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Celia and Joe Alvarez are great friends of ours who live in Hillcrest 21. Celia sent me some info that many Hillcresters would really enjoy. See page 15 for details. Celia wrote: "There is a free service offered by Broward Public Library to anyone with a library card called Hoopla. I use it and cast from my phone to my TV movies and TV shows. They also offer books and audiobooks on the website. The video content is like what you find on Netflix or Hulu. You are only allowed eight downloads a month so both Joe and I have accounts. Please feel to share this information. Celia"

I rarely followed politics much although now it is impossible not to – this is one of the most scrutinized administrations in American History. I even think that things like Tom Price got fired for were prevalent in previous administrations but no one was looking that hard.

Before the election, I saw the humor in everything; some of the jokes were very clever. "If Trump wins it will be the first time in history that a white Billionaire moves into public housing vacated by a black man" ... or... "It's about time we had a first lady from Stepford." (I made that one up) and "The White House called CBS and wants 'The Amazing Race' to be about white people." It was funny because I did not think Trump could win the election. Turns out he was right



to "love the poorly educated". Apparently white males who did not go to college pack a punch if you don't count the popular vote. However, no matter who won, I believe in supporting our president. I still won't forgive the Dixie Chicks for disrespecting Bush at a concert in England.

When Trump won, my first thought was that this isn't such a bad thing; Trump was so rich, money would not be an issue. I believed his legacy in history would be his focus and he would abandon the offensive rhetoric that got him elected in an America that has become one big Jerry Springer show.

Side note: When my daughter was young, she was not allowed to watch Jerry Springer because I was hoping if she ever saw those people in real life, she would be appalled instead of amused. Sometimes familiarity breeds acceptance instead of contempt. Kind of like the first time I saw the Rodney King video and got sick to my stomach. After about 20 viewings, it didn't bother me anymore. Sometimes familiarity can breed apathy instead of outrage. That is what is happening now.

Bad behavior has always been around but it dropped off the grid for a while not because it was unacceptable but because it was too easily exposed in this age of cameras everywhere and "shame" was still a deterrent. Not anymore.

Hateful people and the fires of racism, bigotry, sexism have found their voice and his is a powerful one. Although he did not build a wall and make Mexico pay for it, he has built several "walls" and we are all paying for it. Hate has taken such a foothold in America that the word itself is the new cover of news magazines and a recurring topic for shows like 20/20. "Make America Hate Again" is a sad commentary on the current mood of Americans.

Now it seems it is OK for people to hate out loud. Twitter is the new graffiti. Creepy

people no longer have to hide their true feelings and views. They can publicly announce what they used to only whisper to their cohorts. They are out there in the open and when sanity returns, we will remember. And hopefully, when that happens, we have a leader who is deserving of our support and will sweep away the debris of white supremacists and their ilk. Bottom line – this country need a giant douche. And I don't mean the one we have now.

Einstein said, "The world will not be destroyed by people who do evil but by those who watch them without doing anything." A lot of people are pushing back but there are still too many who won't cross the party line. It is good to read that many are losing their bid for re-election to those who have the integrity to think for themselves.

Make no mistake, we have plenty of hate right here in Hillcrest. When people make something a cause that has no goal but hurting someone else, that is hate. I hear too many stories about associations driving residents out of their building using selective enforcement or using building money to fulfill personal vendettas.

How do people get like this? What's in it for them and how do they get other people to go along with them? My guess would be that hate is a lonely pursuit. Recruitment is necessary to make a real impact. We have seen hate reach its highest level in places like Orlando, Charlottesville, the Philippines, Venezuela, Barcelona to name a few. It starts with one or two people who find other lonely, unhappy people and give them a false sense of importance; a "cause". The cause may be different but the result is the same. And now with Las Vegas we may have hate without a cause. But I can guarantee you that hate created the purpose. (**Purpose** is the reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists while Reason is a **cause**, explanation or justification for an action or event.)

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After the Paris terrorist attack, Inside Hillcrest printed the words of a man who lost his wife, the mother of his small son in that attack. His words stand true of anyone who has been a victim of hate: **“... replying to hatred with anger would be giving in to the same ignorance which made you into what you are.**

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Inside Hillcrest has done a pretty good job of putting together a group of like-minded professionals to help our elderly. Recently we helped a couple of other residents who were in domestic situations that were not healthy. We found this out when a building property manager and a building president each called Inside Hillcrest for help. Inside Hillcrest contacted our Neighborhood Police Liaison, Officer Tomas Hernandez and found out the contact persons to call in these situations; either the **Hollywood Police Station at 954-967-4357 and ask for a Domestic Detective or call a Victim Advocate at 954-967-4411.**

I can tell you that these types of efforts are part of what makes me enjoy life! Doing work that I love and going out of my way to make others laugh – and when possible, helping people – makes for a good life and I am grateful that I have been blessed with the energy and willingness to do what I do. Inside Hillcrest has done a wonderful job of putting together a group of like-minded professionals to help our elderly. I hope you all have clipped and saved **Page 19** should one of our elderly residents need a helping hand. Now we are going to try and do something for the children in Hillcrest.

If you are a retired teacher, counselor or even a success as a parent, we need you. We are trying to put together a program for kids that addresses social skills; communication, conflict resolution, anger management, self-esteem, generosity – all the skills that can help make them happy, productive adults. We currently have over 200 children under the age of 15 living in Hillcrest and we are expecting a lot more when Parkview at Hillcrest is completed.

Between the Championship Academy and Orangebrook Elementary we have over 1000 youngsters going to school in our neighborhood. We want to create an interactive program that is unique in that it will address the skills needed to prevent the hostile behavior that has scarred our society. We want to teach our youth how to seek understanding to bring people together and how to disagree without being disagreeable. We are hoping this knowledge and practice will instill such a strong sense of self, that we will help groom future leaders. One small step...

Please call us at **954-964-2559** or email **inside.hillcrest@comcast.net** so we can get together and figure out how to become part of a positive force for all our futures.

**A SIMPLER TIME**

Anyone out there know who Garrison Keillor is? I haven't read anything by him in a long time and when the Sun-Sentinel printed a current article he wrote, it brought tears to my eyes. I must be getting up there in years. For the first time in my life, I felt a “longing for a simpler time.” See page17.

Lastly, every so often stories get left out of Inside Hillcrest due to space issues. I came across one that were supposed to go into the August 2017 issue. See page 16.





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## Inside Hillcrest's 'We couldn't have said it better' department: When to cut the financial cord on your kids

by Naomi Mannino • Bankrate.com



You or someone you know probably has an adult child living at home. According to Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, the number of young adults living at home rose to 36 percent in 2012. This begs the question for parents who think kids should live their own lives at some point: When should you cut the financial cord?

### Start early

Children should begin earning for themselves at an early age by contributing to household chores and taking on extra tasks to earn cash, says family finance expert Ellie Kay. Make sure children understand their responsibilities, and contributions will increase as they get older.

"If you set a precedent that you will just hand over cash every time kids ask, the problem can exacerbate as adult financial responsibilities and mistakes take over," she says.

David Bakke, a personal finance reporter, says his parents gave him the rule that if he wanted to buy something, he had to earn the money to pay for it. Today, he says it's "one of the best things my parents did for me."

This system also applied to Andrew Schrage, one of Bakke's reporting colleagues. Schrage's parents made him save up for a car as a teen. "Although, they did sell me one of their old cars at a significantly reduced rate and (paid) for my auto insurance into my late teens," he says.



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Kay agrees that if a teen wants to drive, he or she should pay for his or her own car. She also thinks teens should be required to pay for a portion of their auto insurance, so they appreciate what it costs.

### The entitlement generation

Entitlement is especially prevalent in kids today who did not earn their own way in and have no idea what items cost, Kay says.

"As parents, we owe our children food, clothing, health care and shelter, not fun with friends, designer clothing, cellphones with data plans, a car or a party-school college experience," Kay says. "If kids want those things, they need to earn it for themselves. Otherwise, they feel entitled instead of appreciative."

She emphasizes that when kids work for things, they value them more. And this includes a college education.

Students who choose to work a moderate amount toward their college expenses often do better academically, according to the nonprofit College Board. Eighty-five percent of first-time, full-time undergraduate college students received some type of financial aid from academic years 2006-07 to 2010-11, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.





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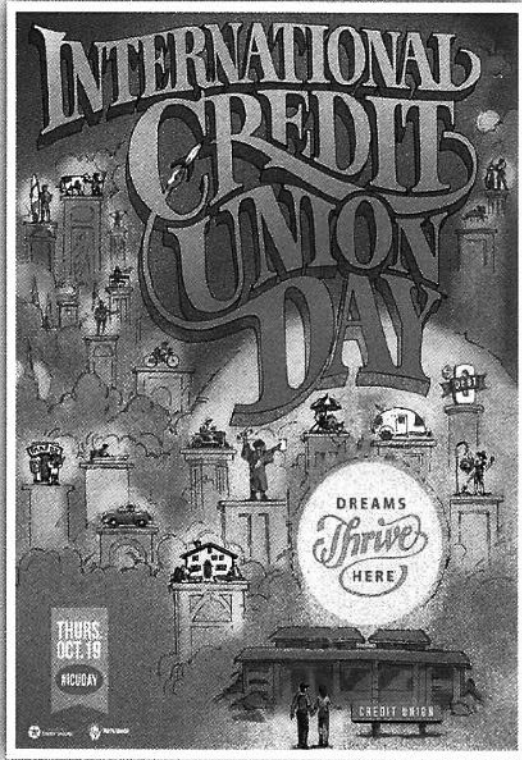
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# Jaws podiatry Unveils Installation by Artist Jonathan Aizenstat



Artist Jonathan Aizenstat

Over 150 people gathered over the weekend of August 26 at JAWS Podiatry’s new office at 3700 Washington, Ste. The event was for the unveiling of Under the Sea with Don Yoni, an art installation by local artist Jonathan Aizenstat (b. 1983, Bolivia) that transformed an examination room into space where patients feel immersed in a new world and no longer have to be afraid of the doctor visit.

The concept was initially conceived by co-founder/chief strategist, Jeffrey Shub, M.D. after recognizing the burnout problem in the healthcare industry. “Doctor’s offices today suffer from a lot of sameness; they usually feel sterile, stuffy and boring” says Shub. “We’re breaking the mold.”



From left to right: Dr. Abraham Wagner, artist Jonathan Aizenstat, Adrian Aizenstat, Dr. Jeff Shub, Mayor Levy (below)

As part of their commitment to infuse creativity and fun into the workplace, JAWS commission Aizenstat, also known as Don Yoni from his children books series, to take over a room. Aizenstat, who lives with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex – a rare condition affecting multiple organs including the brain, is also accompanied by epilepsy. He tapped into his medical

challenges and experiences to help other people. Under the Sea with Do Yoni is a “metaphor for hope, healing, mindfulness and love”, declared Aizenstat in his address to the crowd during the event.

The installation process took 62 days of which 48 hours were spent onsite; a grueling challenge for someone unfamiliar with the organizational and technical demands of site-specific installations. Aizenstat created the marine species and a variety of coral reef using watercolor.

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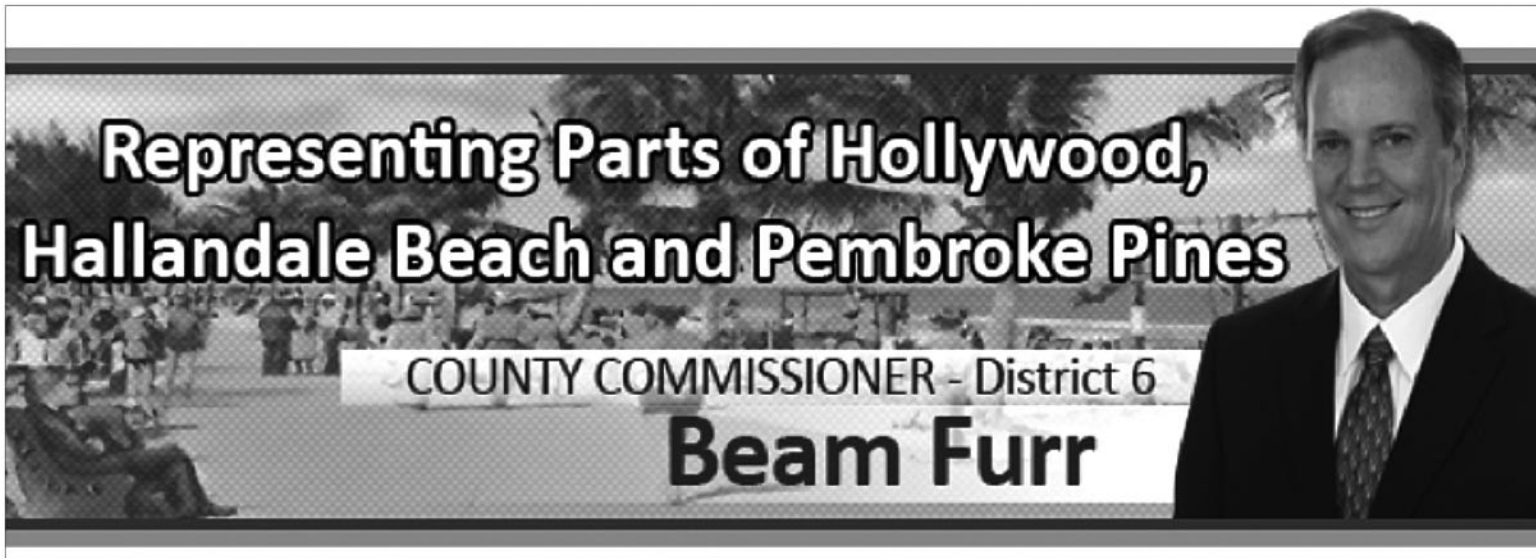
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Following a review by the professional advisory committee, the drawings were transferred to a specialty paper to the wall covering. Over 140 images were precision cut and adhered to a hand-painted mural.

The result? A museum quality installation whose impact exceeded expectations. Hollywood Mayor Josh Levy was there for the unveiling saying, “On behalf of the Hollywood City Commission, it is a pleasure for me to convey our congratulations. We applaud your dedication in improving the lives of the patients you assist in the City of Hollywood and throughout Broward County.”

The event raised awareness for neurological diseases through art. It included a live artist demonstration, a book signing and stimulated lively conversation. All proceeds from book sales were donated to the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance to help connect families and find a cure for TSC.





Greetings Hillcrest Residents,

In South Florida, we know there is always a risk of hurricanes blowing ashore. Despite the blessings of our tropical paradise, the hard reality of these storms is on the minds of every single resident in every single year during hurricane season. But even with this awareness, a hurricane will never be easy. And Hurricane Irma was a particularly difficult and devastating storm. We are very lucky that it was not worse. But Broward County still saw damage and destruction from the winds and rain of Irma. This storm was strong. But we were stronger.

In addition to the serious damage to property and infrastructure, Irma also brought heartbreaking tragedy. Twelve patients of the Hollywood Hills Rehabilitation Center passed away in the aftermath of the storm. This is a very painful moment for our community. The investigation is still ongoing, but let me make it very clear: we will take all steps possible to ensure something like this never happens again.

At the city, county, and state level, I am working with every available partner to address how we handle the aftermath of the storm and make sure our residents are safe and cared for after the wind stops blowing. This includes submitting legislative priorities to the state which require the preparation at least 96 hours of back-up supplies for all nursing homes prior to the storm, and moving nursing home facilities onto Tier One classification as critical infrastructure for FPL repairs.

The twelve patients who passed away were loved by their families and friends. I knew one of these residents personally. She was a friend who I was very proud to help many times while serving as Hollywood city commissioner. Her wonderful spirit was emblematic of the great people who passed away. The residents we lost will be deeply missed. May they rest in peace.

This storm was terrifying and tragic. But in the face of Irma, the very best of Broward County was on display. Whether it was employees coming together to respond to the storm, businesses and organizations working extra hours to make sure that needs were met, or simply neighbors who took the time to help each other out, the good-hearted spirit of our county was stronger than ever.

So many people were involved in the preparation, operation, and recovery effort that it is impossible to thank everyone. Our Emergency Operations and Response teams worked around the clock to make sure that everyone was prepared and safe. I spent a lot of time at the Emergency Operations Center during the storm, and I was incredibly impressed by the professional, calm manner in which staff handled this storm. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who dedicated their time working in a shelter, especially our dedicated shelter managers who spent hours and days away from their homes and families in order to help others.

During and after the storm, law enforcement and first responders rushed into dangerous areas to save lives and properties. Utilities and public works employees worked around the clock to restore access to power, water, and roads that got our county up and running again. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to all those who spent hours working to make sure residents were safe and recovering. On behalf of all of us at the County Commission, we appreciate every bit of your hard work.

But it is not just official employees who deserve a thank you. Residents in neighborhoods across the county spent hours volunteering their time to assist and secure their community. Before the storm, I witnessed countless examples of everyday heroism, whether it was neighbors helping each other board up shutters, or local families assisting residents who did not have any help in securing their homes and evacuating. These scenes were not just essential. They were inspiring. They served as proof that when we join together and lift each other up, we can beat back any challenge. At areas throughout Broward County and District Six hundreds of volunteers showed up to help distribute food and water to residents still out of power at staging locations. Large teams of excited volunteers from every background worked hours throughout Hollywood, Hallandale Beach, and Pembroke Pines to help clear roads, pass out supplies, and move residents back into their homes. This personified the hope we can generate when people give their time and work together.

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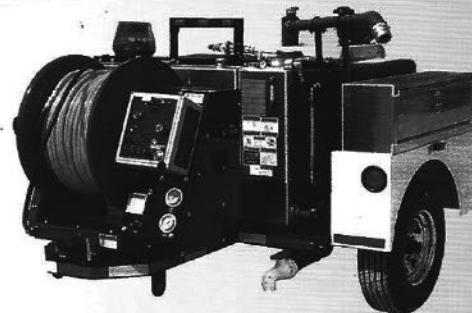
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In addition to the steps designed to protect nursing home facilities, we will be holding robust discussions about how to better prepare our infrastructure to handle a powerful hurricane. This includes taking stock of supply distribution and making a clearer plan for repairing traffic signals and restoring roads as soon as possible. It also means working with local municipalities to gain feedback and cultivate better coordination in the future. We are looking to add more shelter space and improve our debris removal for the next storm. There is always more we can do to improve. We want to hear your feedback, so please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. I will be taking the needs of residents like you into account with every decision we make.

In the meantime, it is a good idea to evaluate your hurricane preparedness guide and restock your supplies. My office is always available to assist you. No matter how ready we are, the next storm will be scary. But Broward County will once again come out stronger than ever. The very best of Broward will always be stronger than any hurricane can be.



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As part of our regular follow up with clients, we found out that two of our past buyers had neglected to file for Homestead Exemption. We contacted them and showed them how easy it was to file; both have saved hundreds of dollars each year ever since.

Friday, September 22nd we attended the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce breakfast at which Marty Kiar, the current Broward County Property Appraiser was the speaker. If you all remember, IH encouraged you all to vote for him and we were right. He has done an

excellent job AND he is a great guy. He informed us that the deadline to apply for exemptions was THAT DAY! It had been extended from September 18 because of the hurricane.

We sent out notices to everyone on all our email lists. THREE people who had not previously filed, did so that day. If you are a full-time resident, a citizen or permanent resident, have lived in (not rented out) your property since January 1st of this year and you are not homesteaded for another property in any other state, you need to make sure you are getting all the exemptions you are entitled to. There are extra exemptions for low-income seniors, widow/widowers, disabled/blind, military/veterans and first responders/surviving spouses. If you are not sure if you qualify, contact Marty at [www.bcpa.net](http://www.bcpa.net) or call him at 954-357-6830.

Marty's mission is to make sure that everyone who is qualified to save money on their taxes through exemptions, take advantage of it. His mission is that every citizen pays their fair share of taxes.

Of course, this also means that his office vigorously pursues those who do not pay their fair share and defraud the system by taking exemptions they are not entitled to.

DO NOT claim homestead exemption if you do not qualify. I had a client who homesteaded her condo here in Hillcrest and her home in Connecticut. When she went to sell her original 1/1 during the bust for 50K, she was fined \$27,000.00! Not only will you be required to repay your back taxes but there is a 50% penalty!

  
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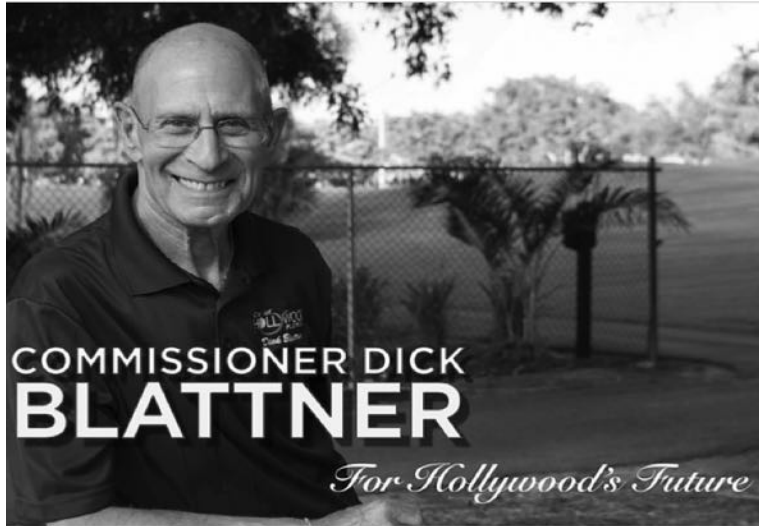
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# OCTOBER REPORT

by Commissioner Dick Blattner



I don't know about you, but September seemed like a very long month. Everyone is anxious to know the status of the post-Irma cleanup, so here is a summary.

- Broward cities had price-set contracts in place for debris removal, which were approved by FEMA. That's important because FEMA is the reimbursement agency. Miami-Dade did not have contract pricing and, consequently, many waste haulers went down there for the higher rates.
- Broward County has followed procedure to be able to pay higher rates, but the state is moving at a turtle-like pace in expediting our request to Washington.
- In the meantime, the City of Hollywood has taken the risk of raising rates, but now there are more than 35 trucks picking up waste with more coming on board.
- We estimate there is more than **300,000 tons of debris!**
- Our removal costs are now projected to be **\$20 million.**

**Commission Business.** Busy month for meetings, but important stuff

**Street renaming.** Lee, Forrest, and Hood streets will be renamed but the replacement names have not yet been selected. A workshop is scheduled for October 18 (probably at 10:00 am) where options will be discussed. The new names will then be presented to the Commission, formally, for a vote.

**Ratified** a vacation rental ordinance that requires a \$500 registration fee, an inspection fee and a renewal fee. Interesting dynamic: realtors were vehemently opposed but residents strongly supported the measure. We are trying to bring short-term rentals under control to protect the sanctity of single family neighborhoods.

**Passed** an ordinance prohibiting the use of polystyrene containers on public property.

**Budget Update:** Two public hearings on the proposed 2018 budget were held. The Wednesday meeting ended at about 11:30 pm. The budget was approved. Some highlights:

- For the seventh year, the millage rate will be 7.4479. That does not mean your taxes won't go up. That depends on the value of your property as well as what other taxing districts (school board, hospital, water Children's Service Council. Broward County) are charging. Taxes from the city of Hollywood account for just 36% of your total tax bill.

- 50% of the City millage rate goes to pensions.
- For the first time in years, we have a nice-sized Capital Improvement Budget, nearly \$8 million for 2018.
- We restored 25 positions that had been frozen including 17 in Public Safety and Code Compliance.

**Unfunded Capital Projects:**

This is important and interesting. There is a staff-generated list of unfunded projects totally over \$40 million. Trust me on this: *many of these items are what you have been asking about!* The total wish list could be well over \$100 million, which, of course, is wishful thinking. We've had a vigorous discussion about this issue. Most often asked questions?

- Is the list long enough?
- What would be our priorities?
- How would we fund the proposed projects?

Happily, I believe, we all agree that this is a MUST discussion, so we will have a workshop on November 15. This is going to be fun! We get to evaluate and prioritize how we might spend money in the future to make our City better. I'll have more on this in next month's report. For a further explanation of how I really feel, I'll be publishing a special report shortly, as well as my column on the subject in next month's Horizon.

**Commission Comments - I asked for the following:**

- Accelerate discussions with the County Administrator to return \$1.5 from the Beach CRA to the County. This has been generally agreed to, so long as the money is used for economic development outside of the CRA. We decided to table this until the discussion on a General Obligation Bond.

- Guest houses/boarding houses. When you see six cars parked in front of a 3/2 house, you can be sure it's NOT a vacation rental: It is a boarding house and **that's not legal!** We're going to crack down on these. Every neighborhood has them. Some charge by the night.

- **Someone** owns a bunch of sailboats, parks them in North Lake, and rents them out. That's not legal either!

**Finally** - hopefully, our hurricane season is over and cooler weather will be in-store. Hope all is well with you and your family.

# The October Kitchen Korner

by Cindy Abraham

Got these from COOKING LIGHT magazine and we liked them a lot. FAST AND EASY! Had to tweak them a little bit but both were so good and fast we had them TWICE this past month.



## THAI TURKEY LETTUCE CUPS – serves 2-3

3 TBS canola oil divided  
 3 TBS soy sauce  
 2 TBS light brown sugar  
 2 TBS rice vinegar  
 8 oz. ground turkey  
 6 crisp lettuce leaves (iceberg or romaine)  
 1 cup chopped cucumber (no seeds)  
 ¾ cup matchstick carrots

¼ cup chopped roasted unsalted nuts (peanuts, almonds, etc.)  
 Whisk together in a small bowl 2 TBS of the oil, the soy sauce, brown sugar and vinegar. Should make ½ cup. Heat 1TBS oil in a nonstick skillet over medium heat and stir turkey into crumbles until it browns. Add ¼ cup of the soy sauce mixture. And cook until the liquid is absorbed.

Place about 3 TBS of the turkey mixture in each lettuce leaf, top evenly with cucumber, carrots and chopped nuts. Drizzle evenly with remaining soy sauce.

This one seemed so odd to me but it really turns out well – also tweaked it to serve 2. The recipe calls for “lardons” – had no idea what that was. Turns out the fat I cut off from bacon before

I cook it are called lardons. Just use bacon or pancetta. The fat by itself is gross. Also, if you want to grow your own oregano; we have a BUSH of it and if you call me, I will give you some and show you how to start growing your own – it’s easy and smells great on the patio.

## SHEET PAN CHICKEN – serves 2-3

Two slices bread torn into chunks – whatever kind you like.  
 2 strips thick bacon chopped or 4 oz. cubed pancetta  
 1 baking potato cut in half lengthwise, cut each half again and then slice into wedges  
 1 small red onion cut into wedges  
 2 TBS cold butter, diced  
 4 oregano sprigs  
 ½ tsp crushed red pepper  
 ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil  
 Salt and pepper  
 6 chicken legs or 4 thighs - If you like crispy skin, brown the chicken first under the broiler  
 Preheat oven to 400. On a rimmed baking sheet, toll the bread, bacon, potato, onion, butter, oregano and red pepper with the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Spread in an even layer. Season the chicken with salt and pepper and arrange on the bread mixture.  
 Roast for 45 minutes. Serve.





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## September 25, 2017 HLC Meeting



repair loans and loans for the 40-year safety inspections that BankUnited is offering associations if they need them.

Pulte Representatives were Andrew Maxey the South Florida Land Project Manager, Matt Nelson – Parkview Project Manager, David Kanarek- Pulte Senior HOA Manager and Millie Whitehead from Castle Group Property Management. Buildings 2, 3, 7, 9, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 AND 27.

The new Clubhouse that will be accessible for residents of the Hillcrest condos and Parkview homes should be open by late October. The Clubhouse is 4000 SF with 3000 SF under air. There will be an outdoor kitchen/BBQ area. Inside will be a meeting room, offices, and restrooms. The Clubhouse will be managed by the Castle Group and their contact info will be available to book the meeting room, kitchen area, etc. As we get closer, the buildings will be notified so that residents can get fob to allow entry. Proof of residency will be required.

The meeting was sponsored by an old friend of Hillcrest – Ilya Levitis from Disasterstruck Public Adjuster who answered questions about how to file damage claims from Hurricane Irma. Bottom line – NEVER go it alone. We all learned that after Hurricane Wilma when many buildings ended up with thousands of dollars more when they hired an insurance adjustor. Same goes for residents – adjustors get paid a percentage of what they recover and they are professionals at dealing with insurance company red tape. See Ilya’s ad on page 10.

Dianne Brodie from BankUnited attended the meeting since many Hillcrest buildings are her clients. She talked about the

Trees took a beating from hurricane Irma and Pulte is in the process of clearing and replacing the landscaping. By the time this issue is published all debris should be gone. A big concern was the number of mosquitos that have been attracted due to the freshly dug lakes which are filled with ground water. There will be routine sprayings for mosquitos that started the first week of October. Ultimately, the lakes will all be connected and tied together which will help with circulation. A question about oak trees came up but for now there are no plans to plant oaks.

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This is even MORE important if your company has access to and/or stores financial, medical or other sensitive data. Using file-sharing applications like these are a clear and direct violation of data breach and compliance laws. Bottom line, **DON’T USE THEM FOR COMPANY DATA and use only company-approved, business-grade file-sharing applications.**

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## THE GENTLE PEOPLE SHALL PREVAIL - by Garrison Keillor



Ed note: Garrison Keillor is an author and radio personality. My daughter's Grandma Jacque, a Canadian, turned me on to him years and years ago. If you look up the word "homespun", his picture will probably be there. He has been around forever and I hope he is around for forever more. Keillor wrote this for the Washington Post and the Sun-Sentinel reprinted it on the Editorial page. Truly a wise man.

I passed through Houston Monday and found a lot cheerful stoicism ("It could've been worse") a month after Harvey had messed with Texas. Some boarded-up windows downtown, some houses awaiting demolition. A man told me his church was organizing volunteers to muck out houses hit by the hurricane. I only ever heard "muck out" in reference to cleaning a cow barn – in this case, they'd be ripping up carpet, rotten floorboards, pulling out sheetrock, spraying with fungicide. He'd gotten off light so he was obligated to help those who hadn't, he said.

I like Houston. Named for Sam, who skipped the fiasco of the Alamo and was elected president of the Republic of Texas and then lent his name to a major metropolis as the Alamo because a car-rental company. It's an under-rated city. It's Texas but not so full of itself. You meet people with money who still drink cheap beer and don't talk about the texture of it. It's enormous, large enough to contain New York, Washington, San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis and Miami, so it lacks the clear-cut cultural identity that those cities have. It's more like Opportunityville. But I like that attitude – gratitude leads you to do gracious work in behalf of others.

I wished I could've been in Little Rock on Monday to celebrate the day back in 1957 when the president of the United States mobilized 1,000 paratroopers to guard nine black teenagers so they could attend Central High School, which was still segregated three years after the Supreme Court had ruled it illegal. Six girls and three boys marched on over to the school, surrounded by men carrying rifles, the nine all dressed up and hopeful – years later, Minnijean Brown said, "I figured, "I'm a nice person. Once they get to know me, they'll see I'm OK. We'll be friends'."

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Building 21 was concerned about the location of the roundabout being so close to their exit and Pulte promised to assess the situation upon completion to see how if it did not impede the exit. The Pulte Group was asked if they could speak to the Championship Academy administration about controlling the current double/triple parking of parents picking up their children.

The tennis courts are in the permit process and building should commence mid-October. There will be a 5-6-foot aluminum railing surrounding the court area.

Phase 1 walking paths and park areas are complete connecting Hillcrest Drive to Washington and fencing was discussed to afford buildings 26 and 27 security from outsiders. A gazebo is still planned by building 27 near the turnaround. Roughly 80 of the 150 Phase 1 homes have been sold. The majority of the buyers are residents; few are investors.

Up in Minnesota, I was 15 and I watched on television as the mob of furious whites blocked their way, screaming, spitting, and it showed you how ugly democracy can be. The mob was simply expressing public opinion, as Gov. Orval Faubus knew, and he took his stand for segregation and thus his name goes down in the Hall of Shame. No café owner ever named a sandwich for him, nobody named a library for him. He's a nobody.

A beloved uncle of mine was from Arkansas and he defended segregation and had to face my sainted grandmother who believed that people of color were better-looking, harder working, more loyal to friends and family; and closer to God. His mind was changed a few years later when he was sick in the hospital and was befriended by a black man and came to admire him deeply. This is how it goes in my family. We cling to ignorance and superstition but when the light comes on, we don't close our eyes to it. We're nice people. You get to know us, you find out we're okay, like Minnijean.

I still admire her for her naïve belief that niceness could win the day, that those horrible people, their faces contorted by hatred, yelling every ugly thing they could think of, might somehow come around if they just sat down to lunch with her and saw her good manners, heard her good grammar as she spoke with feeling about the books she loved and the good things she hoped to do in life.

In spite of everything, I still believe that the gentle people will prevail over the bullies and braggarts, fascinating though they be.

We arise in the morning, eat our oatmeal with raisins, do our Daily Dozen, and take public transportation to work where we sit through a meeting about ambient parallel interface with emulated tab data on the DRT thread affecting the articulated download menu out-sent via the alternate micron converter, and we manage to look alert and interested and return to our cubicle with the cartoons pinned to the walls and write a loving note to our daughter and call a dying friend and send a check to the Home for the Moody, knowing that one day, perhaps tomorrow, we'll find the envelope with the form letter on our desk, "This is to inform you that as of a week from Friday, your employment here at NorComm will be terminated." And we'll simply go on as before.

I just want to say a word in behalf of nice people. My uncle was redeemed from racism by a black angel who held his hand in the hospital. I believe it happens all the time.

Phase 2 (old 18-hole course) will also have walking paths park areas, gazebos and lakes; and possible exercise stations due to their popularity. However, they are not now in the plans. The proposed Bocce Courts may be replaced by Pickle Ball because it has become more popular than Bocce.

According to Wikipedia: "**Pickleball** is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.[2] Two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. The sport shares features of other racquet sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has become popular among adults as well."

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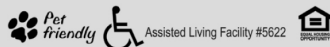


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