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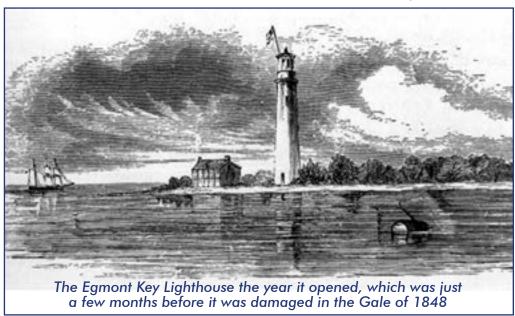
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# THE GREAT GALE OF 1848

By Bob Griffin, Publisher

inellas County historians often talk about the Hurricane of 1921 because that was the last time a hurricane came ashore directly in Pinellas County. But 174 years ago, Tampa Bay was hit by two hurricanes - in the same year. The first was in September 1848, and then the second was a month later in October

Until the early 1950s, they did not name hurricanes. Those storms are still referred to by the areas they hit or the year they occurred. The



September storm is simply known as "The Great Gale of 1848."

Very few people lived in our area in 1848. Florida had only become a state three years earlier. The 1840 census only shows 55,000 people lived in all Florida, and most did not live in Pinellas County.

Storm records for the 1848 storm are almost non-existent, but the recorded barometric pressure reading, and storm surge, is consistent with a Category 4 hurricane. Sustained winds are estimated to have been 130 miles per hour. One storm survivor called it "the Granddaddy of all Hurricanes." **Continued on page 6** 

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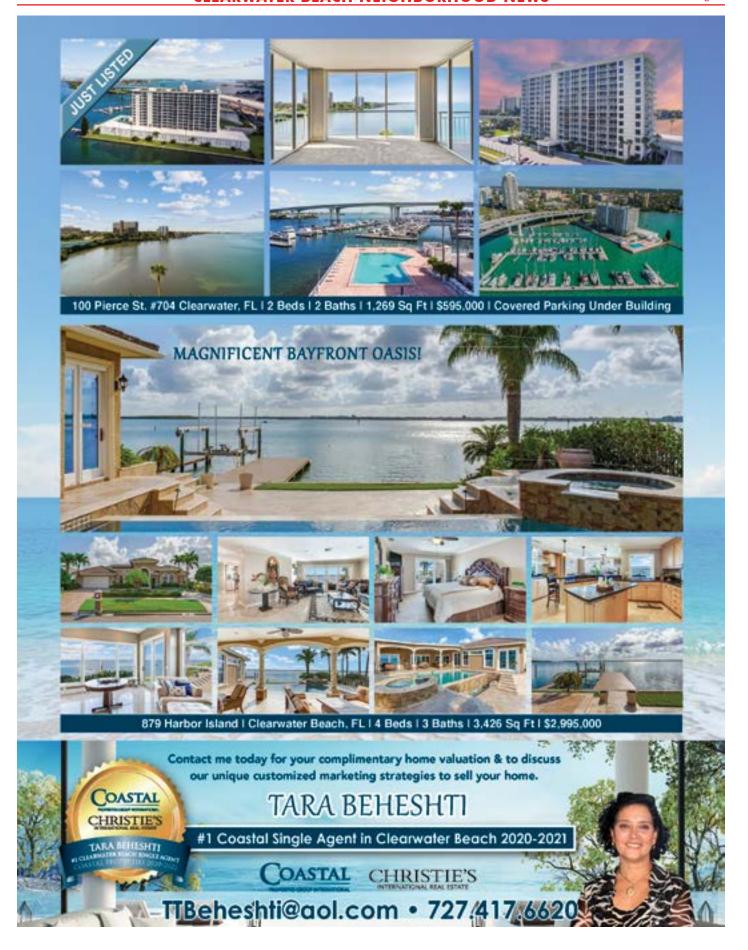
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# Did You Know

ROCK RIBBON Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation for the "Rock the Ribbon" Kids Dash, 5k and 10k races on Saturday, March 11. Once again they are combining forces to raise support and awareness for the cancer services at their hospitals. Proceeds from this event will benefit the cancer services at the not-forprofit hospitals of Morton Plant Mease. All money raised stays in our local community. Racers will start at Morton Plant Hospital (300 Pinellas Street, Clearwater), go over the Clearwater Memorial Causeway, and back to their famous post-race



party. The Kids Dash Starts at 4:30pm while the 5k & 10k starts at 5 pm. Sign up at www.rock-the-ribbon.org.

**NEW PARKING SYSTEM** Pinellas County's park and boat ramp patrons can now use their mobile phones to pay for parking. New mobile parking technology has been installed transitioning to a pay-by-plate system.

Payments for parking at Sand Key Park, Fort De Soto, and Fred Howard Beach, all Pinellas County boat ramps, and the Belleair, Park Boulevard, and Sutherland Bayou boat ramps can be made using the Flowbird mobile parking app or a credit card at a pay-by-plate terminal. Guests will no longer need to display their receipts upon parking.

**GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN** Wednesday, November 16, members of the community are invited into Pinellas County schools for an hour or so to share information with students about their career or hobby. Presentations are made at every grade level, and you do not need to have a child in the class or even that school. Contact the school of your choice to participate or register online at PCSB.org.

**TASTE OF THE BEACHES** Help support Parc Center for Disabilities and our local restaurants. Taste of the Beaches is a week long taste tour from Saturday, October 8th - Friday, October 14th. Purchase your tickets and turn them in to the restaurant of your choice and receive their signature "taste." Tickets and a list of restaurants are available at tampabaybeaches.com.

## HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE TIME The

Clearwater Yacht Club is hosting the annual Lighted Holiday Boat Parade on Saturday, December 10th. They are looking for sponsors to



help provide prize money for participants. The parade will gather in the southern portion of Mandalay Channel, and proceed up the channel, around Island Estates, under the Memorial Causeway bridge, and along the south side of the causeway toward the beach marina, finishing with judging at Clearwater Yacht Club. Contact them at 727-447-6000 for sponsorship information or to participate in the parade.

# and More ...

BEACH CLEANING ROBOT This summer, Pinellas beaches got some futuristic help for an old problem - plastic pollution. It is a problem for beach communities worldwide. Keep Florida Beautiful debuted "BeBot" in



July, a remote-controlled device that cruises the beach sifting the sand, capturing plastic and trash. Operating like a giant Rumba on the beach, the robot can clean 32,000 square feet an hour, removing cigarette butts, bottle caps, food wrappers and any trash ten centimeters below the surface. It deposits the garbage into a compartment for disposal. It is electric and safe for the environment and wildlife. BeBot cleaned 14 locations in Pinellas before moving on to St. John's County.

HALLOWEEN BOO BASH IS BACK Boo Bash, the annual safe, free and family-friendly community event hosted by the Clearwater Threshers returns to BayCare Ballpark, 601 N Old Coachman Road on Monday, October 31. Families can dress up and gather candy and goodies from the local businesses around the ballpark. Businesses can participate in the event for free by passing out candy and promotional materials. For information, visit myclearwater.info/threshersevents.

**FREE GRIEF SUPPORT** The grief journey can be difficult, especially when you feel alone. The chaplains at Morton Plant Mease hospitals offer support to the community with free virtual community forums using Microsoft Teams.

Each session is offered at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and repeated at noon the following day. The schedule is:

- Tuesday, Oct. 11 and Wednesday, Oct. 12 Sorting Through Feelings
- Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 Finding and Providing Support
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 9 Exploring Secondary Losses

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should not be placed in your blue bin, as the fibers are too thin to be reused. And shredded paper is another paper product that is too small to be recycled. It acts like confetti at the sorting facility, so add it to your compost or throw it away instead.

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# 1848 STORM, Continued

The storm's course was typical of a September/October hurricane. It started in the Western Caribbean and made a northeast beeline for Pinellas County. It made landfall near Clearwater.

The devastation was not caused by the wind, but from the tidal surge and rising water, which at the time were the highest levels ever recorded in the area. Gulf waters were said to be 13-14 feet above normal, affecting coastal cities from 100 miles south of Tampa Bay to 30 miles north of Tarpon Springs. The counterclockwise winds forced water into both Boca Ciega and Tampa Bays.

Tampa saw a 15-foot surge in just six to eight hours. The surge moved into the inlets, passes and bays. First the water rushed in, then as the eye moved north, the winds reversed, and the water rushed out creating even more damage.

One local resident said "the bays seemed to meet between Hillsborough Bay and Old Tampa Bay." Some 500-600 square miles of Pinellas lowlands were covered in saltwater.

A young woman who endured the storm insisted that "at one time the water rose five feet in fifteen minutes.

The winds destroyed structures and trees; the geography of Tampa Bay was completely changed. Only five area homes remained standing. There were no reported deaths and only \$20,000 in damages were declared — that is equivalent to \$750,000 today. Agricultural counted for most of that loss. Since it hit in late September, it destroyed the citrus crops across the center of the state.

For safer coastal navigation, the government had recognized the need to build a series of lighthouses around Florida. President James Polk had one built on Egmont Key, just south of Ft. DeSoto. It stood 120 feet above the island and had just been activated that May. The operator, Marvel Edwards, had relocated from Alligator, Florida (today's Lake City) and lived in a small cottage on the island with his wife and five children.

When the Great Gale of 1848 hit, the family took shelter in the lighthouse until the winds and water undercut its foundation, which had walls two-feet thick made from bricks and cement - and the lighthouse began to tilt.

The family fled, as the tide rose covering the island by two feet of water. To go to shore, they had a good-sized rowboat, which Edwards moved to the highest point on the island, about six or seven feet above sea level, where he tied it to a sturdy palm tree. The family rode out the storm in the boat and as the water rose, Marvel raised the rope up the palm tree. When the surge leveled off, they were almost at the top of the tree. After the water receded, they discovered the rope was tied nine feet off the ground.

The next day, Edwards and his family rowed the small boat all the way to Tampa and resigned. He never

returned to the island. The lighthouse with two-foot thick walls cost \$16,000 to repair – it only cost \$7,000 to build it earlier that year.

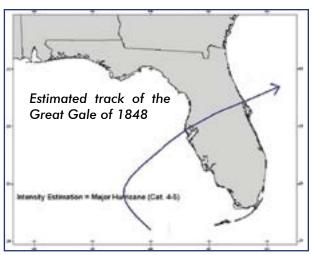
Two of Pinellas County's earliest documented settlers, fisherman Juan (John) Levique and his helper Joe Silva lived near Boca Ciega Bay, east of today's Madeira Beach. Juan owned the only boat in the area. The week the storm, Juan and Joe had traveled to New Orleans to sell a load of greenback turtles. After the storm passed, they sailed home along Florida's west coast.

sailed home along Florida's west coast. When they reached the Pinellas coastline at the end of September, everything was different. Landmarks were gone. Joe, acting as a spotter on the front of the boat, saw an opening and told Juan to turn east. They sailed through a pass they did not recognize, located in the south part of today's Madeira Beach. Joe realizing it was a newly created waterway turned to Juan and jokingly declared it was now "John's Pass," after the Captain who discovered it. Their homes on the east side of the bay were destroyed and their \$800 in gold buried nearby was lost, either swept away by the waters or buried under the debris.

Most historians agree the pass they entered was not where John's Pass is today. It was one mile north at about 138th Avenue. An official government survey before and after the Gale of 1848, does not show a pass where John's Pass is today. It apparently formed later with the help of other storms.

After the storm, all the navigational charts were worthless. Channels everywhere either shifted or filled in. New passes were created in Englewood (Stump's Pass), Venice (Casey's Pass), Sarasota (Little Sarasota), Egmont (Passage Key), Anna Maria Island, Mullet Key, and Pass-A-Grille.

It separated the Isle of Palms and the Isle



of Capri from nearby Treasure Island.

Allen's Creek, today running east and west to the south of Gulf to Bay Blvd, empties into Tampa Bay. Before the storm, the east end was 167 feet wide, after the storm it was over 2000 feet wide.

Maximo Hernandez, Pinellas County's first known settler, had a fish rancho at Fisherman's Creek near Eckerd College. His camp was destroyed; he left and never returned.

Count Philippe lived with his family near Safety Harbor's Philippe Park. He and his family took refuge from the rising tides on top of the large Tocobaga Indian Mound still in the park today.

The winds felled almost every tree along what is today's Indian Rocks Road - just east of the beaches.

Tampa barely had 100 residents - most were soldiers at Ft. Brooke where they had sustained winds of 72 miles per hour and the highest storm surge ever recorded in Tampa Bay - 15 feet!

"The storm has destroyed all of the wharves and most of the buildings at this post," said Commanding Officer Major Wade. "The commissary and quartermaster storehouses were all swept away with their contents. The barracks are beyond repair. But I am happy to report that no one died."

Several Tampa stores were destroyed, and their transport schooner was pushed a great distance into the pine forests surrounding the fort.

The October storm that followed the Great Gale of '48, just 17 days later, was much less severe. Or maybe there was just less to lose. It was probably a Category 1 by today's standards with sustained winds at Ft. Brooke reported at 72 miles per hour. The waters there still rose 10 feet, but since the September hurricane had already destroyed almost everything in the area, the storm damage was considered far less.



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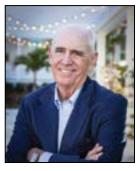


## **ELIMINATING RISK OR ADDING IT?**

by Ray Ferrara, ProVise Management Group

One of the basic tenets of investing is to eliminate as much risk as possible, but instead, investors are often adding risk unknowingly.

If you have cash to invest, should you invest it all at once, or over time? If you have a long-range view (10+ years) you usually come out ahead by investing all at once. But do that in these volatile times and you may not sleep well. Use dollar cost averaging over a 6–12-month period of time.



Next is sequence of return risk. Those that thought they could retire at the beginning of this year may feel less comfortable because \$1 million on January 1st may be down as much as 20%. Conversely, if they retired at the beginning of 2020 they would be delighted because both markets were up.

Realize that movements up and down make a difference. If you are down 20%, it takes a 25% move up to get to even. If you are up 20%, it takes a downturn of 15% before you lose all of your "profits".

Therefore, consider rebalancing your portfolio on a regular basis but no more than every six months or a year. You want to maintain the proper asset allocation. By not rebalancing you add risk. Sell what went up and buy what went down. Sell high, buy low. Yes, you will have to pay a little in taxes, but it is generally worth it.

There can be a difference between asset allocation and diversification. They are not always the same. Many people think that buying multiple stocks makes for diversification, but if they are all technology growth stocks you have the opposite; it is called concentration. We often see this when investors owned the stock of the company for which they work representing too much of the portfolio on a percentage basis.

Too much diversification leads to "diworse-ification". If you own too many things then nothing can hurt very much, but nothing will help very much either. On the equity side, don't buy more than 30-40 individual stocks or more than one mutual fund in each asset class.

Most importantly, don't buy anything you don't understand. If you would like to learn more about eliminating risk, please call for a complimentary consultation.

CORRECTION: Last article we inadvertently said sell low basis stock first instead of high basis first.

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# TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION COMES TO CLEARWATER

By: Matthew Handwerk

Do you remember where you were on September 11, 2001? On September 11, 2001, Stephen Siller had just finished his shift on Brooklyn's Squad 1 and was on his way to play golf with his brothers when he got word over his scanner of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Upon hearing the news, Stephen called his wife Sally and asked her to tell his brothers he would catch up with them later. He returned to Squad 1 to get his gear. Stephen drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. Determined to carry out his duty, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The Siller family decided to turn this tragedy into a "Legacy of Doing Good." In 2002, The Siller Family created the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and held the first annual Tunnel to Towers 5K in NYC. The event retraced the footsteps of Stephen Siller and began its mission of "Doing Good" in the NYC area.

In 2009, at Walter Reed Hospital, the Siller family introduced themselves to Army Specialist Brendan Marrocco, the first surviving Iraq War quadruple amputee. That day, the foundation promised to build a home adapted to his needs. It was completed in June of 2011, and their Smart Home Program was born.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation builds mortgage-free smart homes for our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. Each home is designed to address the unique needs of the individual. Smart homes include features such as automated doors, cabinets and lighting, wider halls and doorways, special showers, counters and stove tops that can be raised and lowered, backup generators, and central heating and air conditioning systems control by a tablet. These homes help our most severely injured veterans and first responders reclaim their day-to-day independence. To date, Tunnel to Towers has built 96 Smart Homes across the United States.

In February 2015, the Largo Fire Rescue Honor Guard participated in a dedication ceremony ceremony that welcomed a traveling museum of 9/11 information and pieces from ground zero. My wife Rhonda toured the museum and filled out a "how can we help" information card.

We were recruited to host a 5K event in the Tampa Bay area, and the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run and Walk Clearwater was born. Held September 2016, the first annual 5K event was a success, with an initial race of over 600 participants. This year's 5K run over the Memorial Causeway will be November 5.

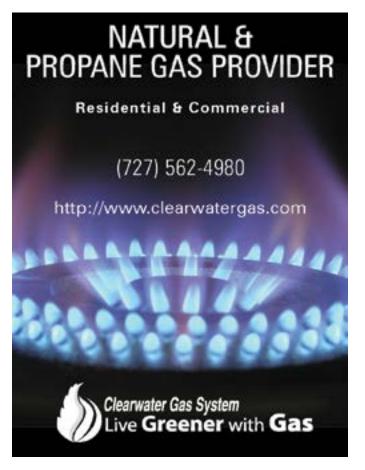
The Tunnel to Towers Foundation continues to support our heroes with several missions. It is committed to ensuring we never forget 9/11, the sacrifices made, and those that continue to be made by our first responders. Through the Fallen First Responder Home Program, Tunnel to Towers aims to pay off the mortgages of fallen law enforcement officers and firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty or to 9/11-related illness.

Their Gold Star Family Home Program, launched in September 2018, honors the legacy of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. The Foundation provides mortgage-free homes to surviving spouses with young children.

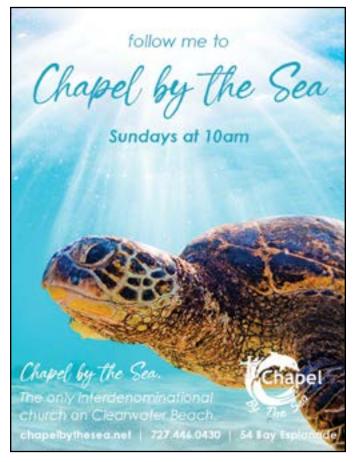
The newest mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to eradicate Veteran Homelessness. A safe and dignified home is integral to helping homeless veterans reclaim their life.

November 5, join Team Largo Fire Rescue to support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation by walking or running over Memorial Cswy. www.runsignup.com/Race/130241/Donate/4nWrciXuH85eMmyt Previously published in The Blaze, Largo Fire Rescue September 2022











## **CALLING ALL HEROES...**

The eighth running of the SuperHero 5K benefiting Hero To A Child is just around the corner and they need all superheroes to come out and show their powers!

The SuperHero 5K is a family-friendly, superhero-themed, chip-timed race that is perfect for all ages and abilities. Race day is Saturday, October 8, along the beautiful Safety Harbor waterfront with festivities starting at 8 am. Dress in your superhero-themed costume and come out to do good for children in foster care. Top age group finishers and the fastest overall awards will be presented.

The SuperHero 5K hopes to raise \$56,000 to support and help meet the needs of each child in care and to recruit more Guardian ad Litem volunteers to be the voice of the child in court. A Guardian ad Litem is often the only form of consistency for children in the system and often the only voice solely vested in what is best for that child.

Many children living in Pinellas and Pasco counties, who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected, have been placed in foster care through no fault of their own.

Hero To A Child was founded to ensure that the basic rights and needs of every child in the Guardian ad Litem program are met. Volunteers advocate for and support children, young adults, and families impacted by abuse and neglect by collaborating with community partners, Guardian ad Litem staff, and the volunteers who support the children they serve.

The number of children in dependency care in Pinellas and Pasco counties has surged with a 41% increase over the past six years making it the largest circuit in Florida for children in the dependency system. In 2021, Hero To A Child responded to more than 4,000 individual needs requests for children in our community. In 2022, the need requests have increased 60% from this time last year. The SuperHero 5K helps to raise community awareness for these children, while raising funds to keep up with their increasing needs.

You can be a superhero too, by coming out on race day or by choosing a virtual option. To secure your race t-shirt and medal, be sure to register early by visiting herotoachild.org/the-superhero-5k. Sponsorships are also still available for a limited time.

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUN FAIR

St. Patrick Catholic School at 1501 Trotter Rd in Largo is hosting their 56th Annual Fun Fair, Thursday, October 20th through Sunday, October 23rd. Along with the carnival rides and games, Fun Fair will once again offer a Silent Auction, Raffles and all of their food specialties - Sausage and Peppers, Fried Dough, Hamburgers, Desserts, Hot Dogs and Pizza. In addition, you can savor the Homemade Egg Rolls, and Mexican specialties prepared by St. Patrick School parents.

Enjoy a beer or margarita in the Beer Garden or sit center stage to enjoy the free entertainment, featuring two of Tampa Bay's Premiere Show Bands. Dance the night away on Friday the 21st to Gotta Groove Band and Saturday the 23rd to Tampa Bay's favorite K Luv and the United Funk Foundation.

Ride wristbands and food and game tickets can be purchased at presale discount prices. To be a sponsor of this event, provide a Silent Auction donation or for more information, please visitstpatrickcatholic.org or email pruppel@stpatrickcatholic.org.

## MORTON PLANT'S NEWLY FORMED **LUNG NODULE CLINIC**

In January, Teresa Seawright felt lightheaded and dizzy. She attributed it to overheating the previous day and thought it would pass. Maybe it would, but her friend wasn't so sure. She offered to take Seawright to Morton Plant Hospital's ER – an offer that may have saved Seawright's life.

A chest X-ray showed a small nodule on her lung. The ER team did a chest CT scan and advised Seawright to follow up with her primary care physician. He referred her to pulmonologist Joseph Romero, DO, and Morton Plant's recently formed lung nodule clinic, a team of medical experts who work to identify lung cancers early to quickly get patients the care they need.

According to the National Cancer Institute, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States, primarily because it often goes undetected until it has spread to other organs.

According to clinic coordinator Debbie Ellis, RN, the goal of the lung nodule clinic is to be fast. "We work to remove the barriers for the patients," she said. "I make the phone calls, schedule appointments, answer questions and try to put patients at ease."

Most of the patients that come through the lung nodule clinic have had a low-dose CT scan at one of four BayCare outpatient imaging sites. These CT results are graded on a scale of one to four. If the score is a four, Ellis reaches out to the patient's primary care physician to offer the clinic's services. If the patient wants to come to the clinic, Ellis makes the appointment like she did for Seawright.

At her appointment, Seawright mentioned her mother died from lung cancer at age 47. Immediately, Dr. Romero scheduled a biopsy using an ION robotic-assisted bronchoscopy.

"ION gives us the ability to biopsy small nodules making it possible to find cancers at the very early stages and rule out malignancy in suspicious nodules," said Dr. Romero. "Fast turnaround time allows treatment evaluations within a few days."

"In March I had my biopsy, and in April I had surgery," Seawright recalled. "Thanks to my surgeon, Dr. Kayatta, I only spent two days in the hospital and have five small incisions on my side – not much considering they removed half of my lung and several lymph nodes," Seawright said.

Seawright's care through the lung nodule clinic didn't end with her surgery. Ellis made an appointment for her to see oncologist Ben Yan, MD, who is also part of the clinic. He prescribed chemotherapy, a word that made Seawright anxious.

"Debbie (Ellis) took me to the infusion clinic before my first appointment," Seawright said. "She explained everything that would happen. This extra step helped to calm my nerves.

Six months ago, Seawright had no idea she had cancer, but through the lung nodule clinic she was diagnosed early, quickly received treatment, and now has a clear MRI.

"Not only are we able to diagnosis asymptomatic patients at an earlier stage, we are also able to expedite their treatment," explained Dr. Kayatta.

The lung nodule clinic's doctors participate in Morton Plant's weekly cancer conference. Surgeons, pulmonologists, radiologists, pathologists, and oncologists review each case to determine the best course of treatment for each patient.

"We know that early detection and treatment can change outcomes for those diagnosed with cancer, and that is our goal," said Dr. Romero.

Seawright is thankful for that goal and the clinic. "The care I received at the lung nodule clinic was a godsend," she said.

To reach the lung nodule clinic, call 727-461-8526.



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# Business Briefs

ANDERSON DERMATOLOGY NOW DERMACLINIQUE Dr. Priya Nayyar MD has completed the acquisition and assumed ownership of Dr. Kathy L Anderson's Dermatology practice located on 510 E Druid Rd. in downtown Clearwater. The two physicians first met in 2019 and in 2021 Dr. Anderson officially joined Dermaclinique and began the transition of her practice over to Dr. Nayyar.



Dr. Nayyar, a New York City board

certified dermatologist and fellowship trained Mohs and cosmetic surgeon, is widely regarded as a leading expert in the field of dermatology. She is trained in the treatment and management of high-risk skin cancers as well as advanced dermatologic laser and cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Nayyar also welcomed Dr. Brandon Shutty, DO, to the practice. Dr. Shutty is a Harvard trained board certified dermatologist, specializing in general dermatology, cosmetics and laser procedures.

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## **CLEARWATER MARINA MAX ACQUIRES MARINA FIRM**

Marine Max acquired IGY Marinas, a Fort Lauderdale marina company, for \$480 million. IGY Marinas owns 23 marinas around the world, including St. Petersburg's Maximo Marina. The deal should close early next year and allows Marine Max to offer yacht buyers a place to dock their boats after purchase

**BEACH PRINT SHACK** Owners of the Beach Print Shack, Judy Weed & Linda Griffin, relocated their business off Island Estates in January 2020. Nonetheless, they continue to provide the same printing and design services to their former as well as new customers. Even after the move, when needed they are still able to meet personally with customers who want special attention for their design and print projects. They continue to offer high quality, cost-saving printing with free delivery on all print jobs. Contact them anytime at 727-449-8732 or e-mail beachprintshack@gmail.com.

# Business Briefs

**5 YEARS** Berangere and Gilles Granger, owners of Belleair Opticians, are celebrating five years in Belleair Bluffs. While they bought the Belleair Opticians five years ago, the store is actually 42 years old, and was started by prior owner Jim Dundee.

"Congratulations to you two on a very fast five years," says Dundee. "After dropping by a few days ago, the store still feels like my second home. I am happy they are carrying on the Belleair Opticians legacy of fine service and upscale eye wear."



"We were so excited to take over this successful business in such a nice area as Belleair, says Berangere. "Now we have taken it to the next level with the implementation of unique new frame designers and high technology ophthalmic lenses," adds Gilles. "Most important to our success are the connections and trust of our local loyal customers—who are just amazing."

Find them in The Plaza at 100 Indian Rocks Road North, Belleair Bluffs or at www.BelleairOpticians.com.

## PROVISE MANAGEMENT GROUP RECOGNIZED

Once again, ProVise Management Group, a Clearwater-headquartered financial planning and investment management firm, has been recognized as one of the largest Registered Investment Advisors (RIA) in the country based on assets under management at the end of 2021 by FA Magazine.

With \$1.7 billion of assets under management at the end of 2021, ProVise was ranked #249 nationally, 12th largest in Florida, and #1 in the greater Tampa Bay area. "We want to thank our 1,300 clients in over 30 states for their continued confidence in us to provide financial planning and investment management," said V. Raymond Ferrara, a Certified Financial Planner™, and Executive Chair of ProVise.

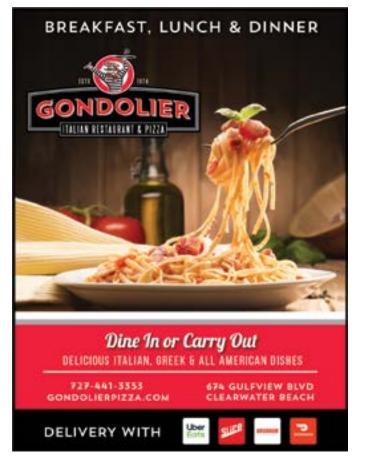
For more information on ProVise, its team members and the financial planning services the firm offers, visit ProVise.com

**STOREFRONT CLOSED** EM & MAC, a children's boutique in Belleair Bluffs, at 580 Indian Rocks Road North, has closed their storefront, but owner Meghan Boetje, will continue to sell her products online.

**NEW MARINA AND UPGRADES** Clearwater Yacht Club is replacing their marina. The project began in August. Due to permitting issues, the layout will be the same but the pilings are being replaced and the boardwalk decking will be Wear Deck. The tiki bar and pool will be open during the entire project. In addition, the Club is refreshing and upgrading the dining room and their Grill room. Upgrades include new flooring in the Grill, entry, dance floor and bath hall plus resurfacing and painting the walls, refinishing the bar, and new barstools. They are also painting the exterior of the club.

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# **CLEARWATER JAZZ HOLIDAY OCTOBER 14-16**A Timeless Tradition of Music, Education & Outreach!

October means Clearwater Jazz Holiday is here! The Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation's largest and most popular event returns to BayCare Ballpark as a 3-day presentation October 14-16.

"We are thrilled with the lineup and also excited for a new attendee experience at the Ballpark" says Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation CEO, Steve Weinberger. "This year we are returning to the look and feel of what our supporters remember in Coachman Park. The Imagine Clearwater construction is going well and all signs point to us returning to the waterfront next year. In the meantime, we are excited to create something special for what could be our last year at the ballpark."

The festival unites a community of support, an army of volunteers, and brings a significant economic impact. However, Jazz Holiday's cultural impact can be felt year-round. The Foundation fulfills its mission as a leading proponent of Jazz education by celebrating and promoting the art form through innovative music appreciation and instructional programs, online education, unique performance opportunities, special funding, and creative learning experiences — all supported by the longstanding, annual, festival tradition and other events.

These year-round initiatives are changing lives and providing special experiences for people of all ages and varying socio-economic backgrounds, from the very young to the senior community. A visit to Clearwater Jazz Holiday's Education & Outreach Page online tells the story and it is an inspiring one.

Steve shares, "Overall, the organization's Jazz appreciation, instructional, and performance programs are important. The appreciation initiatives speak to cultural community development and building a new generation Jazz audience. Students are rarely exposed to the type and quality of this outreach that éducates, inspires musicianship, and provides a special appreciation for Jazz. The instructional programs help students and band directors elevate their skills and make meaningful connections. The unique performance opportunities are also platforms for personal growth and development, effectively lifting up new performers carrying on the Jazz tradition." The Jazz appreciation programs include

the History of Jazz Outreach and My

Journey with Jazz programs. The History

of Jazz Program alone impacts thousands

of middle and upper elementary school

students by bringing a live, interactive

music experience to schools (including

Title I schools) as well as other special

groups and organizations. It consists

of an educator and outreach band of professionals delivering engaging presentations telling the story of Jazz through music. In 2020, the organization also launched its online STOP-TIME SERIES with Frank Williams to complement the Program by creating a comprehensive History of Jazz video archive delivered in Frank's one-of-akind style. Segments are also available in audio form on the Young Lions Jazz Master "Virtual" Sessions Podcast, free on all major platforms.

The My Journey with Jazz Program started as an out-of-classroom project with a unique game format designed to deliver a meaningful experience to neighborhood family center afterprograms. school and summer Students participate in a team setting by answering questions from several categories with guided discovery, and ultimately a culminating performance finale for their families where students join professional musicians to showcase what they learned. The Program session themes are New Orleans and Early Jazz, The Swing Era, Bebop & Beyond, and Jazz & The World. Students are awarded certificates of recognition as they complete the in-person cycle. The Foundation also launched an offshoot of this program (My "Virtual" Journey with Jazz), an online resource to reinforce the in-person learning and expand the reach. This virtual component will soon also provide educational videos about Jazz instrumentation and other special subjects. Additionally, the program recently tested a successful pilot effort at Sandy Lane Elementary School and plans return there this Fall.

CJH's Young Lions Jazz Master Sessions is its most popular instructional program for those students already inspired to play. It started as a one-of-a-kind event for Jazz students with group clinics, master class sessions, and performance opportunities, and evolved to include in-school visits during the year. University jazz educators and Jazz professionals interact with Jazz students to make for meaningful and memorable learning experiences.

The Foundation also created an online resource by engaging musicians to offer master classes. The sessions use the Zoom platform and are approximately 45 minutes. Upcoming Sessions are posted on the organization's website where "The Studio" also houses an archive of past sessions, organized by topic. All sessions are also available in audio form as part of the Young Lions Podcast.

When it comes to performance, the Give them a Stage Program provides opportunities for young musicians

throughout the year, helping aspiring artists to build confidence, hone their craft, network, develop fans, share their original work, and often play with more established professionals. CJH's wide reaching platform connects artists to a multitude of opportunities at special CJH corporate and outreach partner functions, various venues, and at CJH events. As part of the Program, the Foundation seeks out special opportunities, handles all scheduling, and pays the artists to perform.

The Foundation also has a long history of providing special funding in support of youth music and Jazz education including annual contributions to middle school and high school Jazz ensembles, band programs, and other youth Jazz programs. The organization also offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate a unique music background and/or aspiration for careers involving music as well as to other students with interests in various facets of event production. Special Jazz camp scholarships are offered, too.

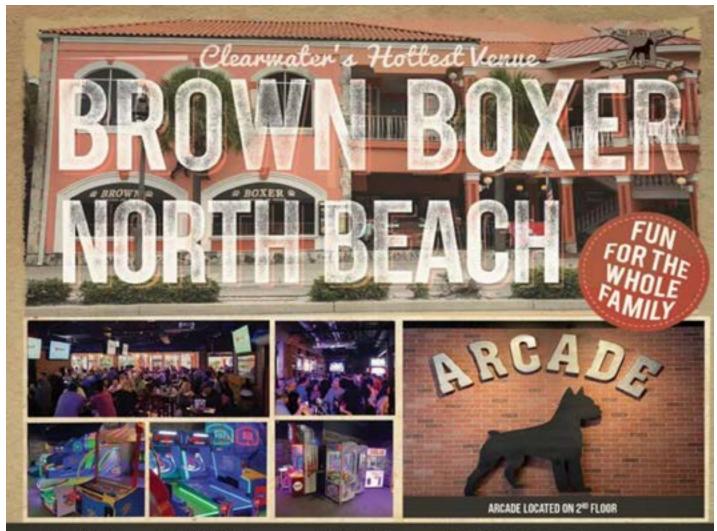
Lastly, Jazz Holiday is also proud of its unique, event-based learning experiences. Students in area high schools and universities participate in all facets of event production including photography, stage and video production, culinary arts, and graphic design. Collaborations with community and education partners such as the Art Institute of Tampa and St. Petersburg College are creating exciting learning opportunities.

Steve explains "We developed a special series of classroom discussions for St. Petersburg College's Music Industry & Recording Arts students who gain real-world insight into the music business, plus the opportunity to volunteer/shadow, network, meet industry professionals, and intern with CJH stage crew, production, artist hospitality, and operations."

All CJH Education & Outreach activities are offered at no cost. In addition to regular performance opportunities, the Foundation also pays musicians to help deliver the innovative educational programs. Steve shares, "It is about tapping into the brilliant talents in our own backyard to help grow the next generation audience and players."

So, when you attend the big show, or any other CJH events, know you are supporting much more the annual festival – you are supporting meaningful Education & Outreach all year-long, inspiring and changing lives through music.

To purchase tickets to the festival, other CJH events, or to learn more about CJH Education & Outreach visit www.clearwaterjazz.com.

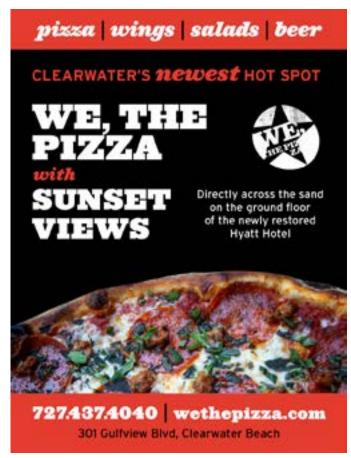


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So come on down, enjoy some food, play some Connect-4 Basketball or Skee-Ball while watching your favorite sports team, maybe even win a prize at bingo or trivia, sing your heart away at karaoke night, or maybe laugh out loud on comedy night. Then stay and dance the night away to your favorite songs whether you want to hear it live from the band downstairs, or the hottest remix from the DJ upstairs, the choice is yours, but one choice you will never regret is coming to Brown Boxer North Beach! Open til 3am nightly! Be sure to visit them, you won't be disappointed!!!





# Bar & Restaurant News

## BELLEAIR COFFEE NOW SOLD IN WALMART Belleair

Bluffs now has its own name-brand coffee - it is Belleair Coffee - and now is available in Walmart grocery stores. Chris Whalen, owner of Belleair Coffee in The Plaza, has been selling his own brand of coffee for a few years, but just recently, struck a retail partnership deal with



partnership deal with Walmart to have his coffee on the shelves in 46 area stores, including Tampa, Pinellas and Sarasota.

"We work exclusively with specialty grade coffee beans," says Whalen. "The end result is a distinctive, delicious and ethically produced cup of coffee."

To retain the freshness of their roasted coffee beans, Belleair Coffee flushes nitrogen through the bags to displace oxygen. This process is called "Nitrogen Flushing." It preserves the freshness and prolongs shelf-life.

Of course Belleair Coffee is available for sale at Belleair Coffee and also online at www.BelleairCoffeeCompany.com.

Find them in The Plaza at 100 Indian Rocks Road North

**BON APPETIT GETTING NEW OWNERS** The Dunedin restaurant is being sold to the owners of the Original Crabby Bill's in Indian Rocks Beach. While the sale is still pending, Crabby Bill's owner and CEO Matt Loder says, "We think that it's a very sure thing."

"We are in the process of buying it, but we still have a few hurdles to cross," says Loder. "We have a deep admiration for Peter [Kreuziger] and Karl and the great restaurant that they have created in Dunedin. We have no plans to change the name or menu of Bon Appetit."



**CAFE** CURE This special café in the Morton Plant Hospital complex is owned by Dr. Yamani, a Belleair resident and managed by Executive Chef James Loyd.

"I am a professionally trained chef and helped open this small café," says Chef Loyd. "We serve a healthy alternative menu from a 'scratch kitchen.'

We do not serve any

red meat or deep fry anything. We specialize in smoothies, salads, nourishing bowls and sandwiches. We are so close to Belleair, we have customers who come here just for our fresh and special items."

The café is in the Cheek-Powell Heart Vascular Rehab building on the first floor and is open Monday through Friday, from 6am to 3pm. Find Café Cure at 455 Pinellas Street near the stoplight on South Harrison Avenue in Suite #144. You can call 755-6700 for convenient take out.

# Bar & Restaurant News

## THE BACKWATERS ANNIVERSARY PARTY **IS BACK** Owner George Pappas is bringing back the tradition of

Backwater's Annual Backwater's Anniversary Party. It will fall on Thursday, November

Join George and his two sons for an all day Happy Hour, live music, free raffles, special appetizers and new menu specials.

"We want to thank all

our loyal customers for their support over our first year and Backwater's 22 years," says George, "We appreciate each and every one of them."

They are also upgrading their Web site and soon you will be able to order your Backwaters favorites right from your phone or computer. Order and pay online and just stop in and pick

Backwater's Waterfront Grill is located at 1261 Gulf Blvd, in the Shops of Sand Key. Get more information at BackwatersOnSandKey.com.

**STONE CRAB FESTIVALS** To celebrate the beginning of Stone Crab Season, three Clearwater Beach restaurants are having Stone Crab Festivals.

On October 21-23, Coco Crush Bar & Grill (at 423 Poinsettia Avenue) will have live music, day and night. Plus, specials on Stone Crab Claws and other seafood, plus their famous Coco Crush drink. If you miss it, they are now offering all you can eat crab legs every Monday and Tuesday. Get information at CocoCrushBar.com.

On October 28 - 30, Palm Pavilion (10 Bay Esplanade) has live entertainment, souvenir T-shirts (while they last), and free admission. Get more information at PalmPavilion.com.

All the Frenchy's Restaurants will be celebrating their 38th Annual Stone Crab Festival October 28 - 30. They host a street festival with live bands on Friday and Saturday (Noon to 10pm) on Baymont Street, in front of the Original Café. Attendance is free. Get details on Frenchy's party at StoneCrabWeekend.com.

**FOREST ON THE BEACH** This new place at the south end of the beach is located where the convenience store / Subway sandwich store was. Owner and Chef William Bathini comes to Clearwater Bach with 15 years experience having been a celebrity Chef working in Las Vegas and for World of Beers.

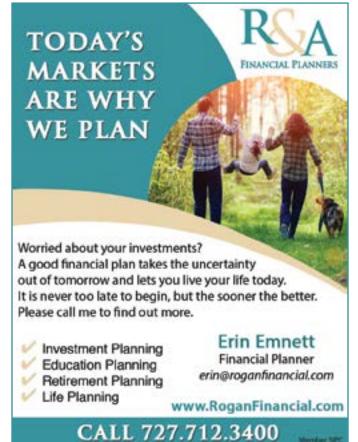
"The menu is world cuisine," explains Bathini.

Forest on the Beach is open Monday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Get more information on their website at ForestontheBeach.com. Find them at 696 South Gulfview Blvd or call 296-8781.

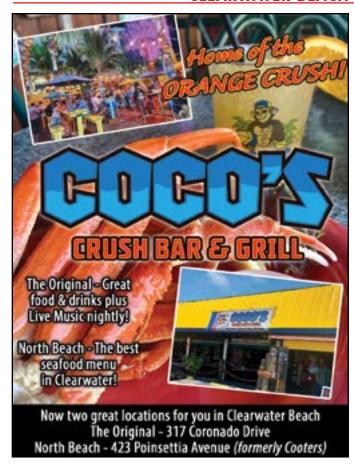














## **HOW TIME FLIES - A SECOND DECADE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

by Karen Williams Seel, Pinellas County Commissioner As I prepare to leave from my role as a Pinellas County Commissioner in November, I wanted to continue my review of our accomplishments. Yes. Not just Pinellas County's accomplishments, but our accomplishments. We couldn't have done all we have done without your interest and support for

growing and nurturing our wonderful county over the years. My last column covered the many incredible accomplishments between 2000 and 2010 so let's pick up with 2010 through 2020 and beyond.

As a new decade dawned in 2010, Pinellas County heard you say you wanted improved roadways. The Bryan Dairy Road, Haines Road and Keystone Road improvement projects, along with many other road improvement projects throughout the decade, created better driving experiences around and through the county. In addition, intersection improvements at Bryan Dairy and Starkey Roads in Largo and 102nd Avenue North and 113th Street North in Seminole also aided traffic flow, along with many other intersection projects across the county, created improved traffic flow and safety. Over the decade we spent more than \$169 million in arterial road, local and collector street and intersection expansions and improvements and that doesn't cover the more than \$59 million invested in resurfacing and rehabilitation of existing county roads.

We also focused on pedestrian travel and safety and invested more than \$39 million in sidewalk installation, improvements, ADA upgrades and Pinellas Trail projects across the county. Some notable mentions include filling a sidewalk gap along Haines Bayshore Road in Clearwater, installing sidewalks along Park Boulevard between Starkey Road and 66th Street in Pinellas Park and along Oakhurst Road in Seminole, along with sidewalk and ADA improvements along Keystone Road between East Lake Road and the Hillsborough County line. There are just too many projects to name individually!

Between 2010 and 2020 Pinellas County also invested in our parks and preserves. More than \$36 million went to improving, refurbishing and acquiring park facilities for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to our area. Through the decade, those funds repaved park roads countywide, replaced water and sewer infrastructure at Fort De Soto Park, replaced and built new sidewalks, developed better facilities for access to the water and fishing at Fort De Soto and other parks and provided for ADA accessibility at Fort De Soto, Phillippe, Lake Seminole and War Veterans Memorial Parks. We also invested in facilities that serve the different programs and services you depend on every day. Pinellas County invested a total of \$373 million in constructing and improving facilities during the decade that house our judicial functions, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, detention and corrections, emergency shelters and our emergency services facilities including the Pinellas Safety Complex in Largo. More than \$13 million was invested into the Affordable Housing Land Assembly program to support land acquisition suitable for affordable workforce housing developments.

Again, there is not enough space in this entire magazine to come close to naming everything that Pinellas County was able to accomplish between 2010 and 2020, along with these last couple of years. I am so proud of it all and you should be as well. We've done a lot, together. Please stay involved in your local government. Make a difference by letting your elected officials know what you need and want. Everyone is served better when everyone participates.

As always, you can email me at kseel@pinellascounty.org. Until next time, stay safe and well.

# IT'S ANOTHER GIRL, AGAIN 99% OF FLORIDA SEA TURTLES ARE FEMALES

By Becky Griffin

Turtles are an ancient group represented in the fossil record as far back as 200 million years, but their continued existence is not guaranteed. Florida sea turtles are being impacted by the effects of climate change – and at least for now - they are losing the fight. They are experiencing a gender imbalance caused by the rising temperatures.

For unknown reasons, when a female turtle deposits her eggs on a beach, the sand's temperature determines the hatchlings' gender. Recent heat waves have caused the sand to be so hot, nearly 99 percent of the sea turtles across Florida are being born female — all because of climate change. Scientists are just not finding many male sea turtles hatchlings.

Bette Zirkelbach, who manages a turtle hospital in the Florida Keys, told Reuters an Australian study showed similar statistics - "99% of new sea turtle babies are female." This could spell disaster for populations of sea turtles, who are already facing other threats from poaching and habitat destruction. If this trend isn't reversed, scientists predict there will be no more males in twenty to thirty years – meaning no more production.

Instead of determining sex during fertilization, the sex of sea turtles and alligators depends on the temperature of developing eggs, according to the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Eggs incubated below 81.86 degrees Fahrenheit result in male hatchlings. Incubation above 88.8 degrees Fahrenheit results in female hatchlings. Fluctuating temperatures result in either. Unfortunately, temperatures aren't fluctuating — they just head upwards.

"The frightening thing is the last four Florida summers have been the hottest summers on record. Scientists that are studying sea turtle hatchlings and eggs have found no boy sea turtles, so only female



sea turtles for the past four years," Zirkelbach explains.

"Over the years, you're going to see a sharp decline in their population because we just don't have the genetic diversity," Melissa Rosales Rodriguez, a Miami Zoo sea turtle keeper, told Reuters. "We don't have the male-to-female ratio needed in order to be able to have successful breeding sessions."

The problem is magnified since, today, for every 1,000 sea turtle eggs laid, only about one turtle reaches adulthood. Even if turtles survive the possible effects of global climate change on their sex ratios, sea levels rising and stronger storms are eroding their beach habitats. In addition, warming oceans are changing ocean currents and harming the coral reefs some turtles need to survive.

This is not unique to Florida, worldwide, the sea turtle gender balance is off kilter. Scientists are testing methods to cool nests. Gently digging up eggs and moving them to shadier parts of the beach has proved to work. So do sprinkler systems and dividing offspring into smaller batches as the eggs tend to warm each other.

Even worse, NOAA is warning that if sand temperatures get too high, it could kill developing turtles all together, meaning soon, there may be no hatchlings at all.



# GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GET ELECTION READY!

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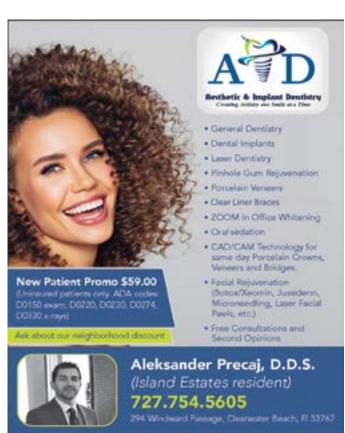
- New registrations must be received by Tuesday, October 11, 2022.
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- Vote by Mail: Request a mail ballot at VotePinellas.gov or call 727-464-VOTE (8683).
- Vote early at one of the 7 Early Voting locations\*: October 24 November 6, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 7
  p.m. \*Early Voting locations are Countryside Recreation Center, Gullport Neighborhood Center, J.W. Case Recreation Center,
  The Centre of Palm Harbor, and our three Supervisor of Elections offices in Clearwater, Largo and St. Petersburg.
- Vote on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the precinct where you live. Visit VotePinellas.gov and click "Find Precinct" for polling location information, your sample ballot and more.







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# SUNCOAST JAZZ FESTIVAL RETURNS IN NOVEMBER

For the past 32 years, fans from around the country have gathered on Florida's West Coast the weekend before Thanksgiving to attend the Suncoast Jazz Festival on Sand Key in Clearwater Beach. This year's annual event offers the chance to enjoy live performances from over 80 jazz musicians inside resort settings overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. This year, the "purely jazz" weekend will take place November 18-20, 2022.

New for 2022: several top "legends of jazz" will be honored including Houston Person, John Lamb, and Johnny Varro. The musical line-up also includes dozens of local, regional, and national musicians ranging from New York's Grammy nominated pianist/vocalist/songwriter/radio host, Judy Carmichael to New Orleans Jazz trumpeter and singer Kermit Ruffins to St. Petersburg's beloved Nate Najar, Daniela Soledade and James Suggs.

What makes the annual event so popular? Joan Dragon has been the Suncoast Jazz Festival director for 15 years and a member of the Board of the non-profit organization for 20 years. "We are dedicated to preserving and promoting jazz," she says. "We offer an indoor, intimate setting held inside venues at The Sheraton Sand Key Resort and the Marriott Suites on Sand Key with the addition of The Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Clearwater Beach for nearby lodging overlooking the Gulf. The "Jolley Trolley" offers a free shuttle between hotels and free parking at Sand Key Park.

"We encourage locals and out-of-towners alike to enjoy three days on beautiful Sand Key for some of the best, live performances today from American Songbook Jazz, New Orleans Trad, Swing, Blues, Zydeco, a little Rockabilly, Swing dance, aspiring Youth Bands, and Gospel on Sunday Morning."

A variety of admission tickets are available with six options ranging from: \$40 (after 6 pm) up to \$225 for three days of non-stop music. Sponsorships are also available. For tickets and information, visit online at suncoastjazzfestival. com; or write jazzclassic@aol.com; or phone (727)248-9441. Early Bird tickets are available before October 1. Students with ID are admitted free of charge Saturday and Sunday. www.suncoastjazzfestival.com

## MARTINIS + MATISSEE RETURNING IN JANUARY

Mark your calendar for Martinis + Matisse on Saturday, January 21, 2023. This evening of cocktails and culture brings together people from our community to raise funds to provide healthcare services for Pinellas County residents in need. This year's event will once again be held at the Frank Crum building in Clearwater, courtesy of Frank and Brenda Crum.

At Martinis + Matisse, you will experience art, high-end local cuisine, and of course, exceptionally smooth martinis. As in years past, each guest will have the opportunity to bring home a beautiful piece of donated art. For additional information, visit www.martinisandmatisse.org

This is the Clearwater Free Clinic major fundraiser of the year and allows them to continue to provide access to comprehensive medical care, including medications and mental health programs, to low-income uninsured families of mid and upper Pinellas County.

## CHI CHI RODRIGUEZ DRIVING RANGE INSTALLS POWER TEES.

"There are driving ranges a lot closer to my house than Chi Chi's, but after trying out the new Power Tees, making the drive will be well worth it".

Power Tee installed 22 units at Chi Chi Rodriguez Driving Range in early June. Since the installation, golfers at Chi Chi's have enjoyed the new improvements made to the facility. At the Power Tee grand opening, customers were amazed by the new technology they were using. One customer said, "This is incredible, I have never seen anything like this. I think all driving ranges should put these in. Another golfer stated, "There are driving ranges a lot closer to my house than Chi Chi's, but after trying out the new Power Tees, making the drive will be well worth it".

Power Tee is the world's premier automated teeing system and is currently installed and featured at 80% of the golf ranges in the United Kingdom Power Tee is currently automating the bays in 18 countries, teeing up more than 6 million balls each day. It is simple to use. Load up to 100 balls in the underground hopper, pick your tee height (40 adjustable options) and hit off the world class Power Tee mats. Power Tee will improve your game, from Beginners to Club Champions all the way to Tour Pros

Power Tee creates a more enjoyable experience for all levels of golfers. For kids and beginners, it gives them the ability to get the ball in the air and focus in on the basics of their swing. For the single handicap golfers that are trying to shape the ball or focus in on the mechanics of their swing, they can do so easily by never having to get out of position to tee up a ball. Senior golfers looking to get the most out of their practice, flock to Power Tee because it helps protect their backs and avoiding wrist jarring with the top-of-the-line mats. One senior stated, "These new machines are cool. I think a lot of golfers my age will appreciate the addition of Power Tee."

Al Arrigoni, Director of Golf at Chi Chi Rodriguez Driving Range had this to say on a Bay New 9 Special about the recent installation of Power Tee, "I appreciate the ease at which Power Tee can be used. Power Tee is a lot of fun, and it is technology in the



game, which the game is evolving to. We have had a lot of positive feedback so far and we look forward to more."

Power Tee CEO Martin Wyeth said, "Chi Chi Rodriguez Driving Range is one of the most notable golf practice facilities in all of Florida. We are excited to partner with James and Al and the rest of their team. With the addition of Power Tee, golfers are going to come from all over the Tampa area to use Power Tee and get the chance to practice unlike other facilities in the nearby area".

The Chi Chi Rodriguez driving range offers golfers a place to practice golf without the investment of time required to play a round on the course. The driving range includes 49 bays with an area covered by a 100-foot awning to protect you against the hot Florida sun. The 10,000 feet of grass is also lit at night so you can work on your game after dark. It is open daily from 8am - 8pm and it is located at 2987 North McMullen Booth Rd. in Clearwater.



## THE 44TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT - NOVEMBER 24

The 44th Annual Turkey Trot, as always, will be held Thanksgiving morning—This year, that is November 24.

The Trot unofficially began in 1977, started by the West Florida Y Runners Club of Pinellas County at Howard Park in Tarpon Springs. In 1979, it moved to Thanksgiving morning and relocated to the Clearwater High School stadium. 995 runners participated that year. In 1995, they had a record 10,217 participants; it is consistently to over 17,000 to date.

The West Florida Y Runners Club is still the owner of the Turkey Trot. They have had an all-volunteer steering committee for the last 30 years and it is considered one of the top three runs in Florida – definitely the largest in Pinellas County. "At one point, we were one of the top twenty 5K races in the nation," says founding organizer Skip Rogers. "It began with a 10K run for the club, and in 1980, we added the 1 Mile Gobbler, which allowed walkers and families to participate".

"In 1988, we added the 5K Wing Ding, which is still the most popular," Rogers adds. "Then, we added the 4K Drumstick."

"The City of Clearwater is our major sponsors. We could not do the race without their assistance in many areas," Rogers says. "We have volunteers that help us from Morton Plant/BayCare, another major sponsor. They have helped us tremendously through the years with T-shirt distribution and race day registration. We have people that have faithfully come every year to help us."

The Turkey Trot is about families of runners, and walkers of all skill levels. Generations of families run together every year even great-grandparents with their great-grandchildren in strollers. They are there to have fun and to finish their race. Some considered the Turkey Trot as a friends reunion.

Groups that have busy lives still get together for the Trot. Some even fly in just for the run. Well, the fact that it is Thanksgiving Day probably helps too.

There will be plenty of music at the Turkey Trot, provided by nine local bands along the course - country, bluegrass, bagpipes, jazz, rock n' roll, it is all there. "We have been told the music is one of our best features," Rogers says.

The Turkey Trot is also about giving. For many years, the West Florida Y Runners Club has given college scholarships to area seniors. They also give \$100,000 each year to non-profit organizations to help families and children.

"We contribute to organizations that help single mothers with children be removed from abusive situations, charities that help homeless persons, veterans, families in desperate need, and a children's home," Rogers says. "We also collect canned and dry goods from our participants and donate it to a community food bank. We do not publicize these charity groups on purpose."

If you want to run, the 44th Annual Turkey Trot at Clearwater High School here are the facts: It is November 24 and this year there are only two races: A 1-Mile Gobbler and a 5K Wing-Ding. The 1 Mile Gobbler starts at 8:30am and costs \$25 in advance or \$30 after November 19. The 5K Wing-Ding starts at 7am and is \$30 in advance or \$35 after November 19. Register in advance online TurleyTrot.net. Same day registration is at the stadium at Clearwater High School on Gulf to Bay.

Advance registration includes them popular shirt. They recommend you show up one hour before your race. Call 442-5838 for more information.



## MARY JO HENDERSON FOUNDER OF HERSCAN

Belleair Beach resident Mary Jo Henderson founded the national company HerScan, a mobile Breast Cancer Ultrasound Screening company, in Belleair Bluffs that. operates in 32 states. Henderson, originally from Michigan, moved to Florida 30 years ago, and three years ago moved HerScan's National Corporate Offices to Belleair Bluffs.

Henderson, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, has over 30 years of medical imaging experience with specialties in CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Mammography, Vascular, and Cardiac Imaging systems. She began her career as an executive with medical imaging giants, Thompson CGR and Toshiba Medical Systems. As a highly recognized executive and advanced diagnostic imaging specialist, Henderson was aware of how much more was needed to be done in the area of Preventative Medicine with these technologies.

In 1993, Henderson founded Life Line Screening, Inc., a Preventative Medical Company that provides easy access to mobile medical screening services directly to the public. Within five years, Life Line grew to become the largest Mobile Vascular Ultrasound company in the United States and currently also operates in the United Kingdom, and Australia. After selling Life Line Screening, Henderson opened HerScan.

HerScan provides much needed access to breast ultrasound screening with state-of-the-art ultrasound technology used by highly experienced RDMS Breast Sonographers & Board-Certified Radiologists. The HerScan program makes it convenient and affordable for women of all ages to be screened.

HerScan encourages all clients to participate in regular physician guided exams, self breast examinations and recommends annual mammograms and ultrasounds (especially if you have dense breast tissue which approximately 50% of women do). On a mammogram, dense tissue appears white, while cancerous tumors also appear white, making it nearly impossible to "see" the tumor. It's like trying to find a snowball in a snowstorm. Ultrasounds are critical for women with dense breast tissue. Adding a whole Breast Ultrasound screening to your breast health care regimen is smart prevention. Bridging these technologies results in significantly higher detection rates of breast cancer from approximately 47% to 98% than using mammography alone (Berg, 2012).



Mary Jo Henderson founder of HerScan

HerScan partners with businesses such as med spas, wellness clinics, chiropractic offices, resorts, and clubs. HerScan's schedule is available on-line at www.HerScan. com. Scheduling a screening is very easy and affordable. HerScan does not accept insurance. The cost is \$285 per person, which includes an exam of both breasts, the axilla (under arm), and results read by a Board-Certified Radiologist along with a report of any findings.

During the month of October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, HerScan will host events at their Belleair Bluffs office.

HerScan is located at 404 Indian Rocks Road, Belleair Bluffs. For an appointment, call 1-800-338-7499 or visit www.HerScan.com.



# Community News...

## **CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB**

The Club is one of the oldest Yacht Clubs in the country, continuing the long-standing tradition the world over. You don't need a boat to join in the fun at CYC in Clearwater Beach. Many members don't have boats. Their social activities center around parties in their restaurant or at their Tiki Bar.

Their Winter Membership program begins November 1 and runs through March 31. It has no initiation fee and monthly dues are \$250, with no food minimum, just lots of fun in the Florida sun. Winter members can use the pool, tiki bar, dining room and other amenities, including participating in weekly parties. Best of all, you can meet new people. It is a great way to see for yourself how much fun it is, with no obligations. You can end your membership whenever you wish, or convert to a permanent member in the Spring. Call the Yacht Club's office, 447-6000. Learn more at ClearwaterYachtCLub.org, or e-mail Office@ClearwaterYachtClub.org.

Upcoming Holiday Events include: Thanksgiving Buffets, CYC Lighted Boat Parade and Party, Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Mingle Jingle, and New Year's Eve.

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS CLUB

This club is open to the women of Pinellas County; all are welcome to come and socialize. They meet at local country clubs or restaurants on the first Tuesday of each month with programs, activities or speakers of interest. Please contact Judy at 512-789-5686 for the location of the next event.

## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CLEARWATER-DUNEDIN

Their popular Art Harvest, November 5-6, began over 58 years ago as a small arts gathering. Today, it has evolved into a highly respected juried show of high-quality art with balanced media involving over 200 artists. Always held on the first weekend in November at Highlander Park in Dunedin, this event continues to grow year after year. Over 30,000 people of all ages attend annually, and there's something for everyone. While adults browse the artists' booths, a Children's Pavilion provides an interactive art experience for children with arts and crafts projects related to the show's theme. As the largest autumn art show in the Tampa Bay area, artists and patrons of the arts have found this event to be an enjoyable and successful weekend affair. The community partners that provide sponsorship dollars every year make this event a huge success.

## 100 WOMEN WHO CARE OF PINELLAS COUNTY

100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County presented Suncoast Voices for Children with a donation of \$12,000 on Friday, July 8th. The mission of Suncoast Voices for Children is to provide for the unmet physical, psychological, educational and social needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children in Pinellas and Pasco. The group will also receive a \$5,000 matching grant from the Richard M. Schulze Foundation.

100 Women Who Care of Pinellas County is a philanthropic group that provides an avenue for women to join together to bring financial support to local, charitable organizations that have a 501(c)(3) status. Members commit to attending four meetings per year and pledge to donate \$100 to an elected charity at each meeting. Members have the opportunity to nominate any organization, three nominated organizations are randomly selected, a vote is taken, and checks are written directly to the winning charity. Since February of 2013, they have given \$367,675 to local charities.

Contact Brenda George, 727-515-1868, or visit Facebook at 100+ Women Who Care - Pinellas County, or www.100womenpinellas.org.

## **LARGO ART ASSOCIATION**

They meet weekly at the Largo Community Center (400 Alternate Kean Rd, Largo). It is a gathering of local artists to paint and network. They have open studio, juried member shows and periodic demonstrations. If you are interested, join on Fridays between 10am and 2pm. Call 727-518-3131.

## SAND KEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

They are a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life on Sand Key. Founded in 1991, current membership includes sixteen condo associations and 7 businesses researching issues, distributing information and representing the views of residents at city, county, and state levels. They participate in The Barrier Island Government Council and The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association and also holds a corporate membership with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center.

SKCA members can also take advantage of "deep discounts" when using the Sailing Center.

They hope to resume in person meetings in the near future, but due to COVID 19 sub-variants, the Board will continue to meet via Zoom video conferencing so interested members can also attend. Please check their website for any changes to this meeting policy.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. Look for a Zoom link in the e-mail announcing each month's agenda, or obtain the link on their website at sandkeycivicassociation.org.

Finally, they are inviting residents to contact them as they need new Board members starting 2023.

Contact the secretary at skcainc@aol.co, with any questions.

## **ISLAND ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

<u>Trunk or Treat</u> - Halloween is almost here, it's time to get creative and join in on the fun at the IECA Trunk or Treat. The event is a great way to kick off the evening for both kids and adults. They would love to have as many resident's decorated cars as can would fit into the Clubhouse parking lot at 425 Island Way. Bring candy to distribute. It's a great photo-op as the kids get ready for trick-or-treating, plus the association will provide pizza, juice boxes and water.

Pre-register your car by emailing DavidFarrars@gmail.com. Town Hall - The annual Town Hall is October 17th in Island Way Grill's private room, from 7-8 pm. Normally, it is held in November, but they moved it so Mayor Frank Hibbard can talk about the Ballot Referendum for Harbor Bluffs. Additionally, CPD Lt Hasty and a representative from Fish and Wildlife will be on hand to give updates and answer questions. All Island Estates' residence are invited to attend.

<u>Big Clean Up</u> - The next trash pick up coincides with Clearwater Beach's Big Clean Up, Nov 12th. Meet at 8 am at the entrance sign. Those driving should park in the back of the Island Way Grill parking lot. It should wrap up by 10 am. Register at MylECATreasurer@gmail.com.

Join Island Estates Civic Association - Membership renews annually. To become a new member or renew a past membership go to www.myislandestates.org. Membership has its privileges. IECA/Locals Discounts List:

- Fusions 10%
- Speggtacular 10%
- BeachIsland Group 15%
- Gerstales 10%

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Morton Plant Hospital has been named one of the top 100 hospitals in the U.S. eight times."

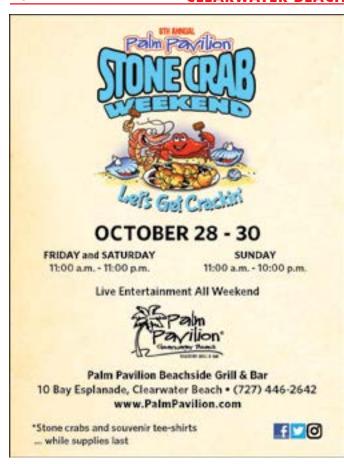
At BayCare's Morton Plant Hospital, we don't spend a lot of time worrying about awards. We're too busy giving our patients high-quality medical care. Morton Plant Hospital is well known for its advanced medical technologies and outstanding patient care, with more than 50 specialties represented among our medical teams. We can easily connect you with a top specialist if needed, plus you have access to the entire network of BayCare doctors and services. And BayCare has been recognized as a top performing health system in the country for the fourth year in a row." Just a few of the reasons why BayCare's Morton Plant Hospital is your better choice for health care.



Learn more: MortonPlant.org



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# Community News...

## **CLEARWATER BEACH ASSOCIATION**

They are a community organization of residents and business owners, whose mission is to promote civic, recreational and social projects while improving and enriching our community. They are dedicated to providing a strong and unified voice for their neighborhood in City affairs and issues.

Membership is \$35 annually per household or \$100 per business. Donations are also welcome. You may join at clearwaterbeachassoc.com/membership. Contact President Samuel Hutkin at hutloan@aol.com.

Upcoming events:

- October 2 Hooters Clearwater Offshore Nationals Boat Races – Gather at Beach Access #6 – 11-3pm
- October 4 CBA Meeting, 6:30pm, Chapel by the Sea Fellowship Hall
- October 21 Pub Crawl 6-8:30pm Locations to be Determined
- November 1 CBA Meeting, 6:30pm, Chapel by the Sea Fellowship Hall
- December 6 CBA Annual Meeting, 6:30pm, Chapel by the Fellowship Hall
- December 10 Annual Holiday Party 6-9pm
- December 17 Lighted Bike & Santa Parade. Start at Kit & Gary's home on Acacia Street – 6-8:30pm

## **CHAPEL BY THE SEA**

Chapel by the Sea's annual fundraiser Rise Against Hunger, is November 12th, in the hall of the chapel.

Rise Against Hunger is an organization aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Goal #2 - Zero Hunger. From the implementation of sustainable community development projects to the meal packaging program that harnesses the passion of local volunteers, they strive to make an impact on hunger by building resilience, self-sufficiency and empowerment in communities worldwide.

Chapel by the Sea has proudly contributed to this effort for many years. This year, the goal is to, once again, be able to donate the full 15,000 meals. Each meal costs \$.34 so the chapel will need to raise a total of \$6,829.92 to cover materials and transport.

If you're interested in volunteering or donating, visit chapelbythesea.net, email churchoffice@chapelbythesea.net, or call 727-446-0430. You can also text "give" to

727-222-1336 and click on Rise Against Hunger to contribute.

Every year the turnout is great, and volunteers are able to hit if not exceed the goals! This is a great opportunity for adults and kids to serve and give back to the those in need.

## **CARLOUEL HOA**

While many residents headed north for the summer, those that stayed in the neighborhood to enjoy the beach life, have also been able to enjoy the new Pergola that was constructed at our beautiful Carlouel residence beach entrance. The structure is located on the HOA beach front property which was an ideal spot to build a gathering place. The long awaited pergola was finished quickly so residents could enjoy it for summer parties, sunsets, and hopefully many neighborhood gatherings in the future. Carlouel HOA strives to continually improve the neighborhood with improvements like this. Other neighborhood improvement projects are currently being discussed by the HOA team. Finally, they would like to thank past president, Sue Williams who recently moved North to be closer to her family and grandchildren. Over the years Sue has done so much for the neighborhood, they can't thank her enough. Sue left some big shoes to fill, but the HOA will work together to continue to improve their neighborhood.

# Community News...

## **ISLAND ESTATES WOMEN'S CLUB**

They invite all women in Island Estates and the surrounding areas to join them for monthly luncheons, fundraisers, field trips, and 5 o'clock Somewhere Happy Hour gatherings. You do NOT need to be a resident of Island Estates. Membership is open to Island Estates Residents, as well as to those who used to live here and moved away, or you can be sponsored by a current member. Dues are \$26 a year. Join online at www.islandestateswomensclub.com or print the Membership application from the website and mail it in with your check.

Upcoming events include:

- •5 o'clock Somewhere at Clear Sky on Cleveland: Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 5 to 7 pm.
- •5 o'clock Somewhere right here on the Island: Thursday, September 1st at Island Way Grill from 5 to 7pm.
- First Field Trip: Sip and Stroll in Downtown Clearwater, September 17th
- Monthly Luncheon and Speaker: Alfano's, Tuesday, September 20 – Reservations are required.

Members can register online for events at islandestateswomensclub.com. For information, contact Membership Chairperson, Patti at pattijucha@yahoo.com or President Joan Landreth at joanitiredone@aol.com.

## **CHALKTOBER ART FESTIVAL**

AMPLIFY Clearwater is pleased to announce the Clearwater Chalktober Art Festival is being held on October 15th, 2022 at Pier 60 Park on Clearwater Beach. The event is from 10am-4pm and is open to the public. This artistic celebration offers those of all ages an opportunity to experience top-notch chalk art, live music, local vendors, light eats, craft beer, and refreshments.

During the Clearwater Chalktober Art Festival, each participating business will be partnered with a local or visiting artist who will chalk a masterpiece. Artists will begin their work on Thursday and finalize their pieces on festival day, Saturday. This is a leisurely event designed to attract customers to all participating and nearby businesses all weekend long. Bring a towel or blanket to sit on the grass and soak in the sun, music, and good vibes. Admission is just \$5 per person and includes a bottle of water with your entry.

## **CLEARWATER BEACH LIBRARY EVENTS**

For Families:

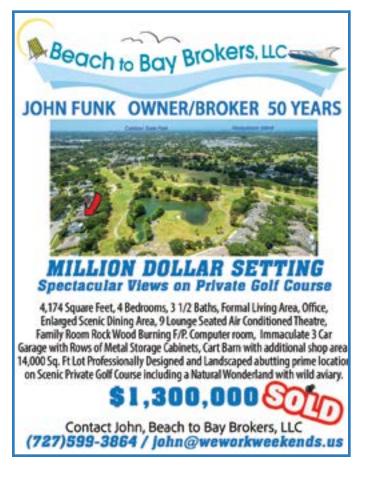
- Sunshine Storytime 11am the third Monday of the Month
- GIANT Sidewalk Coloring Wednesday, October 12, 4-5pm
- Trunk or Treat October 20, 6-8pm in the Beach Library and Recreation Center parking lot at 69 Bay Esplanade. The library and recreation center partner together to pass out candy from decorated vehicles or tables. Volunteers needed.
- 5th Annual Gingerbread Beach Hut Workshop Wednesday, December 14, 4-6pm (Registration Required Online)

## For Adults:

- Mahjong Mondays Most Mondays 2-4pm
- Beach Book Club 4pm the first Wednesday of the month.
- Shell Crafters Second and fourth Tuesdays 11am-1:30pm for October; dates differ in November-December due to holidays
- Marbled Paper Gift Tags Wednesday, November 16, 4-5pm (Registration Required Online)

If you have questions, please come visit the Beach Library! The Beach location's hours are Monday & Tuesday 10am-5pm, Wednesday 1-7pm, and Thursday & Friday 1-5pm.







# The Stars of the LPGA Tour Returning to Belleair for The Pelican Women's Championship

The LPGA Tour's return to the Tampa Bay region for the first time in over 30 years did not disappoint in final-round theatrics and drama at the 2021 Pelican Women's Championship at Pelican Golf Club. Bradenton's Nelly Korda bounced back from a triple-bogey on the par-4 17th to birdie the 18th and final hole in regulation from 21 feet to force a four-way playoff alongside

Lydia Ko, Sei Young Kim and Lexi Thompson. The group returned to play the 18th hole in the playoff, and similar to her final hole of regulation, Korda went on to record her second-consecutive birdie, this time from 23 feet, to capture her fourth LPGA Tour win in 2021.

"I honestly lost hope," said Korda, referring to her triple bogey on 17. "I was like, okay, just try to make a solid par because 18 is a really tough hole. If you have a chance for birdie, then try and go after it. My caddie [Jason McDede] really kept me in the moment and I didn't give up."

In 2022, The Pelican Women's Championship is excited to welcome 108 of the world's top female professional golfers back to Belleair for the tournament's third edition, taking place Nov. 10-13, competing for a share of a \$2 million purse. Tickets are on sale for the 2022 Pelican Women's Championship exclusively online at PelicanLPGA.com. A variety of ticket packages are available, including access to the "Lightning Lounge" a luxury skybox overlooking the tournament's signature par-3 12th, and general admissions tickets that offer a wide degree of entertainment and access.

In honor of Veterans Day on Friday, Nov. 11, military members (active, reserve, retired and veterans) will receive complimentary access to the tournament grounds all week. Children ages 17 and under gain free admittance with a paid adult.



CHAMPIONSHIP

Lexi Thompson

The final full-field regular season event on the LPGA Tour, The Pelican Women's Championship will offer festivities and activities throughout tournament week for

adults and kids of all ages. And if 2021 was any indication, the 2022 Pelican Women's Championship will be the LPGA Tour's must-attend event of the fall. Complete information is available at www.PelicanLPGA.com.

The Pelican Women's Championship recently announced a new multi-year extension with the LPGA Tour to host the championship at Pelican Golf Club through 2025.

"We are excited to extend our partnership with the LPGA Tour in bringing the world's best female professional golfers to Tampa Bay for the Pelican Women's Championship," said Dan Doyle Jr, Pelican Golf Club. "We are committed to providing a best-in-class experience for the players and fans alike, and we are thankful for the tremendous support from the Belleair community in helping to build this new championship as a premier event on the LPGA Tour."



Nelly Korda, 2021 Champion



## **VOTE YES FOR CLEARWATER**



By Frank Hibbard

Clearwater voters have a remarkable opportunity in November to embrace a transformational investment in our downtown that will build on our momentum and benefit all residents for generations.

A referendum on the Nov. 8 ballot asks voters to approve the sale of the vacant City Hall and a portion of the former Harborview site along the downtown bluff to Gotham Property Acquisitions and The DeNunzio Group. The developer will build up to 600 apartments on the City Hall site and a 158-room hotel as well as retail, restaurant, and conference space on the Harborview site. There will be plenty of public spaces and cultural opportunities.

We have been waiting for this moment for more than two decades. Think of Imagine Clearwater, which is transforming Coachman Park into an urban oasis along the waterfront, as Act 1 in our metamorphosis. The redevelopment of these properties adjacent to the park is Act 2. We cannot get to Act 3 and fully realize the potential of our downtown unless we confidently proceed with Act 2.

This development will attract new investment into downtown. It will create good-paying jobs and support local businesses – and that benefits all residents and taxpayers. In the first year, this project will generate nearly \$4 million in property tax revenue.

We have worked hard to ensure this project is a good fit and complements Imagine Clearwater. The properties will be accessible to the public and have family friendly amenities, from restaurants to plazas and green spaces. The two apartment towers on the City Hall site will be perpendicular to the

waterfront, and we will not make the mistake of walling off our beautiful waterfront as other cities have done.

Financially, I am confident our return on our



investment will be significant and benefit every Clearwater resident. This is a \$400 million project, and the developer will pay the city \$24.7 million for the properties. The city will provide roughly \$25.5 million in incentives, including \$22 million in parking revenues for two underground garages with up to 769 spaces.

Our development team has the perfect blend of national and local experience. Gotham Organization of New York has developed 35,000 apartment units and other projects while being led by the same family for five generations. The DeNunzio Group is an established Pinellas developer with grass roots connections to our community.

I entered politics after voters rejected a far different redevelopment plan involving these properties in 2000. There is no more time to waste. We should move forward with this visionary project that will seamlessly blend with Imagine Clearwater and benefit every resident. I urge Clearwater voters to approve the Nov. 8 referendum.

Frank Hibbard is mayor of Clearwater.



## VOTE FOR AMARO LIONHEART

Amaro Lionheart is a Public School Educator, Filmmaker, Professional Wildlife Photographer, and Advocate. He lives in Clearwater and serves the community by teaching at Saint Petersburg High School Pre-AP Chemistry and Marine Science Honors. Amaro believes deeply in service and governance with compassion.

Amaro Lionheart's family history is vast and extensive,

covering the European and American Continents. Amaro is a direct descendant of the Bonaparte Family. Yet, despite his lineage, he is grounded and down to earth. Amaro lives by his family's motto, Praesis ut prosis ne ut imperes, which means Lead to serve, not to rule!

Amaro Lionheart is about action, service, loyalty, and duty to the people with his Florida First policies, putting Floridians' needs above all.

As your State Senator, Amaro Lionheart will be hyper-focused on empowering Florida's economy by working directly with our Federal and Corporate partners to bring an abundance of investments and resources to our communities. Amaro believes that our small businesses are the backbone of Florida's economy; he will ensure that our business leaders have access to resources and tools that are always available to ensure continuous growth and prosperity. Amaro Lionheart's Florida First policies will bring funds and resources to enhance our infrastructure, education, and vital industries such as agriculture, Tourism, Entertainment, Healthcare & Longevity, Finance, Entertainment, and Energy. In addition, Senator Lionheart will bring federal dollars to invest in the economic growth of our communities, small businesses, and startups with incubators and other programs. Please support his campaign at Lionheart2022.com, and he looks forward to serving you and your loved ones in Tallahassee. Vote for Amaro Lionheart for State Senator.

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# **BEAUJOLAIS DAY**November 17, 2022

On the third Thursday of November, Beaujolais Nouveau arrives. It is the first day the French wine is allowed to be sold. Beaujolais Nouveau is made entirely from a specific variety of grapes - a thin-skinned gamay - from two specific districts south of France's Burgundy region. These two regions, called appellations, are the only areas allowed to use the name Beaujolais Nouveau.

Each year, Beaujolais Nouveau is the havest's youngest wine and it is made through a process called carbonic maceration. The process starts when whole Gamay grapes are tossed into a tank and fermented in the grape's skin. The grapes are then crushed, tannins are minimized, while fruit flavors are maximized. The result is a light-bodied, reddish, fruity wine with flavors similar to strawberry or banana.

The Beaujolais Nouveau craze is more marketing than substance and reached its peak in 1985, when the French passed a law prevented Beaujolais Nouveau from being released to the public before midnight on the third Thursday of November. This was an attempt to make the wine appear to be special. Even still, the French have huge celebrations on this day.

The wine is normally not expensive and usually sells between \$10-\$12 per bottle. Beaujolais Nouveau wines are recognized by their colorful labels, usually depicting scenes from parties or festivals celebrating its release throughout that region of France. Lately, due to decrease in demand, wine stores are ordering less and less of the special issue. But it is still a popular wine to serve with Thanksgiving dinner.







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# FLORIDIANS LIVING IN THE MOUNTAINS

By Bob Griffin

We recently bought a second home in Banner Elk, just outside of Boone, North Carolina. We still have our home in Indian Rocks Beach, but we plan to downsize off the beach, soon. Yes, we are one of the thousands of Floridians spending our summers in this beautiful mountain area enjoying the spectacular weather.

We have talked about buying a mountain home for years. During Covid, with our retirement approaching, we bought a camper and traveled Western North Carolina "interviewing" cities we could call home. We visited Boone twice staying in area campgrounds, then and again with friends. As a child, my wife spent summers in Blowing Rock (very near our new home) and has always liked this area. After many false starts, we finally bought our house last winter.

So, what are the differences between living in Boone and Indian Rocks Beach? First, of course is the weather. During August, Florida high temperatures are ALWAYS above 90 degrees, many days are at or above 95. With the humidity, most days have "feels like" temperatures 100 degrees. Boone's high temperatures are usually 15 - 20 degrees cooler. This summer, we ran our air conditioning a few days here and there, for a total of about two weeks, and only when high reached about 85 degrees. Except for July, evening temperatures usually fall into the high 50s. I will admit though, it can get cold. We were surprised by snow twice in April, having left an air-conditioned Florida home.

Living in Florida, hurricanes are always on your mind. We start watching for them by June 1st and many times they surprise us in May. North Carolina weather forecasters only talk about Atlantic storms or those coming up through Florida's Panhandle, once they are a threat. The concerns are different. Florida's hurricane floods comes from storm surge. In the Appalachian Mountains, people worry about rivers and creeks flooding from a storm's rainfall.

After settling in, one of the first things we noticed is that there is live music everywhere – good live music. In Florida, we are used to live music being a one-man band playing some form of Jimmy Buffett music, and even then, it is usually only at an event or in a bar. Here, the average band has four, five, or even more people and they play in parks, wineries, outdoor venues, even on the lawns of restaurants - and it is all FREE. There is no cover-charge, no minimum purchase. Everyone is invited to pack their chairs, a cooler if you wish, your dog, and come enjoy.

The summer food here is all fresh. All summer, fresh fruits and vegetables are available at any one of the many local Farmers Markets, grown by local farmers. As we know, Florida grows little food in the summer and the Farmers Markets are closed due to heat, no produce, and afternoon storms. But, the seafood doesn't compare to Florida since there really is none. If you are looking for fish on a menu, you may occasionally find mountain trout or flounder, but that is about it.

Our backyard wildlife is different, too. We traded watching manatees and dolphins for deer, alligators for bears, herons for hawks and eagles, and seagulls for cardinals and hummingbirds. As newbies, the first month we were here we had a bear climb up on our secondfloor porch to eat out of a bird feeder. Now we know, bring the feeders at dusk. We are enjoying the locally brewed beer and the wineries. Florida primarily produces citrus wine - once is enough of that – but Boone and the surrounding communities have some beautiful wineries with live music to boot (I guess we are partial to music). We are doing our best to discover them all. The breweries are also fun. As a rule, Florida breweries don't serve food, so even though they are plentiful, we rarely went. In the mountains, they all have large menus and live music.

Driving here is VERY different. In Florida traffic, you can drive 45 minutes and still be ten miles from home. Most Florida roads are straight and flat with a traffic light every few blocks. Indian Rocks Beach is only ten feet above sea-level. Florida's highest point, in the middle of the state, is a whopping 325 feet above sea-level. In Boone, we live at 3,000 feet and many roads have elevations above 4,000. These curvy, narrow mountain roads are very dark at night. Instead of worrying about a pedestrian stepping out in front of us, we watch for deer and even bear. We decided months ago to try to be home by sunset; no driving on these spaghetti shaped roads at night for us, at least not yet. Even though we are in North Carolina, half the cars we see have Florida license plates.

Coming into football season, it is different to hear no real focus on NFL Football. Florida has three NFL teams, one a few miles from our home. We are not sure which team most people in Western North Carolina follow. The Charlotte Panther's seem the likely choice, but we have heard many folks follow the Dallas Cowboys or Washington. That



is one thing we won't change – we will still follow the Tampa Bay Buccaneers whenever we can see the games.

Most people in the area follow college football - and basketball of course. This is the home of Appalachian State and so far, their Mountaineers are having a stellar season. You don't want to be downtown during a home game. The first one drew a record 40,000 people.

Tourism is Florida's primary industry. Visitors are everywhere – on the beach, in the restaurants, on the roads. Although we have not experienced that here, they say we will see the same come "Leafer Season" in the fall. While we will not be here in the winter, we live between two large ski resorts. Our understanding is there will be many people visiting to ski, once the snow returns.

North Carolina has no commercial liquor stores; they are all state-owned ABC stores. Florida has a liquor store almost on every corner, and inside the grocery stores. It also has ABC Liquor stores, but they are privately owned. North Carolina prices are significantly higher.

I think a big difference here is the pace of life. Everyone is very friendly and accommodating and takes the time to have conversations. Clerks in the stores stop to chat and we are even on a first name basis with our UPS driver. Don't get me wrong, there many wonder people in Indian Rocks and the surrounding communities, but with the hustle and bustle of crowded Florida, most people just want to get where they are going. You don't have that relaxed feel.

Our plan has always been to return to Florida each November to enjoy the holidays with our grown children and spend the winter there. But, as summer moves towards fall, the thought of going back isn't too exciting. However, I am sure that will change with the first big snow and the beach will be calling our names.



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# DERMACLINIQUE

It is with great excitement we announce that Dr. Priya Nayyar MD has com-pleted the acquisition and assumed ownership of Dr. Kathy L Anderson's dermatology practice located on 510 E Druid Rd. in downtown Clearwater. The two physicians first met in 2019 and in 2021 Dr. Anderson officially joined Dermaclinique and began the transition of her practice over to Dr. Nayyar. Dr. Nayyar is honored for the opportunity to serve the Clearwater community.

Dr. Nayyar, a New York City board certified dermatologist and fellowship trained Mohs and cosmetic surgeon, is the owner and medical director of Dermaclinique, a premier dermatology, cosmetic and skin cancer center. This will be Dermaclinique's second office location, with it's first being in St. Petersburg, Dr. Nayyar is widely regarded as a leading expert in the field of dermatology. She is trained in the treatment and management of high-risk skin cancers as well as advanced dermatologic laser and cosmetic procedures, including hair restoration. She is known for providing the highest level of care to all of her patients, and she takes pride in achieving extraordinary results for both surgical and cosmetic patients.

Dr. Nayyar is thrilled to welcome Dr. Brandon Shutty, DO, to the practice as well. Dr. Shutty is a Harvard trained board certified dermatologist, who specializes in general dermatology, cosmetics and laser procedures. Dr. Shutty has been serving the Clearwater / Palm Harbor community for over 6 years and is accepting new patients at our Clearwater location.

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## CONCERTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL 2022 Second Sundays at 3 p.m.

Oct. 9 — Rebecca Penneys, pianist
Interpreting the artistry of Schubert, Ravel, and Chopin
Nov. 13 — La Lucha Jazz Ensemble
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Dec. 11 — Suncoast Bronze Ringers
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# Community News

## **BELLEAIR GARDEN CLUB**

The start of its 72nd season is Wednesday, October 5, 11:00 am, with a presentation by Linda DiGloria, owner of Glory Bee Farm. The presentation will improve understanding of bee activities and the production of honey and how bees are beneficial to the environment. Ms. DiGloria published a book titled "The Education and Adventures of Gloria, A Honeybee," that will be available for purchase as well as Glory Bee Honey.

Free of charge, the presentation is open to the public and new members, and will be held at the Belleair Garden Club, 903 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Belleair.

Wednesday, October 12th, Glory Bee Farm is offering a private tour of the beehives, garden and fruit trees. Reservations and a \$5 fee are required.

The Belleair Garden Club, a non-profit organization, provides education programs to members and the public in the fields of horticulture, to promote conservation and beautification of public access parks, homes and garden.

Contact the Garden Club at belleairgardenclub.com for further information on these programs.

## **BEACH ART CENTER**

Submitted by Patricia Thomas

Creating pottery has been described as Alchemy – take a bit of clay, add water, give it form, add fire and you end up with something beautiful!

Did you know you can become a Pottery Artist at the Beach Art Center? We currently offer five pottery class sessions a week. Register for the sessions that fit your schedule. It normally takes 3 – 4 sessions to complete your first piece from creation to firing. We currently offer pottery classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings as well as Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

We also offer Open Studio time for current students. Check out our website for the most up to date schedule. Our studio contains the tools, paints and glazes you need. Your teacher will offer instruction suited to your skill level and will fire your work when it is ready. Clay can be purchased from the Beach Art Center, you just need to schedule the time and book your sessions!

Making pottery is often described as therapeutic and relaxing. Come join our little community of potters and leave your stress behind. You can find all details about the classes and registration at www.beachartcenter.org. Find the Beach Art Center at 1515 Bay Palm Blvd, Indian Rocks Beach or call (727) 596-4331.

## MEET THE NEW CLEARWATER BEACH BRANCH LIBRARIAN

My name is Leslie Walbolt and I'm the new librarian branch manager at the Clearwater Beach Library. Born and raised in Jacksonville, I relocated to Pinellas County when my husband transferred to a new job around 8 years ago. He's a Clearwater native and graduated from Clearwater High so the move was a return home for him. I have two boys at Perkins Elementary and we all love living in Pinellas County.

Before coming to the Beach, I worked as a reference librarian at Clearwater's East Community Library, and before that I worked as an attorney for the City of Philadelphia. One of my favorite things is visiting the beach for sunset with my family. I also have a gift for placing too many books on hold and not reading them all. Life is too short to read books that aren't meant for you, especially when there are so many outstanding ones existing in the universe. Libraries are my passion and I look forward to connecting the Beach Library to you!



## DO YOU KNOW HOW TO DRIVE THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT?

Traffic circles, also referred to as roundabouts, increase safety and slow down traffic in residential areas. They help to avoid confusion at a busy intersection while allowing traffic to continually move by eliminating four-way stops. Once you know and understand the traffic circle rules, you'll make your way around them with ease.

Belleair has a small roundabout at Ponce De Leon Boulevard and Indian Rocks Road. While it wasn't always popular during the planning stages, today most people have gotten used to the idea. Clearwater on the other hand has a very large roundabout at the end of the memorial causeway. Navigating that one is a little more challenging.

Here are the rules to navigating a traffic circle:

- Firstly, slow down as you approach the circle and know which exit you want.
- If the circle has pedestrian crossings, watch for people crossing the road BEFORE you enter the roundabout.
- If a car is already in the circle, they have right of way. Yield until you have a large enough gap to safely enter.
- In multi-lane roundabouts, as vehicles exit the roundabout, cautiously merge from the inside lane into the outside lane to exit. Stay in your lane and watch for vehicles with a large turning radius.
- It should be obvious to other drivers where you are going. Use your signal to indicate if you are exiting left or right when you reach your exit. Drivers should yield to cars with the turn signal on. If you don't signal, or signal too late, a driver may assume you are going straight and pull out in front of you.
- If you are not exiting, but continuing straight, stay to the left in the circle so drivers turning right can stay to the right side. Of course, this only applies to circles with more than one lane. If you are not turning, but simply steering around the traffic circle, no signal is necessary.
- Remember that if you miss your exit, normally, you can go around again, but stay in the left lane. In the case of Clearwater's Roundabout, the outside lane is a forced exit.

## CHRISTMAS UNDER THE OAKS

It's Christmas Under the Oaks time again! This year's holiday market rings in an exciting assortment of exhibitors and food trucks. GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club looks forward to hosting hundreds of artists, crafters, and food vendors and welcoming thousands of guests at St. Petersburg College's beautiful outdoor Clearwater campus November 13.

Holiday shoppers looking for special locally made items will be delighted by this year's marketplace of distinctive creative goods, including unique handcrafted pieces, fine crafts, jewelry, holiday decorations, flowers and plants, artisan foods, bath and beauty products and many more treasures.

Socially conscious shoppers will be happy to know that all money raised benefits our local community. Show proceeds are invested in GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club scholarships, grants, and community service projects. Shopping for a cause is feel good shopping at Christmas Under the Oaks!

Be an Exhibitor - apply now, spots are filling up fast. Christmas Under the Oaks is an excellent opportunity for artists and crafters to display a wide variety of crafts, art, and products to shoppers seeking unique gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Apply now as spots are filling up fast.

Learn more and download the application at www.gfwcnpwc.org/events/christmas-under-the-oaks. E-mail questions to oaks@gfwcnpwc.org.



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## PEACE MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES

- October 9, Rebecca Penneys, Pianist Renowned pianist presents a program of classical selections by Schubert, Ravel and Chopin
- November 13, La Lucha Jazz Ensemble, featuring Bryan Hughes, vocalist.
  - One of our area's finest jazz groups presents selections from the Great American Songbook
- December 11, Suncoast Bronze Ringers
   Amazing handbell choir entertains with a program of popular and sacred holiday music.

All concerts are at 3 pm in the sanctuary at 110 S. Ft. Harrison Ave. The season series will continue with more programs Januray through March.

## **TAMPA BAY WATCH**

Evening for the Bay 2022 - Our Blue Planet is November 5 from 6 to 10pm. This is Tampa Bay Watch's annual fundraising gala under the stars on the Marine Center lawn.

Have you ever wondered what makes our Blue Planet the only one in the solar system to sustain life? Explore the element of water, and see how the actions we take locally have a ripple effect across the globe. Our Blue Planet focuses on the concept that water is the element that makes our planet unique.

Guests will enjoy signature cocktails, dinner by Bonefish Grill, live entertainment, auctions, and meet n' greet with Tampa Bay Watch specialists. Wear your finest blue attire.

Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets and tables are available at www.tampabaywatch.org/eftb.

## FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS EVENTS

**Pumpkin Fest 2022:** Saturday, October 22-23, 12-4pm. Enjoy pumpkin carving, a scarecrow contest, a vendor market, crafts, games, and activities. Free admission, free parking. Pumpkins \$10 each. flbgfoundation.org/pumpkinfest.

Hops Night in the Garden: Saturday, November 19 from 6-9 pm. Enjoy local craft beer under the twinkling lights! Be the first to view the enchanting Holiday Lights display, with 1 million LED lights— one week early. Sample 4 oz. pours from a variety of Tampa Bay's finest breweries in the Wedding Garden, live entertainment, purchase food on-site and take home a commemorative tasting glass. Admission: \$60, Members: \$50, Designated Drivers: \$15. Ages 21+ Visit www.flbgfoundation.org/hopsnight to purchase tickets.

Holiday Lights in the Gardens: Friday, November 25, , through Sunday, January 1, 2023, from 5:30-9:30 pm, free to the public, suggested donation \$10. Celebrate the warm glow of the season in the beauty of nature with over one million twinkling LED lights and family-friendly entertainment, synchronized music, and light displays. Beat the crowds come Monday-Thursday. Enjoy free activities for children in the Enchanted Forest from Dec 15 to Dec 31st. Preview the weekly Entertainment Schedule, map of the event, and more at: www. flbgfoundation.org/holidaylights.

**Gift & Plant Sale**: Friday, December 9, 5:30-9:30 pm, and Saturday, December 10, from 10 am -10 pm. Suggested donation: \$5 per person, children 12 and under free. Shop the annual market of over 45 local vendors with an assortment of tropical plants, orchids, herbs, bromeliads, citrus, bamboo, begonias, and fruit trees. Specialty vendors will offer unique clothing, jewelry, garden art, ceramics, doggie treats, honey, body lotions, and candles. The Florida Botanical Gardens Gift Shop will offer exquisite botanically-themed products. View vendors and an event map at flbgfoundation.org/gpsale22.

## A NEW WAY TO LEARN ... A NEW CROP OF SAFE BOATERS Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary Teaching Virtual Boating Safety Classes Via Zoom

This is a reminder that this is a great time to take a boating safety course. This is the time to make sure you're up to date on all the equipment and operating laws as well as the basics of boat handling. There are new laws and requirements effective this year.

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in depth and interesting boating safety course and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate. Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.

## **TOPICS INCLUDE**

- Introduction to Boating Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- Boating Law Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- Safety Equipment Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
- Safe Operation and Navigation Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
- Boating Emergencies Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
- Trailering Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- Sports and Boating Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

Here's the Boat America class schedule for the rest 2022:

- October 22 & 23, Online Boat America 9am 2pm, \$50
- November 19 & 20, Online Boat America 9am 2pm, \$50

Why not act now? Sign up for the class that best fits your schedule at clwboatingsafety.com/boater-class-registration.

These classes are not your standard webinar sessions where the students sit at their computers and are lectured to. And they're not animated cartoon sessions where you have to keep pressing enter to get to the next topic. The classes being offered by the Clearwater Coast Guard Auxiliary are conducted on Zoom with the same instructors the student would have had in the classroom and allows lots of questions and answers. In addition, because the classes are over the Internet, there's no commuting to a classroom – the students can be anywhere in Florida!

The boating safety class is also a requirement for many boaters in Florida. In the Sunshine State, anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988, must successfully complete a boater safety course approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in order to operate any boat powered by more than 10 horsepower, and they are required to carry their boater education card with them when out on the water along with picture ID.

Contact the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Clearwater Flotilla, for boating classes at: www.clwboatingsafety.com or by email at clwtr.auxboating@gmail.com or call 727-469-8895.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is a uniformed civilian volunteer component of the United States Coast Guard created by an Act of Congress in 1939. The Auxiliary, America's Volunteer Guardians, supports the Coast Guard in nearly all of the service's missions.





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# Community News...

## SAND KEY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

They are all about "Creating a Neighborhood of Friends." Residents of the Moorings of Sand Key, Isle of Sand Key and Harborage I & II got the opportunity to enjoy a Food Truck Festival in their very own private community. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy Boss Ross BBQ, St. Pete Taco Lady, and Auntie Anne's Pretzel Truck (just to name a few). The residents enjoyed playing games and plenty of good eats while cozying up to live music, which helped set the mood for the hungry crowd. But it didn't stop there - Many local businesses participated with giveaways for the crowd of festival attendees.

Susie (a resident) said "I am so grateful for the Sand Key Social Committee for bringing us these events to the community. Especially, with what the Country's been through the last few years, the power of laughter and friendship is more precious ťhan ever."

## SEASIDE SEABIRD SANCTUARY

Their Gulfers for Birdies 2nd Annual Foursome Scramble Golf Tournament is October 15th at the Seminole Lake Country Club. 100% of the proceeds go directly to support the Seaside Seabird Sanctuary. The entry fee is \$125 per person and includes: golf fees, SSS swag, box lunch, cart and dinner. 11:30 – 12:45pm: Box lunch and registration

12:45pm: Cart call and announcements

1:00pm: Shotgun start

6:00 pm: Sit down dinner in clubhouse. Prizes, silent auction and raffles will be announced following dinner.

To play or for information, call (727)391-6211 or e-mail christina@seasideseabirdsanctuary.org.

## FRANCIS WILSON PLAYHOUSE

## UNSUNG SONDHEIM Saturday October 8th,

A look at the altered, lost or forgotten songs of the most celebrated musical theatre composer of the late 20th century, Stephen Sondheim (1930-2021). His career spanned over 50 years, inspiring new generations of performers. Featured shows include Company, Into The Woods, Follies, Forum, Anyone Can Whistle, The Mad Show, Pacific Overtures, Assassins, Road Show, Evening Primrose and many more!

## JUDY! JUDY! Saturday November 12th

Judy Garland grew up on stage, performing since the age of 2 and gaining her the title Miss Show Business. From Vaudeville to films to television, Judy had the world's greatest songwriters creating material especially for unique talents. Celebrate her legacy with songs by Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, E.Y. Harburg, Irving Berlin, Ira Gershwin, Hugh Martin, and Ralph Blane.

## THE BEST OF RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN Saturday February 4th, 2023

From the years 1943 to 1959 Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II dominated the world of musicals, changing theater history in the process. Re-live memorable musical moments from hits such as Oklahoma!, Carousel, Allegro, The King & I, South Pacific, Flower Drum Song, Cinderella, State Fair, The Sound of Music and many more.

TURN OF THE CENTURY Saturday March 11th, 2023

A musical celebration of the Gilded Age (1890 - 1920) featuring songs from Broadway, Vaudeville and Operetta. Sing along to the lilting melodies of Jerome Kern, Victor Herbert, Rudolf Friml, Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan and more! From Hello, My Baby to Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life to Give My Regards To Broadway.

The Francis Wilson Playhouse is located at 302 Seminole St, in Clearwater. Box Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 10:30 – 5:00pm. E-mail BoxOffice@FrancisWilsonPlayhouse.org or visit franciswilsonplayhouse.org.







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