

## Pier restaurant gets makeover: Opening for business in December

By Diane Emeott

It's official! Deerfield Beach city commission on Tuesday night authorized approval of a lease for the pier restaurant. New lessee: Brian and Gail Enterprise, LLC, will operate The Pier Grill per the "landlord's" [the city of Deerfield's] specifications.

"I didn't lawyerize it too much," said City Attorney Andy Maurodis. "Staff has reviewed it, I put in the provisions of the RFP (city's request for proposal).

The pier restaurant, formerly known as Kelly's, has been closed since Aug. 31. Restart of operations is slated for Dec. 15 or sooner.

District 1 Commissioner Joe Miller said the makeover should be done by the weekend. "I'm hoping it will be open to the public by Dec. 1 if not sooner." City Manager Mike Mahaney detailed the work so far. He said he authorized overtime to: install a sink, replace some rotten



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wood, make sure the refrigerator, freezer and ice machine are chilling at optimum levels, and degrease and paint the property. "We did what we needed to do. Also, the Health Department has done a cursory inspection."

"The city has gone through a lot of effort," Miller added. "With painting it looks like a makeover."

### Holiday notes

The city commission has

cancelled its next regular meeting, Dec. 1, closely following the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be just one regular meeting in December now, on Dec. 15.

The city announced it is holding its annual Tree Lighting on Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. outside City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Other business

The commission tabled until Dec. 15 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among Broward County, Broward Solid Waste

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## West Deerfield Beach residents must wait for Turnpike sound wall

Residents of West Deerfield Beach who live near the Florida Turnpike may get a sound wall. But they will have to wait at least until 2016.

The Florida Turnpike Authority presented the results of their Noise Impact Evaluation Summary on Oct. 29. The Authority analyzed the Turnpike and the segment that deals with

Deerfield Beach. They determined that the segment between West Hillsboro Boulevard and Southwest 18 Street in Boca Raton is eligible for a noise barrier when construction begins on widening the Turnpike in that area, according to Todd Drosky, a leader of the West Deerfield Community Alliance.

The study found that in that segment, there were 79 homes affected by noise ex-

ceeding 66 decibels a sound wall, if constructed, would reduce the noise by at least 5 decibels to 64 of 79 homes.

"105 homes in total would see some result in noise reduction as a result of the sound wall," Drosky said.

**But there is a problem.** The 2010 to 2015

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## West Wellfield update

The West Wellfield project water main work across SW 10 Street was completed on Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, several days ahead of schedule. The crossing work occurred between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., when traffic volume is lowest. All lanes were open during the day.

This past week, pressure testing began on the 16" pipe on Military Trail, from Goolsby Boulevard back to the water plant. Drilling continues on the 12" diameter pilot hole for the next 1,000 feet of pipe. Crews completed pulling of the first HDPE pipe sections under the canal Nov. 11. The 16" pipe will hold the electrical and control wiring for the relocated generator building.

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"The union hasn't seen any new proposals."

— Bus. Rep. Steve Hall

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Hall said after the city reviewed again the 32 articles. "There's nothing to give you, when there's nothing to change," replied Sammons.

The city last went to impasse with Local 1010 in 2004, according to city spokesperson Rami Altherr-Musto. The issues then were: workers compensation, overtime payment and retroactivity of COLA (cost of living adjustment).

Since Oct. 16, the city has been at impasse with Deerfield Firefighters and Paramedics Local 1673, which also negotiates for a third bargaining unit, Fire Battalion Chiefs, #1610. (Latest, pg. 4)

The city has long maintained the state of the economy as the reason for holding the line on increases. Unemployment rates in Broward County hit 9.8 percent in September. Altherr-Musto said they received 391 applications just for the position of Administrative Support Specialist — "the only new position funded by the city this year."



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— Asst. City Mgr. Macon Sammons

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construction plan for the Florida Turnpike does not have any money for the design or acquisition of right-of-ways necessary for building a sound wall. The earliest this money would be available would be in the five-year period of 2016 to 2021.

"I am very happy with the results of the test and that Deerfield Beach will get a noise barrier to reduce noise pollution. But I am disappointed there are no funds available until at least 2016," said Drosky.

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Disposal District, and Wheelabrator. Broward County Commissioner Ilene Lieberman is asking area cities to come on board for a term of 10 years, with a 10-year extension by mutual agreement. She said the co-operative allows cities to save on waste management and offered a signing bonus for

Deerfield Beach (based on tonnage) of \$692,058 — close to \$700,000 — to come in check form. ["You could buy 2 1/2 trucks with that!" said Public Works Director Charles DaBrusco.]

Lieberman said the MOU must be passed by Jan. 1, 2010 in order to qualify. Mayor Peggy Noland asked for more time to review. "I want to make sure we're getting the best deal for residents." Commissioners Miller and Bill Ganz said they are for it, but will acquiesce the mayor.

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