



TRAIL TALK

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* Hanukkah starts the evening of December 25, 2024 thru January 2, 2025. Christmas, Wednesday December 25, 2024.

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This is the last in
this 3-part series.

Avalon Trails **Safety Series**



Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm

**AED/CPR and the
Yellow Dot program**

All presentations are free and in the Social Hall.



Presented by Charbel Khadij

Fire Safety Specialist

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Your friends and family are welcome to join you at these
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RSVP your attendance to Teri Hoffman at
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COMING ATTRactions

Upcoming Clubhouse Events:

• **December 11th**

Safety Series #3: AED/CPR & Yellow Dot Program

• **December 14th**

Cookie Exchange

• **December 22rd**

Games by the pool (Adults & Kids)

• **December 23rd**

Holiday Zumba Class (Adults & Kids)

• **December 27th**

BINGO (Adults & Kids)

• **December 28th**

Kids Arts & Crafts

• **December 31st**

New Year's Eve Celebration

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Bring your sweet tooth and your donations*!

Avalon Trails The Caring Club

Bi-Annual

BAKE SALE

December 4th at 5-7 pm



Avalon Trails Clubs...

TRAIL **TALK**

This page is being set aside for all the clubs forming at Avalon Trails and it is this page where the clubs can post information about there club activities and any upcoming events planned for the months ahead.

Avalon



By Linda Wain

The AT Book Club met on October 14th to discuss the book "Have You Seen Luis Velez". Everyone loved this book which dealt with loneliness, compassion, poverty, prejudice, justice and other timely issues. This led to an interesting discussion. Most of us found this book emotional and beautiful.



For our next meeting, which will take place in the clubhouse lobby on Monday, December 2nd, at 7PM we will be reading "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. Give me a call at 516 -603 -6295 if you wish to participate and I can email the book to you . We would love to have you join us. ☺

Happy Reading! Linda Wain



**Chrismukkah Pickleball
Round Robin**

Sunday December 15th

This is a club event. The round robin starts at 9:00AM with bagels & coffee.



Avalon Trails Men's Club is presenting

Texas Hold'em Tournament

Rescheduled – January 12th

The Avalon Trails Men's Club is having a Texas hold'em tournament on Saturday December 7th. This event is open to all men and women, residents and non residents!

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Must register and pay entrance fee of 60\$ by November 25.

Make check payable to "Avalon Trails Men's Club".
Contact Ed Weinreb for details. 561-414-6439

**Arts & Crafts
Club**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS
FOR THE MONTH
OF DECEMBER**

Monthly Class

Thursday, December 19th @ 6:00 PM

Then the Arts & Crafts Club will also be hosting an

**Arts & Crafts
Class for kids**

on Saturday, December 28th, during the

Christmas vacation. Also there will be Family Bingo on Friday night December 27th. Watch for flyer announcing this fun event for the whole family. ☺

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As seen along the Trail...

Breast cancer walk 2024!!

What a glorious morning for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Avalon Trails "TaTa Brigade" rocked it! So thankful and blessed for all the support from the ladies of Avalon Trails as well as from friends near and far who were able to walk and/or donated.

#thrivers

#kickingcancersbutt



Canasta is alive and the winners keep coming!

This tournament was held last night, Tuesday, October 29th!



*from the desk of...**by Lyn Ackerman***The Hidden Cost of Convenience**

We live in a world of speed dating, instant grocery delivery, round the clock news feeds, and automated banks devoid of humans, courtesy of technology. Basically, I don't have to leave my house, or my couch for that matter, in order to receive groceries, buy clothes, make appointments, and even find a date (or a mate). The question that keeps haunting me, though, is whether we are better off for having everything at our fingertips. I'm not necessarily nostalgic for days gone by when I missed an important call because someone else in the house was on the phone and my caller got a busy signal. Nor do I miss the days when I needed a phone number and had to call directory assistance, or needed money but couldn't get any because the bank was closed. The list goes on and on of the inconveniences we all suffered in the good old days. But have we given up certain things to gain this life of speed and ease?



These days I can order groceries with a click of the mouse and a designated shopper will select my apples and oranges and peanut butter, to be delivered later to my door. Does it matter that the person may not have the same concept of ripeness that I do? How important is it for me to select my own oranges? Is there any inherent value to grocery shopping myself? Or should it be viewed as a chore that can be farmed out to someone else. When I wheel my cart down the grocery aisle, I'm doing more than just placing food in my cart. I'm engaging with the world, taking part in a social activity. If I actually speak to someone, either a person I know that I bump into, or the cashier who rings up my order, I feel less alone. I'm taking in the sights and sounds of the store, checking for new items and evaluating the quality of others. Yes, a substitute can do that, but then I'm missing out on the experience. Does it matter?

Long before Amazon and on-line shopping, we were forced to walk or drive to local stores, or order items from a catalogue mailed to our house. I remember the excitement of receiving all those catalogues, especially when it was close to Christmas. The stores would be filled with shoppers, and it would be hard to find a parking spot, but once inside the store, there was a feeling of joy, the joy of discovery. Now we just scroll through the websites



and make our selections electronically, interacting only with our computers and maybe with the delivery person. Does it matter?

We used to meet potential dates by being introduced by a friend, or meeting at a party. Now we can select a date by going on match.com or e-harmony. I can see what a guy looks like, but I really won't know anything about him until we meet, and that's only if he also approves of the way I look. What happened to the thrill of meeting a new person and scribbling your number on a piece of paper? Now you only know if you are going to be asked on a date if you get a text confirming that your picture was accepted. True, the process is faster, but is it better? Where is the romance?



For better or worse, I think it does matter. We interact more with computers than with people on some days, and in my view that's a real loss. We are gaining speed, but we are losing our vital connections, our joy of discovery, our excitement of sharing experiences. So the next time you are grocery shopping, stop and smell the apples! Better yet, stop and chat with the person standing next to you. Who knows, maybe you will even get asked for your phone number! We need more connections with each other, not fewer. The new bank around the corner brags that you don't have to interact with any real person, only with a machine. That's not the bank for me. I go to the bank across the street and talk to the people there about the weather, or the Steelers, or the lack of spaces in the parking lot. Sometimes I share in the pizza they bought for lunch. I still buy most of my clothes in person, at small local stores who need my business, not Amazon. I pick out my own apples and oranges because I want to, even if I don't have to anymore. I still crave connections, although I will admit that texting has done wonders for my relationships with my children. I'm all for technology, but let's keep the human element too. To quote Einstein, "It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity." We can change that, one apple at a time. ♪

Sandoway Discovery Center

As South Florida's premier coastal ecosystems and marine life center, we will transform and inspire our visitors through experiential education and conservation.



The Sandoway Discovery Center, offers a glimpse into South Florida's fragile marine and freshwater environments through educational exhibits and programs. The nature center opened its doors in 1998 and quickly captivated the interest of students, teachers, naturalists, community leaders, visitors and residents of Delray Beach and surrounding communities. The unique facility is an exciting hands-on learning experience, which focuses on Florida's fragile ecosystems and their inhabitants.

Visitors of all ages can get an up-close view of some of Florida's native and invasive reptile species, meet sharks and other fish at the coral reef pool, explore Southeast Florida's largest private shell collection and join us for special events such as Earth Day and beach clean-ups. The center's library is a great resource to explore natural history and the environment. The observation deck, shell collection and native plant and butterfly garden also allow the visitor to learn about our unique coastal environment. The Sandoway House Nature Center is an historic home where one can experience Delray's rich natural history through a self-guided tour. The open air porch, Dade County pine floors, Bald Cypress ceilings, French doors and arched window on the staircase, are just some of the architectural details that evoke impressions of early beach-front living.

The nature center's activities include daily shark and stingray feedings, twice a week alligator feedings, Junior Naturalist program for at-risk youth, group education programs, outreach, beach and dune walks (presented by Dr. Angela Witmer), garden walks, live animal exhibits, fossil digs and more. The Friends of Sandoway House Nature Center, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about Delray's coastal/marine ecosystems and natural history all to benefit future generations.

Sandoway Discovery Center

142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray beach, FL
561-274-7263

ADMISSION

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

\$10.00 Per Person Ages 3 And Up

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sandoway is closed until 12pm on weekdays to better accommodate school groups.

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 12 PM - 4 PM

Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday: 12 PM - 4 PM

(closed major holidays)

HISTORY



Sandoway was built for retired produce broker J.B. Evans from Deerfield Beach in 1936. It is believed that Mr. Evans

commissioned local architect Samuel Ogren to design the house as a retirement home. Mr. Evans was appointed as Lieutenant-Colonel and Personal Aide to Florida Governor Fred P. Cone in 1937. The position was honorary and consisted of accompanying the Governor on state and ceremonial occasions. Sandoway is listed in the master site file Inventory of Historic Structures by the Florida Department of State and is also listed in the City of Delray Beach's Local Register of Historic Places as well as National Register of Historic Places.

All of the restoration work done by the Friends of Sandoway House in 1997-98 met the standards prescribed for the rehabilitation of an historic structure as called for by the United States Secretary of the Interior.

Sandoway provides cultural significance as it exemplifies the historical, political, economic, and social trends reflected in Delray Beach during the Great Depression. Designed in a unique style adapted to both the local climate and socio-economic conditions of the nation, the house provides significant clues about the values, lifestyle and social consciousness of the upper-class citizens moving to Delray Beach during the 1930s.

In 1995, The Friends of Sandoway House Nature Center, Inc. was formed with the express purpose of restoring the beachfront property for use as a nature museum highlighting marine and coastal life and natural local vegetation. The County of Palm Beach owns the property and leases it to the City of Delray Beach, who, in turn, sublets it to the Friends of Sandoway House. The building and property were opened to the public in May 1998. They started conducting programs for school children during the summer, as well as guiding many families of children and adults through the exhibits and other nature programs offered by the museum. 🐠

THE TRAVELING TEACHER

By Donna DiNatale

Donna's travel adventures will return in our January newsletter! Donna is traveling and did not have time to get to write an article.



The Arts & Crafts club is alive and well at Avalon Trails, this is the turnout for our November class. A good time was had by all who attended. Our next class will be held December 19th 6:00 PM, so mark your calendar!

Just Approved!

Play MAH JONGG

Avalon Trails is looking for experienced mah jongg players that play with 13 tiles and a \$5 purse.

Games are scheduled on Mondays at 1:30PM and for those who work, Mondays at 7PM. Days/times are subject to change based on the needs of the players.

If you want to learn how to play, I can teach you on another day/time.



Please email Bev Parnes at: beverlyparnes@gmail.com or text/call at 914-262-2694, indicate what day or evening.



DELRAY BEACH...*



Above: Actor Burt Reynolds embraces private investigator Virginia Snyder outside her home on South Swinton, 1989 February 23.

In 1989, Hollywood came to Delray Beach! The detective series, B.L. Stryker, starring Burt Reynolds, filmed their fourth episode at the Cathcart House on South Swinton Avenue. The iconic building was then home to journalist and private investigator Virginia Snyder, a longtime Delray Beach resident (and the inspiration behind everyone's favorite author/investigator Jessica Fletcher in *Murder, She Wrote*).

[#DelrayHistory](#) [#FromtheArchives](#) 

Our Round Robin tennis players, held November 16th !!





THE LAS VEGAS SPHERE IS BEYOND WORDS AND HAS TO BE EXPERIENCED IN PERSON

By Martin Arnold

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The Sphere—It's been called the "world's largest spherical structure and an engineering marvel."

My buddy and I are long-time fans of the Eagles (not the Philadelphia ones) the rock group. So when we heard they were performing in Las Vegas we just had to go. Tickets were expensive, our nosebleed seats went for \$600, tickets near the stage: a lot more.



The venue though was The Sphere, a 18,600-seat amphitheater on the Vegas Strip. Opened just a year ago, it has become the world's largest spherical structure sporting the highest resolution LED screen on Earth. Other highlights: it's 516 feet wide, 366 feet tall and the world's largest beamforming audio system and headphone-style sound, without the headphones. Walk into the structure and you are surrounded by 167,000 speaker drivers plus 300 mobile monitors.



The outside graphics are as spectacular as well as those inside. The dome itself sports a variety of beautiful colors and scenes while visitors inside are treated to rushing rivers, mountain fly-overs, deserts, car races, underwater divers, views from space and, of course, the Eagles.

Fact is, you are so far away from the performers themselves -- from our seats high above -- they look like little ant people. It did not matter though!

Turns out that the music—favorites like *Hotel California*, *Take it Easy*, *Lyin' Eyes*, *Take it to the Limit*—was secondary to the venue itself.

So if you have the opportunity to visit, you won't be disappointed. ~

Pickleball Paella Party! Great time had by all! Thank you, Trejos family!





TrailTalk is continuing its series of day trips throughout Florida which will be interesting and an enjoyable day out – all within a day's drive! December's adventure is below, And close by.

by Bob Masters

The Quirky Thrift Store In Florida Where You Can Hunt For Vintage Gems While Sipping Wine



Florida's little corners and crevices are brimming with the unexpected. Tucked away in one such nook is a treasure trove for the eclectic and the adventurous. Picture a place where the past is not just remembered—it's up for grabs, and every item tells a story.

Welcome to OddBalls Nifty Thrift, a space where vintage dreams come true, and the wine and beer flows just as freely as the good vibes! Venture into this quirky Florida establishment and prepare to be enveloped by nostalgia.

The walls are lined with memories, each item carefully curated to pique the interest of even the most discerning thrifters. It's an emporium of wonder, a place where time travel seems plausible as you sift through relics of by-gone eras. OddBalls Nifty Thrift is renowned for its vast and diverse collection of items.

Whether you're searching for a mid-century modern piece, a funky 70s dress, or a rare vinyl record, OddBalls has it all. OddBalls Nifty Thrift is renowned for its vast and diverse collection of items. The air is thick with the romance of bygone eras. ♪

(34 min (23.6 mi) via Florida's Turnpike)

OddBalls Nifty Thrift

4281 Dixie Highway
Oakland Park, FL 33334
(754) 422-7623

Cafes of Florida That Are Fascinatingly Weird

The Alchemist Café (Wilton Manors)



Tucked away in Wilton Manors, The Alchemist Café is a hidden gem that prides itself on transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary.

With a secret garden vibe, this spot is a sanctuary for those looking to escape the daily grind.

Sip on their signature iced coffee, served in a mason jar and sweetened with brown sugar for a rustic twist.

Pair it with a slice of their legendary avocado toast, and you've got a meal that's as Instagram-worthy as it is delicious. ♪

(30 min (25.1 mi) via I-95 S)

The Alchemist Café

Eucalyptus Gardens
2430 NE 13th Ave,
Wilton Manors, FL 33305
(954) 997-1297



Nice turn out for healthy living expo held on Tuesday November 12th.



Here are some fun facts about Hanukkah:

Hanukkah starts on the evening of Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.

The miracle of the oil—The holiday commemorates the miracle of oil that burned for eight days in the Second Temple in Jerusalem, even though there was only enough oil for one night.

Fried foods—Hanukkah foods are often fried to symbolize the miracle oil. Popular Hanukkah foods include latkes, sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), and apple fritters.

Dreidel—The dreidel game is a famous Hanukkah tradition. It was originally used as a way for Jews to study the Torah in secret when it was illegal to do so.

Spelling—There are multiple ways to spell Hanukkah, including Hanukkah, Hannuka, and Chanukah, but all are correct. This is because the Hebrew sounds can't be directly translated to English.

Freedom of religion—Hanukkah celebrates the importance of freedom of religion and liberation from oppression.

Giving coins to children—In many Jewish families, it's customary for adults to give children coins, either chocolate or real money.

Candle lighting—The order in which candles are lit on the Hanukkiyah is important. ♫

Here's a thought — What year will no Hanukkah have? A year without Hanukkah? It's a mathematical certainty in the year 3031.



DINING OUT



Here you will find fun places to eat!

by Bob Masters

From time-to-time we will inspire you to just get out and find a fun place to eat or try.

Delray Beach and surrounding areas have a wealth of fun eateries featuring exciting foods and cuisines. I have been living here for 3 years now and I find that I am just starting to scratch the surface of places to eat. You can find from cheap to the most expensive but I will try to keep my findings to places of affordability!



Tuscany Shoppes
7959 W Atlantic Ave,
Delray Beach, FL 33446
(561) 501-6391

YAKITORI Delray, is located in west Delray right on WEST Atlantic Ave, where the essence of Japan comes to life in the heart of Delray Beach. We are not just a restaurant; we are an authentic Japanese culinary experience that takes you on a journey through the flavors of Japan. The Happy Hour is exciting, a time when our passion for exceptional cuisine meets the joy of great company.

Jeanne and I have been there several time and each time we have not been disappointed! Well worth the adventure.



Lemongrass Asian Bistro
420 E Atlantic Ave,
Delray Beach, FL 33483
(561) 567-0442

The Lemongrass Asian Bistro will transform your dining experience to a whole new level. Since 2006, Lemongrass Asian Bistro has taken a unique approach to style, flavors and ingredients, yielding new innovative recipes to Asian cuisine.

They uses only the freshest ingredients to deliver memorable dishes, delectable sushi and innovative cocktails. In just over a decade, we have grown to four locations. We are committed to your dining experience and top-notch service.

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John G's
Plaza Del Mar
264 S Ocean Blvd,
Manalapan, FL 33462
(561) 585-9860

John G's has been in the Lake Worth and Manalapan area for over 50 years. The restaurant located in the Plaza Del Mar shopping center is the place to go for breakfast or lunch. The restaurant, serving smiles and our best dishes for over 50 years! Don't miss our famous Almond French Toast and Fish & Chips – have you tried them? We accept credit cards and offer wine, beer, and cocktails. Our dog-friendly patio is the perfect place to relax.

Join in daily from 8 AM to 3 PM – Worth the drive!



Pointe at Wellington Green
10120 Forest Hill Blvd #110
Wellington, FL 33414
(561) 784-9796

Oak grilled steaks, fresh seafood and memorable times—everyday is a Stonewood Grill & Tavern day.

Jeanne and I met my son and his wife at this tavern and had a wonderful dinner, a little on the pricy side but the atmosphere was nice and with each diner has their own booth, so the noise was plausible and the food, wait-staff and drinks were great. This restaurant was worth the drive to Wellington, and it is a straight shot north on Route 441!

EDITOR'S NOTE—Jeanne and I have dined at all these eateries!



"I get to the office around 8:45, pour myself a cup of coffee, turn on my computer, delete all the spam, and then its time to go home."



As Artie See's It

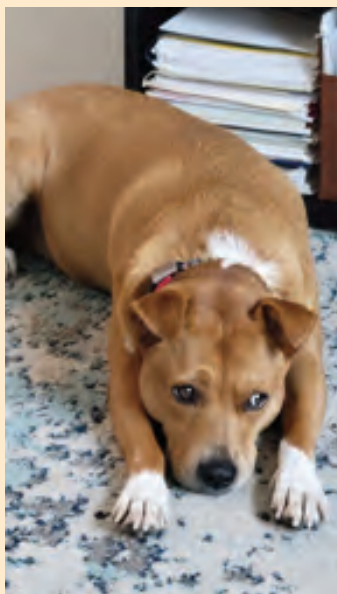
By: Artie Bernaducci & Bella

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Bella is Confused about the holidays this year!

"Okay, hold on...Christmas and Hanukkah are on the SAME DAY this year? Same day? Is that even allowed? I mean, I'm no calendar expert—I'm just a dog, right? But something doesn't smell right.

First off, Christmas is all about sneaking bites of gingerbread cookies when no one's looking and barking at reindeer on TV. Hanukkah, though, is like...a super fun, but slightly confusing holiday for me, with all the candles and the spinning top thing—the dreidel. I know it had something to do with children getting gold coins when the dreidel stops instead of me trying to grab it before it stops. And even better...8 presents in 8 days? Wow! Include me in that!



But wait, if Christmas is all about cookies, and Hanukkah is about latkes, which are basically just crispy potato pancakes (yum), then...how do I choose which ones I want to eat?! Can I get both? I mean, I'm a dog. I love carbs. Maybe I'll just hang out under the table and hope someone drops something—I'm excellent at this.

Also, what's the deal with the menorah? There's like, eight candles, but only one is lit at a time? I don't understand.

I know humans love traditions. But really, if Hanukkah and Christmas are on the same day, do I get to wear a Santa hat and a yarmulke? Or should I just wear my festive reindeer antlers and let everyone figure it out? Is there an official holiday fashion code I'm missing here? Maybe I can just roll with both—the more the merrier, right?

Look, I'm all for celebrating. But this double holiday thing is making my tail spins faster than a dreidel. Can I bark at Santa and spin the dreidel at the same time? What if I get confused and try to fetch the menorah instead of a toy? Would that be...disrespectful? Should I be apologizing in advance?

I'm just saying, there are a lot of snack options here, and I need to make sure I don't miss out. I'm a professional at this holiday thing. Give me the cookies, the latkes, the bones—I'll take whatever you've got, humans.

At least I know one thing for sure: Whether it's Christmas or Hanukkah, I'm going to get plenty of love, attention, and maybe even a few extra treats. And that's a holiday any dog can get behind."

This really inspired me to write a poem about this festive conundrum.

Here goes:

Oh wow, it's a doozy—two holidays collide,

Christmas and Hanukkah, side by side!

The humans are stressed, they're losing their minds,

While I'm plotting raids on the snack-food finds.

A tree in the corner? Great, it's my loo! (toilet)

And those candles? Fancy sticks to chew!

Eight nights of latkes? That's eight nights of gas,

And a Christmas ham? Oh boy, I'll pass.

Wrapping paper's flying, it's pure canine bliss,

I'm "helping" unwrap with a slobbery kiss.

They hang up the stockings; I'm sniffing with glee—

If Santa leaves kibble, it's all meant for me!

A dreidel goes spinning, I bark it away,

Might've eaten some gelt—oops, it's my day!

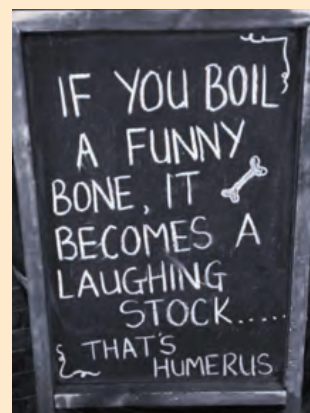
The humans are frazzled, but I've got no fear,

Double the chaos, the best time of year.

So here's my big wish: keep the treats coming, folks,

Or I'll shred all your slippers—and that's not a joke!

Merry Christmas 🦋 Happy Hanukkah



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2025

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Ring in the New Year with Us!

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December 31st
Barry Slyper Social Hall

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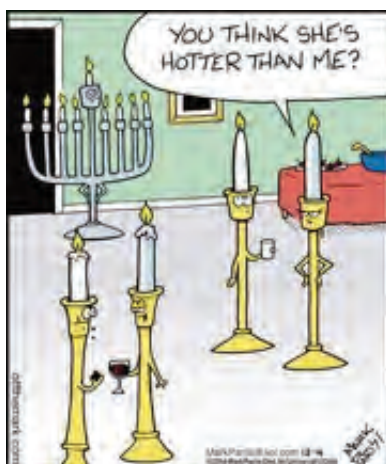
\$65.00 per person.

Checks, payable to Avalon Trails HOA, and should be placed in the dropbox in the clubhouse by December 23rd.

Deadline to attend is December 23

Include a note with your name(s) and phone number and any seating requests. If no request is noted, we will place you with other wonderful neighbors. 10 people per table. Your table number will be given when entering the Social Hall.

For more information contact our Social Director,
Teri Hoffman at
AvalonTrailsSD@campbellproperty.com
or call 561-859-0363



What's Around The Block... Activities in the Area for December

By Beverly Parnes

Here are things to do for December locally

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
1-Dec	7pm	Derek Hough's Dance for the Holidays	Hard Rock Live
1-Dec	7pm	Holiday Disco & Motown Get Down	Boca Black Box
1-Dec	7pm	Gerry Williams: Stevie Wonder Tribute	Arts Garage
3-Dec	6 -9pm	Xmas Tree Lighting	Downtown Delray Beach
4-Dec	8pm	Boogie Brothers Oldies: 50s, 60s,70s	Boca Black Box
4-Dec	6:30pm	All Your Favorite Dance Tunes	Delray Marketplace
5-Dec	7:30pm	A Conversation with Larry David	Hard Rock Live
5-Dec	8pm	Rock of Abba	Boca Black Box
5-Dec	4-5:30pm	The Story and Songs of Pete Seeger & the Weavers	Osher Learning, FAU
6-Dec	6-9pm	Festive First Friday Art Walk	Downtown Delray Beach
6-Dec	8pm	Malibu Boys- Beach Boys Tribute	Kings Point Theater
6-Dec	7pm	Sinister Sisters	Boca Black Box
7-Dec	6:30pm, 8:30pm	Blood, Sweet & Tommy Mitchell; former lead of Blood, Sweat & Tears	Boca Black Box
7-Dec	7:30pm	South Florida Symphony Handels Messiah	The Parker
9-Dec	3-4:30pm	Barbra Streisand from A Funny Girl to A Star is Born	Osher Learning, FAU
10-Dec	3-4:30pm	Woodstock: A Cultural Revolution	Osher Learning, FAU
11-Dec	6:30pm	DooWop, Motown, Disco, Classic Rock	Delray Marketplace
12-Dec	6-8pm	Cocoa, Cookie, & Crafts	Downtown Delray Beach
12-Dec	8pm	Cherished: Tribute to Cher	Boca Black Box
13-Dec	6:30pm	Holiday Boat Parade, View from Deck 84,	Veterans Park
13-Dec	7:30pm	Turnstiles: Tribute to Billy Joel	Galuppis
13-Dec	8pm	Jared Freiburg & the Vagabonds- Music from the 50s	Kings Point Theater
14-Dec	6-9pm	Holiday Parade 70 floats	Atlantic Ave. Downtown
14-Dec	8pm	Elton John Rocketman Show	Huntington Pointe Theater
14-Dec	8pm	Doobie Brothers Tribute	Arts Garage
15-Dec	7pm	Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Evening	Hard Rock Live
15-Dec	7:30pm	Broadway's Rock of Ages Band: Hits of the 80s	The Parker
16-Dec	7:30pm	Dinner and the Broadway Tenors	Wick Theater
17-Dec	8pm	Patti LaBelle	Kravis Center
17-Dec	7:30pm	Dinner and the Broadway Tenors	Wick Theater
18-Dec	8pm	Cheap Trick	Hard Rock Live
18-Dec	6:30pm	Modern Country Rock	Delray Marketplace
19-Dec	5-9pm	Tribute to No Doubt & Blondie \$10	Old School Square, Downtown
20-Dec	7pm	The Boss Project: Bruce Springsteen	Studio@Mizner Park
20-Dec	8pm	Jayne Curry -Comedian/Singer	Kings Point Theater
20-Dec	8pm	Jay Stollman- Hits of the 60s and 70s	Boca Black Box
20-Dec	8pm	Otis Cadillac: Home for the Holidays Rhythm & Blues, Rock & Roll, Blues	Arts Garage

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DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
21-Dec	6pm, 9pm	The Motowners Holiday Show	Funky Biscuit
21-Dec	7:30pm	Almighty Queen Tribute	Galuppis
21-Dec	7pm, 9pm	Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti Holiday Show	Boca Black Box
21-Dec	8pm	Anthony Nunziata-My Italian Xmas	Arts Garage
22-Dec	3pm, 7pm	Hello Gorgeous: The Ultimate Barbra Streisand Holiday Show	Boca Black Box
22-Dec	7pm	Studio 54 Band: 70s Dance	Arts Garage
22-Dec	3pm	The Nutcracker	The Parker
24-Dec	7:30pm	Sarge, The Comedian	Studio@Mizner Park
25-Dec	2pm	Sarge, The Comedian	Studio@Mizner Park
26-Dec	7pm	Smokin-A Tribute to Boston & Foreigner	Funky Biscuit
26-Dec	7:30pm	Sarge, The Comedian	Studio@Mizner Park
26-Dec	8pm	Michael Allman w/ Scott Brown & Friends Allman Brothers Tribute	Boca Black Box Kings Point Theater
27-Dec	8pm	Greggie & the Jets Elton John Tribute	
28-Dec	6pm, 9pm	Peter White musician and composer worked with Al Stewart for 20 years	Funky Biscuit
28-Dec	5-9pm	Disney Tribute Concert \$20	Old School Square, Downtown
28-Dec	4pm, 8pm	Matt Stone as Elvis	Arts Garage
29-Dec	6-8pm	Grand Delray Beach Chanukah Festival	Old School Square, Downtown
30-Dec	7:30pm	Sarge, The Comedian	Studio@Mizner Park
31-Dec	7pm	Straight No Chaser-Top Accappella group	Kravis Center
31-Dec	8pm	Sarge, The Comedian	Studio@Mizner Park
31-Dec	8pm, 10pm	Comedian Bobby Collins	Boca Black Box

Multiple Dates

Dec 1-22	mat/eve	Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Wick Theater
Dec 1-15	mat/eve	The Producers	Delray Beach Playhouse
Dec 6-8	varies	Art Basel	Miami Beach
Dec 3-Jan 1	all day/night	Holiday Village	Downtown Delray Beach
Dec 16-18	mat/eve	Bachelors of Broadway	Delray Beach Playhouse
Dec 19-22	7pm	The Dean Martin Story	Delray Beach Playhouse
Dec 27-29	mat/eve	Men are From Mars, Women are from Venus	Delray Beach Playhouse
Dec 29-31	8pm	Steely Dead- Steely Dan Tribute	Funky Biscuit
Dec 7-8	10 to 5	Downtown Delray Beach Art Festival on 4th	Atlantic Ave. and NW 4th
Dec 27-28	8pm	Maroon 5	Hard Rock Live
Dec 17-18	7:30pm	Yakov Smirnoff Comedian	Boca Black Box
Dec 27-28	8pm	Chrome Horse: Bob Dylan Tribute	Boca Black Box

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Wanted! Tell us about your hobbies and pastimes

Do you have a hobby or pastime you enjoy? If you do, how about sharing your interest with fellow residents?

For some, painting is a pastime: landscapes, flowers or street scenes are all fair game. For others, it's photography or flower arranging. Do you have a favorite recipe? Send in a photo of the finished product and tell us about it. Are you a published author? Let us know.

Here are some other examples: watch collections, antique toys, vintage books, knitting, handicrafts like quilting, knitting or crocheting, pottery-making, candle making and origami.

The list is endless, really. So if you have something to share, let us know. We'll do all the work putting something together for Trail Talk! 

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Fun Christmas Questions

1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"
2. What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
3. How many ghosts show up in *A Christmas Carol* the movie?
4. The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
5. What are the two most popular names for Santa Claus?
6. Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas, he's going to have a....
7. What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
8. In *Home Alone*, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
9. In the classic Christmas movie, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
10. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?

ANSWERS: 1-Eggnog; 2-Join in any reindeer games; 3-Four; 4-Mary's; 5-Kris Kringle and Saint Nick; 6-Blue Christmas; 7-An angel; 8-Paris; 9-Sink, stank, stunk; 10-Tom Hanks

Music Venues

- **Arts Garage** — 94 NE 2nd Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444, (561) 450-6357
- **Aventura Arts & Cultural Center** — 3385 NE 188th St Aventura, FL 33180, (877) 311-7469
- **Boca Black Box** — 8221 Glades Rd Suite #10, Boca Raton, FL 33434, (561) 483-9036
- **Broward Center** — 201 SW 5th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312, (954) 462-0222
- **Delray Beach Playhouse** — 950 NW 9th St, Delray Beach, FL 33444, (561) 272-1281
- **Delray Marketplace** — 9025 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33446, (561) 865-4613
- **Funky biscuit** — 303 SE Mizner Blvd #59, Boca Raton, FL 33432, (561) 395-2929
- **Galuppi's** — 1103 N Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach, FL 33062, (954) 785-0226
- **Hard Rock Live** — Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Davie, FL 33314, (954) 797-5531
- **Kings Point Theatre** — 7000 W Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33446, (561) 499-3335
- **Kravis Center for the Performing Arts** — 701 Okeechobee Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, (561) 832-7469
- **Mizner Park Amphitheater** — 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432, (561) 393-7890
- **Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Art Center** — 3100 Ray Ferrero Jr. Blvd, Davies, FL 33314, (954) 262-5480
- **Old School Square Pavilion** — 51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444, (561) 243-1077
- **The Parker Playhouse** — 707 NE 8th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304, (954) 462-0222
- **The Wick Theater** — 7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33487, (561) 995-2333
- **Sunset Cove Amphitheater** — 12551 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33498, (561) 488-8069



"Don't prescribe anything for my memory.
I like it when I forget I'm old."

Test your knowledge

Name the three largest shopping Malls in the US!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



What follows is a list of recommendations by residents for residents from the area here at Avalon Trails. Residents have used these services and have found them reliable and the work was/is worth recommending:

Auto Repairs (auto)

- Very Best Foreign Cars,
Silvio, 1801 W Atlantic Ave B1A,
Delray Beach, FL 33444 (561) 279-0297

Patio Screens

- All Florida Screens & Shutters, Alvaro Cepeda,
2764 N Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors, FL 33334,
954-254-6089

- ANSWERS
1. Mall of America – Bloomington, MN (520.5K square meters)
 2. King of Prussia Mall – King of Prussia, PA (260K square meters)
 3. Aventura Mall – Aventura, FL (100K square meters)