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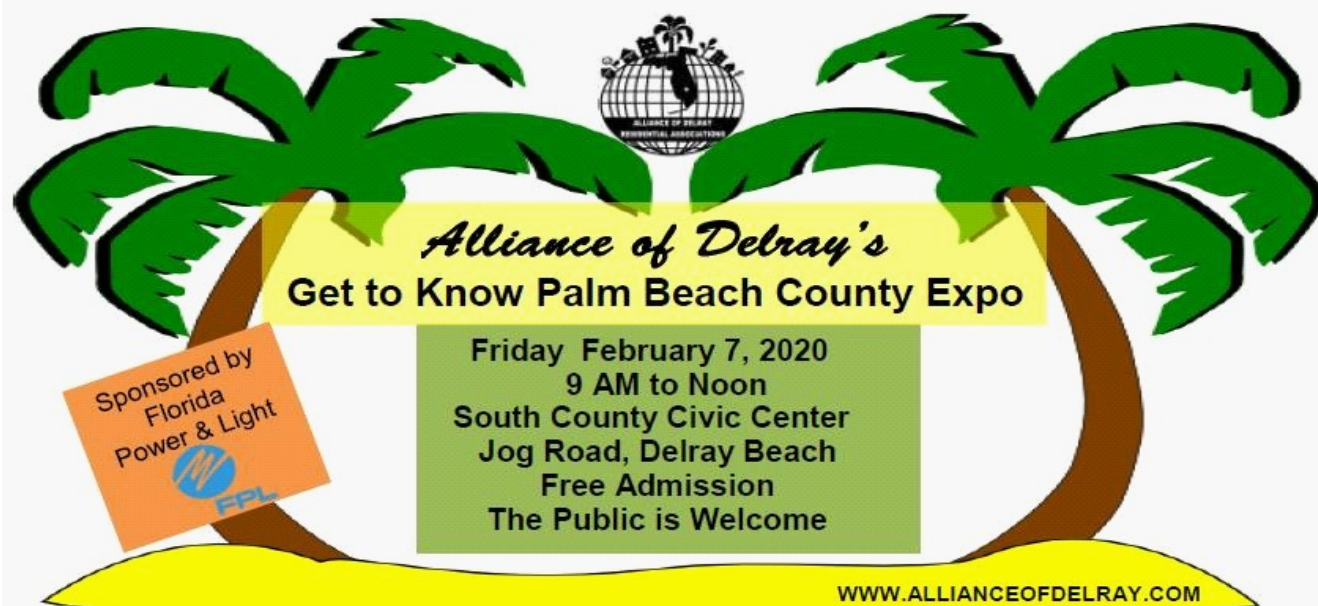
Speaker: Eric Lieberman, M.D. Cardiology

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

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

Doors open 9 AM. Meeting begins 9:30 AM.

The Public is Welcome



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Alzheimer's Disease

It has been estimated that 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Almost all are at least 65 years old. The percentage increases with age. This disease is progressive and slowly and irreversibly destroys memory and thinking skills.

At this time there is no known cure or ability to stop the progression of Alzheimer's disease available. However, several clinical studies are underway including one by Hoffman-La Roche to provide further understanding of the disease and the potential benefits of the drug being tested. It is a double blind study with participants getting either the drug or the placebo but not knowing which until the end of the two year study. At the end of the study, all participants will get treated with the drug regardless if they were already getting it or were being given a placebo. The goal would be to hopefully modify the course of this disease and prevent worsening even for those at risk to not progress.

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There is no charge for anything to participants who qualify for the study. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, either having Alzheimer's disease or early symptoms of the disease. In all cases verification through a detailed work up is established including biomarkers to verify if you in fact have the beginning of the disease. Only at that point would a subject be given the study medication.

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Stan Goodman

Alliance and Gerstin & Associates Condo and HOA Board Certification Course Thursday January 23, 2020 9 AM

Joshua Gerstin, Esq. guides us through the Florida statutes and rules governing associations and answers questions about community association law.

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Monday February 24, 2020
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PBSO Encourages Use of App Technology

Special software applications that empower residents have recently been introduced. The official PBSO App can be downloaded for free from the Apple App or Google Play Store. This app allows the reporting of threats to law enforcement or schools, suspicious packages or persons, and aberrant traffic or vehicle activity. It also provides direct access to the PBSO.org website.

Another powerful app technology that connects students, parents, and PBSO Staff is the StudentProtect app. This app provides two-way communication to report threats, suspicious activity, and receive information & alerts. More information can be found at www.studentprotectapp.com/pbc

For emergency situations, smart phone users with data plans can text 9-1-1 to communicate with the PBSO. This is an excellent option for the deaf, hard of hearing, those with speech impairment, or in an emergency situation where a voice call is not possible. The PBSO still encourages voice calls because through conversation, life-saving information can be delivered faster.

At the November Alliance meeting, District 4 Lieutenant Mike Morales provided information on the Neighbors App by Ring. This free app allows neighbors to connect and share videos, photos, and text-based posts.

This app is used in conjunction with audio/video surveillance equipment but it is not necessary to own the hardware in order to work with the network of neighbors. Already, this app has provided evidence to solve break-ins and other crimes. For more information go to www.ring.com.



Photo: Sheriff Ric Bradshaw (center) with Alliance President Bob Schulbaum and Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor.

Alliance of Delray's **Get to Know Palm Beach County Expo**



Friday February 7, 2020

9 AM to Noon

South County Civic Center

Jog Road, Delray Beach

Free Admission

The Public is Welcome

*This event brings you the opportunity to learn all about Palm Beach County and become familiar with government operations, safety services, elected officials, and all of the resources available to the public. Spread the word and invite others to this informational event.**

Partial list of Exhibitors:

**Property Appraiser
Clerk and Comptroller
Tax Collector
211
Health Department
Environmental Resources
Management
PBC Fire Rescue
Palm Beach Sheriff's Office
Solid Waste Authority
Supervisor of Elections
Parks & Recreation
Legislative Affairs
Planning Zoning & Building
Building Division
County Administration
911 Program Services
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Victim Services
Office of Resilience**

**Discover the Palm Beaches
Delray Medical Center
County Commission
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Community Services
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Transportation Planning
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Peggy Adams Animal Rescue
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Public Safety
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Plastic Straws Banned in Delray Beach Starting 1/1/20

Delray Beach is the first city in Palm Beach County to enact restrictions on the distribution of plastic straws in restaurants and bars. In early 2019, the City Commission approved Ordinance 10-19 which requires that restaurants and bars, beginning January 1 2020, only distribute straws made of marine bio-degradable materials such as paper or bamboo straws, or reusable straws made of metal or glass. The "Skip the Straw" sticker can be seen along the Avenue.

Seventy one percent of seabirds are expected to have plastic in their stomachs. Delray Beach, being a coastal community, is concerned for the threat to wildlife that plastics create. It is estimated to take 200 years for a plastic straw to decompose into a microplastic.

2019/2020

Save these Dates

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 this course at the December
meeting**

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Special Information Inside this Newsletter



TO:

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Meeting Reminder

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ALLIANCE OF DELRAY MEETING SUMMARY November 6, 2019

The meeting of delegates and guests was called to order at 9:30 am by President Bob Schulbaum. He called upon Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to speak to the assemblage.

Captain Sandt reminded the group that the holiday season brings a higher amount of criminality. He urged that everyone be especially wary of people posing as maintenance workers who try to gain access to homes. In addition, he recommended the 'Ring' doorbell. This is effective in combating crime by allowing the homeowner to see who is at the door.

Lieutenant Morales also emphasized the 'Ring'. He also urged the audience to download the app called Neighbors. This app posts information within the community as well as allowing video taping in real time around the community. This too is an effective crime fighter.

Chief Tozzi of the Palm Beach County Fire Department said there were many assorted calls requiring either the Fire Department and/or the Paramedics. There are additional staff events planned.

Karen Brill of the Palm Beach County School Board reported that the principal of Spanish River High School was fired because of voicing his opinion concerning the reality of the Holocaust. Additionally, there is a class action lawsuit that has been filed against vaping.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg criticized the state for putting up roadblocks to block the implementation of Amendment 4 – allowing former felons to vote. This amendment was passed by a large margin of Florida voters and has yet to go into effect. Efforts are being made to correct this injustice. Efforts are also being made to make animal cruelty a federal crime.

Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President, announced that on February 7, 2020 the Alliance will host a Getting to Know Palm Beach County Expo. The Expo will be held from 9 am to noon.

Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections in Palm Beach County, announced a number of changes and procedures to voting. It will be possible to see voter turnout in real time and early voting wait times. New security enhancements as well as back-up plans have been implemented. She displayed the new voting machines and invited the audience to try them out at the conclusion of the meeting. Additionally, two new programs have been established. The 'Adopt-A-Precinct' program allows area clubs, groups, and organizations to participate and earn some money for the group. The 'Vote in Honor of a Veteran' program also is intent on increasing voter participation. There are three ways to cast a ballot: a) Vote by Mail b) Early Voting c) Election Day at the Polls.

Lisa De La Riondo, from the Palm Beach County Public Affairs Office, discussed the importance of being counted and included in the census. Residents are given the options of using a paper form, a telephone call, on line, or a personal visit from a census worker. Seasonal residents will be counted as of April 1.

A representative from the Census Office emphasized that the census directly affects everyone in the form of money received from the federal government. This is money that will be used for health care, education, infrastructure, and other important areas of Floridians' lives. Anyone interested in becoming a census worker can apply online to 2020census.gov

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am. The next Alliance meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 at the South County Civic Center, where the topic will be focused on the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and Delray Medical Center Emergency Services.

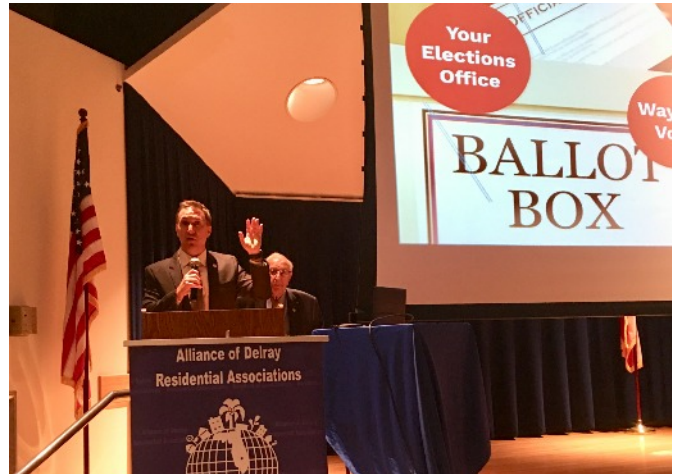
Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Klausner, Director

State Attorney Aronberg's November Meeting Message

State Attorney Dave Aronberg expressed his concerns regarding Amendment Four at the November 6, 2019 Alliance meeting (see photo). Amendment Four was passed by about two thirds of the voters. Amendment Four would allow for people who have paid their debt to society/served their time to be able to register to vote. Murderers and sex offenders are excluded.

As State Attorney and Chief Prosecutor of the County, Dave Aronberg discussed how public safety would be improved by allowing people who have paid their debt to society to reenter society. He explained that if a permanent subclass of society is created (people who will never have the quality of life that others have) there will be a resentful group that will create more crime. To reduce the recidivism rate, people need to have hope that tomorrow will be better than today. If that hope is squelched, that group will be resentful and commit more crimes.

The Legislature passed a bill that made it more difficult for past offenders to register to vote. Dave Aronberg is among several State Attorneys that have found a way for people to be required to pay off their costs and fees and complete their sentences before they register but the fact that they cannot afford to pay their court costs or fines would not prevent them from being allowed to register to vote, i.e. no "debtors' prison." People should still be obligated to pay so there is a program proposed that would exclude court costs and fees from part of a person's sentence and for past convictions, felons can file an uncontested motion through the public defender's office to separate court costs and fees from their sentence. They would still owe the money, but they'll be able to register to vote.



Alliance Briefed on New Election Ballot and Equipment at November Meeting

At the November 6, 2019 Alliance meeting, Supervisor of Elections (SOE) Wendy Sartory Link presented information concerning the Palm Beach County (PBC) election process. She also brought voting equipment for the audience to handle. As of November 4, 2019, there were 966,253 registered voters in Palm Beach County. Over a million voters are expected to be registered by Election Day 2020.

PBC has a new voter registration system and a new website which will provide information such as "wait times" at early voting sites. Collaboration with the FBI, Center for Internet Security, and Department of Homeland Security is bringing cybersecurity enhancements.

A new program "Adopt a Precinct" provides the opportunity for organizations to raise money and be a part of the democratic process. The County needs over 4000 poll workers and has increased pay per poll worker position (new rates range from \$190 to \$320 depending on position). A team of ten Poll Workers could earn at least \$2240 per election year for an organization.

The new "Vote in Honor of a Vet" Program was established to encourage voter participation and remind citizens about the sacrifices PBC veterans have made. The SOE office will collect bios and photos of PBC veterans to provide to participating voters. There will be a virtual wall of honor and a physical wall in the SOE office to take the opportunity to thank those who have served.

Vote by mail will have postage pre-paid this year and signing of the ballot is critical. Voters will be filling in ovals on the ballot this year. Dates: Primary Election August 18, 2020 and General Election November 3, 2020. SOE website: <https://www.pbcelections.org>

Photo: Center is Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections, with Natalie Casteneda, Elections Specialist, and Marcos Arrebato, Warehouse Technician.

