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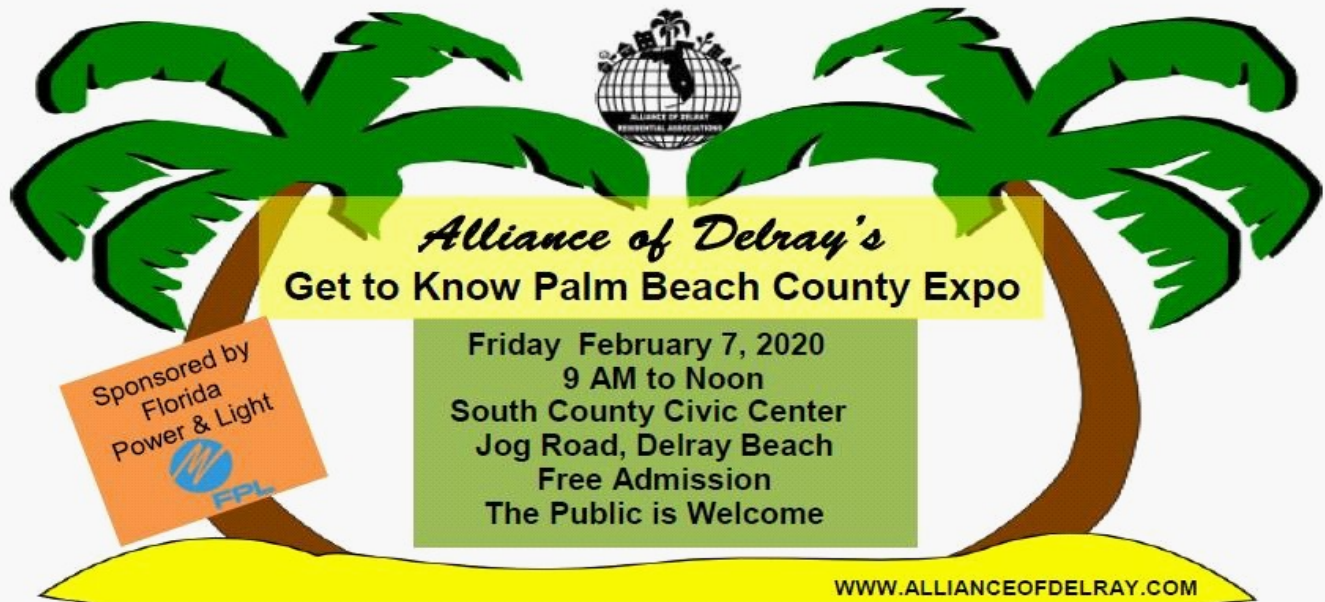
Wednesday January 8, 2020

Joshua Gerstin, Esq.

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Legislative Updates for Condos and Homeowner Associations Question & Answer Session

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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Alliance Meeting Summary December 4, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Bob Schulbaum. At this time, he introduced Lisa Lee, principal of Orchard View School in Delray Beach. Under Ms. Lee's guidance the school went from a poorly performing school to a B rated school. The Alliance awarded Orchard View, via Ms. Lee, a monetary contribution to further the accomplishments that the school is making.

Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office told the assemblage that the holiday season brings many scammers. One of the latest scams is called Fix-A-Dent (see photo). Trucks & cars ride around and offer to fix dings and dents on cars for a small cost. It is a scam and strongly advised against. Captain Sandt cautioned all shoppers, especially in malls, to walk to and from their cars with other people. Sgt. Yoder reported that dumping is a problem. Deputies are checking vehicles they suspect are guilty of this.



Palm Beach Commission Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth explained a new traffic procedure in Palm Beach County. Flashing yellow arrows are being installed at selected intersections. The arrow indicates an "unprotected left turn". That is, a left turn is permissible if there is no traffic. Proceed with caution. He also decried the number of deaths attributable to people trying to cross train tracks when the gates are down. When the gates are down no one should presume that they are safe.

Commissioner Mary Lou Berger announced that the Green Cay Nature Preserve is closed for renovations.

Board of Education member Karen Brill explained that threats to schools are criminal. "It was a joke" is not enough to prevent charges from being filed and prosecution from being instituted. Expulsion policies will be explained to families.

Fire Rescue Chief Reggie Duren explained the need for improving response time. Three ways of improving that time are 1) Traffic light control by the department, 2) More fire stations, and 3) Additional personnel. The goal is to add 120 more fire fighters.

Asst. Fire Marshall Dave DeRita explained the need for fire prevention. He also urged CO detectors.

Emergency Medical Services Chief Charlie Coyle spoke about new procedures for dealing with stroke patients. If remedial services are provided quickly, the occlusion can be opened and the clot can be removed. Time is of the essence for both strokes and cardiac arrest. Successful results soared when help was immediate.

Delray Medical Center Cardiologist Eric Lieberman, MD reiterated that with cardiac problems minutes matter. The symptoms of cardiac incidents can be greatly varied and are often different with women. Prevention is controllable if one controls blood pressure and cholesterol and exercises. He introduced his patient who is a cardiac survivor. He gave a first hand account of his experience.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40. Next meeting is on January 8, 2020 with association attorney Joshua Gerstin providing updates to COA and HOA law and answering questions.

Submitted by Carol Klausner
Director, Alliance of Delray

Join Delray Medical Center and the Alliance of Delray for an Extensive

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Friday, January 31, 2020

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Course Dates:

Friday February 7, 2020

Monday February 24, 2020

Or

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vinikoor@bellsouth.net

561-715-1530

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and the
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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

Consumer Affairs

Justice Services

Victim Services

Office of Resilience

Discover the Palm Beaches

Delray Medical Center

County Commission

Water Utilities

Cooperative Extension

Community Services

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Building Department

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Agency

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**There will be lots of "treats" presented in the Alliance of Delray's signature style!*

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**Alliance &
Gerstin & Associates
present
Condo and HOA Board
Certification Course**

**Thursday January 23, 2020 9 AM
Place: South County Civic Center**

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

Excellent for new Board Members and a great refresher for all community leaders.

Attendees receive a certificate of completion for certification requirements.

Sign Up at the January Meeting or contact
Lori Vinikoor, Exec. VP at 561-715-1530 or
e-mail: vinikoor@bellsouth.net

2020

Save these Dates

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 these courses at the January
meeting**

**Meetings and Courses are held at the South
County Civic Center**

16700 Jog Road Delray Beach

**For Membership meetings, doors open 9 AM and
the meetings begin at 9:30 AM.**

Membership meetings are open to the public.

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Preserving the Community Lifestyle

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Special Information Inside this Newsletter



TO:

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations, Inc.

Meeting Reminder

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Follow up to the Alliance's On-line Survey
Please Help With This Survey

LAKE IDA ROAD AND VIA FLORA....ROUNDBOUT OR TWO-WAY STOP?

Send your response to allianceofdelray@bellsouth.net

If the roundabout were removed, it could be replaced with a two way stop. Lake Ida Rd traffic will be going through the intersection non-stop. There would be stop signs on Via Flora. About 85% of the traffic going through this intersection comes from Lake Ida Rd and only 15% comes from Via Flora. This intersection is far from meeting the traffic volume warrant for a signal. The new approved developments on the golf course are not expected to put enough additional traffic through this intersection to make it meet the signal warrants.

**WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER?
KEEP THE ROUNDBOUT OR INSTALL A TWO-WAY STOP?
YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD!**

**Questions? Email or call Lori Vinikoor, Exec. VP
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We Must Respond to the 2020 Census

The United States Constitution mandates that every ten years everyone in the Country be counted. The first census was conducted in 1790. Taking part in the census is a civic duty. It is essential that each and every resident in Palm Beach County be counted during this 2020 Census.

Responding to the Census is important. This 2020 Census will influence community funding and determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. A key date for redistricting data is December 31, 2020 when the Census Bureau reports the population count and the reapportionment of congressional seats to the President.

This collected information will decide the allocation of more than 675 billion dollars in federal funds for states and communities each year. Census data guide local decision-makers in important community planning efforts, including where to build new roads, hospitals and schools.

Money allocated includes funds for first responders, Medicare Part B, supportive housing for the elderly, libraries and community centers, supplemental nutrition assistance, and senior service employment. The economic impact to Palm Beach County is enormous. With an approximately 1.5 million people in Palm Beach County at \$1600 per person, it amounts to 2.5 billion dollars a year and over the ten year period, it amounts to over 24 billion dollars.

The census form will ask questions which are used to produce statistics. All information provided is kept confidential.

Census invitations will be mailed out in mid March 2020. There will be one card per household. Responses can be made on line, by mailing back the form, by telephone, or in person. For more information go to www.pbcgov.com/census

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Explains Possible Hazard Lurking in Garages

At the December 4, 2019 Alliance meeting, Palm Beach County's Fire Rescue (PBCFR) Assistant Fire Marshal David DeRita provided information concerning hydrogen gas which golf cart batteries can emit when being charged. Hydrogen gas is similar to carbon monoxide. It is colorless and odorless and highly flammable.

Homes equipped with carbon monoxide detectors will alert when hydrogen levels are higher because the detector is "tricked" into thinking that carbon monoxide is present. The explosiveness of hydrogen gas is of great concern because open flames or static electricity can cause an explosion.

Ventilating the area in which the golf cart is charging is important. If the detector is triggered and does sound an alert, the garage door should be opened manually since electric motors that run automatic garage doors can spark and cause an explosion.

If a carbon monoxide alarm is activated, residents should call 9-1-1 and evacuate the residence. The PBCFR suggests that homeowners charge golf carts in the open or in a well-ventilated area and should never be charged while unattended. PBCFR phone: (561)616-7030



December Was a Time for Giving

At the December 4, 2019 Membership meeting, the Alliance of Delray presented Lisa Lee, Principal of Orchard View Elementary School, with a donation which will provide for future accomplishments and scholarships for some of the well-deserved students who contributed in bringing Orchard View's school up from a poor rating to a B rating. Photo: Pres. Bob Schulbaum with Principal Lisa Lee.

Under Ms. Lee's guidance and through efforts from Alliance President's Assistant and liaison to Orchard View, Harvey Arnold, the students have discovered new and exciting dimensions to learning. Mr. Arnold's Stamp Collection project has opened up the world to many students and has taught the value of knowledge obtained by exploring the local environment (he arranged a trip to our Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department) and reaching beyond local borders.



Toys for Tots

Another yearly effort by the Alliance of Delray is to provide toys for needy local children. The Alliance is proud to partner with our neighborhood hospital and Level 1 Trauma Center Delray Medical Center (DMC) in this event.

Photo from left: Steve Garner, DMC COO; Alliance VP Norma Arnold; Pres. Assistant Rose DeSanto; Pres. Bob Schulbaum; Exec. VP Lori Vinikoor; DMC CEO Maggie Gill; Alliance VP Arnie Katz; Becky McCoy, DMC Director of Volunteer Services.