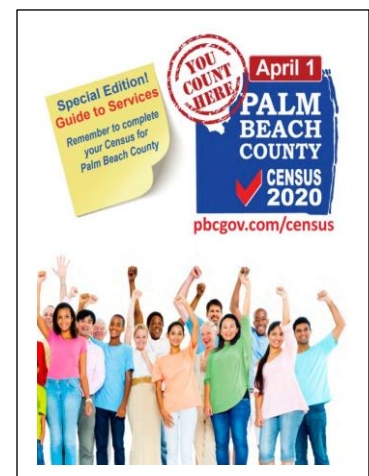




The most popular Palm Beach County (PBC) publication, our [Guide to Services](#), is back and better than ever! Often referred to in my office as the “Yellow Pages” of government, this is an alphabetical listing of county departments, nonprofits and privately operated agencies to call for information and assistance. For example, the guide provides contact information about your federal, state and local officials as well as constitutional officers, municipalities and independent taxing authorities, such as the PBC School District. Chances are, when you contact my office for assistance, this guide is a tool we reference to assist you on the spot! Available online and in print, you can usually find a copy at any of our libraries, but please, feel free to contact my office and we will be glad to mail you one.

Gracing the front cover of this special edition guide is information on how to participate in the 2020 Census. A few months ago, [I wrote to you](#) about the upcoming census, its importance and what we as a county are doing to ensure every single person will be counted. I will remind you about this before the start of the census on April 1st but you can find out more by visiting pbcgov.com/census in the meantime.



The visit to Tallahassee last month for PBC Days was quite successful. The trip itself felt like a race, rushing from one appointment to the next with talking points in hand. Each year we leave hoping the legislators take note and remember our priorities as they navigate through session. The county’s 13-member legislative delegation was welcoming and happy to see us. To me, this is one of the highlights of what we do as elected officials; the camaraderie, the exchange of ideas, looking for help and knowing our legislators are the best and they will do everything they can to help us.

Affordable housing, water quality, vacation rentals and so much more topped the list of our priorities. Between PBC Days, our lobbying team and future treks by other county officials and staff, we will continue to advocate and monitor what happens during session that will affect us here at home.

Whatever happens, the final say is up to Governor DeSantis who can trim the budget for expenses he does not find necessary. At the end of session our [Legislative Delegation](#) office will publish a comprehensive report for all county, municipal and federal offices, as well as other interested parties, which reviews all local bills and appropriations affecting us here in PBC, and general bills passed by our delegation members. I also plan to keep you posted.

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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