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27th Annual Florida Renaissance Festival

Every February and March, the northwest corner of Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach transforms from a simple nature park into a grand and whimsical, immersive world inspired by the Renaissance era. A castle entrance beckons guests to enter through its arches; a king and queen perch on their thrones to watch knights joust; children thrust lances through a golden ring while riding a wooden horse down a steep greased cable called a Quintain; performers recite Shakespeare and perform daring acts of acrobatic bravery; and adults learn to throw axes and watch expert demonstrations, such as an archer who can nail a target with his handmade wooden bow from a spectacular distance. At this celebration, hungry festivalgoers sink their jaws into juicy turkey thighs and guzzle cold beer while admiring the elaborate



costumes of their fellow lads and ladies.

"Our festival provides people of all ages the chance to escape into an alternate universe with invigorating activities, and our growing assortment of themed weekends," said Bobby Rodriguez, the founder and producer of the Florida Renaissance Festival.

The Florida Renaissance Festival attracts more than 100,000 annual attendees and this year will be celebrating its 27th year in existence, its 20th year in Deerfield Beach. More than two million people have participated in the festival since it began.

This year over 100 artisans and 100 performers will be in

attendance. Every one of the festival's seven weekends boasts a new theme, including: Bodacious Bodices and Wenches (March 2 & 3); Swashbucklers and Sirens (March 9 & 10); Kilts and Colleens (March 16 & 17); and lastly, Magic, Witches and Wizards (March 23 & 24). Attendees are highly encouraged to wear costumes in theme.

WHEN: Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to sunset from through March 24.

WHERE: Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Rd., Deerfield Beach

COST: One day adult admission is \$25; Kids ages 6-11 are \$12; Children under 5 are free. A season pass for all seven weekends is \$112 for adults and \$59 for kids. Parking is complimentary and VIP parking is available for \$20. Entrance to Quiet Waters Park is \$1.50 per person. Visit ren-fest.com to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will also be available on site.

Deerfield Beach Women's History Hall of Fame Brunch

Celebrate the influential women of Deerfield Beach who have served as role models, demonstrated a commitment to the City and invested time, talent and resources to make a difference.

WHEN: Saturday, March 30 from 11am to 1pm

WHERE: Oveta McKeithen Recreational Complex, 445 SW Second St., Deerfield Beach

COST: \$10

For more information call 954-480-4429

Saint Ambrose Friday Fish Fry

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church and School will be having their Fifth Annual Lenten Fish Fry. The menu includes beer-battered cod,



Syracuse salt potatoes and homemade coleslaw. Beverages will be available for sale and take out is available. Everyone is welcome. All the proceeds raised go directly to

Saint Ambrose Catholic School.

WHEN: Fridays, March 8 and 29 from 5 to 8pm.

WHERE: In the Parish Hall at Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 S. Federal Hwy., Deerfield Beach.

COST: Tickets available at the door, \$10 per adult, \$5 per child.

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Deerfield Beach Partners with Broward County in the Installation of a New Tidal Gauge at Sullivan Park

BY DENNICA WORRELL

The City of Deerfield Beach has partnered with Broward County in the installation of a new tidal gauge at Sullivan Park, the westernmost boat dock in the City of Deerfield Beach. The gauge is currently operated and available for the public to observe.



“We are measuring tide levels to adapt the data into future policies,” said Patrick Bardes, the City’s Coastal Waterway Coordinator. “Broward County will be collecting the data and utilizing it for future seawall heights, and to combat coastal flooding.”

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a tidal gauge is fitted with sensors that continuously record the height of the surrounding water level and generates data that is critical for many coastal activities, including safe navigation, sound engineering and habitat restoration and preservation.

This past September Broward County announced a proposal for a minimum sea-wall height standard of 4 feet NAVD and 5 feet NAVD by 2035. The tidal gauge at Deerfield Beach will contribute information in regards to sea level, informing regional level infrastructure standards.

Deerfield Beach is Now Accepting Monthly Applications for the Student Scholar Athlete of the Month Award

The City of Deerfield Beach recognizes the importance of education and encourages students to excel in academics and sports. In an effort to recognize hard work in the classroom and on the field, the City along with the Education Advisory Board (EAB), developed a “Student Scholar Athlete of the Month” award. The EAB will select a Deerfield Beach student winner each month demonstrating excellence in academics, athletics and community involvement. Once the award recipient is announced, the City Commission will then recognize the student at a City Commission meeting that will be scheduled quarterly.

Students are encouraged to complete an application which can be found on the City’s webpage at: deerfield-beach.com/1735/Student-Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Month-Pro. Application deadlines will be the third Friday of each month.

For additional information please contact the Community Development Department at 954-480-6420 or sscott@deerfield-beach.com.



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The Jimi Hendrix Experience at the Amp

You might remember Hendrix for famously burning his guitar on stage at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival, or for his electric National Anthem performance at Woodstock. You can re-live the musical glory days of Hendrix at the Jimi Hendrix Experience. This multi-artist, sensory experience celebrates the insanity and genius of one of America's greatest guitar players. Hendrix is long hailed as one of rock's greatest innovators, and this latest edition of the annual tour will be the most ambitious one to date, including one stop at the Pompano Beach Amphitheater. Artists performing in the tour include Billy Cox, Joe Satriani, Dave Mustaine, Jonny Lang, Dweezil Zappa and Eric Johnson, among others.



WHEN: Sunday, March 3; doors open at 6:30pm; show is at 7:30pm

WHERE: Pompano Beach Amphitheater, 1806 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach

COST: Tickets start at \$43 plus ticketing fees and can be purchased by visiting the Pompano Amp website, theamppompano.org.



Leg Three of the Quest for the Crest Sailfish Series Competition

The 2019 Quest for the Crest Sailfish Series, one of the largest sailfish fishing competitions in all of Florida, is almost over. The third and final leg of the competition will take place April 3-7. The third leg will be hosted by DoubleTree Grand Hotel (1717 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132). The kickoff party will be on Wednesday, April 3 from 7pm-10pm. The competition days are April 5 and 6 from 8am-4pm. The awards ceremony will take place April 7 from 11am to 1pm. For more information visit questforthecrest.com, call 954-725-4010, or email info@bluewatermovements.com

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Beach Yoga with Cliff in Deerfield Beach

Cliff Herrmann is a well-known yoga teacher in Deerfield Beach. With the goal of bringing yoga out of the studio and back to nature, he started teaching on the sand by lifeguard stand four. He will teach a gentle, calming form of yoga called Anuttara Raja, beachside, Monday - Friday at 6pm; Saturday and Sunday at 5pm. By donation.



Beach Zumba with Janet in Deerfield Beach

Beach Zumba has returned! Classes are at 8:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the SE Ninth St. boardwalk by the beach. Classes will be taught by experienced Zumba instructor, Janet Ciccone. Classes are \$7 per class or \$35 for a six-class package.

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St. Ambrose Carnival & Music Festival

Live music all weekend long, tons of rides, food and fun await families at the St. Ambrose annual carnival. The selection of bands this year brings performers from Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and beyond. Festival organizers say the music will be the highlight of this year's festivities.

The music lineup is as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 28:

6:30 - 7:30 The Baron Sisters
8:00 - 10:15 Completely Unchained

Friday, March 1:

5:30 - 6:30 Jacob Reese Thornton
7:00 - 8:30 Southern Blood
9:00 - 11:15 Tori Rossi & Will Plus

Saturday, March 2:

1:30 - 2:30 TBD
3:00 - 5:00 School of Rock Coral Springs
5:30 - 7:00 Solid Brass
7:30 - 8:45 Rogue Theory Band
9:00 - 11:15 Pure Heart Band" A tribute to Heart

Sunday, March 3:

1:00 - 2:30 School Events
3:00 - 4:30 Rough Shot
5:00 - 6:30 Alex Shaw & The Classic Rock Revival
7:00 - 8:30 Mowtown Tribute by N2 Nation

Carnival Info:

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 28 - Sunday, March 3. Carnival hours: Thursday 5 to 10pm; Friday 5 to 11pm; Saturday 1pm to 11pm; Sunday 1pm to 8pm

WHERE: St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 South Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach

COST: Ride wristbands are \$30. Food and other activities available for purchase.

Magic in the Moonlight Gala at the Hillsboro Lighthouse

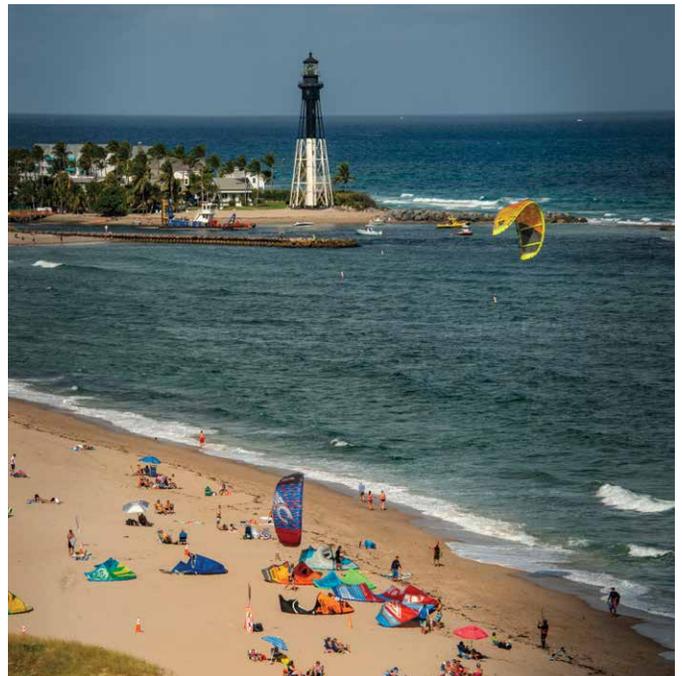
Celebrate 112 years of light at the Hillsboro Lighthouse. Guests at this year's Magic in the Moonlight Fundraising Gala will enjoy dinner, a DJ, dancing, cocktails, a silent auction and a rare tour of the lighthouse's lens room. Please dress in elegant black and white and wear shoes appropriate for climbing the stairs to the lens room.

WHEN: Friday, March 22 from 6:30 to 11pm

WHERE: Hillsboro Lighthouse. Guests can park at the Pompano Beach Parking Garage just north of the Atlantic Blvd. Bridge on A1A where they will be picked up and chauffeured by two old-time trolleys to the Lighthouse.

COST: \$150 per person; VIP diamond tables for eight guests are also available for \$1200; Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

Call 786-251-0811 for email media@hillsborolighthouse.org for more information.



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Re-Occurring Events By-The-Day

FRIDAYS

TGIF - First Fridays- Deerfield Beach's Movies in the Park

Bring your blanket and lawn chairs for a movie in the park, under the stars. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. March's movie is "How to Train Your Dragon 2." **WHERE:** March's movie will take place at Mayo Howard, 1131 FAU Research Park Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL. **WHEN:** March 1 at 7pm **COST:** Free

TGIF - First Fridays - Old Town Untapped

This community street fair is the place to be on First Fridays in Pompano Beach. A live DJ stage, free beer samples, artisans market, a dozen food trucks, open art galleries, fire fountain demonstrations and a lively crowd inside at Odd Breed Ales will all make for a festive evening.

WHEN: First Fridays from 6 to 9pm

WHERE: Old Town Pompano, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach. **COST:** Free to attend. Food and drinks available for purchase.

TGIF - Third Fridays - Pompano Food Truck Round Up

The Pompano Food Truck Round Up has moved to its new location in Old Town. Join for an evening of food trucks (there's over 15 to choose from), drinks, music and fun. Bring blankets and folding chairs.

WHEN: Third Fridays from 6 to 10pm

WHERE: Old Town Pompano at First Ave. and 1st Street (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic Blvds.).

TGIF - Third Fridays - Family Fun Night at Christ Community Church

Every third Friday of the month Christ Community Church will host a family fun night with movies, games and pizza.

WHEN: Third Fridays from 6pm to 9pm

WHERE: Christ Community Church, 901 E. McNab Rd., Pompano Beach

COST: A cover charge of \$5 includes food and drinks. Tickets can be purchased on EventBrite or through the church office. Call 954-943-3866 for more information.

TGIF - Last Fridays - Jazz on the Boulevard

Ashanti Cultural Arts will host monthly

swing dance classes followed by a jazz concert featuring various jazz artists and bands such as Jessie Jones, Nicole Yarling and George Tandy.

WHEN: Last Fridays of each month from October to June from 7 to 10pm.

WHERE: Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd. **COST:** \$7 admission

SATURDAYS

Saturdays - Pompano Beach's Green Market

Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm from Nov. 3 through April 27 you can shop for organic, local produce and browse the artisan market. Visitors will find the freshest fruits and vegetables, juices, baked goods, seafood and other food items, as well as orchids, plants, health-related products, hand-made crafts, art and culinary products. Plus, starting at 11am, live bands will perform at the open-air stage. **WHEN:** Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm from Nov. 3 through April 27. Live music starts at 11am. **WHERE:** The Green Market is located in Old Town Pompano at First Ave. and 1st Street (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic Blvds.).

For more information visit GreenMarketPompanoBeach.com.

Saturdays - Brewery Tours

Come learn how Pompano Beach's Odd Breed Brewing company uses wild fermentation to create unique craft beers in oak barrels. Plus take a tour of the brewery and sample their brews.

WHEN: Every Saturday from noon to 1pm

WHERE: Odd Breed Wild Ales (50 NE First St. in Pompano Beach)

COST: \$10 (includes two beer samples)

SUNDAYS

Pints & Poses, Yoga & Brews at 26 Degree Brewing

Yoga and craft beer go together like chocolate and peanut butter, chips and salsa, wine and cheese. Every first and third Sunday of the month, and second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, a yoga instructor will help you find inner peace and maximum flexibility. Afterwards, 26

Degree's bartenders will help you find your inner thirst and maximum craft enjoyment.

WHEN: First & Third Sundays at 10am | AND Second & Fourth Wednesdays at 6pm

WHERE: 26 Degree Brewing at 2600 E. Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach

COST: Cost is \$15 and includes a full hour of yoga and a beer of your choice

MONDAYS

First Mondays - Splash Pad Play Dates

This play date organized by Mommy n' Me is a great opportunity to bring your kiddos, meet some fellow moms, play and picnic. Bring a towel, chairs or blanket, plus some yummy snacks and sunscreen. **WHEN:** First Mondays at 10am **WHERE:** The Pompano Beach Splash Pad on the far east end of Atlantic Blvd. by the beach (20 N Pompano Beach Blvd) **COST:** Free

WEDNESDAYS

Get Crafty at BaCa's Lunch with Art Workshops

Bring your lunch and sit down for an hour amongst art and artists. Each week will vary with something different — special guests, artist speakers, simple hands-on activities, or just a calm break. If you don't have your own lunch, Blooming Bean Coffee located on the first floor of BaCA has coffee and small snacks for purchase. March's projects include: March 6 — Weaving a Bracelet; March 13 — Glue 101; March 20 — Tea Bag Art; March 27 — Art Journaling Techniques **WHEN:** Every Wednesday from 12:15 to 1:15pm **WHERE:** Bailey Contemporary Arts, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach **COST:** free

THURSDAYS

Ali Slam N' Jam

Fourth Thursdays from 8 to 10pm | Oct. 25 | Historic Ali Cultural Arts (353 Martin Luther King Blvd.) | \$10

Want your shot in the spotlight? Take center stage at Ali. All levels of singers, musicians and poets are encouraged to jam alongside the house band, Ali Soul Connection. Slam poetry, live music and workshops included.

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