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# THE RIVIERA



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## Celebrating 90 Years of Sun, Sea — and Change

During the summer of 1922, rumors flew that the City of West Palm Beach had plans to annex the little coastal fishing village known simply as Riviera.

By late summer, the anxious inhabitants met at the wooden schoolhouse to make plans of their own: they would incorporate the town themselves.

And so, on September 29, 1922, 26 qualified voters decided—in a 17 to 9 vote—to create the Town of Riviera.

Ninety years have since gone by and across the newsletter's centerfold inside, we will discover what time, and change, has wrought in Riviera.

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## Thanks Lowe, McNish

Perhaps no one has had more influence on the fact of our celebration of the City's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary than **Councilman Shelby L. Lowe** and resident **Henry McNish**. Both wanted to *somehow* recognize the occasion. Councilman Lowe worked behind the scenes to push City staff to be creative and frugal, while Mr. McNish brought over idea after idea after idea in an attempt to make sure something, anything was done.

So Councilman Lowe, staff was creative on the cheap. And Mr. McNish, while we didn't plant 90 trees as you suggested, we still got it done.

Lapel pins are available while supplies last to any City resident and employee. Call 561-845-4032.



Lowe



McNish

## Sweets, gifts for all

At press time, there were plans for an anniversary celebration at City Hall: cupcakes and ice cream for City residents and employees in honor of the big day, Sept. 29, 2012. Plus, each was to receive a specially designed lapel pin as a gift.

## Senior discounts—thanks to the Mayor

From Denny's to B.K. Automotive to Riviera Dental, City seniors can get discounts of up to 25 percent at area businesses through **Mayor Thomas A. Masters'** new "Golden Years Discount Program."

Mayor Masters spent the last month knocking on doors, asking companies to participate. Nearly every one said yes,

reports the Mayor.

"These discounts will help ease some of the economic hardships many seniors face while living on a minimum or fixed income," he said.

For a complete list of the 67 businesses on the list at press time and how to receive a discount card, turn to page 6.



## College scholarships available!

The second annual Bobbie E. Brooks Memorial Scholarship will offer at least 10 \$600 scholarships to college students who live in Riviera Beach. The fund was established by **Council Chair Billie E. Brooks** in honor of deceased Mayor Bobbie E. Brooks, her former husband. Chair Brooks raised the funds herself, soliciting business partners and City vendors. She also donated \$1,300 in District 1 community benefits funds.

The awards are meant for use during the second semester of this school year. Applications are available by calling her office at 561-845-3686. Applicants must be permanent City residents, have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and provide an official transcript.

Chair Brooks thanks the following donors for their support:

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## Councilman Thomas' big events are back!

The office of **Councilman Cedrick A. Thomas** is now planning two of his signature events for November: the second annual "5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day" and the fourth annual "Turkey Day Giveaway." Both popular events are free and open to City residents. Read more about them on page 7.



# Celebrating 90 Years of sun, sea and change

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So, what was the “Town of Riviera” like before that seminal date in 1922?

Glades, and then Seminole, Indians were the sole inhabitants of what had been, in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, an encampment of Indian mounds on the west side of then-freshwater Lake Worth.

By the early 1840's, the Indians were gone and the settlers who followed were from diverse groups. Some were black—no doubt descendants of slaves who had found their way into Seminole tribes—and many others were "Conchs," whites from Bahamian islands. Henry Flagler's railroad brought real growth and the Northern wealthy.

It was in the early 1880's that land started to be bought and sold in the pre-Riviera clearing known as Oak Lawn, named after a fancy hotel built around 1886 by Allen E. Heyser, who was then-Dade County's first lawyer and first judge.

The area first became recognizable as a distinct community in 1913. Charles Newcomb, a wealthy industrialist from Atlanta, envisioned it as a resort for winter residents from the North. Land was cleared, lots were sold and streets were laid out. But Mr. Newcomb's vision was never fully realized thanks to the coming Great Depression and the collapse of the land boom.

Fishing was the main engine for the early growth of Riviera. It brought the Conchs from the Bahamas, the wealthy from New York and tourists from across the East Coast, who enjoyed leisurely visits in cottage encampments spread along U.S 1.

By the time the incorporation crisis hit in September 1922, Riviera was one of the largest shipping points for fish on Florida's East Coast—with five million pounds shipped annually—and would remain so for decades.

What fascinating history has unfolded since, with so many milestones: The growth of the Port of Palm Beach; the development of Singer Island; a solid industrial core with a broad, connected transportation infrastructure; the creation of the Municipal Marina; the construction of the distinctive Blue Heron Bridge and, notably, a shift in demographics that changed the City in fundamental ways. And throughout it all, there were the hurricanes.

Is there room for it all? No, but we'll highlight as much as possible. Turn the page; let's get started.



## Prior to 1920's

**1909: Palm Beach County** is created, with Juno as the County seat. Previously, the area that would include Town of Riviera was in **Dade County**.

1914: Plat is filed for subdivision on what is now 8<sup>th</sup> Street that would be settled by black families. This area would become, in the 1950's, the "Veterans homes" project.

**1915:** The Lake Worth Inlet District is founded with 4-foot channel to the ocean. Modest facilities used primarily as stopover for commerce headed to Miami. It soon spurs real estate speculation.



## 920'S

**920's:** Paris Singer, for whom the island is named, annexed a luxurious resort on the narrow strip of land similar to what he and his partner, architect Addison Mizner, had developed in Palm Beach. While the son of the Singer sewing machine magnate would buy much of the land, his plans were never fully realized thanks to a land bust, the 1928 hurricane and the stock market crash.

**922:** Town of Riviera Beach is incorporated. S. Scott elected first mayor. Charles N. Newcomb, for whom Newcomb Hall is named, elected city clerk.

**925:** Palm Beach County builds wooden spans called **Sherman Point Bridge** across Lake Worth linking the peninsula named for Paris Singer to the Town of Riviera.

**925: Monroe Heights** is developed as a Danish settlement. It would become the first neighborhood to be paved and the last to be integrated. A wall segregating all-white Monroe Heights from the all-black area to its north still runs along 27th Street.

**925-27:** A 16-foot channel plus rail and road connections is added at the Lake Worth Inlet District, and it begins accepting a cargo-carrying steamship and passenger ships.

**928:** Devastating hurricane destroys Sherman Point Bridge; kills 3,000 people in the Lake Okeechobee area; destroys **Kelsey City**, which is today's Lake Park; and wipes out whole neighborhoods in West Palm Beach. The Lake Worth Inlet district is decimated. In Riviera, 285 homes are destroyed. The storm is immortalized in author Zora Neale Hurston's book "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

## 1930'S

By the end of the decade, the Town of Riviera's population stands at 811.

**1935-37:** Lake Worth Inlet is renamed Port of Palm Beach.

## 1940'S

Town population is 1,981.

**1940:** The Town buys 1,000 feet of beach on **Singer Island** for \$40,000. Over next few years, the Island will be completely annexed. Before, it had been owned by Palm Beach.

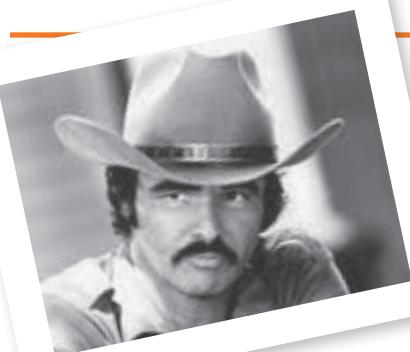
**1940:** **Spanish Courts** opens as an upscale motor hotel among the cottage developments on Broadway.

**1941:** The Town becomes a City: **Riviera Beach** is borne.

**1941:** Newcomb family donates the **Marina** to the City.

**1946:** **Florida Power & Light** builds power plant on 21 acres abutting the Port of Palm Beach.

**1949:** Wooden Sherman Point Bridge, rebuilt in 1935, is replaced by a steel and concrete 2-lane drawbridge.



## 1950'S

Riviera Beach's population is 4,065. The city's black population, now 23 percent, doubles between 1950 and 1970. (p. 41)

The **Veterans Homes** project is a major draw for blacks. Platted in 1914, the 120 acres of small, sturdy bungalows was the first subdivision built for veterans in Palm Beach County. Today, it is also referred to as **Riviera Beach Heights**, where the CRA has an ongoing multi-million dollar improvement project.

**1952:** Phil Foster Park opens, named for a Town pioneer who owned one of the first tourist courts.

## 1960'S

By 1960, the population had mushroomed to 13,036—an astounding 221 percent increase in the last decade.

**1960's:** A major container carrier emerges at the Port of Palm Beach: **Tropical Shipping**. By now, the channel is 35 feet.

**1962:** Lewis Terminals opens. Frank J. Lewis developed the 400-acre light industrial park at Old Dixie and Blue Heron. His son, former state Senator Phil D. Lewis, died this month. He still maintained a real estate office in Riviera Beach.

**1962:** First black person is elected to all-white City Council, F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr., also becomes the first black elected official in the South since Reconstruction. In 1971, he becomes City's first black attorney.

**1965:** The area that includes **Lone Pine Estates** is annexed, expanding Riviera Beach west.

**1967:** Hurricane Betsey beaches **The Amaryllis**, a 10,400-ton freighter, on Singer Island opposite the Rutledge Motel. It is three years before the freighter is removed.

**1967:** Singer Island Civic Association is founded, originally to fight development of high-rise housing on the Island's west side.

**1969:** Home rule established by Florida Legislature, giving municipalities more authority to govern themselves.

**1969:** First black fireman in PBC is hired in Riviera Beach, **Richard C. Wester**. Later, he becomes the first black fire chief in Florida.

## 1970'S

The City's population is now 21,401—and for the first time, predominately black.

**1970:** Interstate 95 opens between Riviera Beach and Okeechobee Boulevard.

**1971:** Race riots at Suncoast High School. School desegregation sends black students from all-black Kennedy High School to then all-white Riviera Beach High, which is renamed Suncoast. The mix was volatile.

**1971:** Riviera Beach becomes first integrated city in Florida to have a majority black City Council, with election of **James Jones**, **David Williams** and **Dorsey Lee** who joined incumbents **Bobbie E. Brooks** and **Henry Taylor**. Their platform includes a redo of the current City Charter, which forbade blacks from owning property east of the railroad tracks.

**1971:** William "Boone" Darden is named the City's police chief, the first black one in the state.

**1972:** Annexation of **Parson Heights** and Kelly Addition. It is named for black real estate entrepreneur Forest Parson. **Suncoast High School** is in Parson Heights on Jake Lane, named for a son.

**1972:** Youngest candidate to ever run for City Council, Stephen L. Lawson, age 18. Youngest ever elected: current Councilman **Cedrick A. Thomas**.

**1973:** The 24-story **Phoenix Towers** is built, becoming the first "high-rise."

**1974:** The **Tiara** is built and becomes the highest beachside structure on the East Coast.

**1975:** The new **Riviera Beach City Hall** opens at its current location.

**1975:** City elects first black mayor, **Bobbie E. Brooks**.

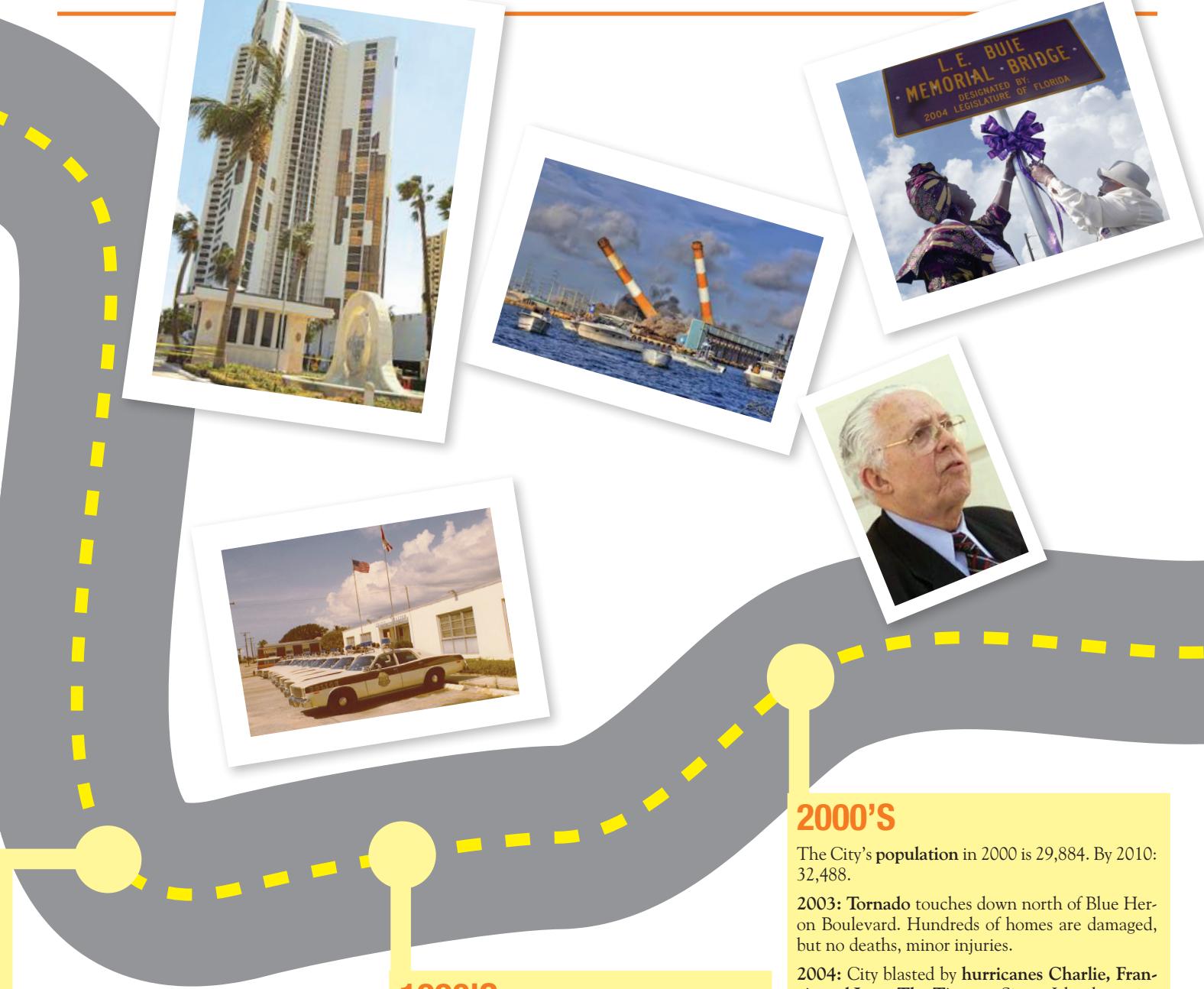
**1976:** Bicentennial Park is dedicated.

**1976:** Current four-lane **Blue Heron Bridge** is completed, replacing two-lane drawbridge. It was a years-long, controversial project with environmentalists and business owners arguing that it would upset the ecology. In 1972, during the debate, famed industrialist **John D. MacArthur** called the bridge idea "pretty stupid." He favored a bridge to Peanut Island or from North Palm Beach to Munyon Island.

**1976:** Ronald Davis is named city manager, becoming the first black in Riviera Beach and in Florida to hold the title.

**1977:** Attorney and resident **Edward Rodgers** is named first black Circuit Court judge in Palm Beach County, among other firsts.

**1978-80:** Development of **Garden Road** and **Industrial Way** expand manufacturing and industry to the City's far west.



## 1980'S

City population is 26,489.

1983: First time City budget exceeds \$10 million.

1984: Palm Beach Boat Show is held for the first time at the newly expanded **Riviera Beach Marina**.

1986 **Congress Park** opens up new Western developments. It would provide locations for Thousand Oaks, Villa Rosa and Sonoma Bay.

1986: Unsuccessful **recall effort** of 3 Council members because of vote to fire **Police Chief Frank Walker**. Halted by Fourth District Court of Appeals

1987: City elects first female mayor, **Clara K. Williams**, who would serve six terms.

1987: The **Sea Turtle Conservation League of Singer Island** is founded. Our stretch of beach contributes to South Florida's second highest turtle-nesting count in the world behind Oman.

## 1990'S

1990: pop. ???

1990's-present: Port of Palm Beach builds **Skypass** bridge, cruise terminal, maritime office complex and South Gate entrance; currently undergoing \$26 million restoration and expansion of Slip Number 3.

1990: New **U.S. Coast Guard** station relocates from Peanut Island to Lake Shore Drive.

1992: Defense contractor **Lockheed-Martin** opens facility on the site of the former **Pantry Pride** grocery store.

1992-93: Singer Island residents seek secession from City of Riviera Beach, citing high taxes and lack of services. The move was highly controversial and narrowly rebuffed by the state Legislature.

1993: **Veterans Administration Medical Center** opens. It eventually draws a medical cluster to the area, including **Kindred Hospital** and the county's **Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center**, now under construction.

## 2000'S

The City's population in 2000 is 29,884. By 2010: 32,488.

2003: **Tornado** touches down north of Blue Heron Boulevard. Hundreds of homes are damaged, but no deaths, minor injuries.

2004: City blasted by **hurricanes Charlie, Francis and Jean**. The **Tiara** on Singer Island sustains significant damage and is closed four years for repairs.

2004: **Skypass** bridge named for the late **Louise Buie**, civil rights icon and City resident.

2005: **Hurricane Wilma** strikes.

2008: 1970's-era **Ocean Mall** is demolished. Replacement opens in 2009.

2010: The **Congress Avenue** bridge near MLK Boulevard is named for **Herman McCray Jr.**, a stalwart civic and political activist.

2010: \$4.3 million redo of the **Municipal Beach** is completed, adding lush landscaping and new facilities. Beach soccer and volleyball tournaments respond positively.

2011: The redo of **A1A** begins. The state road project runs north from Broadway and Blue Heron Bridge to the City limits.

2011: **FPL** implodes tower stacks and boilers to make way for Next Generation Clean Energy Center, scheduled to open in 2014.



## Mayor Thomas A. Masters

### Concern about safe housing

The Mayor has established a citywide hotline for reporting unsafe and unhealthy living conditions. Call 561-845-4031 if you know about any housing problems.

### Golden Years Discount Program

The program's benefits are available to seniors aged 62 and over. Discounts vary from 10 to 25 percent. The discount cards and the list of participating businesses are available in the Mayor's office or by calling 561-845-4145.

### GROCERY

Avenue E Market  
Avenue E Market  
JW Food Store  
House of Meats  
Riviera Beach Market  
Sunny Foods  
Stonybrook Food Plaza  
Stop Save Shop  
Touchdown Food Store

### OTHER

All-Safe Security & Lock  
A Locksmith Shop  
Badcock Furniture  
Dee's Florist  
Dozier Electric  
Fast Eddie's Pawn  
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Dairy Belle  
Denny's  
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Dutch Pot Jamaican  
Hot Spot BBQ  
Johnny Longboat's  
Just Wings  
K's Burgers  
Max & Eddie's  
Miami Subs  
Natural Vibrations Smoothies  
New Your Bagel  
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Imperial Cuts 2  
Old Fashion Barber Shop  
Lula's Hair Salon  
Miami Beauty Supply  
Mystique De Beaute Salon  
Riviera Dental  
Supa Hair Barber Shop  
Supa Hair Unisex Salon

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Bowers Garage  
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C&T Auto Care  
Douey's Tires  
Foreign Auto  
New & Used Wholesale Tires  
Lane's Towing  
Phillip Car Auto Body



## PHOTO CONTEST COMING SOON

**This just in:** we want pictures of the City, we want you to take them and we will award you prizes! In a joint effort between the Department of Community Development and *The Riviera*, we will launch a photo contest later this year. As the newsletter went to press, we hadn't worked out all the details, but look for information on RBTY-18 and other City media soon. What we can tell you now is anyone in Palm Beach County is eligible to participate, the pictures will need to be in one of 3 categories—landscape, people, wildlife—and there'll be winners in each. Stay tuned!

## Council chair pro-tempore Dawn S. Pardo

### Success on positive display

Councilwoman Pardo continues her steady drumbeat of support for the City's marine industry and working waterfront. That support was on display in a very positive, full-page article recently in the *Palm Beach Post*'s Sunday Business section. The article featured the Riviera Beach working waterfront and marine-related businesses including Viking Yachts, Rybovich Marine, Seatow and the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County.

### Facelift at firehouse, water plant

City assets in District 4 will receive much-needed improvements—thanks to Councilwoman Pardo's donation in community benefits funds. The donation will be used to paint and landscape the Firehouse on Singer Island and provide landscaping at the adjoining water plant. The

improvement project will start shortly.

### Volunteers needed!

It is time to make preparations for the hugely successful annual Christmas in Paradise Mingle & Jingle! Councilwoman Pardo is seeking volunteers to help her office collect, sort and distribute the thousands of toys she receives each year. Donation boxes can be delivered to condos if residents there would like to participate. Also, if you are a parent or guardian of children in

Riviera Beach and need assistance with toys for Christmas, Councilwoman Pardo will be accepting names, ages and contact information until early December. Call her office at 561-845-3683. The holiday season will be here before we know it. Let's get ready!



Councilwoman Pardo, Gov. Rick Scott, City and Marina District leaders discuss City's redevelopment.



## State grant awarded for park renovation

Bicentennial Park at the Municipal Marina is a step closer to renovation. The Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Agency(CRA) was recently awarded a \$200,000 competitive grant from a division of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The grant will help fund new pavilions, shade structures, enhanced beach and kayak/canoe launching facilities, new bathrooms, decorative lighting and landscaping.

DEP received 31 applications for the grant; just seven were funded. The grant was obtained for the City as part of the planned redevelopment of the entire Marina District.

The grant was prepared by CRA consultant Ralph Rosado, the grants director for C3TS Inc., CRA Planning Director Scott Evans and CRA Executive Director Tony T. Brown. Special thanks to City Manager Ruth C. Jones for her help in getting the grant completed.



## Cedrick A. Thomas

### **A day of fun**

Councilman Thomas will host his 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day" from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at J.F. Kennedy Middle School, 1901 Avenue S. City students who attend Washington, West Riviera, Lincoln, Grove Park, Bethune, Egret Lake and Lake Park elementary schools have been invited. The exciting day

will have a wide variety of educational and fun activities and lunch will be served. The event provides a positive atmosphere for students from around the City being given a chance to meet and congregate. Call his office at 561-845-3687 for more information.

### **Gobble, gobble**

The wildly successful Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway returns for the fourth holiday season this year, providing needy residents with the big bird for the big dinner. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 20 at TD Bank, located on Blue Heron Boulevard at Congress Avenue. The first 25 residents who sign-up early and are in line promptly at 8:30 a.m. will be guaranteed a turkey. Call Councilman Thomas' office at 845-3687 to register.

### **Community survey**

Councilman Thomas has long been concerned about the quality of service our residents receive from City Hall. In July, he launched the first phase of a telephone survey to gather information and opinions from residents and business owners. Workforce Alliance summer interns did a tremendous job, manning the phones and talking to hundreds of residents. Councilman Thomas will use the information gathered to help generate ideas for improvement. Stay tuned; the second phase starts soon.

### **Strong schools relationship continues**

A newly designed, student-friendly cafeteria was unveiled at Kennedy Middle School just before school started and Councilman Thomas, who has a long, supportive relationship with the school, was there. He had participated in the pre-planning efforts and was able to join with school district officials in the unveiling. Councilman Thomas is the City's representative to the school district.



## Councilwoman Judy L. Davis

### **Davis talks voting**

At press time, Councilwoman Davis had plans to host a City Employee Social at Wells Recreation Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Saturday 27. The event is meant to show her appreciation for their hard work.

Councilwoman Davis hosted a "get out the vote" rally recently at Wells Recreation Center, inviting the public to receive information related to voter registration and recent changes in Florida's voting laws. The event was attended by our two top local elections chiefs — City Clerk Carrie E. Ward and county Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher.

### **New City sign welcomes**

Years worth of complaints about the City entrance sign on Broadway just south of Silver Beach Road have ended — thanks to Councilwoman Davis. She donated \$6,000 from her District 2 community benefits fund recently to assist in the purchase of the new monument. The total cost was \$12,410. Councilwoman Davis made suggestions for the appearance of the sign, making sure it was similar to the look of the one that welcomes residents and visitors on Australian Avenue at the City's south end.

### **Employee appreciation—again**

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 27 a good time was had by all—all City employees that is. Councilwoman Davis sponsored a City Employee Social at Wells Recreation Center to show here appreciation for their hard work. The catered meal and music added to the party atmosphere. She has shown her appreciation before: last year, she hosted a similar event and also donated \$3,000 of her City pay to the Municipal Library. It was meant as a show of solidarity with employees on furlough.

## **The chair reports**

### **South end in 'bloom'**

Councilman Cedrick A. Thomas and I joined more than 150 people on July 28 in the "Bloomin' Start" of the "Riviera Beach Heights in Bloom: House by House Project." This neighborhood is a special project of our CRA, which joined with its community development corporation to launch Phase I. Houses were painted, trash removed, yards landscaped and flowers planted. We thank the volunteers, homeowners and 69 donors who pitched in. Next event: 8 a.m. Sept. 29 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and every fourth Saturday thereafter — until 150 homes are painted, repaired and landscaped!



**Billie E. Brooks**

### **High water costs investigated**

Complaints are increasing over high water bills. I have launched an investigation into possible causes. My staff is trying to determine if the problems are attributable to defective equipment, improper installation, incorrect meter reading or something else. Stay tuned; I hope to report findings within the next 60 days.

### **Saving money for seniors**

Speaking of water bills: good news! In October, the City Council will act upon reinstating the Senior Utility Grant Program, which I created to help seniors save money on water bills. We are simplifying the application process and increasing the amount of the grant. For a new application, call my staff at 561-845-4032.

### **Disaster recovery initiative**

Good news and new hope for victims of 2005 Hurricane Wilma who have already applied for assistance: the City was approved for continued funding to rehabilitate homes with hurricane related damages.

### **Broadway update**

Improvements to Broadway/US-1 are underway. The new roadway will feature decorative crosswalks, new sidewalks, decorative street lights and a landscaped median. The project is expected to complete in the fall of 2014. The Florida Department of Transportation is responsible for the work.

For more information, call the office of Council Chair Brooks at 561-845-3686.

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For all the City's scheduled meetings, click [www.rivierabch.com/city\\_calendar.asp](http://www.rivierabch.com/city_calendar.asp)

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"To provide efficient services to the public for the benefit of all."

## **LAST THOUGHTS Good luck, Legal!**

The City will appear before the Supreme Court on October 1 to argue a precedent-setting case that will determine whether a houseboat is a vessel or a "floating home." To read briefs in the case, visit the City Attorney webpage at [www.rivierabch.com](http://www.rivierabch.com) and click on 'Helpful Links.' Or, listen to oral arguments a week later for free. Go to the Court's website, [www.supremecourt.gov](http://www.supremecourt.gov) and click 'Oral Arguments.'

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