News and happenings in the Heart & Soul of WPB from the West Palm Beach CRA.

The Heart & Soul of West Palm Beach

Historic Makeover is Here

The Sunset Lounge is known as the “Cotton Club of the South.” The famous concert venue was on the Chitlin’ Circuit in the late 1930’s and featured great African-American musicians such as Count Basie, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, and Ella Fitzgerald to name a few.

As one of the few remaining venues on the “circuit,” the Sunset Lounge provides a historic tie to the jazz and big band era, and represents a key element in Historic Northwest revitalization.

The long-awaited Sunset Lounge makeover is finally here and looks to:
- Create jobs and economic development in the community
- Create a cultural tourist destination in the Historic Northwest
- Continue to create a community atmosphere filled with great entertainment and social activities.

The renovation will be done by REG Architects, Inc., known for their restoration work, and will start in summer 2017. They will start by removing the apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors and restoring the ballroom and balcony. The exterior of the building will get new windows and doors to reflect the original features, and the interior of the building, including the bar/lounge, will be completely overhauled.

The renovation is scheduled to be complete in January 2019. Future events could include Gospel, Jazz, Blues and R&B musical performances. Furthermore, community members will have the opportunity to rent the Sunset Lounge for parties, dances, wedding receptions, community gatherings and more.

For more information call 561.822.1550, go to wpb.org/cra.

They filled the place. It was elbow to elbow,” Thelma Starks, then 89, said in 2006 in an interview.
Dr. Alice Moore gifted her home to the Historic NW community. The CRA will re-build the Mckenis Moore home as a Bed & Breakfast to provide rooms for patrons visiting the Historic Northwest and Sunset Lounge event-goers. To make the Moore properties a lodging facility, the number of rentable rooms must be increased so the CRA will accept and move a historic building located at 316 Gardenia Street.

CRA Programming events to encourage residents and visitors to experience the Historic Northwest and Sunset Lounge event-goers. To make the Moore properties a lodging facility, the number of rentable rooms must be increased so the CRA will accept and move a historic building located at 316 Gardenia Street. The Gardenia building will be relocated from its current site and transported to the Moore site in August 2017. Be sure to stay tuned about this exciting community event! For more information call 561.822.1550, go to wpb.org/cra.

The CRA is devoted to helping the Northwest District achieve its full potential as a vibrant, diverse community. The CRA is responsible for developing and implementing the Community Redevelopment Plan that addresses the unique needs of the Historic Northwest. The plan includes the overall goals for redevelopment in the area, as well as identifying the types of projects planned for the area. For more on what a CRA go to wpb.org/cra.

Some initiatives the CRA is undertaking to help the area. For more on what is a CRA go to wpb.org/cra. CRA Team

The CRA goal is to rebuild and grow amazing communities that make a difference in the City of West Palm Beach. We help neighborhoods in need attract private investment through community partnerships, new developments, and improved public infrastructure.

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The CRA and the Northwest Community Consortium, Inc. (NCCI) rolled out its Clean and Green Team (C&GT) in January of this year. The CRA Team.

The Clean and Green Team (C&GT) is helping to create a sense of place in the Northwest by keeping the neighborhood beautiful and bringing together the residents and businesses every day. You can meet the Clean and Green Team while helping to keep our community beautiful during our Neighborhood Community Clean-up on June 17 at 9 a.m. Meet us at the Salvation Army and help make a difference. For more information contact NCCI at 561.275.7001.

The Salvation Army, 600 N. Rosemary Ave.

LOCATE

Saturday JUNE 17

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
The Salvation Army, 600 N. Rosemary Ave.

Saturday JULY 1

FREE BBQ, BEER & MUSIC
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Rosemary Ave.

Saturday JULY 8

64 LIFE: GREEN, HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
South Florida Science Centre and Aquarium

Saturday NOVEMBER 4

HEALTH WALK & FAIR
9:00 a.m. (start time)
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Saturday AUGUST 8

CRA COMMUNITY MEETING
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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