

PALM BEACH ZOO Bytes

A Message from Dr. Maple



Chalupa Green Cheek Amazon Parrot - photo by: Keith Lovett

Dear Friends,

As you know, we had an unfortunate incident recently when a few teens broke into the zoo and removed several of our small primates and a parrot. First, let me assure you that all of the animals involved were recovered and cared for in the Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital until their health could be evaluated. They are now back in their zoo homes and in excellent health. As is so often the case, this crisis brought out the best in all of us and we can be proud of how we handled the situation.



I want to first thank and praise our Palm Beach Zoo staff who responded with calm professionalism throughout. The animal keepers, education staff, operations team, administration, vet team, PR consultants, and volunteers were all involved throughout this very stressful experience. Their concern for the animals was profound.

We also had great support from the community. Police response was excellent. The media got the story out and made sure everyone was aware of the situation. Members of our board and other supporters offered their help, and our Dreher Park neighbors were wonderfully supportive. We are fortunate to have so many good and dedicated friends who care deeply about their zoo.

This incident also made us keenly aware of our vulnerabilities, and appropriate steps have been taken to prevent similar incidents in the future. I am pleased to report that our appeal for help in purchasing new surveillance technology has already produced \$11,000. I anticipate a significant upgrade to our security as we introduce this new equipment to the zoo campus. I appreciate the help we are receiving from our donors and friends.

Sincerely,
Terry L. Maple, Ph.D.
President & CEO

Solar Roof Installed



A milestone was reached last month with the installation of 80 solar panels on the roof of the newly constructed Melvin J. and Claire Levine Animal Care Complex, which opened in April. This facility houses the Salvatore M. Zeitlin Animal Hospital and the Center for Conservation Medicine. The building was designed and constructed to meet the stringent environmental guidelines of the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ which is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings. Certification at the Gold level is anticipated. Installation of the solar panels is the final step in making the building energy efficient. The solar panels were funded by a major grant from the FPL Group Foundation. [Click here to read full press release.](#)

DON'T MISS BOO AT THE ZOO The Best Halloween Event for Kids!



Friday through Sunday, October 23 - 25 - Sponsored by the [Palm Beach Post](#) - Calling all ghosts & ghouls! "Boo at the Zoo"

November Zoo Events

We Care Kids Fair - Hosted by Parenting Plus Magazine -
Saturday & Sunday, November 7th & 8th - This bi-annual event provides families with dynamic hands-on cultural and educational activities presented by local service organizations and businesses. [More Details »](#)

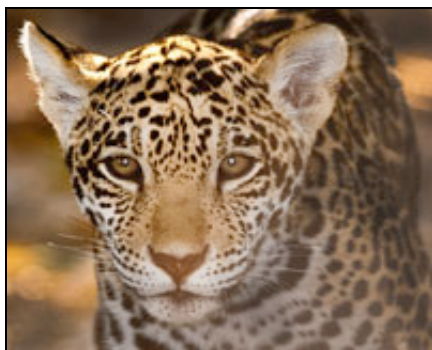
Veteran's Day Promotion -
Saturday - Wednesday, November 7th - 11th - To show our appreciation, all visitors showing a Military, Military Reserve, Coast Guard, Police, Fire, or an EMT ID Card will receive free admission to the Palm Beach Zoo this weekend for themselves and a

was founded over 15 years ago to provide the community with a safe place to "trick or treat" and to help make Halloween a truly unique experience for children of all ages. Visitors are encouraged to wear costumes as they gather treats throughout the zoo's 23 acres of lush tropical habitats. Entertainment will include:

- Roving Animal Encounters
- Halloween-Themed Keeper Talks and Animal Enrichments
- Costume Contests
- Noisy Neighbors DJ Dance Parties
- Games & Crafts
- Decorate Your Own Pumpkin Patch
- Hay Stack Hunt
- Interactive Juggling Demonstrations
- Face Painting
- Largest Haunted House in Boo at the Zoo History

Maya's Birthday Celebration

October 28 to November 28, 2009 - Maya the jaguar's first birthday will be marked by a party for the community on Wednesday, October 28 followed by a month-long celebration ending on November 28.



Wednesday, October 28 - Public Party, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Enjoy "Cub" cakes served to zoo visitors in front of Maya's exhibit. (While supplies last.)
- Look through our "First Year" Baby Book of Maya photos
- Sign the giant birthday card for Maya! Kids and adults are invited to leave a special birthday greeting.

Month-long Celebration ending November 28th

- Free zoo admission for anyone born on Oct. 28 (with proper ID).

Stroller Safari

Bring your infant or toddler (age 2 and under) to the zoo for an exciting Stroller Safari. Each program is a different zoo adventure, and will include a stroller tour, up-close animal encounter and activity page to take home. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend this program with children. Programs last one hour. [Click here for registration form.](#)

Wild Adventure Toddler Workshops

50% discount for their guests (limit three per offer). A valid ID must be shown at time of entrance to receive offer.

Become a Member:

Palm Beach Zoo membership is a wonderful way to make the natural world a priority in your family life. It's also a great way to save money. Your zoo membership card gives you unlimited free zoo admission all year round, discounted or free admission at 140 other zoos and aquariums across the country, discounts at zoo gift shops and restaurants, and discounts on special programs such as Summer Camp, Zoo Overnights, Home School Classes, and much more. Zoo membership is a great investment in your zoo, and a smart buy for your family budget. [To learn more about Zoo Membership, click here.](#)



Make a Donation

The Palm Beach Zoo relies on charitable contributions to close the gap between earned revenues and operational expenses. Your tax-deductible gift will help us to provide the very best facilities, health care, and nutrition for the over 1,600 animals entrusted to our care. You can also help provide excellent education programs for under-served children in our community.





This fall the zoo is offering educational and interactive workshops for your toddler; ages 2 - 4! Workshops are held in the classroom and include: hands-on animal encounters, stories, snack, song, craft-time, and admission to the zoo. Parent(s) or guardian(s) are required to attend this program with participant. Programs last for one to one and a half hours. Two year old workshop excludes snack. [Please click here to register.](#)

Home School Classes

The Palm Beach Zoo is proud to offer home school classes for students throughout Palm Beach, Martin, and Broward counties. Students will get wild when they explore a variety of topics through up-close animal investigation and interactive classroom activities. Choose from any of the following classes that are appropriate for your child's grade level. Prices include registration for one program and admission for the student and one adult only. Please, no younger or older siblings unless they are registered for the class as well.

- Cost per Participant: \$15 for Members \$20 for Non-Members
- (Fee includes admission to the zoo and class for 1 child and 1 adult only.)
- [Click here for Registration](#)

An Invitation from Café Saporì

Café Saporì - where you will experience traditional and modern Italian cuisine. The Menu offers an assortment of flavors from Northern and Southern Italy, in an upbeat and elegant ambiance. Take advantage of our private room for special occasions or business events. Discover our sensuous court yard “al fresco” or for a romantic evening under the stars. Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with complimentary valet. Reservations recommended for dinner only. Buon Appetito!

Café Saporì is a Member of the Big Cat Society.



The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches exists to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, and to inspire others to value and conserve the natural world. We advance our conservation mission through programs in field research, endangered species propagation, education, health and wellness, and conservation medicine.

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