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Angry residents protest lake west of Boynton

Demonstrators upset that county government failed to enforce permit laws

Mike Diamond Special to Palm Beach Post
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More than 200 angry Valencia Reserve residents staged a “stop the waterpark” rally Monday to call attention to a 14-acre lake built without county permits near their homes west of Boynton Beach.

The anger was directed at the county government for failing to enforce its own laws.

Residents of the senior community of 1,043 homes carried placards and marched in an area on their own property near a canal that separates the development from the lake. Chants included “Injunction now,” “Preserve the Ag Reserve” and “Developers scheming / politicians sleeping.” All the residents wore masks.

The goal was to show the solidarity of the community “against this outrageous behavior” that resulted in the develop-

ers blatantly ignoring the county’s building code, said Jeff Schepp, acting president of the homeowner association.

The rally comes just before a scheduled magistrate hearing Thursday to determine what penalties, if any, can be imposed on West Boynton Ranches Holdings, a three-person partnership that built the lake.

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Valencia Reserve residents protest a lake and possible water-ski park project next to their community west of Boynton Beach on Monday.

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Juliana Gendelman helps community members as they drop off supplies to benefit Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies, Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options, Place of Hope, Education Foundation and local homeless, at the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Athletic Campus in West Palm Beach. PHOTOS BY RICHARD GRAULICH/PALM BEACH POST

Race for the Cure to occur virtually

Komen organization asks that people donate

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Participants in this year’s Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure won’t even have to get off their sofas to participate.

The Jan. 30 event is being billed as the Virtual Race for the Cure, a change necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It’s the 30th anniversary of the breast cancer fundraising events nationwide and in West Palm Beach. In the past, the South Florida race has been staged downtown, with an early morning 5K run followed by a 5K walk. In between, a ceremony attended by hundreds of largely pink-clad attendees at the Meyer Amphitheater includes survivors sharing their stories.

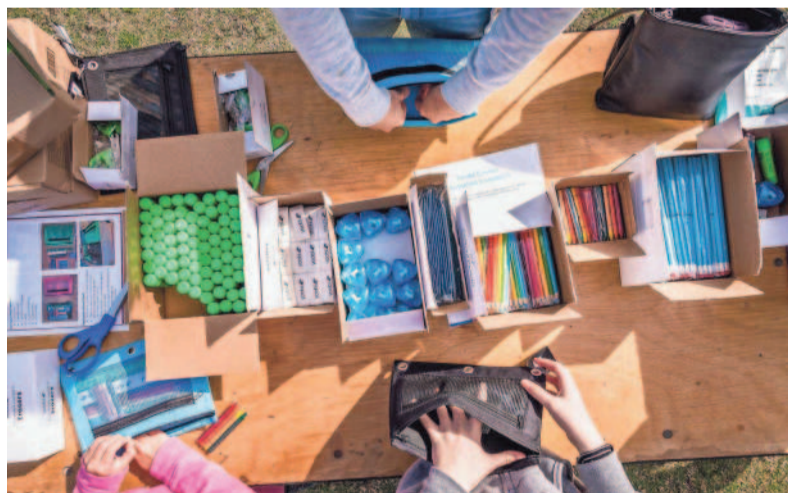
This year’s opening ceremony of less than a half hour will be pre-recorded and viewable on Komen’s Facebook group page. A breast cancer survivor will speak, as will somebody who’s living with metastatic breast cancer. It will be hosted by three WPTV-TV news personalities.

Participants won’t join an organized 5K run or walk. “They ask people to donate to their cause,” said Denise Mariani, Komen’s director of development for Florida. “They reach out to their friends and family. [And] we have corporate teams.”

Susan G. Komen was the younger sister of Nancy Brinker of Palm Beach.

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Volunteers honor King with service



Volunteers pack school supplies for charity at the Marshall and Vera Lea Rinker Athletic Campus in West Palm Beach on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Lake Worth Beach retiree makes little libraries big

Jorge Milian Palm Beach Post
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LAKE WORTH BEACH – Andrew Carnegie is credited with building 1,700 public libraries during his life.

Mary Lindsey isn’t quite there yet, but the 68-year-old Lake Worth Beach resident is gaining on the steel tycoon and philanthropist.

Since 2015, Lindsey has overseen the creation of about 100 Little Free Libraries around the city. The neighborhood book exchange program was created to promote literacy.

The little libraries are housed in col-



Books await readers in the Little Free Library outside Mary Lindsey’s house in Lake Worth Beach.

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Plaza Delray developers hope to open in spring

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Two Boca Raton-based commercial developers recently paid \$2.1 million for 10 acres near Atlantic Avenue and Lyons Road west of Delray Beach, where they intend to build a shopping plaza.

The land was purchased by Pebb Enterprises and Banyan Development, two of the more active commercial builders in unincorporated areas west of Delray Beach and Boynton Beach.

“With all of the residential development going on in the region, we believe it will support another shopping plaza,” said Ian Weiner, president of PEBB

Enterprises. “We are very bullish on this part of the county.”

But standing in the way of the development is the 1 million square-foot commercial cap in the Agricultural Reserve that has already been reached. The Ag Reserve is in an unincorporated area of the county, west of the turnpike, with special rules designed to protect the region from over-development. It is the only part of the county with a commercial cap.

The Post reported that some developers with approved projects have been sitting on those approvals. Some county commissioners want them to build or al-

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