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A Win for the County



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On January, 21, 2021, the County Attorney's office prevailed on all cases (4 cases and 10 Notice of Violations) prosecuting violations against West Boynton Ranches Holdings, Inc. (the partnership) in administrative court. Honorable Earl Mallory ruled in the County's favor.

The magistrate's ruling focused on the failure of the partnership to obtain permits even after the County demanded they stop construction. If the partnership fails to obtain all the necessary permits it could face daily fines of \$17,000. A lake was excavated on land preserved for

agricultural use with a conservation easement. That easement can only be removed by the Board of County Commissioners.

The following is what the partnership must complete according to the magistrate's order:

- **Board of County Commissioners Approval** - one year to obtain (this process normally takes two years). If approval is not granted, the fine will be \$5,000 a day indefinitely after the year elapses.
- **Building Permit** - 90 days to obtain a permit or daily fine of \$250
- **Excavation Permit** – 270 days or daily fine of \$1,000
- **Flood plain review permit** - 180 days to obtain or daily fine of \$1,000
- **Landscape Permit** - 90 days to obtain or daily fine of \$250

Additionally, the partnership must obtain a demolition permit for a house it had built and then demolished and were ordered to completely remove a dock they installed.

The partnership began building the lake about a year ago without required permits. The County began issuing violations in mid-June and early July. In December, the partnership applied for certification from the Department of Agriculture for a fish farm and took the position that permits were not required under the Right to Farm Law. The magistrate did not agree.

"We have sent the message loud and clear to land developers going forward that when the County finds a violation, we will proceed to prosecute," said Commissioner Maria Sachs. "Further, the attempt to use a State agency or any other governmental entity against another is simply not going to work."

MAINTAINING RELATIONSHIPS



Commissioner Maria Sachs along with Sheri Scarborough, President of the West Boca Community Council, met with District Chief Chris Devito and Deputy Chief Doug McGlynn at west Boca Raton Fire Station 57. Along with a full crew of our frontline first responders,

fire fighters and EMS personnel, they discussed the needs of west Boca Raton's fire stations, safety concerns and improvements in the western communities of Boca Raton.



Sheriff Ric Bradshaw paid a visit to Commissioner Maria Sachs for the first time since taking she took office.

They discussed the necessity to prioritize law enforcement officers in receiving vaccines.

To that end, Commissioner Sachs drafted [a letter](#) to Governor DeSantis requesting that he include our men and women on the front lines who protect us to be on the front lines to receive the vaccine.

"It is critical that we protect those that protect us."

COVID Vaccines: Ask the Experts

COVID VACCINES: ASK THE EXPERTS

January 27th at 7PM on Facebook and YouTube @AllHealthGo and streaming on allhealthtv.com

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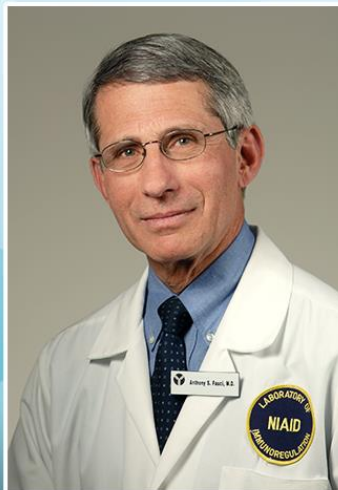
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A one-hour Virtual Town Hall is offering the public an opportunity to have their questions about COVID-19 and the vaccines answered, LIVE on January 27th at 7 PM EST.

This unique event will be available @AllHealthGo's Facebook and YouTube pages and streamed on www.allhealthtv.com.

South Florida PBS' Health Channel is providing this special program as a national public service. In addition to answering questions about the vaccines, the experts will provide their insights on the pandemic.

Co-hosted by Michael Zinner, MD, CEO and Executive Medical Director, Miami Cancer Institute, and Health Channel host Olga Villaverde, the panel of health and medical experts include:

- Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
- Dr. Atul Gawande, Author, Harvard Medical School; Harvard School of Public Health Researcher and member of the Biden Presidential COVID-19 Task Force
- Dr. Henri Ford, Dean and Chief Academic Officer, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine
- Dr. Geeta Nayyar, Assistant Clinical Prof of Medicine of Florida International University

Viewers can ask their questions in advance by emailing Questions@allhealthtv.com. To RSVP for this free virtual town hall visit [click here](#) and to see a video promo of this upcoming event [click here](#).

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