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Ganz added that "There is always a no-build option." Said Drosky, "This new PD&E study is on our doorstep NOW. It is surprising that this two-year project is being put ahead of the COAT PD&E Study for which they are just now in the process of getting bids for a contractor [to conduct the study]. That project is probably one to two years out.

went into the COAT meetings, we weren't informed the overlap portion — from the Turnpike to Powerline Road — was going to be in a new PD&E study. We thought it was going to be part of one study for the entire corridor!

"It's very suspect that this meeting for the portion of the project affecting Deerfield Beach residents was held out in Coral Springs,

which is not convenient for our residents. (Drosky, who is also involved in the West Deerfield Alliance, said he sent notification to all of the members.)

Resident Denise Bugner said she had just attended the Tuesday, Nov. 15 Public Kick-off Meeting regarding Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869) Widening PD&E study. Four-page public comment forms were made available to residents at the District 4 meeting, with comments due back to Abra Horne, Project Manager for FDOT's Flori-

da's Turnpike Enterprise, by Nov. 28.

Code Enforcement

Ganz said that snipe signs — e.g., "We buy houses cheap" — are a big pet peeve of his, as they really deteriorate the overall look of the city.

Code Compliance Supervisor Pita said snipe signs are a growing problem. "On Saturday, someone from Code Compliance comes out to pick up snipe signs. A Monday task force starts in the west and heads east, picking up 50 to 66 signs.

This means that on Sunday [the people with the signs] are coming out."

Pita said that in Fiscal Year 2015-16, Code Compliance picked up 3,179 of these signs.

So far in the new 2016-17 Fiscal Year, which began Oct. 1, Code Compliance has picked up 977 signs, he said.

New Businesses

Newly-opened Orchard Supply Hardware on S. Federal Highway is looking to open a western location where Sports Authority used to be in the Deerfield Mall

(at Hillsboro Boulevard and Powerline Road).

Deerfield Mall just sold for \$94 million to Weingarten's [which develops shopping centers], said Ganz. He said he believes another pet store will be coming in there. A PDQ Chicken is slated for the Super Target Shopping Center. Across from Quiet Waters, the new Kosher Market is about to open.

"We are still trying to work with FDOT to put in a turn signal by ALDI'S," added Ganz.

Orchard Supply

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They sell pipe by the foot, not 10 ft. or so at a time. They also have plenty of paint, specializing in Benjamin Moore paint. They have a color specialist

and can do color matching. As you walk into the nursery, you hear birds chirping, a sound they pump in. Here, they have everything from potting soil and

pots to a wide array of plants. They offer free potting services and will top your plant off and replant it for free. Everything is locally grown. They also have Laura Ashley gloves, shoes and hats.

Check out their variety of unique Christmas décor. They

have Pinesy trees, which look like a mini Christmas tree, but are actually a rosemary plant. They have Chanukah stuff too.

Orchard has patio furniture year-round and an assortment of grills and smokers, including some unique types not found in this area.

Store Manager Samella Goch said, "I am excited about this location. The store represents

what we have in California. We went to California for two months of training. This store represents [what we have there]."

She added that in California 51 percent of their customers are women.

The company has a Neighbors Helping Neighbors program. They like to go into the community and give "sweat

equity" to help out. They have already done beach cleanups in Ft. Lauderdale and plan to do some here. They are already partnering with local schools on some of their projects.

Orchard is located at 340 S. Federal Hwy. in Deerfield Beach. For more information, visit www.osh.com.

Nautical Views

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Hogfish north of the area will be managed as Gulf hogfish and those that are south and around the tip to the east coast will be Atlantic

hogfish. The hogfish is native to the western Atlantic Ocean and can be found as far north as Canada and as far south as

South America. For more information on these regulations and others, visit www.MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Recreational Regulations" and "Hogfish" for more.

Thanksgiving

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Since 2009, Gateway has been the weekly recipient of deliveries from Project Lifeline, through Jim Moran

Foundation and the United Way. "This week we received cantaloupe, yucca, fresh pine-

apple, apples and green beans for the clients. Every week it's different. Sometimes chicken, mac and cheese, even ice cream!" said Gateway staff member Denise Chavez.

This was Amy's first time at the Thanksgiving Outreach. "It's a good help. I wasn't going to be able to do Thanksgiving without this. It's God's will coming through," she said with a smile.

Gateway wishes to thank area businesses that assisted this year with the Thanksgiving Special Touch: Crossfit Deerfield Beach, Staples — Deerfield Beach Corporate office, Astronics Corporation, CSPI Technology Solutions, South Tech Academy, Channel 5 — West Palm Beach, Deerfield Beach High School, Advanced Public Safety, Roig Lawyers and Lucky's Market-Coral Springs.

Gateway's mission is to prevent homelessness and feed the community. For more information, go to <http://gcoflorida.org> or call 954-725-8434.

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Gateway Community Outreach Christmas Special Touch

Gateway Community Outreach is striving to combine efforts with the community to provide essential assistance through our program.

We would like to invite you to donate toys or gift cards for children and food for families of our communities.

We are looking to provide toys for children (ages 17 and under).

We ask that the gift cards & unwrapped toys be scheduled to be picked up or delivered to our Main Office at:

Gateway Community Outreach
291 S. E. 1st Terrace
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

The toys, gift cards and food will be needed by December 14, 2016 no later than December 16, 2016.

Thank you

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