



City Connect Newspaper Services

Invitation for Bids # AD-23-01

General Information		
Project Cost Estimate	Not Applicable	See Section 1.4
Project Timeline	This contract shall be for an initial two-year period with two additional one-year renewal terms.	See Section 1.4
Evaluation of Proposals	Staff	See Section 1.7
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting	Not Applicable	See Section 1.8
Question Due Date	June 5, 2023	See Section 1.8
Proposals will be accepted until	2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023	See Section 1.8
5% Proposal Security / Bid Bond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required. <input type="checkbox"/> Required, regardless of proposal cost. <input type="checkbox"/> Required in the event that the proposal exceeds \$200,000.	Not Applicable
100% Payment and Performance Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not required. <input type="checkbox"/> Required, regardless of proposal cost. <input type="checkbox"/> Required in the event that the proposal exceeds \$200,000.	Not Applicable
Grant or Federal Funding Information	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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SECTION 1 - INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines is seeking sealed proposals for:

IFB # AD-23-01 City Connect Newspaper Services

Solicitations may be obtained from the City of Pembroke Pines website at <http://www.ppines.com/index.aspx?NID=667> and on the <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website.

If you have any problems downloading the solicitation, please contact the Bonfire Support at Support@GoBonfire.com.

If additional information help is needed with downloading the solicitation package please contact the Procurement Department at (954) 518-9020 or by email at purchasing@ppines.com. The Procurement Department hours are between 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and is located at 8300 South Palm Drive, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33025.

The City requires all questions relating to the solicitation be entered through the "Messages" section for the specific project on the <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website. Under the "Messages" section, vendors will find the "Opportunity Q&A" tab in which they can ask their specific question(s). Responses to the questions will be provided online at <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com>. Such request must be received by the "Question Due Date" stated in the solicitation. The issuance of a response via Bonfire is considered an Addendum and shall be the only official method whereby such an interpretation or clarification will be made.

Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Proposals must be **submitted electronically at <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/>**. The sealed electronic proposals will be publicly opened at 2:30 p.m. by the City Clerk's Office, in the City Hall Administration Building, 4th Floor Conference Room located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025.

1.1.1 VIRTUAL BID OPENING

The City may not be opening up the physical location for public access.

As a result, meetings may be a combination of in-person and virtual, all as provided by law. **In any event, the public is encouraged to attend the bid opening process virtually in lieu of attending the meeting in person.**



Bid openings for this project will be live-streamed from the City Clerk's Office, in the City Hall Administration Building, 4th Floor Conference Room located at 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33025 at **2:30 PM on the bid due date.**

While recognizing the importance of public accessibility to the bid openings, and considering public health concerns, in the abundance of caution, the City is requesting that interested parties utilize live streaming as a safe way for vendors and the public to view the bid opening process in lieu of attending the meeting in person.

The public is invited to attend the meeting virtually via the Cisco Webex Meetings platform.

- WebEx Meeting Link: <https://ppines.webex.com/meet/purchasing>
- Cisco Webex Meeting Number: 717 019 586
- Join by Phone Number: +1-408-418-9388

The public may download the **Cisco Webex Meetings app** from <https://www.webex.com/downloads.html/>, to view and listen to the meeting, however please make sure to mute your phone/microphone/device's audio and camera as the **public may attend the meeting but will not be allowed to comment or participate in the proceedings.**

If any member of the public requires additional information about this meeting or has any questions about how to access the meeting, please contact:

Danny Benedit, Procurement Department
City of Pembroke Pines
8300 South Palm Drive,
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025
954-518-9022
purchasing@ppines.com

1.2 PURPOSE

The City of Pembroke Pines is seeking proposals from qualified firms, hereinafter referred to as the Contractor, to create, print, and distribute the City Connect newspaper every two months for a total of six (6) times in a calendar year, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this solicitation.

1.3 SCOPE OF WORK

1.3.1 SCHEDULE

The City Connect newspaper shall be mailed on the first business day of the following months: December, February, April, June, August, October.



1.3.2 PRINTING

The Office of Communications will provide files of the pages and layouts two weeks before the City Connect newspaper shall be mailed on the first business day of the target month. The preparation, printing, mailing/distribution of the newspaper shall occur within those two weeks.

Publication: City Connect
Pages: 24
Format: TAB
Color: 24 (Four Color)
Size: 11" x 11" (Folded)
Newsprint: 24.6#
Copies: 68,000
Frequency: 6x annual
Web Width: 44" (equals 11x11)

Contractor shall provide a printing cost for each newspaper publication. In the event of an increase in the Multiple Use List, Contractor may provide pricing per additional 1,000 newspapers printed.

If applicable, Contractor shall provide a trucking cost if newspapers need to be sent to a mail/distribution facility.

1.3.3 DISTRIBUTION

The City Connect newspaper shall be mailed to all residents and businesses in Pembroke Pines via the U.S. Postal Service. Address list to be created by mail/distributor and updated annually.

Mail Distribution Service: Inkjet N&A on Cheshire labels, postal presort sort, tie & bag.

Estimated Newspaper Quantity Per Mailing Distribution (Based on Current Multiple Use List): 67,860
List: Multiple Use List

Contractor shall provide pricing per DDU (Destination Delivery Unit) drop which shall include all applicable fees. There are six DDU drops per year.

If applicable, Contractor may provide pricing for overrun copies to be delivered to the City's warehouse, located at 851 Poinciana Drive, Pembroke Pines, FL 33025.

1.3.4 ZIP CODES

Below are the target zip codes expected to receive the City Connect newspaper:



- 33023
- 33024
- 33025
- 33026
- 33027
- 33028
- 33029

Residents and businesses within these zip codes.

1.4 PROJECT TIMELINE

This contract shall be for an initial two-year period with two additional one-year renewal terms.

1.5 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

The <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com> website allows for vendors to complete, scan and upload their documents as part of the proposer's submittal on the website.

Prospective proposers interested in responding to this solicitation are requested to provide all of the information listed in this section. Submittals that do not respond completely to all of requirements specified herein may be considered non-responsive and eliminated from the process. Brevity and clarity are encouraged.

The Bonfire system utilizes "Questionnaires" to request the following information from prospective proposers.

1.5.1 Pricing Sheet / Bid Tables

1. **Bid Table:** The vendor must provide their pricing through the designated lines items listed on the Excel Sheet that is available for download on the Bonfire website under the "**Pricing Sheet / Bid Table**" section. Please follow the instructions given in this package and on the Excel Sheet to complete and upload the information back onto the Bonfire website.
2. **Primary Responses:** This tab of the Bid Table includes a "**Vendor Notes**" column for any additional comments regarding the requested line item(s). A comment is required in the "**Vendor Notes**" column. If the vendor does not need to submit any comments, please enter N/A or similar.
 - a. Below is a sample of the "**Primary Responses**" tab of the Bid Table:



Responses

Success: All data is valid!

Status	Bid/No Bid Decision	#	Item	QTY	Numeric	Text	Total Cost
					Unit Price	Vendor Notes	
Success: All values provided	Bid	#0-1	Printing Cost Per Newspaper Publication (68,000 Printed Per Issue)	6	\$ 3,000.00	N/A	\$ 18,000.00
Not Bidding	No Bid	#0-2	If Applicable, Trucking Cost to Mail/Distribution Facility	6			-
Not Bidding	No Bid	#0-3	Price Per DDU Drop	6			-
Not Bidding	No Bid	#0-4	If Applicable, Delivery Cost for Overruns to City Warehouse	6			-

If Needed, Additional Prints

Not Bidding	No Bid	#1-1	Increase of Printed Newspapers by 1,000	0			-
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Instructions Responses

1.5.2 Questionnaires

- Contact Information Form
- Proposer's Background Information
- Vendor Registration Checklist
- References Form:** Provide specific examples of similar contracts delivered by the proposed team members. Provide details on related projects (preferably where the team was the same). A minimum of 3 references should be from the last five years and should be capable of explaining and confirming your firm's capacity to successfully complete the scope of work outlined herein. As part of the proposal evaluation process, the City may conduct an investigation of references, including a record check or consumer affairs complaints. Proposers' submission of a proposal constitutes acknowledgment of the process and consent to investigate. The City is the sole judge in determining Proposers qualifications. In this section you will have the ability to enter information for 5 different references including the Reference Contact Information and the specific Project Information.

In addition, **do not provide City of Pembroke Pines projects as any of your references and do not utilize any current City of Pembroke Pines employees as reference contacts.**

- References Contact Information
 - Name of Firm, City, County or Agency



- b. Address
- c. Contact Name
- d. Contact Title
- e. Contact E-mail Address
- f. Contact Telephone #
- B) Project Information
 - a. Name of Contractor Performing the work
 - b. Name and location of the project
 - c. Nature of the firm's responsibility on the project
 - d. Project duration
 - e. Completion (Anticipated) Date
 - f. Size of project
 - g. Cost of project
 - h. Work for which staff was responsible

1.5.3 Other Completed Documents

1. Attachment A: Non-Collusive Affidavit

1.5.4 Optional Documentation

1. Trade Secrets:

- a. The Proposer's response to this solicitation is a public record pursuant to Florida law, which is subject to disclosure by the City under the State of Florida Public Records Law, Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Law"). The City shall permit public access to all documents, papers, letters or other material submitted in connection with this solicitation and the Contract to be executed for this solicitation, subject to the provisions of Chapter 119.07 of the Florida Statutes.
- b. Any language contained in the Proposer's response to the solicitation purporting to require confidentiality of any portion of the Proposer's response to the solicitation, except to the extent that certain information is in the City's opinion a Trade Secret pursuant to Florida law, shall be void. If a Proposer submits any documents or other information to the City which the Proposer claims is Trade Secret information and exempt from Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07 ("Public Records Laws"), the Proposer shall clearly designate that it is a Trade Secret and that it is asserting that the document or information is exempt. The Proposer must specifically identify the exemption being claimed under Florida Statutes 119.07. The City shall be the final arbiter of whether any information contained in the Proposer's response to the solicitation constitutes a Trade Secret.
- c. EXCEPT FOR CLEARLY MARKED PORTIONS THAT ARE BONA FIDE TRADE SECRETS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW, DO NOT



MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION AS PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL. DO NOT MARK YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SOLICITATION OR ANY PART THEREOF AS COPYRIGHTED. ALL DOCUMENTS THAT THE FIRM PURPORTS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY OR A TRADE SECRET SHALL BE UPLOADED TO THE BONFIRE WEBSITE AS A SEPARATE ATTACHMENT, IN THIS SECTION, CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE EXEMPTION BEING CLAIMED UNDER FLORIDA STATUTES 119.07.

- d. The city's determination of whether an exemption applies shall be final, and the proposer agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the city and the city's officers, employees, and agent, against any loss or damages incurred by any person or entity as a result of the city's treatment of records as public records.

2. Financial Statements:

- a. The City is **not** requesting the vendor to submit any financial statements for this project and prefers if the vendor does not submit financial statements. In addition, if the City needs a copy of the vendor's financial statements, the City can contact the vendor after the bid due date to request those documents. However, if the vendor does submit the financial statements, they should be uploaded in this section.
- b. Any claim of confidentiality on financial statements must be asserted at the time of submittal. The firm must identify the specific statute that authorizes the exemption from the Public Records Law. Please note that the financial statement exemption provided for in Section 119.071(1)c, Florida Statutes only applies to submittals in response to a solicitation for a "public works" project.

3. Additional Information:

- a. Please provide any additional information that you deem necessary to complete your proposal in this section, if it has not been requested in another section.

1.6 VENDOR REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

The <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website will allow vendors to update their information and documents on an as-needed basis. This process is intended to make the bidding process easier for vendors that bid on multiple City projects. This process will allow vendors to complete and submit the following standard forms and documents at any time prior to bidding on a project. In addition, the vendors will be able to utilize these same forms without the need to re-fill and re-submit the forms each time they bid on a City project. In the event that the City does not have



one of the forms or documents listed below for your company, the City may reach out to your company after the bid has closed to obtain the document(s).

Furthermore, please make sure to update this information on an as-needed basis so that all pertinent information is accurate, such as local business tax receipts, and any other relevant information.

The following documents can be completed prior to the bidding process through the <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website and do not need to be attached to your submittal as the Bonfire website will automatically include it.

1.6.1 Vendor Information Form

1.6.2 Form W-9 (Rev. October 2018)

- a. Previously dated versions of this form will delay the processing of any payments to the selected vendor.

1.6.3 Company Profile Form

1.6.4 Sworn Statement on Public Entity Crimes Form

1.6.5 Equal Benefits Certification Form

1.6.6 Vendor Drug-Free Workplace Certification Form

1.6.7 Scrutinized Company Certification

1.6.8 E-Verify System Certification Statement

- a. Effective January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, the City may not enter into a contract with a vendor/contractor/subcontractor unless that vendor/contractor/subcontractor is registered with and uses the E-Verify system administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS").
- b. Contractor shall also require all subcontractors to provide an affidavit attesting that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with, or subcontract with, an unauthorized alien. The Contractor shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of the contract.

1.6.9 Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification

- a. If claiming Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification, business must attach the "Determination Letter" from the United States Department of



Veteran Affairs Center for Verification and Evaluation notifying the business that they have been approved as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB).

- b. The Veteran Owned Small Business Preference Certification form must be completed by/for the proposer; the proposer **WILL NOT** qualify for Veteran Owned Small Business Preference based on their sub-contractors' qualifications.

1.6.10 Local Business Tax Receipts

1.6.11 Local Vendor Preference Certification

1.7 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS & PROCESS OF SELECTION

- A. Staff will evaluate all responsive proposals received from proposers who meet or exceed the bid requirements contained in the solicitation. Evaluations shall be based upon the information contained in the proposals as submitted.
- B. Staff will make a recommendation to the City Commission for award of contract.

1.8 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event	Time &/or Date
Issuance of Solicitation (Posting Date)	May 23, 2023
Pre-Bid Meeting	Not Applicable
Question Due Date	June 5, 2023
Anticipated Date of Issuance for the Addenda with Questions and Answers	June 8, 2023
Proposals will be accepted until	2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023
Proposals will be opened at	2:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023
Evaluation of Proposals by Staff	June 20, 2023 – August 2, 2023
Recommendation of Contractor to City Commission award	August 2, 2023
Issuance of Notice to Proceed	Not Applicable
Project Commencement	Not Applicable
Project Completion	Not Applicable

1.9 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Bids/proposals **must be submitted electronically** at <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> on or before **2:00 p.m. on June 20, 2023**.

Please note vendors should be registered on Bonfire under the name of the organization that they are operating as and it should match the organization name on the documents that they are submitting and utilizing when responding to the solicitation.



In addition, the vendor must complete any questionnaires on the <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website and provide any additional information requested throughout this solicitation. Any additional information requested in the solicitation should be scanned and uploaded.

The City recommends for proposers to submit their proposals as soon as they are ready to do so. Please allow ample time to submit your proposals on the <https://ppines.bonfirehub.com/> website. Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the deadline for submitting Proposals. Bonfire Support is happy to help you with submitting your proposal and to ensure that you are submitting your proposals correctly, but we ask that you contact Support@GoBonfire.com with ample time before the bid closing date and time.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY PROPOSALS VIA MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX.


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An Ultimate Birthday Bonanza

The City of Pembroke Pines is turning 63 and there's going to be an ultimate Birthday Bonanza to celebrate. All are welcome to the festivities on Pines Day, April 22, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, located at 601 City Center Way.

The western-themed birthday celebration will include musical and dance performances, free rides, games and activities and a Petting Farm all day. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn to lasso with the "Cowgirl Circus" entertainer, and greet and meet "Western Theme" children's characters between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Little sheriffs can take part in a hunt for give-a-ways every hour allowing them to create a festival sheriff costume for fun; the Kids Konnection Business Expo provides lots of info on kid-friendly businesses and what they have to



offer; and there will be plenty of food trucks and watering holes to quench everyone's taste buds. Two giant Cupcake Towers filled with free "themed" cupcakes for the first 1,000 singing

happy birthday at 6 p.m. will definitely be a highlight before the night concludes with a special free concert by Tim Charron – Country Rock with a Twist of Lime.

And all Rhinestone Cowgirls ages 3-16 are invited to take part in the Royal Court Pageant that will be held in conjunction with the celebration. All participants must be Pembroke Pines residents, and all participants will compete for the Queen and Princess title in their age group.

Check the city's website at www.ppines.com/pinesday, call the Special Events Office at 954-392-2116 or visit the city's Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Next Door for more information.

Memorial Day Observance

Everyone is welcome to attend on Monday, May 29, 2023, when the City of Pembroke Pines honors our country's men and women who have died in the military during a Memorial Day observance beginning at 9 a.m. at Fletcher Park, located at 7900 Johnson Street.

Memorial Day may symbolize the start of summer for many, however, this is a special day set aside to honor all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The Day is now observed every year on the last Monday of May.

The Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Honor Guard will present colors; and veterans, community leaders,



and special guests will join together to pay tribute and take part in a wreath placing ceremony.

The Donnith H. Fletcher Park in Pembroke Pines was named after Fletcher who was the first Pembroke Pines casualty in the Vietnam War. On June 30, 1970, at the close of the Vietnam War, Fletcher and seven other soldiers were aboard helicopters which were shot down. Fletcher received a posthumous Purple Heart. In 1971, the City named the ball fields and park near Johnson Street and University Drive after Fletcher in his memory.

For more information about the Memorial Day Observance, please call 954-392-2116.



Pembroke Pines City Commission

From left to right: Thomas Good (District 1), Angelo Castillo (District 4), Mayor Frank C. Ortis, Iris A. Siple (District 3), Jay D. Schwartz (Vice Mayor - District 2)

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Savor the Sounds

Sit back and relax or practice your dance moves at Savor the Sounds, a free music, food and art experience at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, located at 601 City Center Way. The concert, highlighting Caribbean music, will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. weather permitting. The evening also features Artist Galen Todd for live painting, as well as fun lawn games for all ages such as Giant Jenga, Dominoes, Corn Hole, and Connect 4. And, food trucks added to the event offer a convenient way to try delicious new foods or enjoy favorites.



As part of this free series, each concert event takes place on scheduled Sundays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Plaza. For seating, please bring lawn chairs or spread a blanket. No pets are allowed, and all concerts are subject to change. For more information, please visit www.ppines.com/spcialevents.

11th Annual Senior Spelling Bee

It's time for dictionaries to come out and the studying to begin for the 11th Annual Senior Spelling Bee being held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center, located at 301 NW 103 Ave. Participants must sign up at the Center's Activities Desk by the deadline of May 8, 2023.



First Place, Second Place and Third Place winners will receive a cash prize and bragging rights for the year. The event is for Center members, 60 years and older, and membership is free.

Contestants are given a word, followed by the definition, and the word is also used in a sentence if necessary. For more information, please call 954-450-6888.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

Best Buddies at Pembroke Pines Charter High School is keeping busy this school year with continuous fundraisers focusing on amazing people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Best Buddies recently hosted a successful Match-o-Matics fundraiser for Valentines Day to focus not only on caring for loved ones, but also loving those around us - the buddies and their inevitable personalities and gifts.

Last month, as part of Best Buddies Month, PPCH Best Buddies began working with Challenger Baseball to share awareness that a

child with a disability can do anything with the help of the hardworking volunteers, but most importantly their strong mindsets. This month, PPCHS Best Buddies will be attending the Best Buddies Friendship Walk being held on April 22, 2023 at Nova Southeastern University.

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk is the leading walk in the country supporting inclusion for people with IDD. To donate, the school code is PPCHS2023 and donations can be made via <https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/fortlauderdale/supporting/#PPCHS2023>



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Renaissance Charter School Celebrates Community

Renaissance Charter School at Pines recently wanted to do something special to celebrate and support its teachers and the Pembroke Pines Police Department. "We wanted to show them our sincere appreciation for all their hard work and their daily dedication," said Principal Natasha Cavell. "Supporting our community is a school priority."



Three of the school's elective teachers staffed a grill for a fun afternoon of grilling hamburgers and hotdogs for the rest of the staff and Pembroke Pines Police Officers who were invited to attend. "We were devastated to hear of the tragic death of a Pembroke Pines police officer, so we wanted to ensure they also had our support." The school also held a fundraiser to raise money for the family of the officer who passed.

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Spring Into Art and Music



All ages are welcome to join the City of Pembroke Pines at Spring into Art and Music, an evening of art, music, and fun, sponsored by Petland on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, located at 601 City Center Way. There will be performances by guitar and piano students and art displayed by art students.

Fantasy Theatre Factory will also be on-site with an interactive dance show. The event begins at 7 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call 954-743-1799.

City Summer Art & Drama Camps

It's that time of year to begin thinking about summer camps and to mark dates to register for them. The Pembroke Pines Art & Cultural Center, located at 901 NW 129 Ave., is offering a fun Summer Camp for ages 6-12. Camp hours are 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, where Campers will enjoy Art or Drama instruction, swimming, field trips, outside play, games, and so much more. Space is limited, so registering early is advised. Registration begins on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 for residents of Pembroke Pines and on Tuesday, May 2 for non-residents. Proof of residency is required.

For any questions about dates, fees, and availability, please visit the city's website at <https://www.ppines.com/1480/Pembroke-Pines-Art-Cultural-Center>, contact Aleyah Alli at aalli@ppines.com, or call 954-743-1799.

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Summer Tennis Camp

The 2023 City of Pembroke Pines Recreation and Cultural Arts Department's Tennis Summer Camp will be held at the Pembroke Lakes Tennis Center, located at 10500 Taft Street. The Camp is held in nine one-week sessions, for full-day and/or half-day campers, beginning on Monday, June 12, 2023 and ending on Friday, August 11, 2023. Registration begins on April 3, 2023. Space is limited. U.S.T.A. Certified Instructors teach camp, and camp is open to non-residents at no additional fee. Campers opting for lunch provided by Club 19 may order from the pre-set lunch menu.

A pool fun time is available for campers who have passed the American Red Cross Level II Swim Test (present card at registration) or who wear a swim jacket. Campers are required to bring tennis shoes, tennis racket, swimsuit, sunscreen, water, snacks and lunch. Camp fees are listed below, with an activity schedule for the full-day and half-day camps. For more information please visit www.ppines.com and click on Summer Camps or call the Camp Office at 954-431-4146.

Full Day Tennis for children ages 6-14: The fee is \$200 per week.

Camp Day: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Daily Schedule: Arrival (8 a.m.-9 a.m.), Tennis (9 a.m.-Noon), Lunch Break (Noon-1 p.m.), Tennis (1-3 p.m.), Pool (3-5 p.m.), Dismissal (5-6 p.m.)



Half Day Tennis for children ages 6-14: The fee is \$150 per week.

Camp Day: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Daily Schedule: Arrival (8 a.m.-9 a.m.), Tennis (9 a.m.-Noon), Lunch Break (Noon-1 p.m.)

Tennis instruction includes: warm-up, races and stretching; drilling on basic strokes; volley and serve; competitive drills and games; and match play.

Camp Weeks are as follows:

Week 1 June 12 - June 16

Week 2 June 19 - June 23 (Monday, June 19 there is no camp.)

Week 3 June 26 - June 30

Week 4 July 3 - July 7 (Tuesday, July 4 there is no camp.)

Week 5 July 10 - July 14

Week 6 July 17 - July 21

Week 7 July 24 - July 28

Week 8 July 31 - Aug 4

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Pasadena Lakes Students Helping the Community

This past holiday season the student council at Pasadena Lakes Elementary School partnered with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Toy Drive to bring holiday spirit and joy to those children in need. Students, their families, and staff understood the assignment and collected well over three hundred items to donate to this cause for kindness. The Student Council was also busy running a Valentine Candy Gram Sale to collect money to donate to buy some needed items for the school's newly renovated Media Center. Their goal was to raise \$500 and once again exceeded that goal and raised \$900.

Students also kicked off a Paw-some Buddies Program again this year, which is a PLE school-wide

Equity and Diversity Program. The goal of the program is to develop social skills, tolerance, and diversity in the student population while promoting positive interactions between general education students and neurodiverse students in special programs.

In addition, the National Elementary Honor Society took the initiative to help out not only the school clinic, but also local families and neighbors by collecting and donating essential items such as diapers, new undergarments, and socks. Pasadena Lakes Elementary School plans to continue to guide and steer students to be leaders of their community, and focus on kindness always winning.

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Movie Night

Everyone is invited for a movie night under the stars on May 6, 2023, starting at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Charles F. Dodge City Center Plaza. All ages are welcome to enjoy a free screening of "The Secret Life of Pets." For seating, bring blankets or chairs. Before the movie starts, those attending can also enjoy facepainting and balloon art. Free popcorn



will be provided, and other snacks and beverages will also be available for purchase. For more information, please visit <https://www.thefrankgallery.org/events>.

Frank Contemporaries

On Thursday, April 20, 2023, Frank Contemporaries will hold an Inhabited Panel Discussion from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This panel discussion features artists on exhibit in The Frank Art Gallery's current show, Inhabited.

Participants to this free event will have the opportunity to listen as the artists give some insight into their artwork and the theme of the exhibition. This exhibition explores the concept of home and how we create a familiar feeling in different spaces.



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Raising Positive Children Forum

The 11th Annual Raising Positive Children forum was recently held at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, focusing on "Tapping into Your Parent Superpowers." Dr. Laura Cruz, Psychologist and Director of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) for the City of Pembroke Pines Charter Schools, was the special guest speaker.

Results of a survey showed that feedback from the forum was overwhelmingly positive: "This was very relevant, engaging and concise," "This was information I can practice immediately," and "I like how they incorporated the children performing at the end."



Dr. Cruz shared effective strategies and behavioral management skills that can be used at home to help parents deal with their children's behavioral challenges, improve parent-child relationships and also help children increase their engagement in



appropriate behaviors.

The evening ended with a special performance by students from the Pembroke Pines FSU Charter Elementary School drumline, cheer, flag and choral groups. Those in attendance also had an opportunity to obtain various community resource information in the lobby.

The Raising Positive Children forums are hosted by Pembroke Pines Commissioner Iris A. Siple, West Campus Charter School Principal Michael Castellano, the Education Roundtable Forum and the City of Pembroke Pines to call attention to and find solutions for the many issues parents and children face today at home and at school.



Flea Market and Bazaar

Over 100 indoor vendors featuring an array of treasures will be available for shoppers at the Flea Market and Bazaar being held at the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center, located at 301 NW 103 Ave. on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Admission and parking are free. For more information, please call the Center at 954-450-6888.



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The Fair Housing Coordinator for the City of Pembroke Pines, Joseph Yaciuk at 954-392-2100 or via email at jyaciuk@ppines.com.

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Obtaining a building permit is the first step required to start work on a project. Following the permit process allows experienced personnel to ensure a project meets the established code and safety requirements. It also provides peace of mind for homeowners, as licenses and insurance are verified for the selected contractor before work begins. While the work is being done, a building permit guarantees oversight of the contractor's work while following Florida

Building Code.

Working without a permit may result in code violations or potential fines. Trying to obtain an after the fact building permit may be challenging and could result in increased permit fees. Failure to attain proper building permits may also impact insurance coverage for your home and ultimately affect the ability for you to sell your home in the future. Lately, the City of Pembroke Pines has seen an increase in residential projects completed without building permits and is concerned about this trend.

The City of Pembroke Pines Building Department enforces the Florida Building Code, 7th Edition (2020) and related regulations. A permit is typically not required for general maintenance of a home such as painting or resurfacing a floor. If there are any doubts as to whether a permit might be required for work within your home, please contact the City of Pembroke Pines Building Department at 954-435-6502 before you begin the job or visit: <https://www.ppines.com/164/Building-Department>.

City Info

Got a question about a city event, program or service? The city's website at www.ppines.com is the place to go for residents and visitors looking for City of Pembroke Pines information. Scroll down to News Flash, click on the calendar, or check out the tabs listed at the top of the website. Ask Pines Pal, located on the bottom right, a specific question. There are also many informational specialty sections addressing hurricanes, child safety, and mental health, as well as a Public Notice section that features very helpful information and resource links.

Social media is also a great option to see what's happening in the city and the community. "Like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofpembrokepines and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @cityofppines. The City can also be found on NextDoor at City of Pembroke Pines.

Residents can tune their television to Pines Media TV which creates programming for all ages and covers city meetings. Pines Media TV can be seen locally on Comcast Channel 78, and on AT&T U-verse by

finding Channel 99 and clicking on Pembroke Pines Media. Commission Meetings are live streamed for convenience.

Short videos of what's happening throughout the city, tutorials and virtual classes are also posted on the city's YouTube page at www.youtube.com under Pembroke Pines Media, and Commission Meetings are live streamed. We welcome everyone to subscribe to the city's YouTube channel, which is free, to ensure exciting events aren't missed. The Frank Art Gallery and the Studio 18 Art Complex both share numerous workshops and exhibition videos on the city's YouTube.

Information is also sent from the City to local newspapers, television stations and radio stations to keep residents informed. In case of a hurricane, you will typically see city information scrolled on the bottom of the screen of local TV stations. And seven digital signs throughout the city also post important information and updates regarding programs and activities.

If you prefer to read City Connect on your phone or computer, digital versions in both English and Spanish can be found at www.ppines.com under Office of Communications.

Adaptive Sports Program

April is Autism Awareness Month. This is a time when throughout the month, focus is on sharing information and providing opportunities increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism. The Adaptive Sports Program will be holding a learn to ride bicycle program sometime in the month of April. The date and location is pending at the time of printing, so please check the city's calendar at www.ppines.com.

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Summer Soccer Camp

It's time to begin thinking about the City of Pembroke Pines Recreation and Cultural Arts Department 2023 Soccer Summer Camp at the West Pines Soccer Park, located at 350 SW 196 Avenue. Online registration begins on Monday, April 3, 2023.

2023 Soccer Summer Camps are held in 8 one-week sessions, for full-day and/or half-day campers, beginning on June 12, 2023 and ending on August 4, 2023. Space is limited. Experienced Soccer Trainers teach each camp, and camp is open to everyone including non-residents. Campers must provide their own snacks and lunch each day. There may be a couple of pizza days during the 8 weeks at no cost to the campers. One day a week each camper will be provided a small snow cone at no cost.

Half Day Soccer Summer Camp for children ages 6-16: The fee is \$175 per week/half day. Camp Day: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Schedule: Drop off (8 am on), Soccer Skills Training (8:30am-10:30am), Snack (10:30am-11:15am), Soccer Skills Training (11:15am - 1:15pm).

Full Day Soccer Summer Camp for children ages 6-16: The fee is \$275 per week. Camp Day: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Schedule: Drop off (8 am), Soccer Skills Training (8:30am-10:30am), Snack (10:30am-11:15am), Soccer Skills Training (11:15am - 1:15pm), Lunch Break (1:15pm-2:15pm), Soccer training/games (2:15pm - 5:15pm), Dismissal (5:15-6 pm).

Soccer instruction includes: Warm-ups & stretching, Soccer skills training including dribbling, passing, trapping, receiving, finishing, tackling & learning fake volleys. During our snacks and lunch breaks we will discuss with the campers the importance of a proper nutrition and conditioning.

A unique emphasis is placed upon each camper's individual technique and skills, which will be applied and practiced in small-sided & full sized scrimmages/game scenarios. Both the beginner and seasoned player



will be challenged to their fullest.

Camp weeks are as follows: Week 1: June 12 - June 16, Week 2: June 19 - June 23, Week 3: June 26 - June 30, Week 4: July 3 - July 7 (NO camp on July 4th), Week 5: July 10 - July 14, Week 6: July 17 - July 21, Week 7: July 24 - July 28, Week 8: July 31 - Aug. 4.

If interested in doing community service hours for your school, you must be 15 years old and in the 9th grade to apply. Please email Renee Nunez at rnunez@ppines.com to request information on all of the upcoming meetings and what is required to volunteer. Each volunteer has to work at least 3 weeks of the camp. It does not need to be consecutive and can be spread over the 8 weeks of camp. The camp is 5 days a week so attendance is Monday to Friday. Some volunteers will work the early shift starting at 7:45am and some will start their day at 12pm depending on the camp set up.

Please note that registration is now on line. Register for your next Recreation and Cultural program, activity or event following these easy steps to create an account and start enjoying this great software called CIVICREC: Log on to <https://secure.rec1.com/FL/pembroke-pines-fl/catalog> Click Log In/Create Account in the upper left corner, and select account preferences. Build, customize, and add all family members to your account. If you have any trouble accessing your account or have questions regarding registration, please contact our Soccer office for assistance: rnunez@ppines.com.

For more information, please email Renee Nunez at rnunez@ppines.com or call the Soccer Camp Office at 954-517-8450. They will be glad to email the fliers and application instructions that are online.

Pembroke Lakes Pelicans Give Back

Every morning the Pembroke Lakes Pelicans at Pembroke Lakes Elementary School recite their Pelican Family Pledge, saying "I promise to be respectful, positive, and kind." Throughout the past few months, the entire Pelican Family has exemplified respect, positivity, and kindness by giving back to the community in various ways.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary students and staff participated in A Day of Service and Love, a day adopted by Broward County Public Schools. During this day of Service and Love, fifth grade students engaged in a Community Service Project to help over 300 food insecure families. Students packed sacks of treats and created heart-felt notes to place in each of the sacks. Pembroke Lakes Elementary has partnered with Rev. Lisa Stamp from Pack-a-Sack for many years, providing select students at Pembroke Lakes with weekly sacks full of food to ensure students and their families have meals over the weekend. The Pack-a-Sack organization's goal is to ensure no child in Broward County goes hungry. "This organization has touched our families in need," said Pembroke Lakes Elementary School Counselor Ms. Fultz. "Involving our students in giving back was a rewarding experience."

Second and fourth grade students also took part in a Campus Enhance-



ment Project that served as a powerful lesson about uniqueness and the power of one. Second grade students listened to the story Only One You by Linda Kranz and walked away with the author's resounding message, "There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place." Students displayed their individuality through their own uniquely painted rock. These rocks enhanced the landscaping the students in fourth grade tended to by pulling weeds and mulching. Fourth grade students also created pinwheels to add to the beautification of the campus.

Additionally, students in kindergarten, first and third grades expressed kindness and compassion by making cards for MSD faculty and staff, the elderly, and first responders. "Through these projects, students learned the importance of building relationships, expressing kindness and compassion, and fostering respect and responsibility," said Assistant Principal Ms. Cooper.

Pembroke Lakes Elementary also focuses on social emotional learning (SEL). "The skills students acquire through the involvement in these projects are critical to being a good student, citizen and human," said Principal Marsha Wagner. "Prioritizing these core life abilities can be challenging in the highly accountable world of education, but we can't afford the unfavorable outcomes that arise with a lack of modeling and focus on SEL. Our hope is that these skills will translate to immeasurable fruits for students beyond the classroom for many years to come."



Clerk's Corner

Local Business Tax Receipt Applications

New Businesses: Before completing a business application form in the LBTR office, it is important that you first complete a Certificate of Use form with the Planning and Economic Development. All Businesses must obtain a Certificate of Use prior to applying for a Local Business Tax Receipt (LBTR) and occupying or doing business within the City of Pembroke Pines. Home based businesses do not require a Certificate of Use.



Passport Scheduler

The City provides a new and improved passport appointment scheduling system on the City's website. This scheduler often gets booked quickly. Please keep checking back with the scheduler if you have time before you plan your travel.



City Board Vacancies

The City of Pembroke Pines has a number of boards from the Arts & Culture Board to the Charter Review Board, Economic Development Advisory Board to the Environmental Advisory Board. Any interested member of the community who wishes to serve on any city board is welcome to check out the list of vacancies on the city's website.



Congratulations to West Broward Cheerleaders

The West Broward Competitive Cheerleading Team won the FHSA Class 2A State Competitive Cheerleading Championship earlier this year. More than 100 schools across Class 1A and 2A competed this year. The two-day event took place on the University of Florida campus.

The students and cheer coaches were recognized with a special proclamation at a Pembroke Pines City Commission meeting last month.



Calling All Artists

The City of Pembroke Pines in partnership with the Arts & Culture Advisory Board is welcoming all artists to submit original artwork for consideration as the official poster for the 25th Annual Art & Music Fest in the Pines to be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 4 - 5, 2023.

The submitted piece must be an original work and concept and must portray Pembroke Pines and/or its community in any form or vision. New stylistic interpretations of Pembroke Pines, for example, and abstract contemporary works are welcome. All visual art media are acceptable (painting, drawing, digital, prints, fiber art, or collage) except 3-D sculptural work and video art.

Submitting artists must be at least 18+ years of age and be an emerging or established professional who identifies as an artist, designer, or creative entrepreneur. Submitting artists that live/work in Pembroke Pines or have significant ties to the Pembroke Pines area are preferred. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 3, 2023.

The selected artist will receive

\$500 compensation for the work and its reproduction rights. The winning submission and artist will have a dedicated area on the city's art festival web page that includes the artist biography and links to the artist's website. They will also receive a free 10x10 tent space at the 25th Annual Art & Music Fest in the Pines along with social media mention and promotion. Lastly, the selected artwork will be displayed on a city traffic box for the duration of one year with credit to artist.

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Programs and Events at Studio 18 Art Complex Bike Safety Initiative Continues

Got Culture? will be celebrating nature and the Florida landscape with an Earth Day inspired event at the Studio 18 Art Complex. All ages are welcome to this event being held on Friday, April 14, 2023 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for artist talks and performances.

Opening Reception for the 18th Annual Art Competition will take place at Studio 18 on May 5 at 7 p.m. The winning art selected from the 18th annual Art Competition will be celebrated. There will be free refreshments and hors d'oeuvres offered. Admission and parking are free. This art exhibition will remain on view from May 5 to July 12.

Professional Development Lecture- Connecting to your Art Com-

munity Studio 18 Art Complex is holding a free lecture apart of its new Professional Development Series on Thursday May 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Participants can join Dainy Tapia of ArtSeen365 for a talk about connecting artist to their art community. This ongoing series will focus on topics that support art professionals with lectures by experienced arts professionals. All guests are welcome to this amazing opportunity to gain insight, ask questions, and learn keys to success in the art world.

For more information on any of these events, please visit Studio 18 Art Complex, located at 1101 Poinciana Drive at <https://www.ppines.com/studio18>.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department continues its participation in the High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) of Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Initiative now through May 12, 2023. This initiative is funded through a contract with the University of North Florida (Institute of Police Technology and Management) in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation's focused initiative to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The goal of this enforcement is to increase awareness of and gain voluntary compliance with traffic laws that protect the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Enforcement efforts by the Pembroke Pines Police Department will primarily focus on education to drivers, pedestrians and



bicyclists along City intersections and roadways.

The issuance of warnings and/or citations shall comply with Florida State Statutes. Traffic citations, if issued, will carry fines ranging from \$63.50 to \$263.00. For more information about the initiative, please call 954-431-2200.

Year of the Rabbit

A fun time was had by all at the "Chinese New Year 2023" Dinner Dance at the Carl Schechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center held earlier this year. A dinner, dance and music by DJ Mack were all part of the festivities as they celebrated the "Year of the Rabbit.

The winners of the Best Dressed Contest from that night were Marlene Garcia, Alicia Core and Natividad Turman.

The Chinese Zodiac dates back to the Qin Dynasty over 2,000 years ago, and is rooted in a system of zoolatry (or animal worship). As the legend goes, the Jade Emperor challenged all of the animals in the Kingdom to a "Great Race." Whoever arrived at his Palace first would win his favor. Known for his speed, the Rabbit was sure that he would win the race, and was particularly positive that he would beat the Ox, his slowpoke neigh-



bor. On the day of the race, the Rabbit got a head start at dawn. He was in the lead but exhausted, so thinking that he had the race in the bag, he decided to take a nap. When he woke up though, three other animals had already crossed the finish line, including the Ox.

Because of that nap the Rabbit took in the legend, Rabbits are known for being quiet, dreamy and imaginative,

but they are also quick-witted, strategic and ambitious. The rabbit is a symbol of intellect and cautiousness. The Jade Emperor's contest ultimately determined the order of the Chinese zodiac signs. If you were born in 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999 or 2011 you were born during the Year of the Rabbit.



The City of Pembroke Pines Recreation and Cultural Arts Department

Special Population Program

Summer Camp 2023

City of Pembroke Pines Charter School

12350 Sheridan Street

June 12th, 2023 – August 4th, 2023

Camp Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Summer Camp is for children and adults ages 6-22 with special needs and varying disabilities.

Participants must be independent in toileting and be able to administer their own medications with supervision.



Daily activities will include recreational games, sports, arts and crafts, educational classes, swimming and much more!



Please call 754-312-4270 or 954-392-2127 for more information regarding intake and registration.

Payments can be made by check, money order, or credit card. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. There is a one-time non-refundable registration fee of \$12 (\$18 if registering two or more camp participants). The registration price for camp is \$160.00 per 2 week session (maximum of \$80.00 per week). There will be a Children Services Council MOST (Maximizing Out of School Time) sliding fee scale with reduced weekly payments for individuals that complete the requested paperwork and are approved for reduced payments.

No registration packets will be accepted without payment



For more information contact Tom Joyce, Recreation Supervisor II, tjoyce@ppines.com or

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The City of Pembroke Pines prohibits any policy or procedure that results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate must contact the Special Population Department at 954-392-2130, at least 24 hours in advance in order to request such accommodations.

Hurricane Preparedness Week

While Florida has an official hurricane season, being prepared should be a year-round activity. That's one of the reasons why, in 2004, National Hurricane Preparedness Week in the United States replaced the previous observance of National Hurricane Awareness Week, as awareness does not equate to preparedness.

National Hurricane Preparedness Week is a nationwide effort to inform the public about hurricane hazards and to disseminate information and share knowledge which can be used to prepare and take action. It will take place May 1, 2023 through May 17, 2023. Each day during National Hurricane Preparedness Week, the National Weather Service will address a specific hurricane-related topic and share with cities to promote. This information will be shared



on the city's social media.

For residents of the City of Pembroke Pines, there is a comprehensive section on the city's website at www.ppines.com/hurricane called "Pembroke Pines Prepared" where visitors will find a wide range of resources, videos, information and preparation materials. There will also continually be helpful information posted on the city's social media on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter throughout the season and year, and during National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Mayor's Chess Challenge

It's time to test wits in The Mayor's Annual Chess Challenge in Pembroke Pines, being held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Pembroke Lakes Golf and Racquetball Club 19, located at 10500 Taft Street. This chess challenge, held throughout Broward County, is part of a free and friendly series of chess meet-ups in over 19 different cities to draw attention to the benefits of chess in both the academic environment and throughout the community.

Chess players of all ages, novices



and experts alike are welcome to play chess with Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis, elected officials, community leaders, and other players at this monthly traveling challenge. Instructors are on hand to help those new to the game.

The chess challenges support Scholastic Chess, which has been steadily growing throughout the years. Players at this Challenge will have their Mayor's Chess Challenge Passport stamped so they can log their participation. Those with perfect attendance from all the challenges will receive

a certificate at the end of the season. More than 100 boys and girls of all ages have attended the Mayor's Chess Challenge in Pembroke Pines in previous years.

For more information about the Mayor's Chess Challenge in Pembroke Pines, presented by Power Financial Credit Union, please visit www.ppines.com/specialevents.

Semana de Preparación de Huracanes

Aunque Florida tiene una temporada oficial de huracanes, estar preparado debe ser una actividad de todo el año. Esa es una de las razones por las que, en 2004, la Semana Nacional de Preparación de Huracanes en Estados Unidos reemplazó a la Semana Nacional de Concientización de Huracanes, de observancia previa, ya que concientización no se equipara a preparación.

La Semana Nacional de Preparación de Huracanes es un esfuerzo en todo el país para informar al público sobre los peligros de los huracanes y para difundir información, y compartir el conocimiento que puede usarse para prepararse y tomar acción. Tendrá lugar desde el 1 de mayo, 2023 hasta el 17 de mayo, 2023. Cada día durante la Semana Nacional de Preparación de Huracanes, el Servi-

cio Meteorológico Nacional emitirá un tópico específico relacionado con huracanes, y lo compartirá con otras ciudades para dar promoción. Esta información será compartida en los medios sociales de la ciudad.

Para los residentes de la Ciudad de Pembroke Pines, hay una sección muy completa en el ciber sitio de la ciudad en www.ppines.com/hurricane llamada "Pembroke Pines Preparada" donde los visitantes encontrarán una amplia variedad de recursos, videos, información y materiales de preparación. También habrá continuamente información útil publicada en los medios sociales de la ciudad en Facebook, Instagram y Twitter durante todo el año, en especial durante la temporada, y en la Semana Nacional de Preparación de Huracanes.

Desafío de Ajedrez del Alcalde

Ya es tiempo de poner a prueba su ingenio en el Desafío Anual de Ajedrez del Alcalde en Pembroke Pines, que se llevará a cabo el sábado 13 de mayo, 2023 de 9 a.m. a 11 a.m. en el Restaurant de Pembroke Lakes Golf Club 19, localizado en 10500 Taft St. Este desafío de ajedrez, que se efectúa en todo el Condado Broward, es parte de una serie gratis y amistosa de encuentros de ajedrez en más de 19 ciudades diferentes, para atraer la atención sobre los beneficios de jugar ajedrez tanto en el ambiente académico como en nuestra comunidad.

Los jugadores de ajedrez de todas las edades y diferentes niveles de destreza son bienvenidos a jugar ajedrez con el Alcalde de Pembroke Pines, Frank C. Ortis, los funcionarios electos y otros jugadores en este desafío mensual que viaja por el Condado. Hay instructores disponibles

para ayudar a los nuevos en el juego.

Los desafíos de ajedrez apoyan al ajedrez académico, *Scholastic Chess*, que ha estado creciendo constantemente a través de los años. Los jugadores en este Desafío tendrán estampado su Pasaporte de Desafío de Ajedrez del Alcalde para que puedan así registrar su participación. Las personas con asistencia perfecta a todos estos encuentros recibirán un certificado al final de la temporada. Más de 100 niños y niñas de todas las edades han asistido al Desafío de Ajedrez del Alcalde en Pembroke Pines en los años anteriores.

Para más información sobre el Desafío de Ajedrez del Alcalde en Pembroke Pines, presentado por Power Financial Credit Union, por favor visite www.ppines.com/specialevents.

City of Pembroke Pines – Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center
Classes and Programs (APRIL/MAY 2023)
301 NW 103rd Avenue | Pembroke Pines, FL | 33026 | Phone: (954) 450-6888

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chair Exercise (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am (Video) FREE for SWFP members	Senior Power Fitness (M/Hall) 9:00am-10:00am (Paul) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Healthy Partners</i>	Yoga (Gym 1) 9:15am-10:15am (Kim) SWFP members only \$10 per person per month	Senior Power Fitness (M/Hall) 9:00am-10:00am (Paul) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Common Health</i>	Zumba (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor La Colonia Medical</i>
Creative Writing-Spanish (Rm 212) 9:15am-10:15am (Martha) 6 weeks session FREE for SWFP members (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Reiki Healing (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Aetna</i>	Zumba (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Oscar Holy Cross</i>	Chair Exercise (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am (Video) FREE for SWFP members	Meditation Quest (Gym 1) 9:30am-10:30am (Audrey) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Health Sun</i>
Water Aerobics (Pool) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) FREE for SWFP members <i>Limit 12 people</i> <i>*Sponsor CarePlus</i>	Citizenship Classes (Rm 212) 9:00am – 12:00pm	Pottery (Rm 207) 9:30am-11:30am (Mr. D) 6 weeks session (\$45 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Water Base Oil Paint (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Beginner Acrylic (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/21/23 – 5/26/23)
Line Dancing (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Intune Health</i>	Floral Arranging (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Susana) 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday (\$25 pp) includes materials <i>Limit 10 people</i>	Arts & Crafts (Rm 213) 9:30am-12:30pm FREE for SWFP members <i>Limit 10 people</i>	Beginner Sewing (Rm 213) 9:30am-11:30am (Ellie) 6 weeks session (\$40 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Card Making (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Deborah) Every Friday – FREE for members
Int. Acrylic (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Embroidery Class (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Mercedes) FREE for SWFP members	Beginner Spanish (Rm 212) 10:00am-12:00pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Creative Writing (Rm 212) 10:00am-11:00am (Susan) 6 weeks-FREE members (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Jewelry Making (Rm 212) 10am-12pm -or- 1pm-3pm Offered Once a Month (Ondina) <i>Bring your kit or purchase \$15</i>
Crochet & Knitting (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Mercedes) FREE for SWFP members	Pottery (Rm 207) 9:30am-11:30am (Mr. D) 6 weeks session (\$45 pp) (4/18/23 – 5/23/23)	Water Aerobics (Pool) 10:45am-11:45am (Elda) FREE for SWFP members <i>Limit 12 people</i> <i>*Sponsor Doctor's Healthcare</i>	Salsa with Juan (Main Hall) 10:30am-11:30am FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Devoted Health</i>	Ageless Grace (S/A) 11:00am-12:00pm (Audrey) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Caremax</i>
Tai Chi –Beginner (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Nelson) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Simply Healthcare</i>	Yoga (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Peg) SWFP members only \$10 per person per month	20/20/20 (Main Hall) 10:45am-11:45am (Kim) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Humana</i>	Tai Chi-Intermediate (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Nelson) SWFP members only \$10 per person per month	Chair Total Fitness (M/H) 11:00am-12:00pm (Carlos) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Baptist Health</i>
English with Morris (212) 10:30am-12:00pm FREE for SWFP members	Chair Yoga (Gym 1) 12:00pm-1:00 pm (Peg) SWFP members only \$10 per person per month	Tai Chi-Beginner (Gym 1) 12:00pm-1:00pm (Nelson) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Site Council</i>	Site Bingo (Main Hall) 12:00pm-2:00pm (\$8 pp) For SWFP members only	Advanced Acrylic (Rm 209) 12:00pm-2:00pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) 4/21/23 – 5/26/23)
Site Bingo (Main Hall) 12:00pm-2:00pm (\$8 pp) For SWFP members only	Figure Drawing (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/18/23 – 5/23/23)	Drawing Fundamentals (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Intermediate Sewing (Rm 213) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Ellie) 6 weeks session (\$40 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Senior Total Fitness (M/H) 12:15pm-1:15pm (Carlos) FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Baptist Health</i>
Colored Pencil (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Salsa with Juan (Main Hall) 1:00pm-2:00pm FREE for SWFP members <i>*Sponsor Caremax</i>	Intermediate Piano (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) 8 weeks (\$10 pp) (5/3/23 - 6/21/23)	Intro to Watercolor (Rm 209) 12:30pm- 2:30pm (Daniel) 6 weeks session (\$35 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	<p align="center">Find your center at our CENTER!</p> <p align="center">Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Site Council</p>
Songbirds (Gym 2) 12:30pm-2:00pm FREE for SWFP members	Advanced Piano (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) 8 weeks (\$10 pp) (5/2/23 - 6/20/23)	LIVE: SoFia Tech Connect FREE Computer/iPad/iPhone Classes <i>For more info call or email SoFia:</i> (954) 484-7117 Ext. 7 Techservices@thesofia.org	Beginner Piano (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) 8 weeks (\$10 pp) (5/4/23 - 6/22/23)	
AARP Tax Aide (S/A) 10:00am-2:00pm FREE (2/6/23 thru 4/17/23)	Bingomania (Main Hall) <i>Last Tues of Month</i> 2:30pm-4:30pm (\$12 pp) For SWFP members only		AARP Tax Aide (S/A) 10:00am-2:00pm FREE (2/2/23 thru 4/13/23)	
	Night Bingo (Main Hall) 1 st Tuesday of the Month 6:00pm-9:00pm (\$20 pp)			
				
				

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The Flavors of Pembroke Pines

Residents and visitors joined together for an evening of delicious food, tasty drinks, music and fun at the 13th annual Taste of Pines recently held at the Charles F. Dodge City Center Plaza. The event featured a wide array of restaurants and vendors that showcased samples of delicious food and drink that Pembroke Pines and surrounding areas has to offer.



The highly popular food sampling event featured over 50 different participating restaurants and vendors. Proceeds from Taste of Pines benefit the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation. Congratulations to the 2023 People's Choice Award Winners with an additional category called New Kid on the Block:

Best Food -- 1st place: Savor, 2nd place - Cebiche Bar, and 3rd place Pincho
 Best Drink - 1st place – Club 19; 2nd place – American Icon Brewery; and 3rd place – Funky Buddha
 Best Dessert - 1st place – Nothing Bundt Cake; 2nd place – Menchie's; and 3rd place – WaWa

New Kid on the Block – The Peach Cobbler Factory
 The Pembroke Pines Charter School Foundation, a 501c3, was established in January of 2004 to assist teachers and students through the creation of a one-million-dollar endowment. These monies provide scholarships for high school graduates, teacher scholarships for advanced degrees, and Employee of the Year bonuses for instructional and non-instructional employees in the Pembroke Pines Charter School System.

In 2011, the Foundation revised the Articles of Incorporation with approval from the Internal Revenue Service, to allow financial contributions to the Pembroke Pines Charter Schools. The Foundation is supported entirely



by the generous contributions from individuals, businesses and granting organizations. The Foundation also hosts fundraising events annually that help to provide funding for Foundation programs.

Los Sabores de Pembroke Pines

Los residentes y visitantes se reunieron para disfrutar de comida deliciosa, sabrosas bebidas, música y diversión en el 13er evento *Taste of Pines* (Sabores de Pines) que se realizó recientemente en la Plaza del Centro de la Ciudad Charles F. Dodge. Se presentó una amplia variedad de restaurantes y vendedores que ofrecieron muestras de deliciosas comidas y bebidas que ofrecen Pembroke Pines y sus áreas circundantes.



El altamente popular evento de muestras culinarias presentó 50 diferentes restaurantes y vendedores participantes. Las ganancias de *Taste of Pines* benefician a la Fundación de Escuelas Charter de la Ciudad de Pembroke Pines. Felicitaciones a los Ganadores del Premio 2023 *People's Choice* (Preferencia de la Gente) con una categoría adicional llamada “*New Kid on the Block*” (El Niño Nuevo en la Cuadra)

Mejor Comida - 1^{er} lugar – Savor; 2^o lugar – Cebiche Bar; y, 3^{er} lugar – Pincho

Mejor Bebida - 1^{er} lugar – Club 19; 2^o lugar – American Icon Brewery; y, 3^{er} lugar – Funky Buddha
Mejor Postre - 1^{er} lugar – Nothing Bundt Cake; 2^o lugar – Menchie’s; y, 3^{er} lugar – WaWa

El Niño Nuevo de la Cuadra – The Peach Cobbler Factory
La Fundación de Escuelas Charter de Pembroke Pines, una organización 501c3, fue establecida en enero de 2004 para asistir a maestros y estudiantes a través de la creación de una donación de un millón de dólares. Este dinero otorga becas para estudiantes graduados de *high school*, becas de maestros para grados avanzados, y bonos del Empleado del Año para empleados educativos y no educativos en el Sistema de Escuelas Charter de Pembroke Pines.

En 2011, la Fundación revisó los Artículos de Incorporación con aprobación del Servicio de Ingresos Internos (IRS/ *Internal Revenue Service*), para permitir las contribuciones financieras a las Escuelas Charter de Pembroke Pines. La Fundación está apoyada totalmente por las generosas contribuciones de individuos, negocios, y orga-

nizaciones que otorgan *grants*, o subvenciones. La Fundación también lleva a cabo eventos anuales de recaudación de fondos que ayuden a proveer de fondos a los programas de la Fundación.



LUNES	MARTES	MIÉRCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES
Ejercicio en Silla (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am (Video) GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Senior Power Fitness (M/Hall) 9:00am-10:00am (Paul) GRATIS para SWFP miembros <i>* Patrocinado Healthy Partners</i>	Yoga (Gym 1) 9:15am-10:15am (Kim) Para miembros SWFP \$10 por persona por mes	Senior Power Fitness (M/Hall) 9:00am-10:00am (Paul) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Common Health</i>	Zumba (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado La Colonia Medical</i>
Escritura Creativa - Español (Rm 212) 9:15am-10:15am (Martha) 6 semanas GRATIS para miembros SWFP (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Curación Reiki (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>*Patrocinado Aetna</i>	Zumba (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Oscar Holy Cross</i>	Ejercicio en Silla (Gym 1) 9:00am-10:00am (Video) GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Meditation Quest (Gym 1) 9:30am-10:30am (Audrey) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Health Sun</i>
Aeróbicos Acuático (Piscina) 9:30am-10:30am (Elda) GRATIS para miembros SWFP Limite 12 personas <i>* Patrocinado CarePlus</i>	Clases de Ciudadanía (Rm 212) 9:00am – 12:00pm	Clase de Alfarrería (Rm 207) 9:30am-11:30am (Mr. D) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$45 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Pintura al óleo a base de agua (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Acrílicos Principiante (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/21/23 – 5/26/23)
Line Dancing (Main Hall) 9:30am-10:30am GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Intune Health</i>	Arreglos Florales (Rm 209) 9:30am-11:30am (Susana) 2do y 4to Martes (\$25 pp) Incluye todos los materiales Limite 10 personas	Clase Manualidades (Rm 213) 9:30am-12:30pm GRATIS para miembros SWFP Limite 10 personas	Principiante de Costura (Rm 213) 9:30am-11:30am (Ellie) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$40 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Fabricación de tarjetas (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Deborah) Cada viernes-GRATIS para miembros
Acrílicos Intermedios (209) 9:30am-11:30am (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35pp) (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Clase de Bordados (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Mercedes) GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Español Principiante (Rm 212) 10:00am-12:00pm (Daniel) Sesión 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Creative Writing (Rm 212) 10:00am-11:00am (Susan) GRATIS para miembros SWFP Sesión 6 semanas (Solo en inglés) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Clase de Joyería (Rm 212) 10am-12pm o 1pm-3pm Una vez al mes (con Ondina) <i>Espacio limitado</i> Compra el kit por \$15
Crochet y Tejido (Rm 213) 10:00am-12:00pm (Mercedes) GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Clase de Alfarrería (Rm 207) 9:30am-11:30am (Mr. D) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$45 pp) (4/18/23 – 5/23/23)	Aeróbicos Acuático (Piscina) 10:45am-11:45am (Elda) GRATIS para miembros SWFP Limite 12 personas <i>* Patrocinado Doctor's Healthcare</i>	Salsa con Juan (Main Hall) 10:30am-11:30am GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Devoted Health</i>	Ageless Grace (S/A) 11:00am-12:00pm (Audrey) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Caremax</i>
Tai Chi-Principiante (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Nelson) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Simply Healthcare</i>	Yoga (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Peg) Para miembros SWFP \$10 por persona por mes	20/20/20 (Main Hall) 10:45am-11:45am (Kim) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Humana</i>	Tai Chi-Intermedia (Gym 1) 10:30am-11:30am (Nelson) Para miembros SWFP \$10 por persona por mes	Total Fitness en Silla (M/H) 11:00am-12:00pm (Carlos) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Baptist Health</i>
Inglés con Morris (212) 10:30am-12:00pm GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Silla de Yoga (Gym 1) 12:00pm-1:00pm (Peg) Para miembros SWFP \$10 por persona por mes	Tai Chi-Principiante (Gym 1) 12:00pm-1:00pm (Nelson) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Site Council</i>	Site Bingo (Main Hall) 12:00pm-2:00pm (\$8 pp) Para miembros SWFP	Acrílico Avanzado (Rm 209) 12:00pm-2:00pm (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/21/23 – 5/26/23)
Site Bingo (Main Hall) 12:00pm-2:00pm (\$8 pp) Para miembros de SWFP	Dibujo de Figura (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/18/23 – 5/23/23)	Fundamentos Dibujo (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/19/23 – 5/24/23)	Costura Intermedia (Rm 213) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Ellie) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$40 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	Senior Total Fitness (M/H) 12:15pm-1:15pm (Carlos) GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Baptist Health</i> 3er viernes Gimnasio 1
Lápices de Colores (Rm 209) 12:30pm-2:30pm (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/17/23 - 5/22/23)	Salsa con Juan (Main Hall) 1pm-2pm GRATIS para miembros SWFP <i>* Patrocinado Caremax</i>	Piano Intermedio (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) Sesión de 8 semanas (\$10 pp) (5/3/23 – 6/21/23)	Intro a la Acuarela (Rm 209) 12:30pm- 2:30pm (Daniel) Sesión de 6 semanas (\$35 pp) (4/20/23 – 5/25/23)	!Encuentra tu centro En nuestro CENTRO!
Songbirds (Gym 2) 12:30pm-2:00pm GRATIS para miembros SWFP	Piano Avanzado (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) Sesión de 8 semanas (\$10 pp) (5/2/23 – 6/20/23)	SoFIA Tech Connect Clases Computadora/iPad/iPhone GRATIS Para más detalles: (954) 484-7117 Ext. 7 Techservices@thesofia.org	Piano para Principiantes (Gym 2) 2:00pm-4:00pm (Phyllis) Sesión de 8 semanas (\$10 pp) (5/4/23 – 6/22/23)	Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Site Council
AARP Tax Aide (S/A) 10:00am-2:00pm GRATIS (2/6/23 a 4/17/23)	Bingomanía (Main Hall) Última Martes del mes 2:30pm-4:30pm (\$12 pp) Para miembros de SWFP		AARP Tax Aide (S/A) 10:00am-2:00pm GRATIS (2/2/23 a 4/13/23)	
	Bingo de Noche (Main Hall) Primer martes del mes 6:00pm-9:00pm (\$20 pp)			
				
	 			

Celebrating Older Americans Month National Kids to Parks Day

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). In 2023, ACL will be focusing on combating stereotypes and offering an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences. The 2023 theme is "Aging Unbound," promoting flexible thinking about aging.

Older Americans Month was established in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens met to designate May as Senior Citizens Month, which later became Older Americans Month.

The Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center, located at 301 NW 103 Ave., which offers a wide variety of classes, programs and activities, will hold an Older Ameri-



cans Month Celebration. A listing of all activities and events for Older American's Month will be available in May at the Center's Activities Desk. For more information on all that is offered at the Center, please call 954-450-6888.

Celebrando el Mes de los Americanos Mayores

Cada mes de mayo, la Administración para la Vida Comunitaria (*Administration for Community Living, ACL*) conduce la observancia nacional del Mes de los Americanos Mayores (*Older Americans Month, OAM*). En 2023, la ACL se estará enfocando en combatir los estereotipos y ofrecer una oportunidad para explorar diversas experiencias del envejecimiento. El tema de 2023 es "Aging Unbound" (Envejecer sin Restricciones) promoviendo el pensamiento flexible sobre el envejecimiento.

El Mes de los Americanos Mayores fue establecido en 1963 cuando el Presidente John F. Kennedy y los miembros del Consejo Nacional de Ciudadanos Mayores (*National Council of Senior Citizens*) se reunieron para designar al mes de mayo como el Mes de los Ciudadanos Mayores (*Citizens Month*), que más tarde se convirtió en el Mes de los Americanos Mayores.

El Centro Comunitario Southwest Focal Point Carl Shechter, localizado en 301 NW 103 Ave, que ofrece una amplia variedad de clases, programas y actividades, llevará a cabo la Cel-



ebración del Mes de los Americanos Mayores. Habrá una lista disponible en mayo de todas las actividades y eventos para el Mes de los Americanos Mayores en el Mostrador de Actividades del Centro. Para más información sobre todo lo que se ofrece en el Centro, por favor llame al 954-450-6888.

All across the country, including here in Pembroke Pines, children of all ages will be celebrating the 13th Annual National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 20, 2023 with free and fun activities at several park locations.

Free Tennis Clinics are being held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pembroke Lakes Tennis Center, located at 10500 Taft Street (954-431-4146). There will be free swimming from noon to 6 p.m. at the following locations: Pembroke Lakes Pool, 10500 Taft Street, (954-435-6580); TownGate Pool, 901 NW 155th Avenue, (954-450-6895); and Rose Price Park, 901 NW 208th Avenue, (954-437-1140).

Kids to Parks Day is a nation-wide day of outdoor play organized by the National Park Trust (NPT) in cooperation with many local and national collaborators. The City of Pembroke Pines and the NPT encourage all



children and their families to explore neighborhood parks and discover the nature and science around them. This day is always hosted on the third Saturday of May as a national day of outdoor play.

For more information, please visit www.ppines.com/facilities for directions to the city's many parks, visit www.ppines.com/specialevents or visit www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day.

Día Nacional de los Niños al Parque

En todo el país, incluyendo Pembroke Pines, los niños de todas las edades estarán celebrando el 13er Día Nacional Anual de los Niños al Parque el sábado, 20 de mayo, 2023 con actividades gratis y divertidas en varias localidades de parques.

Las Clínicas Gratis de Tennis se llevan a cabo de 9 a.m. al mediodía en el Centro de Tennis de Pembroke Lakes, localizado en 10500 Taft St (954-431-4146). Habrá natación gratis

desde el mediodía hasta las 6 p.m. en las siguientes localidades: Piscina de Pembroke Lakes, 10500 Taft St, (954-435-6580); Piscina de TownGate, 901 NW 155 Ave, (954-450-6895); y en el Parque Rose Price, 901 NW 208 Ave, (954-437-1140).

El Día de los Niños al Parque es un día que se celebra a nivel nacional con juegos al aire libre organizado por el *National Park Trust* (NPT) en cooperación con muchos colaboradores locales y nacionales. La Ciudad de Pembroke Pines y el NPT exhortan a todos los niños y a sus familias a explorar los parques del vecindario y descubrir la naturaleza y la ciencia alrededor de ellos. Este día siempre se celebra el tercer sábado de mayo como un día nacional de juego al aire libre.

Para más información, por favor visite www.ppines.com/facilities y para obtener direcciones a los muchos parques de la ciudad, visite www.ppines.com/specialevents o visite www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day.

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2023 Hurricane Names

There are 21 names on the list of Atlantic storm names in 2023, using almost every letter of the alphabet. The Atlantic hurricane season storm names in 2023 are: Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin, Gert, Harold, Idalia, Jose, Katia, Lee, Margot, Nigel, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince and Whitney.

If there is an active season and the entire list of names is used, a supplemental name list will be used: Adria, Braylen, Caridad, Deshawn, Emery, Foster, Gemma, Heath, Isla, Jacobus, Kenzie, Lucio, Makayla, Nolan, Or-

landa, Pax, Ronin, Sophie, Tayshawn, Viviana and Will.

This year's primary list of names might look familiar to the one from 2017 because the name lists rotate every six years – a practice which began in 1979. If a particular storm is so destructive and/or deadly the World Meteorological Organization votes to retire that name from future use, such as Harvey, Katrin, Michael or Sandy. Four storms from 2017 do not appear on the 2023 list because they were retired: Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate.

Deadline Fast Approaching – Art Competition

The deadline for applications for the 18th Annual Art Competition is Monday, April 10, 2023. Artists 18 years or older residing in Dade, Broward or Palm Beach counties are eligible to participate. Artists may apply online at www.ppines.com/artcompetition.

Categories and prizes include: \$500 Best of Show, \$200 Best Photography, \$200 Best Drawing, \$200 Digital Art, \$200 Best Painting, \$200 Best Mixed Media, \$200 Best Sculpture, and \$200 Best Watercolor.

Artists can submit up to 3 pieces of artwork. Each submission is \$15 in one medium category. Accepted artwork into the Competition will be exhibited from Friday, May 5 through July 12, 2023, at the Studio 18 Art Complex located at 1101 Poinciana Drive, Pembroke Pines.

Winners will be announced on Friday, May 5, 2023, 7 p.m. at Studio 18 Art Complex. For more information, please contact Amelia Mohamed at 954-961-6067 or amohamed@ppines.com.

Kudos to PPCH Robotics Teams

It's been an exciting time for the Pembroke Pines Charter Middle and High School Robotics teams. Most recently, the Robotics teams competed in the state championship held at Archbishop McCarthy High School. The middle school team made it to the semifinals, however, unfortunately their program expanded earlier than allowed and they did not advance to the finals. Considering they started so late in the season, it was a huge accomplishment to make it to states. They are already planning for next season and have recruited two new members currently in 7th grade.

When the high school teams competed, two of them qualified for the world championship in Dallas in April where 800 of the best teams from around the world will compete. The "Department of Microwave Repair" won the prestigious Design Award, one of two awards given in the state championship that qualifies them for different awards in the world championship. This award is given to the team with the best engineering notebook, organization and overall robot design. Their engineering notebook is reportedly 200+ pages. The "Iron Jags" won the Innovate Award for having a strong combination of ingenuity and innovation in their design. They were



the only team that had an expansion blocker that would pop open at the end of the match to prevent the opponent from expanding. They also had a mechanism that would go up and down to allow them to shoot discs almost anywhere in the field.

The Iron Jags team is composed of Alfredo Nazario, Sushant Kannan, Ali Salman and Aakash Sureesh. Prior to the state championship, they received the Skills Champion Award and the Design Award. The team "Panic at the..." composed of Martin Garcia, Matthew Santilis, Kassy Talbert, Luke Rhodan and Iyam Youssouf received the Create Award prior to state. And, the Department of Microwave Repair composed of Matthew Estevez, Nathan Pothuganti, Nikhil Sangamkar, Eduardo Steinmann Petrasso, Jonathan Kim, Aidan Cobb and Daniel Zambrano won the Skills Champion Award and the Judges Award prior to state.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR WATER SYSTEM CHLORINATION/PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE

The City of Pembroke Pines will be performing a chlorination preventive maintenance procedure on our Water Distribution System. The procedure will run for three (3) weeks from **MARCH 27th 2023 until APRIL 17th 2023**.

During this period, the City's Drinking Water Distribution System will continue to **meet ALL Federal and State water quality standards**.

Some residents may notice a slight chlorine taste and/or chlorine odor in the water.

Residents on **kidney dialysis** or those who have other medical conditions should contact their health care providers for more information about increased chlorine levels in their drinking water during this time frame. **Fish owners** should also take necessary precautions during this procedure.

Additionally, you may see **water being flushed from fire hydrants** in your neighborhood. This is a part of the normal maintenance process.

If you have questions, please call the Utilities Customer Service Department at (954) 518-9000.



APRIL 15-APRIL 30, 2023

Fri & Sat at 8 pm
Sat & Sun at 2 pm



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The Susan B. Katz Theatre
17195 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331

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Your Furry Friend is Waiting

There are always animals looking for their “forever” home through Pooches in Pines, a community group of dedicated volunteers in Pembroke Pines that helps unite dogs found by the Pembroke Pines Police with their owners. Though approximately 70% of dogs found are reunited with their owners, those who are not are fully vetted, bathed and then are fostered in temporary homes until a new loving home is found through an adoption process. We encourage those wishing to share a forever home with these and other deserving dogs to check out www.poochesinpines.com. The adoption fee is \$250.

The following dogs are now available for adoption:



Aphrodite is a Dogo Argentino mix, approximately 3 years old and weighs 75 lbs. Due to her currently being treated for heartworms, she will need to remain calm and low key, no playing or running for six month to one year. She is in need of a long term foster or adopter who would be able to meet her needs and give her a loving home, close to Pembroke Pines so she can continue her treatment with the vet. Since she is heartworm positive (not contagious), Aphrodite does well and sleeps well in a crate and likes wandering around outside. As soon as she's taken outside, she does her business. She is a bit shy at first with strangers but warms up with time. She is unfamiliar with kids and cats so she is a bit fearful of them and will growl

from time to time so older kids or adults only. Her foster mom believes she will be fine living with cats once she becomes more familiar with them over time. All supplies are provided for fostering. Heartworm treatment expenses are covered.



Maya is a Husky, approximately 2 years old, and is 41 lbs (a bit underweight). She is super sweet, active and friendly with all people and kids. She is very playful and gets along with other dogs. Although she hasn't been with cats, she should be okay with them but may chase wanting to play. Maya has beautiful distinctive features...a blue and brown eye and spots on her tongue. While she could use basic training, her foster mom says Maya is housebroken and is not destructive; although she will take all the socks she can find and put them in a pile. She has free roam of the house or is crated for about 7 hours and has no accidents. She rides well in the car and is friendly at the dog park. Maya is vaccinated, healthy and will be spayed soon.

Stevie is approximately 3 years old and 55 lbs. She is a lovable and playful girl, loves attention and knows some commands. She's definitely a mixed breed, possibly a Kelpie/Pittie mix. Stevie gets along with other dogs and loves to play fetch. With other dogs, she can play a bit rough at times but doesn't mean harm. Stevie will sometimes bark at outside cats but we're unsure how she would do living with one.

She is named after Stevie Nicks because she has a beautiful voice



(talking/howling) and may have part Husky in her. She does this when she wants attention. Stevie's foster mom says she is very playful, loyal and people oriented. She is mostly play and companionship motivated and can be considered a bit “clingy” and follows people around the house. Although she likes to play, she also enjoys taking naps and resting on the couch. She is very smart and understands her name and when she's being told “no”. She could still use some basic training on commands which she will learn pretty quickly. Stevie is not destructive in the home and sticks to playing with her toys. Stevie seems mostly housebroken once she is on a schedule and familiar in the home, is vaccinated and healthy, and will be spayed and



microchipped soon.

Gaston is a young boy around 1-2 years and about 45 lbs. He has lots of energy and loves chasing tennis balls and playing with toys. He is pretty good about bringing them back too. Gaston knows some commands and listens well. He rides great in a car and walks well on leash. He has so much fun with other dogs and is friendly with all people (unknown kids or cats).

Since being Pooches in Pines, we have not heard him cry, bark, or talk much, like other Huskies which are a high energy breed and need daily mental and physical activity to be satisfied.

Another playful dog would be great for Gaston or a big yard to run and play in. Gaston will be neutered



and microchipped upon adoption

Theo is a gorgeous German Shepherd who weighs about 70 pounds and is 2-3 years old. He is very well behaved, understands commands and walks perfectly on a leash. Theo has a moderate energy level and will play if given a chance. He is not fond of males so he is looking for a female household or a home that is patient and willing to work slowly to gain his trust. Theo is up to date on vaccines, neutered and microchipped soon.

Travis is very sweet, about 11 years old, a Min Pin, and weighs only 7 lbs. He was found wandering on the busy streets of Miami dazed and confused. Travis received his vaccines and is scheduled to be neutered with a teeth cleaning in a few weeks. Travis came with a little friend attached to his ear, but the doctor said it just looks like a growth and can be

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Hand Weaving Workshop

A Weaving Workshop will explore the techniques behind creating beautiful hand-woven artworks. Participants can learn a bit about the history of weaving from artist and educator Liene Bosqu  before being guided through their own weaving project.

The Hand Weaving Workshop will be held at The Frank Art Gallery, located at 601 City Center Way, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 10 am to noon. Advanced registration is suggested.

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removed during his neuter. Although heartworm negative, Travis does have a grade 4 heart murmur and will have to be kept on heart meds indefinitely. Nothing slows this guy down and he's always ready to be on the move. He loves going for walks outside, and his foster says that Travis is such a good little dog and will make any family fall in love with him. He appears to be deaf but his other senses overcompensate for the lack of hearing. He is great with young kids, dogs, and cats, and loves to be swaddled and carried like the baby he thinks he is. Travis knows to go potty outside and is overall a quiet dog who loves love.

Senior vs Senior Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 7th Annual Seniors vs. Seniors Spelling Bee held recently at the Carl Shechter Southwest Focal Point Community Center. The friendly competition featured Pembroke Pines Charter High School seniors versus seniors from the Center.

The winners and the word that won them their place: first place (\$100) Lily Mazurek (Senior Cen-

ter) with the word "rheumatism"; second place (\$50) Ana Hernandez (Pembroke Pines Charter High School student) with the word "camouflage"; and third place (\$25) Carol Matthews (Senior Center) with the word "perpetuity".

The winners have their names engraved on a perpetual cup trophy and bragging rights for the upcoming year.



YOUR DOG, YOUR POOP

Did you know there are bacteria, viruses and parasites in dog poop? Yuck!

Help protect our waterways by remembering that it's **YOUR DOO-TY TO PICK IT UP.**

Most waterbodies in Broward County are contaminated with fecal coliform.

Pet waste left behind is considered illegal dumping

93% of fecal coliform tested nationwide comes from non-human sources

4 out of 10 U.S. households include at least 1 dog

1 Gram of dog feces contains about 23 million fecal coliform bacteria

40% of dog owners don't pick up after pet

POOPI!

BAG IT!

TRASH IT!

Want more information: Go to broward.org/Environment

Toxic Dog Waste

- EPA labeled dog waste as a non-point source pollutant, similar to herbicides and insecticides, oil, grease, toxic chemicals, etc.
- Dog waste can actually cause burns or unsightly discoloring to your lawn.
- Coliform bacteria generally originate in the intestines of warm-blooded animals
- 1 gram of dog waste contains more than 23 million fecal coliform bacteria.
- Fecal coliform bacteria can cause intestinal illness and serious kidney disorders in humans

IT'S THE LAW!

Dogs must be kept on a leash and all excrement picked up.

Sec. 4-3 of the Broward County Code of Ordinances states that dogs at large are prohibited.

CALL-TO-ACTION

- Come to our events and take the pledge to get a free portable bag dispenser
- Spread the word
- Follow us on:

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Do your part to help ensure we have clean waterways!

BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA

Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department
Environmental Engineering and Permitting Division
1 N. University Drive, Mailbox 201 • Plantation, FL 33324

At the Libraries

There are three libraries in the City of Pembroke Pines: South Regional / Broward College Library, Southwest Regional Library, and Pembroke Pines/Walter C. Young Resource Center. Each has interesting programs and activities scheduled throughout December and January for all ages. For those programs requiring registration, please register at Broward.org/Library/Events. Here is just a sampling of the many activities scheduled – call or visit your library for a full list for adults, teens and youth:

At Southwest Regional Library located at 16834 Sheridan Street 954-357-7110

Book Fair: Saturday, April 29, 2023
New and gently used books, DVDs and CDs; all contributions support library programs and supplies

Mental Health Resource Fair:
May 20, 10 am to 1 pm. Registration is required. Learn about community resources for mental health.

Toddler Storytime Special with Oopsy the Clown in “The Ladybug Show:” Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 am to 11 am. No registration is required.

Family Night Special: There will be a special program with “Oopsy in the Circus Show” on Tuesday May 23, 6 pm to 6:30 pm. No registration is required.

Wags & Tales: for ages 5-12 on Saturday, April 22 and Saturday, May 27 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Kids ages 5-12 can practice their reading skills and gain confidence while reading to a pet-therapy dog. This is a first come-first served basis program. No registration is necessary. The Wags & Tales Program is possible due to a partnership between the Broward County Humane Society and the Broward County Library.

South Regional/Broward College Library located at 7300 Pines Blvd. 954-203-8825

Bingo for Books: Held on Saturday, April 8 and May 8 from 2 pm to 3 pm, all ages are welcome for a lively hour of Bingo with books as prizes.

Canva Creations: Held on April 22 and May 27 from 2 pm to 3 pm participants can share ideas, techniques and tips with like minded community members to improve graphic design knowledge.

Crafty Kids: Fridays throughout April from 3 pm to 3:30 pm there is crafting fun for ages 5-11.

Anime Club: Saturdays throughout April from 4 pm to 5:30 pm youth ages 13 to 18 can discuss graphic novels, television, movies, illustrations and pop culture related to Japanese animation.



City of Pembroke Pines
Recreation and Cultural Arts Department

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ANNUAL EGG HUNT

WITH OVER 54,000 EGGS!

Saturday, April 8, 2023
Gates open at 9:30am • Egg Hunts at 10:00am

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18TH ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

Opening Reception
FRIDAY | MAY 5, 2023 | 7PM

Winners will be announced

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SOCCER SUMMER CAMP

Soccer Summer Camps are held for children ages 6-16 at:
West Pines Soccer Park
350 NW 195th Avenue
Half Day camp (7:30 am – 1:00 pm)
Full Day camp (7:30 am – 6:00 pm)
June 12 – August 4, 2023 (8 weeks)
For more information, call (954) 517-8450



TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

Tennis Summer Camps are held for children ages 6-14 at:
Pembroke Lakes Golf and Tennis Center
10500 Taft Street
Half Day camp (7:30 am – 1:00 pm)
Full Day camp (7:30 am – 6:00 pm)
June 12 – August 11, 2023 (9 weeks)
For more information, call (954) 431-4146



ART and DRAMA SUMMER CAMP

Art and Drama Summer Camps are held for children ages 6-12 at:
The Pembroke Pines Art and Cultural Center
901 NW 125th Avenue
Full Day camp (7:30 am – 6:00 pm)
Art Camp:
June 12 – August 11, 2023 (9 weeks)
Drama Camp:
June 12 – August 4, 2023 (8 weeks)
For more information, call (954) 743-1799

Please visit our website
www.ppines.com/campinformation

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Pembroke Pines Police Department SHRED-A-THON

Saturday, April 8th from 9AM to 12PM
Charles F. Dodge City Center - 601 City Center Way

Up To 5 Boxes Per Car

Open to Pembroke Pines residents only, with ID

SHRED MONKEYS


This event is **FREE OF CHARGE** to Pembroke Pines residents, courtesy of the Pembroke Pines Police Department.
* Must provide Valid ID and/or a Pembroke Pines Utility Bill to ensure residency. *

Prevent identity theft by safely destroying your personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts, and other documents that may contain sensitive personal information.

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Medication will not be accepted.

For additional information contact our Community Affairs Unit at 954-436-3274

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PINES DAY

63rd Annual BIRTHDAY BONANZA

PEMBROKE PINES

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
April 22, 2023
4:00pm-8:00pm
Charles F. Dodge City Center
601 City Center Way

Free Cupcakes, Rides, Musical Entertainment, Arts & Crafts for the Kids, Games, Give-A-Ways, and a FREE Concert by Musical Artist Tim Charron (Country Rock with a Twist of Lime)

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Visit www.ppines.com/speialevents or call 954-392-2116 for more details

DUI Presentation

Pembroke Pines School Resource Officers William Bucknam and Miguel Martinez recently hosted their third annual interactive DUI presentation for the students of Pembroke Pines Charter High School. Both SROs, in conjunction with Charter High's Military Leadership Club, Principal Peter Bayer, the PTSA, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.), coordinated a presentation for 423 participating seniors. In addition, officers assisted in DUI field exercises where selected students were placed behind the wheel of a golf cart while wearing



"Fatal Vision Goggles" that simulated impaired vision.

The presentation and exercises helped highlight the dangers of drug and alcohol use to the students, and they were encouraged to spread the message to their peers.

"Inhabited" at The Frank Art Gallery

The Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery, located at 601 City Center Way, is presenting a new exhibition now through May 20, 2023 called "Inhabited." This exhibition explores the concepts of identity, nostalgia, migration, and moments



of longing. Featuring images that resemble daily life scenes, illustrate personal dreams and goals, celebrate the past, and find personal markers in the spaces that we occupy, the range

of artworks in the show vary from paintings and sculptures to video and installation works.

Exhibiting artists include Nathalie Alfonso, Liene Bosquê, RemiJin Camping, Deryn Cowdy, Stephanie Hadad, Amanda Linares, Enido Mi-

chelini, Roberto Navarrete, Krystal Rodriguez, and Harrison Tobon.

Regular Gallery Hours are Tuesday – Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

The City of Pembroke Pines Planning and Economic Development Department is responsible for coordinating the City's housing programs available through state and federal funds administered by the City's Housing Consultant **Community Redevelopment Associates of Florida, Inc. (CRAFLA)**. Funds are provided on a first come, first qualified, first serve basis.

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS ASSISTANCE

- All applicants must agree to occupy the home as their primary residence.
- All applications must have not owned a home in the last three (3) years.
- Must have financial ability to secure a mortgage loan with a lending institution.
- All applicants must not exceed a purchase price of HUD/HOME: \$331,000 FL/SHIP: \$382,194.90.
- Assistance is in the form of a 15 year, 0% interest deferred second loan that reverts to a grant if all program conditions are met.
- Attendance within the past 12 months at a Pembroke Pines approved pre-purchase homeownership counseling course.
- Funding may vary on an annual basis.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be downloaded at www.crafla.com
 Contact information:
 Phone: 954.431.7866 ext. 111
 Email: DCreary@crafla.org
 Address: 8569 Pines Blvd #201,
 Pembroke Pines, FL 33024

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MINOR HOME REPAIR

- The home owner(s) must occupy the unit as their primary residence, must be current with their mortgage(s), property insurance, HOA dues and have no other government liens on the property to receive assistance.
- The home owner(s) household must qualify as a low to moderate income household pursuant to the HUD Guidelines.
- Assistance is in the form of a 15 year, 0% interest deferred second loan that reverts to a grant if all program conditions are met.
- Funding may vary on an annual basis.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be downloaded at www.crafla.com
 Email submissions to:
 D. Cantero: underwriting@crafla.org
 Contact information:
 Phone: 954.431.7866 ext. 128 (Hablamos Español)
 Email: NCasado@crafla.org
 Address: 8569 Pines Blvd #201,
 Pembroke Pines, FL 33024



CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES Flood Zone Information Maps



Flood and Hurricane Reminders

Everyone Should Know Their Flood Zone!

Residents can call the City of Pembroke Pines at 954-518-9040 and provide a property's address to find:

- In which Flood Zone a property is located
- If a property is in an area that has had drainage problems or multiple flood insurance claims filed in the past, and
- If a property is in an area that should be protected due to its natural floodplain functions.

Elevation Certificates are on file for some buildings in the city. Please contact the Engineering Department at 954-518-9040 to see if one is on file, or send an email with your name and the building's address to murdaneta@ppines.com.

Property Protection

City staff will give advice and visit

properties upon request to review a flood problem and explain ways to help you protect your property from flood damage. Valuable information on flood protection is also available on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program.

No Dumping Into Stormwater Drainage System

It is unlawful to dump any material of any form, type or nature into the city's stormwater drainage system or any waterways which would pollute, block or otherwise detrimentally effect the rate of flow of water through the drainage way, except if the material has been permitted and authorized by the city. If you witness or know of any illegal activity, please call the Engineering Department at 954-518-9040.

A Reminder about Flood and Hurricane Warnings

The City of Pembroke Pines and

Broward County depend on the National Weather Service (NWS) for impending flood notifications. The NWS will issue flood advisories at least six hours prior to expected heavy rainfall and possible flooding. Tune to local radio and television channels and *The Weather Channel* for updates.

The city utilizes the CodeRED Emergency alert system which allows the city to notify residents and businesses via telephone, email and/or text of an impending emergency. Resident can register for CodeRED on the city's website at www.ppines.com or by calling 954-450-1060. Please keep the city informed of your current contact info for CodeRED. In addition to information found on the city's website under Pembroke Pines Prepared, there will also be a special page dedicated to an impending storm. Please also follow the City on social media for important public safety information before, during, and after the storm:

YouTube (PembrokePines Media),
Twitter/ Instagram (@city of ppines),

Facebook (@cityofpembrokepines) Nextdoor; search for "City of Pembroke Pines".

For many people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Most standard homeowner's, businesses owner's or renter's insurance policies typically do not cover property losses due to flooding. The City of Pembroke Pines encourages all property owners and renters to purchase flood insurance for your property whether you are an owner or a renter to protect your building and its contents from significant financial losses from flooding. There is usually a 30-day waiting period after purchase before the policy takes effect.

Talk to your insurance agent to determine the appropriate level of protection you need. If you already have flood insurance, be sure it is up to date and that you have contents coverage. To learn more about flood insurance, please visit www.FloodSmart.gov.

Flood Zone Information

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs or flood maps), on December 31, 2019. Some of these flood maps were superseded by updated preliminary flood maps released on February 25, 2021. Review FEMA's December 31, 2019 preliminary and February 25, 2021 revised preliminary flood maps and see how these proposed maps may impact your property. We encourage you to see if your property is going to be affected. Follow the instructions below to determine what Flood Zone your property will be in.

Map Viewing Tools

BROWARD COUNTY MAPS

You can use the interactive map viewing tool to find out if your home or business is in a flood zone. This map was created by Broward County

to allow easy access to the information contained on the FEMA Maps. It is located on Broward County's Website at:

<https://www.broward.org/Environment/FloodZoneMaps/Pages/ProposedNewFloodMaps.aspx>

Click on the "INTERACTIVE TOOL FOR PRELIMINARY FLOOD ZONES MAP 12/31/2019" highlighted link on the left side of the page.

1. Follow the instructions below.

- a. Type in the address of your property in the area at the top right, above the map titled "Broward FEMA Flood Map Preliminary December 31, 2019", and click on the magnifying glass to search.

- b. Click on your property and the FEMA Flood Designations box will display your current FEMA flood zone designation.

FEMA MAPS

Or, if you prefer to access the FEMA maps directly, go to this website:

FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer:

<https://MSC.FEMA.gov/FMCV>

Type in the address of your property in the area at upper left and press the Search magnifying glass.

1. The Flood Map will display on the screen below and contain a dropped pin showing where your property is located within the flood zone.

2. Click on the pin tool on the center right of the screen.

3. Click a point on the map to select location.

4. Click Run on the right side of the screen(it may take a while for the program to complete the comparison)

5. Click Output on the right side of the screen.

6. Click on the file that was created in the Output box.

A graphic will be displayed showing both the current(Effective) Flood Zone and the Preliminary Flood Zone.

FEMA established that the effective date for the new Broward County flood maps was August 18, 2014. After the effective date, the finalized maps must be used by insurance companies for flood insurance purposes and the updated base flood elevations must be used for all new construction and substantial improvements to existing construction.

Flood maps are used to:

- determine flood insurance purchase requirements;
- determine flood insurance rates;
- establish minimum finished-floor elevations for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures.

By adopting the flood maps, Broward County is assured that FEMA will offer assistance during emergencies and provide flood insurance coverage for county residents.

Currently, residents and businesses in Broward County are encouraged to view the flood maps to better understand their potential flood risk and to help identify steps they may need to take to protect against property damage and loss.

Property owners should consider purchasing a flood insurance policy, even if it is not mandated for their location. All areas are susceptible to flooding, although to varying degrees.

Flood Zone Designations

The below flood zone designation determines whether or not flood insurance is mandated.

Map Viewing Tools

BROWARD COUNTY MAPS

You can use the interactive map viewing tool to find out if your home or business is in a flood zone. This map was created by Broward County to allow easy access to the information contained on the FEMA Maps. It is located on Broward County’s Website at:

<http://www.broward.org/Environment/FloodZoneMaps/Pages/ProposedNewFloodMaps.aspx>

1. Click on the “INTERACTIVE TOOL FOR CURRENT FLOOD ZONES MAPS” highlighted link on the left side of the page.
2. Follow the instructions below.
 - a. Type in the address of your property in the area at the top right, above the map titled “Broward FEMA Flood Map Effective August 18, 2014”, and click on the magnifying glass to search.
 - b. Click on your property and the FEMA Flood Designations box will display your current FEMA flood zone designation.

FEMA MAPS

Or, if you prefer to access the FEMA maps directly, go to this website: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

1. Type in the address of your property in the area at center left and press Search.
2. The Flood Map will display on the screen below and contain a dropped pin showing where your property is located within the flood zone.

About Vertical Datum

In an effort to reduce the effects of flooding, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968. The Federal Emergen-

cy Management Agency updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Broward County. One of the main goals of this effort is to more accurately define the boundaries of flood hazard areas, which are determined by comparing flood elevations with digital elevation data. To ensure that all the elevations used are based on a common reference system, a FIRM must reference a single vertical datum.

What is a Vertical Datum?

A vertical datum is a set of constants that defines a system for comparing elevations. If someone were to measure the height of the ground you are standing on, they would need a point of reference, or a zero (0.0) point, to measure from. But where is that zero point? A vertical datum establishes a consistent zero point so elevations can be compared with one another even if the elevation measurements are taken by different people at different times or in different parts of the state.

Why was the Vertical Datum Changed?

For many years, the zero point used throughout the United States was based on “mean sea level” at 26 separate tidal stations in the US and Canada. This datum was referred to as the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29). The main assumption used to create NGVD 29 - water level is equal all along the coast and thus represents the same zero- later proved to be erroneous and was shown to create errors in the elevation data obtained using this datum. This means that using the outdated vertical datum, two different points measured at 0.0’ NGVD 29 can have different actual elevations. In the NFIP, the vertical datum is crucial because all elevations need to be as accurate as possible and referenced to the same zero point. Otherwise, surveys may show different elevations for the same point, which could result in flooded structures and losses. Currently, the old FIRMs reference the outdated National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29). We can now more accurately measure vertical elevation differences using

the new official U.S. vertical datum, the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). With the new FIRM updates, this more accurate datum will be used (NAVD 88), resulting in an approximate difference of minus 1.51 feet between elevations shown on the new (2012) FIRM as opposed to the old (1997) FIRM.

When did the Vertical Datum Change?

Elevations in NAVD 88 must be used for floodplain management and flood insurance purposes (e.g., elevation certificates) in Broward County. Also, as of January 30, 2011, the new datum must be used for all surveys and plans submitted with Environment Engineering and Licensing applications.

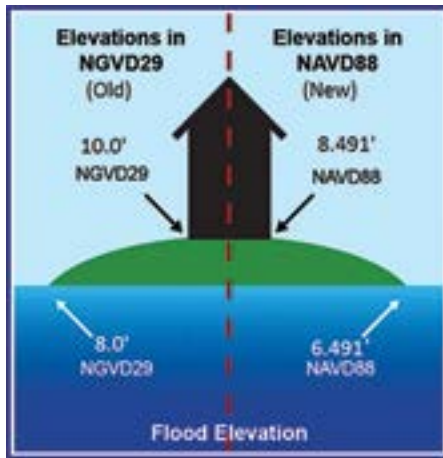
Who is Impacted by the Vertical Datum Change?

The change in vertical datum affects all those using FIRMs or submitting applications for building permits or environmental licenses in Broward County, including engineers, surveyors, developers, homeowners, lenders, insurance agents, realtors and floodplain administrators, especially when comparing elevation data on the new FIRMs, produced using NAVD 88, with data on older FIRMs produced using NGVD 29.

Points to Know

- Changing from a measuring method developed in 1929 to one developed in 1988 will mean greater accuracy in determining land and water elevations.
- Instead of relying on “mean sea level” to determine the elevation of a point, Broward County will utilize the sophisticated elevation reference system for the North American continent. Eventually, all cities and counties in North America will use this same network of vertical reference points to support many diversified uses.
- Broward County databases will retain information in both the NGVD 29 and the NAVD 88 vertical datums in order to

Zone A	Flood insurance rate zone determined by approximate methods, as no Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are available for these areas. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
Zone AE	Flood insurance rate zone that corresponds with flood depths greater than 3 feet. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
Zone AH	Flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas of shallow flooding with average depths between 1 and 3 feet. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
Zone VE	Flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to coastal areas that have additional hazards associated with storm waves. Mandatory flood insurance requirements apply.
Zone X-Shaded	
0.2 PCT Annual Chance Flood Hazard	Flood insurance rate zones that are outside the flood plain or the average flood depths of less than 1 foot. Flood insurance purchase is not mandatory.
Zone X	



maintain historical data.

- Anyone who uses elevation information in Broward County will need to know about, understand and apply the new measuring standards.
- A conversion application is available so that users can readily convert elevation data from NAVD 88 to NGVD 29, and vice versa. You will be able to compare “apples to apples” using the free conversion software VERTCON. In addition, FEMA has computed an average conversion factor of minus 1.51 (-1.51) that may be used to provide a more rough conversion between the two datums.
- It is always more precise to convert elevations to the more accurate NAVD 88 vertical datum from the NGVD 29 vertical datum. Because of inherent flaws in the NGVD 29 datum, values converted from NGVD 29 to NAVD 88 will not exceed the accuracy of the source data. If exacting elevations are required, a new survey utilizing NAVD 88 values should be considered.

Conversion Factor Example

A building finished floor elevation is shown on an existing elevation certificate as 10.0' NGVD. The equivalent NAVD 88 elevation can be obtained using the FEMA-approved average conversion factor in the following formula:

NAVD 88 = NGVD 29 + conversion factor

$$\text{NAVD 88} = 10.0' \text{ NGVD} + (-1.51)$$

$$\text{NAVD 88} = 8.49$$

If you have any questions regarding vertical datum changes or the NFIP in general, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Flood Zone Map?

Flood zone maps, also called “Flood Insurance Rate Maps” or “FIRMs” are used to determine the flood risk to properties. The low- and moderate-risk zones are represented on the maps by the letter “X”, “0.2 PCT” or an “X” that is shaded. The inland high-risk zones will be labeled with designations such as “A”, “AE”, “AO” or “AH”, and coastal high-risk zones that have additional risk from storm surge will be labeled “V” or “VE”.

What’s a floodplain? How do I determine if my property is in one?

A floodplain is the part of the land where water collects, pools, and flows during the course of natural events. Such areas are classified as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), and are located in a 100-year flood zone. The term “100-year flood” does not indicate a zone that will flood every 100 years. The term describes a zone with a flood elevation that has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded each year; it is not the flood that will occur once every 100 years. The likelihood of a flood occurring within a 100-year stretch of time is high, but there is no way to predict when the next flood will occur. The redrawn maps indicate the floodplain as a “high-risk” area, officially classified as an A, AE, AH, VE zone.

What are the benefits of the new flood hazard maps?

The map modernization project will benefit numerous groups of people in different ways:

- Community planners and local officials will gain a greater understanding of the flood

hazards and risks that affect Broward County and can therefore improve local planning activities.

- Builders and developers will have access to more detailed information for making decisions on where to build and how construction can affect local flood hazard areas.
- Insurance agents, insurance companies, and lending institutions will have easy on-line access to updates and upcoming changes in order to serve their customers and community more efficiently.
- Home and business owners will have the ability to make better financial decisions about protecting their properties.

How do the new flood hazard maps affect me?

Neighborhoods across Broward County are affected differently by these map changes. There are some properties that weren’t affected and their risk remains the same. Other properties are now mapped into a higher-risk area and/or show a new Base Flood Elevation. There are other properties that were mapped into a lower-risk area and/or show a new Base Flood Elevation.

Will the new flood maps affect me financially?

Replacing household contents damaged by floods could place a significant financial burden on a homeowner or renter without flood insurance. Just a few inches of water from a flood can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Homeowner’s insurance policies do not generally cover damage from floods. However, because Pembroke Pines participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy from an insurance agent and benefit from the premium discount available to all Pembroke Pines residents. Flood insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have been flooded previously. Please note that unless there is a special condi-

tion of the mortgage, there normally is a 30-day waiting period between the time flood insurance is purchased and the time coverage is in force.

If your property is in the SFHA and you have a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender, flood insurance is required. Even if you do not have a mortgage and you live in the SFHA or you live outside of the SFHA, all property owners and renters should carefully consider the benefits of flood insurance to protect against significant financial losses from floods. For more information visit the following sites: <https://www.floodsmart.gov> or <https://www.fema.gov> or <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance>.

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA you can use Broward County’s interactive map viewer. You can also call 954-518-9040 and provide us your address and zip code.

If your structure was mapped into a high-risk area and you have a mortgage with a federally-regulated lender, you will need to purchase flood insurance. If your property is mapped into a low-or moderate-risk area, you may not be required to purchase or maintain insurance, but are strongly encouraged to do so. The cost of properly protecting your home and contents from flood damage is far less expensive than the cost to repair or replace it after a flood has occurred.

Talk to your insurance agent to determine the appropriate level of protection you need and the money savings options that are available.

For additional information about flood insurance, visit the FEMA website and view FAQs About Your Flood Insurance Information Packet. (www.FEMA.gov)

You can also get additional information about South Florida Water Management District’s flood control efforts (www.SFWMD.gov) or our local South Broward Drainage District (www.SBDD.org).

There are materials in Spanish and Other Languages

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