From the Desk of Mayor Weinroth

Miracle Landing at PBI

Our community is incredibly grateful to the air traffic controller who skillfully guided an individual with no piloting skills to a safe landing at Palm Beach International Airport.

The pilot of the single engine plane was incapacitated by a sudden medical emergency as the plane approached the coast near Boca Raton.

The recordings of their conversation were calm and focused under harrowing circumstances.

Fortunately, the controller was also a flight instructor and quickly printed a picture of the cockpit to assist with the landing.

The patient, heroic efforts of both pilot and controller averted an emergency from becoming a disaster.

Learn About Scams

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST) is urging residents to be vigilant in protecting themselves against identity theft and scams.

VAST offers community presentations to educate and inform residents on how to avoid scammers who prey on emotions and bank accounts.

For more information, call (561)-688-3970 or email Levyr@pbso.org.

Homeless Resource Center 2

Palm Beach County recently broke ground on its second Homeless Resource Center (HRC2) on Lake Worth Road in Palm Springs.

The 20,000-square-foot center, due to open in 14 months, will feature over 70 beds, a sheriff substation, health care services, laundry, pantry and community room.

Additionally, HRC2 will offer supportive services including housing placement and job training to restore individuals to self-sufficiency.

The county currently has other homeless resource facilities including the Philip D. Lewis Homeless Resource Center, Belle Glade Intake Center, Lake Village at the Glades and Lewis Center Annex (South Florida Fairgrounds). Additionally, groundbreakings will soon take place for 17 cottage homes for homeless families.

Addressing our homeless population remains a top priority for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Hurricane Resources

Colorado State University's hurricane forecast projected 19 named storms, with nine of those storms predicted as major hurricanes.

While county emergency officials are prepared, we urge everyone to take the necessary steps in preparing for a potential active hurricane season.

Emergency officials advise that residents should be prepared to survive on their own for at least 72 hours. Supplies sell out fast once a storm has been forecast, so it is imperative to plan ahead.

Please take some time to prepare and access the resources below.

- <u>PBC DART</u> (app) for vital information such as storm surge evacuation areas, flood zones, shelter locations, and locations with emergency generators.
- <u>AlertPBC</u> is the county's Emergency Alert & Notification System that notifies users of imminent threats via text messages, email, or telephone calls. To sign up, visit www.alertpbc.com.

Nonprofit Spotlight: Special Spaces

Special Spaces is a local nonprofit dedicated to creating dream bedrooms for children ages 2-19 in south Palm Beach County who have cancer.

Through the child's imagination and at no cost to the family, volunteers transform the child's existing bedroom into a magical place of hope, a place not only to sleep but also to recover and spend time away from the challenges of their illness. Most importantly, it is a space where they can just be a kid.

The Boca Raton chapter started in 2016 and will be transforming its 38th bedroom in June.

For more information, visit https://specialspaces.org/our-chapters/florida/.

If you require assistance, please contact our office at 561-355-2204 or email RWeinroth@pbcgov.org.