



## Summer Scramble

I would like to send my sincerest thanks to all workers and their families on this long Labor Day weekend. The first Monday in September is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Over time, this holiday has become a signal for the end of summer, a day to spend with friends and family and, another tradition that has grown near and dear to my heart, the annual [Muscular Dystrophy Association](#) (MDA) Fill the Boot Drive. This weekend, local firefighters across our nation go out in mass to collect money for this worthwhile cause. Locally the drive is postponed due to Hurricane Dorian until further notice. If you would like to make a donation in the meantime, you can call the local MDA office at 561-742-3748. Be sure to reference Palm Beach County (PBC) Fill-the-Boot.

Prior to writing this monthly message, I planned to mention that hurricane season should have all of our undivided attention. Though we are officially about halfway through the season, the fact is these last few months are when the likelihood of tropical storms and hurricanes will strike. Hurricane Dorian is most likely not the last threat we will experience. This is the time when conditions in the tropics become prime for storm development; the waters are warm and the wind shear across the Atlantic begins to weaken. This is why the call to prepare goes out in June. By now, you should have all your hurricane supplies ready. We are so fortunate to live in an area where the main common natural disaster that occurs is one you can prepare for, unlike earthquakes, mudslides, wildfires, etc. That said, when you are out to get last minute items in preparation for this storm or the next I would like to mention a few things: panic and worry will not serve you, please check on your friends and neighbors, pack your patience and for goodness sake, be kind!

Looking ahead, the PBC Advisory Commission on Women is hosting five listening sessions throughout September to gather input on matters pertaining specifically to women. The sessions are free and the public is invited to provide input on topics including discrimination, employment, domestic violence, education, health care, homelessness, addiction, job training, housing, the elderly and financial literacy. The session located in my district will take place on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hagen Library; 14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray, 33446. Please come to *let your voice be heard!*

As always, I invite your comments on any issue of interest to you. As your Commissioner, I am here to help you. You may write me at 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, 33401 or at [MBerger@pbcgov.org](mailto:MBerger@pbcgov.org). You can call me or my staff at 276-1310 or toll free at 877-930-2205. Please visit me on the Web at [www.pbcgov.com/d5](http://www.pbcgov.com/d5).

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