

From the Desk of Vice Mayor Weinroth

The summer is upon us and with it brings hurricanes and the rainy season. While we hope for the best, we must all be prepared for the worst, so please take some time and review hurricane preparedness plans.

As you know, South Florida summer rain storms can be fast and furious! Consequently, county road crews are actively out and about clearing drains but we ask everyone to be proactive and make sure drains in your neighborhoods are free of litter and debris.

Additionally, there is still a major push to get everyone vaccinated. Consequently, the Health Care District's mobile units are now available for on-site vaccinations clinics for businesses. For more information, visit www.hcdpbc.org and click the purple "Mobile Clinic Vaccination & Community Event Request" button.

12,000 Publications at the Click of a Button

The county libraries are now offering NewsBank, a searchable database providing cardholders 24/7 access to over 12,000 publications. Users have access to any topic imaginable including literature, culture, academic curricula, and daily life.

NewsBank also provides a topic-based alert feature, similar to Google. In addition, it is also a terrific resource for students and teachers providing programs such as ready-to-use lesson plans on current events and more.

You must have a valid library card to access all library resources. For more information, visit www.pbclibrary.org.

When Seconds Count, Count On Yellow Dot

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's new Yellow Dot program allows first responders access to life-saving medical information about a victim from a vehicle's glove compartment. If involved in a car accident and unable to communicate, the Yellow Dot pamphlet provides information such as medication allergies, medical history, and more.

Visit any Palm Beach County fire station for the Yellow Dot pamphlet and car sticker. Please fill out the pamphlet, place it in the glove compartment, and stick the sticker in the lower left-hand corner of the rear windshield.

To request a presentation about the Yellow Dot program, please call 561-616-7051.

Adopt-A-Road Program

The county's "Adopt-A-Road" Program encourages businesses, individuals, and nonprofit organizations to adopt an area of the county's roadway for litter control.

Groups are required to pay a \$200 fee, and in return, the county installs two signs to recognize the adopting entity and provides the group with safety training and cleanup equipment. The program requires four roadside cleanups each year over two years.

Adopt-A-Road has proven to be a highly effective public-private partnership that allows residents to make a positive statement for a clean, attractive community with some recognition.

Free Meals for Kids and Teens

Summer BreakSpot provides a nutritious breakfast, lunch, snack, or dinner at no cost to children 18 and under while school is out for the summer.

Last year, when schools were closed due to the pandemic, Summer BreakSpot sponsors served nearly 74 million meals at over 4,000 sites statewide. Find a Summer BreakSpot at convenient places like area parks, libraries, and churches.

To find a location, text "FoodFL" to 877-877, dial 2-1-1 or visit summerbreakspot.org.

Animal Fosters Desperately Needed

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League are in dire need of foster parents.

Currently, the shelters have more than 1,000 animals in their care and are looking for 100 additional foster homes. The Foster Program aims to help as many animals as possible by providing love, care, and temporary housing until they are ready for their forever home.

To learn more about the organizations' foster programs, please visit [Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control](#), or [Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League](#).

Please contact our office if you require assistance at 561-355-2204 and/or email me at rweinroth@pbcgov.org.