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ZOOMCAST Meeting Wednesday October 7, 2020 10 AM Strides in Sober Home and Human Trafficking Legislation

Where we've been, accomplishments, and looking to the future.

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SO PLEASE REMAIN ON LINE FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

Go to www.allianceofdelray.com for link to meeting & phone-in directions

Here is the link as well: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381322084







From left: State Attorney Dave Aronberg, Chief Assistant State Attorney Alan Johnson, former Florida Senator Maria Sachs. This experienced, energetic and dedicated panel of leaders will provide an overview of the issues siting accomplishments, current work, and challenges relating to the opioid crisis and byproducts including human trafficking. Tune in to: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85381322084

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your mailing address changes or if you plan to be out of town. We will send your ballot wherever you need to be. By law, special accommodations are available for military and overseas voters.

Photo: Supervisor of Elections Wendy Sartory Link wearing an Alliance of Delray Face Mask and encouraging all to vote in the 2020 election

*This information was obtained from the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Website. For COMPLETE details visit pbcelections.org

Early Voting Deadlines, Locations, and Hours

Monday, Oct. 19,2020 - Sunday, Nov. 1,2020 Hours: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM



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ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY Sept. 2, 2020

Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President of the Alliance of Delray, called the Zoom meeting of the Alliance to order at 10:00 am. She informed the members that, unfortunately, despite significant opposition from the Alliance and members of the community, the Palm Beach County Commission approved the application by McDonalds to erect a 67 seat restaurant to be open 24 hours a day with 2 drive through lanes. Only five of the seven member commissioners attended the meeting, and the vote was 3 to 1 approving the project. Mayor Kerner voted against the project. The vote for the 24 hour operation passed 3-2 with Mayor Kerner and Commissioner Weiss voting No to the 24 hour operation. The McDonalds will be able to operate 24 hours a day, however, deliveries will not be allowed between 11 PM and 6 AM and there will be extra landscaping buffering the adjacent community. At this point the Alliance will work to try to lessen the negative impact that this will have on the surrounding communities. Lori also announced that a face mask, imprinted with the Alliance name, will be mailed to every President and delegate of the Alliance.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBSO announced a decrease in the crime rate. However, a top priority is reducing scams that frequently prey upon senior citizens. He warned against giving out debit card numbers on the telephone. So far this year 141 people have been scammed to a loss of about \$493,000 in west Delray Beach. Several arrests have been made. He also cautioned about distraction crimes in both Costco and the Dollar Store. Thieves work in pairs; one person distracts and a partner takes wallets.

Chief Anthony Tozzi, head of PBC Fire Rescue also warned against distraction: that of drivers, especially senior citizen drivers. He specifically cited people eating and/or texting while driving. He advised that everyone avoid distractions and pay attention to their driving. Chief Tozzi did say that the number of calls were down slightly, although falls of the elderly are still worrisome. These falls are often caused by interactions of medication. He recommended that medications be discussed with personal physicians.

John Secreto, Chief Nursing Officer of the Delray Medical Center, was the next speaker. Mr. Secreto outlined many of the steps that are being taken to keep both staff and patients of the hospital safe. These include universal masking in the hospital, protective gear for all staff, monitoring the health of the staff, limiting entry into the hospital, and isolating rooms and separating COVID rooms from non-COVID. They have created an entire COVID unit of rooms which are separated from rooms that accommodate non-COVID patients. Many tactics have been used to reduce exposure and increase containment. Fortunately, the number of COVID patients is now 25% of what it had been. Mr. Secreto encouraged people who delayed an 'elective' procedure to schedule it before it could become an emergency. Do Not Wait.

Anne Gannon, Tax Collector for Palm Beach County, was the next speaker. Her office is enlarging its call center. Many issues can be handled by telephone; in-person visits are by appointment only. At some point the transformation to all appointment only business model will be completed. For now, all COVID precautions are being adhered to. Ms. Gannon stated that renewal of driver licenses should occur 90 days prior to the birth date printed on the license, not the last day of that month. All services of her office can be accessed at www.pbctax.com or (561) 355-2264.

Next month's Alliance meeting will be held via Zoom on October 7 at 10:00 am. Topics for the day will include 'Legislation; Past, Present, and Future' for Sober Homes and Human Trafficking. State Attorney Dave Aronberg will be leading the speakers.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am. Submitted by Carol Klausner, Director Alliance of Delray Residential Associations



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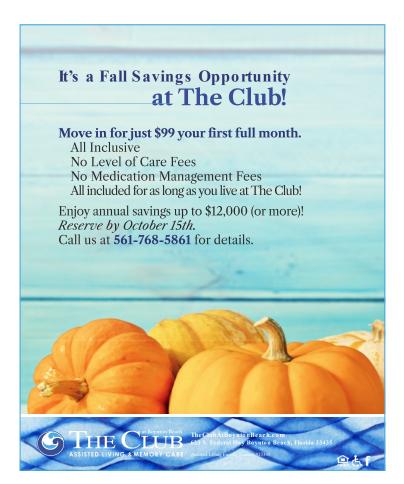


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Congresswoman Frankel Addresses the Alliance Board

On September 16, 2020, Congresswoman Lois Frankel addressed the Alliance of Delray Board of Directors via ZOOM (see photo) in order to provide a COVID-19 update from the federal level. The discussion surrounded the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act also referred to as the "Heroes Act" which will enable health and economic recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic and supplements the earlier CARES Act stimulus package. The bill is proposed to address concerns such as providing enough tests for the virus and protective gear. Unemployment would be extended to the end of the year which will assist people in paying for rent and mortgages. There is also some student loan relief.

Millions of Americans are unemployed and many businesses have closed down. This bill would place money back into the pockets of Americans and stimulate the economy. South Palm Beach County businesses have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Bars and restaurants that have been popular haunts of the local community for years are closing. It may be too late for establishments such as Sweet Tomatoes, Cafee Martier, Max's Harvest, Zorba's Taverna and Blue Island Fish but others attempting to stay afloat may fair better with this new stimulus package.

One major issue is that there are gaps in state and local government funding which is leading to a diminution of services including first responders. This bill would provide economic assistance to these local governments. For example, in Palm Beach County tourism has suffered and the taxes that are counted on to drive the economy have been diminished. This stimulus package could provide assistance.

Ultimately there will be some additional assistance from the federal government so the public needs to stay informed and current on the progress of this bill.



Storm Season Presents Mosquito Control Challenge

Tropical storms bring above average rainfall which leads to insect proliferation. Mosquitoes are a major problem this year and Palm Beach County (PBC) has seen a rise in cases of West Nile virus. A mosquitoborne illness alert for PBC was issued in mid-August. As a result, aerial spraying of lands is being conducted with as much as 280,000 acres at a time including populated areas. PBC uses industry-standard products such as natural pathogens and organic compounds approved for use in

the United States to combat mosquitoes at different phases of their lifecycle.

PBC's Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Mosquito Control Division advocates for residents who are going to be outdoors after dark, use insect repellent containing DEET (Diethyltoluamide) which is the most common active ingredient in insect repellents and provides protection against mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, chiggers, leeches and many biting insects. Further, long pants and a long-sleeve shirt are encouraged.

Residents can also prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito breeding by removing standing water in containers around the property. Mosquitoes can breed in such places as old tires, wheelbarrows, bird baths, gutters, play equipment and toys, buckets, and drums. Further, bromeliads which are common landscape plants hold water in leaf pockets in which female mosquitoes lay eggs. ERM asks property owners to consider removing bromeliads and replacing them with another tropical or native plant that does not hold water. Also, boats should be stored upside own or covered and screens on doors, windows, and patios should be maintained.

Florida has more than 80 species of mosquitoes and they can breed in as small an area as a bottle cap. Water is the essential component for breeding. More information can be obtained by visiting the ERM website at https://discover.pbcgov.org/erm

Attention Community Leaders!

Active Shooter Seminar will immediately follow this months's meeting.

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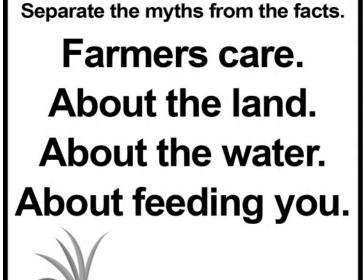
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