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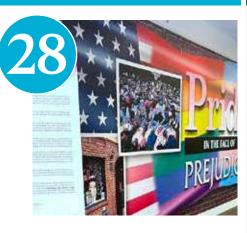
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elcome to June, the month that ushers in the vibrant South Florida summer! As the heat and humidity rise, we invite you to embrace the essence of our region. Don't forget your sunscreen and a refreshing beverage as you venture outdoors. With our winter visitors bidding adieu, let's relish the less crowded conditions and bask in the beauty of our community.

June 10th marks the last day of school for Broward County Schools, a significant milestone for many students. As high schools and colleges gear up for their graduation ceremonies, we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our young people. These ceremonies are not just about moving on, but also about reflecting with pride on their achievements and looking forward with anticipation to the next chapter.

In recognition of graduation and summer vacation, we celebrate some of our community's most impressive teachers. Be sure to check out the profiles in this magazine's special "Leaders of Learning" section!

June is not just about graduations and summer vacations; it's also Pride Month! This is a time to reflect on the progress made in the fight for LGBTQ rights. Let's celebrate our diversity and strive for a more inclusive world.

Fathers across the country are looking forward to June 16th. Father's Day was conceived in 1909 by Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. Inspired by Mother's Day, she wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran and single parent who raised six children. It became an official holiday in 1966 when President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

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JUNE 1

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JUNE 3

Food Trucks at ArtsPark

Food In Motion Presents, Food Trucks at ArtsPark every first Monday of each month from 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM As a reminder, City parks are plastic and foam-free. Single-use items, like plastic water bottles and utensils are prohibited on the grounds. Hours are 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm at Young Circle. For more info, call 954-788-3467.

JUNE 8

Hollywood Beach Sweep

Help keep Hollywood's beaches beautiful on the second Saturday of every month. Volunteers meet at 7:00 am at Charnow Park, located at Garfield Street and A1A, to collect litter and cigarette butts from Hollywood Beach. Minimum age to volunteer is 8 years old. It is recommended that volunteers wear a hat and sunscreen and bring their own water. It is also a good idea to bring a snack. Please wear closed-toe shoes only. Follow the QR code to register for more info.



JUNE 10

School is Out!

Hooray! It's the final day of the school year for Broward County Public Schools. Celebrate the end of a fantastic year with fun activities, class parties, and special events. Remember to say goodbye to friends and teachers. Don't forget to return any borrowed books and clear out your lockers. Have a wonderful summer break!





JUNE 14

Santana & Counting Crows: Oneness Tour 2024

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JUNE 14

Hollywood Juneteenth Celebration

Join us for a family fun day to celebrate Juneteenth, marking the end of slavery in Texas at the end of the Civil War. The event is hosted by the City of Hollywood and will take place from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm at ArtsPark at Young Circle. For more info, call 954-967-4357.





June 2024 Calendar

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JUNE 16

Father's Day

Celebrate fathers, fatherhood, and the special bonds between fathers and their children. Fathers have a big influence on our lives and society. In many countries, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June, but other countries may celebrate it on different days. **Happy Father's Day!**



JUNE 19

Juneteenth: Freedom Day

On June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas to enforce Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in the last and most remote place in the South. Since then, this date has been celebrated as the end of American slavery. It's important to reflect on the darkest parts of our history so we can move forward. Join friends and neighbors to celebrate the freedoms we have and the progress we still need to make.



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JUNE 19

Downtown Hollywood ArtWalk

The Downtown Hollywood ArtWalk is back! This monthly event is open to all. Explore all that downtown Hollywood has to offer:! Visit galleries and shops while enjoying art, cultural entertainment, live music, murals, and more! Artisan Market, 6pm-11pm; Mural Tour, 6pm-7pm; Gallery Tour, 7pm-8pm; Impulse Art - fusion of music and foot painting, 8pm-9pm. For more info visit w/ArtWalk.



JUNE 20

Carmen Smith's Night Swimming

Visit the Art and Cultural Center/
Hollywood for the opening reception of
Carmen Smith's fabulous exhibit, Night
Swimming. She explores how the environment affects emotional and psychological states. The series evokes a magical,
otherworldly playground of glowing pools
and colorful buildings. Her compositions
are kept simple, while her use of color is
exaggerated to emphasize a dreamlike
space. Reception is 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at
the Art and Cultural Center/Hollywood,
1650 Harrison Street. For more info,
call 954-921-3274.

JUNE 22

Reggae Love Fest 2024

Reggae Love Fest is coming to Amerant Bank Arena on Saturday, June 22nd! Featuring Shabba Ranks, Super Cat, Capleton, Spice, Elephant Man, and more! Concert is hosted at Amerant Bank Arena at the Sawgrass Mall. Tickets are on sale now. For more info and tickets scan the QR code.



JUNE 22

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A SEASON OF FIRSTS AT THE HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

n the past few years, the Hollywood Historical Society has attracted an influx L of new members and new thinking which have given this venerable organization a new direction. The HHS is looking forward and bringing Hollywood's history into the community, with many new programs leading up to the celebration of the city's 100th anniversary.

Waterways History Cruise

The inaugural Waterways History Cruise, held at the end of April, was considered a huge success by both the HHS and their quests. Underwritten by sponsors Gallup Auerbach Law, Signarama, Florida Advocates, Margaritaville, Splendid Alkaline Water, and Red Chair Catering, the four-hour Water Taxi tour included informative narration by HHS President Clive Taylor, visits to three museums at History Fort Lauderdale, lunch, a history trivia contest with great prizes and of course, a little rain. The event, originally conceived by Taylor, was adopted as a Leadership Hollywood community project, coordinated by newly-appointed Hollywood Historical Society Executive Director Andy Ruffner and hosted on-site by the LH47 "Andy's Angels" team! Plans are already underway for next year.

Historical Preservation Grant Initiative

Under the stewardship of Taylor and past president Karen Albertson, the Hollywood Historical Society awarded its first HHS Historical Preservation Grants. Five \$15,000 awards were distributed to Hollywood homeowners for the rebuilding or replacement of original elements of their historical residences.

The funds for this initiative were raised through HHS advocacy in preserving the historic downtown Hollywood business district. By helping individual homeowners preserve our historic housing stock, the Hollywood Historical Society seeks to build more community support and pride in our city.

Our Liberia: Making Hollywood History

Under the leadership of Andy Ruffner, the Hollywood Historical Society obtained its own first-time grant from the City of Hollywood, and along with retired South Broward High School teacher (and volunteer extraordinaire!) Susan Ostheim, created "Our Liberia: Making Hollywood History". This, the first major City-grant-funded education

project for the HHS, was originally expected to include about 15 to 20 area middle school students. The teachers they approached were so excited, though, that the project quickly grew to approximately 150 middle and high-school students and 12 teachers from five local schools, and the interest exhibited by the students as the project progressed was exciting and inspiring.

"The Hollywood Historical Society has always had an interest in Liberia," explained Ostheim, adding that the Society arranged for Liberia to be recognized by the state, with a historical marker in honor of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

At the end of the semester, each team created a presentation in their schools, documenting what they have learned, with the culminating exhibition and celebration held on Memorial Day weekend at an opento-the-public event at Hollywood's Young Circle ArtsPark.

The presentations, with student-developed items, oral histories, reproductions of items from the HHS archives, and more, are also designed to further the participants' understanding of how historical exhibits are developed and built.

"It's been very gratifying to see the interest and enthusiasm the students in the program had in learning about the history of Liberia and Hollywood," noted Ruffner. "The exhibit pieces created by the students really showed how much they learned through the different phases of the program, and their ability to share it with other students and the community."

The multi-media exhibit will remain on display until June 30 in the ArtsPark Gallery.

For more information on "Our Liberia: Making Hollywood History", please follow HHS on social media.

The Waterways History Cruise, the Historical Preservation Grant Initiative and "Our Liberia: Making Hollywood History" are just a sampling of the Hollywood Historical Society's schedule of activities and events supporting its mission to keep the City's history alive for current and future generations. The Hollywood Historical Society offers free tours of the Historic Hammerstein House on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 4 pm, and by appointment. Call 954-923-5590 for info or to schedule.

To learn more about the Hollywood Historical Society, a nonprofit 501(c)(3)* cultural organization founded and operated by volunteers, or to join us, email HollywoodFLHistory@att.net, or visit www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org/. The Hollywood Historical Society has over 20,000 items in its collection and also offers many unique items, including books about Hollywood, historic postcards, photographs, maps, and posters, for sale at the Research Center behind Hammerstein House at 1520 Polk Street. Please call 954-923-5590 for hours.



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Children's Harbor Hosts Third Annual Career Day Expo for Foster Youth

or many students in Broward County, "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" is an exciting opportunity to explore potential career paths by spending the day at their parent's or guardian's workplace. However, for students currently in foster care, this day can be a reminder of the challenges they face without a parent or guardian to accompany them. To bridge this gap, Children's Harbor hosted its Third Annual Career Day Expo, providing a meaningful and inspiring experience for these youth.

The Career Day Expo was organized by Children's Harbor's Academic and Life Skills team and featured representatives from 40 companies, government agencies, and the armed forces. This event offered students the chance to explore various career opportunities, interact with business professionals, and attend business etiquette and networking sessions. Throughout the Expo, students engaged with professionals from

diverse fields, learning about different industries and what it takes to succeed in each one. After the event, each student chose an industry that most piqued their interest. The Children's Harbor team then arranged for hands-on experiences at the selected companies on "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," allowing students to gain real-world insights into their chosen careers.

"It's truly a gift to be able to show these young people the kind of promising opportunities available to them," said Children's Harbor President and CEO Tiffani Dhooge. "For kids who come from traumatic backgrounds, the need to learn what's expected of them in the often-intimidating work world is especially important and can positively change the trajectory of their life forever."

Children's Harbor, established in 1996, is a nationally accredited nonprofit agency dedicated to supporting families in the community and providing safe shelter and support for teens in foster care. The organization's main campus in Pembroke Pines offers a nurturing environment for teenagers in foster care and their younger siblings. Additionally, Children's Harbor runs a family strengthening program to prevent children from entering foster care by offering in-home counseling and support to struggling families. For young adults aged 18-23 who have aged out of foster care, Children's Harbor provides housing, wrap-around support, and independent living programs to help them transition into adulthood.

With a mission to break cycles of trauma and provide a harbor of hope and healing, Children's Harbor is committed to helping foster youth grow into healthy, educated, and productive adults. The Career Day Expo is just one of the many ways the organization empowers young people to envision and achieve a brighter future.

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Thrills and High-Flying Action at the 2024 Fort Lauderdale Air Show

he 2024 Fort Lauderdale Air Show, held on May 11 and 12, brought excitement and awe to the shores of the Atlantic. This year's event featured an impressive lineup of aerial performers and aircraft that left spectators breathless.

The Thunderbirds and More

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headlined the show, whose precision flying and synchronized maneuvers captivated the audience. Their thrilling performance showcased their extraordinary skill and teamwork, making them the stars of the event. In addition to the Thunderbirds, the show featured an array of other impressive acts. The A-10 Thunderbolt II Demo Team displayed this ground-attack aircraft's brute power and agility. The Navy F-18 Rhino Demo Team impressed with its speed and versatility, while the SOCOM Para-Commandos demonstrated precision parachuting skills.

Diverse Lineup of Aircraft

The Fort Lauderdale Air Show included a mix of both military and civilian aircraft. The

Ghost Squadron's vintage aircraft provided a nostalgic look back at aviation history, while the Red Bull Helicopter amazed with its aerobatic stunts. The Coast Guard SAR Demo showcased the critical search and rescue operations that keep our waters safe. For those seeking more high-adrenaline action, Kevin Coleman and the Red Bull Air Force performed jaw-dropping aerobatics that left the crowd cheering.

Honoring Our Heroes

The event also paid tribute to the brave men and women of the armed forces. Special segments honored veterans and activeduty military personnel, fostering a deep sense of patriotism and gratitude among the attendees.

Looking Forward to 2025

As the 2024 Fort Lauderdale Air Show concluded, excitement already began building for next year's event. The return of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in 2025 promises another thrilling spectacle. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more high-flying adventures next year!











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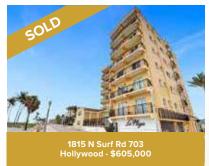


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LEADERS OF LEARNING

CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATORS



ur City believes in celebrating the individuals who profoundly impact our community. This June, we are excited to dedicate a special section of our publication to Teacher Appreciation. This section will highlight the extraordinary efforts and accomplishments of some educators who go above and beyond to shape our children's future.

Teachers are the heart of our community, dedicating countless hours to ensure that each student receives the best education possible. Their commitment extends beyond the classroom, touching lives in ways that often go unnoticed. In this special section, we will share the stories of some of our most inspiring teachers, showcasing their dedication, passion, and innovative educational approaches.

Many highly successful people credit teachers who impacted them as children. One particularly successful person who credits a teacher's influence is Oprah Winfrey. Oprah has often spoken about her fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Duncan, who she says was the first person to make her feel valued and help her believe in her own potential.

Mrs. Duncan's encouragement and support profoundly affected Oprah, helping to shape her into the confident and booming media mogul she is today. Oprah attributes much of her early development and later success to the positive influence

of this dedicated teacher.

Through these profiles, we aim to illuminate the incredible work our teachers do every day. Their stories are a testament to the power of education and the profound difference one dedicated individual can make.

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HONORED LEADER OF LEARNING -

Heather Elliot

First Grade Teacher **Tamarac Elementary School**

eather Elliot exemplifies professionalism in her interactions with both colleagues and families. As Tamarac Elementary's Teacher of the Year, she stands out as an exceptional educator. Mrs. Elliot always strives to implement effective teaching strategies, ensuring her students receive a high-quality education.

Her creativity and enthusiasm are hallmarks of her teaching style. Her lessons are engaging and provide daily experiences that make learning both fun and meaningful. Beyond her classroom, Mrs. Elliot is a supportive leader who mentors new educators and collaborates with her teammates to foster a positive learning environment.

Her dedication to fostering a love for learning is evident in the enthusiasm and curiosity she inspires in her students. Mrs. Elliot's commitment to excellence makes her a truly valued member of the Tamarac Elementary community.



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HONORED LEADER OF LEARNING —

Judith Dortival

Science Teacher Everglades High School

udith Dortival is a passionate teacher at Everglades High School, dedicated to helping her students succeed both academically and emotionally. She has a unique ability to motivate struggling students and help them develop a sense of belonging and worthiness. Many students view Ms. Dortival as their mother away from home, thanks to the positive relationships she builds with them. These connections inspire students to strive for success because they do not want to disappoint her. She embodies all students' needs—a teacher who cares deeply about them.

Ms. Dortival's infectious personality creates a comfortable environment for her students. She leads by example, combining nurturing care with practical guidance to earn her students' trust. This unique approach has proven effective, as many wayward pupils have found their way under her guidance.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Dortival is instrumental in many activities. She initiated the Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders (MTL) program at Everglades High School and plays an active role in the Black Student Union Club, which hosts various events throughout the school year. Additionally, she takes on leadership roles in managing the school's state-mandated testing.

Ms. Dortival's dedication is not confined to the classroom. She extends her care and commitment to her students and community, making her a cherished Everglades High School family



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- HONORED LEADER OF LEARNING -

Peter Musso

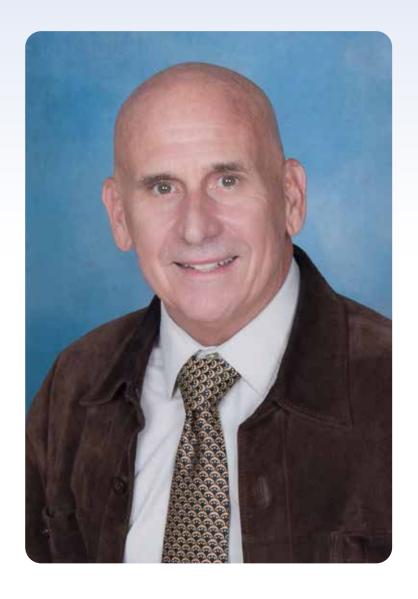
Upper School Teacher NSU University School

eter Musso is a dedicated Upper School teacher who has spent the last twenty years looking at each new day as an opportunity to impact his students at NSU University School positively. His greatest satisfaction is witnessing his students' development, ability to achieve their aspirations, and encounters with authentic happiness along their educational journey.

Peter's commitment to Upper School remains steadfast. Both of his daughters are graduates. He continues to share his 33 years of teaching expertise by instructing in Sports Medicine and Human Anatomy/Physiology. Additionally, Peter expresses gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside his wife, Allison, at the school, emphasizing the strong familial and professional connections that have enriched their lives.

Peter Musso believes that fostering a love for learning involves teaching with unwavering passion, practicing openness and honesty, serving as a model of success, demonstrating character, instilling confidence, actively listening, deeply caring, inspiring students, and maintaining a strong belief in their potential.

Peter engages with students personally and demonstrates a sincere interest in who they are as unique individuals. He prepares every class in such a way that students leave feeling empowered and with the desire to learn more. He also leads by example, feeling that young people are very impressionable and always need positive role models.



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JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH:

Broward's United Way is Celebrating!

By: Tom O'Neill

nited Way of Broward County is a dedicated supporter of Pride Month, an annual celebration that honors the LGBTQ+ rights movement, highlights LGBTQ+ culture, and encourages everyone to embrace their true selves.

Recognizing the importance of LGBTQ+ individuals' well-being in enhancing the quality of life in Broward County, **United Way** funds numerous partner organizations and agencies that support their mental and physical health.

One of these esteemed partner organizations is SunServe (www.sunserve.org) in Wilton Manors. Established in 2002 as the first agency providing social services to the LGBTQ+ community in South Florida, SunServe is a collective of advocates, allies, and champions for economically disadvantaged and marginalized youth, families, adults, and seniors.

Misty Alicea, Director of Women's Programs, Transgender Services, and LGBTQ+ Competency Training at SunServe, recently shared insights on the organization's impact on Broward County's collective health.



Why is it important to have a social service agency dedicated to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Wilton Manors is the second-gayest city in the U.S., and Fort Lauderdale is the gayest mid-sized city in the U.S. SunServe is a nonprofit providing a safe, inclusive space for our clients to receive mental and physical care without discrimination,



prejudice, or stigma. We address unique health disparities among LGBTQ+ people, such as higher rates of mental health issues and substance abuse.

Grants from **United Way of Broward County** support our health and wellness programs and enable us to connect clients to clinicians who treat LGBTQ+ individuals with respect and understanding.

Over the past two decades, we have supported the health of thousands in the LGBTQ+ community and their families, friends, loved ones, spouses, parents, children, coworkers, employers, and businesses.

When people thrive, our entire community thrives. Empowering just one person can bring about enormous changes in the collective mindset. Much like the **United Way of Broward County**, we are building a healthier Broward County for everyone who lives here.

What does Pride Month mean to you?

Pride Month is a platform that empowers people and a time to acknowledge the progress we have made and the progress still needed. When I participate in a Pride event, I experience a celebration of inclusion—it's LGBTQ+ people, allies, supporters, and heteronormative people.

Pride is a celebration of everyone's rights and freedoms. At SunServe, we celebrate Pride 365 days a year, and I know **United Way of Broward County** does as well.

How does United Way of Broward County support SunServe's great work?

The teams at **United Way** are fantastic allies. Several of SunServe's programs are entirely reliant on support from them. The needs in Broward County are tremendous, our caseload is increasing exponentially, and we are available to our clients 24/7.

Because of **United Way**, SunServe is expanding its reach and impact. The dedication and contributions of its teams enable SunServe to provide optimal care to an incredibly diverse population.



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BROWARD MULTI-AGENCY PRIDE COALITION:

United in Diversity, Stronger Together

By: Courtney Palmer, MSW

Pride is more than a celebration; it's a powerful declaration of identity, unity, and resilience. In the context of public safety, Pride signifies the commitment to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, is treated with dignity and respect. For the Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition, Pride embodies its mission to foster an inclusive environment where the LGBTQ+community is protected and celebrated for their contributions to society.

In the vibrant landscape of Broward County, the Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition shines brightly, charting a progressive course through its collaborative endeavors. Founded in December 2020, this coalition stands as a testament to its members' unwavering commitment to pro-

moting safety, inclusion, and understanding for the LGBTQ+ community within law enforcement agencies, fire rescue departments, and various levels of government organizations at the city, state, and federal levels. As we celebrate Pride Month and reflect on the strides made in the fight for equality, it's crucial to recognize the pivotal role played by this coalition in championing LGBTQ+ rights.

The birth of the **Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition** emerged from an acute awareness of the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community in accessing public safety services and working within these agencies. Historically, LGBTQ+ individuals have encountered discrimination, bias, and exclusion in various aspects of society, including law enforcement and public safety sectors. However, the coalition aims to rewrite this narrative by breaking down barriers and building trust between the LGBTQ+ community and those sworn

to protect and serve them.

At the core of the coalition's mission lies the concept of representation. By appointing liaisons and allies within each participating organization, the coalition ensures that the LGBTQ+ community's voices, concerns, and experiences are not only heard but prioritized. This direct line of communication serves as a lifeline, offering support, guidance, and advocacy within their respective departments and the wider community.



From training frontline personnel to participating in town hall meetings, every initiative underscores the coalition's steadfast commitment to equity and justice. By developing and implementing inclusive policies, comprehensive training, and targeted outreach initiatives, the coalition actively works to address the unique public safety concerns of the LGBTQ+ community. In doing so, it not only enhances the safety and well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals but also strengthens the fabric of the community as a whole.

The impact of the **Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition** extends far beyond the borders of Broward County. It serves as a beacon for other counties seeking to foster greater inclusivity and understanding within their jurisdictions. By sharing their experiences and best practices, the coalition has inspired others to follow suit, including neighboring regions like Miami-Dade and Palm Beach County, sparking a ripple

effect of positive change that resonates throughout South Florida and beyond.

The coalition's work is a testament to the power of unity, the importance of representation, and the transformative potential of collective action. This coalition is a shining example of what can be achieved when diverse stakeholders come together with a shared vision of inclusivity and social justice. It reminds us that, despite our challenges, there is always hope in unity.

In the spirit of Pride, let us stand in solidarity with the **Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition** and reaffirm our commitment to building a more just, inclusive, and compassionate society for all. Together, we can continue to march towards a future where every individual is celebrated, every voice is heard, and every heart is filled with pride.



Curious to learn more about the inspiring work of the Broward Multi-Agency Pride Coalition? Visit www. browardpride.com or scan the QR code below to explore our mission, meet our board members, and see our community collaborations. The website features event galleries and resources for the LGBTQ+ community. Whether you want to participate in our initiatives or support our cause, our website has the information you need. Together, we can make a difference!



FROM STONEWALL TO TODAY:

Embracing Pride & Fighting for Equality

By: Robert Kesten, Executive Director Stonewall National Museum, Archives, & Library

or over half a century, our community has celebrated Pride, which commemorates the Stonewall Uprising on June 28th, 55 years ago. Since 1969, we have made great strides in our quest for equality, from marriage, the right to adopt and build a family, jobs, housing, and healthcare security to the right to serve in the military while being true to ourselves—all in under 55 years. The public acceptance of our community has been swift but not complete and certainly not without pushback.

The last few years with book bans and "Don't Say Gay" legislation were stark reminders that complacency is not an option





and "Silence = Death" still looms overhead. The differences between 2024 and 1969 are enormous, but we cannot take our eyes off those filled with prejudice, hate, and anger. As other nations institute the death penalty for their LGBTQ+ populations, we can be sure that like-minded people are in our midst as well. Keeping our organizations well-funded, our institutions healthy, and our community informed is not simply an option but a necessity.

As we look to the future and the next 50+ years, we can celebrate that we are a talented community able to stand up for itself. We must never forget that our community thrives in every other com-

munity regardless of color, race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, or place of origin. We are on all sides of every issue and carry the good and bad of the world in which we live. Those shared experiences give us strength. It allows us to be the world's unifiers, even in these most divided times.

We even have a month dedicated to our efforts toward alobal unification: June is Pride Month. We have the opportunity to bring everyone under the rainbow flag, for those colors represent not only the LGBTQ+ population but everyone. We know how these other people think, how they feel, and why they act as they do. They are our parents, siblings, neighbors, and friends. We work with and live with them, and by welcoming them under our rainbow tent, we give them the community they seek.

Yes, we have a great deal more to do to protect our LGBTQ+ family from those who fear us because of who we love. Still, by being more inclusive, by being more welcoming, by reminding others we are all more alike than we are different, and by holding to our belief that we are all the colors of the rainbow, we can weaken the grasp of hate and expand the meaning of liberation and Pride. So, this June, wherever you are, invite everyone you know to Pride; it should not matter who they love.

The Stonewall National Museum & **Archives** in Fort Lauderdale is a beacon for LGBTQ+ history and culture. Founded in 1973, it houses over 34,000 books and more than 6 million pages of archival materials, making it one of the largest gav archives in the U.S. The museum offers a rich collection of artifacts, documents, and photographs from the gay rights movement, providing interactive educational programs and special events throughout the year. With its extensive library and archival resources, the museum serves as a crucial hub for scholars, researchers, and the public to explore and celebrate LGBTQ+ heritage.



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Discover LGBTQ+ history and culture at the **Stonewall National Museum & Archives**. For more, visit their website at www.stonewall-museum.org or scan the QR code. You can also call them at (954) 763-8565. The museum is located at 1300 East Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.



PRIDE: THEN, NOW & FOREVER -

A Multigenerational Concert Celebration

By: Edward Otto Zielke

ride: a time to celebrate the resilience, diversity, and triumphs of the LGBTQ+ community. It's a reminder of how far we've come, the struggles we've faced, and the vibrant, inclusive future we're forging together. Pride is more than a celebration—it's a movement for inclusivity and equality, reminding the world that everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and valued. It highlights the importance of standing together against discrimination and fostering a society where love and acceptance prevail.

This year, the Pride season reaches its crescendo with the **Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida's (GMCSF)** signature Pride concert, a must-see event for the LGBTQ+community, music enthusiasts, and arts supporters. Taking place at The Parker in Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 8 p.m., this musical extravaganza, titled 'Pride: Then, Now, and Forever—A Multigenerational Concert Celebration,' promises an unforgettable evening. Secure your tickets now through Ticketmaster or in person at the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office, open Tuesday through Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.

In the aftermath of the devastating AIDS crisis, the LGBTQ+ community has emerged stronger and more diverse than ever. **GMCSF** invites you to embrace this unity and join their multigenerational celebration! From the enduring spirit of Baby Boomers to the dynamic energy of Generation Z,

this concert will weave together decades of music, stories, and voices, creating a tapestry of shared history and hope for the future.

Prepare to be deeply moved by anthems that have defined past pride parades, like 'It's Raining Men, 'Dancing Queen,' and 'YMCA.' But this concert goes beyond music—it's a heartfelt tribute to the diverse journeys and collective struggles of the LGBTQ+ community. The evening will also feature contemporary hits like Cher's 'Believe' and Heather Small's 'Proud,' echoing the dreams of a new generation and fostering a powerful emotional connection with you, our audience. Don't miss the world premieres of "We've Come Through The Storm" by Tom Nichols and Dan Chadburn and "Don't Say, Gay," a vibrant number crafted exclusively for GMCSF by composer David Volpe. These pieces, commissioned by the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida under the artistic direction of Gabe Salazar, highlight their unwavering commitment to the arts and the LGBTQ+ community.

The Pride concert is generously spon-

sored by Funding Arts Broward, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, The Bears of South Florida, Hunters Nightclub Wilton Manors, Sun Dream Yacht



Charters, and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood.

GMCSF is a beacon of unity, uniting diverse voices across generations and cultures with a shared vision of a brighter future. Beyond their musical artistry, they are a formidable force in transcending social barriers and advocating powerfully for the LGBTQ+ community. Their impact resonates through grand-scale concerts in prestigious venues, extensive community engagements, and meaningful volunteer initiatives. With over 180 talented members, **GMCSF** proudly stands as Florida's premier LGBTQ+ nonprofit arts organization, the largest gay men's chorus in the southeastern United States, and one of the nation's top ten LGBTQ+ choruses. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Gabe Salazar, the chorus captivates over 25,000 individuals annually, solidifying its position as a vital cultural asset in South Florida's LGBTQ+ landscape. Your support is crucial in helping us continue our mission. Join us in celebrating Pride and shaping a brighter future together!

To learn more about the **Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida** or purchase tickets, visit www.gmcsf.org or scan the QR code. Experience the magic and join us in celebrating Pride and shaping a brighter future together!





HOLLYWOOD UPDATE

By Mayor Josh Levy



ello Hollywood! We recently the Grand Opening of new pickleball courts at Stan Goldman Memorial Park

Congratulations to our city on the grand opening celebration for the newly renovated and expanded pickleball courts at Stanley Goldman Park! The pickleball court expansion project added four new courts for a total of nine courts at this park, located just west of I-95, off of Johnson Street, on Knights

Road. The pickleball courts project consisted of moving athletic lighting poles, installing new asphalt and improved perimeter fencing, adding a multilayer acrylic court playing surface, installing new net posts, nets, and center straps. The contractor, Merrick Industrial Management Group, is a Hollywood-based company that is owned by an avid pickleball player.

There were many players who attended the grand opening ceremony and played for the first time on the new courts. Mayor Josh Levy joined in on the fun, and they played well into the evening. This project was finished with the highest quality of care - on time, and on budget. There are additional improvements planned for Stanley Goldman Park, including pathway renovations, an updated dog park, and a new playground and skate park. Pickleball fans can also play at our Jefferson Park courts, east of US-1, with more courts sought after in west Hollywood, next.





Hurricane Season is Here. 10 Steps to Preparedness

Summer in South Florida typically means barbecues, trips to the beach, boating, vacations and other fun activities. It also brings the start of Hurricane Season.

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 and every Hollywood resident should be aware of what it takes to be prepared. Developing a hurricane preparedness plan will help you prepare your home and/or business for a storm, ahead of time. Here are 10 Steps to Preparedness:

1. Hold a family meeting

Discuss the hazards of hurricanes. Start a written list of things you'll need to take care of and encourage everyone in the family to contribute their ideas.

2. Discuss shelter options

If you live east of US-1, you are in an evacuation zone. Have a plan on where you'll go if an evacuation order is given. Going to a family or friend's house or hotel outside the evacuation area is your best choice. If you choose to go out of town, do so well in advance of the storm. Since shelters provide for only basic needs, this should be your choice of last resort.

3. Ensure your assets are protected

Inventory your home possessions and videotape or photograph items of value. Review your insurance policies to ensure you have adequate coverage.

4. Assess your home for vulnerable areas

Do a walk-through of your home and property to evaluate your roof, windows, garage door, landscaping, etc. and determine what actions you will take.

5. Make a plan to protect your vehicles

Decide where you will store or park your vehicle, boat or RV. Check your vehicle insurance policy and keep it in the same safe place as your homeowner's policy.

6. Secure your home

Decide what actions you will need to take to protect your home and your property (shutters, generator, securing loose items), and to keep as comfortable as possible during storm recovery.

7. Determine whether anyone in your home has special needs.

Discuss whether anyone in your home, such as the elderly, have special needs and, if so, make arrangements in advance to accommodate those needs.

8. Make a plan for your pet

Determine how you will address your pet's needs and make a plan for your pet in case you have to evacuate.

9. Gather your supplies

Determine your family's food, water and medical needs and assemble your hurricane kit according to those needs.

10. Notify others of your plan

Let family or friends know what your hurricane plan is so they can check on you in the aftermath of the storm. Establish an out-of-town contact.

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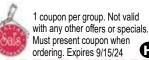
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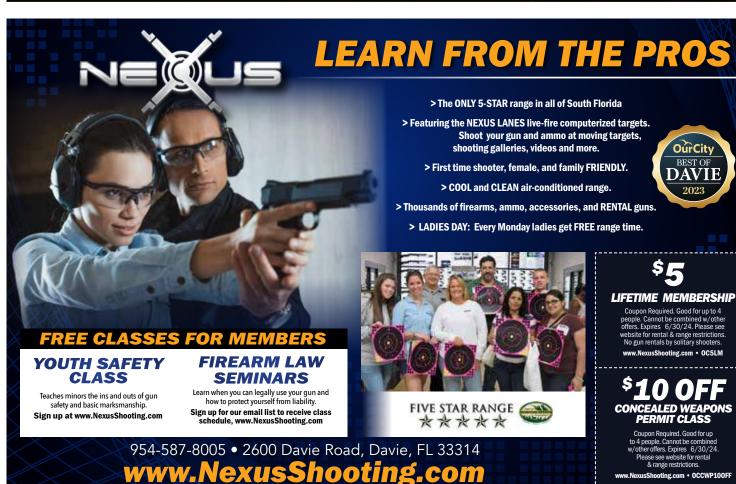
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