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Construction start for new marina in doubt

By William Kelly

Daily News Staff Writer

Town officials had hoped to begin reconstruction of the Town Marina on Dec. 1 and complete it in time for a

November 2020 opening of a new \$32 million facility.

But state and federal environmental permitting reviews, which are required to protect the Lake Worth Lagoon, are taking longer than

expected.

"There is uncertainty about getting the permitting done in time to meet the window for construction," Town Manager Kirk Blouin told the Town Council earlier this

month.

Permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a new state submerged lands lease, are needed by Sept. 15 for the

project to remain on schedule, according to Public Works Director Paul Brazil.

If the deadline can't be met, one alternative is to begin

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Placard parking plan wins approval

By William Kelly

Daily News Staff Writer

Drivers will no longer enjoy unlimited free parking in more than 80 spaces along North County Road and Bradley Park under a plan approved last week by the Town Council.

Starting in about one month, the town will regulate the 83 spaces using a two-pronged approach, Deputy Town Manager Jay Bodheshwar said.

To discourage all-day parking, all of the spaces will be free with a two-hour limit. At the same time, the town's parking program will be expanded into the area so employees of area businesses, residents and their guests will be able to pay for all-day use from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The plan is intended to boost parking turnover while generating revenue for the town.

The spaces are heavily used by

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Orchids right flower for 'OrKids'



Palm Beach Day Academy student Piper Cook, 10, uses silicon-based glue to hang a butterfly orchid on an oak tree this week in the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden. More than 30 fourth-graders from the school spent Monday morning surveying the garden, hanging orchids and collecting data as part of the FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center's Native OrKids project. Organizers estimated that students hung more than 100 orchids throughout the morning.

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The couple who sold this house at 560 Island Drive for \$12.5 million has moved into a custom home they built across the street. See more photos at PalmBeachDailyNews.com. [PHOTO BY ROBERT STEVENS, COM, COURTESY WILLIAM RAVEIS SOUTH FLORIDA]



House fetches \$12.5 million after couple moves across street

By Darrell Hofheinz

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James Reyes of the Chicago beer-distribution family has paid a record \$12.5 million for a waterfront Spanish Mediterranean-style house on Palm Beach's Everglades Island.

He bought the house at 560 Island Drive with Jennifer Ruth Blair as "tenants in common," according to the deed recorded Monday.

The house was sold by a

couple who just moved into a new lakeside home they built across the street. Chicago businessman Fred Barbara and his wife, Lisa Humbert, paid \$3.267 million for the house at No. 560 in May 1998, property records show.

Barbara sold his Chicago transportation company, Fred Barbara Trucking, the year before he bought the house, according to published reports.

He had the property home-stepped in his name in the latest

Palm Beach County tax rolls.

Barbara and Humbert declined to comment about the sale.

Reyes, known as Jimmy, is the director of Reyes Holdings LLC — the parent company of Reyes Beverage Group — and is responsible for overseeing the company's real estate portfolio, which includes 65 facilities and more than 6 million square feet of office and distribution space in North America, according to an online biographical sketch.

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Council rejects landmark protection for 100-year-old home

By William Kelly

Daily News Staff Writer

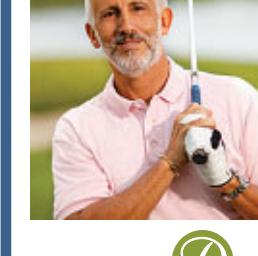
The Town Council decided last week against landmarking a century-old Seaspray Avenue house after hearing fervent

objections from the owners and their attorney and supporting testimony from their experts.

The council's 3-2 decision May 15 placed it at

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