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## Standup paddleboard event will raise money for injured pups

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**Deerfield Beach** – If anyone is looking for a fun outdoor activity over Labor Day that supports a good cause, Salty Dog Paddle has the answer.

The Salty Dog Paddle, a non-profit organization out of West Palm Beach dedicated to raising money for injured dogs and marine life while cleaning up local waterways, is hosting its first annual SUP for Pups paddling and water way clean-up event.

Stand Up Paddleboarding for Pups will take place Sunday, Sept. 1 from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at Pioneer Park, 217 NE 5 Ave.

According to Salty Dog Paddle Executive Director Clinton Cimring, it will be a paddling event like no other.

SUP for Pups unites paddlers and fitness enthusiasts with animals in an effort to save lives and clean the ocean, Cimring said.

Along with a competitive paddle 5K race, attendees can expect SUP lessons with certified instructors and free SUP rentals to help clean-up the intracoastal waters after the race, he said.

Cimring said they looked at hosting the event in other places, including Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, but felt Deerfield was the best choice.

"It's one of the most polluted areas due to all the parties at Deerfield Island Park and the city waived the permit fee, while cities like Boca Raton wanted in excess of \$500 for us to clean their waters.

West Palm Beach wanted almost \$1,000 for us to do a cleanup regardless of the race portion," he said.

The charity raises money through water sports activities and through the sale of its apparel called "Salty Swag."

Water sport activities include stand-up paddle boarding and surfing, whether it be through lessons, guided tours or rentals. The cost of these goods and services is offset by corporate sponsorships so all the proceeds can be donated directly for the animals they support.

Events are hosted monthly,

with all the proceeds going to benefit a "salty dog of the month."

The Deerfield Beach event will benefit nine-month old Wylie, thrown out of a car window as his former owner was driving. He needs extensive surgery to correct his legs and hips.

While Wylie has already found his "furever" home, he cannot be adopted in his current condition.

Attendance is free and entry to compete in the 5K challenge is \$20. Participants can register for the event at saltydogpaddle.org.

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## City manager search narrowed to five candidates

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**Deerfield Beach** – Interim City Manager David Santucci was endorsed by all five city commissioners Tuesday night as they narrowed their search to replace Burgess Hanson who resigned in April.

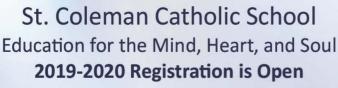
Santucci has been with the city for nine years and was an assistant city manager when he assumed the interim position. In the voting that resulted in the five finalists, Commissioner Bernie Parness had only one choice - Santucci.

Along with Santucci, the commission selected four other finalists out of a field of 11: Otis Jones, most recently city manager in Hutto, Tex; Greg Link, a city manager in Palm Bay, Fla.; Joseph Napoli, deputy city manager in Miami and Leonard "Len" Sossamon, manager of Hernando County, Fla.

Headhunter Colin Baeziger said he had 41 applicants for the job advertised to pay between \$175,000 and \$250,000 annually. His firm narrowed the field to 11.

The city was presented to interested candidates in a lengthy document that covered all aspects of life here. Among the challenges a city manager faces here are the city's aging

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