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ZOOMCAST Meeting

Wednesday January 6, 2021 10 AM

Leading Associations During COVID-19

Joshua Gerstin, Esq. of Gerstin & Associates, PA

Plus Q&A Session with Mr. Gerstin

additional guest speaker:

Dorothy Jacks with a Property Appraiser Update

Plus Updates from PBSO, PBCFR, and our Elected Officials

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Seven commissioners are elected from single-member districts to staggered four-year terms to represent the entire county. The Board of County Commissioners generally meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month for public hearings and regular agenda items.

During the first meeting of the month, with the exception of January and August, citizens may offer comments on any issue or topic during Matters by the Public. Workshops are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. All meetings are carried live on PBC-TV Channel 20. The contact information appears below

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The Senior Services Navigator serves as a community liaison and can assist with ER wait times, hospital visitation policies, checking in on-line and questions about safety protocols. Our navigator is also familiar with hospital community education and events and can assist our seniors with securing virtual speakers for their communities.

Questions? Need assistance?

Contact Laine Sherman, ER Senior Services Navigator

Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

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Laine Sherman, BSN, RN | ER Senior Services Navigator

Laine has been a nurse at Delray Medical Center since 1994. She has served as a Clinical Nurse Educator and as a Nursing Supervisor. In 2016, Laine was named a Top Nurse by the International Nurse Association, and in 2012 she was named Palm Healthcare Educator of the Year. Laine has visited many of our communities and spoken on a variety of healthcare topics. She received her Associate's Degree at the College of Staten Island and her BSN from Florida Atlantic University.

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New Clerk & Comptroller Joseph Abruzzo

The November 2020 election brought many new faces to our County government. Two new Commissioners, Maria Marino of District 1 and Maria Sachs of District 5, are among the newly elected officials. One major constitutional officer has been newly elected. Replacing retiring Clerk & Comptroller (C&C) Sharon Bock is Joseph Abruzzo. The Alliance of Delray is familiar with Clerk Joseph Abruzzo. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2008-2012 and the Florida Senate from 2012-2016. The C&C's office provides diverse and complex services with its leader serving as the County's Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, and Auditor. The Clerk also invests and earns revenue on County funds, thus reducing the tax burden on its citizens. Under Clerk Bock, the county enjoyed a AAA bond rating.

Official Records such as mortgages, deeds, liens, judgements, and marriage licenses are recorded by the C&C's office. Maintaining the records and making them available to the public is a huge task and this office provides those services.

The C&C also serves at the Clerk of the Circuit Court by processing, recording, filing and protecting documents including lawsuits, traffic tickets and divorce agreements.

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and other government boards produce a tremendous amount of meeting records and the C&C maintains those records. The C&C is also the administrator of the Value Adjustment Board Process and conducts the foreclosure and tax deed sales.

The C&C's office provides a public self-help service center which is a source for navigating the court system so members of the public can represent themselves, access the courts, access computers, obtain user-friendly legal forms, notary, copy, and fax services. Website: www.mypalmbeachclerk.com

The new Clerk and Comptroller will be presenting an overview of his office at the February 3, 2021 Alliance meeting of the Membership.

School Board Member Backgrounds Show Focus on Education

There have been some newly elected School Board members and newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair. A look at their backgrounds demonstrates higher education, and civic activism.

Beginning with District 1, Barbara McQuinn, has over 30 years of experience as an educator with the Palm Beach County School District. She earned a B.A. in Elementary Education and Master's degree in mathematics education. She is a past School District Area Superintendent. Alexandria Ayala, serving District 2, has a decade of experience in community advocacy, government, and legislative affairs. Karen Brill represents District 3 and is the newly elected School Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Brill graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic College with a Bachelor of Science in Organization Management and received her Master of Business Administration from Palm Beach Atlantic University. She has been actively advocating for students with disabilities and has been involved in public education locally and at the state level for over 20 years. District 4 is represented by Erica Whitfield who graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Health Science Education and Emory University where she earned a Master of Public Health.

The School Board has a new Chair, Frank A. Barbieri, Jr., Esq., who represents District 5. He is an Attorney with Sachs, Sax, and Caplan, and concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning and real estate. He was a Police Officer for 11 years before earning his Juris Doctor Degree at the University of Akron. District 6 representative Marcia Andrews holds a Bachelor in Education from FAU and a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Nova University. Debra Robinson, M.D., representing District 7, graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and graduated from Howard University College of Medicine.

For more information go to www.palmbeachschools.org

County Working on Providing Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Palm Beach County is working on providing the public with more access to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS). The Land Development Regulation Advisory Board (LDRAB) created an EVCS Subcommittee tasked with providing proposed amendments to the current Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) to modify EVCS requirements for multifamily, retail, gas and fuel sales, and business or professional offices, lodging, and municipal parking garages.

In order to understand EVCS, an overview of electric vehicle charging technologies was provided by Palm Beach County's Office of Resilience. The following is an explanation of the three levels of electric vehicle charging. They vary in plug shape, amount of power supplied, and speed of charging.

Level 1 chargers (AC Level 1) plug into a regular wall socket and are the slowest type of charger. They are typically used for overnight charging at home. This is a universal type of charger and can charge any type of electric vehicle.

Level 2 chargers (AC Level 2) are typically simple to install, use the same type of building electrical circuit as a clothes dryer or stove, and charge a vehicle at a medium speed. They are often installed at homes for overnight charging, or for charging at offices or other destinations. This is a universal type of charger and can charge any type of electric vehicle.

Level 3 chargers (DC Fast) are the fastest type of charger and are typically installed where vehicle charging is required for long trips (such as along highways). Level 3 chargers are *not* universal.

There is another alternately powered vehicle. Fuel cell vehicles use hydrogen as a fuel. These vehicles use a sophisticated battery-like technology which uses the hydrogen to produce electricity to run the vehicle. Fuel cell vehicles are unlikely to be present in Florida.



Thank you to all of our Alliance communities. The Alliance of Delray donated toys to the underprivileged children of Delray Beach through the efforts of our neighborhood hospital Delray Medical Center and local Fire Rescue.

Pictured: Alliance Board Members and Delray Medical Center Administration.



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MEETING SUMMARY – December 2, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Alliance of Delray was called to order on Zoom at 10 am by Lori Vinikoor, Executive Vice President. President Bob Schulbaum welcomed the virtual assemblage. The group was reminded that the Alliance was sponsoring a Zoom certification course given by Joshua Gerstin for community board members and aspiring board members. There is no cost to Alliance members for the course. Course Date: Thursday January 14, 2021 Time: 6-8 PM. Contact Exec. VP Lori Vinikoor at e-mail vinikoor@bellsouth.net or message 561-715-1530 to register.

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Office was pleased to announce that crime in the area is down. But, he explained, the holiday season often bring an increase. For that reason, extra patrols have been assigned and helicopters are being used to monitor the area. He again reminded everyone to make sure their cars are locked at all times, and to lock valuables out of sight.

Fire Chief Anthony Tozzi gave 10 safety tips for the upcoming holidays, primarily concerning potential electrical problems. He urged the audience to check electrical connections and make certain there is no overload, no frayed cords, a surge limit and other hazards. He specifically mentioned that in case of a fire in the oven, keep the oven door closed and call the fire department.

State Senator Lori Berman provided an update. She is getting bills ready to be considered by the Senate. She urged people to be safe, since 10% of Palm Beach County has been afflicted by Covid-19.

State Senator Tina Polsky thanked the membership of the Alliance for their support.

Representative Kelly Skidmore spoke about her plans for her term and her accessibility to the PBC Commission

Vice Mayor Robert Weinroth urged everyone to follow the rules for keeping Covid-19-free: Get tested, wear a mask, socially distance, and get the vaccine when it becomes available. Commissioner Mack Bernard greeted the members and also urged compliance with the precautions. Commissioner Maria Sachs wished everyone a good, healthy and safe holiday.

Sophia Eccleston, Senior External Affairs Manager for Florida Power & Light emphasized that FP&L still remains hurricane vigilant, even though it is already December. She explained that although there are three energy companies in Florida, FPL is the largest. Under the direction of FPL, electricity in Florida is the cleanest, most reliable and affordable in the state. The energy grid is the most reliable and bills are lower than they were years ago. With their innovative technology they are the most cost-efficient energy provider in the USA. In addition, FPL provides many services to their communities, such as assisting Covid19 afflicted customers with financial help, and supporting children, education, and small businesses.

Shawn Reed, Public Information Services Manager for the PBC Water Utilities District, addressed the audience. He assured everyone that there is NO threat to our drinking tap water – that it is of good quality and poses no threat from Covid-19.

The video of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Alliance website home page and clicking on the video.

The next meeting of the Alliance will take place on January 6, 2021. Alliance attorney Joshua Gerstin is planning to present information on opening of clubhouses and Associations handling issues in this unprecedented time of COVID-19.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Submitted by

Carol Klausner, Director

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations

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Meeting Reminder

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