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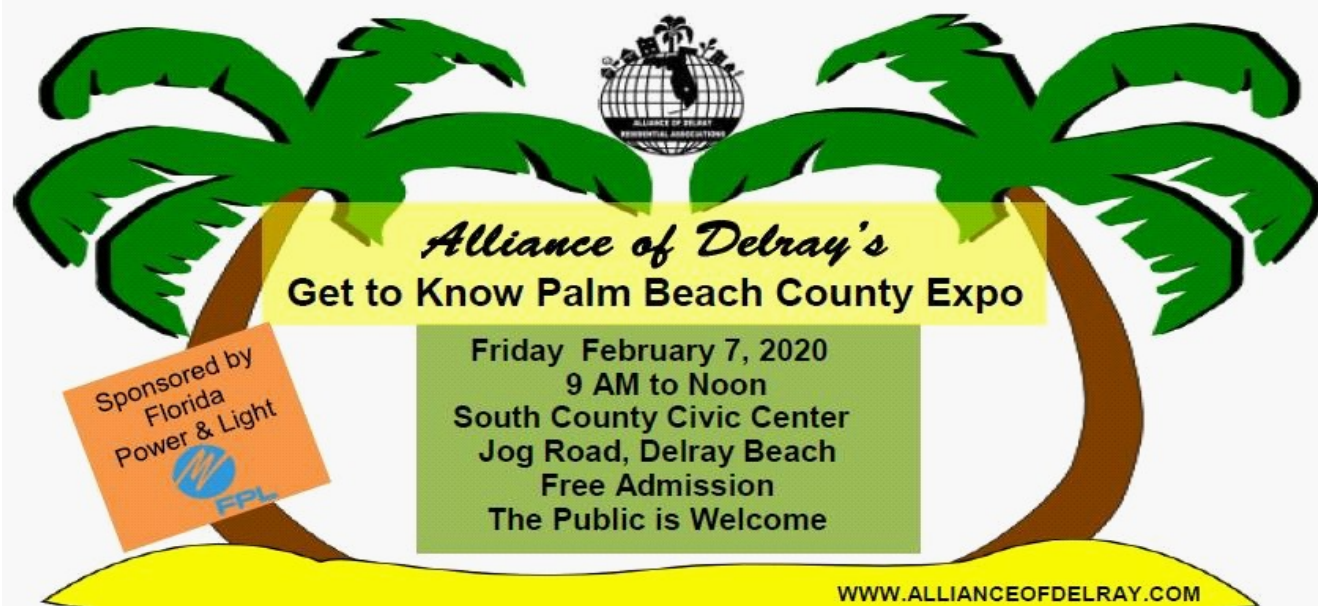
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# Wednesday February 5, 2020

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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  
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## **ALLIANCE OF DELRAY MEETING SUMMARY JAN. 8, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President.

Captain Rob Sandt of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office was pleased to announce that the recent holidays were uneventful. Crime was on the decline, and there were NO violent crimes! Warning the assembly about the latest scams, Captain Sandt warned that the latest scam is when your phone rings once and then hangs up. These are robo calls. Attempting to call back may well cost you a lot of money. Ignore these calls. Another scam is a "bank" coming to your home to let you know that your bank card has been "compromised." Please remember, banks do not come to your home. He also advised that everyone write out 2020 on all checks and other financial statements. It is too easy to change the year unless the entire year is written.

Karen Brill, Palm Beach County Board of Education member, explained that the political situation may impact upon education. Many teachers and staff are in the Army Reserves. If tensions escalate and the Army Reserves get deployed, many of those will have to be replaced in the schools. Many students are frightened by the situation.

Joshua Gerstin reviewed the past year of legislative and case law regarding homeowner and condo associations. Among some of the new provisions:

Local governments are forbidden from requiring removed trees or vegetation to be replanted.

Allow condo associations to waive fire sprinkler system retrofitting requirements until January, 2024.

Tighten sober home standards and expand background checks for sober home personnel.

Permit the use of smokable medical marijuana.

Have Florida lead the country in autonomous vehicle technology. Also establish 'drop zones' for drones to be able to deliver packages.

Establish approval process for individual condo units to be eligible for FHA financing.

Association websites must be auditory as well as visual to accommodate the needs of the blind.

Insurance policies should be reviewed and updated for discrimination cyber, and other pertinent coverage.

Permits are not required to kill iguanas, but firing guns is not permitted. However, associations should consider hiring a licensed professional for that purpose.

A copy of Mr. Gerstin's presentation is available on the Alliance website. The link will be sent out via e-mail. It is also available at [www.Gerstin.com](http://www.Gerstin.com). For additional information concerning homeowner and condominium law, it is advised that communities consult with their attorneys.

After thanking Mr. Gerstin, who took individual questions, meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by

Carol Klausner, Director

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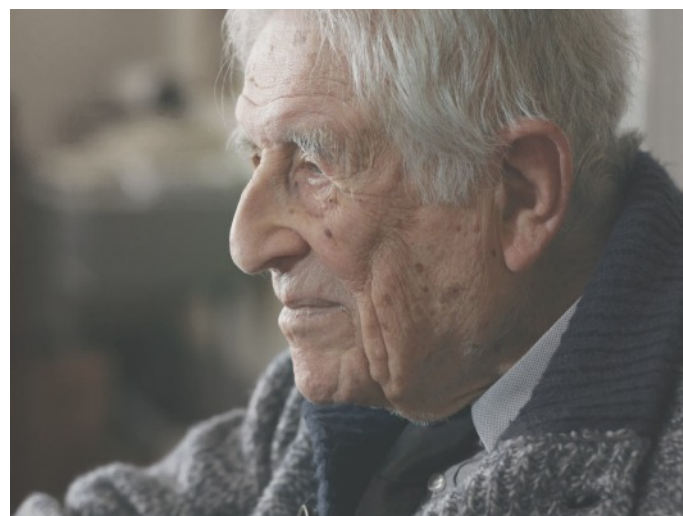
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# *Alliance of Delray Residential Associations'* **Get to Know Palm Beach County Expo**

*Meet and Greet the People who Provide Our County Services*



**Friday February 7, 2020**

**9 AM to Noon**

**South County Civic Center  
16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach  
Free Admission**

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## **Putting a Human Face on Government: Speak One-on-One with County Staff**

*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.*

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PBC Fire Rescue  
Palm Beach Sheriff's Office  
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Parks & Recreation  
Legislative Affairs  
Planning Zoning & Building  
County Administration  
Engineering & Public Works  
911 Program Services  
Consumer Affairs  
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Victim Services  
Office of Resilience  
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***TO:***

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Meeting Reminder

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Alliance Working to Manage Growth in the Atlantic Avenue Corridor  
Letters sent to the Editors of the Palm Beach Post and Sun Sentinel:

No Public Benefit to Increasing Commercial Development in the Agricultural Reserve

In a close vote on January 10, 2020 the Planning Commission, an advisory Board to the Palm Beach County Commissioners, recommended to initiate an amendment that would increase the commercial cap in the Agricultural Reserve and allow development of office space on preserve land located on Atlantic Avenue.

The amendment would not benefit the residents of the Agricultural Reserve or Palm Beach County. The roadways cannot support further commercial approvals and full expansion of Atlantic Avenue is not expected until after 2025. The 2 acre parcel is adjacent to and part of the Delray Marketplace development and should be maintained as the preserve and conservation area it is for future public use. Further, the Marketplace is located at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Lyons Road which already has an enormous traffic volume.

The hospital existing in the Agricultural Reserve adds 135,000 square feet of commercial office space to the more than 300,000 square feet of approved commercial space yet to be built. If the amendment is approved, other agricultural and preserve parcels will require the same consideration.

The Alliance's research concurs with County Staff's report which clearly stated the argument for denial of the request.

Bob Schulbaum, President  
Alliance of Delray Residential Associations

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Results of Survey

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

**Thank you to all of the residents who responded to the survey regarding the Lake Ida/Via Flora intersection.**

**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.**

**Survey results (252 responses via e mail/phone/in person at meeting):**

**66% : keep the roundabout**

**24% : install two way stop**

**10% : install four way stop (not feasible according to Engineering)**

## *Alliance Connecting With and Supporting the Membership* Senate & House Vacation Rental Bills Draw Concern

Local government and civic activist leaders know their communities and constituents better than the state in determining what is appropriate regarding vacation rentals. Short-term rentals can become a nuisance in condominium and homeowner associations, enable human trafficking, and negatively impact property values.

Senate Bill 1128 and House Bill 1011 are an attempt during this year's legislative session to limit local governments' ability to employ restrictions on short-term rentals and relinquishing that authority to the state.

Previous legislative sessions have proposed a "Florida Vacation Rental Act" which would establish an inspection program conducted by the state. This year's bills continue with these previous attempts to change Florida statute.

The premise used by proponents of changes is that the vacation rentals are residential in nature and certain property rights exist such as the ability to rent one's own home. However, members of community associations legally agree to comply with certain rules prior to purchase and those rules often include parameters on frequency and length of rentals which exist as deed restrictions and make up the fabric of the covenants of the association. Releasing property owners from the accountability that the covenants of the association provide leads to a security threat in the neighborhood and the loss of quiet enjoyment for its residents.

The following is contact information for the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation which the Alliance is in constant contact with during the Legislative Session. Residents can make their voices heard by contacting the legislators with thoughts concerning this proposed legislation.

### Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

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