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Wednesday September 4, 2019

Meet Mayor Mack Bernard of Palm Beach County introducing the Office of Resilience (OOR)

Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

Director of OOR Megan Houston, J.D., M.S.

in Urban Environmental Systems Management

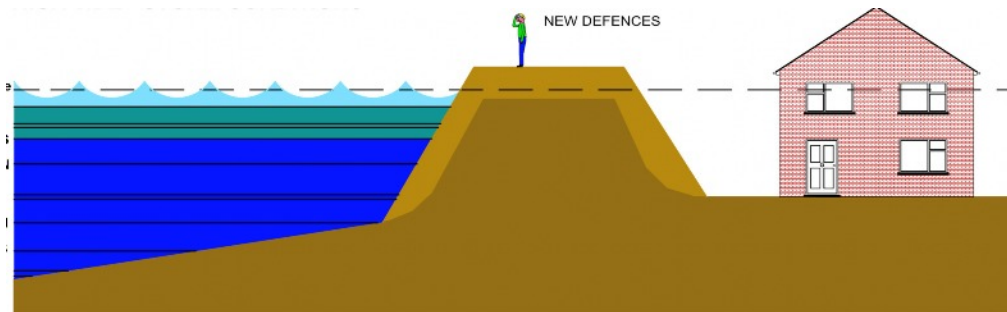
Jake Leech, Ph.D. in Earth & Atmospheric Studies

Katelyn Cucinotta, M.A. in Marine & Coastal Studies

from the OOR "Adapting to a Changing Climate"

With the Office of Resilience (OOR), Palm Beach County is at the forefront of local government planning for climate change adaptation.

September's Alliance meeting will bring experts from the OOR to discuss climate change and sea level rise. The OOR works to ensure that Palm Beach County remains a great place in which to live, work, and play while addressing physical, social, and economic challenges including climate change. The OOR helps the County continue to provide services, adapt to climate change, and live and operate more sustainably.



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ALLIANCE OF DELRAY AUTUMN EXPO

**During the Kick-Off week for the
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Thursday October 17, 2019 from 9am - 1pm*

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Remembering September 11th by Stan Goodman


September 11, 2019 will be the 18th anniversary of an event that changed our lives. We all have our personal memories of what is commonly referred to simply as "September 11". At about 8:45 AM American Airlines flight 11, a Boeing 767 wide body aircraft, loaded with 20,000 gallons of fuel, slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Approximately 18 minutes later United Airlines flight 175, also a Boeing 767, sliced into the South Tower, exploding on impact. Within the hour a third hijacked plane, American airlines flight 175, a Boeing 757, was flown into the Pentagon and a fourth plane, United Airlines flight 93, also a 757, crashed into a field in Pennsylvania after passengers who were aware of the earlier takeovers rushed the hijackers. These four airliners were taken over in flight by 19 hijackers. No one on board any of the aircraft survived. The combined toll was almost 3000 deaths of which the World Trade Center accounted for almost 2600. In addition, about 350 fire fighters, 60 police officers and 35 Airplane crew members perished.

But these numbers do not convey the stories of the lives they represent. Rodney Dickens was an 11 year old Elementary School student in Washington DC. He was flying on an educational trip to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary near Santa Barbara, California, as part of a program funded by the National Geographic Society. Rodney was on American Airlines flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

Clinton Davis, a Port Authority policeman continually ran in and out of the North Tower evacuating people until the tower collapsed on him. His wife and three children moved to Texas, where they have family, as the memory New York evokes is too painful. Esmerlin Salcedo started his day with six hours of computer classes and then worked the 3:00 to 11:00 PM shift as a security guard at the World Trade Center. He was in class when the first plane hit but sprinted to the World Trade Center where he led a co-worker to safety before disappearing back into the building.

These are just a few of the tragic stories of real people with hopes, dreams, responsibilities and families. Approximately three thousand of their lives were cut short by a horrible act of deranged fanatics and untold thousands had their lives changed in various ways forever.

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Sept. 4, 2019: Membership Meeting
October 2, 2019: Membership Meeting
October 17, 2019: Insurance Expo & Mature Driver Course*
November 6, 2019: Membership Meeting
December 4, 2019: Membership Meeting
January 8, 2020: Membership Meeting
January 23, 2020: COA/HOA Board Cert.
January 31, 2020: Wellness Screening Expo
February 5, 2020: Membership Meeting
February 7, 2020: Get to Know Palm Beach County Expo & Mature Driver Course
February 24, 2020: Nostalgic Expo & Mature Driver Course
March 4, 2020: Membership Meeting
April 1, 2020: Membership Meeting
May 6, 2020: Membership Meeting
*Sign up for Course at September Meeting

Alliance Serving the Needy The Alliance donated school supplies to Orchard View elementary School.

Pictured from left: Harvey Arnold, Alliance Liaison to Orchard View; Lisa Lee, Orchard View Principal; Norma Arnold, Alliance Vice President.



Alliance Working for Our communities Follow-up to Code Enforcement Issue in Agricultural Reserve

Illegal Clearing at the most western area of Atlantic Avenue created a security issue for an Alliance community. A security fence and concrete barriers were removed along with native vegetation. The fence has been restored. THANK YOU to Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation for following through with enforcing the restoration of the land. Photo: newly installed fence at the most western end of Atlantic Avenue north of the Tierra Del Rey Community. Scope of restoration work included restoring trails, and installing new chain link fencing and barriers.



Atlantic Avenue Expansion Not Fast Enough

The Alliance of Delray has been working to expedite the expansion of Atlantic Avenue. Back on March 2, 2016 the Alliance brought then County Engineer George Webb to the Membership to discuss time lines for road projects. The additional right turn lanes for the south and north bound Turnpike entrances were expected to begin work in 2017. The actual major construction for this project began in June 2019.

The turn lanes, together with the conversion to all electronic tolling are expected to relieve some traffic at the Atlantic Avenue/Turnpike node, however it's not enough relief for the residents of west Delray so the

Alliance has been working to expedite the expansion from Jog Road out to State Road 7/441. In August 2017 the Alliance brought Lake Worth Drainage District, Florida Department of Transportation, and Palm Beach County Engineering Department's Division of Roadways together to assess traffic flow and drainage issues for communities along Atlantic Avenue. In



November 2017 the Alliance brought Nick Uhren, Director of the Transportation Planning Agency to meet with the Alliance Membership and a follow-up meeting in November 2018 with Mr. Uhren and David Ricks, County Engineer accentuated the public concern for a timely expansion of Atlantic Avenue.

At the May 2019 Membership meeting, the Alliance Membership was briefed on the current timeline for Turnpike and Atlantic Avenue projects by Engineers from the Florida Department of Transportation.

The widening of the Avenue does not appear to be occurring concurrently with new construction. Florida Statute 163.3180 allows developers to satisfy concurrency requirements by paying their proportionate share of the roadway construction. Therefore, the County cannot hold a developer responsible for backlogs of roadway and intersection improvements. The Alliance continues to work to resolve transportation issues.

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Meeting Reminder

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Plus updates from PBSO, Fire Rescue, Government & Elected Officials

Meetings are held at the South County Civic Center Jog Road, Delray Beach

The Public is Welcome