

HAPPENINGS

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Garden Club of Lighthouse Point Meeting & Presentation

Thursday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lighthouse Point Yacht Club
2701 NE 42 St.

Lighthouse Point, FL 33064

Speaker will be Jason Liechty, Senior Environmental Coordinator Broward County Planning & Community Resilience Division. Presentation will be "Rising to the Challenge of Our Rising Seas." This meeting is open and free to the public. *For more information, email Caroline Steffen at c.caroline.steffen@aol.com or visit The Garden Club of Lighthouse Point at www.lhpgc.org.*

Worth The Drive:

Art Basel

Thursday, Dec. 6 through Sunday, Dec. 9

Miami Beach Convention Center

1901 Convention Center Dr.

Miami Beach, FL 33139

In their American show, leading galleries from North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia and Africa show significant work from the masters of modern and contemporary art, as well as the new generation of emerging stars. Paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs, films and edition works of the highest quality are on display in the main exhibition hall. Public Days: Thursday, Dec. 6, 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, Dec. 7 & 8, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 9, 12 noon to 6 p.m. www.artbasel.com.

Deerfield Women's Club travels

• Friday & Saturday, Jan. 11 & 12

Overnight stay in St. Augustine and Jacksonville. Alhambra Dinner Theatre and historic St. Augustine plus second day dinner at Hurricane Pattie's on the water before going home. Cost is \$253.

• Friday & Saturday, Feb. 22 & 23

Overnight in Ft. Myers. Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre to see "Guys and Dolls." Shopping and lunch on the beach at Parrot Key. Cost is \$183 all inclusive.

There is limited seating still available for all trips. For more information, or if you would like to go on these trips, contact Sally Brinkworth at 954-427-2175.

Gateway

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Gateway Founder and CEO Carol Ray, who started Gateway with a single can of corn in April 1995, said Gateway Community Outreach would be able to feed 998 people for Thanksgiving — including turkey baskets given during Gateway's Thanksgiving Special Touch held at Gateway's main building at 291 SE 1 Terr. in Deerfield Beach on Nov. 20 and 21. *(For more information on Gateway, call 954-725-8434 or visit www.gcoflorida.org.)*

"Gateway supplied our partners — International Haitian Eben-Ezer Baptist Church, Worldwide Christian Center, Worship in the Now and Deerfield Beach Housing Authority — with turkeys, turkey breasts and turkey baskets," Ray said.

Asked about \$10,000 which the City of Deerfield Beach just allocated to Gateway in its new Fiscal Year 2019 budget (at the request of Mayor Bill Ganz), Ray said Ganz asked in an earlier conversation how much they were previously receiving from the city. At that time, it was nothing. He originally tried to get them \$25,000, which was later approved

by the city commission for \$10,000 in the final budget.

"I have to hand it to him!" said Ray. "We are happy for any donation. We filled out all the paperwork..."

Asked when they might receive the city's contribution, Ray said, "December!" — just in time for Angel Tree (on Monday, Dec. 17) and a Christmas Toy & Food Distribution (on Tuesday, Dec. 18), which Gateway hosts every year.

Ray and Chavez were thankful for volunteers helping with the Thanksgiving Outreach — "Weatherby Healthcare with over 30 employees, members of Deerfield Beach Women's Club, members of Kiwanis Club of Deerfield Beach and individuals from our community." *(See more pics, pg. 7)*

Companies and schools that donated for Thanksgiving Special Touch: Astronics Corporation, BrandStar, Cintas, CMBCC Marketing, Corporate Capital Direct Cosmetic Solutions, LLC, Crossfit of Deerfield Beach, CSPI Technology Solutions, Deerfield Beach Elementary, Deerfield Beach High School, Florida Power

& Light, Javita Inc., Kamm Consulting, Inc., Kiwanis Club of Deerfield Beach, Mack Mack & Waltz Insurance Group, Pany Trust LLC., Ridgeline Medical Inc., Roig Lawyers, Staples Corporate Center, The Learning Experience, The Renfrew Center and TJ Maxx (numerous stores in Broward and Palm Beach counties).

Weatherby volunteers

John Humphreys, from the Advanced Practice Team at Weatherby, said that while it was their first time volunteering at Gateway, Weatherby employees participate in a volunteer event about every four to six months. [Their office is located near Imperial Point Hospital, off Cypress Creek Boulevard in Ft. Lauderdale.]

"Last time, we went to a church [Unity in Ft. Lauderdale, off Commercial Boulevard] with a concept like this for the homeless. We served them a hot meal, passed out blankets and clothing."

Humphreys explained that the mission of his healthcare staffing company is to place Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants at hospitals all over the United States.

CRA

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Staff asked that Carlson explore this and other roof options at different price points for the Board to consider.

Carlson is one of the city's approved consultants. Therefore, the work authorization for the project does not require a competitive bid process, according to background materials.

On August 29, the CRA Board first directed CRA staff to look into the feasibility of providing extra shade and weather protection on the pier observation deck.

Façade improvements

In other Nov. 13 business, CRA Director Mory brought forward a resolution to streamline the Commercial Façade Grant Program — which is offered by the CRA to encourage local business owners within the CRA district to fix up/update the exterior of their buildings.

Fifty percent matching funds up to \$100,000 are available on a first come, first served basis on commercial-zoned property within the district [which runs essentially from Hillsboro Boulevard and Federal Highway to the beach]. Upgrades include paint, windows and doors, signage, roofs, landscaping and lighting.

Mory explained that previously she has had to come before the CRA twice for approvals on the same property, once for project approval and a second time to approve an amount ranging from \$200 to \$550 to cover dock stamps imposed by Broward County.

"I'd like to make a provision to have the dock stamps deducted from the grant up front," she said, before the item was approved by the CRA Board.

The last amendment to the Commercial Façade Grant

Program was approved on June 13, 2017, allowing previously-awarded properties to reapply for the program.

FY 2019 Meetings

The new 2019 Fiscal Year began Oct. 1, 2018. Upcoming meetings include the following:

- Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Monday, March 11, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 9, 2019,* 7 p.m. (Optional meeting held at CRA Board discretion.)
- Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019, 7 p.m.

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Commissioners had questions for DiPaolo and for Bond Counsel JoLinda Herring, who was representing the Florida League of Cities, the agency that would assist with the Bond financing and other specifics. DiPaolo noted that the Florida League of Cities had been assisting cities and municipalities with such bonds since 1998 and would be helping Lighthouse Point with the process this time around. Commissioners unanimously approved the resolution related to the General Obligation Bond with an amendment suggested by some of the commissioners related to the financing.

Public Works Director Chuck Schramm asked for commission approval for a resolution awarding the bid and approving an agreement for NE 53 Court Drainage Waterway Debris and Sediment Removal. Schramm noted that the resolution was one worked out with the City of Lighthouse Point and the City of Deerfield Beach. Schramm noted that the city would get reimbursed for 75 percent of the work, and the

remaining amount would be split between the two cities. The resolution was approved unanimously.

At the end of the meeting, residents asked the commission to consider improvements on the city's main field and to install a batting cage there so that youngsters could have more access to baseball in the spring. Residents noted that many youngsters wanted to play baseball over the Thanksgiving holiday but that the city basically had one field which was wanted for many functions every day. Residents also said that the dugout roof needed repairs. They noted that they would like to have more property and more fields for the residents to use, but said they knew that the city had limited options as far as land was concerned. Recreation Director Becky Lysengen commented that the batting cage had been ordered but there were complications in getting it installed. She said that she and staff were working on getting the cage installed and that it would be done in the future. Commissioners also asked that some

of the other issues raised by residents be addressed.

Commission Vice President Earl Maucker also asked that Lighthouse Point resident Jim Acheson, who had done so much work in the community, be recognized at a future commission meeting. Maucker said that Fire Chief Shawn Gilmartin had recognized Acheson recently but it was unofficial. Mayor Glenn Troast asked Maucker to check in with Acheson and see if he wanted to be recognized in a more formal way. Maucker said he would follow up with Acheson.

Troast spoke about some of the upcoming activities coming up within the city, including the annual holiday celebration, **Lighthouse A' Glow, on Dec. 5**, in which community and civic groups participated, as well as Santa and Mrs. Claus. Since the celebration was taking place on the third night of the Jewish holiday Hanukkah, Troast also noted Rabbi Tzvi Dechter of Chabad of Lighthouse Point also would be there to take part in the festivities, and help with the lighting of the Menorah.

The next meeting and final meeting for 2018 will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Bucks

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"We told them after the game that we want to set the bar at the highest of the high and be state champion," Glenn added. "We will let the kids that come after them follow. We are going to live in the moment. We're peaking at the right time.

Obviously we've got a

ways to go, but we're playing really good football right now both sides of the ball."

Glenn said he knows what to expect from the Explorers, who entered the game having outscored the opposition, 456-154. They were on a six-game winning streak last year before they

were upset by Miami High in the regional finals.

Deerfield Beach, on the other hand, has outscored its opponents, 399-125, and are riding a six-game winning streak.

"I know that (Miami) Columbus is a very disciplined, well-coached team," Glenn said. "They have a lot of great athletes and it is going to be a battle of two good football teams."