

# Planned arts center now Glazer Hall

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The cultural arts center slated to open this fall at the redeveloped Royal Poinciana Playhouse site in Palm Beach has a new name.

Longtime Palm Beach residents Jill and Avie Glazer, who will operate the nonprofit venue and have poured millions into developing it, have renamed the center Glazer Hall.

Originally called The Innovate, the 24,000-square-foot, waterfront space will host year-round performing arts, educational outreach, and community and social programming. It will include

a fully configurable, 400-seat theater, state-of-the-art audiovisual system, a wall of windows overlooking the Intra-coastal Waterway, and exclusive private spaces.

Glazer Hall will be Palm Beach's first new nonprofit arts organization in more than 60 years, Jill Glazer told the Daily News.

She and her husband, whose family owns the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will serve as the center's co-chairs.

"Avie and I are grateful for all the support we have received in the community, and from our board of directors, who encouraged us to change the name to

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**The east facade of the new Glazer Hall cultural arts center at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse is shown in this rendering. The venue is expected to open in the fall.**  
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# EASY RIDER



A woman keeps warm while riding her scooter across the Royal Park Bridge Tuesday morning as temperatures dropped into the 50s. The day warmed up to around 74. Today's forecast calls for similar sunny weather, with a high near 76. DAMON HIGGINS/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

# Town again delays plan that builders ferry workers

## Contractors object to proposed agreement

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Contractors in Palm Beach have again objected to a proposed ordinance that would require them to transport workers on and off the island for projects exceeding specific size or value limits, prompting the Town Council to pause consideration of the measure until it is more comprehensively reviewed.

Speaking to council members at their March 4 meeting at Town Hall, contractors said the ordinance, which spells out the types and sizes of

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# State denies bid to exonerate man charged in 1976 killing

**Jane Musgrave**  
Special to The Palm Beach Post

When respected Palm Beach County attorney Jane Kreuzler-Walsh and her five siblings in 2019 announced that they believed the wrong man had been convicted of their father's murder, they expected their voices would sway those who have the power to right a decades-long wrong.

Instead, in what is likely the final chapter of Mark Herman's long and strange journey to prove he wasn't involved in the 1976 shotgun slaying of Palm Beach oil executive Richard Kreusler, state prosecutors rejected his

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# Today

## SHINY SHOTS



**Jennifer Lazzara and Rita Lazzara at the St. Edward Guild annual Valentine Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Beach Club on Feb. 11.** PROVIDED BY CAPEHART

## WEATHER

Today will be sunny, with a high near 75 degrees and northwest winds around 7 mph. Tonight will be clear, with a low around 65 and southeast winds of 7 to 10 mph.

The marine forecast calls for north winds around 5 knots. Seas 4 to 6 feet, occasionally to 8 feet. Tonight, southeast winds of 5 to 10 knots. Seas 3 to 5 feet, occasionally to 6 feet.

**Palm Beach Inlet:** High tide is at 8:17 a.m. and 8:33 p.m. Low tide is at 2:06 a.m. and 2:29 p.m.

**Sunrise:** 7:30 a.m. **Sunset:** 7:28 p.m.

## TOP PICK

**Soothing ensemble:** The Four Arts will present a program of romantic sonatas tonight when Finnish pianist Juho Pohjonen is joined violinists Paul Huang and Danbi Um today at Gubelmann Auditorium. The violinists will perform sublime and sparkling duos by Eugène Ysaÿe and Amy Barlowe. And the three musicians will deliver a heartfelt suite by Moritz Moszkowski and Pablo de Sarasate’s dazzling “Navarra.” The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40. There is no charge for Four Arts members. For more information, visit [fourarts.org](http://fourarts.org) or call 561-655-7226.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 12, the 71st day of 2025. There are 294 days left in the year. On this date in:

**1622:** The Roman Catholic Church canonized Sts. Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier, the first two Jesuit saints. They first met and were roommates at the University of Paris.

**1791:** Benjamin Banneker and Pierre L’Enfant were commissioned to lay out the District of Columbia.

**1832:** British Army Capt. Charles Boycott was born. In retirement, he managed Lord Erne’s estate in Ireland, where peasant tenants and farm workers organized as the Land League united to avoid dealing with him for his refusing their demand to lower rents after a poor harvest. In 1880, this peaceful protest gave rise to the term “boycott” as a common noun and verb.

**1894:** Coca-Cola sold its first Coke bottles nearly eight years after its first syrupy, carbonated fountain drinks – created by a pharmacist, Dr. John Pemberton – were served at Jacobs’ Pharmacy in Atlanta. The early formula contained a cocaine precursor from the extraction of coca leaves, though it likely wasn’t enough to give people a high.

**1938:** The German Reich occupied and annexed Austria without military opposition in what was called Anschluss.

# Glazer Hall

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Glazer Hall,” Jill Glazer said. “We are filled with immense pride and joy knowing that this space will nurture artistic expression, inspire future generations, and serve as a legacy for our community.”

The center’s new name reflects the the Glazers’ commitment to the project, said Michael Pucillo, chairman and CEO of the Palm Beach Civic Association.

The Glazers, who have lived in Palm Beach since 2002, have invested more than \$15 million in developing the new cultural arts center at the Royal Poinciana Playhouse, which has been closed since 2004.

The project’s price tag is expected to top \$30 million, they said in a release announcing the center’s name change.

“The renaming of the new performing arts center at the playhouse to Glazer Hall is an appropriate recognition of the Glazer family’s commitment to restoring this performing arts venue,” Pucillo said in a statement. “Palm Beach has been without a performing arts venue on the island for a very long time, and the Glazers’ commitment to restoring and bringing back this venue will greatly benefit our community. I believe Glazer Hall will be an important addition to our community that Palm Beachers will enjoy for decades to come.”

Up Markets, a division of WS Development — the project’s Massachusetts-based developer — has controlled the landmarked playhouse since 2014 under a long-term lease for the Royal Poinciana Plaza. It spent years searching for an operator for the venue before choosing Jill and Avie Glazer.

Samantha David, president of WS Development, said the Glazers’ commitment to redeveloping the playhouse aligns with their vision for the venue’s role in Palm Beach.

“Together, Jill and Avie are creating a space that will enrich Palm Beach’s arts and culture while bringing the community together for generations to come,” David said in a statement. “We remain exceptionally grateful for their contribution and commitment to such an enormous endeavor.”

The Royal Poinciana Playhouse was designed by architect John Volk, who added the Regency-style structure to plaza’s footprint in 1958 to create a community center for the island.

The venue was a social juggernaut in the 1960s and ‘70s, featuring Broadway plays, ballets and musical performances as well as nightly dinners and dancing in the nearby Celebrity Room.

During its long history, the venue drew Burt Reynolds, Jackie Gleason, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and other big-name celebrities along with social and political royalty such as the Duke of Windsor and the Kennedys.

Glazer Hall will retain some of Volk’s historic architectural details, Jill Glazer said.

The Town Council unanimously supported re-



**Longtime Palm Beach residents Jill and Avie Glazer have committed more than \$15 million to developing Glazer Hall, a new non-profit performing arts center at the restored Royal Poinciana Playhouse.**

PROVIDED BY JILL AND AVIE GLAZER

naming the new arts venue to honor Jill and Avie Glazer’s vision and dedication, Council President Bobbie Lindsay told the Daily News.

The Glazer family, she added, has been actively engaged in philanthropy for decades and continue to strongly support causes in both education and the arts.

“The extensive renovation and reconstruction of the former Royal Poinciana Playhouse into a new place for performing arts in Palm Beach will be welcomed later this year,” Lindsay said. “The mayor and town council unanimously supported renaming the new arts venue Glazer Hall to recognize longtime town residents Jill and Avie Glazer. The Glazers’ unwavering support and dedication to ensure a first-class arts venue operates at the former playhouse site will benefit us all.”

For more information on Glazer Hall and how to support its mission, visit [glazerhall.org](http://glazerhall.org).

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