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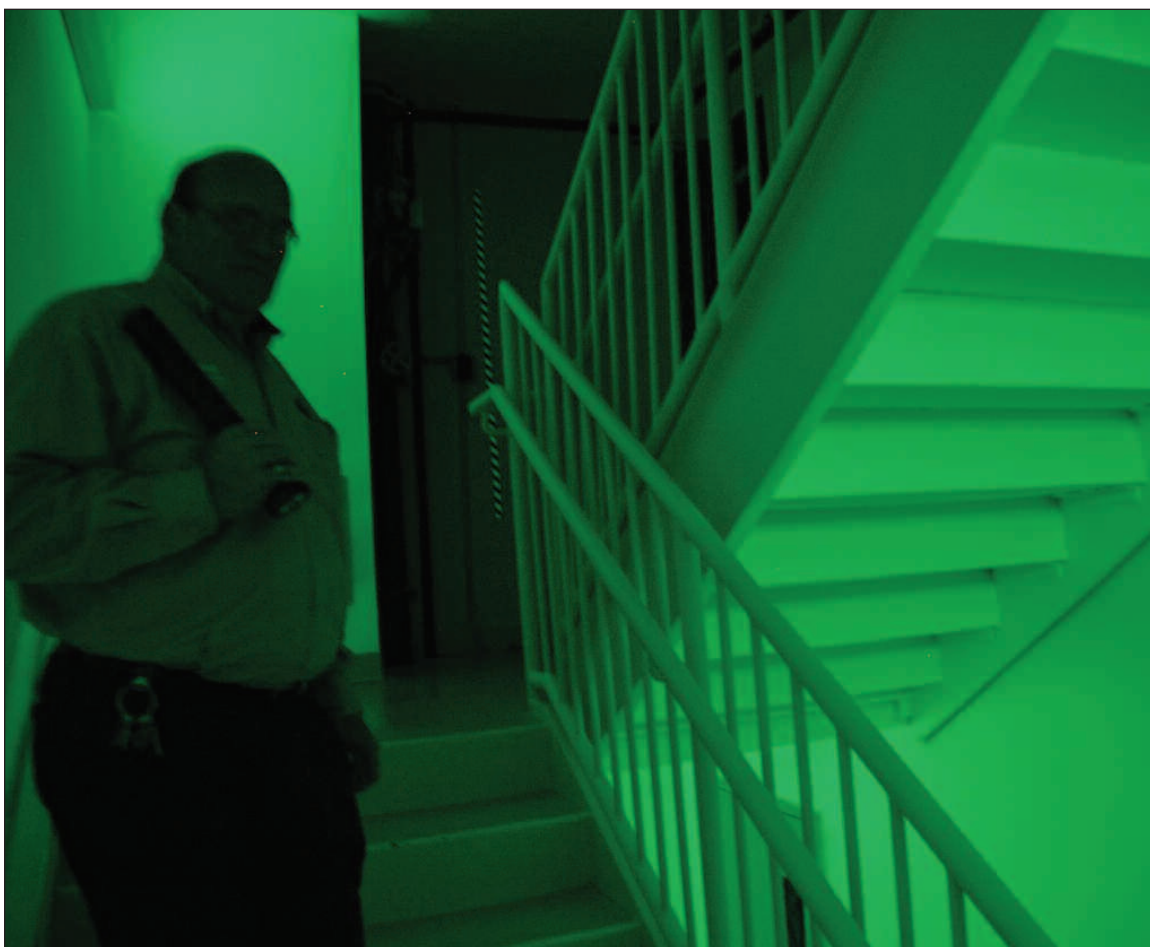
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Do they keep the trophy?

Because of early deadlines, the result of Friday's first "Battle for the Bridge" between Deland and Seminole was not available. Check mysanfordherald.com for all the scores from around the county.

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Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Ray Fowler, Marriott Orlando-Lake Mary engineering director, on the freshly painted stairwell.

Firefighters impressed by photoluminescent pigment

By Steve Paradis
Herald Staff

LAKE MARY — Photoluminescence may be a household word in the near future if the reaction of firefighters is any kind of indication.

An Australian company called Visiinglow Global Limited created pigments with photon-emitting crystals. They are pigments, so it can be put into paint products, plastics, glass and ceramic glaze coats, resins, printing inks and flooring and paving systems. Anything coated with the pigment will emit light, maybe a strip to see the way or a whole wall.

It may not be enough light to read a novel by, but you can see a watch and if you happen to be in a burning building at night and the electricity is out, you can see enough to exit safely. In other words, the makers will tell you, it may very well save lives.

So what does that have to do with Sanford. Visiinglow of North America, the distributor of the pigment, is located at 131 Commerce Way in Sanford.

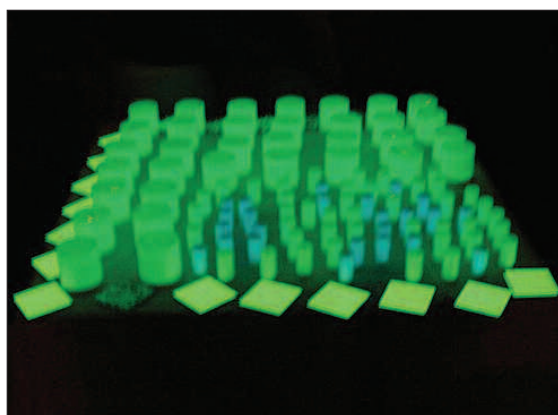
Sherwin-Williams has some industrial products that it has used in the rebuilding of the Pentagon among other places. Soon the product could be in paints available for households, according to company officials.

Representatives of the companies recently held a demonstration for local firefighters, business people and media. They introduced the product and then wanted to know what people think.

"We're really doing this to get your input," said Gary Lamphier, president of Visiinglow of North America.

They showed a video of fire equipment painted with the photoluminescent pigment. It was shot in the fire academy building at Seminole Community College.

In much of the film, only the painted objects were visible. That included air tanks used by the



Herald photo by Tommy Vincent

Paint and glass chips in small plastic containers glow in the dark with photoluminescent pigments.

firefighters as well as axe handles and other tools.

The real show was to take participants up to the fifth floor of the Orlando Marriott-Lake Mary and let them see for themselves.

The stairway leading the way back down was coated with paint containing the pigment from the third floor on down to the bottom. In the dark, finding the landing at the fourth floor was difficult. You had to put your foot out to see if you were at the end.

On the third floor, however, it was no problem. There was enough light from the glowing walls to read your watch. Some participants touched the walls and their handprints could be seen because heat makes the product glow brighter.

Lamphier told the audience that there may be a million ways the product could be used, but that is the problem.

"We don't know exactly where it should be

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Hometown Motown this Thursday

SANFORD — It's Motown in the hometown at Alive After 5 set for Thursday, Sept. 13.

Hometown Motown is the theme of the monthly gathering that starts at 5 p.m. in Historic Downtown Sanford. As usual, the event will feature art, open shops and restaurants, live music and food, including beer and wine.

According to a news release, those attending will see original artwork by more than 40 artists.

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Rebecca Riffle
Community Manager
for Bram Towers

Glass show returns

From Staff Reports

SANFORD — The Sanlando Depression Glass Show will return to the Civic Center Sept. 14 to 16.

There will be 27 dealers from across the Southeast United States, according to organizers Bill and Millie Downey.

"They will be featuring Depression glass, Heisey, Cambridge, Fostoria, Imperial, Fenton and plenty of kitchen items of the Depression Era," according to a news release.

Barbara Mauzy and her husband, Jim, will be the show's special guests. Barbara is known as a kitchen "guru."

The Mauzys will display a small portion of their private collection and hold a seminar on the kitchen items.

"Many of the items on display are rare and hard to find, so it will be worth your while to attend the show," the news release from the Downeys said.

Barbara Mauzy has written many books on Depression glass, kitchen items and

kitchen glassware among others.

"She is a fantastic photographer and will be photographing many rare and unusual items brought in by the dealers and customers," the Downeys said. Some pieces from the Sanford show may be used in her next book, they added.

A representative from the National Cambridge Club named Fleur de Lys Healy will be a guest of the show. She will sell current price and reference books on Cambridge glass and will answer questions.

A snack bar will be available as well as food prepared by The Colonial Room Restaurant in Sanford.

The show opens Friday Sept. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$6, but is good for all three days.

Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission for those days is \$4.50 or \$4 with an ad or show flyer, Millie said.

For more information, call 407-855-5502 or 407-298-3355 or email milliesglass@webtv.net.



Artwork submitted

North Palmetto Avenue as it might look in the future.

Marina Island condos clear first hurdle

By Joe Hendricks
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Planning and Zoning commissioners were presented with plans Thursday for a mixed-use development on Marina Island that will include first floor retail and restaurant space and 300 condominium units.

Board members voted 5-1 in favor of recommending to city commissioners the approval of a request from TFA IV LLC to rezone 6.75 of acres of the island to Planned Development.

A portion of the island is already zoned PD. Other portions of the island are currently zoned Special Commercial 3. The PD designation is required for the project to move forward.

P&Z commission members also added three recommendations to the list of 11 staff recommendations already contained in the agenda document.

The commissioners would like to see a financial impact analysis completed before the project moves forward. They would also like to see the site plan before that later document is submitted to city commissioners and would like to link the completion of the North Shore public access project to the completion of the proposed development.

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Art classes get up close with raptors

By Joe Hendricks
Herald Staff

SANFORD — Want to express yourself artistically in a unique and rewarding way?

There are still openings in the Wings Over Florida wood carving classes that begin Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Each six-week session covers a different type of bird. The upcoming session will cover songbirds. The January session will cover the "raptor" family that

consists of falcons, hawks and other birds of prey.

Classes are taught by Chris Murray, who along with his wife Ann, owns the Wings Over Florida gallery.

Murray has been carving professionally for 38 years. He began carving at the age of 9 when his grandfather taught him the basics; the rest he taught himself.

Former President George H.W. Bush, golf-

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The Sanlando Depression Glass Show returns Sept. 14 to 16.



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Project

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Thursday's meeting was the first step in a planning and permitting process expected to take 18 to 24 months. The rezoning request will now be go to the City Commission for a public hearing.

The project will consist of four, five-story condominium towers built atop a three-story podium spanning most of the area west of Palmetto Avenue.

The development will feature 24,000 square feet of public access, street level retail and restaurant space along Palmetto Avenue. The public will also have access to the waterfront area along the existing northern seawall and the "green space" area where Palmetto Avenue ends. The first floor of the five-story parking garage will also be open to the public.

The parking garage will be hidden from sight, surrounded by the four condominium structures. An open-air area atop the parking garage will be covered with real grass and will feature a swimming pool and other amenities designed for condo owners.

CPH designer Bing Liu mentioned three goals in designing the Marina Isle project: compliance with Schedule U design standards; a desire to compliment the historic district and waterfront area; and the desire to design a structure worthy of being considered "a landmark" in Sanford.

Liu said many of the design elements were inspired by local structures, including the Spanish Revival architectural elements found at the old Forrest Lake/Mayfair Hotel now occupied by New Tribes Mission.

Construction is expected to take an additional 18 to 24 months. During that time, construction vehicles will be

required to use Palmetto Avenue and Third Street as their route of travel to and from the island.

Wolfys, Oscar's, The Palms Resort and the office building at the northeastern edge of the will be demolished when work begins.

Developer Frank Cerasoli and CPH engineer David Gierach stressed the point that the development was designed according to Schedule U design standards and would not hinder access to the marina or the North Shore area.

Cerasoli said it was too early to identify a price range for the condos, but said the development would feature smaller, more affordable units — in the 1,000- to 1,200-square-foot range.

Developers, he explained, are moving away from larger units that have become difficult to sell in the current real estate climate.

P&Z commission member Andy Kutz offered the most resistance to the plan.

"It's probably a viable project, and I think it's going to happen, but I think it's a little premature," Kutz said, suggesting that more planning and design work was in order.

"I don't have a problem with the project, but I think this is going to be the last of the slow, quiet Sanford that we've experienced for a long period of time. It's going to change the character of the community forever."

That said, Kutz stated that he would not interfere with the project's progress as long as it was "planned well and all the pieces were in place."

Richard Huber cast the sole "nay" vote against the project.

P&Z Commissioner Carol Dennison asked if the condominiums would generate additional property tax revenues for the city and was assured by

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Andy Kutz,
Planning and
Zoning Comm.

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Cerasoli and Planning and Development Services Director Russ Gibson that they would.

Sanford residents Doreen Freeman, Jay Jurie and Joseph Guida spoke during Thursday's public hearing.

"We have such a facility on the west side of City Hall [Gateway at Riverwalk] which remains predominantly empty," Freeman said. "They have sold four units, have three pending, and that's it out of 74 units."

After mentioning that she has seen no indication of retail activity at Gateway, Freeman said, "The objectivity of 'build and they will come' has not happened so far in Gateway. I'm very concerned that we are going to wind up with another 'white elephant' if we're not careful."

Cerasoli and his TFA IV business partner, George Fuller, have no financial stake in Gateway. In the past, they have often been mistakenly associated with that development because they purchased the island lease from Gateway developer Bob Horian.

Jay Jurie asked P&Z members to "hold in advance" their vote of approval until a fiscal impact analysis has been conducted on the project.

Although his request was not honored, P&Z members did include a request in their motion

that the fiscal impact analysis be conducted before city commissioners approve the rezoning request.

Jurie said he was against the developer's request to not adhere to city staff's recommendation that the building be built to LEED certifications, which results in a more environmentally friendly development.

The developers argued that LEED certification is only required if additional height allowances are requested. Cerasoli said building to LEED would add 5 to 8 percent to the project's cost.

Gibson said the development falls within the riverfront district, created when new downtown design standards were adopted, and developers building in that area are required to build to LEED standards.

"Mr. Gibson pointed out LEED is something that's here and now and the city, I think, would be very remiss to waive this particular stipulation," Jurie said.

Joseph Guida spoke in favor of the development. The former Boston native said much of Boston's waterfront property is city-owned and leased to individuals. He mentioned that many of those developments serve as "focal points" that attract families and other visitors into Boston's downtown area.

"One thing that I have been surprised that has not happened here in Sanford, having such a beautiful waterfront, is the fact that there's no keystone development in the middle of the city that would bring families and people from outside the city into the center of it," Guida said.

OPINION

Health Dept. makes change

To the Editor:

I want to thank The Herald editor and the writer of a recent letter printed in the Aug. 19 "Your Opinion" section regarding "Health Dept. rule upsets reader." The letter outlined how the Seminole County Health Department did not meet the expectations of a customer that had a sick child and needed to be seen by a physician. The child was not seen because the grandmother was not able to produce requested documentation from a parent to authorize medical treatment for her grandson who had a mild fever. Additionally she was unable to provide to the Department information where to contact any of the child's parents. After reviewing the specifics of this case, steps have been taken by the Department to be able to provide services to customers in the future when a similar situation should arise and we are still able to meet the requirements allowed by law.

The Department is committed to asking for and receiving feedback to better serve our community while meeting its obligations under the law. It is our intentions that the readers of The Herald will see that our slogan "A Health Community includes you" truly means everyone who we might serve or offers sugges-

tions on improvements to your Seminole County Health Department.

Sincerely,

Mike Napier
Administrator
Seminole County
Health Department

No more condos needed here

To the Editor:

The need for more condominiums in Sanford is non-existent. Just look across the street from the river at the newest blight to our community. Most of the condos that were completed in the spring remain unsold. The project is a veritable ghost town. Why would we need four more eyesores to compete with it? Of course, the shortsighted vision of the City Commission is bedazzled by the thought of revenue. Let them forget, the enchantment of Sanford is the quaint old feeling along First Street. If promotion of the existing businesses and enhancement of public facilities along the riverfront was the focus of the Commission's efforts, the revenue would follow. Only the land barons in Sanford are in favor of this proposed anomaly, not the ordinary citizens.

Terry Lyons
Sanford

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