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ZOOMCAST Meeting

Wednesday September 2, 2020 10 AM

COVID-19 Update from Our Neighborhood

Hospital

DELRAY MEDICAL CENTER

plus

Anne Gannon, PBC Tax Collector

Overview of Office Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic

PLUS Updates from Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, PBSO District 4 & PBCFR

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Delegates, Alternates, & Presidents!

Alliance of Delray face masks are being supplied to our Membership. Exclusively made in the U.S.A. Look for yours in the mail!

We look forward to seeing you at the South County Civic Center just as soon as groups are allowed to meet there. Until then, please ZOOM into monthly meetings. The information is vital to your community.

Meeting Videos are available on YouTube and video links are sent via e mail so please make sure that we have your updated e mail address.

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Women's Suffrage Movement Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary

The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. On August 18, 1920, women received the right to vote in the United States.

This year we are celebrating the 100th year anniversary of the granting of women's right to vote. The following are thoughts from three prominent women concerning the Women's Suffrage Movement.



Thoughts from Florida Senator Lori Berman

“As we celebrate a century of a woman's right to vote, we should remember the work of Susan B. Anthony, Alice Paul, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells. These pioneers of equality fought hard for the idea that “there will never be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers.” But we have further to go. Women have yet to secure certain rights and opportunities. Virginia only recently became the 38th state in our union to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. We cannot stop our work until the equality of the sexes is enshrined in our constitution.”

Thoughts from Former Florida Senator Maria Sachs

August 18, 2020 marks the centennial anniversary of ratification of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. This historic anniversary celebrates a milestone of democracy.

Suffragists left us a great gift- an empowering legacy of pride, power and purpose. Their mission was not just about a woman's right to vote it was about equal rights for all. A nation built on equality for all; not just on the chosen privileged.

I am the daughter of an immigrant Mom who left her own family and native country to come to the United States. How proud was my Mom when I was the first to attend college, the first to become an attorney, and the first to serve as a public official. The early suffragettes are our role models to show that as women we can and will succeed.

With the passage of the 19th Amendment some 10 million women voted in 1920. Women voter turnout rates have increased and exceeded male turnout rates since 1980 until today. The majority of voters have been and continue to be female. What women have accomplished is noteworthy: we have reformed child labor laws, we have prosecuted child trafficking, and legislated a woman's right to her own body.

As one of the early suffragettes said at the turn of the 20th century, "it is incredible to me that any woman should consider the fight for full equality won. It has just begun".



Thoughts from Florida House Representative Tina Polsky



August 18, 2020, marked the 100th anniversary of the success of the Women's Suffrage movement. As I celebrated my Senate primary victory, I could not help but reflect on how far we've come since then. It's a privilege to honor the memories of pioneering suffragettes, Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. They paved the way for women to be active members of the electorate, as well as using their new found power to serve in office. A hundred years later, there are 101 women serving in the US House of Representatives and 26 serving in the US Senate, with more women than ever signing up to run for office at all levels of government.

Elite Orthopaedic Care Takes The Delray Medical



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McDonald's Update

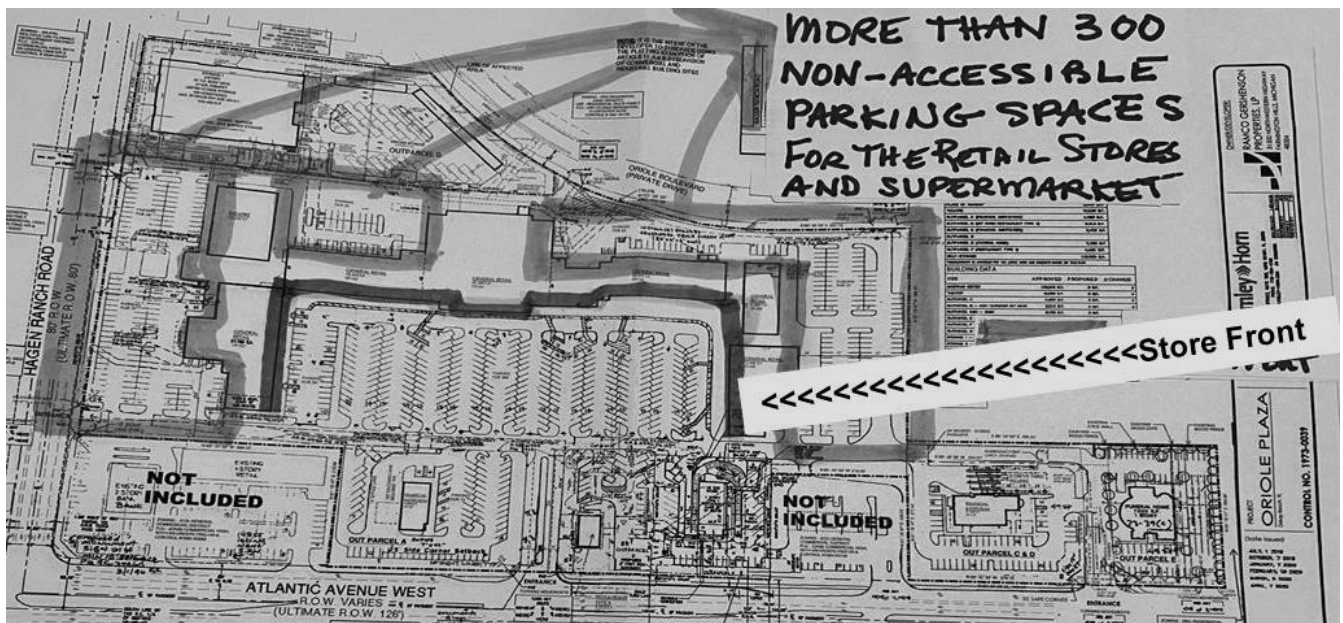
Thank you to all Alliance members who contributed comments regarding the McDonald's application.

The Alliance was present and testified, strenuously opposing the application at the August 6, 2020 Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission approved the 10 foot variance and waiver for a 24 hour operation and use of the parking area for the location of the Type I restaurant with 2 drive-throughs.

This application requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The Alliance will be present at the August 27, 2020 BCC Zoning meeting and will again testify in opposition to this application as NEARLY ALL of the comments received from our communities opposed this project.

We are building on issues brought up at the Zoning Commission meeting. Here is some follow-up from the meeting:

1. One major claim by the applicant is that there is an excess of 200+ parking spaces. Please see site plan. There are more than 300 non-accessible parking spaces for the retail stores and markets. Therefore, there will actually be a deficit of 100+ parking spaces in this shopping center if this restaurant is built on the parking spaces that the residents use daily.
2. The Applicant caused the need for the variance by insisting that two drive-throughs are required for this restaurant. The variance should not be granted.
3. In the Alliance's Zoomcast Town Hall meeting with the Applicant, we were told that McDonald's business policy is to plan for every store to be a 24 hour operation. This demonstrates that the Applicant has no understanding or consideration for the area residents who would most likely not be frequenting the establishment between 11 PM and 6 AM. The waiver should not be granted



ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY August 5, 2020

An Alliance Zoom meeting was called to order at 10 am by Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President. After welcoming all the participants and Alliance members she introduced Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw.

Sheriff Bradshaw urged everyone to prepare for storms and hurricanes beforehand to prevent gathering during the COVID-19 crisis. He supported stocking up on supplies and just putting them away until needed. He advised reducing the risk of contracting COVID-19 by avoiding large crowds and wearing masks. The coastlines are being protected from illegal immigrants who may be carrying the virus.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBSO and Chief Anthony Tozzi of the PBC Fire Rescue Department both discussed the mutual cooperation during a local tense situation. They both agreed that this cooperation resulted in a satisfactory outcome of the situation. Captain Sandt reported that the crime statistics were down, although car thefts are rising. The single most important deterrent to car theft is a locked car. He also noted that car collisions are down 54%. Fire Rescue Chief Tozzi explained the concept of 'Unified Command' which promotes unified cooperation between his department and the Sheriff's department. He also noted that call volume is high.

Dorothy Jacks, Property Appraiser, announced that a tax notice mailing is scheduled for August 20th. It will include a paper explaining the value of each property and any pertinent exemptions. Two public hearings (virtual) will be held.

Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link confirmed that early voting has begun at 18 sites. There have been few lines; masks, face shields, sanitizing, and distancing are being utilized. The returns of mail voting are good. Since some voting sites are being permanently closed, new cards will be issued to all registered Palm Beach County voters showing the new location for individual voters.

Judge Jeffrey Gillen, sitting Circuit Court judge for Group 16, explained that there are 21 circuits and 67 counties in Florida. Circuit courts settle disputes that amount to over \$30K. There are five divisions in these courts, and the judges deal primarily with attorneys. Circuits also adjudicate appeals. County courts deal directly with litigants who may or may not have a lawyer. Judge Jaimie Goodman, sitting Circuit Court judge for group 30, deals primarily with civil cases. These cases involve damages that amount to over \$30K. Judge Goodman expounded on the benefits of using Zoom in court proceedings. They are assets in bench trials, allowing witnesses to 'appear' in court from great distances.

County Court Judge, Group 12, Debra Moses Stephens, explained that County Court is in reality is a 'Peoples' Court'. It functions to solve disputes and civil cases that amount to less than \$30K. People can either obtain the services of an attorney or can choose to represent themselves. If one prefers to represent him/herself there are references to educate how to successfully do that. The majority of County Court cases involve traffic infractions that result in injury, misdemeanors, and domestic violence.

Before adjourning the meeting, Lori announced that the Alliance would be appearing before the Palm Beach County Zoning Commission tomorrow, August 6, to oppose the application by McDonalds to build a store on W. Atlantic Avenue and Legends Way. She has written objections from hundreds of residents who live in the area who oppose the project because it would negatively affect them and their way of life.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Submitted by
Carol Klausner, Director
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Meeting Reminder

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Palm Beach County Emergency Order 2020-012

Palm Beach County has mandated that facial coverings* are required:

In Businesses and Establishments

In Public Places

On Palm Tran

In County and Municipal Government Facilities

*A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the nose and mouth, whether store bought or homemade, mask or clothing covering including but not limited to, a scarf, bandana, handkerchief, or other similar cloth covering and which is secured in place. Examples of compliant homemade facial coverings may be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-clothface-coverings.html>.

Social Distancing in Stores and Restaurants:

Even while wearing facial coverings, patrons must, wherever possible, maintain six feet of social distancing, including while waiting to be seated.

For more information: Visit PBCGov.com/Coronavirus or Call 561-355-2754

Palm Beach County Provides a “Combat Covid” App for the smartphone.

This App can be downloaded free at the App Store or Google Play Store.

The 2020 Census is still on! New deadline: September 30, 2020

It is essential that every resident of Palm Beach County be counted. The economic impact is huge. With a population of 1.5 million at \$1600 per person, the County could receive 2.4 billion dollars yearly which adds up to 24 billion dollars over a period of ten years. These monies are allocated to public safety, healthcare, nutrition, education, infrastructure, and roads. The website for the 2020 Census is pbcgov.com/census.

The Census Bureau is now conducting in-home visits to those that have not yet responded. Census workers carry a badge identifying themselves.

Hurricane Season During the Pandemic:

What is the difference between a Hurricane Watch and a Hurricane Warning? Hurricane watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of at least 74 mph) are possible in the area within 48 hours. Hurricane warning means hurricane-force conditions (sustained winds of at least 74 mph) are expected in the area in 36 hours or less.

www.readypbc.org is the website to go to for shelter and other emergency information. With the pandemic, families will not have more space, but spaces between families will be farther apart maintaining social distancing.

Evacuation route information for the Florida Turnpike: www.floridasturnpike.com

Florida’s Department of Transportation offers travel information. Call 511 or go to www.FL511.com

General Election Dates:

Deadline to register: Monday, October 5, 2020

Early Voting: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2020 - Sunday, November 1, 2020*

Vote By Mail: Due by 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Election Day: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020

The General Election ballot will list the candidates for the Presidency and the winning candidates of the August Primary Election. During this election, voters will have the opportunity to vote for a candidate regardless of their party affiliation.

**Dates and times are subject to change and will be updated no later than 30 days prior to the Early Voting period.*

Acknowledging Our Heroes

The South County Mental Health Center (SCMHC) is a vital component of Palm Beach County's health care system. Delray Beach is fortunate to have this institution in the heart of the community. Located on Military trail just south of Linton Boulevard, the SCMHC offers many services. Adults or children who are a danger to themselves or others because of emotional/mental problems or the misuse of alcohol and/or drugs can be seen in an emergency 24 hours a day.

The SCMHC has Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU). Services in the CSU's include activities aimed at the reduction of acute emotional disabilities to ensure the safety of an individual.. The CSU's act as the first line of defense in the chain of protective environments in order to assist a client in acute distress.

Case management services are provided to adults suffering from severe and persistent mental illness and children who have been identified to have a severe emotional disturbance.

The SCMHC's 10 acre campus provides residential services for adults to serve the needs of persons with severe and persistent mental illness. Levels of care offered include an Assisted Living Facility, Level II Residential Treatment Facilities, and independent/supported living programs.

At SCMHC there is an outpatient mental health and substance abuse therapy program which provides individual, family and/or group therapy to children and adult clients.

The campus also houses an extended stay facility, "Ted's Place," for Palm Beach County to bridge the current gap between individuals that have been through detox and are awaiting ongoing substance abuse services.

To acknowledge the Staff of the SCMHC, the Alliance prepared trays of cookies with a great big "Thank You to Our Heroes." Photo: from left Teresa Esposito, Executive Assistant; Joe Speicher, D.P.A., Chief Executive Officer; Dr. Lori Vinikoor, President SCMHC Board of Directors.



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