



District Five's FYI's for a Successful "Season"

The holiday season is officially here! Vivian, Meaghan, Janet and I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a joyous holiday season; a time when we tend to reflect on the past year while looking forward to new beginnings.

At our November 19th board meeting, the sitting [Board of County Commissioners](#) recognized and thanked Mayor Mack Bernard for his year of service as mayor. The board then elected Commissioner Dave Kerner to serve as mayor and Commissioner Robert S. Weinroth as vice mayor. Each will serve one-year terms. Then, while sitting briefly as the [Solid Waste Authority](#) (SWA) Governing Board, we named Commissioner Robert Weinroth chair, Commissioner Gregg Weiss vice chair, and Commissioner Mack Bernard secretary. I know you join me in congratulating the commissioners in their roles. I am looking forward to my final year on the dais.

With the busy season officially in full swing our roadways will be tested. Considering the numerous miles of roadway the county is responsible for overseeing and maintaining, we could use the public's help on the streets reporting any issue or concerns. While you can certainly always reach out to my office, if there is ever a time sensitive matter, such as a traffic signal out or an important sign down, you could contact our [Engineering Action Center](#). I would hate to delay something from being resolved if I don't see your email or miss your call while in a board meeting or otherwise unavailable.

In fact, our [Traffic Division](#) recently rolled out a few new ways for citizens to contact us for specific issues we commonly receive. With this streamlined approach the concerns are sent directly to the staff that can handle and respond while also freeing up some of the time the action center was spending on our traffic issues specifically.

Damaged or Malfunctioning Traffic Signal or Sign
Email: ENG-FixTrafficSignal@pbcgov.org
Phone: 561-683-6885

Street Light Repairs or Requests
Email: ENG-Streetlighting@pbcgov.org
Phone: 561-684-4030

Traffic Signal Timing Concerns or Questions
Email: ENG-FixSignalTiming@pbcgov.org
Phone: 561-684-4030

All Other Traffic Concerns
Email: ENG-TrafficDivision@pbcgov.org
Phone: 561-684-4030

Traveling around the county this season you may encounter a change. Last month, Traffic activated the first phase of the Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) left turn traffic signals at eight traffic signalized intersections along and in the vicinity of Congress Avenue between Golf Rd. and Gateway Blvd. Although the FYA traffic signal has been used nationwide for over 10 years, including in over 100 locations in Florida, the FYA traffic signal is new to [Palm Beach County](#) (PBC).

The FYA signal indication will replace the traditional solid circular green indication for the following two left-turn signal types:

"Permissive Only" where only a solid circular green indication is displayed and motorists must always yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before completing the left turn; and,

"Protected/Permissive" which is comprised of two parts, a "protected" left-turn phase initiated by a green arrow signal indication where oncoming traffic must stop and it is safe to turn left, followed by a "permissive" part during which a solid circular green signal is displayed and left turning traffic must yield to oncoming traffic.

Air travel in PBC is as good as ever. [Palm Beach International Airport](#) (PBI) serves over 6.7 million passengers annually and offers over 200 nonstop flights daily. PBI is proud to be named the 8th Best Airport in the U.S. in *Conde Nast Traveler* 2019 Readers' Choice Awards and 8th Best Domestic Airport in *Travel + Leisure* magazine's 2019 World's Best Awards. PBI was recently named Fifth Best Medium Airport in the 2019 J.D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Survey and ranked Best in the U.S. for Shortest Overall TSA Wait Times by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Offering amenities such as free high speed Wi-Fi, in-seating device charging stations and post-security private nursing suites, PBI extends a pleasant traveling experience for families, vacationers and business travelers alike. As terminal projects continue to progress, passengers can enjoy an improved ticketing and check in experience, a lighter and brighter baggage claim and a refreshed atmosphere throughout the concourses and terminal. If all that wasn't enough, PBI, in partnership with [PBC Art in Public Places](#), announced the grand opening of the airport's new [Art Gallery](#). The space boasts enhanced exhibition walls and lighting to better showcase artworks by 15 artists who call the Palm Beaches home.

While there is no shortage of things for constituents and visitors to do this season, it is worth mentioning that the ever popular [Green Cay Nature Center](#) will be closed until further notice for some much needed renovations. Project elements include removal and replacement of the standing seam metal roof but will also include improvements outside the building such as replacement of all deteriorated wood timbers and trim and a new coat of paint on the building's exterior. Project duration is expected to last 190 days, with substantial completion scheduled for May 2020. Luckily [Wakodahatchee Wetlands](#) and the [Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens](#) are some alternative and highly pleasant ways to spend a day located nearby.

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. 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.

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