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Gallo chosen to manage fire station, public works construction

By Judy Wilson

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Lighthouse Point – Gallo and Herbert Architects were hired Tuesday to oversee construction of the fire station and the public works facility.

The firm rated highest of the six that responded to the city's request for bidders for the two facilities. Both facilities will be built using money from the \$16.5 million bond, which was approved by voters here in November.

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Plastic straw ban delayed due to pending law

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Commissioners say they don't want plastic straws to be sold or distributed here, but won't take official action until the state legislature decides on a bill that would prevent local governments from regulating plastic straws for five years.

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Kyle Machado comforts his mother, Janeen McKenzie, during her ongoing battle with breast cancer. McKenzie, a former firefighter/paramedic with Pompano Beach Fire Rescue, retired in 2014 after 20 years of service. To help raise money in support of McKenzie, a GoFundMe page has been set up. To donate, visit gofundme.com and type "Pompano Beach Firefighter Janeen McKenzie in Need" in the search field at the top left corner. See story on page 23. [Courtesy]

Harborside, formerly Hidden Harbor complex, moves forward

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Since January of 2016, a mixed-use project, located just north of Northeast 14 Street Causeway and fronting on Federal Highway – Harborside at Hidden Harbor – has moved closer to a vote by city commissioners.

The proposed three-story complex is a combination of 343 dwelling units and 65,000 square feet of commercial space. At least 10,000 square feet will be "vertically integrated" with multi-family residential space.

Hidden Harbor, a dry-boat storage and marina on Caliban Canal fronting on Northeast 25 Avenue, is located

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City awards \$31 million in bond contracts; top firm is West Construction with \$12.9 million

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Commissioners here have moved forward on \$31 million in contracts for the \$180 million G.O. Bond projects approved by voters in March of 2018.

"This is a tremendous step forward," said Mayor Rex Hardin at Tuesday's commission meeting.

Commissioners approved 18 contracts, including \$3.4 million to Big Span Structures to construct a roof on the city's amphitheater, 1806 NE 6 St.

The vote to build three fire stations, \$17 million total, was postponed until the April 9 commission meeting.

Horacio Danovich, capital improvement and innovation director, said the fire station contracts weren't finalized in time for approval Tuesday.

Of that \$31 million, three companies are set to receive about \$19 million – West Construction, Keith & Associates and Kimley-Horn & Associates.

All three have received several contracts from the city in the past.

West's work includes the construction of the Beach Branch Library, 3250 NE 2 St., and Fire Station #24, 2001 NE 10 St., currently under construction.

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Commission salaries may go up; it's time, says Lonergan

By Judy Vik

PELICAN STAFF

Oakland Park – Commission salaries in Oakland Park haven't been re-evaluated in some time, and Commissioner Tim Lonergan believes it's time to do just that.

In bringing up the topic at the March 20 commission meeting, Lonergan stressed that any changes in compensation wouldn't take place until after the November 2020 election. Lonergan and Mayor Sara Guevrekian won't benefit because term limits will prevent them from serving after that election.

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City takes on FPL, FDOT and protests old power poles and Complete Streets

By Judy Wilson

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Lighthouse Point – Commissioners here sent resolutions this week to state officials asking for relief on two issues: derelict utility poles and a proposed Florida Department of Transportation [FDOT] project that will add bike lanes to U.S. 1.

The Public Service Commission will be asked to intervene with Florida Power & Light to remove 125 unused utility poles that stand alongside the company's hardened concrete ones.

City Administrator John Lavisky said the unused poles have been "discussed many times." FPL has switched to the concrete poles but Comcast and AT&T lines are still hooked into the old ones. Each company is responsible for transferring its lines to the new pole, but that process is uncertain.

And according to Lavisky, FPL refuses to coordinate those removals and is slow to remove the old poles.

In many places in the city, both poles, the new and old, stand side-by-side. In some cases, the old lines are left hanging on the old poles.

Lavisky called it a "health-safety issue," but Commissioner Jason Joffe had another view. "It's almost insulting – not respectful to FPL customers. That bothers me almost as much as safety."

U.S. 1

The resolution regarding improvements to U.S. 1 was directed to many agencies: FDOT, the Metropolitan Planning Organization [MPO], the Broward County Legislative Delegation and the governor.

It states the commission's strong opposition to FDOT bringing its Complete Streets initiative to a stretch of U.S. 1 from Sample Road to the Palm Beach County line. The project will narrow the median, add bike lanes and sidewalks as well as some intersection improvements.

It asked that the project be cancelled, and the money spent elsewhere.



One of the old poles city officials want removed. [Staff]

Commission Vice President Mike Long raised the issue at an earlier meeting, questioning the safety of cyclists on the highway and saying FDOT did its planning behind closed doors well before bringing the project to the public.

FDOT is working with MPO to achieve Complete Streets and Long had some words for that group. "It's hard to believe that a Broward County organization would force this . . . it's a waste of money . . . It's a dangerous area to begin with." He referred to number of businesses along the corridor accessed by motorists.

Commissioner Sandy Johnson, a member of the MPO Board, was the only no vote on the resolution.

Johnson said because the

project is in FDOT's master plan, "It really can't be stopped. My caution to you is we can't stop this . . . I don't want us coming around as un-cooperative."

She pointed out that at a meeting held last year with FDOT about tree removal on this city's U.S. 1 corridor, "We gave a nod to it."

When many royal palms were marked for destruction earlier in the process, FDOT altered its design to save the trees, a move that was appreciated by the commission.

Commission President Earl Maucker said he didn't feel the commission gave its okay when the trees were being discussed. "This won't stop it," he said of the resolution.

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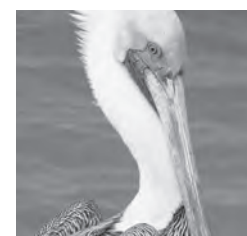
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Non-profits won't be charged fire fee

Oakland Park – This city's Fire Rescue Department has invested in new equipment. Two fire stations are being replaced and one rehabilitated. Three new positions are proposed for the department.

"All this comes at a cost," Commissioner Tim Lonergan said as he requested the commission discuss fire assessments for non-profits at the March 20 meeting.

In Oakland Park, no fire

rescue assessments are imposed on buildings exempt from ad valorem taxation under state law. That includes non-profit agencies and faith-based organizations.

Lonergan pointed out that Wilton Manors charges tax-exempt properties 50 percent of the fire assessment fee.

"This is fiscal and philosophical," Commissioner Michael Carn said. "We give money to non-profits. I'm

okay with giving them a break [on assessments.]"

Commissioner Jane Bolin said since non-profits provide so much in services, she wasn't inclined to charge them fire assessment fees.

Twenty-seven cities in Broward don't tax non-profits, Vice Mayor Matthew Sparks said.

"It's a difficult one for me, but I'm not inclined to go after that money," he added.

With all the building going on in the city, Sparks pointed out that tax revenues have increased and there's no need to charge non-profits a fire assessment.

-Judy Vik

"There needs to be some compromise"; plat for senior housing approved

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – The Housing Authority of Pompano Beach has its plat, but it may not get its "villas."

In a 5-1 vote Tuesday, Mayor Rex Hardin dissenting, the Blanche Ely Plat was approved.

Plat approval is needed for the housing authority to move forward on its proposed affordable senior housing rental development at Northwest 6 Avenue and Northwest 16 Street. A plat is

a document that maps out the boundaries of a piece of land.

It's a reversal of the Feb. 26 commission vote that resulted in a 3-3 tie; Hardin and commissioners Rhonda Eaton and Tom McMahon voted no. Because it was a tie, the plat was not approved.

On Feb. 26, City Attorney Mark Berman said approving a plat is a ministerial task and that the courts have upheld the obligation of governments to approve them.

Rejecting the plat could have left the city open to a lawsuit by the housing authority.

The proposal consists of 102 duplex units with one or two bedrooms that will be rented to low-income seniors age 62 or older. They would be built on what is now an empty lot of 19.6 acres.

The duplexes have been called "villas" by the housing authority.

But the name doesn't matter to some residents who want single-family homes to be built.

Carmen Jones, a member of the housing authority's board, said she had a petition of over 100 residents, who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the development, who want

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Custom homes being built in Little Harbor; economic impact “significant”

By Judy Wilson

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Deerfield Beach – Five oversized lots in Little Harbor with deep water views are ready for development. The sixth is the site of a 5,800 square foot spec home being built by Elish Builders.

Both the builder and the community have deep roots in South Florida. Little Harbor, a triangle of land on the Hillsboro River, intersected by a lake, was developed in the 1960s. Elish Builders, established in 1932, is a second-generation company directed by Ron Elish.

Cove resident Tinka Ellington, a sales agent with Douglas Elliman, brought Elish and Little Harbor together. During an after-dinner boat ride, she showed Elish the six vacant properties on Little Harbor Drive and the deal was closed.

The lots were owned by the family of James Warburg, an original buyer in Little Harbor. A caveat in his will forbade the sale of his properties until his third wife, Joan Melber Warburg of



A birds eye view of the six properties being developed in Deerfield Beach. [Courtesy of Tinka Ellington]

Connecticut, died.

A banker and confidante of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Warburg’s years here were few. He died in 1969. Melber died in 2017.

Ellish, a custom-only home builder, bought the six lots for \$4 million. The original Warburg home was on one lot. Ellington describes it as “going into a time bubble – shag carpets, pink and blue bathroom tiles.”

It was demolished and the garage has been remodeled into the sales gallery for the pending neighborhood, being sold as Little Harbor Estates.

Ellish began the spec home in January. It will go on

the market at \$3.4 million. Ellington calls it a “good buy.”

About 100 yards across the waterway is Royal Palm in Boca Raton where a similar home would go for \$6 million, she said.

With 90-foot and 100-foot of water views only a few boat docks away from the Intracoastal Waterway, these sites will be sold as a package – a lot and a home. Besides the waterfront views, homeowners in Little Harbor Estates will have the advantage of high land.

Deerfield Beach has the highest elevation in South Florida, Ellington said. During King Tides there is no flooding in Little Harbor. To ensure his homes are dry, Ellish is adding another foot to the foundations. To ensure they are windstorm safe, he is building the entire home of concrete.

Another advantage to a home in Deerfield Beach

in this neighborhood is walkability – to the beach, restaurants and shopping.

While many homes in Little Harbor are in the million-plus bracket, there is still much evidence of the original ranch style ones built by Warburg, 65 at the time. “These 70s-style homes are selling at over a million,” Ellington said.

Little Harbor Estates may be unique in its impact on a small community. Economic Development Director Kris Mory estimates the six homes will bring in tax revenues of \$360,000 to \$400,000 annually depending

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Rail possibilities in urban downtowns

By Judy Vik

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Oakland Park – Through the years, whenever master plans were conceived for South Florida cities along railroad tracks, the goal of a train station was included.

“We always hoped to have passenger rail to connect our downtowns,” said Dana Little, urban design director for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council [TCRPC]. “I’m very excited to report our efforts are finally taking hold,” Little said at a recent town hall meeting here.

“It’s an historic moment with a new [proposed] service, the Tri-Rail Coastal Link, and the Brightline running on the FEC [Florida East Coast Railway] line.”

The proposed Tri-Rail Coastal Link would offer rail

service from Jupiter to Miami and the cities in between.

TCRPC is partnering with South Florida Regional Planning Council and South Florida Rail Transit Authority. In 2017, all three received a grant from the Federal Transit Agency [FTA] to analyze possible station locations along the FEC corridor.

Oakland Park is a partner in the effort.

“Our goal is to work with the city to develop concepts about a future station. A station location and potential are a few years down the road, but put it in your frontal lobe today,” Little said.

A team of economists have done a market study on public transit and stops, and the city will get a draft of that study in a week or two.

Railroad history

Henry Flagler was the father of the FEC corridor, which started in Jacksonville and spurred development in South Florida.

“In a 1960s labor dispute, passenger service was evicted from the corridor. Since then, there hasn’t been passenger service on the corridor. Now is a historic moment. We’re seeing people riding on the tracks,” Little said.

He referred to Brightline, which stops in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. “It’s fabulous, an amazing experience. But it’s not really a commuter line. It doesn’t connect smaller cities.”

Tri-Rail, running on the CSX line west of I-95, was intended to be temporary

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Hillsboro Mile closures

Hillsboro Beach – Motorists traveling on Hillsboro Mile [A1A] the week of April 1 will encounter closures of the road due to construction.

Partial closure 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. [one lane of traffic] for force main installation from approximately 1174 to approximately 1160. Traffic will be controlled with an automated flagging system.

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City chooses more expensive parking services contract

By **Katina Caraganis**

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Wilton Manors – Despite receiving a proposal of nearly \$100,000 less per year, commissioners here opted to extend the city’s parking services contract with Lanier Parking for three more years.

Lanier submitted a proposal with an annual price tag of \$347,974. The other finalist, Denison Parking, proposed an annual contract of \$254,149, according to city documents. Denison provides parking services to the City of Pompano Beach.

Officials received two other proposals but they were ruled out because of high prices.

Lenier’s current contract with the city expires at the end of the month. It oversees the city’s 479 metered spaces along city streets and within its four public parking lots.

On Facebook, resident Boyd Corbin criticized the decision and said Denison is a better company. “We pay over \$330k each year for them to read meters and manage parking tickets. It can, and should, be about \$100k cheaper.”

Corbin has been a critic of the contract with Lanier

“We pay over \$330k each year for them to read meters and manage parking tickets. It can, and should, be about \$100k cheaper.”
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for several years and has advocated that the city should hire its own employees to manage parking enforcement.

Despite a difference of nearly \$100,000, City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson said the committee reviewing the proposals had concerns with Denison Parking’s plan to split its staff between Wilton Manors and Pompano Beach.

She said the committee

members had fears of “Wilton Manors not getting the attention its residents deserve.”

Additionally, she said, there were concerns that Denison’s initial pricing proposal was unrealistic. And it stated an increase in prices after the first year of the contract.

Commissioner Paul Rolli said he trusted the information provided and felt staying with Lanier was the best option.

He also said that the city should look at the contract on a regular basis because more and more citations are paid electronically, and Lanier may no longer need to maintain a local office where people can pay citations.

Henderson said that Lanier’s proposal included a number of enhancements. Those enhancements include introducing license plate

recognition technology and reducing management fee percentages.

Lanier also proposed adding a number of other improvements valued at \$92,550 in the first year of its contract: three new parking pay stations, six pay station light bars, two handheld credit card readers for event parking and a reduction in convenience fees when paying through the city’s ParkMobile smartphone app.

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Anne Siren, publisher

Letters

Tax dollars have no place or part in possible moving of the McNab House to McNab Park

To the Editor:

At right is a photo of the monument at the memorial park.

Robert L McNab, son of R A McNab, died in 1947 at the age of 34. This memorial park in his name was dedicated in the middle of the Korean war.

McNab Memorial Park is a neighborhood park [about 3.7 acres] and as a memorial should remain as it was dedicated in 1952. Commercializing or eliminating this neighborhood memorial park is disrespectful to those who gave their lives in the service of their country. It also eliminates the only park for the neighborhood.

There are three yellow brick homes in the Old Pompano area, all of similar design and built in the same era. The other two were sold and remodeled by the buyers. They still exist, and no one said a word.

Those who wish to save the McNab home or convert it into something commercial should fund it privately, and place it on private property elsewhere.

No Tax funds or CRA funds should be used for the purchase or for relocating the house.

- D Matthes
Pompano Beach resident



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Opinion

Leadership and listening needed before McNab Park is taken over by development



McNab Park, 2200 E. Atlantic Blvd., is being eyed for commercial development.

By Anne Siren

COMMENTARY

The McNab House property, East Atlantic Boulevard and Southeast 18 Avenue has been sold to Atlantic Residences, LLC.

Calls to the city and to the LLC agent to learn the name[s] of the new owner[s] of Atlantic Residences, LLC, were unsuccessful. The group, however has purchased over \$8 million of land in the area.

At the McNab House property, Atlantic Residences' owners plan to build a new mixed-use building with 10,000 sq. ft. of retail use and 304 multi-family units. To avoid demolishing the house, the CRA, the city and leaders of the city's historical society are marshaling plans to move it to McNab Park, 2200 E. Atlantic Blvd.

Talk is that once at the park location, the house will be converted into a restaurant and a developer will build two small hotels.

The city is listed as owner of the park, according to tax records, with the exception of the Chamber of Commerce building, located at the northwest corner of the land. Chamber CEO Jeannie McIntyre is already working with city officials to sell their part of the land.

Moving this brick home a few blocks east will be costly. This week Mayor Rex Hardin said funds would be available from the taxpayers, either through the CRA or the city or a combination. Hardin added that the developer would contribute an unknown sum that would match what the developer would otherwise have to spend on demolition.

One city official suggested a figure of about \$400,000 to move the house. That would not include moving FPL wires or traffic signals at the Boulevard and U.S. 1.

It appears that plans are active, and we believe before this talk continues, the city or CRA must host a public meeting to get all of the facts before the citizens.

The city has already sent out a press release [March 22] filled with "excitement" about the "project."

Commissioner Tom McMahan, former president of the city's historical society calls the project a way to activate the park with a restaurant and a B&B [two small hotels].

But there are other voices in this city who want no part of removing a park for a commercial endeavor.

We are with those people. We believe the city and particularly this mixed community of private homes, commercial buildings and a very busy boulevard, needs this park more than they need another development.

McNab Park is an oasis in a bustling part of the city.

It offers neighborhood courts for basketball, soccer and shuffleboard. Its playground equipment allows parents of younger children to relax on benches while their children play.

There's strong evidence that urban parks are also economic engines of themselves.

Here is a statement from the Mayors for Parks Coalition:

So strong is the case for urban parks in America's future that the bipartisan Mayors for Parks coalition wrote a letter to the Trump transition team calling for parks to be prioritized among its infrastructure plans. These mayors, and other leaders at the municipal, state and federal levels, know that community parks can grow local economies and attract businesses, workers and investment. And numerous studies have shown that the presence of a nearby park adds 15 to 20 percent to residential and commercial property values." C. Nagel, executive director for City Parks Alliances. [Jan. 23, 2017].

This group advocates for urban parks for reasons beyond park benefits of physical and mental health. Parks clean the air and reduce greenhouse gases from cars, like those on the busy Boulevard.

The community really needs to have input. This sounds like a bad move. It will set a precedent, paving the way to more park takeovers.

Keep the park; move the McNab House elsewhere.

Bond

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Kimley-Horn's work includes the Dixie Highway Lane Reduction Feasibility Study for the city.

Keith's work includes the storm water drainage improvement plan for North Riverside Drive.

West Construction - \$12.9 million

If approved April 9, Lantana-based West Construction will receive the majority of the \$19 million – \$12.9 million to redesign and rebuild fire stations #52 [\$5.7 million], at Atlantic Boulevard and Southwest 27 Avenue, and #61 [\$5.7 million] at Copans Road and Northwest 3 Avenue.

West was given final approval for \$1.4 million to renovate the inside of the Beach Lifeguard Headquarters, located about 500 feet north of Atlantic Boulevard on North Pompano Beach Boulevard

The third station, #114, will be new and located at Southwest 36 Avenue and McNab Road. If approved, Pompano Beach firm Dipompeo Construction will build it for \$5.7 million.

Danovich said a trailer will most likely be used to house fire rescue personnel while stations #52 and #61 are rebuilt.

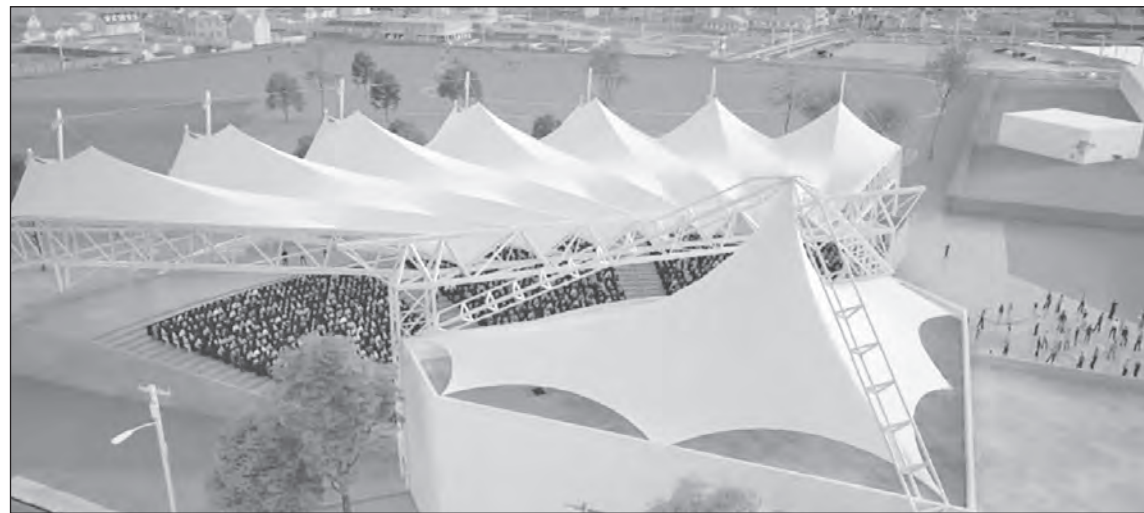
Kimley-Horn and Keith tied for the most number of projects – five each. Kimley-Horner received a total of \$3.8 million and Keith received a total of \$2.9 million.

Kimley-Horn & Associates – \$3.8 million

On the bridge replacement for McNab Road, Kimley will be paid \$576,779. For the road improvements, Kimley-Horn will be paid \$399,280. The city has budgeted \$10.8 million for replacement of the bridge on McNab and improvements to the road – new paving, drainage, sidewalks, street furniture, lighting, landscaping and more.

On the Dixie Highway Corridor Improvements Project, Kimley-Horn will get \$2.4 million. The entire project is budgeted at \$24.8 million. It will include roadway crossing improvements, bicycle lanes, medians, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and other improvements from McNab Road to Sample Road.

On the \$1.4 million Terra Mar Drive bridge improvements, Kimley-Horn will be paid \$262,844. The project



The rendering of the roof that will be built over the city's amphitheater. [Courtesy]

includes the repair and replacement of the bridge's deck, superstructure and substructure.

For the \$5.9 million in improvements for Northeast 33 Street, Kimley-Horn will be paid \$149,280. The project includes underground utilities conversion, lighting, irrigation, landscaping, traffic calming, brick paver enhancements, curbing, drainage modifications, pavement resurfacing and more.

Keith & Associates – \$2.9 million

At Centennial Park, 450 NE 10 St., an open-air facility will be constructed for \$1.1 million. Keith will be paid \$164,500.

At North Pompano Park, 4400 NE 18 Ave., \$3.1 million will be spent on land acquisition and upgrades to the football/soccer field, playground and park. Keith will be paid \$462,500.

On the site of the former



The rendering for Fire Station #52 at Atlantic Boulevard and Southwest 27 Avenue. [Courtesy]



The rendering for Fire Station #61 at Coopans Road and Northwest 3 Avenue. [Courtesy]

Elks Club, 700 NE 10 St., the \$11 million Youth Sports Complex will be built with multi-use fields for activities. Keith will be paid \$416,250.

The \$16.9 million A1A Streetscape Improvements Project will include new bike lanes, lighting, wider sidewalks and undergrounding overhead utilities on A1A from Hillsboro Inlet to Terra Mar Drive. Keith will be paid

\$1.4 million.

On the \$6.6 million reconstruction of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from Northwest 6 Avenue to I-95, Keith will be paid \$448,000. The project includes improvements to paving, drainage, sidewalks, medians, lighting, landscaping and more.

The city has scheduled public meetings on all 34

projects. The first will be the renovations for McNair Park, 951 NW 27 Ave., held on Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at McNair.

Danovich said city staff wants the public to give input to "help us get those projects ready for them."

Hardin urged members of the audience to spread the word. "Please tell people to come."

The first G.O. Bond meeting will be about the renovations for McNair Park, 951 NW 27 Ave., held on Monday, April 15 at 6 p.m. at McNair.

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Hotel sold for \$1.9 million



Lauderdale-By-The-Sea – Sun and Sea Villas, a nine-unit hotel at 4512 Bougainvillea Drive, was sold March 15 for \$1.9 million by Tastan International, LLC to a buyer from North Carolina.

Premier Hotel Realty, based in Pompano Beach, marketed the property locally and internationally. The firm is led by broker Rick Tobin, a director of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea and Greater Pompano Beach chambers of commerce.

“We saw massive interest from both local and foreign buyers looking for a South Florida beach-area resort,” Tobin said. “Investors from around the world are noticing the long-term value of the area.”

-Judy Vik

New anchor for Shoppes of Deerfield

By Judy Wilson

PELICAN STAFF

Deerfield Beach – Sprouts Farmer’s Market has leased 30,000 square feet at the Shoppes of Deerfield Beach, U.S. 1 and Southeast 10 Street.

Formerly known as The Village Mart, the 73,000 square foot shopping center is undergoing a complete renovation and, according to Director of Leasing Alex Karas, will be 100 percent leased by year-end.

Construction at Sprouts, the anchor tenant, has begun and the owners could have possession by fall.

Sprouts, based in Phoenix, has eight stores in Florida. It opened a market this week in Wellington.

Karas said his company, Janoura Realty, chose Sprouts over other contenders for

the Deerfield Beach space because it was “best for the demographic.”

The center is occupied by Luigi de Roma, Ichiban Buffet, Urgent Care, Dollar Tree, Joseph’s Italian Bakery and City Pub, businesses that have remained open during the extensive renovation.

The new tenants are T-Mobile and For Eyes. Sprouts will occupy the south end of the center.

Other new tenants who cannot yet be named are a restaurant and retailers.

Sprouts has more than 300 locations nationwide and reported net sales of \$5.2 billion in 2018. It typically employs 150 people and features produce. Other products include a deli, butcher shop, fish market, health supplements.

Janoura Realty purchased Village Mart, a 40-year-old strip center, in 2016 for \$14 million.

It recently completed a façade renovation of a shopping mall at Southwest 18 Street in Boca Raton that includes Outback restaurant and Michael’s Gym.

“Now the focus is on completing Deerfield Beach,” Karas said.

-Judy Wilson

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Little Harbor

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on whether or not they are homesteaded. Of that, \$96,000 to \$120,000 will go to the city.

Neighboring properties that are not homesteaded can expect a tax increase as home values there rise.

“This is the first high-end single-family development in my time here in Deerfield Beach,” Mory said.

“In fact, there are less than a handful of homes worth in excess of \$3 million in this city, so this is a very significant development.”

The historic significance of the peninsula is apparent to Ellington and she had hoped to salvage black and white photos of Little Harbor taken before it was developed.

But when the Warburg home was emptied, the photos disappeared. “I was heartbroken,” she said. “Now, I am hoping to find them, but I am thinking someone just threw them away.”

The Ellish home under construction is in transitional/contemporary style marked by a peaked roof. Buyers can build in any style, but Ellish has a coffee-table book of the firm’s work from modern to coastal to British West Indies.

“Now you still have a choice of lots,” she said. “It’s a good time to make a decision.”

Escaping from high income taxes, earthquakes and wildfires, many potential buyers are from California she said.

Others come from New York. They are drawn here by both the weather and lower taxes.

“It feels like people are more and more concerned with finances at this moment,” she said.

Ellington, who holds the title of director of luxury sales at Douglas Elliman Real Estate, opens the sales gallery on weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Making a Difference

‘You’re each a gem,’ says library director to the 75 volunteers at 40th annual thank you spring luncheon



Phyllis J. Neuberger wants your suggestions about people making a difference. Phyllis’ book, *China Dahl*, is available on Amazon.com. Send your recommendations for this column to pelicanfrontdesk@gmail.com

By Phyllis J. Neuberger

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The Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library celebrated its 40th annual thank you luncheon on March 14 at the LHP Yacht Club.

The gala event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the city honors the gifts and talents of the volunteers who run this library under the direction of a small staff including Library Director Christy Keyes, Cathy Anthony, Pam Eldana and Barbara Styles.

Young part-timer Bayli Berry works on the STEAM program for kids eight and up. She will be joined by Hannah Pohl, a second part-timer, who will assist with Youth Services.

This group, assisted by over 75 volunteers, has turned this library into a very active community center enjoyed by all ages.

Walking into the Yacht Club main dining room, guests saw 40th anniversary balloons bumping the ceiling and a well coordinated ruby anniversary theme that was echoed everywhere.

The 90 guests found a package of four gem stone soaps, a “you’re a gem”



[Back row] Amy Patterson, Linda Hinkle, Pam Sargent and Donna Cohen. [Front row] Naomi Eldana, Mary D’Angelo, Ruth Ann Fleming, Sandy Trentacoste and Doreen Gauthier. [At right] Christy Keyes, librarian. [Courtesy]



bookmarker, a gemstone popping decorating their place settings.

One volunteer put on her ring, licked the candy stone and, with a giggle, said, “It’s a grown up pacifier.”

The tablecloths twinkled with tiny gems scattered about; floral centerpieces, designed by Honey Bunch echoed the colors of the gem theme.

Director Keyes welcomed her “Jewel Box of Volunteers” and the city commissioners represented by Sandy Johnson, Mike Long and wife Linda Jean, Kyle Van Buskirk and wife Christine and Earl Maucker and wife, Betsy.

She said, “Our little gift of handmade gemstone soaps, created by The Charming Frog, are four different colors

to represent the volunteer groups.

Sapphires represented library boards; emeralds, the program instructors and book sale supporters; amethysts, the front desk and rubies, the volunteers with at least 20 years of service.

Keyes ended her welcome speech with, “I thank you for being this library’s Jewel Box and to quote Erna Bombeck, ‘Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect compassion, unselfish caring, patience and just plain loving one another.’”

The Reverend Mark Andrew Jones of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church gave the blessing before the delicious luncheon was enjoyed.

Maucker spoke for the city,

thanking volunteers for their long and dedicated service to the library and the city.

At the piano, Norman Danzis, romanced the guests with familiar show tunes and light classics.

Hand-colored bookmarks, Ring-pop candy and the invitations to the event were all made by the library’s Teen Advisory Board.

Sam Wilson, former teen volunteer, had the winning ticket in the drawing for the beautiful gift bracelet.

Volunteers left with a certificate of appreciation at the end of this 40th thank you luncheon.

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Arrest made in massage parlor murder

Oakland Park – Broward Sheriff's Office homicide detectives have arrested the man they say murdered a massage parlor employee here.

A co-worker discovered the body of Daying Li, 45, of Boca Raton at about 10:43 p.m. on March 21

when she came to work at the Bing Bing Spa at 771 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Deputies confirmed Li had been murdered.

In processing the evidence at the crime scene, investigators obtained a lead that led them to the man.

With the assistance of

the BSO Gang Unit, the suspect, Jacob Fought, 31, was spotted Tuesday morning walking near the intersection of Commercial Boulevard and University Drive in Lauderdale.

He was arrested on charges of first-degree murder and transported to the main jail in Fort Lauderdale.

Anyone with information regarding the case is asked to contact BSO Homicide Det. Samantha Cottam at 954-321-4210.

Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS [8477] or online at browardcrimestoppers.org.

-Judy Vik

Harborside

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east of the proposed complex. The marina will remain on the property.

Special zoning allows for more units

Federal Highway is approved for a Transportation Oriented Corridor [TOC], which encourages high density, affordable housing and use of public transportation. The property is served by two Broward bus routes with a stop at Northeast 14 Street.

The city's planning and zoning board has approved Harborside, provided it meets all city and county requirements.

Last week, Graham Penn, attorney for Harborside, met

with the city's development review committee to answer questions regarding those requirements.

When asked if the complex had been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, Penn said that request had not yet been submitted. Harborside is directly across from the city golf course and north of the airpark.

On Dec. 11, 2018 at a city meeting, Penn said the heights on the northern side of the complex were 100 feet and 150 feet on the southern side.

Other concerns came from city utility officials who wanted assurance that underground utilities, including sewage and water pipes, would remain accessible for maintenance and repairs.

A Broward Sheriff's Office representative wanted assurance that the landscape would not "create a sanctuary for vagrants. You create a problem, and we would have to take care of it. Let's talk," he said.

Fire officials also required full clearance and access for emergency calls

If approved, officials have computed that sewer flows will have a daily increase of 92,845 gallons.

The demand on potable water is expected to increase daily by 92,850 gallons.

Waste Management expects a daily increase of 3,000 pounds of solid waste.

Pompano Beach requires that all development adding 100 or more residential units must include affordable housing or contribute to the affordable housing trust fund. Penn indicated that the owners would contribute to the trust fund, eliminating any affordable housing at Harborside.

On Dec. 11, Penn said the total contribution to the fund would be \$753,559.

The next step for Harborside is approval of a land use plan. If all requirements are met, zoning changes to accommodate the entire complex will be reviewed.

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Plat

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single-family homes.

She said the city could afford to risk a lawsuit and urged commissioners to “stand with will of the people” and vote against the plat.

“If we have to make changes to make everyone happy, we’ll do what we have to do.” - Poitier

Resident Vicente Thrower, who called for single-family homes at a previous meeting, said, “There needs to be some kind of compromise . . . It can’t just be one way.”

Those against the duplexes have expressed concern the housing authority won’t maintain the property long-term.

Woodrow Poitier, chairman

of the housing authority board, said a management company would be hired. The housing authority will apply for federal tax credits for the development.

Poitier said those tax credits will give the federal government the right to seize control of the development if it is not maintained properly.

“They make it seem like we’re ready to put up junk. We’re not. And if we have to make changes to make everyone happy, we’ll do what we have to do,” said Poitier.

Those for the development, including resident Mary Phillips, say more affordable homes are needed but that seniors don’t want to live in single-family homes.

“We are in a housing crisis,” said Phillips. Willie Heath, a member of the housing authority board, urged approval. “Our mission is to provide affordable housing.”

City plans election changes workshop

By Michael d’Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Term limits, staggered terms and March elections. Citizens here may get the chance to vote on changes to city elections by this time next year.

But before the questions are placed on the ballot, city officials say they will schedule a workshop soon to get public input.

“The sooner we have this conversation the better,” said Vice Mayor Barry Moss at Tuesday’s commission meeting.

Those in favor of staggered terms say it removes the possibility that the entire commission can be voted out of office at the same time. That ensures a certain amount of continuity and experience.

The question of term limits is usually more hotly

contested. Some say it keeps commissioners from serving too long and ensures new blood and fresh ideas. Others say voters already impose term limits on elected officials when they remove them from office.

When elections are held is also debated. Those in favor of March say it keeps local candidates separate from county, state and national candidates.

Those in favor of November say it saves cities money because local candidates can be placed on the ballot for a fraction of the price.

If a city’s candidates are the only ones on a ballot, it has to pay the majority or all of the cost.

Any questions placed on the ballot by the commission

regarding changing city elections have to be approved by the state.

The city will have to choose a date for citizens to vote on the changes - June 2019, March 2020, November 2020 and March 2021.

To be on the March 2020 ballot, the deadline is January of that year.

To be on the November 2020 ballot, the deadline is June of that year. The deadline for March 2021 is January of that year. Commissioners rejected the June election because mail in ballots would not be included.

The different dates also carry a different cost to the city. City Clerk Asceletta Hammond said

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Gallo

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Bill Gallo, a principal with the firm, is a resident here and member of the city's planning and zoning board.

His firm has ongoing relationships with such clients as Nova Southeast University, John Knox Village, FAU and the City of Deerfield Beach.

The fire station is a \$9.6 million project and the public works buildings are estimated

to come in at \$870,000.

Gallo's first-place ranking got rave reviews from city officials. Administrator John Lavisky said the company presentation was "spot on" and Commission President Earl Maucker said the city is "enormously fortunate to have Bill Gallo and his company . . . He is meticulous and caring . . . I am delighted."

Gallo's role on the planning and zoning board may change with his new assignment since the bond projects will need

"Bill Gallo is meticulous and caring. I am delighted."
- Maucker

board review.

Firm hired to man Norcrest crossing

Lighthouse Point – The city will contract with an outside company to man the school crossing guard station at U.S. 1 and Northeast 39 Street, used by Norcrest Elementary School students.

Butler Group of South Florida was selected to provide two guards, twice a day at \$11 an hour for four hours. There are 180 school days.

Chief Ross Licata told the commission that manning the crossing has become increasingly difficult. The 90-minute shifts in the morning and then again in

the afternoon are hard to fill. When a guard is not available, the chief said he has to deploy a police officer to the site.

Butler furnishes hundreds of guards to cities in Broward County and provides the training, uniforms, equipment, background checks and backups, Licata said.

Commissioner Jason Joffe asked that the new guards be "monitored at first."

Maucker takes the gavel

Lighthouse Point – Commissioner Earl Maucker was chosen commission president Tuesday night and Commissioner Mike Long became vice president. Maucker was nominated by Long who was nominated by Commissioner Sandy Johnson.

The terms are for one year.

Taking the gavel, Maucker said to outgoing president Jason Joffe, "Thank you for a stellar year. It was very productive."

Poles

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"But we can go on record as to why we don't like it."

The commission resolution will have to go to the powers that be quickly. The 30-day period for public comment expired this week.

By Thursday, the city had been informed by FDOT that the project would not be stopped.

"I knew this would be the answer we would receive," Johnson said. "I was under the impression and they were under the impression the commission was going to go along with the project. I just didn't feel that we needed to antagonize everyone."

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Pompano Rotary Club takes on world hunger project in two hours

By Anne Siren

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – Last week, Laylah Copertino climbed on a chair at First Presbyterian Church. The five-foot-ish woman wanted some attention.

She shouted, “Remember this always: rice is last.”

The nearly 75 persons standing around tables donning red hairnets and clear plastic gloves shouted back, “Rice is last.”

Two hours later, 17,496 bags of nutritious food were bagged, sealed and ready for delivery.

And it will be delivered to some of the 821 million persons worldwide who live in chronic hunger.

That includes refugee children from Venezuela.

“Right now, it’s too dangerous for us to get into Venezuela,” says Copertino.

“We are working with schools and churches in Colombia near the Venezuelan border. Parents are getting their children into the hands of volunteers where they will be safe and have food during the dangerous unrest in their country.”

Copertino is the South Florida community manager of Rise Against Hunger, a global group consisting of more than 350,000 volunteers with a goal of ending hunger by 2030.



[Above] Laylah Copertino watches over the volunteers. [Top left] Interact club members from Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach high schools weigh and prepare bags for shipping. [Right] Volunteers Larry and Mary Schack with Barbara Woodward. [Lower left] Rotarians Randell Bishop, Sean Hasle and Whitney Metevia. [Right] Rotary Interact members Jessica Buchanan and Megan Tirrell check out their messages at pizza break. [Photos by Ted Hasle]

Rise Against Hunger also trains persons in 72 countries to farm both land and water for sustainable lifestyles.

Rotary of Pompano Beach, a local civic club, hosted this event. President Sean Hasle led the club in organizing the project.

Club members, Interact Club members from Blanche Ely and Pompano Beach high schools joined local volunteers to help the effort.

Copertino has a history with Rotary.

“In fourth grade, I won an essay contest based on the four rules of Rotary, placing ‘service above self.’ I think I won \$50,” she said. “I’ve

never forgotten it.”

So why was rice last? The food is shipped worldwide. Food bags must have the same weights. If the weights are off a bit, rice can be removed or added.

“Last in” keeps rice at the top of the bag for that purpose. Schools, churches and other groups are encouraged to organize similar events.

Cost to host a food-bagging project is 34¢ per bag, which covers food [soy, vitamins, spices and rice] along with the delivery and all supplies. Email lcopertino@riseagainsthunger.org for details.

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Election

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the Broward Supervisor of Elections estimated it would cost taxpayers here \$218,000 for June 2019 and \$30,000 for the March 2020 Presidential Primary. During the November 2020 general election, it would cost \$35,000 to \$40,000.

If the election were held in March of 2021, she said it would cost "considerably higher than the March 20 Presidential Primary but not as much as" the June 2019 election.

But some voters at Tuesday's meeting didn't wait until next year to express their will.

Vicente Thrower said if the terms for commissioners are extended from two to four

years, "There need to be some term limits." The mayor is elected at large to a four-year term.

Thrower also said it might be worth it to spend more money to have elections in March.

"Being cheap doesn't always get you what you want." He added that holding city elections in March, away from the normal November election cycle, would bring out voters who are "more sincere" about city elections.

If voters approve staggered elections and four-year commission terms, City Attorney Mark Berman said some commissioners will have to be given three-year terms temporarily so that those seats can be elected in odd years and the other seats in even years.

For example,

commissioners for districts 1, 3 and 5, elected in 2020, could be up for re-election in 2023. After that, they would switch to the four-year term.

Districts 2 and 4 could be up for re-election in 2024.

Fred Stacer said he "kind of favored staggered and four-year terms."

Tom Terwilliger suggested all the ballot questions should be rolled into one.

"Put everything in one simple question for the voter," he said, adding that the approval of staggered terms but not four-year terms could lead to a contradiction.

Berman responded, saying that the questions need to be separate because one unpopular question could result in all of the questions being rejected.

"Then everything fails and nothing changes."

He stressed that the ballot questions need to be clear and concise so that voters aren't confused and avoid the contradiction Terwilliger talked about.

Straws

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Commissioners did approve the first reading of an ordinance banning plastic straws but, without the second reading, it won't become law.

The primary intent of the ordinance is to protect the environment, turtles, whose nesting season began March 1, and other wildlife.

As they discussed the proposed law, Vice Mayor Elliot Sokolow said, "Does that mean if someone buys a drink [with a plastic straw] in Sea Ranch Lakes and walks into Lauderdale-By-The-Sea with it, we're going to arrest them?"

"I have a problem with passing an ordinance that's unenforceable and won't be enforced," Sokolow said.

"And now there's a move in the state legislature to prohibit local legislation on prohibiting straws. Do we want to spend the money on this now?"

"I have a problem with passing an ordinance that's unenforceable."
- Sokolow

Susan Trevarthen, town attorney, said several bills preempting local authority are being considered in the legislature. "This law wouldn't be enforced until June. You could defer the second reading until after the legislative session to see if you have the power to proceed," she advised.

Mayor Chris Vincent agreed with Sokolow that they could defer the second reading. He asked about penalties for violators.

Trevarthen said in some cities, the punishment is \$150 for the servers, not individual users.

Commissioner Randy Strauss said he is starting to see servers asking diners if they would like a straw and some using paper straws.

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Salaries

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As of now, this city ranks 22 out of the 27 municipalities [that responded] in Broward County for salaries paid to mayors and commissioners.

There are 31 municipalities total in Broward.

Besides salaries, some municipalities offer commissioners vehicle, phone and travel expenses. Pensions are offered to commissioners in the majority of Broward municipalities. Lonergan said he wasn't advocating for a pension.

"We are significantly below the median in Broward County," said Lonergan, who suggested a workshop on the issue.

The annual median compensation for mayors in the county is \$23,334 and this city pays its mayor \$14,145.

While the annual median compensation for commissioners is \$23,175, Oakland Park pays commissioners \$12,491.

"It's a huge difference. I think we need to be compensated a little better," Lonergan said.

Commissioner Michael Carn said he looked at the data in various ways. Some cities with fewer residents than Oakland Park pay higher salaries. Parkland, with a population of 32,202, is the second highest with \$62,400 salaries for commissioners and \$68,900 for mayor. Oakland Park has a population of 42,035.

But Carn described Parkland as an "outlier," noting, "I'm sure they have the McMansions to support their tax base."

Southwest Ranches, population 7,572, pays its mayor \$15,000 and commissioners \$12,000.

Weston, with a population of 66,000, pays the mayor \$13,000 and commissioners \$10,000. Carn said to Lonergan, "What do you want the outcome of this to be?"

Lonergan said he wants to see Oakland Park in the middle. Commissioner Jane Bolin said she appreciated the opportunity to have a discussion.

"At first glance, I didn't know if I was in favor of this," she said.

She added that the low salary might be keeping a lot of residents from seeking public office.

Commissioner Matthew Sparks agreed.

"I don't think this should be an exclusive club that you have to make a certain amount [to be part of]," he said.

Sparks, who works as a

flight attendant, said he has a flexible schedule and misses 20 hours of work per month for commission business.

"If I were a nine to fiver, I don't know if I could do this. This is the most full-time, part-time job I've ever had .

... There's so much talent out there that could be on this commission but may not have the opportunity because they couldn't take that cut in pay."

Guevrekian said the information in the backup materials concerning Oakland Park salaries was not accurate. The salary listed didn't match her W-2.

City Manager David Hebert said staff would bring back information for further discussion.

In Pompano Beach on Tuesday, a resident suggested commission salaries there should also increase.

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13	COCONUT CREEK	COUNCIL-MANAGER	57,116	33,488	31,013	Verified
14	MARGATE	COUNCIL-MANAGER	57,226	33,131	32,664	Verified
15	DANIA BEACH	COUNCIL-MANAGER	31,093	30,967	29,021	Verified
16	CORAL SPRINGS	COUNCIL-MANAGER	126,264	22,973	18,378	Verified
17	LIGHTHOUSE POINT	COUNCIL-MANAGER	10,358	\$346.15 per week (paid biweekly); City Code Section 2-33 (2001)	\$150.00 per month; City Code Section 2-63 (1979)	Verified
18	DAVIE	COUNCIL-MANAGER	99,446	17,610	17,610	Verified
19	LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA	COUNCIL-MANAGER	6,138	15,513	12,411	Verified
20	NORTH LAUDERDALE	COUNCIL-MANAGER	44,064	15,278	15,278	Verified
21	SOUTHWEST RANCHES	COUNCIL-MANAGER	7,572	15,000	12,000	Verified
22	COOPER CITY	COUNCIL-MANAGER	33,671	14,400	12,000	Verified
23	OAKLAND PARK	COUNCIL-MANAGER	44,098	14,145	12,481	Verified
24	WESTON	COUNCIL-MANAGER	66,526	Per Charter, no raises since 2008	10,000	Verified
25	WILTON MANORS	COUNCIL-MANAGER	12,446	11,250	9,750	Verified
26	LAUDERDALE LAKES	COUNCIL-MANAGER	34,830	11,000	9,000	Verified
27	HILLSBORO BEACH	COUNCIL-MANAGER	1,914	7,200	5,400	Verified
28	WEST PARK	COUNCIL-MANAGER	14,768	4,800	3,600	No response
29	SEA RANCH LAKES	COUNCIL-STRONG MYR	677	0	0	Verified
30	LAZY LAKE	COUNCIL-WEAK MGR	25	UNK	UNK	No response
31	PEMBROKE PARK	COUNCIL-MANAGER	6,102	UNK	UNK	No response



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This Weekend

3/29 & 3/31 – Last of the Red Hot Lovers. Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave, Pompano Beach. Friday dinner show at 6 p.m. \$30. Sunday dinner show at 2 p.m. Show only on Sunday \$15. Call 954-786-4590.

3/29 – 7:30 p.m. DaVinci and Michelangelo. The Titans Experience, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 844-672-2849.

Through 3/31 – Outre Theatre presents *Next Fall*, by Gregory Nauffts that “examines what sustains us and what it means to love unconditionally.” Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach.

3/30 - 4 p.m. Duo Beaux Arts. Catherine Lan and Tao Lin perform Debussy, Chopin, Shubert and more. St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 1111 East Sample Road. Donation \$10. 954-942-5887.

Art Ongoing – “PENTA.” 6 to 9 p.m. BaCA, 41 NE 1 St., Pompano Beach. Art exhibition celebrating Bailey

Contemporary Arts’ Fifth Anniversary. 954-284-0141. **ART Mondays.** 2 to 5 p.m. Herb Skolnick Civic Center, 800 SW 36 Ave., Pompano Beach. Paint clouds, a gazebo, streams, pines and palms in Palm Aire. First and third Mondays of the month. Artist Pat Anderson. Registration. 954-786-4590.

Auditions Broward Women’s Choral Group seeks women singers. 10 a.m. to noon. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3970 NW 21 Ave., Oakland Park. Held every Wednesday. Call before attending. 954-942-8711.

Classes 4/6 - **The Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boca Raton** will offer a one-day class “About Boating Safely” from 9-5 in Spanish River Park HQ Bldg. The class is \$5 for teens (12-19). All others \$35. Call 561-391-3600 and leave a message.”

Clubs 4/9 – 7:30 a.m. **Deerfield Beach Chamber** hosts Coffee & Connections at Ocean 234 N. Ocean Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-427-1050,

4/10 - 7 p.m. **Cypress Civic Association** hosts Joel Smith, program director of Florida Initiative on Suicide Prevention [FISP], a group that supports 50 Sunshine Hope Clubs in high schools. Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. 954-942-8108.

South Florida Chapter of

Taste of Lighthouse Point



This year the Rotary Club of Pompano Beach challenged restaurants to bring their best food to the Taste of Lighthouse Point in January. Restaurants competed to catch the judges’ and guests’ palate for a chance to win. Peter Palermo from Sicilian Oven Lighthouse Point won the “Best of the Best,” the judges choice, and Troy and Cassie Ganter of Papa’s Raw Bar won the “People’s Choice” awards. [Pictured from left to right] Peter Palermo, Troy Ganter, Michael McLain, Susan Gingerich and Cassie Ganter. [Courtesy]

American Needlepoint Guild meeting. 10 a.m. Imperial Point Colonnades, 2156 NE 67th St., Fort Lauderdale. Meets first Wednesday of every month. 954-401-2800.

Events 4/1 – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Senior Lifestyle & HealthCare Expo. Pompano Beach Civic Center, 1801 NE 6 St., Pompano Beach. Open to the public. Free Admission. Door prizes and raffles. Health screenings and complimentary juice, hot dogs, donuts, coffee and bagels. Exhibit space available. Call 754-246-2874.

4/3 - 6 to 7:30 p.m. **Oasis-Beginner’s Guide to the Cloud:** This course will introduce the cloud and some of the popular services for file storage and backup, entertain-

ment, and Productivity. Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library. 2800 NW 9th Court, Pompano Beach 33069. 954-357-7670.

4/4 – 6-9 p.m. **Community Emergency Response Team [CERT]** classes at Pompano Beach Fire Training Center, 180 SW 3 St., Pompano Beach. FEMA-sponsored training for emergencies. Free. Call 954-786-7920.

4/8 - 6 p.m. **Empowerment meeting on criminal, foreclosure, bankruptcy issues.** Attorney Roshawn Banks joins Commissioner Beverky Perkins. E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 MLK Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-786-4624.

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Funding for this organization is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council.

Women's Choral Group performs *Join us at the Oscars* at Skolnick



Members of the Broward Women's Chorus perform Oscar-winning songs from the movies April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Herb Skolnick Center, Pompano Beach. [Courtesy]

By **Phyllis J. Neuberger**

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach – It may be hard *not* to sing along with the Broward Women's Choral Group [BWC], Saturday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at Herb Skolnick Center, 800 SW 36 Ave.

The program, *Join us at the Oscars: Favorite Songs from the Movies*, could make it hard to repress the urge to belt a few favorites.

Formed in 1972, BWC Choral Group, Inc. is a group of all-volunteer voices, supported by the Kirk Family Foundation.

Its 35 members are women from all walks of life who share the love of singing and enriching the lives of audiences.

Professional opera singer and voice teacher, Birgit Fioravante, directs BWC.

Accompanist Carolyn Morgan is an award-winning pianist.

Pompano Beach resident

Maggie Davidson sings with BWC.

Davidson decided that singing would bring a much needed balance to her life.

She says, "I always sang in school and church choirs, but

noon on Wednesdays from September through May at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3970 NW 21 Ave. in Oakland Park.

For more information, visit bwcchoralgroup.org, email info@bwcchoralgroup.org, visit the Facebook page or call 954-942-8711.

for many years singing has been missing from my life. Joining BWC makes me feel like I came home."

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Calendar

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4/12 - Stranahan House's annual Pineapple Jam:

A Party in Paradise for Preservation on from 6 to 10 p.m. at Stranahan House, 335 SE 6th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Tickets \$150. Call 954-524-4736.

Music

4/6 - Broward Women's Choral Group performs Join us at the Oscars: Favorite Songs from the Movies. 7 p.m. at Herb Skolnick Center,

800 SW 36 St., Pompano Beach. Tickets \$10. 954-942-8711.

Theater

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Through 4/7 - Can't Live Without You by Phillip M. Williams. Willow Theater, 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton. "An old friend shows up just when he's needed."

Tickets are \$25. 561-347-3948.

Through 4/14 - Wick Theatre, 7801 N. Fed. Hwy., Boca Raton presents **Crazy for You**, a romantic Gershwin comedy. Tickets are \$75 to \$85, TheWick.org or call the box office at 561-995-2333. Tickets \$19 to \$39. 954-545-7800.

4/26 - 28 - Til Death Do Us Part...You First! Peter Fogel's hilarious multi-media solo show. True Confessions about Marriage, Sex, & other things that end prematurely. Mizner park Cultural Center, 201 Plaza Real Boca Raton. 844-672-2849

Rail

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during construction of I-95, Little said. "Now it has 15,000 to 16,000 passengers a day, but it doesn't connect the downtowns."

Combined with the existing Tri-Rail line, the new Tri-Rail system has an estimated daily passenger ridership of almost 30,000; or about 9 million passengers annually, doubling Tri-Rail's current ridership.

Said Little, "Our job, working with different cities, is to help identify ideal station locations . . . to make sure cities are developing concepts that are sound and seem desirable to the community."

When Little came to Oakland Park in 1998, he said "it didn't look like this at all. You've made great strides."

Oakland Park's downtown, near Dixie Highway and Oakland Park Boulevard, is a possible location for one of the stations.

"You have tremendous opportunity," Little said.

"We're studying the area, walking the area and measuring it off . . . You're the only city with a potential park location for the station," he said, referring to Jaco Pastorius Park.

He compared it to Winter Park, where a historic train station is in a park.

He also commended the city on adding landscaping, fountains and sidewalks to the FEC corridor.

"It's world class, and you won't see it anywhere else along the FEC corridor."

While no decision on station locations has been made yet, Little said he hopes to be back in six to eight weeks with concepts.

"This is a lot to consume. This is going to be a long process," said City Manager David Hebert.

"There haven't been any decisions. None. We only have opportunities. We need to look at the city not just for today or the way we're used to, not just for our lifetimes but for generations to follow."

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Westminster Academy wins third consecutive state basketball title

By **Concepcion Ledezma**
PELICAN SPORTS

Fort Lauderdale – Westminster Academy boy's basketball coach Ehren Wallhoff says winning three consecutive high school 4A state titles is a huge undertaking.

But that's exactly what his Lions did during their fourth consecutive trip to the state championships at Lakeland earlier this month.

Westminster captured its third title in four years as they sweat it out in a seesaw final against Seffner Christian, prevailing 77-73 at the Lakeland Civic Center.

The Lions finished their championship season at 24-4 while Seffner Christian ended at 25-6.

"The first time we did it [in 2016] our thinking was, 'Wow we did it,'" Wallhoff said. "When the second one happened, our thinking was 'I can't believe it.'"

The third one, he said, was the hardest.

"It came with the expectations, especially for the seniors. Our goal was to win a third one, and we knew we were capable, but you still had to go out and perform."

Senior guards Sam Griffin and Chase Johnson – as they had done all season – rose to the occasion during the

big moments, combining to make a perfect 12-for-12 from the free throw. Griffin and Johnson finished with a team-leading 24 and 19 points, respectively.

Junior guard Stephan Swenson added 14, and was also perfect from the free throw line, making all six of his shots. He also led the Lions with 11 assists.

"This game was a maturation of our underclassmen," Wallhoff said.

"Throughout the season, when our opponents would say, 'You're not going to beat us with your seniors,' the freshmen, sophomores and juniors would step up. They did it again during the championship."

The game started comfortably for the Lions as



Chase Johnson [right] hugs Sam Griffin. [Courtesy]

they took a seven-point lead early on a Ben Middlebrooks' inside basket off a Swenson pass midway in the first quarter.

But the Crusaders battled back and the game remained neck-and-neck. There were 13 lead changes and eight ties.

The champions trailed 32-31 at halftime. The matchup was deadlocked at 52-52 after three quarters.

Westminster broke through on a 6-0 run to start the fourth with Johnson landing a three-pointer, two-point jumper and free throw.

The Lions never gave up the lead after that, shutting down every Crusader rally attempt.

Seffner did get to within two at 75-73 with 12 seconds

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- 17 Opposing forces
- 18 Arabian prince
- 19 English horn kin
- 20 Type of doubt
- 22 "Common" ailment
- 23 Free-all link
- 24 Getting on in years
- 26 Game birds
- 31 Over there, old-style
- 32 Creative spark
- 33 Music genre
- 35 Cultural values
- 39 Leave in stitches
- 40 Baseball blunder
- 42 Throw a fit
- 43 Salon dye
- 45 Legendary queen of Carthage
- 46 Capri, for one
- 47 Coffee vessel
- 49 Like some garages
- 51 Brand-new business
- 55 Bart, to Homer
- 56 Drama and dance, e.g.
- 57 Pass out
- 63 Minstrel's instrument
- 64 Fond of
- 65 Frenzy
- 66 Lasting mark
- 67 Ollie's partner
- 68 Put into words
- 69 High nest (var.)
- 70 Pulled apart
- 71 No longer woolly
- 6 Expletive
- 7 Flock member
- 8 Quick on one's feet
- 9 Only
- 10 Self-absorbed
- 11 Part of a repair bill
- 12 Coral island
- 13 Impoverished
- 21 Lethal loop
- 25 Buck's mate
- 26 Type of list
- 27 Nothing doing?
- 28 Sprat's diet
- 29 Child care option
- 30 Macabre
- 34 Magnetic mineral
- 36 Diner dish
- 37 Give the once-over
- 38 Farmer's purchase
- 41 Windmill part
- 44 Gallery fill
- 48 Kind of colony
- 50 Hostile feeling
- 51 Chip dip
- 52 Peace pact
- 53 Perfume ingredient
- 54 Mottled horse
- 58 The sun, for one
- 59 Soaking site
- 60 Golden Rule word
- 61 Wedding cake layer
- 62 Make (money)

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Obituary

Lt. David White, WW II aviator, husband, father, helped in search for *Flight 19*

Lt. David White, 95, passed away on March 19. Born in Detroit, Michigan, Lt. White was a long-time resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and Hillsboro Beach. He and his wife Tish were married 67 years before her passing in 2012.

He was a University of Michigan alum and a U.S. Navy veteran serving as a Naval aviator and flight instructor during and after World War II.

Lt. White piloted many types of planes from several different aircraft carriers.

While on duty at Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale, Lt. White was involved in the



Lt. David White. [Courtesy]

search for Flight 19, the "Lost Squadron" on Dec. 5, 1945. After leaving the Navy, he started a very successful pension plan and

insurance firm in Michigan.

Dave, an officer, gentleman, wonderful husband and terrific father, was predeceased by his wife Tish and his son Rick. He is survived by his sons Randal and Brad.

A military service for Lt. White will be held on Saturday, March 30, 11a.m. at the Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale Museum located on the west side of Fort Lauderdale International Airport at 4000 West Perimeter Road. Call 954-359-4400 or visit nasflmuseum.com

Contributions may be made to the museum in honor of David White.

Irwin Woolf, inventor with RCA, put advertising in Times Square subways



Irwin Woolf. [Courtesy]

Born in New York City in 1915, Mr. Irwin Harrison Woolf passed away peacefully

while living in Pompano Beach on March 19, shortly after celebrating his 104th birthday.

He received an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Cooper Union and pursued a highly successful career for over four decades.

While working for RCA and other companies, he was granted several patents.

In addition, he helped design a radio small enough for use in a spacecraft and a clock with advertising space installed in the Time Square subway station and throughout the transit authority.

He also received a master's degree as a teacher of industrial arts from Glassboro State College [now Rowan University].

He and Paula Cohen Woolf, his wife of almost 70 years, who passed away 15 months ago at age 101, lived in John Knox Village for nearly 30 years. Irwin was known as "mister fix-it" by the residents and as Irv to staff.

Survivors include his son, Dr. Paul Woolf [Dr. Nancy], daughter Sandra "Missy" Woolf Bauman [Dr. Mark], grandchildren David Woolf [Dr. Kimberly], Dr. Karen Woolf [Maggie Reaville], Joel Bauman [Anna], and Peter Bauman as well as great-grandchildren Adrienne and Samuel Woolf, Abigail and Madeline Gottlieb and Austin and Colin Bauman, and sister Carol Woolf Dickstein.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to the many fine caregivers who helped him in recent years at Seagrave, The Woodlands and John Knox Village.

Donations in Mr. Woolf's memory may be made to the John Knox Village employees' foundation or a charity of choice.

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Firefighters rally to help one of their own battling cancer

By Michael d'Oliveira

PELICAN STAFF

Pompano Beach - Janeen McKenzie was a firefighter for 20 years before she retired in 2014.

Now, she's just a fighter. The former Pompano Beach Fire Rescue firefighter/paramedic is battling the breast cancer she once beat but has since returned.

"She's fought this tooth and nail," said Jessica Pray, a fellow firefighter and longtime friend of McKenzie's.

In her 20-year career, Pray says McKenzie, 50, fought hard to save every life - human and animal.

"She loves animals. She has a heart of gold," said Pray, who remembers when she saw McKenzie perform CPR on an



Kyle Machado and his mother, Janeen McKenzie.

animal.

"I would say she's definitely the pet whisperer for Pompano. If there's an animal to be saved and Janeen was there, Janeen would be on it."

Now, Pray and other members of Pompano Beach Fire Rescue have rallied to help their friend and former colleague.

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help raise money for McKenzie.

To donate, visit gofundme.com and type "Pompano Beach Firefighter Janeen McKenzie in Need" in the search field at the top left corner. As of yesterday,

\$1,905 of the \$10,000 goal had been raised.

The money raised will be used for expenses, whether it be groceries, a mortgage payment, or additional medical expenses; all of it, say McKenzie's fellow firefighters, to benefit someone who was always generous with others.

"She was so generous. She would give you the shirt off her back," said Pray.

"She gave back to the community," said Chief John Jurgle, who recalled one time when she volunteered to be in a special firefighter calendar used to raise money for burn center victims.

"She was a very committed firefighter," said the chief.

Firefighter John Baker, who met McKenzie two years after

she retired, thinks of her more as family than just a fellow firefighter.

"Nobody" in Pompano Beach Fire Rescue, said Baker, hesitated to donate when a collection was taken up for her.

"Being in the fire service, this is our second family," said Baker, who blames McKenzie's cancer on the hazardous materials and situations firefighters face. "I can pretty much guarantee it's because of things we're exposed to."

No matter what the cause, firefighter Fred Morosini said McKenzie always has a positive attitude, despite "the hand she was dealt . . . She taught me a lot. She was always great."

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Aspiring folk artists find a new creative home at The Guild

Brady Newbill

PELICAN WRITER

Pompano Beach – Tucked away on a quiet street just across from the Boys and Girls Club lies a new epicenter of creativity and raw craftsmanship.

Inside a single unit in an unmarked strip of warehouses, a collective of students and instructors utilize a common space to harness their skills as blacksmiths, welders and more.

The Guild Urban Craft & Folk Art School strives to be an incubator for aspiring artists who don't mind a little elbow grease and open flames.

The Guild offers classes in a wide array of traditional crafts, including blacksmithing, welding, leatherworks, glass, ceramics, and jewelry making. After completing and passing an introductory course, students can become members of the co-op and have open studio time to work on independent projects.

The formula allows for a community atmosphere where each member can grow in his or her own way.

"I love the creative energy here," says Ki Harrison, Guild member and Leatherworking instructor as he works on a leather satchel. "I always leave here inspired to do more."



The Guild founder and CEO Shaun Williams in the workshop. [Staff photos]

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Westminster

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remaining, but the game was sealed when Johnson made his last two free throw attempts with 0:04 showing on the clock.

“One of the best memories of this year’s team is seeing the seniors get rewarded for their hard work, accomplishing the

“This game was a maturation of our underclassmen.”
- Wallhoff

goals they set out, knowing they’re headed to continue their [basketball careers] in college,” said Wallhoff.

Johnson is committed to Purdue University-Fort Wayne, Indiana; Griffin is

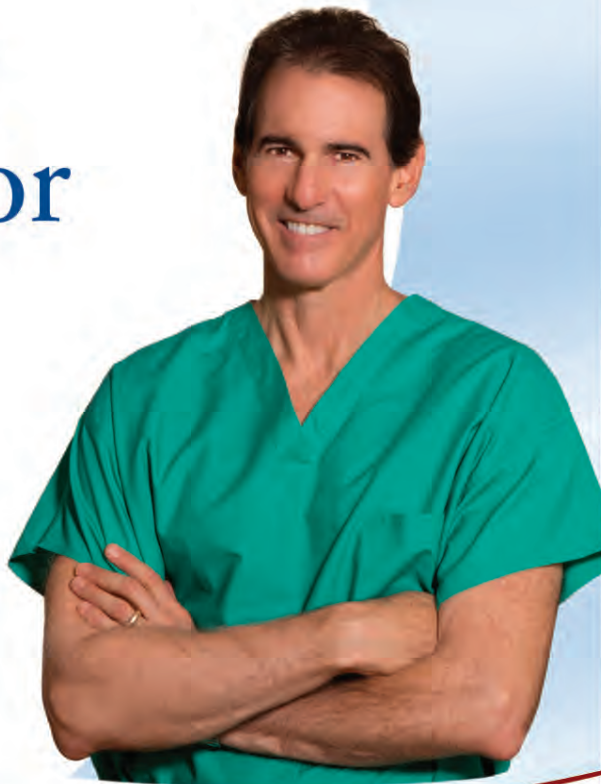
headed to Texas-Arlington. Center Anthony Atkinson is leaning toward going to the Naval Academy. Mshango Hinton is leaning toward St. John’s University and Andrew Daceus is considering Cincinnati Christian.

The underclass members of the championship team are juniors Dylan Wood and Joshua Elaicin, sophomore Kesington Grant-Brown, and Middlebrooks, a freshman.



[From left to right] Dylan Wood, Stephan Swinson, Sam Griffin, Mshango Hilton, Chase Johnson, Andrew Daceus, and Coach Ehren Wallhoff with son Aiden. [Courtesy]

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Fishing report

The Wahoo bite is crazy right now



It seems like I am looking at the same picture every day from Chris Faye [right] from the *Poseidon Too* charter boat out of the Cove Marina.

It's like he catches two to five wahoo every trip.

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The great thing about going faster is the ability to cover more ground and find the fish. They are also putting up more numbers on sailfish and mahi mahi due to the increased speed.

Saturday looks good but check the weather before you go.

-RJ

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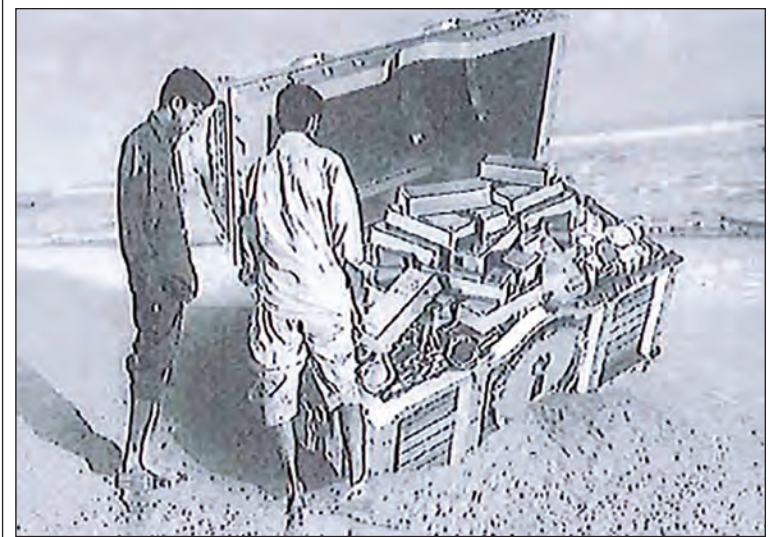
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Lady Luck to get more art



Pompano Beach – *Lady Luck's* sunken deck is strewn with art and more is coming. On Tuesday, commissioners agreed to spend \$35,000 on "Pirates Treasure Chest." The sculpture, made of anodized aluminum, is the work of artist Donald Gialanella. Submitted to the commission by the city's Public Art Committee, the public artwork will soon be on display at the beach next to the Great Lawn at the east end of Atlantic Boulevard. It will be placed there for a year. After that, it will be placed on *Lady Luck*, a sunken ship that is part of the Shipwreck Park artificial reef off Pompano Beach. The sculpture will not include the two figures. They were included in the rendering by the artist to show the scale of the artwork. Laura Atria, public art program manager, said the city plans to add art to the ships in Shipwreck Park every two years. [Courtesy]

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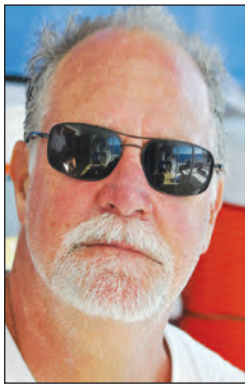
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Catching the Ocean View

The financial and recreational value of waterways



Jim "Chiefy" Mathie

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The value of a waterway must be taken into consideration when being a boat owner. After all, without water, owning a boat wouldn't have much value. We sometimes forget the waterways that boats "drive on" are like streets for our cars.

Without well-maintained waterways, boats would sit useless, and we would be unable to have the pleasures associated with owning a boat. In addition, we wouldn't be able to enjoy the economic benefit associated with those waterways.

A recent study by the Florida Inland Navigation District [FIND] valued the total annual economic impact of the district waterways in Broward County as \$8.3



Keeping waterways clean and navigable has economic benefits beyond just boat owners. [Staff]

billion. Most of that money, \$7.2 billion, is generated by the spending of two million visitors; \$844 million is attributed to the value of real estate in the proximity of the Intracoastal Waterway.

The remainder, \$243 million, is generated by boat registration.

These values shouldn't be a surprise to anyone as Broward County is called the Yachting Capital of the World.

Sometimes referred to as the Venice of America, Fort Lauderdale is home to many mega-yachts. The spending from this specialty sector,

including luxury yachting, generates \$18.9 million annually.

The Intracoastal Waterway is the responsibility of FIND, a state sponsor for the federal navigation projects along the east coast.

The Intracoastal is thought of as the I-95 of boat travel. Broward County has 25 miles of it, including the deep-water ocean Inlet of Port Everglades and the smaller Hillsboro Inlet.

Port Everglades is home to many large freighters, tankers, cruise ships and mega-yachts. Hillsboro Inlet, between Pompano Beach and Hillsboro Beach, supports many recreational boaters and is home to the Hillsboro Inlet

Fishing Fleet.

I fit into the recreational boater category, along with the other 33,863 registered vessels in Broward County. With my 29-foot Sea Vee center console, I have the pleasure of boating, diving and fishing on our local

waterways and ocean.

An interesting aspect of this FIND study found that 45 percent of the respondents indicated they would increase boater usage of the Intracoastal Waterway if there were more recreational destinations along the way. I can't deny that having things to do and places to go on the waterway is one of the reasons I own a boat.

And yes, there's the fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs of boat ownership. But it's hard to measure that against the pleasures of owning your own boat. Likewise, having a well-maintained waterway system that provides you safe and enjoyable travel is "priceless."

Now that we know the economic benefits of the waterways are in the billions, let's continue to keep them in pristine condition.

Unity scholarships now available for high schoolers

Pompano Beach – Unity in the Community of Pompano Beach is accepting applications for academic scholarships. Ten scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to 2019 high school graduates who reside in the city. The application is available online at uicpompano.org or by scanning the QR code. The deadline to apply has been extended to April 15. The annual Unity event is held every year in Pompano Beach.

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The Guild

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who become members here become part of a close-knit circle.”

Williams founded The Guild about two years ago with his partner Sylvia Andrassy. It started as simple community outreach as an offshoot to their custom metalworks

business at Dark Angel Armory & Forge. “At that time we were operating in a 600 square foot warehouse in Coconut Creek,” said Williams. “I started teaching at places like Makers Square in Fort Lauderdale and Armory Arts in West Palm Beach for community outreach. I loved doing it but when you are teaching at three different places, it scatters

your efforts and becomes counterproductive.” Bringing in an educational aspect created the need for a larger space and a fresh new brand. Williams and Andrassy opened The Guild in its current space in 2017 as an educational non-profit to supplement Williams’ private commissions as Dark Angel Armory & Forge. “It was kind of misleading to be called a ‘forge’ when we have so many other things going on,” said Williams. Two years later, The Guild houses a full faculty and a diverse curriculum that caters to a wide range of aspiring artists and two dozen regular members.

The expansion has also helped Williams pursue his own passions as a blacksmith. “The classes bring in enough revenue that I can be more selective with my metal works projects and feel more artistic,” he says.



The Guild founder and CEO Shaun Williams assists members during open studio time.

Williams is currently working on a special project for the Pompano Beach Historical Society, restoring a 19th Century plow used during the city’s past as an agricultural area.

“We have felt really at home in Pompano,” says Andrassy. “The city likes us and it has been a comfortable place to

grow.” With new energy and momentum, the group continues to introduce new programs, including wine socials, couples classes, and youth programs in the summer. “The goal is to be the John C. Campbell of the south,” says Williams, referring to the famous North Carolina folk art institution.

The Guild Urban Craft & Folk Art School is located at 205 NW 16 St. For more information on classes and services, visit guildfl.com or call 954-998-3473.

Shaun and Sylvia also show off their services and crafts at Old Town Untapped the first Friday of the month.

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