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My Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to a new season of post COVID activity. As you may have noticed restaurants are full, highways are congested and shopping is all the rage once again!

As we venture back into a **"new normal"** let us still be cautious and never forget the struggles we all suffered. With that in mind let's remember to **"be kind"** and gentle with each other.

~Commissioner Maria Sachs



BOARD BRIEFS



On June 15, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) unanimously approved secondary service for non life threatening ambulance service.

After a lengthy debate by all sides it was concluded the county will remain with the existing service providers. It was decided that in 3 years based on population, growth and increased community needs, this issue will be revisited.

The secondary ambulance service providers remain AMR, Medics with the addition of the Healthcare District of Palm Beach County for the Belle Glade area for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027. This passed unanimously 7-0 by the BCC.



Micro Hospital requesting rezoning on Atlantic Avenue

The Legent Delray application for two 2-story buildings totaling 120,000 square feet with 353 parking spaces at the northeast corner of Atlantic Avenue and Smith Sundry Road is scheduled to come before the Board of County Commissioners on July 22, 2021. This facility will offer specialized spine and orthopedic services.

Please click here for more information: [Micro Hospital Zoning Application](#)

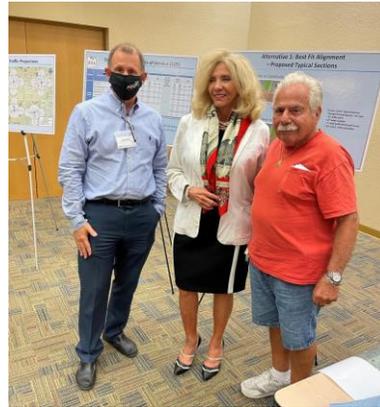
Florida Department of Transportation Presents Study on Atlantic Ave

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is performing a Project Development and Environment Study for Atlantic Avenue from Florida's Turnpike to Jog Road, a distance of approximately 1.8 miles.

The primary purpose of the project is to improve the local and regional transportation network in the area.

Commissioner Maria Sachs met with community leaders Dr. Lori Vinikoor, FDOT officials and members of the public to review maps of the project. One of the proposals was to place a barrier between vehicle lanes and pathways for bicyclists and pedestrians.

You may view the project by clicking on the [Atlantic Ave PD&E Study](#) and you may email any comments to Alexander Estrada at alexander.estrada@dot.state.fl.us, through July 9th. The PD&E Study is expected to be completed by June 2022.



The Palm Beach Post

Point of View: After 10 years, state catches up to PBC on protecting kids in cars

Commissioner Maria Sachs

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On Aug. 5, 2010, little Haile Brockington was tragically left behind in a child-care van at a daycare center in Delray Beach. After six hours in the confines of the sweltering heat, Haile died from systemic hyperthermia.

She had been picked up from her home that day around 7 a.m., and driven to her daycare facility. The van driver and staff forgot little Haile strapped to her car seat inside the van.

Unfortunately, Hailie wasn't the first child who had been left behind to die in a child-care van. These preventable tragedies continued to occur. As an elected state senator, I vowed it would be the last.

I filed a bill for Florida that would require all child-care vans to be equipped with a safety alarm alerting system that signals to the driver when a child is still in the vehicle. I named the bill the Haile Brockington Act so little Haile's name would not be forgotten. The bill passed in the Senate but failed in the House.

Within that same year, I approached then-Palm Beach County Commissioner Burt Aaronson to mandate the same rules and regulations for Palm Beach County. Without hesitation, Commissioner Aaronson brought it to the Board of County Commissioners where it passed unanimously. Now, 10 years later, the bill filed on behalf of that little girl and other children who tragically died the same death passed the Florida Legislature and became law.

It's been my honor and my privilege to fight for little Haile Brockington. Especially when the lives of our littlest ones are concerned, we must never stop fighting. When the state refused to require an alarm, Palm Beach County stepped up and mandated it countywide and finally, it has passed statewide.

Now I can rest easier knowing that all of Florida's children will benefit from the same protection that our children have here in Palm Beach County.

Maria Sachs, a former state representative and state senator, is the county commissioner for District 5, which comprises western communities from Boca Raton to Boynton Beach.

[Senator Sachs Commits to Protect Children in Daycare Center Vans](#)

Sun Sentinel Article

By MORT MAZOR
DEC 26, 2010 AT 1:00 AM



[Live on CBS12.com](#)

**World Trade Center Palm Beach County Hosts
His Excellency Abdulla R. Al Khalifa**



Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United States visits Palm Beach County

President of World Trade Center Palm Beach, Al Zucaro hosted a luncheon with his Excellency Abdulla R. Al Khalifa of Bahrain. The event was held at Keiser University.

Commissioner Maria Sachs along with other dignitaries presented ways in which the business community in Palm Beach County could develop business, tourism and cultural relationships with the kingdom of Bahrain.

Freedom Week Sales Tax Holiday

FREEDOM WEEK JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 7
SALES TAX HOLIDAY

DUES AND ADMISSIONS
 Admission to state parks
 Admission to live music events
 Movie theater tickets
 Admission to live sporting events
 Dues and fees paid to physical fitness facilities

CAMPING SUPPLIES
 Collapsible camping chairs under \$40
 Binoculars under \$75
 Sleeping bags, portable hammocks and camping stoves under \$50
 Camping tents under \$100

FISHING SUPPLIES
 Rods and reels under \$75
 Bait and fishing tackle under \$5 per item (or \$10 per pack if sold in units of more than 1)
 Bait and fishing tackle under \$5 per item (or \$10 per pack if sold in units of more than 1)

GENERAL OUTDOOR
 Sunscreen and insect repellent under \$15
 Water bottles under \$30
 Hydration packs under \$50
 Sunglasses under \$75

BOATING & WATER SPORTS
 Snorkels, goggles, and swimming masks under \$25
 Safety flares under \$50
 Life jackets and coolers under \$75
 Inflatable tubes or floats under \$150

Freedom Week is a state sales tax holiday that begins July 1st and ends July 7th. This was designed to encourage Floridians to return to normal events by tax exempting purchases during Freedom Week for camping supplies, concerts, sporting events, museums, movies, state parks and more.



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