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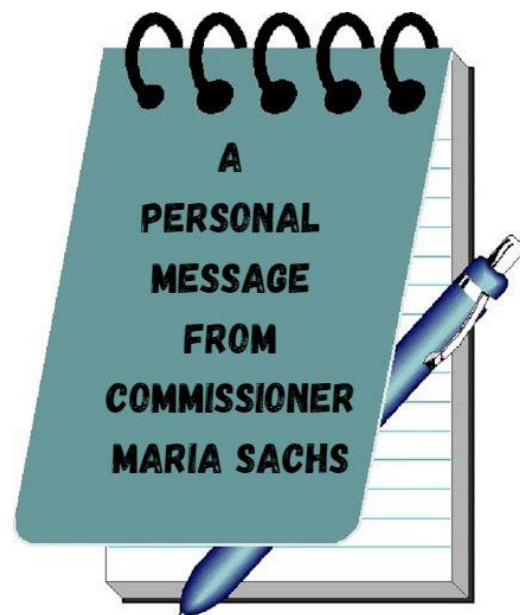
Maria Sachs



PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 5



September - Eighteenth Issue



**Can you feel it?** The slight dip in humidity in the morning signaling the beginning of Autumn. Only if you endured a Florida summer can you really understand how "cool" this is. Let's reach out to our neighbors and go and enjoy a pumpkin spice latte at our local café'. It's Autumn in Florida.

**-Maria Sachs**

## The Widening of Lyons Road

The widening of Lyons Road adjacent to the Valencias and Canyons communities has been a contentious issue for some time. If the residents of these communities were forced to pay for the right turn lane, it would be a very expensive bill for the families to bear. On behalf of my constituents, I requested a meeting with representatives all of the affected communities. Included in our discussion was COBWRA President Beth Rappaport, as well as the County Engineers and the County Attorney. The press was also included in the dialog. After a lively discussion and reviewing all the possible ways to settle this issue, it was favorably decided upon a general consensus - the residents will not have to pay and the road will be widened. This is a success story on how we can all work together to find solutions to make the best of living in paradise.



Commissioner Sachs is at Valico Nurseries as she tours the Ag Reserve. Here she meets with property owners Tim Linkus and Sue Stewart

## Commissioner Maria Sachs wants to build affordable housing in the Ag Reserve especially for our Seniors

A workshop dedicated to development in the Ag Reserve is scheduled for October 26th. It will run all day as our Board of County Commissioners discuss future changes to the Ag Reserve.

As housing becomes more expensive in Palm Beach County it is important that we do not forget the special housing needs for all our Seniors who call our County their home. This is a mission for Commissioner Sachs to build communities that serve the needs of all our Seniors.

The average dwelling-home price in Palm Beach County is \$372,000 according to Zillow. As of today there are zero affordable housing units built in the Ag Reserve.

The Ag Reserve deserves to have communities like its neighbors in

Century Village Boca Raton, Kings Point  
Golf & Country Club and Whisper Walk.

## **Beginning October 1st, SB 252, Child Safety Alarm Act will go into effect**

After 11 years advocating for child safety alarms to be installed in all child-care facilities transportation vehicles to ensure no child is left behind once parked; it has become Florida law and goes into effect October 1, 2021.



Commissioner Sachs served as a State Senator when little Haile Brockington was tragically left behind in a child-care van at a daycare in Delray Beach. Haile died from systemic hyperthermia.

When the law passed this past June, Commissioner Sachs stated, *"It's been my honor and my privilege to fight for little Haile Brockington. Especially when the lives of our littles 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". Commissioner Sachs continued her statement, "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".*

## **Commissioner Sachs Tours Water Utilities Department's Southern Region Operation Center**



## PBC Water



**Utilities** presented an overview of the Southern Region Operations Center in Delray Beach with an extended tour of Green Cay Nature & Wetlands where our reclaimed water is stored.

## Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands

PBC Water Utilities is the 3rd largest utility provider in the State of Florida and one of the most economical. It has also received some of the most prestigious recognitions for their best environmental practices.

**Green Cay Nature Center** is the county's newest nature center that overlooks 100 acres of constructed wetlands and provides educational opportunities about this unique habitat. The wetlands feature 1.5 miles of elevated boardwalk highlighting interpretive signs about the habitat. The Nature Center includes a lecture hall, gift shop, and live animals in an extensive exhibit room that showcases wetlands attributes. Come for a visit and find that there's something for everyone at this fantastic facility! [Click here to discover more about Green Cay Nature Center](#)



**Free Access to a Consular ID Card is Scheduled for Saturday, Oct 16th, 2021 at John Prince Park Auditorium**

**\*\*\*FREE COVID-19 VACCINES\*\*\***

# COME JOIN US AT OUR CONSULAR ID DAY!

*We are working to make Consular ID's more accessible to Palm Beach County's essential immigrant community. Free Covid-19 vaccines will also be available.*

**This event was created in partnership with:**



**Commissioner  
Maria Sachs**



**Father Frank  
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Guatemalan Maya Center



**Congresswomen  
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El Salvador**



**Consulate General  
of Guatemala**



**For more details, please call the Guatemalan Maya Center at 561-547-0085**

**WHEN?**

**OCTOBER 16, 2021**

10 AM - 2 PM

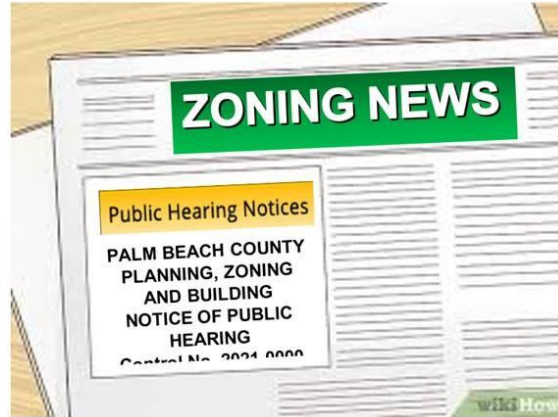
**WHERE?**

**JOHN PRINCE PARK AUDITORIUM**

2700 6th Ave S, Lake Worth, FL 33461

## GL Homes submits new plans for Residential Development

The property known as Whitworth Farms located on the west side of Lyons Road and south of Boynton Beach Blvd. is being proposed for rezoning from 362.71 acres of Bona Fide Agriculture to an Agriculture Planned Unit of Development. 145.40 acres will consist of development that includes 277 proposed residential units at zero lot line. The only access is proposed from Lyons Road. [Click here to read the full application](#)



## 27 Days till the Agriculture Reserve Workshop

You may email Commissioner Sachs at [MSachs@pbcgov.org](mailto:MSachs@pbcgov.org) with any of your ideas.

## Bon Voyage to Michelle Damone as we wish her well on her exciting new endeavor

Michelle Damone is leaving our District 5 team but not going more than a stone's throw away as she re-enters the private sector and opens her own political consulting firm.

Over the past few years Michelle has worked for Commissioner Sachs on her recent campaign for County Commissioner and recently as her Chief of Staff at the County for the past year. The campaign trail is never too far away and the relationship forged between these two dynamic women will continue to grow.



We thank Michelle for bringing her experience and talent to District 5. Although she will be missed, we are confident that she will be successful as she shares those same talents among a broader audience throughout the County and State.

If you'd like to contact Michelle to wish her well you may reach her at [prdamone@gmail.com](mailto:prdamone@gmail.com)



Truly yours,

Maria Sachs,  
Commissioner  
Palm Beach County



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