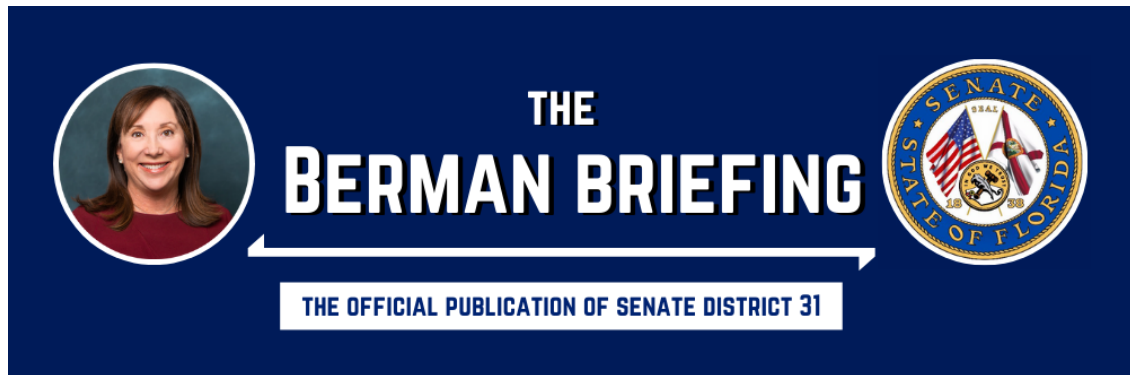


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JULY UPDATE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

A word about the Surfside Building Collapse:

The collapse of the 12-story Champlain Towers building in Surfside that we witnessed this week is a tragedy without precedent in Florida. As last reported, 18 people have been found dead, including two children, and more than 147 still remain unaccounted for. Let's hold out hope for miracles, pray for the aggrieved families, and pray for the safety of our brave first responders as they continue their search and rescue mission with professionalism and skill. With the deployment of resources from the state, federal government, and international partners, it is clear that we do not have a resource problem, but a luck problem. Please utilize the [Volunteer Florida](#) website if you are interested in ways in which you can be of assistance in the short and long term.

Information from United Way Miami: United Way is the official coordinator of volunteers and donations for the County Emergency Operations Center. We are recruiting volunteers who want to be activated and deployed to assist in the Surfside tragedy via [VolunteerMiami.org](#). As of this time, donations of physical goods and food are not currently needed, but this could change at any time.

United Way, in partnership with the Miami Herald/El Nueva Herald, has activated Operation Helping Hands to raise funds to support and assist affected families with their short and long-term needs. This is a separate fund only activated in emergencies and 100% of the donations will go to support the families. <https://portal.unitedwaymiami.org/Surfside>

Individuals who want to volunteer or donate, but can't do so online, can call the hotline at 1-800-226-3320.

All the best,



Youth Services' Summer Food Service Program Offering 68 Meal Sites and a Mobile Feeding Program

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Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) began its summer feeding on Monday, June 21 throughout Palm Beach County. The program offers daily cold meals at 46 sites where children will eat meals on-site. **The program has also brought back the Grab 'n Go meal distribution at 22 sites, including 15 Palm Beach County Library System locations. In total, 68 sites will be providing meals to children.**

This summer the program is also rolling out a new mobile feeding program. The SFSP will drive to five locations throughout the county for one-day of Grab 'n Go meal service per week. The mobile feeding program provides a level of flexibility enabling youth outside of the SFSP's regular feeding sites to receive nutritious meals.

The SFSP provides meals and snacks to eligible children age 18 and under during the summer months (June through August) and in times of emergency. Meals and snacks are also available to persons with disabilities, over age 18, who participate in school

programs for people who are mentally or physically disabled. The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department administers and monitors this program, funded by USDA and the Department of Education. Sites are located throughout Palm Beach County in low-income neighborhoods.

For Grab 'n Go meals, parents picking up kits without their child present must bring identification for the child. Acceptable forms include student ID, child's passport or other government-issued ID, birth certificate, adoption decree, immunization records, and school demographics. Meal kits will not be provided to parents who do not bring their child or do not provide proper identification. Proper safety measures must be practiced.

The SFSP will operate through Friday, August 6, 2021. The full list of meal site locations may be viewed [here](#).

If interested in having a site become a meal distribution location with the Summer Food Service Program, contact Gus Wessel by email at hwessel@pbcgov.org

Mon, Jun 21 – Fri, Aug 06

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

www.pbclibrary.org/summer-food-service-program

Mondays

(Except Jul 05 in observance of Independence Day)

Glades Road Branch

20701 95th Avenue South, Boca Raton 33434

Greenacres Branch

3750 Jog Road, Greenacres 33467

Tuesdays

West Boca Branch

18685 State Road 7, Boca Raton 33498

Wednesdays

Acreage Branch

15801 Orange Blvd., Loxahatchee 33470

Belle Glade Branch

725 NW 4th Street, Belle Glade 33430

Clarence E. Anthony Branch

375 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay 33493

Gardens Branch

11303 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens 33410

Hagen Ranch Road Branch

14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446

Jupiter Branch

705 Military Trail, Jupiter 33458

Loula V. York Branch

525 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee 33476

Main Library

3650 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach 33406

Tequesta Branch

461 Old Dixie Highway North, Tequesta 33469

Thursdays

Okeechobee Boulevard Branch

5689 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach 33417

Royal Palm Beach Branch

500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach 33411

West Boynton Branch

9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach 33437



15 Palm Beach County Library locations serve as meal distribution sites for the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

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Families without transportation may walk up to collect meal kits.



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Tails and Tales

Summer Reading Program 2021

Mon, Jun 07 – Fri, Jul 30

**There are a “chameleon” reasons to read
this summer!**

You can participate online through READsquared (pbclibrary.readsquared.com or on the app), or fill out a paper log available at one of our service desks. Your entry will “koalafy” you for one completion prize (while supplies last) and an entry into our grand prize drawing to win a \$25 Amazon e-gift card.

Grand prize winners will be selected after Sat, Jul 31.



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Wendy's



Roper Dean Stadium



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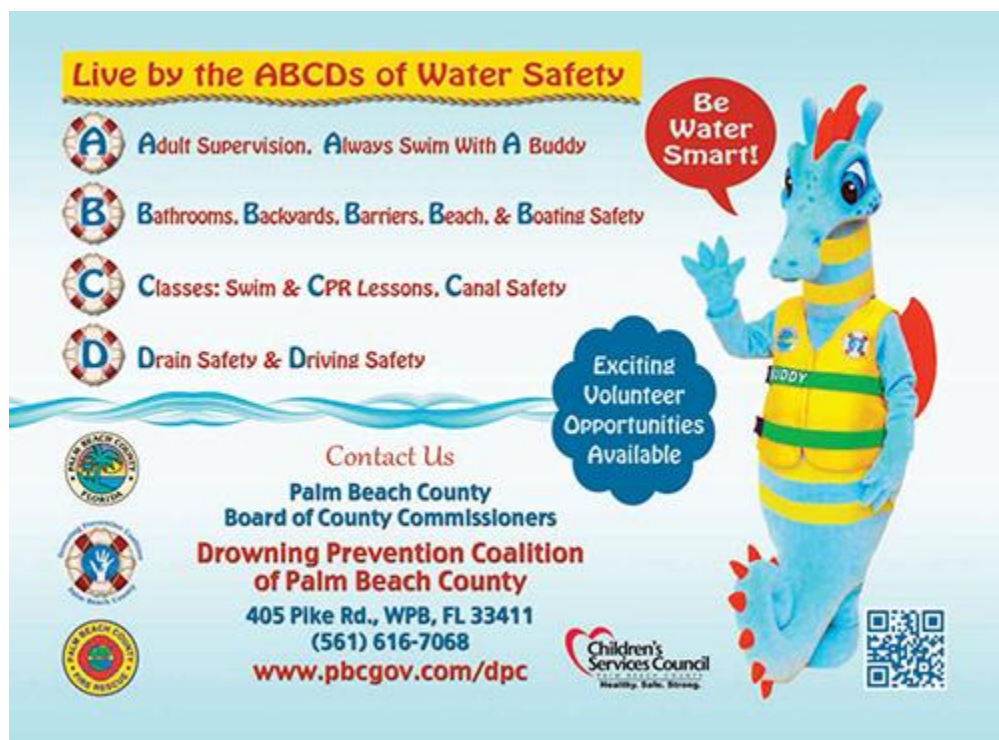
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Drowning Prevention

Although Florida has approximately 1.5 million pools and more than 8,436 miles of shoreline. Swimming is available year round and we should all be extra cautious during the summer months when higher rates of people swim, especially younger children who are out of school.

The Palm Beach County Drowning Prevention Coalition has a lot of good safety tips, swim safety courses and aquatic facilities [here](#). There is also an important safety video to watch.



Prevent Child Deaths in Hot Cars

As we are in the midst of our summer months and the hottest temperatures, we must remember how vital it is to remember our children sitting in the back of cars and vans.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Heat stroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths in children under 15.
- Cars heat up quickly. In just 10 minutes, a car can heat up 20 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and temperatures can top 150 F in Florida.
- Children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than an adult's body. When left in a hot car, a child's major organs begin to shut down when their temperature reaches 104 F. Children can die when their temperature reaches 107 F.

Tips to Avoid Hot Car Tragedies (Source: American Academy of Pediatrics)

- Always check the back seat and make sure all children are out of the car before locking it and walking away.
- Avoid distractions while driving, especially cell phone use.
- Be extra alert when there is a change in your routine, like when someone else is driving your child or you take a different route to work or child care.
- Have your child care provider call if your child is more than 10 minutes late.
- Put your cell phone, bag, or purse in the back seat, so you can check the back seat when you arrive at your destination.
- If someone else is driving your child, always check to make sure they have arrived safely.
- Keep your car locked when it is parked to prevent a curious child from entering when no one is around. Many hot car deaths have occurred when a child mistakenly gets locked inside.
- Make sure children do not have easy access to your car keys. Store them out of a child's reach. Teach children that cars are not safe places in which to play.
- Keep rear fold-down seats closed to prevent a child from crawling into the trunk from inside the car.
- Remind children that cars, especially car trunks, should not be used for games like hide-and-seek.

Hiring Event - 150+ Jobs at Florida Atlantic University Jobs

Chartwells for Florida Atlantic University will be at CareerSource Palm Beach County from 10 am to 1 pm on July 8, 2021, interviewing for over 150+ positions.

To Apply:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) or
2. Visit <https://careers.compassgroupcareers.com/job-map/jobs?location=Florida&page=1&tags=Hourly&keywords=boca%20raton&sortBy=relevance>

Available Positions

- Baristas - up to \$14.57/hr
- Bartenders - up to \$16.34/hr
- Cashiers - up to \$17.40/hr
- Catering Attendants - up to \$16.80/hr
- Cook - up to \$18.07/hr
- Concession Workers - up to \$15.22/hr
- Dishwashers - up to \$13.85/hr
- Food Service Workers - up to \$16.45/hr
- Supervisor - up to \$17.92 to \$21.78/hr

Contact

Robin Parsons RParsons@careersourcepbcc.com

Juhi Singh JSingh@careersourcepbcc.com

Free Native Plants!

Do you want to attract birds and pollinators to your garden? Are you thinking about adding shade for the future? Here is your chance to add two free native trees or shrubs to your property, courtesy of Palm Beach County.

Native Canopy Education Program vouchers will be available online on Saturday, July 3, starting at noon until quantities are exhausted.

[Apply online here](#) for a voucher for two free native trees or shrubs in three-gallon containers. You will be able to use your voucher at any of our participating nurseries and to select from 24 different native species (subject to availability).



June Recap

The month of June included the celebration of Juneteenth at a festival at Sara Sims Park in Boynton Beach, including a stop by the "Be SMART" table, advocating for gun safety storage.

In mid-June I attended the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Trustee Luncheon, hearing updates from Tax Watch on important legislation affecting our small business leaders and community.

I also enjoyed celebrating the Pride Intersection in Boynton Beach this past month (video below). It is great to see the city come together to partner with many organizations to celebrate our LGBTQ community.

My office was present at the Emergency Operations Center tour, learning all about the tools and technology at our disposal, standing ready for any potential future hurricanes or disasters.

We also enjoyed a tour of the Loxahatchee River, learning about the importance of

water levels, various species of birds and wildlife and the impact on our ecosystem, as well as the history of Trapper Nelson and the historical mark he left on our county.





Unveiling of the Pride Intersection in Boynton Beach.



PACE Center for Girls - 2021 Graduation

Congratulations to these young ladies on overcoming adversity, various obstacles and life challenges to complete their high school graduation! Way to go!, ladies! We are proud of you.





Freedom Week

Sales Tax Holiday ★ July 1-7, 2021



Fishing Supplies

- The first \$5 of the sales price of:
 - Bait or fishing tackle if sold individually (the first \$10 if sold as a set)
- The first \$30 of the sales price of:
 - Tackle boxes or bags
- The first \$75 of the sales price of:
 - Rods and reels if sold individually (the first \$150 if sold as a set)



Camping Supplies

- The first \$30 of the sales price of:
 - Camping lanterns
 - Flashlights
- The first \$50 of the sales price of:
 - Sleeping bags
 - Portable hammocks
 - Camping stoves
 - Collapsible camping chairs
- The first \$200 of the sales price of:
 - Tents



General Outdoor Supplies

- The first \$15 of the sales price of:
 - Sunscreen
 - Insect repellent
- The first \$30 of the sales price of:
 - Water bottles
- The first \$50 of the sales price of:
 - Hydration packs
 - Bicycle helmets
- The first \$100 of the sales price of:
 - Sunglasses
- The first \$200 of the sales price of:
 - Binoculars
- The first \$250 of the sales price of:
 - Outdoor gas or charcoal grills
 - Bicycles



Admissions

- Private and membership clubs providing physical fitness facilities*
- Musical theatre performances**
- Live music events**
- Live sporting events*
- Movies*
- Museum entry†
- State park entry†
- Festivals*
- Cultural events*
- Ballets**
- Plays**
- Fairs*



Boating and Water Activity Supplies

- The first \$25 of the sales price of:
 - Snorkels
 - Goggles
 - Swimming masks
- The first \$50 of the sales price of:
 - Safety flares
- The first \$75 of the sales price of:
 - Life jackets
 - Coolers
 - Paddles
 - Oars
- The first \$150 of the sales price of:
 - Water skis
 - Wakeboards
 - Kneeboards
 - Recreational inflatable water tubes or floats capable of being towed
- The first \$300 of the sales price of:
 - Paddleboards
 - Surfboards
- The first \$500 of the sales price of:
 - Canoes
 - Kayaks



Sports

Equipment

Any item used in individual or team sports, not including clothing or footwear, selling for \$40 or less

*To be held on any date(s) from July 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2021
**Including season tickets or annual passes

INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

The Florida Legislature passed its first-ever "Freedom Week" sales tax holiday. See above graphic or [Florida Department of Revenue](#) for more details.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!



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