

Cost of Feb. 2 election put at \$69K

Expense would more than double because the county election chief can't assist.

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Next year's election will cost more than double the amount the town usually pays, Town Clerk Susan Owens told the Town Council last week.

She estimates the town will pay \$69,000 to self-administer its Feb. 2 race because Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher will be busy preparing for the March 15 presidential primary. A typical election, without a runoff, costs about \$32,000.

But \$29,000 of the 2016 election total will be one-time costs associated with hiring a temporary, part-time elections coordinator and additional poll workers and paying



Owens
Self-administering election costly.



Bucher
Getting ready for presidential primary.

support us unless we change our date," Owens said.

Mayor Gail Coniglio said Bucher told her she's handling municipal elections in the entire county and "for her to pull workers off to do a specific election would jeopardize that."

Ballot tabulation

The council agreed with Owens' suggestion to hire an accounting firm to manually tabulate ballots instead of using the town staff.

"I agree, for our first venture out, it's important to have outside validation," Councilwoman Penny Townsend said.

That will cost \$5,000 to \$10,000, according to Owens.

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Catholic Charities gains board members

Catholic Charities is getting a Palm Beach-style boost.

Residents **Catherine Fanjul, Ruby Rinker** and **Mark Nosacka** were named by the Most Rev. **Gerald M. Barbarito**, bishop of Palm Beach, to Charities' governing board. Each brings a history of dedication and service to their communities, the Diocese of Palm Beach announced.

Catholic Charities, a nonprofit family-service organization, advocates on behalf of the poor and vulnerable in the diocese through 12 programs and ministries. It has offices in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

Fanjul and husband **Andres** have chaired the Holiday Bazaar for New Hope Charities for 18 years. She has been involved with

Food for the Poor, the American Heart Association and St. Edward Catholic Church and serves on the St. Mary's Medical Center board of governors.

Rinker has served on the international board of the Crystal Cathedral and the Hour-of-Power, the Good Samaritan Foundation Board and the Palm Beach Republican Club, as a director. She also has been involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs and the Salvation Army, and has served on the Junior League advisory board. She also serves on the board of the New Hope Charities and is a director

of the Palm Beach chapter of the Vatican Museum in Rome.

Nosacka has been the chief executive officer of Good Samaritan Medical Center since 2008. He also has served as the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and is a member of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County governing board. He serves on the Finance Committee of St. John Fisher Catholic Church, and on the board of the Emergency Medicine Services Council of Palm Beach County.

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Betty Nelander
FOCUS ON FAITH

CANCER

Ride will be Sept. 19, 20

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is chemotherapy, she said.

Nisberg had a double mastectomy followed by six months of chemotherapy.

'Out of the woods'

"I was diagnosed April Fools' Day, which was no joke," she said. "I've had no trace of cancer after the chemo. Statistically, having no issues as of May 2015, I'm out of the woods and cancer free."

Now that she's healthy, Nisberg is determined to improve breast cancer statistics, including this one from the American Cancer Society: that 12 percent of women in the United States will develop invasive breast cancer like she did. She volunteers at the cancer center at Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

And on Sept. 19 and 20, Nisberg will participate in the The Ride to Conquer Cancer in Washington, D.C. The two-day, 150-mile ride will raise money for the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in Baltimore. It will be her first time par-

ticipating in the ride, which raised \$2.6 million for cancer research in last year's inaugural event.

"I am humbled," she wrote on her donation page, "to be turning my setback into a comeback through the support of family, friends and the extraordinary medical team that stared into the face of this monster and said, 'You lose.'"

Nisberg and her family have gone on biking trips in Europe. She rides locally and takes spin classes.

"Biking is something that feeds you physically and mentally," she said. "I can see myself doing this ride for a long time."

Nisberg's nephew, Todd Marcelle, did the ride last year in support of Nisberg and of his sister, Regina Marcelle Kouba, who survived Hodgkin's disease. Nisberg and Marcelle will ride together this year.

Marcelle's father, Butch Marcelle, was diagnosed with prostate cancer last year and treated at Johns Hopkins. All of their programs are making a difference nationally, Nisberg said.

Money raised from the ride is "critically important" because the federal government has reduced the amount it sets aside for cancer research, said Michael Hibler, senior associate director of development

for the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. "These funds are used to accelerate discovery as we work to get the right treatment to the right patient at the right time."

'Unconditional caretaker'

Nisberg's sister, Jacqueline Marcelle (Butch's wife and Todd and Regina's mother), flew back and forth from New York to be by Nisberg's side during surgery and every treatment. Nisberg is dedicating her ride to her sister as an "unconditional caretaker."

Nisberg recently finished writing a book *Live Like Crazy*, which will be released next month by Black Cat, an independent book publisher. It will be available on Amazon, as well as other sites and bookstores to be determined.

"It's about my will to heal in the wake of breast cancer," she said. "My intent is for it to serve as a tool for others to say, 'You can do this. You need to reach out and connect with people, trust your doctors and take action.'"

To donate, visit ridetovictory.org, choose the Baltimore/Washington ride, click donate, search for a participant and enter Nisberg's name.

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Visitors from sea

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Gilman Yachts brokerage in Fort Lauderdale.

"It's great to be out there with the dolphins and see a loggerhead turtle come up," said Gilman, the Killer Bee's captain.

Their last charter took a family miles out to sea for a ceremony to scatter

NAME HISTORY

Why Killer Bee? Don Gilman's yacht carries the same name as a succession of racing sailboats owned by his father, Dave. The elder Gilman called his boats Killer Bee — in a nod to the Miami Dolphins' Killer B's defense of the late 1970s to mid-1980s — and to a character played by original "Saturday Night Live" cast member John Belushi.

a loved one's ashes, he said. "Almost on cue a loggerhead turtle came up, and it was enormous. Everybody thought,

"That's our buddy coming up to say hi.' That was pretty neat."

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EMT

Mobile pay OK'd for parking

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revenue, Blouin said.

The changes go into effect Oct. 1.

Smartphones can seal the deal

Also at the meeting last week, council

members agreed to allow pay-by-phone parking on the island.

Instead of credit cards or coins being the only pay options at kiosks, customers soon will be able to use smartphones and click on the Parkmobile app to pay.

Use of Parkmobile won't cost the town or residents, but visitors will be charged a 30 cents-to-35 cents convenience fee.

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