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This month's membership meeting:

Wednesday May 1, 2019

Conserving & Protecting our Soil & Water

E.R.E.C.

Everglades Research & Education Center

Dr. Gregg Nuessly, Professor, Center Director

Dr. "Jango" Bhadha, Assistant Professor, Soil and Water Sciences

Introducing E.R.M.

Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management

Deborah Drum, Director

And Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department with Advanced Meters update

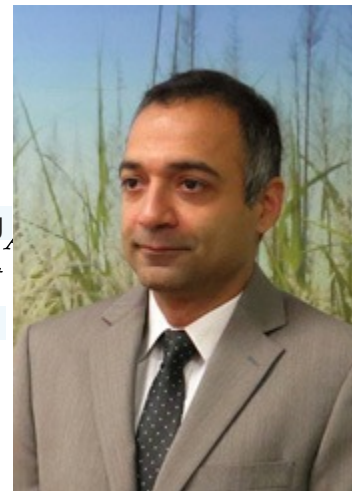
Stephanie Marsh-Corinthian, Director of Customer Service

Also Government Officials and Representatives from PBSO & Fire Rescue, with updates on vital issues affecting your community



Dr. Gregg Nuessly (left): As Director of the Everglades Research and Education Center, part of the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences with the University of Florida, his role is to support the research, extension and teaching goals of our 15 faculty and nearly 100 support staff working at EREC

Dr. Jehangir "Jango" H. Bhadha (right) Soil sustainability, Water conservation and Nutrient management are the cornerstone of Sustainable Agriculture. His research program focuses on promoting sustainable agricultural practices in and around the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA). One of the major concerns in the EAA is soil loss due to oxidation, locally referred to as "soil subsidence".



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Timelines for Expansion of Atlantic Avenue As Presented at the Alliance Membership Meeting April 3, 2019



SR 806/West Atlantic Ave Reconstruction from SR 7/US 441 to Lyons Rd

- The project is currently under design and the Department of Transportation (DOT) is scheduled to complete the design phase August 2021.
- Design Public Information Meeting expected around Summer 2020.
- Overlap with the design phase is the Right-of-Way phase and it is going to start this September 2019 and ends May 2021.
- Construction will start in Summer of 2022 and at this time there is no duration for construction yet.

SR-806/Atlantic Avenue from Turnpike to Jog Road (Preliminary Design)

- Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study is anticipated to begin in March 2020
- Anticipated Public Hearing February 2022
- Anticipated Local Design Concept Acceptance (LDCA) May 2022

SR-806/Atlantic Avenue from West of Lyons Road to Jog Road

- Design anticipated to begin in December 2021
- Anticipated Public Information Workshop December 2023
- Right of Way Phase anticipated to begin in 2024
- Construction anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2027 (Fiscal Year begins July 1, 2026)

County Project:

The County is widening near the Turnpike to add 2 lanes westbound – a right turn lane to the northbound Turnpike entrance, and a through lane that crosses the intersection with the northbound Turnpike entrance and then ties into the existing right turn lane to the southbound Turnpike entrance.

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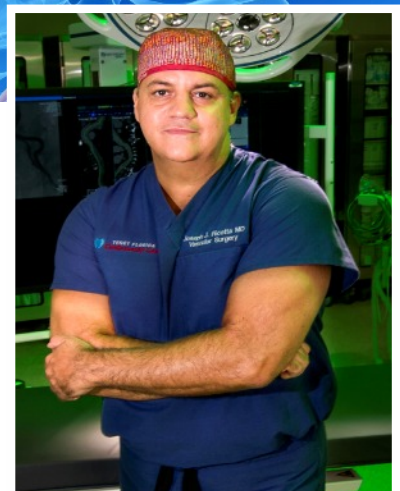
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ALLIANCE OF DELRAY MEETING SUMMARY April 3, 2019

President Bob Schulbaum called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, at which time he welcomed both delegates and guests. Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was pleased to announce that vehicle crimes were down. He attributed this to more vehicles being locked when not in use and fewer items being left in cars. He again warned the audience to be very careful of and alert to scams which prey upon older people. He urged people to be very careful of the Linton Blvd. and Jog Rd. intersection which has become very dangerous due to speeding, jay walking, ignoring the traffic lights and other behaviors. Fire Rescue representative Steen Eriksson urged replacing smoke detectors twice a year, preferably when the clocks have to be reset. He also mentioned that smoke detectors with a ten year life span be used so as to eliminate the need for replacing batteries. He suggested that people begin to prepare for the hurricane season now. Lesley Shriberg of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office proudly announced that Sheriff Rick Bradshaw testified before the U.S. Senate regarding the Behavioral Services Unit. Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor of the Alliance reported that Delray Medical Center was selected as one of the top 50 hospitals in the United States and number 1 in Florida. She also announced that the land being cleared on Atlantic Avenue just east of the Turnpike is designated to be used sometime in the future as a civic site. Both shopping centers, the Wawa site on Rt. 441 and Atlantic Avenue and the Joseph's Market center on Lyons Road will be opening in May and/or June of this year. Thanks to the support of both the Alliance and Rep. Lois Frankel, the Post Office on West Atlantic Avenue has been totally cleaned of mold and mildew and vegetation has been trimmed back. County Commissioner Robert Weinroth urged people using ride sharing to be very cautious when entering the vehicle, making sure that it is indeed an authorized vehicle and driver from the company that you called. Anyone wishing to participate in the census which is coming in 2020 should apply now. It is important that all of the people in Palm Beach County be counted, since the project may well give us an additional 2 congressional seats. Working on the census is a paying position. County Commissioner Mary Lou Berger told the audience that on Palm Beach County Day many local issues were addressed, including the proposition that Home Rule must not be diluted by the state.

Representatives from the Florida Dept. of Transportation (Fl. DOT) were present to discuss Atlantic Avenue design and timeline updates. Teresa Price, PE addressed the widening of the Turnpike interchanges at Glades Road and W. Atlantic Avenue. She outlined the phases that must be considered before any physical changes are done: Planning, Feasibility, Developmental and Environmental Issues, Concepts, Public Hearings, Design and Acquisition of Property. The Turnpike is planned for widening from the current six lanes to ten lanes, including express lanes from the Sawgrass Expressway to Boynton Beach Boulevard.

Thuc Le, PE discussed the widening of W. Atlantic Avenue from Lyons Road to Rt. 441. The road will be increased from its current two lanes to four lanes with the potential for an eventual six lanes. This portion of roadway will include sidewalks and a bike lane. Public input will be sought around August of 2020 and construction will hopefully begin in Fiscal Year 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022 for the Fl. DOT starts in July 2021 to June 2022).

Alexander Estrada, PE told of future plans for the widening of W. Atlantic Avenue from Jog Road to Lyons Road, with the anticipated completion date in Fiscal Year 2027 (Fiscal Year 2027 for the Fl. DOT starts in July 2026 to June 2027).

After a lengthy question and answer session with the delegates the meeting was adjourned at 11 am. The next meeting will be on May 1, 2019, addressing the topic “Conserving and Protecting Our Soil and Water”.

Submitted by Carol Klausner, Director

Electronic Tolls Coming to Atlantic Avenue/Fl. Tpk. Interchange!

This project is called an All Electronic Tolling conversion or AET. Construction is scheduled to begin late this Summer and is expected to last until the middle to end of 2021. The project # is 429339-4.

On May 14, 2019 the “letting” process will start which is when the FDOT advertises and awards construction contracts to build a project.

Currently, the project timeline calls for the complete conversion to electronic tolls to happen late summer, 2020.

To understand how the electronic toll system works, go to florida’s turnpike.com and click on the ‘all electronic tolling’ link at the top of the page.

If the driver does not have a SunPass, the driver will receive a bill in the mail for the price of the toll as well as a service charge. Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise always reminds drivers that SunPass customers enjoy the lowest toll rate and avoid any service fee associated with the Toll By Plate System.

SunPass is NOT currently interoperable with EZ Pass, however there are efforts on both sides to make that happen in the Future. SunPass is currently interoperable with Georgia and North Carolina with other states expected to join as well.



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Sept. 4, 2019: Membership Meeting
October 2, 2019: Membership Meeting
October 17, 2019: Insurance Expo
November 6, 2019: Membership Meeting
December 4, 2019: Membership Meeting
January 8, 2020: Membership Meeting
January 23, 2020: COA/HOA Board Certification
February 5, 2020: Membership Meeting
February 7, 2020: Get to Know PBC
February 24, 2020: Nostalgic Expo
March 4, 2020: Membership Meeting
April 1, 2020: Membership Meeting
May 6, 2020: Membership Meeting

Pet Safety Stickers

Pet Safety Stickers will be available at the May Alliance Meeting. These stickers are to alert first responders that there are animals in the homes. You can designate how many cats or dogs are on the premises.



New Director For Lake Worth Drainage District

The Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Board of Supervisors announced the appointment of Tommy B. Strowd, P.E. as the agency's new Executive Director, effective March 29, 2019. Strowd succeeds Robert M. Brown who retired after 35 years of public service. Photo from left: New Director Of Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Tommy Strowd, P.E.; Dr. Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President Alliance of Delray Residential Associations; Bob Brown, Retiring Director of LWDD



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The April 3, 2019 Alliance Membership meeting filled the Civic Center. Transportation and traffic are top priorities. Alliance meetings, newsletter, website, and e mail notices are where to learn the facts. The April 3, 2019 meeting brought Florida Department of Transportation representatives who discussed Atlantic Avenue and Turnpike expansion timelines.

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Meeting Place: **South County Civic Center – Jog Rd. Delray Beach**

Doors Open 9 AM. Meeting Begins 9:30 AM