

LHP Chamber Social

It was St. Patrick's Day and the Lighthouse Chamber of Commerce dressed up in their best green gear and celebrated at this month's social hosted by Karen Hammett and Mary Griffin of Howard Grace Mortgage. In the spirit of green, guests were greeted with green margaritas and enjoyed a spread of snacks and desserts prepared by Mary and Karen.

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Chamber members enjoying the evening.

West Deerfield Alliance wants sound wall

By David Volz

The West Deerfield Community Alliance is in the initial stages of pursuing a sound wall along the Florida Turnpike where it passes through Deerfield Beach.

Residents of the Riverglen neighborhood have complained about the amount of noise coming from cars traveling along the turnpike. There are 258 homes in Riverglen. This problem also affects residents of the Waterways neighborhood with nearly 800 homes.

"We have decided to pursue the wall," said Todd Drosky, a leader of the Alliance.

"Right now Deerfield Beach does not have a sound wall and the residents of Riverglen said it is very noisy. We have contacted Kristin Jacobs of the county commission and Henry Pinzon, a project manager for the Florida Turnpike."

Jacobs has been invited to the Apr. 29 meeting of the Alliance. The group also plans to eventually make a presentation to the Deerfield Beach Commission on this matter.

There is a strong possibility that the Florida Turnpike will be expanded around the year 2015 and widened to eight lanes. This would take place

from Atlantic Boulevard northward to Glades Road. Drosky is optimistic the sound wall will get built. "I think we are up to the challenge," he said. "We will make a good case to the Turnpike officials and show them the need for this wall."

Colleen Simpson-DiDonato, former temporary commissioner for District 4 and a leader of the Alliance, said the organization has decided to pursue the matter after hearing about it from a resident.

"We will contact Kristin Jacobs and make a presentation in front of the Deerfield Beach Commission," Simpson-DiDonato said. "This really affects the quality of living for residents. They have invested so much money into their homes. We believe it is important for these communities to have sound walls. We want to work with the Florida Department of Transportation so we can move forward on the lack of sound walls."

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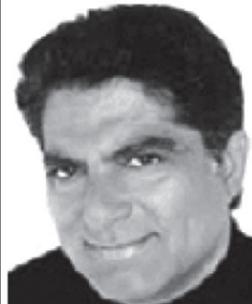
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