



# Hollywood Lakes

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**HOLLYWOOD LAKES CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

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## Celebrating 100 Years of Hollywood and the Lakes!

*By Andy Ruffner, Executive Director, Hollywood Historical Society and HLCA Director*

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This year, Hollywood celebrates the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a city in the state of Florida. The city's founder, Joseph W. Young, Jr., first visited this area in 1919 looking for a location to build his "Dream City" that would include oceanfront properties, a central business district, and a wide variety of residential neighborhoods to accommodate all income levels.

Our Hollywood Lakes neighborhood played an important part in the city's development. Following the City Beautiful movement that encouraged thoughtful planning for urban development, Young envisioned a central business district with a wide boulevard extending east to the ocean, including a circle park at the edge of downtown with a hotel to welcome tourists and future homeowners.

The land east of 14th Avenue was a marshy wetland that extended to the Intracoastal Waterway. Young and his engineering and design team created the plans for a 100-foot-wide boulevard extending from the circle park to the beach barrier island. The North and South Lakes were dredged to build up the land on either side of the planned Hollywood Boulevard, which also allowed for additional residential lots in the new "Lakes Section." Young chose to locate his own home here, at 1055 Hollywood Boulevard, completed in 1925.

Like the rest of Hollywood, the Lakes section grew sporadically over the past century, which is reflected in the many different styles of architecture throughout the neighborhood. For residential properties, Young's company encouraged builders and owners to design within three styles: Spanish mission revival, Adobe, and Bungalow. You can still see examples of all three of these styles in the Lakes homes built in the 1920's and 30s, along with more modern designs though the decades.

There are many ways for Lakes residents to celebrate the Centennial. A committee of representatives from all 6 commission districts and city government developed a busy schedule of events throughout 2025. These include adding Centennial programming and branding to existing city events such as My Hollywood Pride, the Party on the J, and the Candy Cane Parade. Additionally, the city has added new events, including the Ignite light show in the ArtsPark in February, as well as the Historical Society's History Hunt and Disco Ball (the HLCA will host a History of Hollywood Lakes in June). The culminating event of the year will be in November, the weekend before Thanksgiving with the Vintage Festival in Young Circle and downtown. Visit the city's webpage, [www.hollywoodfl.org](http://www.hollywoodfl.org), for more information on Centennial events.



The Historical Society has launched two initiatives for the Centennial year to engage a broad cross section of the community. In collaboration with the city's Partnership for Engaged Neighborhoods (PEN) program,

HHS is collecting memorabilia and oral histories from neighborhood civic associations to document their stories through its Neighborhood History Project. HHS is also working with local service organizations to collect their histories. The Time Capsule 2125 project teams local high school students with the Leadership Hollywood Class 48 to identify leaders in groups such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and tape interviews with students and adults talking about the history of their organizations and their vision for what the future of Hollywood could look like 100 years from now. For more information on these programs, please visit the HHS webpage: [www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org).

### HLCA FUTURE MEETING DATES Second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00PM

Meeting Location and Presentation are Subject to Change. Please see website for current information. [www.hollywoodlakes.com](http://www.hollywoodlakes.com)



**March 11th, 2025**  
**Hollywood Beach Community Center**  
1301 S. Ocean Drive  
Waste Pro Recycling Update and  
Police Athletic League

**April 6th, 2025**  
**Sailors Point Picnic**  
921 N. Northlake Drive  
1 to 4 PM

**April 8th, 2025**  
**Hollywood Beach Community Center**  
1301 S. Ocean Drive  
Open Mic Night – Bring Your Questions and  
Concerns With Commissioner Caryl Shuham

**May 13th, 2025**  
**Hollywood Beach Community Center**  
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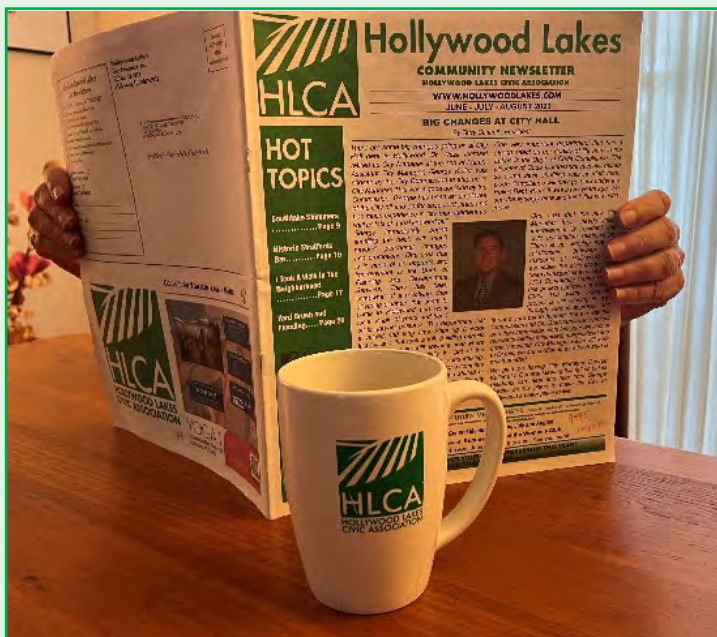


# The Lakes Home of the Month



The January  
2024 Award for  
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The HLCA has been awarding homes for over 20 years now! That is over 200 homes that have been recognized for their contribution to our amazing neighborhood. The HOM Committee meets quarterly (Dec., March, June, Sept.) and selects 3 homes each meeting to be awarded. The committee strives to award homes that represent the wide range of home types in our neighborhood. You may self-nominate your home or a neighbor's home. Please submit entries or questions to [info@hollywoodlakes.com](mailto:info@hollywoodlakes.com). If a home is chosen, we take pictures of the exterior on the 1st of the month in which the home is being recognized. We do not do interior pictures. We also place a sign in the front yard and pictures of the home will appear on our Facebook page, website and Newsletter. Please note the committee will only contact homes that are being offered awards.



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**Disability Exemption:** This exemption is available to every blind person or totally and permanently disabled person who is a bona fide resident of Florida. Here is the link to the exemption requirements: <https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/DisabilityExemption>.

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Once the September 17, 2025 statutory "late filing" deadline has closed, we cannot accept any more 2025 exemption applications regardless of any good cause reason for missing the late filing deadline.

Property owners who moved to a new home in 2025 can pre-file for tax year 2026 at [https://web.bcpa.net/homesteadonline\\_with\\_portability/web/index.aspx](https://web.bcpa.net/homesteadonline_with_portability/web/index.aspx).

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at [martykiar@bcpa.net](mailto:martykiar@bcpa.net).

Take care,  
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# DISTRICT 1 REPORT

By Commissioner Caryl Shuham



Can you believe it's almost Spring! Hollywood's Centennial year is off to a fantastic start. We've already had several hugely successful events in honor of our 100th birthday, like Party on the J and Ignite Art & Light Festival! Be sure not to miss out on any of the upcoming Centennial events – check [www.hollywoodfl.org/1538/Events-Calendar](http://www.hollywoodfl.org/1538/Events-Calendar).

I want to pause here to express my enormous appreciation for the ongoing work of the City's

Centennial Committee and the Hollywood Historical Society. Without these organizations, our centennial year would not be unfolding in the incredible way that it is. The Hollywood Historical Society (HHS) is also celebrating a milestone this year – it is 50 years young! Under the passionate leadership of its board and its president Clive Taylor, as well as its Executive Director Andy Ruffner, the HHS has become a powerhouse of programming and educational events throughout the entire City. Hollywood's rich history is being shared and preserved by the many volunteers working with HHS whose mission is "To collect, maintain, and share information about the history of Hollywood, Florida. To advocate the preservation of our historical resources and landmarks. To educate and encourage public awareness of Hollywood's diverse heritage. And to create an enduring legacy of Hollywood history for succeeding generations." To join or make a donation to this wonderful Hollywood gem, visit [www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hollywoodhistoricalsociety.org) - you will find upcoming HHS events there as well.

Over 100 years ago when Joseph Young embarked on the exciting and forward thinking idea of Hollywood-by-the-Sea, it was planned as a City Beautiful to be enjoyed by all. As I write this article, I have to believe that Mr. Young would be saddened by the news coming out of Washington. After decades of work by both major American political parties to insure no one would be discriminated against or left behind simply because of their race, religion, or gender, the current administration is sending us back in time. I am confident Hollywood will not follow suit and will continue to work to increase equal access for all of our residents and to maintain our phenomenal score of 100 on the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) which we have sustained since first achieving it in 2021.

Our Department of Public Utilities is working hard to reduce flooding risks in our City's low-lying areas. The Storm Water Master Plan will soon come back to the Commission where we will discuss the best approach to implement early critical improvements within the plan and how best to pay for them. In the meantime, DPU staff continues working on system maintenance, improvements and projects already in the works to free up water flow throughout our canals and to minimize flooding on our streets.

As many of you may have heard, the developer of the potential private-public partnership (P3) at the beach community center at 1301 S. Ocean Drive has requested additional time under its contract to get the necessary government approvals in order to proceed with the project. It seeks additional time pursuant to a state statute that grants time extensions for certain development activities when the subject project is in an area covered by a state of emergency declared the Governor.

The beach community center site is within the jurisdiction covered by the two states of emergency declared by the Governor as a result of both Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Milton. As of this writing, I have not yet learned if the developer's request for this additional time is valid or binding on the City.

You may have noticed several additional security measures downtown and along the Broadwalk. The Hollywood Police Department has taken measures to enhance security in both areas including the placement of various barriers. Per HPD, these are temporary while they continue to add additional measures. I am currently working with staff to find ways to accomplish HPD's safety goals in a more aesthetically appealing manner along the new downtown streetscape and the finished street ends at the Broadwalk. Together, we will keep Hollywood safe and beautiful!

Finally, I want to share some very exciting news. Broward County Public Schools is moving forward to convert Hollywood Central Elementary school (HCE) to a kindergarten-eighth (K-8) grade school. This is something we have been hoping for and working towards for years. For too long, despite being a terrific elementary school, HCE has been under enrolled. Converting it into a K-8 school will be wonderful for families in the community. The tentative plan is to add a grade each year for the next three years. This school year, HCE welcomed a new principal, Christine Centrone. She and Assistant Principal Marc Horowitz are both so kind, smart and dynamic and I cannot think of a better team to lead HCE during such an exciting transformation. Thank you to the entire School Board for this reimagining of HCE - especially to our newly elected District 1 representative, Maura McCarthy Bulman!

As always, please feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions to [CShuham@hollywoodfl.org](mailto:CShuham@hollywoodfl.org).



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# DISHING THE DIRT

By Siobhan McLaughlin – HLCA Financial Secretary



The January fires in Los Angeles, California have once again proved the incredible force, fury and power of nature with tragic results for thousands of people. Lives, homes, businesses, places of worship and education were lost. Family, friends and neighbors were uprooted and scattered. All of us can, sadly, be only an event away from a similar fate, be it from fires, floods, the winds of a hurricane or a tornado. We have been blessed here in our neighborhood of the Lakes to have been mostly spared over these last years.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those in Southern California, North Carolina, or even closer to home, those on the SW coast of Florida, and continue to help in any way you can.

Whatever your cause, be it the homeless or housing, the environment or resiliency, food and clothing or pets and animal safety, there is a nonprofit, a charity or go fund me page that you can support. Hopefully, we will never face what our neighbors are going through and whatever small help we give now will ease their burden. We will all be the better for it.

I will spare any further warning on hurricane preparedness and save for the spring newsletter and offer observations from the garden. January and the winter months are the blooming season for Starburst Clerodendrum (*Clerodendrum quadriloculare*) ...and they are fabulous.

On the end of my street alone, there are at least five gorgeous examples. From the UF/IFAS extension page: ... so named for its flowers that resemble delicate white stars shooting forth with a lovely pink tail trailing in their wake, this plant makes a lovely! (my emphasis here: to put it mildly,) small specimen tree.



**Starburst** is a member of the mint family (*Lamiaceae*) and native to New Guinea and the Philippines. Typically reaching a height of 15 feet, this plant is most eye-catching in mid-winter and early spring when its showy tubular flowers—

white tipped and pink below— appear in large clusters. Hummingbirds and long-tongued butterflies love to visit these tubular flowers for their sweet energizing nectar.

The rest of the year, it's the foliage that's the point of interest. The top sides of the leaves are (dark) green, with just a tinge of purple, while the undersides are a glossy, deep purple. During the wintertime, leaves may lose a bit of their luster, but take heart that blooming is just around the corner. Hopefully, you have noticed them as you walk or drive along our streets or bike through our neighborhoods.

I was fortunate /smart/ scathingly brilliant enough to buy a different cultivar (*Bridal Veil?* *Wedding Bells?*) of *Clerodendrum* at a local nursery about 18 months or so ago. A small plant w pretty white flowers (for my dream future moonlight garden) in a three gallon pot seemed a good choice ... and so very glad that I did. Days later, I went back and bought the last two at the nursery. And NOW, established, it has long trails of small white flowers and just continues to bloom. Magnificent.

It is such a thrill to see such pretty plants blooming in the yard and sad to not see them sold anywhere since. Until this past January when I spied it at another, not quite so close, nursery. I was about to buy a few more and go wild in the yard. BUT.... now, at \$49!!! for a 3 gallon pot, I have to hope it can propagate by cuttings and self-seeding. I will let you know and be happy to share.

So, as this Newsletter arrives in your mailbox, March is always an iffy month for me for gardening. Although the big box stores have plenty of tempting annuals coming in, I never have enough clean pots or space and area ready. March is also one of the driest months, with April being the driest of the year. (Or ever have enough time to water both the front and back yard.)

But March is another month that make people up north love South Florida: with average temperatures in mid to high 70's, and mostly sunny days, it's a pleasure to be out in the garden. With little rainfall and occasionally very windy days, it is crucial to remember to water the newest flowers and vegetables as you start planting. Happy spring to all....and slainte for those who celebrate the green!



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We are honored to have over 100 members that share their time, talent and/or treasure to support our mission to preserve the clubhouse and support those most in need throughout the City of Hollywood. We are pleased to announce the sponsorship of the HWC Junioresettes open to girls in middle and high school in Hollywood and surrounding areas. This is a great opportunity for girls to learn leadership skills, earn service hours and build a deeper connection to our community. Please share with family and friends. @hwcflijunioresettes on Instagram or email [junioresettes@hollywoodwomensclub.org](mailto:junioresettes@hollywoodwomensclub.org).

### Club Happenings

Thanks to Sara Cover and all those who volunteered to support our sponsorship of My Hollywood Pride to share the mission of HWC and support our community. We hosted our first BINGO of the year to a SELL-OUT crowd, raising over \$1,000 for our bike campaign. Last year we were able to give away 31 bikes, complete with helmets and locks. If we continue this success, we'll be able to sponsor many more children. Our next BINGO is May 29!

Look for us at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade! If you'd like to participate or donate the use of your golf cart, contact Julie Greenfield at [pr@hollywoodwomensclub.org](mailto:pr@hollywoodwomensclub.org) or complete this form <https://forms.gle/PTPSbQBZFvsVVn8CA>.

We will be partnering with the Hollywood Branch Library, on March 15, for a Women's Health Fair. We are delighted that member, Kris Sykes, is sharing her talents and will guide us through meditative yoga. Space is limited for this complimentary event and you must register to attend <https://broward.libnet.info/event/12851121>.

Join us at the Miami Open for Women's Empowerment Day, Monday, March 24 to celebrate women in sports while raising funds for the 2025 GFWC Florida President's project, GFWC Florida Flight to Honor. Use this dedicated link to purchase discounted tickets, <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Hollywoodwomensclub>, and \$5 per ticket will be donated to the project. We partnered with the Open to offer modest tickets but if you are a big tennis fan, our representative, Taylor, can accommodate additional requests. Please share this link with family and friends. The more tickets sold, the more we raise for Flight to Honor!

You've waited a year and it's coming soon, save the date for Wine Under the Palms, May 31st! See our ad for additional details, purchase tickets or sponsor this event.

Look for us throughout the year as we participate in Centennial Events.

If you would like to participate in any of our programs or to make a donation, contact [pr@hollywoodwomensclub.org](mailto:pr@hollywoodwomensclub.org). Remember to follow the Hollywood Women's Club page on Facebook or on Instagram and check out our website to keep up with all we're doing and to support our generous sponsors.





# 100 YEARS YOUNG: Our Founder's Vision

**February 28 - May 30, 2025**  
ArtsPark Gallery in Young Circle, Hollywood

An exhibition honoring the vision of Hollywood founder, Joseph W. Young, Jr., in creating a beautiful and enduring plan for our city in celebration of its 2025 Centennial.

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## YOUNG ACTORS + YOUNG ARTISTS

Ages: 7 - 10

**SESSION 1: June 9 - 27**  
**SESSION 2: July 21 - August 1**

This three-week camp fosters creativity through arts and immersive games, enhancing communication and teamwork. Participants will perform an original play at the 500-seat Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center.

Members - \$625 | Non-Members - \$675

## BROADWAY ACTORS

*Beetlejuice Jr.*

Ages: 9 - 16

**June 16 - July 12**

In this four-week session, participants experience musical production from auditions to the final curtain call, culminating in a performance at the 500-seat Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center.

Members - \$850 | Non-Members - \$900

## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

*A Midsummer Nights Dream*

Ages: 9 - 17

**July 21 - August 2**

In this two-week theatre camp, youth collaborate with professionals to stage a Shakespeare play, developing skills in reading, interpreting, and performing. They'll explore staging techniques, teamwork, and all aspects of production in a fun, rewarding environment.

Members - \$450 | Non-Members - \$500

## LOVEWELL

Ages: 9 - 17

**July 7 - 18**

During this two-week session, youth will collaborate to write and produce an original musical-theater work guided by a dynamic group of arts instructor professionals to design an original musical theatre performance.

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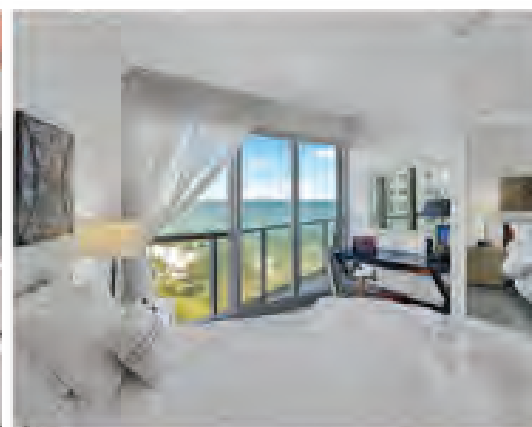
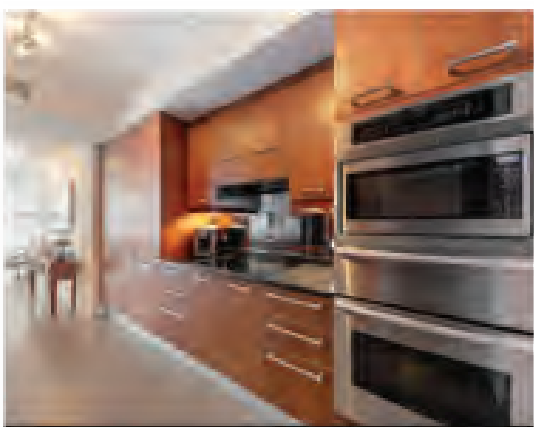
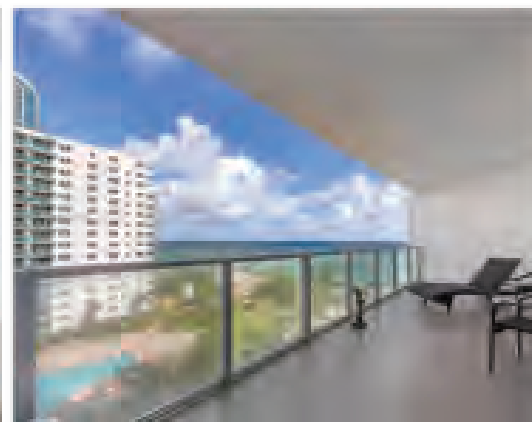
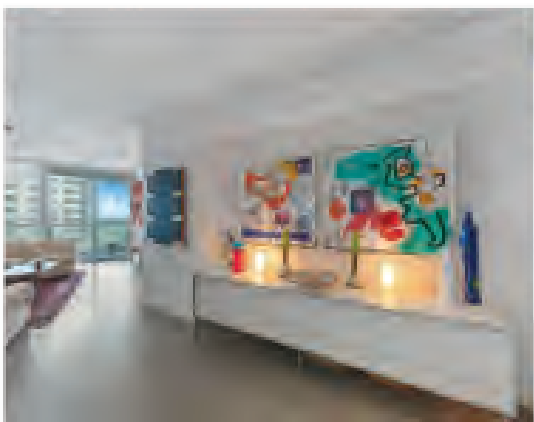
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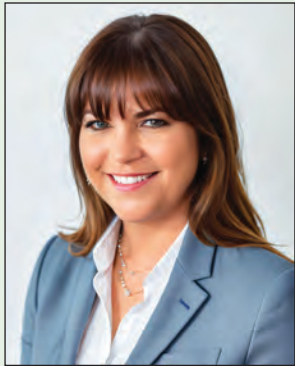


## Hollywood Central School Expanding!

### Historic Transition of Hollywood Central Elementary: A New Era for Arts and Innovation Hollywood, FL –

Hollywood Central Elementary School is embarking on an exciting new chapter as it transitions to a Kindergarten through 8th-grade institution beginning in Fall 2025. Under the visionary leadership of Principal Christine Centrone, the school will expand its offerings to include a rich focus on the arts and innovation, setting a new standard for education in the heart of Hollywood, Florida. This transition is more than just a gradual expansion of one grade level a year beginning with 6th grade in the Fall 2025; it is a strategic shift designed to nurture creativity, foster innovation, and cultivate the next generation of artists, thinkers, and leaders. In partnership with the historic Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, this initiative promises to redefine the educational experience, blending academic rigor with hands-on arts education, performing arts, and forward-thinking programs.

### A Vision for Arts and Innovation



Principal Christine Centrone is passionate about creating an environment where students are encouraged to explore their talents and push the boundaries of traditional learning. “This is a unique opportunity to provide our students with a world-class education that focuses not only on core subjects but also on the development of critical thinking and creativity,” Centrone says. “We’re committed to shaping young minds who are equipped for the future, and the collaboration with the Art and Culture Center will help us do that

in a transformative way.”

### Collaboration with the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood

A cornerstone of this historic transition is the partnership with the Art and Culture Center, a hub of creative expression and community engagement. This collaboration will provide students with unparalleled access to workshops, performances, and mentorship from local and national artists. Students will also have the opportunity to showcase their own work in professional spaces, further enriching their learning experience. “Hollywood is a city known for its rich cultural history, and the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood has long been a beacon of artistic exploration,” says Centrone. “By aligning ourselves with the center, we can offer our students an immersive, real-world arts education that goes beyond the classroom.”

### Looking Ahead

As Hollywood Central Elementary makes this historic transition, it’s clear that the future is bright. With a renewed focus on the arts and a commitment to fostering innovation, the school will empower students to become leaders in their communities and beyond. For Hollywood families, this transition represents an exciting new option for their children’s education. Parents and community members are invited to stay engaged and learn more about the upcoming changes through information sessions and open houses scheduled in the coming months. The fall of 2025 marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in education in Hollywood, FL — one where the arts and innovation are not just part of the curriculum, but the heart of the school experience.

Feel free to contact Hollywood Central at 754-323-6150 to schedule a tour.



## School Board Member Maura Bulman



I am honored to introduce myself as your new Broward County School Board Representative and would like to thank my Hollywood Lakes neighbors for all of the encouragement and support you have shown me over the past year.

I am also thrilled to share that on January 22, 2025, our School Board voted unanimously to re-configure our local neighborhood elementary school, Hollywood Central Elementary, to a K-8 school for the 2025-2026 school year - an initiative Hollywood Commissioner Caryl Shuham and I have worked on for the past five years to provide broader school options for our local families.

Our locally zoned Olsen Middle School has a talented and impressive new principal in Ms. Giancarli, who is excited to lead Olsen Middle in a partnership with the City of Dania Beach that will bring a 400-meter world-class track, a regulation-sized multi-use turf field, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, and pickleball courts right next door to Olsen. These new facilities will perfectly complement Olsen’s iCan Magnet Academy of Sports and Athletic Training program.

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I have always believed in the benefit of strong public schools in our community. As a mother of four students enrolled in our local public schools, former PTA president and volunteer, I have learned first-hand the challenges our schools face. Now, as a School Board Member, I am grateful for the chance to represent you and to help affect real change and improvement in our public schools wherever possible.

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# BOARD AT WORK

By Terry Cantrell – President

Here are some issues the HLCA Board of Directors have been discussing at our monthly Board meetings:

**-School Zoning Code Amendments:** As some of you will recall, a private school applied for a Special Exception in 2023 to have a school on the first four floors of the Home Tower. This plan was rightfully rejected by City Staff and, ultimately, the City Commission which heard the item that year. The reasons for denial were many as this location is far too congested and dangerous for students. With no adequate parking or viable drop off/pick up plan, the Commission saw that this location was totally unacceptable for a second school on that property. The HAAS School with 1,500 students creates a major traffic nightmare in Downtown Hollywood twice each day. With more and more hi-rise developments in Downtown coming on line, the traffic will only worsen. The revised zoning code will prevent private schools from opening in any inappropriate location. The HLCA fully supports these zoning amendments.

**-Proper Recycling:** The Dept. of Public Works is trying to educate residents on the proper recycling procedures as some of the recycled material that Waste Pro processes does not meet certain standards. Many items are “dirty” or not properly rinsed out so these items must be disposed of as trash in land-fills. This issue will be discussed in detail at our March 11th General Meeting. Be sure to be there!

**- Lakes Squatter Signage:** You may notice some barges and heavy equipment in both North and South Lake over the next few months. Thanks to a Broward County ordinance passed in 2023, the City of Hollywood can now erect signage in the lakes advising any boaters who drop anchor that they have a maximum of 45 days before they must vacate the lake and not return for six months. This new law has virtually eliminated the squatter problem. In addition, all

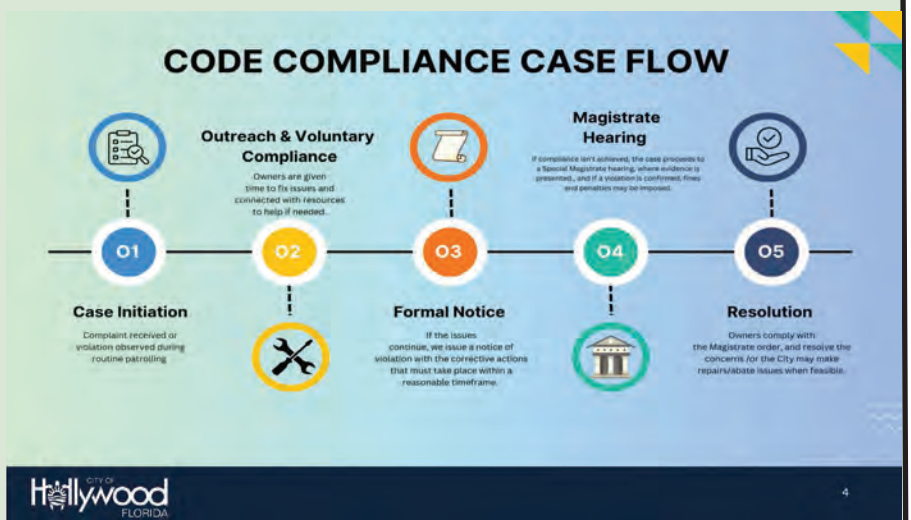
the half sunken, derelict vessels have been removed. The HLCA thanks the City, Broward County and, in particular the Police Marine Patrol for making this happen.

**- Code Compliance:** The Director of Code Compliance and Parking, Jovan Douglas, did a presentation at a recent City Commission meeting on Code Compliance. We learned that the leading code violations in Hollywood are:

- Garbage
- Property Standards (grass, weeds, junk on lawns, etc.)
- Vacation Rental problems
- Unpermitted construction work
- Lawn and/or sidewalk parking violations.

The code compliance process is illustrated by the chart below. To report a code violation you can use the Hollywood Connect app or call code at 954-931-3061 or email them at [codecompliance@hollywoofl.org](mailto:codecompliance@hollywoofl.org). For vacation rental complaints, use the Granicus Hot Line at 954-231-2375.

The HLCA Board of Directors is interested in your thoughts or concerns about these or any other issues. Contact us at [info@hollywoodlakes.com](mailto:info@hollywoodlakes.com) or call us at 954-923-1940.



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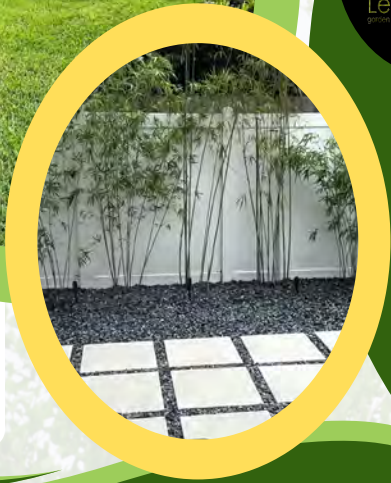


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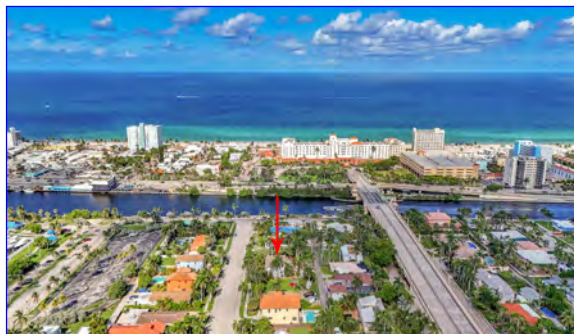
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# ART AND CULTURE CENTER OF HOLLYWOOD

If you have driven by the Art & Culture Center/Hollywood lately, you will see the Arts Education Center taking shape with the roof and walls forming a preview of the landmark Brooks+Scarpa design that will become synonymous with the City of Hollywood's Art and Culture district. There were delays with power lines being relocated underground, so the previously targeted Summer opening has now been slated for Fall 2025.

Additional facility improvements are in the works for the historic Kagey Home galleries and grounds, so guests will have a refreshed aesthetic experience from the parking lot to the entrance and beyond. The soft opening will coincide with the opening of an exhibition by Dennis Scholl on October 18th. November 2nd was the Center's origin date in 1975, so the official public opening will take place on the 50-year anniversary milestone.

The Center hosted the 50th Anniversary Kick-Off on January 17th to recognize key stakeholders that have played a significant role in the organization's success and sustainability. Honorees included the City of Hollywood Commission, Broward County Public Schools, Johnny Sue Glantz, Sally Robbins, Misty Weinger, Barbara Marks, Susan Rakes, Elizabeth Veszi, Susan Ostheim, Randy Ortzman, and Marion Crawford. A special note of appreciation was made to Joy Satterlee, for her many years of service and all that she has done to get the Center where it is today. It was an evening filled with gratitude for all that has come before and a look to the future where the arts continue to inspire creativity, enhance connection, and improve communication for residents and visitors alike.

This monumental anniversary year also coincides with the City's Centennial which includes a yearlong schedule of celebrations and community engagement. Likewise, the Center has its own list of signature events and activities that will roll out over the next several months.

- 3/1** Art of Wine – France, with Tal Cohen from The Vintage on Harrison
- 3/6** Center Salon Exhibition Public Preview
- 3/24** Center Salon Exhibition + Art Auction
- 4/5** Arturo Mosquera Jr. Exhibition Opening

- 5/15** Cuisine for Art, celebrating 50 Years and honoring the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Maestra Sebrina Alfonso and Mindy Solomon
- 6/14** 50th Anniversary Retrospective Exhibition Opening
- 6/28** Art of Wine – Spain, with Tal Cohen from The Vintage on Harrison
- 7/11** Broadway Actors Youth Performance – Beetlejuice JR
- 8/2** A Midsummer's Night Dream Youth Performance
- 10/18** Dennis Scholl Exhibition Opening
- 11/2** Ribbon Cutting and Public Opening of the Arts Education Center
- 11/13** Art of Drag Celebrity Performance Fundraiser

Once the Arts Education Center opens there will be an announcement of a dynamic schedule of art workshops and classes of various genres with something for all ages including bi-lingual presentations. Volunteers will be needed and are invited to share their creative passions to help with exhibitions, arts education, theatre, events and administrative capacities.

This summer the Center's Summer Arts Camp will once again offer a full immersion in the visual and performing arts for ages 7-17. The Broadway Actors 4-week program production will be Beetlejuice JR performed by 9-16 year-olds and we will be partnering with the Lovewell Institute for a 2-week program where youth ages 9-13 not only perform but write an original book and music for the show. Young Actors+Young Artists will immerse 7-10 year-olds during 3-week sessions in both visual and performing arts culminating in an original 20-minute stage play written by one of the Center's Emerging Playwrights authors. A new program, All the World's A Stage, will engage 9-17 year-olds in a 2-week course on reading, interpreting, and performing Shakespearean dialogue while exploring historical and modern staging techniques presenting A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Center Members gain access to most offerings free of charge and receive deep discounts for programs and ticketed events. For more information on programs, events or how to become a Member or Volunteer, visit [www.artandculturecenter.org](http://www.artandculturecenter.org) or email [info@artandculturecenter.org](mailto:info@artandculturecenter.org).



# HOLIDAY SOCIAL



The HLCA hosted our annual Holiday Social at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood in December. Many thanks to Executive Director Jennifer Homan and her wonderful staff for all the help!



# Lithium Battery Safety

By Terry Cantrell – President

At the HLCA February General Meeting our Guest Speaker, Hollywood's Dept. of Fire/Rescue Battalion Chief Brian Brown, gave a very informative presentation on Lithium ion batteries and their safety issues. As we know, Lithium batteries are used in more and more consumer products and have been for many years. Your cell phone has a Lithium battery. Electric bikes and scooters as well as lawn equipment and, of course, your electric car all use Lithium ion batteries. The issue is the potential for fires caused by these batteries. Why and how do they catch fire?

One of the main reasons why lithium ion batteries can catch fire or fail is due to thermal runaway. This process can occur within the battery if it becomes too hot, and it causes a chain reaction that can ultimately lead to a fire. In addition, thermal runaway can happen if a battery is exposed to abused conditions such as high temperatures, physical abuse or if it is charged improperly. Here are some reasons:

- **Overcharging:** Charging a battery for too long or with too much voltage can cause it to overheat.
- **Exposure to heat:** High temperatures can cause the battery to age faster and become unstable.
- **Physical damage:** Crushing, puncturing, or dropping a battery can cause it to become unstable.
- **Using improper charging equipment:** Using a charger that isn't designed for the battery can cause it to overheat.
- **Manufacturing defects:** Batteries may have defects or contamination introduced during manufacturing.
- **Short-circuiting:** A short-circuit can cause a battery to catch fire.
- **Cell malfunctions:** A malfunction in a battery cell can cause it to catch fire.
- **System faults:** A fault in the battery's system can cause it to catch fire.
- **Exposure to water:** Water can damage a battery and increase the risk of fire

Water can be used to extinguish a Lithium battery fire. However, Lithium-ion batteries and the devices that contain them should not go in household garbage or recycling bins. They can cause fires during transport or at landfills and recyclers. Instead, lithium ion batteries should be taken to separate recycling or household hazardous waste collection points. Many stores that sell large quantities of lithium ion batteries will have a recycling program where you can return the batteries. Your local waste management or recycling center should be able to take lithium ion batteries as well.

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# Broward County Mayor Beam Furr

**Happy New Year!** I look forward to 2025 being another exciting year of working together with the Hollywood Lakes Civic Association, one of the most active community groups anywhere in Broward County. Since the last Lakes Newsletter issue in December, a major change has occurred. I was selected by my colleagues on the Broward County Commission to serve as Mayor of Broward County for 2025. I am honored to take on this role, and am so excited to work with residents, businesses, civic organizations, and elected officials throughout Broward County to continue to make our home the best place to live, work, and play. As Mayor, I look forward to advancing critical projects like the Solid Waste Master Plan, Broward Commuter Rail, Broward County Resilience Study, and much more. These projects are too important for us to wait. Now is the time for Broward County to go all in. We can push our chips to the center of the table and come out with a winning hand. I recognize that engaging our local neighborhoods is one of the most important ways to accomplish everything that we set out to do. Fortunately, neighborhoods like the Hollywood Lakes make that task easy! The entire Lakes Civic Association, the board, and every resident of the Lakes will lend a major hand in getting things done in 2025. That is part of why I was glad to end 2024, and start my Mayoral term, by celebrating with Lakes residents at a packed holiday party. I am still your District Six Commissioner and remain available for any of your needs. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time.

## **Resilience Study**

Lakes residents know as much as anyone in the country about the devastating impacts of climate change and rising sea levels. Long before the two recent major rain events, Lakes residents have been on the frontline of flooding concerns and other questions about sustainability. This is the issue of our time and of our area. Fortunately, a path forward has started to emerge.

Over the past two years, Broward County has engaged a consultant to develop a comprehensive Countywide Resilience Plan that outlines the future impacts of climate change and possible solutions to help address this crisis. This month, the Broward County Commission held an extensive workshop to discuss the release of this Resilience Plan. The Resilience Plan features detailed modeling of economic impacts, exhaustive examination of future impacts, and suggestions of multiple scenarios to begin to build the resilience needed

for the future. This Plan was developed in conjunction with Broward County residents who gave public input, including many in District Six and the Hollywood Lakes. You can read about the plan by going to [Broward.org/resilienceplan](http://Broward.org/resilienceplan). The next step is for Broward County and our Commission to engage with each municipality as well as the business community and other stakeholders in order to prioritize which projects should come first and begin taking steps to implement them. Thank you to our Resilient Environment Department, including our Chief Resilience Officer Dr. Jennifer Jurado, for their diligent work in putting this workshop together and leading the discussion.

## **Art and Culture Center**

I was proud to have the opportunity to help emcee the kickoff to the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood's 50th anniversary. This event, held at Hollywood Central Elementary's auditorium, was an opportunity to recognize just how much the Art and Culture Center has accomplished over the years, and to look forward to many more years of providing incredible art and programming to residents and visitors. I have had the privilege of working with the Art and Culture Center since I was a Hollywood City Commissioner, and I know firsthand that this is one of the best cultural institutions anywhere in our state. It is great that this celebration is dovetailing with the 100th centennial of the City of Hollywood. 2025 will be a fantastic opportunity for residents to recognize both the history and culture of the city. This event also afforded the chance to recognize some of the community partners that make this achievement possible, including the Hollywood City Commission and the Broward School Board. Hollywood Lakes residents have always punched above their weight in terms of engagement with the Art and Culture Center, so thank you as well!

## **Contact Us**

Our District office is conveniently located within the lobby of the Hollywood Branch of the Broward County Public Library at 2600 Hollywood Blvd, next to Hollywood City Hall. My District office staff is available to you from 10 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. My staff is also working from my office in Fort Lauderdale and from other locations within our District. The Fort Lauderdale office is open for your convenience Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call **954-357-7006/7790**, or email me at **[bfurr@broward.org](mailto:bfurr@broward.org)**.



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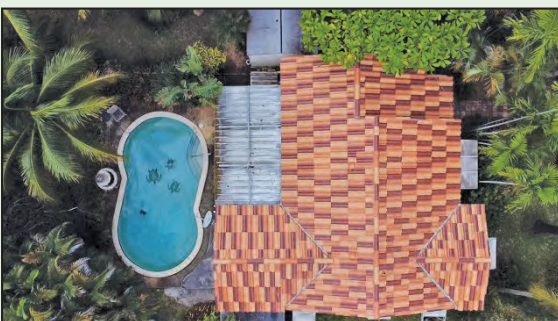
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In 2024, the Hollywood Historical Society (HHS) introduced its Historic Preservation Grant initiative, aimed at awarding modest grants to homeowners for the preservation, protection, and restoration of historic elements within their residences. This program is designed to help maintain the character of Hollywood's historic homes, ensuring that their rich architectural heritage is protected for future generations.



One such success story involves the residence at 1500 Adams St., once home to Joseph Young's son. After Joseph Young's passing, his widow moved in with their son.

We are pleased to announce the successful result of the HHS Grant Program at this property. Thanks to the grant funding, the homeowner was able to accomplish replacing the home's roof, ensuring that the property remains a shining example of restoration to Hollywood's historic architectural style by restoring historic elements.

The success of this grant underscores the importance of the HHS Historic Preservation Grant initiative in preserving the unique character of Hollywood's historic residences. Through these efforts, we can continue to safeguard the charm and history that make our community so special.

**Alex Bruno** – Director Hollywood Historical Society



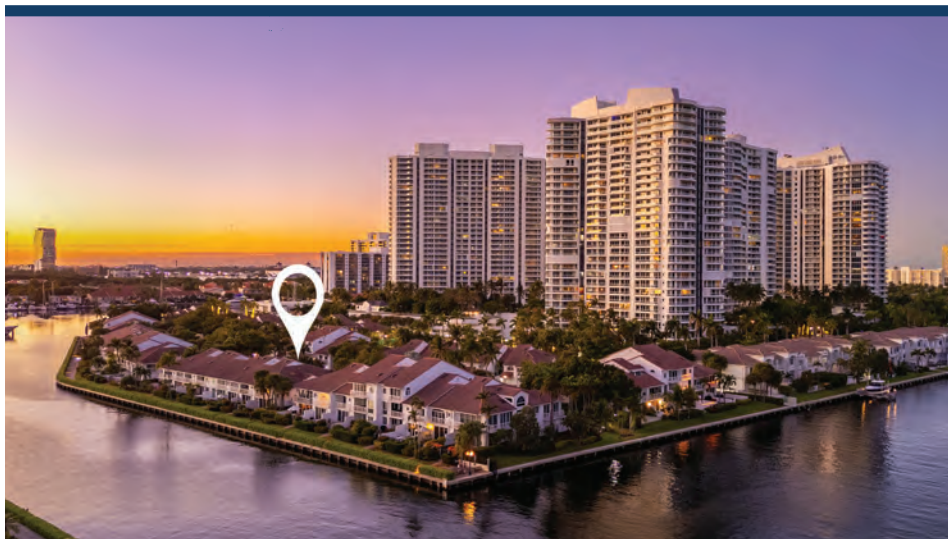


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# GOOD EATIN' IN THE LAKES!



*By Kim Ottaviani – HLCA Director*

Life is about exploring the pasta-bilities. And what better place to do that than here in the beautiful tasteful diverse Lakes neighborhood we call home.

Though my name screams of "Italian" heritage I am an eclectic mix of Italian, German, Polish and French so growing up meals were a mish mash of all of that along with what was trendy in the 60's and 70's food market. Jello salad, tuna noodle casserole and boxed meal offerings in the mix with a side of canned or frozen vegetables, anyone? And full disclosure, when my brother and I got to pick out a tv dinner once in a blue moon my choice was some sort of "Italian" parmesan meat/pasta offering smothered with cheese and sauce chosen because of the sides and dessert it came with. I mean who can blame me as canned pears with a scoop of cream cheese most likely copied from a magazine or pudding with skin (because who knew how to keep the pudding skin free back then) was a treat of a dessert from my Mother's repertoire early on when dessert was even offered on that rare special occasion or after reading one of the many magazines heavy on the newest recipe offerings that came in the mail

Now that I'm more fully invested in food prep in my own right and we are well past the processed food era many of us grew up in my food choices and ingredients are more expansive and well thought out even though I do still love a good side dish and well, flipping through magazines was inherited so there's that. Here are a few easy to toss together recipes I recently viewed that showcase some pasta-bilities but also leave room for some other diverse tastes to add spice (season, salad, side dish and dessert as you wish).

This first offering is a nod to the early days when my now husband and I first got engaged. I was on a meal track as a party of one that focused on no fuss meal prep with a nod to nutrition and considerate of the single income budget as an educator. My soon to be husband went along pretty willingly with my meal offerings for a while until one night he said "This looks great, babe." And then tentatively added "Will there be any meat with this?" And so just like all the different stages of life when tastes, and circumstances and relationships ebb and flow I expanded, shifted and varied the meal prep to include other options added to the daily meal offerings...um, like meat.

I have yet to make this recipe for Marry Me Chicken but as my husband and I bear down on er, prepare to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary (with our palates and pasta-bilities still expanding) this is on my list to try because it mimics his love of pulled pork and indeed there is "meat with this." A non "pulled" version is available with a recipe search that looks good enough to "commit to" as well.

## **Crockpot Marry Me Chicken (A variation on Tuscan Chicken)**

- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts and/or thighs
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 cloves garlic, pressed
- 8 ounces sun dried tomatoes in oil, julienned
- 1 onion, chopped
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

Place chicken in crock pot. Season with salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning. Add the pressed garlic. Pour the sun-dried tomatoes, including the oil, over the chicken and add the diced onion. Cover and cook on high for 2.5-3 hours, or low for 3.5-4 hours until chicken is cooked through. Shred the chicken and mix into the juices. Add the cream cheese on top, re-cover and let it sit to soften then stir the cream cheese into the chicken along with the parmesan cheese. Add the fresh basil over the top. Serve over squiggly pasta (which is also known as rotini) or your pasta of choice.

I'm also thinking an add of a big handful of spinach will add some more diverse flavor and color to the dish and perhaps some mushrooms or red pepper flakes for a bit more spice so have at it and "marry" in whatever will be taste pleasing to you.

*The next two options are meatless options but relationships are about compromise and adding and subtracting to the "menu" as each relationship ebbs and flows and the pasta-bilities play out so a side of meatballs, an Italian sausage or herby Italian marinated chicken or fish kabobs because no limit to the pasta-bilities, right?*

## **Orzo with Broccoli**

- 1 cup orzo pasta
- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh herbs of choice

Bring the vegetable broth to a boil in a large pot. Add the orzo and cook according to package directions until tender but firm. During the last 2 minutes of cooking add the broccoli florets to the boiling pot to blanch them. Drain the orzo and broccoli reserving about 1/2 cup of the cooking broth. In the same pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes cooking just until the garlic becomes fragrant. Return the orzo and broccoli to the pot. Pour in the reserved broth and stir in the Parmesan cheese and mix until the dish has a creamy texture. Season with salt and pepper to taste and for an additional 2-3 minutes while stirring. Garnish with fresh herbs of choice.

*This final option mimics the "red sauce" heavy way the style of "Italian" cooking I mostly experienced growing up and so it screams "comfort." And it serves not only as a hearty meal but as a pasta-bility to toss together to offer to others as life continues to play out and relationships with neighbors and friends and loved ones require a comforting hearty offering to elevate or sooth or help deepen any relationship more fully. When was the last time you invited the neighbors over to break bread. Whip this up and have at it. Invite them to bring the salad or garlic rolls and a dessert a tv dinner would be proud to offer. A tavola non s'Invecchia"*

## **Easy Baked Ziti**

- 1 (16 ounce) package ziti pasta
- 24 ounces ricotta cheese
- 1 pound shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 large jar spaghetti sauce
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Add ziti pasta to large pot of salted boiling water and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; Drain. Combine cooked ziti, ricotta cheese, mozzarella cheese, egg, and 1 1/2 cups spaghetti sauce. Transfer into the prepared baking dish. Top with remaining spaghetti sauce, then sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 30 minutes; let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

*Buon appetito and asta lapasta..*



# THE HLCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025

*Here are your 2025 Hollywood Lakes Civic Association Board of Directors for 2025:*

## Officers



**President: Terry Cantrell** - Terry will continue to serve as President of the HLCA in 2025. A Lakes resident since 1968 and HLCA member since 1985, Terry is the Webmaster for the HLCA website.

**Vice President: Jonathan Lorber** - Jonathan is a realtor and resident of West Lake Village.

**Secretary: Rachel Mazor** - A Lakes Resident since 2000, Rachel joined the HLCA Board of Directors in 2013.

**Financial Secretary: Siobhan McLaughlin** - Siobhan grew up in Hollywood, attending Nativity School and McArthur High, and has lived in the Lakes since 1984.

**Treasurer: Frank Menschner** - Frank joined the HLCA Board in 2020 and will serve as a Treasurer in 2025.

## Directors

**Alex Bruno** - Alex, a well known realtor, will serve in 2025 as a Director.

**Lynn Cantrell** - Lynn has been a Lakes resident for 51 years and has served as a member of the HLCA Board since 1996.

**Jose Castro** - Jose will serve again as a Director for 2025. Jose heads up the Home of the Month Committee.

**Ramon Franco** - Ramon joins the HLCA Board as in Alternate for 2025.

**Steven Freedman** - Steven Freedman is a retired Civil/Environmental Engineer who resides in West Lake Village.

**Sue Gunzburger** - Sue has been a Lakes resident for 37 years. Her previous civic involvement has been as a city and county commissioner for 32 years until Nov. 2014.

**Kimberly Longmire** - Kimberly's family moved to Hollywood lakes in 1967. She graduated from South Broward high school and will continue as a Director.

**Joe Mickey** - Joe joins the HLCA Board as an Alternate in 2025.

**Clay Miller** - Clay Miller was born in Hollywood and has lived in the Hollywood Lakes area since he was three years old.

**Nick Moskol** - Nick, a Hollywood native, raised his family in the Lakes as a resident since 1992.

**Kim Ottaviani** - Kim Ottaviani, a long time Director and advocate, supporter and promoter of all things neighborly.

**Andy Ruffner** - Andy Ruffner is currently the Executive Director for the Hollywood Historical Society.

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# General Obligation Bond Update

*By Terry Cantrell – President*

Most of the General Obligation Bond (GOB) projects are nearing completion. As we have been reporting over the last five years since the GOB was approved by voters in 2019, these GOB projects are the result of much public input. Here in the Lakes, we are fortunate to have a handful of very important GOB projects. All of which are fully under way. In charge of implementing all these various GOB projects is the City's Design and Construction Management (DCM) Dept. headed by Director Jose Cortes. The GOB referendum passed by roughly a 60 to 40% margin in support so the residents who voted saw the value in the slight increase in property taxes over the next 20 or so years. The goal is to have most if not all of the projects completed by this year's 100 year anniversary. Here is a current update on the projects in the Lakes neighborhood:

- **Hollywood Beach Golf Club** – This project includes a complete update and slight modifications to the course layout. The new clubhouse/community center using “Spanish” style architecture based upon the 1924 original design by Martin L. Hampton will include a parking lot in the SW corner of the property at 17th Ave and Polk Street, the original historic location. The project includes a new golf cart building, restroom upgrades, renovation of site landscaping, and irrigation and is in close coordination with renovation and redesign of the golf course which will include site drainage improvements and raising the east side of the golf course to allow faster recovery after rain events. The original GOB Funding for this project was \$12,798,726. However, with post-pandemic inflation and the desire to add more space to accommodate large meetings, the City Commission has ponied up more funding for the club house/community center. The design team consists of Richard Mandell Golf Course Architecture for the course redesign and Bermello Ajamil & Partner, Inc. for the clubhouse led by Lakes resident Scott Bakos. AS you can see when driving by the course, most of the dirt moving is complete and the grassing will begin this month. The Clubhouse/Community Center construction has also commenced. Depending on how the upcoming spring and summer growing season goes, we should be playing golf there this fall!

- **Tidal Flooding Mitigation and Sea Walls** - Flooding mitigation where no current shoreline protection exists on City owned property includes three phases of Tidal Flooding Mitigation with improvements to existing shoreline protection. Concept plans and drawings are complete for all 22 areas of the project and bids have been received for the first phase of the work (streets ends on both lakes). The City was able to secure another \$4 million dollar grant bringing up the total funds for the important project to \$32 million. The photo below shows the location of the phases. Different techniques and structures will be utilized such as sea walls, revetment and natural barriers. The first phase already under way is shown with blue circles. As this GOB project moves forward, more public meetings will be held to keep Lakes residents updated.

- **Holland Park and Sailors Point** – The restrooms have been completed as have the parking lot and walkway resurfacing and the pavilions work. The major item left there is the observation tower improvements.

- **Lakes Public Parks:** All the park improvement in the GOB funding are complete. These parks are: Joe Dimaggio Park, John B. Kooser Park and Jefferson Park.

- **Traffic Calming** - Traffic Improvements include pedestrian safety, signage & swale enhancements. Phase I study is completed and the bids have been received. Work is expected to start in the Lakes neighborhood this summer.

- **Art and Culture Center:** Work is progressing on the addition to the Center now that the FPL power lines have been relocated. This icon project will add a new space to the Center and expand the usable area for performance arts and other exhibits.

The HLCA Board of Directors is very excited that these Lakes projects were included in the GOB and thanks Lakes residents for voting to approve the funding. The GOB Advisory Committee, a group of volunteer Hollywood residents, meets every other month and looks carefully at every project to assure that the City team is doing the best they can and has already seen cost reductions and savings based upon the DCM team's hard work. The City has posted on the City web site a dedicated page that reviews all the projects with current updates and copies of presentations made to the Advisory Committee. For more detailed information, we recommend taking a look at the link below:

<http://www.hollywoodfl.org/1214/General-Obligation-Bond-Projects>

## TIDAL FLOODING MITIGATION



### Permit Status

10 Sites Environmental Permits Issued (IFB)  
3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16  
❖ City permitting underway

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9, 10, 17, 19  
2, 22  
❖ City permitting documents 90%

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## HCLA DUNE PROJECT

The HLCA “adopted” a dune on Hollywood Beach at Garfield Street recently. We joined the Hollywood Lions Club, Hollywood Historical Society and the Miramar Bakery in cleaning up and adopting 4 existing dunes on Hollywood Beach. We are proud to participate in taking a big step towards protecting our environment and preserving the beauty of our beach! Many thanks to our local Adopt -A-Dune founder, Lee Gottlieb, for all his help!



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# Simple, Sustainable Habits

By Sarah Gomez – HLCA Member

Kermit may have thought it was hard being green, but adopting eco-friendly habits is easy. Here are some simple ways to make your daily routine more sustainable:

- 1. Skip Bottled Water** - Invest in a high-quality reusable water bottle and take it with you everywhere. Fill it up throughout the day and eliminate the need for single-use plastic bottles.
- 2. Choose Recyclable Options** - Opt for products with non-plastic or easily recyclable packaging whenever possible. Glass is easier to clean and recycle, and it often costs the same.
- 3. Use Reusable Bags** - Replace disposable plastic bags with reusable ones. While Ziploc bags have their place, they shouldn't be your default. Invest in silicone bags, like those from Stasher, for various needs.
- 4. Repurpose Plastic Containers** - Save and reuse plastic containers from takeout for storing food, snacks, art supplies, or small household items like screws and hair ties.
- 5. Reduce Paper Towel Use** - Make paper towels less accessible by storing them out of sight. Keep a supply of rags or old washcloths for cleaning up spills. If you do use paper towels, opt for recycled versions, which are less appealing to use and more cost-effective.
- 6. Bring Your Own Bags** - Always use reusable grocery bags. Keep them in your car and return them to your car after each shopping trip. Use them for all types of shopping, not just groceries.
- 7. Recycle and Reuse Plastic Bags** - Recycle plastic bags at Publix or repurpose them as liners for bathroom trash cans.
- 8. Compost Food Scraps** - Cut down on household waste by composting food scraps. Compostable materials make up about 40% of household waste. Start a compost bin at home or join the City of Hollywood's community compost pilot program. Visit [cityofhollywood.org](http://cityofhollywood.org) for details.
- 9. Walk or Bike** - Take advantage of our neighborhood's walkable location. Opt for walking or biking instead of driving whenever possible. This reduces your carbon footprint and benefits your physical and mental health.
- 10. Consider Becoming a 1-Car Family** - If feasible, reduce to one car. This encourages more thoughtful use of transportation and promotes public or alternative modes of transport.
- 11. Shop Second-Hand** - Prioritize second-hand items for clothes, furniture, and appliances. It's both eco-friendly and budget conscious. Check out Goodwill and the thrift store on Dixie Highway.
- 12. Use Online Retailers as a Last Resort** - Use platforms like Amazon only when necessary. Explore alternative options and avoid sites that don't align with your sustainability values.
- 13. Plant Native Species** - Choose Florida native plants for your garden as they require less water, are low-maintenance, and support local biodiversity. Look for native plants at local nurseries like Florida Nursery Mart instead of big-box stores.
- 14. Share and Borrow** - Before buying new items, ask friends, family, or neighbors if you can borrow them. This applies to everything from household gadgets to special occasion outfits. Return items in good condition and offer to share your own items in return.
- 15. Reuse and Repair** - Instead of discarding broken items, try to repair them. Reuse materials whenever possible and consider upcycling old items into something new and useful. YouTube is a great learning resource.

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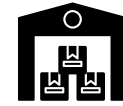
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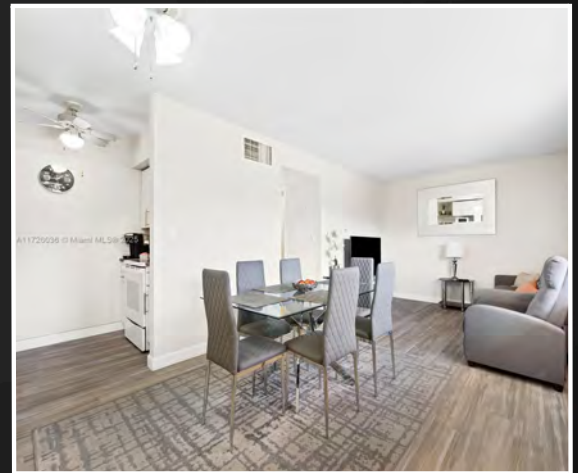
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