

## In Brief

### Businesses go pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and cities around the country are taking part in events aimed at raising awareness and money. Boca Raton and Delray Beach have events with a variety of retail stores and restaurants participating.

Boca Raton is “painting the park pink” at Mizner Park, with all the proceeds benefiting breast cancer research and treatment efforts at Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Delray Beach is hosting “Downtowns Go Pink” again this year, benefiting Susan G. Komen South Florida.

### DELRAY BEACH

The Delray Beach Downtown Development Authority is lighting up its city pink, installing twinkle lights and lighted ribbons throughout downtown on Atlantic Avenue and in Pineapple Grove on Northeast Second Avenue and in Libby Wesley Park, as well as at city hall, the community center and other government buildings on Oct. 25.

Sara Campbell will be donating 10 percent of the day's sales, Brule will offer \$250 in gift certificates and donate 5 percent of the day's sales, Delray Goodies will donate 10 percent of the day's sales and all sales of Sakura Rose Milk Tea and City Oyster will donate all proceeds of a special pink cocktail through October. C. Orrico and Katch-A-Ride will donate 10 percent of sales and Rack's/Farmhouse will donate \$2 from every Paradise Found cocktail sold on Oct. 25. The Hyatt Place Hotel will have pink interior decorations and offer happy hour drink specials and Office 55 will take donations from clients and have pink decorations.

For information on retailers and restaurants participating in Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Delray Beach, visit [DowntownDelrayBeach.com](http://DowntownDelrayBeach.com) or call 561-243-1077.

### BOCA RATON

Throughout the month, the lights at the Mizner Park Amphitheater will illuminate the tower pink, while many of the plaza's popular restaurants will offer specialty cocktails and stores will have special deals and offerings to benefit breast cancer research and treatment efforts.

For every specialty cocktail purchased, participating restaurants will donate \$2 to the hospital. The Dubliner has The Pink Leona (\$12), Kapow! offers the London Rose (\$12), Max's Grille has Cosmo for the Cure (\$12), Ouzo Bay has a Strawberry Masitha Mojito (\$10), Rack's Downtown Eatery & Tavern is offering Paradise Found (\$12) and Tanzy Restaurant is serving up Norma Jean (\$13).

Retail shops in Mizner Park are also offering special items and savings. Bobbi Brown duo lipstick and Glam Glow sheet masks at Blue Mercury will see all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research. Gramercy Salon will color your hair pink for free during the month and any donations made will benefit the hospital. The color washes out within five washes. J. McLaughlin will host a Girls Night Out sip-and-shop event on Friday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 7 p.m. in which 15 percent of all purchases made will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

For more information on participating retail shops and restaurants, visit [MiznerPark.com](http://MiznerPark.com) or call 561-362-0606.

—Austen Erblat

# Caruso and Bonfiglio face voters in House race

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It's a question of degrees as voters in a toss-up Palm Beach County House district consider the climate-change message of Democrat Jim Bonfiglio and the necessity of cracking down on opioids that has been at the center of Republican Mike Caruso's campaign.

Both men have spoken out in favor of doing more to address sea-level rise and the scourge of opioid addiction, but the emphasis for Bonfiglio, mayor of a coastal town, differs from that of Caruso, who lives in Delray Beach, which is at the center of the opioid crisis with its proliferation of sober homes.

House District 89 includes almost all of Boca Raton and Delray Beach east of Florida's Turnpike, but the district tapers after that, including just a strip of beach and the barrier islands until it ends just before reaching the village of North Palm Beach.

The district has a close partisan makeup — 36 percent of House District 89's 123,046 registered voters are Republicans, 33 percent are Democrats, with a large remainder with no party affiliation.

The race is for an open seat, as state Rep. Bill Hager, R-Boca Raton, is term-limited out of office.

Bonfiglio has some name-recognition already, being an elected official from the tiny barrier-island town of Ocean Ridge. Caruso has never held elected office and ran just once, in 1990, when he tried unsuccessfully for Delray Beach mayor.

Bonfiglio has raised



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Caruso (left), Bonfiglio (right)

\$234,000 as of Sept. 28, though \$190,000 of that amount comes from loans he's written his campaign.

Caruso has raised \$324,000 as of Sept. 28, with \$204,000 of it coming from loans. But Caruso survived a vicious primary fight, leaving him with just \$38,000 remaining in campaign funds. Bonfiglio still has \$75,000 to spend.

As the mayor of a coastal town, Bonfiglio, 64, has stressed environmentalism and preparation for sea-level rise as key points in his platform. He is also for several gun-control measures, including universal background checks, a limitation on the number of guns an individual can own and a ban on assault weapons. He would also like to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act and limit the number of charter schools.

“I am the only candidate

to have dealt with all of the major issues facing District 89 on a policy level,” Bonfiglio told the South Florida Sun Sentinel Editorial Board. “I am prepared to hit the ground running once elected to the Legislature.”

Outside of his mayoral duties, Bonfiglio works as an attorney specializing in foreclosure prevention. He's been endorsed by several labor unions and a slew of Democratic politicians, including U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, D-West Palm Beach, and state Sen. Kevin Rader, D-Delray Beach, who represent much of the district.

Caruso, 60, wants more money allotted for public education as a whole without limiting school choice options and to offer more technical training in public schools. He also wants to get tougher on crime, both through greater law en-

forcement efforts and prevention such as after-school programs. He also supports more severe penalties for opioid dealers and doctors who knowingly over-prescribe the medications.

Caruso told the Editorial Board that his top three issues are economic growth, addressing the opioid crisis and dealing with “the 25 percent drop-out rate in our high schools.”

Caruso is a certified public accountant. He's been endorsed by several local politicians, including Delray Beach commissioners Bill Bathurst and Ryan Boylston and Briny Breezes Mayor Roger Bennett.

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