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Landmarks board bids farewell to Cooney



Ted Cooney, second from right, is toasted by fellow Landmarks Preservation Commission members Wednesday on his last day as board chairman. With him are, from left, commissioners Fernando Wong, Jacqueline Albarran and Patrick Segraves. [DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer

Landmarks commissioners uncorked a bottle of bubbly and toasted outgoing Chairman Ted Cooney on Wednesday, his last day after nearly a decade on the board.

Vice Chairman Rene Silvin presented Cooney with an engraved silver tray from Ralph Lauren — a gift from all of the commissioners.

"No one is irreplaceable, but we may have found an exception to that rule, in you leaving us," Silvin told Cooney.

The Town Council appointed Cooney to the board in 2010, when he was 24. The following year, commissioners elected him as

chairman for the first of eight times.

Under town rules, Cooney is not eligible to serve another consecutive term.

Cooney thanked the commissioners, staff members and the council "for taking a chance on a 24-year-old kid."

"Serving on this body the last 10 years has been one of the great honors of my life," he said. "One of the most significant things we have done is to become not a scary place for people to come before. We support our property owners."

Commissioners heaped praise on Cooney for leading with integrity and in-depth knowledge of town history and architecture, and for

cultivating a harmonious atmosphere on the board.

Silvin credited Cooney with steering the board out of disarray after the "PUD-5 massacre," when a previous council ousted the entire board in April 2016, following a bitterly divisive voter referendum over proposed zoning reforms in the Royal Poinciana Way business district.

Voters rejected the Planned Unit Development or PUD-5 zoning initiative and the council majority accused the landmarks board and Planning and Zoning Commission, whose members also were sacked, of giving it "bad advice."

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Ex-zoning chief to remain in town

Josh Martin will become a consultant, mainly for developer Todd Michael Glaser

By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer

Two weeks ago the town parted ways with Josh Martin, who resigned as zoning director Feb. 7 after accepting a job in Montana.

But Martin, it turns out, isn't leaving town. He declined the job as development director in Missoula, Mont., he said, and will be working as a consultant, mainly to developer Todd Michael Glaser, on projects in Palm Beach, Miami Beach and elsewhere in South Florida.

Which means Martin will likely be showing up at Town Hall, as he helps clients to shepherd development projects through the regulatory process, including reviews by the Landmarks Preservation and Architectural commissions and the Town Council.

On his decision to stay, Martin said he didn't want to leave the area, had worked as a development consultant before, and was open to the opportunity when Glaser approached him.

"I really did enjoy living in South Florida and Palm Beach, and walking to work," Martin said. "Miami Beach has always been one of my favorite cities. I'm an Art Deco fanatic. My profession is a pretty big part of my life."

Martin said he thinks Glaser will be a good professional fit for him.

"He has done some great work in Palm Beach," Martin said of Glaser, who won the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach's 2019 Polly Earl Award for restoration of the landmarked house where he lives at 1221 N. Lake Way. "It just seems like the right kind of alignment in terms of preservation and just wanting to do the right things."

Martin said he will continue to live in Palm Beach, but also has leased an apartment in Miami Beach.

Glaser said Martin will be working closely with him on projects in both locations. Glaser has concentrated on residential development but said he wants to expand his horizons.

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'World's Best' chef says restaurant has hit its stride



By Liz Balmaseda
Daily News Staff Writer

Chef Mauro Colagreco, whose southern France restaurant is acclaimed as world's best, returns to Palm Beach this weekend to cook for big-spending foodies. He's hosting one of two Palm Beach-based dinners for this year's South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

The Friday dinner at Florie's, his restaurant at the Four Seasons resort, costs \$500 per person. But don't hold that against Colagreco. His seaside restaurant Mirazur in Menton, France, may be the object of culinary bucket lists, a destination for refined palates and the recipient of three Michelin stars, but he's as down-to-earth as a star chef can be.

He calls it as it is, even when it means acknowledging a shaky start at his Palm Beach restaurant, which debuted in late 2018 after the resort underwent an extensive makeover.

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TOP: Chef Mauro Colagreco, left, and Xavier Richard, project manager of Colagreco's restaurant group, prepare to serve diners at Florie's, Colagreco's restaurant in the Four Seasons Palm Beach resort. ABOVE: Sharing bread is a welcome ritual at Chef Mauro Colagreco's restaurants. [PHOTOS BY DAMON HIGGINS/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

Loggerhead names rescued turtle after wife of Royal Poinciana founder

By Gabriella Mayer
Daily News Staff Writer

The Loggerhead Marinelife Center has named a rescued sea turtle after late resident Lillian Jane Volk to commemorate the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed women's the right to vote.

Volk, who died in 2010, sought to preserve the architectural and historic integrity of Palm Beach and the Royal Poinciana Plaza designed by her late husband, John Volk.

Jane, a sub-adult Kemp's ridley turtle weighing 54.5 pounds, was rescued at Florida Power & Light's St. Lucie site in Jensen Beach after being stranded and was taken to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center on Dec. 15.

Kemp's ridley is the rarest species of sea

turtle and also the most critically endangered, due to egg over-harvesting over the last century, shrimp trawlers, and hunting.

Jane suffered from shark bite injuries to her left front flipper, head and plastron (the flat part of a turtle's shell structure). The center's website stated Thursday that Jane is responding to therapy well and favors eating lobster alone or with shrimp and squid.

The turtle is being treated topically with betadine and therapeutic lasers for the wounds, along with antibiotics. Information on Jane's profile stated, as of Feb. 13, Jane's white cell count was normal and the amount of medication being taken were reduced.

The Royal Poinciana Plaza is sponsoring Jane's treatment as part of its TogetHER initiative

for female power and entrepreneurship, which does community outreach to organizations with a female focus. In this case, LMC was founded by conservationist Eleanor Fletcher and is now led by its first female board chair, Lynne E. Wells.

"Our center is proud to build upon the rich foundation Mrs. Fletcher set for us and have infused our programs and strategic plan with a focus on women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)," said Jack E. Lighton, the center's president and chief executive officer. "We are honored to partner with The Royal's TogetHER program to accelerate and amplify our impact here in Florida and across our beautiful blue planet."

Alexandra Patterson, the senior director of development and interim



Jane, a sub-adult Kemp's ridley sea turtle, is currently being taken care of at Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach, with treatment funded by The Royal Poinciana Plaza. (PHOTO COURTESY OF LOGGERHEAD MARINELIFE CENTER)

general manager of the Royal Poinciana Plaza, said "Jane's adoption means so much because it allows us to celebrate our nearly 20 female-owned businesses and our ongoing commitment to TogetHER."

"What better way for us to celebrate female empowerment than with the original Jane who was most certainly central to

Mr. Volk's success."

It is unclear when Jane will be released back into the wild. Lauren Eissey of Loggerhead Marinelife Center said, "Unfortunately, our rehabilitation team can't determine exactly when we release our sea turtle patients. However, our patients stay five to nine months on average for

their treatment."

To support Jane and other sea turtles, adoption is available, with differing adoption levels starting at \$35. Loggerhead Marinelife Center, at 14200 U.S. 1, Juno Beach, is open to the public.

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Today

THE WEATHER

Today will be mostly cloudy with a high of 72 degrees and a low of 63, according to the National Weather Service in Miami. Northern winds will be between 18 and 23 mph with some gusts as high as 31 mph.

The marine forecast: Seas will be 3-5 feet with north to northwest winds of 10 to 20 knots, increasing to 25 knots later in the day.

Lake Worth Lagoon: High tide will be at 6:41 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. with low tide at 12:51 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:52 a.m. **Sunset:** 6:14 p.m.

TOP PICKS

Opening: "American Art Posters from the Lauder Collection" and "Robert Rauschenberg: Five Decades from the Whitney's Collection" open today at the Norton Museum of Art, 1450 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. 561-832-5196 or visit norton.org.

Also, Carrie Springer, assistant curator, Whitney Museum of American Art, and David White, senior curator, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, will present "Robert Rauschenberg: Five Decades and More" at 6 p.m. today at the museum.

On screen: "The Last Full Measure," which tells the true story of a Vietnam War hero who saved over 60 men, will be screened today through Thursday at the Lake Worth Playhouse: 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth; 561-586-6410

CORRECTIONS

A photo on Page A8 of Thursday's Daily News had an incorrect caption.



[PHOTOS BY CAPEHART]

Nancy Tsai and Dennis Melchoir, left; and Michael James and Susan Lloyd, right, attended the Jan. 28 cocktail reception for the Palm Beach Friends of Lighthouse Guild.

Because of a reporting error, Sydell Miller was erroneously named in a story about first lady Melania Trump that appeared on the front page of Thursday's Daily News. Miller has no involvement or relationship with those who made comments about the event.

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Monday meeting to focus on changes to Lake Drive Park

By William Kelly
Daily News Staff Writer

The town will host a public meeting Monday to review potential improvements to Lake Drive Park and Lake Drive South.

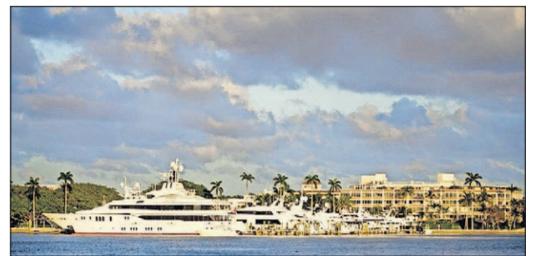
The meeting will be held from 10 a.m. until noon at Town Hall, 360 S. County Road.

Town officials have said the meeting is to gather residents' opinions about changes to the park and parking lots that are being considered by the town. The improvements are related to the upgrade of the Town Marina, scheduled to begin May 1 and be completed late next year.

The town also has updated a website to provide information on the reconstruction of the marina. The website now includes the layout of the new marina, which has been approved by the Town Council.

There also are updates regarding community meetings, a way to sign up for electronic updates about the project, and related documents.

The town plans to enlarge the slips to accommodate larger boats and replace the stationary docks with floating docks. Facilities and security will be upgraded, and the seawall raised 2 feet higher.



The Australian Dock is part of the Town Docks. The town, which plans to upgrade the docks, has slated a meeting for Monday to discuss changes to Lake Drive Park. [2017 MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM]

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