



CAFCI NEWS

April 2026

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

In Florida, Inc.



THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

present



CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

CELEBRATING CULTURES * CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

LIVE BAND & GLOBAL VENDORS

Experience a festive day filled with cultural performances, international cuisine, interactive experiences for all ages, prizes and surprises and...

IT'S FREE.

**SATURDAY,
MAY 9, 2026
1 pm – Sundown**

**COMMONS PARK
11600 POINCIANA BLVD.
ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL**



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General Membership Meeting
2nd Saturday of month
Board Meeting
4th Thursday of month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is a month of connection, progress and continued purpose for Caribbean-American for Community Involvement (CAFCI). As we build on the momentum, we remain focused on strengthening our community, supporting our initiatives and preparing for the months ahead.

RELAY FOR LIFE – COMMUNITY IMPACT: CAFCI proudly supported Relay For Life, a signature initiative of the American Cancer Society, through online giving. Together, we raised \$1,041. We extend sincere thanks to the following contributors: Radcliffe Brown, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Caren Muir, Karen Nembhard, Jenneta Walsh, Marva Wilks, Dennis Wright, Yvonne Wright and CAFCI.

HURRICANE MELISSA RELIEF: Thanks to Lauriston Simms for his generous donations and for spearheading the CAFCI Hurricane Melissa relief supplies for Trelawny, Jamaica. He supervised the shipment and distributions of the supplies and donated heavily from his personal finances to support this effort. Thanks to all who donated. Your generosity reflects the spirit of service that defines our organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL CAFCI PICNIC, Saturday, April 11: We look forward to our Annual CAFCI Picnic at Okeeheelee Park. This event brings together members, families and friends for a day of fellowship and community engagement. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of this shared experience. Tickets are available. See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY, Saturday, May 9: Planning continues for our upcoming Cultural Diversity Day. The Cultural Committee is working diligently to ensure a vibrant celebration that reflects the richness of our multi-cultural heritage and promotes unity within the broader community.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE AWARD CEREMONY, Saturday, June 13: This initiative underscores our commitment to supporting youth through education and opportunity.

ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL, Saturday, September 26: Our signature event will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport in West Palm Beach. Look out for further details in upcoming issues of the newsletter as well as on the CAFCI website.

We are currently seeking a volunteer to serve as Chair of the Ball Journal Committee. This leadership role is essential to the success of the event, and we encourage interested members to step forward.

Thank you for your continued commitment to CAFCI. Your participation, generosity and leadership are what makes our organization strong. Together, we will continue to uplift our community, celebrate our heritage and build a legacy for future generations.



Dennis Wright

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GET WELL TO

Jeff Webb

COMFORT TO

Paul Baker who has three brothers who are not well

CONDOLENCES TO

Sandra Gordon who lost her husband, Colgate Gordon



April 16 - 30

Barrington Berry	17
Joan Bisator	17
Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Norma Smith-Hill	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27
Nicholas Johnson	30

May 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Jude Thomas	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
Rudolph Tinker	10
Patricia Gonzalez	12
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15
Audrey Smith	15

PLEASE LET US KNOW...

GET WELL, COMFORT & CONDOLENCES

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if:

- you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter or offer our support.

Paul Baker, Chair 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.358.3737
 Elet Cyrus 561.791.9087

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send an email to CAFCI (cafcib@south.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11th Meeting CANCELLED

In its place will be CAFCI's Annual Picnic.

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday, April 11, 2026

12 noon

Okeeheelee Park NC-Tuskegee Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL

Plans are in the works for the annual picnic, a fun-filled day for the entire family with delicious food and entertaining games. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Dennis Wright at 203.482.5079. For more information, see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter, go to the CAFCI website (cafci.org) and/or Caribbean-American for Community Involvement Facebook Page. Tickets for this year's picnic are available for purchase.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 9, 2026

1 pm to Sundown

Commons Park

11600 Poinciana Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

The Cultural Committee is diligently working on what will unquestionably be a stellar Cultural Diversity Day program. The event is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and is supported by the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County. Entrance to this event is free, so come and get your culture on! We are taking Royal Palm Beach's diverse hidden cultures out of the shadows and honoring the wealth of our different traditions. Let us come together to exchange and celebrate our multifaceted food, language, dance and cultural customs. Invite friends and neighbors and inform any culturally unique performers and vendors you know to register on cafci.org or email CAFCI at cafci@bellsouth.net. The flyer with further details, and the vendor form is in this issue of the newsletter, on the CAFCI website at www.cafci.org as well as the Caribbean-American for Community Involvement Facebook page.

CAFCI VALUES STATEMENT

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background. We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.

CAFCI MEMBERS... If you would like to share the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT: Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.

LET'S DO BUSINESS

When we support a small business in our community or share a recommendation about that business' services and excellence, we help that business to grow; and in helping that business to grow, we help our community to grow. We show by virtue of our dollars and our support, that a business is reputable, valuable, and worthy of patronage.

Let's Support Businesses in Our Community.

ROYAL PALM BREWING COMPANY

543 North State Road 7, Suite 103

Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

561.792.5822

<https://www.drinkrpb.com>

Tue to Thu: 4 to 9 pm

Fri: 3 to 9 pm | Sat: 12 to 9 pm

If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in the "Let's Do Business" section in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee so that we can share it with our members.

• junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

Student Assistance Fund **EMPOWERING YOUTH & INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE**

Each year the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee offers deserving Palm Beach County high school seniors the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from CAFCI. We need your help! A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's SAF Committee reach its fundraising goal. See enclosed letter for details to name your very own Student Assistance Fund Award. A donation of any amount will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. Donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, via one of the following methods by April 30, 2026:

- Mail check payable to CAFCI, Attention: SAF (write "SAF" on your check on the notes line to make sure it is posted to the SAF program), 675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.
- Donate online at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>. Select the Student Assistance option.

Please also share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts. CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits. For more information, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

The poster is set against a dark blue background with a pattern of blue graduation caps. At the top left is the CAFCI logo, a circular emblem with a bird and the text "CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT" and "WE ARE ONE". To the right of the logo, the text "CAFCI" is written in large, gold, serif letters, with "Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc." in smaller white text below it. The main title "STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD CEREMONY" is in bold, gold, sans-serif letters. Below this, it says "Featuring Keynote Speaker DR. ELVIS EPPS" in gold. The date and time "Saturday, June 13th 2026 | 3:00 PM" are in white. A photo of Dr. Elvis Epps, a smiling man with glasses in a suit, is on the right side. Below the photo, it says "LET'S CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS!" in gold. At the bottom, it says "Join us on Zoom:" in white, followed by the Zoom link "https://zoom.us/j/88338100834" and "Meeting ID: 883 3810 0834 | Passcode: 881283" in white. A QR code is on the right. At the very bottom, it says "Portuguese American Cultural Society of Palm Beach County" in white and "CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026" in gold.



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement (CAFCI) in Florida, Inc.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND



WHO WE ARE

CAFCI was founded by a group of residents in an effort to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our ancestral origins. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes on August 13, 1999.

CAFCI is a 501(c)(3) organization committed to volunteerism and social activities, with special emphasis on our youths and senior citizens. Our annual affairs continue to serve and help the social, educational and health needs of the community.

OUR MISSION

CAFCI's mission is to maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community, consistent with the culture and tradition of our diverse ancestral heritage.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD PROGRAM

Each year we offer deserving local high school graduates the opportunity to apply for a monetary "Student Assistance Award" from our organization.

Past student awards ranged from \$500 - \$1,500 per student.



AWARD CEREMONY

Each year in the month of May or June, CAFCI holds an award ceremony for students, their families, and members and friends of CAFCI.

We invite community leaders, Student Assistance Fund Committee members (past and present), past award recipients, the general public and friends of CAFCI to attend and participate in the event.



STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students applying must have at least a cumulative 2.7 GPA and demonstrate continuous academic success in their high school tenure to be eligible.
- Applicants must show that they have participated in school and community activities.
- Applicants must show interest in the Caribbean community.
- The monetary assistance is awarded to students who are going on to a college, university, or other accredited institution of higher learning.
- If selected, the student must provide proof of acceptance from the school before receiving the award.

For more details and to apply visit cafcipbc.org/student-assistance.

How YOU Can Help Our Students

1. Make check or money order payable to:
C.A.F.C.I. (Note for Student Assistance Fund)
2. Donate by going to CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and click on Donate to Student Assistance Fund.

No contribution is too small. On behalf of the students, their families and CAFCI, Thank You Very Much.

CONTACT US

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**CAFCI STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARD PROGRAM
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you for your interest in sponsorship with Caribbean-American For Community Involvement of Florida, Inc. (CAFCI) Student Assistance Fund Program. **Please complete the form below to help us process your generous contribution.**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Gold Sponsor \$5,000 or more
- Silver Sponsor \$ 2,500 to \$4,999
- Bronz Sponsor \$1,000 to \$2,499
- Donation/Support - any amount under \$1,000.

DONATION AMOUNT: \$ _____

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

SPONSOR SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Donations can also be made online or by mail.

- CAFCI's website www.cafcipbc.org and clicking on the link [Click here to donate to the Student Assistance Program](#)

- By check payable to **CAFCI**

Mail to: 675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite 134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411.

Kindly reference Student Assistance Fund in the memo section of the check.

Donations received by April 30, 2026 will be applied to the 2026 Program.

Donations are gratefully accepted and appreciated year-round.

Contact Information: CAFCI SAF Committee Co-chairs
Nadine White-Boyd at 561-351-6895 | Nadine@wblawpa.com
Junette Powell at 561-346-2353 | junettep56@gmail.com

CAFCI SCOUTS ✦ TROOP 111

Greetings CAFCI,

March was a short but amazing month for Troop 111 with Spring break. As we continue this year, I would like to say thank you for everyone in CAFCI who has supported the Troop.



One of our fellow scouts, Christopher Clarke, who is the Chaplain's Aide, invited our troop to his church to participate in a worship service to learn about each other's religious views and beliefs. Our Committee



Lorianne Cabrera, Genieve White, Christopher Clarke, Chandra McKinney Clarke, Jannette Sharpe-Paul

Chair and several CAFCI members were in attendance. I would like to thank Chris and his parents for this invitation to practice one of our scout principles; Duty to God.

This will be my final article as I am completing my term as Senior Patrol Leader at the end of this month. It has been a wonderful experience to serve the Troop in this position. We are looking forward to new leadership within our Shaman patrol and a new SPL. Thank you CAFCI for your support throughout my term.

SCOUT LAW | *"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."*

SCOUT OATH | *"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."*



To apply for membership in BSA Troop 111 or to volunteer for scouting, visit:
<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineFeg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-085taa0111>

Yours in Scouting,
Kirill Montoya
Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 111



WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center>

Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$80 • Couple - \$140)

Submit your membership dues online at:
<https://www.cafcipbc.org/membership-dues>

OR

Submit check payable to: CAFCI
Mail to CAFCI, Attention: Membership
675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

A For C.A.F.C.I.

BUSINESS



Our current objective is to have the community funding organization provide us with a Letter of Interest or credit so that when another opportunity comes our way we have a funding source to supplement our available funds.

We made an appeal for someone with the necessary knowledge, experience and skill to assist us with the planning, set up and operation of a business to provide income to assist in paying off a mortgage.

Other options under consideration include the possibility of purchasing a large commercial building and subletting some of its spaces. To that end, we are also looking for someone with property-management experience to assist us in determining the feasibility of this option.

If you are able to step in and assist, or know of anyone who can, please contact Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561-790-4002 or 561-791-3344 and leave a message. You can also send an email to cafci@bellsouth.net.

*Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipbc.org and click on the “Home of Our Own” tab or call Radcliffe “Woody” Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.*



Scan QR Code to Support
CAFCI's Home Of Our Own

Submitted by Radcliffe “Woody” Brown, CAFCI *Home Of Our Own* Chair

GAFCI



PICNIC In The Park

Fun, Food and Friends...
the perfect recipe
for a great day!



SAT., APRIL 11, 2026
12 noon 'til sunset



Okeeheelee Park
NC-Tuskegee Pavilion
7715 Forest Hill Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL



Games, Raffle, Music,
Entertainment
& More...

FISH: \$25 (Pre-Order Only)

MEALS: \$20

CHILDREN (Under 12): \$12

Hamburger & Hot Dog: \$7

Fish * Jerk Chicken * Jerk Pork * BBQ Chicken
Served with Rice-n-Peas * Festival * Vegetable
Hamburger & Hot dog
SOUP & DESSERT FOR SALE

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION CALL
AUDREY SMITH 561.601.8856 OR YVONNE WRIGHT 203.733.5542
ADVANCED TICKET RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.**



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VENDOR REGISTRATION

EVENT: CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY DATE: MAY 9, 2026

ADDRESS: Commons Park, 11600 Poincianna Blvd, Royal Pam Beach, FL 33411

VENDOR / ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMAIL: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ EVENING PHONE: _____

PRINCIPAL OWNER / OFFICER: _____

TYPE OF BOOTH / DISPLAY: _____

Be sure to bring your chairs, tables and portable tents if necessary for your display.

Instruction from the Health Department to Food Vendors:

Pre-packaged cake, cookies, etc. Please have gloves and tools for handling food.

A thermometer is required. Hot food to be at 140 degrees; Cold food to be at 40 degrees.



Release and Hold Harmless:

In consideration of allowing my, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, participation in the Cultural Diversity Day, I waive, and release (CAFCI) Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc. & The Village of Royal Palm Beach and its employees, agents, volunteers, and sponsors of this event from all claims and/or liabilities of any kind arising from my participation in the event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in the waiver. I grant permission to all the forgoing entities and persons to use any image, photograph, motion picture, recording, and all or any other record of me or anyone acting on my behalf at this event for legitimate purposes. I understand the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI are not responsible for any monetary losses that I or my assigns may incur if all or part of the event is cancelled due to weather or if I and/or my assigns do not attend the event.

Applicant Signature

Date

Payment may be made via check, payable to CAFCI or visit www.cafcipbc.org.

For additional information contact:

Jannette Sharpe-Paul at 561.229.5733 | jaunette69@gmail.com • Paul Baker at 561.385.0737 | ujama4@aol.com

JAMAICA HURRICANE RELIEF DISTRIBUTION IN TRELAWNY

THE CONTAINER ARRIVED AT THE WHARF IN KINGSTON ON JANUARY 2, 2026.



*Lauriston Simms
flew down,
arranged for the
land to be cleared,
logs cut down to
make a platform,
container transportation
from
Kingston to Trelawny
and a crane to lift it.*



THEN THE WAITING GAME...



*YEAH!!! After lots of back and forth plus paperwork galore,
THE CONTAINER ARRIVED IN TRELAWNY ON MONDAY MARCH 9, 2026*



**SORTING AND DISTRIBUTING WITH
GRATEFUL TEARS OF IMMENSE APPRECIATION.
THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!!!**

APRIL... A Month of Celebrations & Awareness

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week — *sometimes referred to as National Volunteer Appreciation Week* — is an annual event designed to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of volunteers who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference. National Volunteer Week 2026 will be observed from **APRIL 19 - APRIL 25**. This week is also part of Global Volunteer Month, which extends the focus on community service through various activities and highlights the global impact of volunteers.

Source: [National Volunteer Week - 2026 Info](#)

COMING UP IN MAY

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teacher Appreciation Week 2026 is May 4–8, 2026, with National Teacher Appreciation Day celebrated on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Observed annually during the first full week of May, this week is dedicated to honoring educators for their dedication and impact on students, often celebrated with gifts, volunteer time, and special recognition events.

Source: [Teacher appreciation 2026](#)



Mark Your Calendar CAFCI's 2026 Events

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN APRIL

Saturday, April 11 • 12 noon

CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

Okeehetee Park NC-Tuskegee Pavilion, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MAY

Saturday, May 9 • 1 pm to Sundown

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Commons Park, 11600 Poinciana Blvd, Royal Palm Beach, FL

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JUNE

Saturday, June 13 • 3 pm

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS CEREMONY

Portuguese American Cultural Center

Saturday, July 11 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, August 8 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Membership Appreciation

Saturday, September 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Scout Night & VAFMSF

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 26

CAFCI ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 10 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Business Awareness

Saturday, November 14 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ International Games Night

Saturday, December 12 at 7 pm; Hybrid | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ Toys for Tots & Holiday Potluck

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 31

CAFCI NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Mark Your Calendar AROUND TOWN

- **Wednesday, April 8 & 15** | A two-part **SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP** hosted by **COUNTY COMMISSIONER BOBBY POWELL, JR, DISTRICT 7**; Get Registered, Get Certified. Get Contract-Ready. **Session 1:** Registration - April 8, 5-7pm; **Session 2:** Certification - April 15, 5-7pm. Pompey Park Community Center, 1101 NW 2nd Street, Delray Beach.
- **Tuesday, April 21, 7-9 pm** | **SOUL IN THE CITY JAZZ** hosted by the **STEPHEN SCOTT TRIO** with a very special appearance by members of **JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA** alongside **WYNTON MARSALIS** at the **Sunset Lounge**. For more information and tickets, go to wpb.org/jazz.
- **Sunday, June 21, 2-6 pm** | **ISLAND SPACE MANGO FESTIVAL 2026**. Join us for a day of delicious fun at Broward's ONLY Mango Fest! Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Ctr Way, Pembroke Pine. For more information call 954.999.0989 or email museum@islandspacefl.org.
- Visit the **CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY** at <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/events> for upcoming activities.
- Events in **WELLINGTON**, go to <https://aroundwellington.com/>
- Events in **WEST PALM BEACH**, go to <https://downtownwpb.com/explore/calendar/>