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“And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him...”

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## Breakfast With Santa

By Rachel Galvin

Kids lined up early on Saturday morning at The Butler House in Deerfield awaiting Santa & Mrs. Claus, who pulled up on their sleigh. Before heading back to the North Pole, they stopped for some pictures with the youngsters

(and might even stay around the area a little while, it is rumored). Kids could create their own ornaments and get their faces painted by artist Gabrielle Gamperl, who brought some artwork to display from the kids who have been painting in her class on Thursdays at The Butler House. There was

also singing by the Carolers of Deerfield Beach. Chick-Fil-A donated breakfast items. A lot of volunteers helped out, including members of the Deerfield Beach Historical Society, The Woman’s Club and local Key Club.

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(1) A large group came to The Butler House to greet Santa, including these volunteers. (2) The Lavergne family — Ron & Mary Louise with daughter-in-law Celeste and daughter Maryellen— enjoyed the event. (3) Riley, age 6, creates her own ornament after getting her face painted by artist Gabrielle Gamperl. (4) Elves for the day— Judy Nelson, Raquel Rodriguez & Betty House volunteered to help with event. (5) These volunteers are all smiles — Priscilla Cullen, Meghan Courtade, Alexis Marion & Lucas Pereyra.

## Need a Christmas tree?



Kiwanians pose with Donna DeFronzo from Center for Active Aging at tree lot.

Visit the Happy Holiday Christmas Trees lot, located at 299 N. Federal Hwy. in Deerfield (near Duffy’s). They have plenty of trees available, including Spruce,

Fir, and Fraser from North Carolina and Canada. They even have flocked trees, as well wreaths, poinsettias and tree stands. The lot is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of

Deerfield Beach, who will be giving proceeds to multiple community programs. For more info., visit [www.happyholidaytrees.com](http://www.happyholidaytrees.com).



Anson Sonnett of FDOT explains map to Deerfield resident Harry Belton.

## FDOT holds 2nd Public Workshop on SW 10 St. Connector

By Diane Emcott

Independence Bay resident Willie Wood found a second Public Alternatives Workshop on the SW 10 Street Connector “very informative.”

“The best part is it’s not ‘til 2024 that they’re going to begin [Construction]!” Wood surmised. [Actually, funding for the SW 10 Street Connector has moved up from 2025 to 2021-22 – which shows the project’s importance, according to Project Manager Robert Bostian on Sept. 15.]

This second formal Florida Dept. Of Transportation (FDOT) public workshop on the SW 10 Street Connector from the Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway to I-95 was held on Nov. 29, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Deerfield Doubletree by Hilton hotel.

Three options were presented for what has become the preferred alternative: to have a northern alignment of the managed lanes — two, 12-ft. lanes each direction, separated by a median and barrier wall. (There will also be regular local lanes on the roadway.)

The new options explore whether the managed lanes

on the north side of the road should be 1) Fully depressed lanes, 2) Partially depressed lanes or 3) Non-depressed lanes.

At a first public workshop on April 24, options on the table revolved around whether to do a center or north alignment of the managed lanes.

The next step is a spring 2019 Public Hearing on the SW 10 Street Connector (which was originally slated for winter 2019). The meeting is likely to be in April, but won’t be scheduled with the Doubletree by Hilton until the New Year, according to Bostian.

The SW 10 Street Connector remains in the Project Development & Environment (PD&E) study phase until summer 2019, when Location and Design Concept Acceptance is expected, marking the end of the PD&E Phase.

Final Design would then begin in summer or fall of 2019, according to FDOT.

FDOT is currently working on three separate projects in the area: SW10 Street Connector; I-95 Expansion and the Sawgrass Expressway/Turnpike.

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