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PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5



How do I get a vaccine in Palm Beach County?

If I'm over 65 years of age

Request an appointment with our **67 Publix's in Palm Beach County** at:

<https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida>

Request an appointment with the **Health Care District of Palm Beach County** at:

<http://vaccine.hcdpbc.org/>

or call (561) 804-4115
**English, Spanish & Creole*

Request an appointment with the **Health Department of Palm Beach County** at:

<https://myvaccine.fl.gov/PalmBeach>

or call (866) 201-6754

You may drive to the **Anquan Boldin Stadium** site in Pahokee. It is open on Friday & Saturdays and is a first come first serve basis.

If I'm under 65 years of age

Request an appointment with the **Jupiter Medical Center** if you have underlying medical issues and you are between the ages of 18 - 64 at:

<https://www.jupitermed.com/covid19-vaccine/>

Request an appointment through the **FEMA Massive Vaccination** site in Miami beginning **March 3rd** if you are between the ages of 50 -64 and are a teacher, fire fighter or a law enforcement officer at:

<https://myvaccine.fl.gov>

or call (866) 201-6754

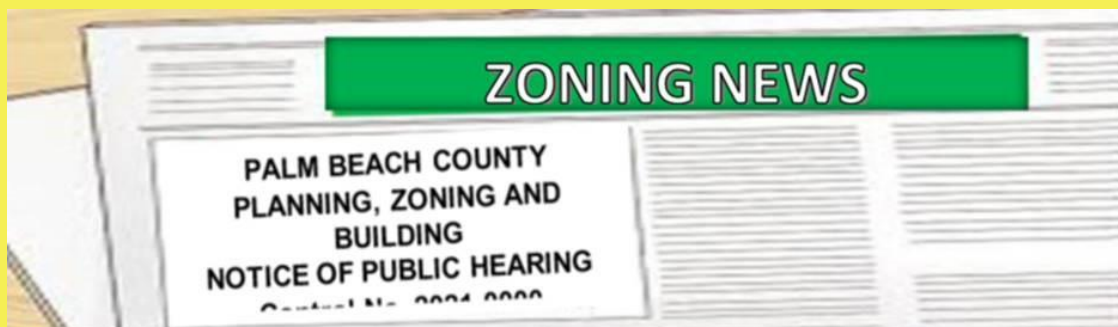


New Vaccine Site Opens

We were the first to open vaccination sites in south county. I am proud to state it was a great success.

Since then, additional sites have opened in the west, central and now in north county.

The county continues to blanket all areas with more places to vaccinate.



Tuscan Gardens of Delray Beach Phase 2 Zoning App

An application has been filed by the developer, WGI, for the construction of an additional building adjacent to the existing Congregate Living Facility (CLF) which is located at 5670 Frost Lane.

Presently there is a Congregate Living Facility (CLF) on the eastern portion of the site and they are proposing to rezone the contiguous 5.38 acres parcel to the west of the existing CLF.

This petition is scheduled for the April 25, 2021 Board of County Commissioners Zoning meeting. WGI will be working with the adjacent Aspen Ridge Property Owner's Association. Other nearby communities include Blu Apartment Homes, 10X Living at Delray and Emerald Place. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please feel free to email me at MSachs@pbcgov.org to voice your opinion about this application.

UPDATE: West Boynton Ranches Holdings, LLC



NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning & Building Dept.

West Boynton Beach Ranches LLC

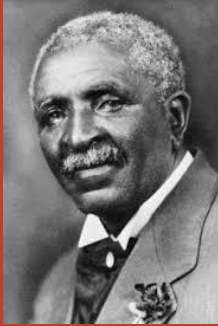
Ski Lake

The County won a tremendous victory over the developers of Ski Lake. On January 21, 2021 the magistrate ordered the defendants to pay past due fines and to begin the mitigation of the project.

On February 23rd, 2021 the Respondent filed a Motion for New Trial, Rehearing and to Amend the Orders Finding Violations.

A hearing date has not been set yet. We'll keep you posted.

Celebrate Black History Month



George Washington Carver was an African American agricultural scientist and inventor who promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletion. He is most notable for the numerous products he invented with peanut crops. He was the most prominent black scientist of the early 20th century.

“When you do the common things in life in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.”

- George Washington Carver

As promised, we are featuring the remaining distinguished women whose words define Black History Month.

In this issue, I am featuring Dr. Sasha Baker, Internist; Verdenia Baker, Palm Beach Count Administrator; Mami Kisner, First Lady, Tabernacle Missionary Church; and Dr. Ava Parker, President, Palm Beach State College.

I asked each a series of questions to share and celebrate Black History Month. It is my hope their stories motivate our youngest residents to achieve great things in their lives as well as guide them to a similar path in their future.

Dr. Sasha Baker Johnson

Internist



Education: International Baccalaureate (IB) and High School Diplomas from Suncoast High School; Bachelors in Molecular Biology from Princeton University; Medical Doctorate (MD) from University of Medicine Health Sciences; Residency completed at the Medical College of Georgia.

Inspiration: My mother, she was a very resourceful woman, who moved from Jamaica as a teen to the United Kingdom at 19 years old. She raised us all with very high expectations and standards. My father passed when I was nine years old so she raised me on her own and has been by my side every step of the way.

Historical Person: I would love to interview Kamala Harris to find out what she is thinking and how she is feeling currently. I would like to know more of her story as there are some parallels in my life to hers, such as having a single mother. She is just so happy all the time, I want to know what her secret is!

Change: I really love our community. I have seen it grow and go through so many transitions since my childhood. I love South Florida and Palm Beach County. I am proud of our growth and diversity. If I could change anything, I would love to see us get to know each other better. Neighbors to branch out and become intimate friends with one another, embracing their different cultures. We have it made down here. I do wish we had a few more major universities and academic centers.

"Continue to strengthen your ability to be in the present and listen to that universal voice that is pointing you in the direction you need to go."

Verdenia Baker

County Administrator
Palm Beach County

Education: High School Diploma from Ft. Pierce Central High School; Masters and Bachelor of Science Degrees from Florida State University;
Certified Financial Manager



Inspiration: My mother, Elloease C. Paschal, and two of her sisters were my main inspiration growing up. They were women of faith, believed in family and very strong willed women. Also, I was blessed to have a small but dedicated church family; teachers and guidance counselors that were committed to the betterment of youth and invested time in exposing us to new challenges growing up. In other words, I was raised by a village and knew I answered to them all for my actions or inactions.

Historical Person: I would interview Former President Barack Obama.

Change: I would infuse more affordable/workforce housing throughout our community because people should have the opportunity to live close to where they work regardless of their social economic status. This would allow all people to have exposure to a variety of people, experiences and opportunities.

"Work harder at maintaining a work/life balance."



Mami H. Kisner

First Lady
Historic Tabernacle
Baptist Church

Inspiration: My inspiration was my mother, Mrs. Dorothy Vaught Hampton. A strong, beautiful and intelligent mother of 10 children of which I was the middle child, she instilled in all of us to live a life of service and to embrace our unique diversity. Married to my father for 70 years she taught us to be proud of our African American, Native American and European ancestry. She told us that education and hard work was the key to success and to being a major contribution to our community. She believed women should receive the same opportunities given to man in America. We were always made aware of the civil rights struggle. Voting in our home was a responsibility.

Historical Person: It is difficult to pick between the inspiration of my grandmother, Pearl Wagoner Hampton, and my mentor, civil rights icon, Xernona Clayton.

My Grandmother, Pearl Wagoner Hampton, born in the late 1800's was of Cherokee decent and listed on the Dawes Rolls at the age of 18 years old which highlights the Trail of Tears for Native Americans. She was a strong woman of faith who was the mother of 13. She built a church in the early 1900's in Virginia that is still in operation. My grandmother believed we could change the world with a good education and helping others.

My mentor, Xernona Clayton, was a confidant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the creator of Trumpet Awards, an annual television show seen in 185 countries for the past 29 years that highlights African American achievement and those who have made significant contributions to our society. She also created the Civil Rights Walk of Fame at the King Center in Atlanta, Georgia. A powerhouse soldier for justice.

Change: My change would be that everyone is challenged to look at each person as an equal. No one should be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character. If given the fair chance in our society, we can succeed and make a difference in this world. Each of us can use our God given talents to contribute excellence to our communities.

"Let my life testimony be that I helped others,
created dialogue about diversity and made a
difference in this world. We should not just occupy
space."

Dr. Ava Parker
President, Palm Beach State College



Education: J.D., University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, 1987 Justice Campbell Thornal Moot Court and B.A. Journalism, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1984
Florida Blue Key

Inspiration: My Mother, Nellie Graham Parker. She taught me that while what you say is important, people will watch what you do before they listen to what you say.

She also stressed that to whom much is given, much is expected. Mom always made me feel like I could do anything.

Historical Person: Harriet Tubman was a mighty marvel when she lived and has left a deep, enduring impression on the world. She was fearless, selfless, strong and resilient. I want to hear her voice as she recounts her story and provides her thoughts on racial relations today.

Change: Palm Beach County is a beautiful place to work, play and raise my children. However, I would make two substantial changes. I would love to see an industry mix that allows more opportunities for a younger demographic to earn a high enough income to return to the area after college or move to the area from other states. Second, I would like to eliminate poverty in this community. Palm Beach County has both the lowest per capita income by zip code and the highest per capita income by zip code in the state of Florida. There should be a way to come together as a community to end poverty in this county.

"Explore as much of the world and its international cultures as possible before settling on any one place or on any one job. Go see the world. Taste, touch, study and then decide where you best fit into it."



Volunteer Spotlight

Ike Powell III Servant Leader & Mentor

Our featured volunteer, Ike Powell III, works with our county's Youth Services Department as a Senior Program Specialist. For nearly twenty years, Ike has volunteered his time as a mentor for youth and young adults in our community. His desire to give back and develop others is what motivates him at the core of who he is. His passion has reaped rewards from mentoring over the years.

"Watching the youth develop and seeing them transition to young adulthood and succeed through high school, on to achieve post-secondary success and start their careers is immensely rewarding. Knowing you're a part of the reason for that trajectory is a proud moment. Mentoring has become my passion and I am doing my greater purpose which is essential to my ongoing personal development as a servant leader."



**Jhash Sankar (Mentee) with
Ike Powell III (Mentor)**

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PBC TV Channel 20**

Ike is taskforce leader for [My Brother's Keeper](#) (MBK) Network of Palm Beach County, a coalition of public and private entities that work together to improve life outcomes for boys and young men of color.

Research has shown that the presence of even a single caring adult in a child's life outside the family increases the likelihood that the child will flourish and become a successful adult. The relationship lessens negative behaviors like bullying, lowers the child's risk for depression, is essential to trauma informed practices for healing and resiliency, and can even improve parent-child communication. A mentor serves as an essential source of emotional support, encouragement, lifting others up and positioning them for success and brighter futures.

Ike Powell III is a servant leader and mentor extraordinaire!

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Send your nomination to MSachs@pbcgov.org

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