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## FINE-TUNING THE FUN



A worker waits Sunday for another piece of a slide to be brought up by a crane during the setup for the South Florida Fair, which is scheduled to run Friday through Jan. 30.

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## Plans for Golden Center replacement moving forward despite difficulties

Larry Keller  
Special to Palm Beach Post  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Despite ongoing difficulties, the new owner of the former Jerome Golden Center for Behavioral Health is operating an outpatient facility and proceeding with plans for a psychiatric hospital on the 30-acre site near St. Mary's Medical Center. "What we're looking for is creating about a... mental health hub where you can get all your services in a one-provider umbrella," said George Shepland, the CEO of Sunrise Medical 4393. "It's very focused on how we get you from the hospital back into your home and supporting that transition. We're working to try and provide a continuum of care of layered levels of services that support each other." The Golden Center was a not-for-profit facility that provided low-cost government-subsidized mental health care when it laid off 350 employees and closed its doors in October 2020. It was sold nearly a year later to Sunrise, a subsidiary of a New Jersey company. Sunrise has been operating an outpatient facility several hours a day Monday through Friday, the serv-



Much of the Jerome Golden Center building in West Palm Beach will have to be demolished, according to its new owners. GREG LOVETT/PALM BEACH POST

al months now. Called Sunrise Medical Day, it's located at 4002 East Ave. behind another building on 40th Street. Sunrise's plans for an in-patient psychiatric

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## Rising costs, changing scopes could put PBC in pinch if penny sales tax ends early

Hannah Morse  
Palm Beach Post  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The voter-approved penny sales tax to support road, bridge and other public projects is being collected faster than Palm Beach County officials anticipated. It's good news for taxpayers, who could see early relief from the 10-year, \$2.7 billion tax. But, as cost of materials have risen and project scopes have changed, this could spell trouble for the county's ability to complete a list of projects promised to voters. Should the tax run through the end of 2026, as approved by voters, the county anticipates it will receive

\$202 million in excess revenue, set aside in reserves, on top of the \$402 million expected to be collected for county projects. With this in mind, the county's engineering, facilities and parks departments requested another \$204 million to complete certain projects on a pre-approved list that topped \$79 million. But if \$2.7 billion is collected before Sept. 1, 2025, the tax would end a year early, meaning the county would lose out on millions in excess revenue, amounting to a \$34.4 million shortfall, said Sherry Brown, the county's budget director. "The revenues are coming in so much stronger than

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**TIMOTHY SARGENT**

Timothy (Tim) Sargent began his career as tax account manager with Arthur Andersen LLP, where his responsibilities included tax planning and compliance for both domestic and foreign corporations, and trust management for high net worth individuals. In 2004, he joined the privately held Hurricane Holdings company, serving as chief financial officer of the Kipovich Boat Company, a specialty marina and yacht facility based in West Palm Beach. From 2011 to 2016, Sargent, Rick Scott appointed Sargent to serve on the governing board of the 14-county South Florida Water Management District. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches. Following the acquisition of SabalHarbor Boat Company by Sabal Harbor Marinas in 2020, Sargent was named chief operating officer for Sabal Harbor's newly created International Division, which will be headquartered in Riviera Beach on the EBNORX Sabal Harbor campus.

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Stephanie Prince, market manager for ESPN West Palm, has been promoted to vice president of Good Karma Brands. She will continue leading ESPN West Palm's content, marketing, and sales departments for ESPN 106.3 FM, Deportes Radio 760 AM, ESPN on WPTV-Channel 5, WFLX-Channel 29, the Roofclimbers Boca Raton Bowl, and the team's ESPN digital assets, while furthering her role as a leader throughout Good Karma Brands.

**Charity**

The Mind Music Movement Foundation (M3F) has added Drs. Catherine Drouot, Linda Pan and Mignon Metcalf to its medical advisory committee. Saad Kravacas and Traveese Fisher to the board of trustees and Dr. Jordan Dubow to its research committee. A nonprofit organization that supports comprehensive integrative programming to address movement, mobility, balance, speech, nutrition and mental well-being in patients with neurological disorders. M3F programming is available in person and virtually.

Virginia Gildea and Max McNamara have joined the Cancer Alliance of Hope and Hope (CAHH) board of directors. Gildea is a director with Fathallah Capital Management, a wealth management firm. McNamara is co-owner of Sky Cup Corp, a global medical repatriation and travel agency based in New York City and Palm Beach.

Marla Mercurio has been named 'The First Serve Community's' chairman of the board of directors. He follows Paul Van der Grint, chairman of 45 years, who died Nov. 30. Mercurio is a 36-year resident of Pompano, where he most recently held the position of senior vice president and general manager of the franchise business unit. First Serve hires,

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