is the owner of the successful Pompano Discount Liquor store at 652 McNab Road in Pompano Beach.

He is known for his outstanding business success and for his generosity to the city, Chamber and the many non-profit organizations he has supported since he opened his doors in April of 2004. It is estimated that he has donated a total of at least \$50,000 to these many events.



Soma Kasam, left, enjoys visits from suppliers and distributors. Shown here with Joe Wagner from Caymus Family, wine producers for Copper Cane Wines. [Courtesy]

Kasam came to the United States from India over 20 years ago and, grinning broadly, says, "I am proud to be a United States citizen. I try to return to India once a year to visit family. Before coming to Florida, I lived in Detroit, Michigan and worked in IT [internet technology] at Ford's headquarters for eight years. Although I enjoyed the work, I was anxious to own my own business. I came to Florida to fulfill my dream and I have. It has worked out well. I am so grateful for the support I have received from both the city, the Chamber and the community.

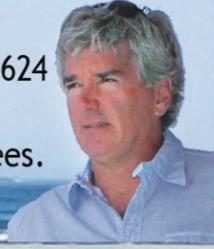
Kasam's wife, Nirupama,

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Deerfield Beach – Roberto Freitas, a 6th grade student at American Heritage, sits among the art works created during Love for Art at Butler, classes for youngsters that combined art lessons with classical music. The student show was part of the “52 Moments” reception hosted recently by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society at the Butler House. Freitas said creating art interests him “because in the end everything comes together.” He also said he enjoyed Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons,” the music that accompanied the classes taught by Gabriela Gamperl and Debbie Rollo. [Photo by Gamperl]

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“The economy is still very strong, and the city had a \$10.8 percent increase in property values, according to Andrew Thompson, finance services director.

The budget includes \$3.4 million for CIP, or Community Improvement Projects. They include improvements to Northwest 10 Avenue, Main Street enhancements and utility improvements. The fund is 52 percent grant funded.

The only new staff position is for an administrative specialist in the fire rescue department.

The medium single-family homeowner will see an increase in taxes of about \$8.46 or about 70 cents a month. Local taxes make up 29 percent of the total tax bill.

“I’m pleased with the trend we’re setting. This is respon-

sible, responsive fiscal management,” said Commissioner Michael Carn.

“I commend staff on [obtaining] 52 percent grant funding for CIP projects,” said Commissioner Matthew Sparks. “This is the place to be.”

In a discussion of the budget, property owner John Grabski said, “It’s not pennies.” The tax on his rental apartments is increasing from \$8,000 to \$9,000. “This is serious money I have to deal with,” he said, adding that he will probably have to increase rents for his tenants.

Vice Mayor Sara Guevrekian said she was concerned about supervisory staff for after school and summer camp programs, noting additional staff may be needed. She said

public restrooms in the city’s parks are not up to par and not properly maintained.

Commissioners have approved an annual residential fire assessment rate of \$199 for 2018-2019. That rate generates \$5.7 million for fire services. The rate remains unchanged from 2017-2018.

Earlier the commission approved a solid waste assessment of \$217 per residential unit, unchanged from the current fiscal year. The fee will generate \$2.3 million.

At a previous meeting, commissioners approved a 3.50 percent increase in commercial rates.

They approved a storm water assessment of \$84 per residential unit, no change from the current rate. The fee will generate \$3.4 million.

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Local parks to get tighter security

Pompano Beach – Park Rangers are a new enforcement group that will keep watch and issue violations that occur in any of the city’s 52 parks.

Rangers will also have rights; they may, without penalty, remove any animal found in a life threatening condition. Rangers may break and enter a motor vehicle, residence or structure if necessary, without civil or criminal liability, to remove the animal.

Violations will be issued for using skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, operate a Segway, hoverboard or ride a bicycle whether or not motorized upon the sidewalk on the east side of Pompano Beach Boulevard.

No fires shall be built by any person against or adjacent to any park building, structure,

tree or plant or adjacent to property of others or in any area of any park, except in such areas as are specifically designed for fire building, nor shall any person dump, throw or permit to be scattered, by any means, lighted matches, burning tobacco products or any other inflammable material within any park area or highway or road or abutting street.

No person shall climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing fences, tables or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes, or otherwise lodge and store personal property on public property.

No person shall allow access into the dog park to an unpermitted user who does not have an authorized key fob. The key fob shall only be utilized by the registered owner.

No person shall use any

nicotine vaporizers in, within or upon any city parks, recreational, or cultural facilities.

Rangers may cite persons abusing this ordinance with the following fines: First violation \$100; Second \$150 and Third \$250. Rangers were funded [\$312,645] in the year 2018-2019 budget.

City attorney may ‘Walk on water,’ but commissioners want more notice

Pompano Beach – Mark Berman, city attorney, received unanimous accolades for his service to the city, but commissioners were not ready to give their votes on Tuesday. Commissioner Beverly Perkins held back because the requirement to vote on his services came without enough time to make a decision.

Commissioner Mike Sobel agreed, saying that it is “...

routine practice of springing this on us at the last minute. To me this is uncomfortable; it inspires mistrust and defies transparency. This is an annual review. We know it’s going to happen, and it should be placed on the agenda.

Berman said he was happy to hear the good remarks.

C. Squared Construction approved for Kester Park renovations

Pompano Beach – Commissioners agreed to contract with C. Squared Construction on Tuesday for the reconstruction of Kester Park at \$344,010.

Work includes a new concession stand, new restrooms with five stalls.

The park’s gazebo will get a new roof and asphalt will be replaced.

The park renovation should take 270 days for completion.

Political rhetoric takes swipes at “all but two”

Former commissioner Barry Dockswell, a member of “Citizens for a Better Pompano Beach,” urged residents not to vote for any candidate who said “No” to the \$180 million bond, passed in March. “Vote for the ones who supported it,” he said.

Dockswell was followed by developer Tommy DiGiorgio who congratulated the city for winning a 3.7 percent interest rate for the bond payoff.

DiGiorgio praised the “amazing leadership of the four of you.”

Of the six commissioners, both Mike Sobel and Beverly Perkins were the two commissioners, who had opposed the bond.

As if it were a warning, DiGiorgio, chair of the city’s economic advisory committee, added, “Those who did not support [the bond]; it will come around.”

Commissioner Rex Hardin said, “Thanks to all the soccer moms for helping to make [the bond] happen.”

At the previous city meeting, DiGiorgio, Paul Webb and Elaine Fitzgerald, members of the same PAC and economic advisory committee, charged Sobel as being a “demagogue”

DiGiorgio, Dockswell, Fitzgerald and Webb hosted a fundraiser for Rex Hardin’s campaign for mayor. They are all contributors to the Hardin campaign.

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Budget

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... Myself and all of the staff would have cut this budget 25 percent if the majority of this body told us to. We had meetings for the budget in July and not one of you told us to cut anything," said City Manager Greg Harrison.

The city manager was specifically addressing Commissioners Beverly Perkins and Michael Sobel. They were the only no votes at the final budget hearing on Sept. 21.

Sobel said his conscience wouldn't allow him to support the budget and the higher taxes that went along with it.

The 2018-2019 millage is 5.2857, a six percent increase over the 2017-2018 rate of 4.9865. The rollback, the rate that would generate the same amount in tax revenue, is 4.6848.

The 2018-2019 budget is \$363.9 million, a 37 percent increase from the previous year's budget of \$266.1 million. Officials cited the G.O. Bond, which accounts for 21 percent of the budget, \$78.9 million, as a major reason for the increase.

This year's annual fire assessment fee is \$190 for residential property owners, \$0.27 cents per square foot for commercial, \$0.14 per square foot for industrial and \$0.33 per square foot for institutional.

Officials said they raised the rate to cover more of the costs of providing fire services - \$2.6 million more than the 2017-2018 rate. The new rate will cover 82 percent of the total cost of fire services.

When asked by Fisher why he changed his mind, Sobel said he had new information. He said he believed the city manager had promised to

make seven percent in cuts to each department.

Harrison said the cuts were only proposals.

"Just an exercise, I was told. We're playing somewhat of a word game here," said Sobel.

Fisher defended the budget. He said certain items could have been cut, and taxes lowered, but the items were what the residents want.

Among the expenses he listed was \$340,000 for five park rangers to help address the homeless situation and the \$1 million earmarked for Districts 4 and 5. That money was generated from the sale of city property in Dist. 4.

It was a controversial decision made by the commission in July. Commissioner Barry Moss said earmarking the money specifically for Districts 4 and 5 sets a "dangerous precedent." He said the money should go into the general fund. Moss and Commissioner Rex Hardin voted

against the earmark in July.

Also in the budget is \$1 million for seven school resource officers [SROs]. The purpose of SROs is to help improve school safety by being present on school campuses when students are there, in case a shooter or other dangerous person comes onto the premises.

The mayor asked Sobel about funding the SROs and other items.

Sobel said he gave Fisher credit for not being a rubber stamp and talking about the budget. "There's other ways to cut while still keeping ser-

VICES . . . Next year, I would like concrete cuts."

Perkins also said she was in favor of the SROs but wanted to find another way to pay for them.

City officials touted Pompano Beach as having the 11th lowest millage of any municipality in Broward County.

But for several residents who voiced concerns over tax rates, that ranking didn't mean much.

Doug Mathis said officials were "lowering [his] standard of living" by increasing taxes and taking more money out of his pocket.

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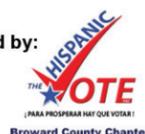
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Terwilliger

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debt payment for the city's recent \$180 million bond, residents of his district are left with "very little surplus money When you take money from the citizens, they will be living in the streets."

Terwilliger says, "Our residents are hard-working people. We are not looking for attractions in our neighborhoods; we need family restaurants and grocery stores."

Terwilliger objects to funding projects that should be funded through other taxing agencies.

He referenced the city's funding of school resource officers [SROs] and crossing

guards. City funds, he says, should be used for city needs. The school board should fund its budget, not the cities.

Terwilliger says the city needs to be fiscally responsible. He has shown to be a man of details; citizens can expect a hard study of the annual city budgets, so they are cut closely without cutting back on services.

He says he will focus on safe evacuations in case of emergencies and supports more Category 5 hurricane shelters for residents.

Terwilliger also supports term limits to stop the misplaced idea that holding a seat is a lifetime job.

District 2 needs a commissioner to represent this community of working class,

seniors and young persons beginning their professions. District 2 residents are burdened greatly with taxes, fees and city debt.

And they have not benefited from the rest of the city's redevelopment needed to create a higher quality of life that all residents should have.

District 2 needs Terwilliger's voice on the commission.

The Pelican endorses Tom Terwilliger for District 2.

Terwilliger faces Rhonda Eaton. Eaton is the former vice-president of the Cresthaven Home Association and vice chair of the city's planning and zoning board.

Perkins

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nomie engine ignited, but not in the original West CRA.

Years later, residents from Northwest Pompano began to report to city officials that their part of town was being ignored.

By then, Flagler Avenue was well into its West CRA development. Officials pointed to new landmarks; BaCA, the restored Farmers Bank; fountains of fire and water; a new Cultural Center and the winter home of the Green Market.

But District 4 residents knew well that District 4 lost its funding when the boundaries moved east over the tracks.

So, when officials point to Old Pompano as part of the West CRA, District 4 residents don't accept that as part of the CRA that Larkins had wanted.

This piece of history serves as the most important reason for sending Commissioner Beverly Perkins to serve District 4 for another term.

Perkins has reached back into history and rescued the dream of Mayor E. Pat Larkins.

Perkins asked commissioners to join her to create a series of workshops that would lead to renovating the Northwest district.

Her motion was that the workshop be led by

W. Mack & Associates. Workshops drew residents and business owners of all generations to discuss the needs of the community and create a plan to implement safety, beautification and activities.

Turns out the same needs that had not been addressed at past city commission meet-

ings finally made it into the 100-page manual Perkins had requested: sidewalks, landscaping, community policing, street lights, activities for all generations and more.

This month, commissioners promised that the project would be implemented and not shelved as others have been.

The project will be funded by unused CRA money.

Perkins' project corrects an error that the city made almost 40 years ago: moving the boundaries and the funds east of the tracks.

We hope that Beverly Perkins continues to work for her constituents and that she keeps active her brazen creativity in responding to them.

The Pelican endorses Beverly Perkins for the District 4 seat.

Perkins faces Ed Phillips, the former District 4 commissioner, and Carmen Dixon Jones.

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Moss

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Moss is well known by Collier City residents, and his presence there has strengthened its civic association. We believe commissioners who visit the areas of their districts will have a better idea of the needs of that district.

Says Moss, "The empty lots in the area attract those who would do illegal dumping. If we build homes for families that are affordable, they will not allow that in their neighborhoods."

Moss, a retired teacher, has stepped back into the classrooms at Pompano Beach Elementary School to teach reading. In Collier City, he tutors children in homework sessions.

In Palm Aire-Cypress Bend, Moss says a "mega" development plan on the Isle Casino property could cause critical access issues for residents. Moss. We believe Moss will work hard on behalf of the residents ensure that all access

to surrounding complexes get strong consideration.

Moss says, "In the past four years, Habitat for Humanity, Oasis for Hope and other developers have either built or are in the planning stages to build over 100 single family and town homes. Most are affordable; some are market value."

Moss' time and concerns for Collier City residents will have a direct impact throughout District 5; as this district moves toward a more pleasant and safer community, everyone benefits.

None of this could happen without the residents partic-

ipating in the designs and plans," he says. And he points out that streets are cleaner as more residents take active parts in the community.

Moss supported the G.O. Bond which will provide funds for a complete make-over of McNair Civic Center and sports grounds.

The Pelican endorses Barry Moss for District 5.

Moss is challenged by Leila Moavero, a board member of Woodhouse and Pompano Beach Woman Club and school volunteer; David Miller, a cultural arts ambassador, and Luciene de Paula Gomes.

Garden Club meeting

Pompano Beach – The Pompano Beach Garden Club meeting will be Monday, Oct. 8 at 12:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St. It is open to the public. The program is "Garden Art Demonstration" by Joyce Rossellini. For more information, call 954-253-9938.

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Enjoying the "52 Moments" exhibit – photos of some of Deerfield Beach's historic moments, were Donna Ihle and Edgar Moray. The exhibit was curated by TJ Eagan and sponsored by the Deerfield Beach Historical Society. Music was provided by the South Florida Ensemble. "Moments" are available, all or in part, as a traveling exhibit. To learn more, call 954-429-0378. [Photo by Gamperl]

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Kasam

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has worked in IT for Teva Pharmacy in its Sunrise office for the past 14 years as the solution architect for the global market.

Their son, Hitesh, is about to graduate from Florida International University with a degree in marketing and business management. Asked if Hitesh will join him in the business, Kasam shrugs and says he has no idea.

Pompano Discount Liquors is open 7 days a week and Kasam is on deck most of those long hours.

He thrives on what sounds almost like a work study experience. When he talks about his spirit, wine and beer inventory that's legend in the area, his eyes sparkle as he says, "I've learned everything I know from the distributors, the wine suppliers and regular visits to Sonoma, Napa and Central Coast California vineyards.

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Deerfield Beach – The dirt flew last week as JM Family Enterprises broke ground last week on a \$150 million renovation of its Deerfield Beach headquarters. When completed over a period of three years, the new campus will be a state-of-the-art workplace with a 20,000-square-foot sports complex, a 55,000 square-foot conference and training center and a two-story dining hall, all in an eco-conscious design that will be collaborative and pedestrian-friendly. JM came to Deerfield Beach in 1981 and today employs 1,200 associates at its headquarters. The JM Contractor on the project is Kaufman Lynn Construction The architect is PGAL Architects. Pictured are, from left – Ron Coombs, JM Family Enterprises; Forrest Heathcott, president JM&A Group; Don Chait, president SE Toyota; Deerfield Beach Mayor Bill Ganz, Carmen Johnson, executive vice president, JM Family; Brent Burns, president and CEO JM Family and Colin Brown, Chairman of the Board, JM Family Enterprises. [Courtesy]



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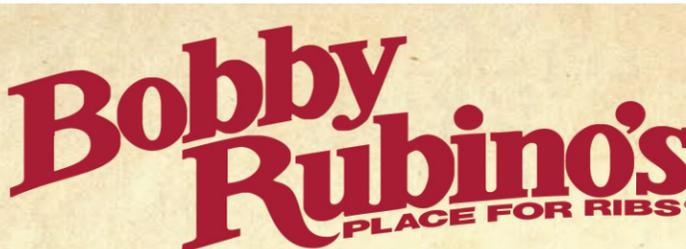


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Delray Art League Exhibit at the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 140 NE 1 St., Delray Beach, features artwork by different artists every 3 months. Monday - Friday, 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call 954-673-8137.

Auditions

The Broward Women's Choral Group seeks women singers. Rehearsals are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon in Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-942-8711.

Books

Island City Book Club meets on third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Richard C. Sullivan Library, 500 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors. Call 954-390-2195.

Classes, etc.

Writing workshop at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36th Ave, Pompano

Beach with Marjory Lyons. Classes are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call 954-249-1333.

Events

9/28-9/30 - Class reunion for Pompano Beach High School Golden Tornadoes, Class of 1968. Contact Cheryl at cheryl.cook1050@att.net for information and registration.

9/28 - All White Affair. Prom pictures, 5-6 p.m. Main Event 6 to 10 P.M. Dinner and dancing. Tickets. \$20. E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-786-4585.

10/13 - Halloween Horse Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sand & Spurs Equestrian Park, 1600 NE 5 Ave., Pompano Beach. Pony rides and more. \$1 entry. Under 10 Free.

Green Markets

Tuesdays - Farmer's Market - Noon to 7 p.m. -

Palm Aire - International food Farmer's Market will include local artisans and growers. Multi-cultural cuisines will be represented including: fruits, vegetables, BBQ, Indian, Greek, Venezuelan, soups, organics, street foods, local honeys & a whole lot more! Herb Skolnick Comm Center, 800 SW 36th Ave.

Health

9/26 - Free Broward Health Screenings. 9 a.m. Richard Spira, M.D., CBCCT, an interventional radiologist, will discuss how early detection can prevent prostate cancer and coronary artery disease. Free health screenings: posture evaluations, stroke risk assessments, cholesterol checks and more, including physician lectures, snacks and refreshments. Health questions answered from our top clinicians in the areas of:

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11/30 -12/23 - Bread-crumbs - Theories of identity are put under the microscope in this time-bending drama. Directed by Keith Garsson. Tickets \$30-\$35. Boca Sol Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 561-447-8829.

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.

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Classes

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New Art Class at Herb Skolnick Center. Instructor Pat Anderson, Introductory Class September 17 at 2 - 4 pm. FREE! For more information call 954-786-4590.

Dancing By The Sea - November to May Lauderdale By The Sea - 2nd & 4th Sundays November through May 2019 - 5 - 7 pm. Instructor Danny Carter. Swing, Salsa, Tango and Ballroom dance. Great fun for all ages. Call 954-640-4225.

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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.

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Manager

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in April 2010 as assistant town manager and was promoted to the top job in April 2016.

In a report to the commission, Bentley provided names of several public sector recruiting firms. And he noted Hoffmann as an alternative. He asked Hoffmann to

submit a proposal to conduct the town manager search. "Ms. Hoffmann is available and knows the community and the commission. If the commission agrees with this approach, we could have Ms. Hoffmann start in a couple of weeks," he said.

In her proposal, Hoffmann noted that she has experience as an executive recruiter. She was trained as an assessor of managerial skills while city

manager in Fort Lauderdale and used those skills during her tenure at Alamo Rent-A-Car and in her consulting practice from 2002 to 2010. In the last two years of her consulting practice, she was associated with Mercer, an executive recruiting firm.

In recommending the commission use Hoffmann rather than search for a firm, Bentley said, "Her price is less than a national search firm . . . she knows this process."

Commissioner Buz Oldaker agreed. "Our town is extremely unique. Connie helped make this town what it is today."

"I can't think of a better person to lead this process. She has the expertise and the background," said Commissioner Edmund Malkoon.

"Connie is the perfect person. She did a pretty good job recruiting the current town manager," said Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow.

Mayor Chris Vincent praised the outgoing town manager. "Mr. Bentley has been a great manager. And he's a fine gentleman."

Turnaround

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enjoying a well-earned rest and newfound notoriety on campus with a 3-1 start.

The Lions were coming off a 1-8 season in 2017 and have already tripled their win total from a year ago. Plus, the team is coming off a 40-7 win over Somerset Academy two Fridays ago.

"Everyone is excited about the position we're in – an opportunity to compete for a conference title and to have a winning season," Lewis said. "And who knows? We even have a chance to qualify for the Florida High School Athletic Association state playoffs."

Lewis is no stranger to football postseason. While at Victory Christian Academy in Lakeland, he led his team to four consecutive trips to the state final four, including a 2A state title in 2014.

"It's been fun to see these guys sticking it out and getting rewarded," said Lewis, whose Lions will travel to Boca Raton Christian [3-2] to take on the Blazers in a 4 p.m. game today.

Single sailors celebrate 30 years of sailing the seas

Fort Lauderdale – On Saturday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., members of the Sailing Singles of South Florida will meet at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, 2800 Yacht Club Drive, to celebrate the group's 30th year anniversary. The evening includes dining, dancing and entertainment.

Past commodores of the club will be honored.

Beverly Damico, membership chair of the club, says, "The membership is about 150 members and includes power and sail boat owners. We meet monthly at Flip Flops Dockside Eatery in Fort Lauderdale."

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Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – HotelsCombined, a search engine website based in Australia, recently awarded the Sea Cliff Resort in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea its official “Recognition of Excellence.”

Sea Cliff received the award after HotelsCombined surveyed millions of guest reviews from across the U.S. Sea Cliff had a high satisfaction rating among its guests and travel industry experts, receiving 274 reviews with a 9.0 ranking out of 10.

“We are thrilled to be working with the best hotels in the U.S. and Sea Cliff Resort is certainly among them,” said Alberto Castellucchio, the U.S. market manager for HotelsCombined. “With this award, we want to make it even easier for every traveler to identify the best hotels for customer service and the best value for their money.”

A family-owned hotel for 50 years, Sea Cliff was built by town resident Frank Myatt. It has 11 full suites.

“I love this boutique hotel and am so proud to have Sea Cliff receive this award,” said Sea Cliff General Manager Eva Marissa. “Customer service is the most important factor to me in this industry, and to be recognized for my efforts is truly fantastic.”

HotelsCombined has nearly 200 employees and 17 million monthly users. The site is available in more than 220 countries and in more than 42 different languages.

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Send calendar events to Pelicanfrontdesk@gmail.com

Native plants work well in urban gardens

Lighthouse Point – The Garden Club of Lighthouse Point hosts its next meeting on Monday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. at Dixon Ahl Hall, 2200 NE 38 St.

Richard Brownscombe, president of the Broward chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, will discuss ways to use native species in urban landscaping.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, email c.caroline.steffen@aol.com.

Garden art demonstrations

Pompano Beach – The Pompano Beach Garden Club meets Monday, Oct. 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St. The meeting is open to the public. The program is “Garden Art Demonstration” by Joyce Rossellini. For more information, call 954-253-9938.

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McDougald family members still proud of the house they left behind

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The McDougald family hasn't owned or lived in the Sample-McDougald House for decades.

But that hasn't stopped the family from remaining a part of its former home.

Cherryl Ann Cook, daughter of Mary Ellen McDougald Cook and Cleveland Marion Cook, is a volunteer docent at the house and gives guided tours to visitors.

Her grandfather, William

Duncan McDougald, Sr., known to his workers as "Mr. Mac," a farmer and the city's constable, purchased the house in 1943.

The first half of the home's name comes from its original owner and builder, Albert Neal Sample. Sample built the 17-room Colonial Revival home in 1916 and used it as the base for his agricultural operations. In 1941, Sample died and his home was sold to the McDougald family.

For Cook, every tour is a stroll down memory lane. "Each room comes alive with



Years after leaving, Cherryl Ann Cook and Rick Shadoin still look after their childhood home, the Sample-McDougald House. [Staff]

memories of my childhood, teenage years and adulthood." The tours are also a chance to express the pride she has in being a McDougald.

She ends every tour with, "Our McDougald family was very fortunate to live in a former [Norman] Rockwell home setting in beautiful Pompano Beach."

It's a pride shared by Rick Shadoin, son of Margaret McDougald and Ed Shadoin and grandson of William Duncan McDougald. Shadoin said a "strong bond" exists between the family and the house.

"For me, it's more the preservation of the legacy of our family . . . It's an honor to be a member of a family that has a legacy tied to Pompano."

Shadoin said he last lived in the house in the 1990s, but he's been helping to preserve it ever since. An employee of Evans Roofing, Shadoin is overseeing the project to replace one of the house's several roofs.

It's a legacy Shadoin remembers fondly whenever he steps into a different room. "The second I open a door I know where I am. I spent my whole life in the house."

During a recent visit to the kitchen, while showing the French pantry to a contractor, the memory of his grandfather's cooking came

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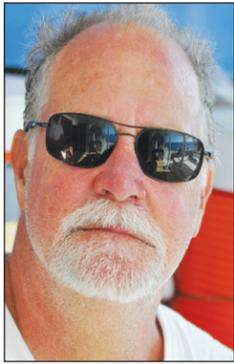
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Catching the ocean view:

Children get hooked for life on the thrill of fishing



By Jim "Chiefy" Mathie

PELICAN WRITER

Deerfield Beach – Hooked for life is how to describe the excitement of the kids who participated in this year's Jr. Anglers Fishing Day on Sept. 15 at the Deerfield Beach International Fishing Pier.

Over 200 kids, between the ages of five and 12, and their families got a chance to fish at the end of the pier.

This event was organized by the Deerfield Beach Parks and Recreation Department.

The presenting sponsor, fishangler.com, providing free five-gallon buckets filled with visors, buffs, Jr. Angler shirts and sunglasses.

And every kid went home with a free fishing rod and reel.

A lot of these children had never caught a fish but they were bringing in all kinds of snapper and runners.

Under the guidance of Deerfield Beach resident Captain Skip Dana, they learned how to bait their hooks using squid provided

by Bionic Baits of Pompano Beach. Mayor Bill Ganz was helping at the end of the pier, showing kids how to land the big fish.

Vice Mayor Gloria Battle helped check in the kids and instructed them about the many activities along the pier.

There was face painting, along with nautical arts and crafts, to keep the youngsters entertained.

Chaos Fishing Rods employees were there, instructing kids on how to tie knots and cast rods. The International Game Fish Association was on hand explaining the types of fish species. Gumbo Limbo of Boca Raton employees explained what to do if you accidentally hook a sea turtle.

In groups of thirty, the kids worked their way to the end of the pier to cast their rods and catch fish. They are now



Florida's newest anglers. [Staff]

a part of the growing sport of recreational fishing.

According to the American Sportfishing Association, the economic benefit of recreational saltwater fishing contributes three times more to the national gross domestic product than commercial fishing.

But the overall impact of those recreational saltwater fishermen was just two percent of the total harvest. Stated another way: recreational fishermen spend a lot of money to catch a small amount of fish.

Florida is still the number one state where anglers spend their money.

Florida leads all states in economic impact for its marine recreational fisheries and is one of the top producing commercial fisheries in the country. Just saltwater fishing alone profits the state \$7.7 billion and supports 109,000 jobs.

Getting hooked on fishing is a good thing as these kids will be our anglers of the future.

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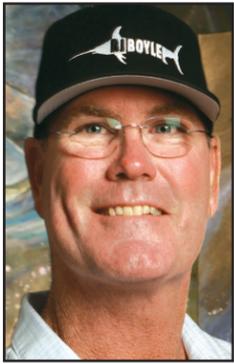
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Fishing report

Don't forget the wahoo



By RJ Boyle

RJ BOYLE STUDIOS

With so much seaweed around it is hard not to get locked in on catching mahi-mahi.

Everybody is trolling around for mahi-mahi and forgetting about what lies below. If you stumble across supersize weed patches or floating debris, such as wood or rope, don't forget about the wahoo.



Nick Noon, center, found wahoo below the seaweed. Don't forget to go after the wahoo, a great bit of eating. [Courtesy]

When you approach these patches and debris, the wahoo sense you coming and sink down 100 feet sometimes. Be prepared to troll a #6 planer with a spoon on the back by the debris at around 6 to 8 knots. Fish the planer 100 feet behind the boat. The planer

will bring the spoon down deep where the wahoo are.

Pictured above is Nick Noon, who is our manager at the shop, and two of his buddies with several small wahoo they caught underneath a piece of palm tree earlier in the week. Small wahoo are great eating.

McDougald

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rushing back.

"My grandfather always had chicken and dumplings going on the stove. This morning, I was in the kitchen and the whole thing just flooded back to me."

The house is now located east of Dixie at 450 NE 10 St. Shadoin remembers playing outside of the house when it was located off Dixie Highway two or three blocks south of Sample Road. The house was moved in 2001 to Centennial Park.

"When I was young, there wasn't any development. We played in the woods behind the house. Dixie Highway was just a two-lane country road at that point. You could sit on the porch and not have cars go by for a while. It's kind of hard to relate to it now."

Margaret McDougald, Shadoin's mother, also remembers when a forest surrounded her former home.

Before her father purchased the house, she and her siblings would "claim" it in a game whenever they drove past. The first one to see the house and call it out would "own" it for the day.

"We couldn't tell when the house was coming up because

there was nothing but trees. It was all forest. Momma said, 'Don't argue about it. The first one who said it gets the house.' We never realized someday it would be our house," she said.

Decades later, said Margaret, family members had numerous opportunities to sell the house to a private owner. But it was too important to them to sell to just anyone.

"We had outgrown it, the family, and it was just something we needed to put into the hands of someone else. We were just happy to put it into the [Sample-McDougald House] Preservation Society. We realized it was preserved . . . It meant so much to us. It thrills our family. It thrills my husband and me."

Donations are still needed to fund the replacement of the roofs at the Sample-McDougald House. Visit samplemcdougald.org to donate.

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