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Wednesday March 4, 2020

Getting Around Safely and Quickly

Update on Atlantic Avenue Expansion, travel modes & facilities
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Plus Special Guest Speaker
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Doors open 9 AM. Meeting begins 9:30 AM



Nick Uhren (photo left) is the executive director of the Transportation Planning Agency. His primary responsibilities are for strategic planning, regional coordination, and legislative and policy initiatives.

The TPA is responsible for transportation planning in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach TPA plans, prioritizes and funds transportation projects and programs. The TPA annually adopts a 5-year funding program that allocates federal and state transportation dollars to the projects that are most important to our communities.

Steven L. Abrams (photo right) is the executive director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. SFRTA was created by state law to operate Tri-Rail and provide for the future mobility needs of the region's millions of residents and visitors.

First elected to the Boca Raton city council in 1989, Abrams was subsequently elected to three terms as mayor. He then served for nearly a decade as a Palm Beach County Commissioner and as the first mayor of Palm Beach County. Abrams also sat for eight years on the SFRTA governing board, including three terms as chairman.



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Alliance of Delray Meeting Summary February 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Schulbaum at 9:30 am. Bob named the members of the Board who are candidates for reelection in March. He then requested that anyone else interested in running for the Alliance Board declare and submit a resume. No one responded. Bob then introduced Lt. Mike Morales of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Morales greeted the audience with the good news that crime was down in Palm Beach County. He attributed that to several factors, among which are: people are taking measures to prevent crimes and more deputies are quite visible in the area.

Chief Tony Tozzi of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue addressed the threat of the coronavirus. He assured the audience that hand washing was most important for all individuals. It is recommended that everyone maintain a 'personal space' and keep a comfortable distance from others. However, he noted that Palm Beach County has a plan in place in case of an outbreak here.

Nicole Carson of the Office of the Supervisor of Elections explained the Presidential Preference Primary which will be held on March 17, 2020. That will narrow the number of candidates in each party to one. In order to vote in this primary you must be registered by February 18. Early voting will take place beginning March 7 and end on March 15, between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm.

Board of Education member Karen Brill discussed the firing of the principal who refused to deny the reality of the Holocaust.

Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President, announced the Get to Know Palm Beach County Expo, to take place on Friday, February 7, 2020.

Verdenia Baker, County Administrator, delivered an update on the penny tax. She noted that Palm Beach County has a AAA bond rating because of the strong economy. However, there remains a strong need for an infrastructure sales tax. The surtax is providing for parks, roads, and environmental concerns. Each penny is divided for capital improvements, not for operating expenses, with 50% going toward schools, 30% for the county and 20% for cities. Many projects are underway and once the 2.7 billion dollars that is needed is collected, the tax will end and at this point, projections are possibly 9 years instead of 10 if the economic boon continues.

The 2020 census will optimally net \$24 billion dollars during a ten year period and possibly add one or two additional government representatives for Palm Beach County.

At the next Alliance meeting on March 4, 2020 special guest speakers Nick Uhren, Executive Director of the Transportation Planning Agency will provide an update on the expansion of Atlantic Avenue and Steve Abrams, Executive Director of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, will discuss the future of Brightline and Tri-Rail.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Submitted by Carol Klausner, Director

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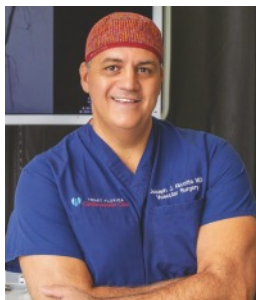
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- Vascular Malformations
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Sober Homes Task Force Update

The Alliance of Delray maintains a presence on the State Attorneys Sober Home Task Force. Currently the Law Enforcement side of the Sober Homes Task Force consists of two state prosecutors, two state attorney investigators, one state attorney analyst and five detectives from local and statewide agencies assigned to this effort.

Between October 2016 and December 2019, 100 criminal cases have been filed against 87 individuals. Forty three cases have been resolved by way of a plea or trial and 39 defendants have been convicted. Over \$880,000 in fines have been imposed and over \$1,350,000 in assets have been seized.

Photo from the January 24, 2020 Sober Home Task Force Meeting from left: State Attorney Dave Aronberg, JD Small and Alan Johnson from the State Attorney's Office.



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Alliance Supporting Brain Health

Alzheimer's is referred to as the "Silver Tsunami" and touches everyone's lives through family members, friends, and neighbors. The Annual Brain Bowl brings hope to finding a cure for dementia and the Alliance contributes.

Photo below: Brain Bowl 2020 from left Alliance Executive VP Lori Vinikoor, Nostalgic Magazine Editor Marcia Berns, former Senator Maria Sachs, Brain Bowl Chair Pamela Higer-Polani, Palm Beach County Commissioner Robert Weinroth



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Meeting Reminder**

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training that is intuitive, easy-to-remember three step plan for survival in an active attack, active shooter or other public acts of violence.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Crime Prevention Unit will present on:

April 14th, 2020 at 2:00 PM

The event will be held at:

South County Civic Center

16700 S. Jog Road

Delray Beach, Florida 33446

This presentation will last approximately 3 hours, including scheduled breaks.

Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/PBSOtraining>

Seating is limited. There will be a brief question and answer period after the presentation.

www.pbso.org/crimeprevention



Important Voter Information for Upcoming Elections

2020 Election Dates:

March 17, 2020: Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections

Deadline to Register or Change Party:

February 18, 2020

August 18, 2020: Primary Election

Deadline to Register or Change Party: July 20, 2020

November 3, 2020: General Election

Deadline to Register or Change Party: October 5, 2020

Penny Sales Surtax Could End a Year Sooner

At the February 5, 2020 Alliance Membership meeting, Verdenia Baker, Administrator for Palm Beach County, provided an update on the one penny sales surtax for infrastructure Repair, Restoration, and Replacement (The Three R's). On November 8, 2016 the voters approved the surtax where 50% is allocated to schools, 30 % to the County and 20% to the cities for infrastructure upgrades. There has been an economic boom in the County and the 2.7 billion dollars needed for The Three R's could be reached a year earlier than the December 31, 2026 date when it will end by law.

Palm Beach County is the third largest county in Florida with tourism, construction, and agriculture being the leading industries. The County has also attracted aero engineering, biotechnology, and distribution and logistics industries which have created jobs and strengthened the economy. This has produced a AAA bond rating for the County which means the County can borrow money cheaper than many other counties and improve parks, roads, and the overall environment.

The one penny sales surtax applies to transactions subject to state sales tax and the first \$5000 of the sales price of a single personal property. Exempt items include groceries, baby food, formula, and medicine.

The process of assessment for The Three R's included a third party coming in to identify life safety and maintenance issues. The consultant's report demonstrated that, although there was a recession that had brought about a delay in maintenance, Palm Beach County did not neglect the infrastructure but items did reach their normal life span. For example, the life of playground equipment is ten years. Forty-four thousand dollars of the tax collected provided for 17 year old playground equipment replacement on Lake Ida Road in Delray Beach. Thirty-one thousand dollars went toward pathways in area parks such as Caloosa Park with some of the sand being replaced with mulch which works better for the handicapped. There are improvements in roadways along stretches of Congress and Jog roads for which seven hundred thousand dollars has already been spent. Roadway improvements include resurfacing and drainage repairs and line striping. The South County Administrative Complex will be undergoing renovations including the enlargement of the parking lot. Lake Ida Road will be undergoing some repairs in 2020 between Congress and Swinton Avenues.

The Three R's project is estimated to create an estimated 46,000 permanent and temporary jobs. Tourists are contributing about twenty-five percent of the tax. There are independent citizens committees to audit spending compliance. The Alliance of Delray maintains a presence on the school's Independent Sales Surtax Oversight Committee (ISSOC).

PENNY SALES SURTAX FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Actuals through December 31, 2019

Total BCC Collection: \$243,288,483.07

Examples of Municipality Collections:

Boca Raton: 18,591,454.96

Boynton Beach: 15,242,065.11

Delray Beach: 13,378,038.10

Lake Worth Beach: 7,801,766.98

West Palm Beach: 22,551,003.15