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PAYING TRIBUTE Zoso, a Led Zeppelin tribute band, will kick off Boca Raton's Summer in the City 2017 concert-and-movie series with a June 9 show at Mizner Park Amphitheater. POLIN PR/COURTESY

Free summer concerts, movies coming to Mizner

BY MARCI SHATZMAN
STAFF WRITER

The city of Boca Raton is offering opening acts for the first time in the free 2017 Summer in the City series, with eight concerts including tribute bands and two movies from June 9 through Aug. 12 at Mizner Park Amphitheater.

John Mellencamp also comes to Mizner with Emmylou Harris in an AEG ticketed concert on June 25: "Sad Clowns & Hillbillies." The concert promoter has also booked Slightly Stoopid at Sunset Cove Amphitheater in West Boca on June 24, said Ethan Levinson, sen-

ior talent buyer. The Good Vibes Summer Tour 2017 will bring Rebelution to Sunset Cove on July 29 and the band 311 on Aug. 1 on its Unity tour swing. For tickets go to axs.com.

"These three bands fit into the reggae and beach life of Florida," Levinson said. "I'm lucky I have those venues to work with, and with South Florida's unique climate we can have outdoor shows year-round."

At Mizner, the School of Rock house band will perform as the opening act at 7:30 p.m. before each tribute band at 8 p.m., said amphitheater manager Amy DiNorscio.

Zoso, the Led Zeppelin tribute, will kick off the summer series on June 9,

with Long Run (The Eagles) playing on June 16 and Liverpool Live (The Beatles) on July 7. DiNorscio noted that this year marks the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

Also on the concert schedule are Turnstiles (Billy Joel) on July 14; Petty Hearts (Tom Petty) on July 21; Dreams: Crystal Visions (Fleetwood Mac) on Aug. 4 and Ruff House (Bob Marley) on Aug. 11. "We did a survey last summer and brought back some of our old favorites like Long Run, Turnstiles, Zoso and Ruff House, and brought in new ones like Liver-

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ESPECIALLY FOR SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS



TATTOO TIME Volunteer Lindsay Lord helps Micah Breiffeld select a glitter tattoo during the third annual Especially for Kids event at Sugar Sand Park. The free event for special needs families featured carousel rides, art and science activities, a dance party and yoga classes.

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Parks commissioners balk at playground cost overrun

BY MARCI SHATZMAN
STAFF WRITER

Faced with more than a \$500,000 overage nearly two months after Sugar Sand Park's Science Playground opened, commissioners who had already approved more than \$2 million for the project postponed paying the final bill.

"This is a big number. What caused it was the last three weeks of the project," said Mike Fichera, the Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District's construction consultant, at the district's May 22 meeting.

More than \$250,000 was for labor, mostly over-

time, he said. "We had a date the district promised the public the park would open." The playground reopened March 25 and has had more than 54,000 visitors so far, according to Briann Harms, the district's assistant director.

During construction, poles were found to be rotted and had to be replaced, postponing the opening several times. Complicating the matter this time was an unexpected underground electrical box that controls the entire park, Fichera said. At the last minute, 600 bolts and more screening for the top of the three-story playground structure were added, he said.

"We didn't have any choice but to do the

work," said Arthur Koski, the district's executive director and legal counsel, citing safety. He said the final change orders would bring the total cost to \$3.2 million.

"It's a very tough pill to swallow," said Commissioner Steve Engel. "We're already 50 percent over budget."

"Knowing the project was over budget, why they didn't they tell us?" asked district chairman Robert K. Rollins Jr. The district uses property taxes to fund beach and park renovations and projects, including this one.

Since the contractor was already behind

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EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 31

Family Night with the Food Trucks

5-9 p.m. Sunset Cove Amphitheater, 11200 Park Access Road, Boca Raton. foodtruckinvasion.com.

Life Issues: A Support Group for Adults

You may join these groups at any time. No appointment necessary. 6-7:30 p.m. Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. \$5 per session. 561-483-5300.

THURSDAY 1

Socrates Café

Facilitated discussions open to everyone who wishes to freely discuss a question which is chosen by vote. No enrollment. 1:30-3 p.m. Spanish River Library, 1501 Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton. bocalibrary.org

Zumba Gold

For ages 50 years old and up. Zumba combines invigorating Latin-inspired dance music and moves

including; Merengue, Salsa and Flamenco to improve physical health, balance, memory and posture. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Veterans Park Recreation Center, 802 NE 1st St., Boca Raton. \$5 Residents, \$6 Nonresidents per class. 561-243-7350.

FRIDAY 2

LGBTQ Support Group

This is a support group for individuals ages 18 and older. Noon-1:15 p.m. Faulk Center for Counseling, 22455 Boca Rio Road, Boca Raton. No cost to attend. Registration required. 561-483-5300.

Movie Time at the Library

Call for movie information. 1 p.m. Highland Beach Municipal Library, 3618 S Ocean Blvd., Highland Beach. Free. 561-278-5455

SATURDAY 3

About Boating Safely

The Coast Guard Auxilia-

ry will offer a one-day class. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Spanish River Parking, Headquarters building, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. \$35; \$20 for teens (12-19). Bring a lunch. RSVP 561-391-3600 (leave a brief message).

Little Wonders

Join for stories and fun. Ages 3-4 with an adult; no siblings. 10-11 a.m. Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. \$8; \$5 for members. 561-544-8605

Nature Detectives

Become a Nature Detective with novice naturalist and investigate the mysteries of the world around us. Ages 5-7 with an adult. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. \$8; \$5 for members. Registration and payment recommended. 561-544-8605, gumbo-limbo.org.

SUNDAY 4

Duplicate Bridge

Join for bridge in a quiet and friendly atmosphere. 12:30 p.m. at Patch Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. \$10. 561-338-2995

MONDAY 5

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Bridge-Supervised Play

This is open to anyone who wants to improve their bidding and play. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays at St. Mark's Greek Orthodox Church, 2100 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. \$10. 561-542-4401

Outdoor Marine Aquarium Feedings

Learn about the behav-

iors of fish, sting rays, and other marine life during these feeding presentations. 12:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Free; no reservations required. 561-544-8605

TUESDAY 6

Jewish Unity Day

This event will celebrate the strength and joy of a united Jewish community. The program will also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem following the Six-Day War, including a special musical performance. 7 p.m. Zinman Hall, 9901 Donna Klein Blvd., Boca Raton. Registration required. jewishboca.org/unity. Free. A valid driver's license is required for entry at the security gate. 561-558-2112.

Boca Raton Garden Club Meeting

The meeting is free and open to the public. 1 p.m. BRGC Clubhouse, 4281 NW Third Avenue. 561-395-9376, bocaraton-gardenclub.org
Socrates Café
Facilitated discussions open to everyone who wishes to freely discuss a question which is chosen by vote. No enrollment. 1:30-3 p.m. Downtown Library, 400 NW Second Ave., Boca Raton. bocalibrary.org

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pool Live, Petty Heart and Fleetwood Mac tributes," DiNorscio said.

The Symphonia Boca Raton will perform with "A Space Odyssey" theme to close the series Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. The Children's Science Explorium at Sugar Sand Park will bring activities that evening, DiNorscio said.

The city will also show the movies "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" June 12 at 8 p.m. and "Moana" July 28 at 8 p.m., both for free. The magician James Change-field will perform before the first screening, and Polynesian dancers will appear before the second. The Boca Raton Public Library will have a photo booth for movie nights, DiNorscio added.

Concertgoers age 21 and over can sample craft beers, learn how to make brews and meet experts from

Hollywood Brewing Co. at the biergarten, open at 6:30 p.m. on tribute band nights.

Audiences can bring blankets and chairs. Chairs will also be available to rent for \$5, and food and beverages can be purchased inside the venue. No outside food, coolers or pets are allowed. All shows are rain or shine. Visit myboca.us/826/Mizner-Park-Amphitheater or call 561-544-8600.

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schedule, he was under the impression

the company would pick up some of the cost, said Commissioner Steven Engel.

A provision in the law gives the contractor certain rights because he could not take on other jobs while finishing this one, explained Koski, a lawyer.

"Mike Fichera went over this with a fine-tooth comb," Koski added. Fichera told commissioners he verified "every piece of paper."

"The contractor was directed to do this and we opened under a TCO [temporary certificate of occupancy]," Koski added. There was no way to predict where the elec-

trical box would be, as the original playground was partly built by community volunteers and there were no records, he added.

Engel asked to be reassured this was the final bill, "and I want to make sure we're protected from future surprises."

Commissioner Craig Ehrnst suggested deferring the decision to approve the bill until all the parties involved "come in and explain it. I'm just baffled," he said. The other commissioners agreed, and Koski was asked to have the structural engineer, designer and construction company attend the May 30 meeting to answer questions.

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