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**November 2020 issue of The Alliance Connection**

## ***ZOOMCAST Meeting***

**Wednesday November 4, 2020 10 AM**

**Palm Beach County Fire Rescue**

**Protecting the Community during Emergency Calls  
through the COVID Pandemic**

**Plus Tips on Keeping Yourself and Your Community Safe  
in this Challenging Time**

**PLUS Updates from PBSO District 4**

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& phone-in directions**



Tiger, the Alliance feline mascot, demonstrates the proper use of the face mask during this pandemic (see photo). The Alliance encourages wearing a mask at voting sites and maintaining the social distance. If a voter received a Vote-by-Mail ballot but decides to vote in person instead, the voter's Vote-by-Mail ballot will be cancelled and he or she will be issued a regular ballot at the polling site. All information concerning voting can be found at [www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)

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## Completion of Lyons Road South of Atlantic

The completion of the expansion of Lyons Road from Atlantic Avenue to Clint Moore Road is imminent. MJC Land Development, LLC (MJC) has been engaged for this project in the amount of \$9,823,244.20 for the construction of Lyons Road from south of Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) L-38 Canal to West Atlantic Avenue (Project). Approval of this contract has allowed Palm Beach County (PBC) to issue a notice to proceed to MJC, a PBC based company, to begin construction of The Project. The Project consists of widening Lyons Road to a four-lane divided roadway, installation of new traffic signals, and utility improvements for the Water Utilities Department.

The Affirmative Procurement Initiative selected for this contract on March 4, 2020 by the Goal Setting Committee is a 20% minimum mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation. MJC has agreed to 20.61 % SBE participation. MJC was the lowest responsive bidder of seven. The contract time for the Project is 600 calendar days. This Project is funded by the Five-Year Road Program.

The PBC Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element, is used as a guide to meet existing and future ground transportation needs. Each year the BCC has granted approval to appraise and acquire lands, rights-of-way, and easements for projects on the adopted Five Year Road Program. Roadway and bridges will be expanded and there will be free traffic flow from Atlantic down to Clint Moore via Lyons Road.

The Alliance of Delray maintains constant contact with its Member Associations throughout the west Delray area and has worked diligently to obtain traffic relief for our communities. This expansion of Lyons Road will contribute to better traffic circulation within the Agricultural Reserve. The Alliance Is also working on a plan for the beautification of west Atlantic Avenue.



### **Alliance Still ZOOMING and Informing the Membership on Election Safety**

The Alliance of Delray continues to promote safe distancing among its members and is awaiting word from Palm Beach County regarding when meetings might resume at the South County Civic Center. Until then, the Alliance is “ZOOMING” and has held meetings regarding the 2020 elections, the Sober Homes Task Force and Human Trafficking. The November Membership meeting will also be held via ZOOM and include all that Palm Beach County Fire Rescue is doing to protect patients during the emergency process from residence to the emergency room.



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## Proposed Changes to Doc's All American in Delray

Everyone knows Doc's All American located at 10 North Swinton Avenue for the nostalgic architecture, burgers, and ice cream. Now it is a component of an application that would make some changes to the land use in the Atlantic/Swinton area of Delray Beach which includes the Old School Square Historic District (OSSHD) which is listed both on the Local Register of Historic Places and National Register of Historic Places. Doc's All American is designated as non-contributing to both historic district designations. Generally, Commissioners would like to change that and the OSSHD's 2010 Historic Resource Survey identified that the structure is eligible to be classified as contributing.

The application proposes a project **with mixed-use retail along Atlantic Avenue, office above and parking behind and inside the structure.**

The application indicates that the proposed use of the subject properties is to remove Dunkin' Donuts, a surface asphalt parking lot with numerous curb cuts along Atlantic Avenue, adjacent surface parking lots and all curb cuts along West Atlantic Avenue in order to construct an Art Deco style, three-story mixed use building with retail uses on the entire first floor along West Atlantic Avenue and retain/revitalize the Doc's building in the process. See rendering.

The developers claim that **the project would provide a much needed link between the East and West downtown encouraging less traffic into the core of downtown and attract more pedestrians westward across Swinton Avenue.** *Further, it would erase the "dividing line" created by Swinton Avenue. The applicant also claims that Swinton Avenue can be reconfigured to make pedestrian and vehicular crossings easier, eliminating the physical barrier between the East and the West. The traffic analysis provided confirms that the development at the highest intensity possible under the requested designation can meet the adopted concurrency standards.*





# Lake Ida and Hagen Ranch County Road Project

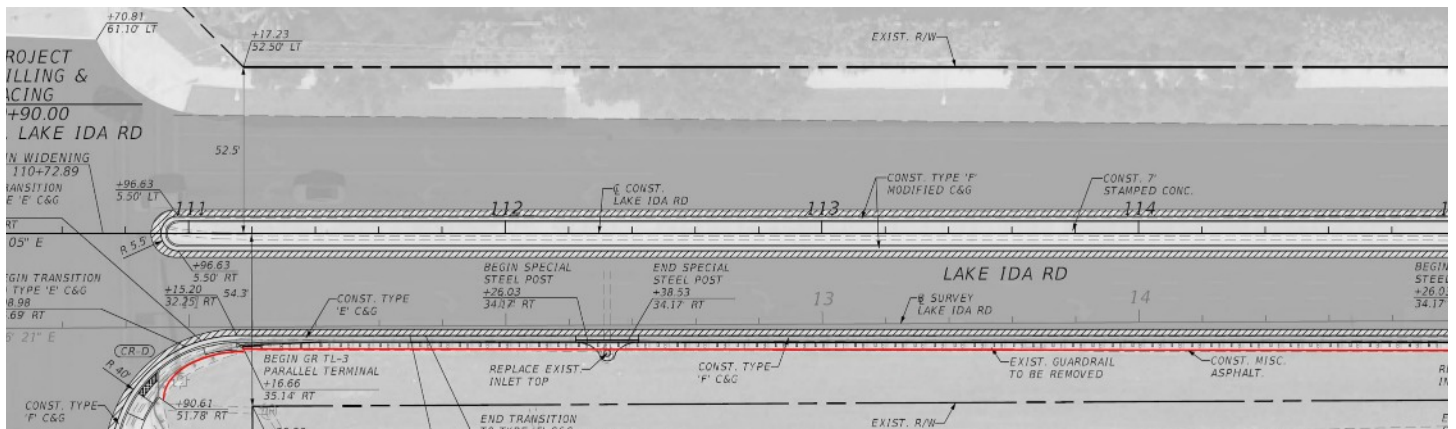
The current scope of the Lake Ida and Hagen Ranch Road County Road Project consists of eliminating the east bound right turn lane along Lake Ida Road to provide two through lanes (merging east of the Monterey Estates Drive). The existing guardrail would be resettled and the south east corner guardrail as well.

Hagen Ranch Road and Lake Ida Road would be redesigned for an Americans in Disabilities Act compliant curb ramp. Ref: Project No. 2019107/County Road Improvements project at Hagen Ranch and Lake Ida. There will be milling and resurfacing of Lake Ida Road and restriping to include four foot bike lanes within the project limits.

There is an existing sidewalk along Hagen Ranch road that terminates at the SE corner of the intersection and crosses to the north side. There is no sidewalk along the south side of Lake Ida connecting the Hagen Ranch intersection to Monterey Estates Drive. There is available right of way for a 6' concrete sidewalk to be included in the project scope. It could be fitted between the back of the gutter and the guardrail.

It is the Alliance of Delray's civic duty to address issues such as this when a neighboring community and its residents, especially children, are impacted by development. In order to walk to the Hagen Ranch Road Library, residents and their children must walk unprotected along Lake Ida Road to Hagen Ranch Road. A mere 580 feet of sidewalk could protect the residents who frequent the Hagen Ranch Road Library.

The Alliance is in the process of contacting Palm Beach County Engineering and our Board of County Commissioners to request relief for the neighboring Hagen Ranch Road and Lake Ida Road communities. See photo demonstrating where the sidewalk ends on Hagen Ranch Road.



# Alliance Working with the Coastal Resilience Partnership

The Coastal Resilience Partnership of Southeast Palm Beach County (CRP) fosters collaboration and cooperation in climate adaptation research and planning among jurisdictions sharing similar physical, geographic, and social characteristics in the southeast portion of Palm Beach County (PBC). The Alliance of Delray, with its communities stretching from the Everglades to the ocean, is one of the major groups being asked to provide feedback on the subject of climate change. The CRP's efforts include (1) developing a regional framework to assess climate vulnerability and prioritize adaptation strategies, and (2) to complete initial steps of the joint climate change vulnerability assessment.

Step 1 culminated with the selection of twelve specific threats to Southeast PBC to be further evaluated. Those threats are: High Winds; Rainfall Induced Flooding; Harmful Algal Blooms; Pest and Disease Outbreaks; Extreme Heat; Drought; Wildfire; Shoreline Recession; Tidal flooding; Storm Surge; Groundwater Inundation; Saltwater Intrusion.

Once the impacts are understood, adaptation strategies will be prioritized across several categories and all threats. For example, this information will be used to identify at-risk infrastructure and develop strategies to adapt our infrastructure most effectively to a changing climate. A final report will be published in the Spring of 2021.

Alliance communities will be kept current on these components of climate change that profoundly impact our environment and lifestyles.



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## ALLIANCE MEETING SUMMARY - OCTOBER 7, 2020

The Zoom meeting of the Alliance of Delray was called to order by Executive Vice President Lori Vinikoor at 10:00 am. She called on Sheriff Ric Bradshaw of the PBSO. Sheriff Bradshaw discussed the inherent problems of Sober Homes in residential neighborhoods and the first responders who deal with them. Captain Rob Sandt, also of the PBSO, warned of a rash of distraction thefts. The latest con is a pair of ‘tree trimmers’ showing up at the door. While one of the pair is distracting by showing a supposed problem with the tree(s), his partner in crime has entered the home and left with cash and/or jewelry. He urged his audience to stay alert. He was pleased to announce that many of the outstanding credit and debit card cases have been solved.

Fire Chief Anthony Tozzi introduced Emergency Medical Services Captain Chad Barton, who is the highest medical officer in our district.

State Senator Lori Berman warned the Alliance audience to be very cautious, since Palm Beach County is about to enter Phase 3 of the opening, in spite of Covid-19 concerns.

Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, spoke in depth about the Sober Homes Task Force. Much of the addiction in the Sober Homes is from opioids. The opioid problem is epidemic. Mr. Aronberg explained about where we are in the ‘war’ and where we are headed. He presented a model for recovery which is NOT working very well. First, the substance abuse patient goes to an in-patient detox facility. After only a few days he/she is sent to outpatient care for another short term. Then the patient is sent to a Sober Home with the desired result being sobriety. But the Sober Homes are owned by individuals looking to make a profit. Sobriety is not profitable. Hence the needed support is not forthcoming, and the patient succumbs to his/her addiction again. The cycle continues, frequently with Fentanyl, a highly addictive and dangerous opioid. However, since Mr. Aronberg formed a dedicated Task Force to address this problem, recidivism has dropped 40%.

He then presented Alan Johnson, Chief Assistant State Attorney. Mr. Johnson emphasized the dangers of Fentanyl, and mixed with the problems of Covid 19 and the widespread unemployment there has been an attributable 38% increase in deaths in Delray Beach since 2019.

Maria Sachs, Former Florida State Senator, discussed human trafficking, which has become the #1 cash business in the past 25 years. It preys primarily on young women, but also includes young men. It is interesting to note that Sober Homes are a source for the predators. Suspected victims of trafficking can be given counseling, granted amnesty, and provided with help. Ms. Sachs provided a phone number (1-888-373-7880) if suspicious activity is suspected.

Sergeant George Searing introduced Deputies Baker and Ledford, all leaders of the CRASE education. This involves education of the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event. A film was shown depicting active shooting events all over the country in the past several years. There are three primary responses to this: Avoid (run), Deny (Don’t process what is happening), and Defend (fight back). Statistics show that fighting back produces the most positive results. The film also showed the increase in national gun violence in the past several years.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am. The next meeting will be held on November 4, 2020.

Submitted by  
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