

Alliance of Delray Meeting Summary July 6, 2022

The July 6, 2022 meeting of the Alliance of Delray Residential Associations membership was called to order at 10 AM on Zoom. President Lori Vinikoor began by encouraging everyone to read the current edition of the Alliance Connection newsletter for development updates and information on many issues including the insurance crisis which is the topic of the meeting.

Lieutenant John Wink from District 4 Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) provided an update. The Summer initiative of the PBSO is to focus on traffic enforcement which includes unmarked patrol cars, traffic stops and citations. Because of this program, vehicle crashes are down. There are increased patrols in shopping plazas and residential areas as well. Scams have also been reported and they include phone calls or e mails indicating overdue payments or locked accounts. Also, targeted people are being asked to download a "Team Viewer" app on their smart phones and personal information from those apps is being used by perpetrators. There is also a Bitcoin/ATM scam where victims are asked to withdraw funds from a bank account and place them into Bitcoins. A check cloning scam is also being perpetrated; the criminal steals checks from the mail and copies the account number and prints it on new checks. The Lieutenant offered the V.A.S.T. (Volunteers Against Scam Team) to visit communities to provide more information on avoiding scams. The PBSO, in a community outreach project, provided shoes to migrant workers at Peanuts Country Store/Gas Station.

Battalion 4 Chief William Standsbury from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue provided an update. He indicated that Battalion 4 which is comprised of 8 stations will be increased by two stations. Station 49 will be built on Lyons Road north of Atlantic Avenue in the Agricultural Reserve. The other, Station 40, will be built on Military Trail in the LeChalet area. Battalion 4 answers about 1000 more calls than any other battalion. During the month of June, Station 42 (Hagen Ranch Road) answered 424 calls, Station 45 (Jog Road north of Linton) 590 calls, and Station 52 (Military Trail) about 130 calls. These are some of the most active stations in the area.

Vice Chair of the Palm Beach County School Board thanked all of the school volunteers from the Alliance membership. She announced that School will be back in session for the students on August 10 th. The teachers will be returning on August 4 th to the classrooms. The schools are still offering food services for children during the summer programs.

The keynote speakers, Senator Lori Berman and Representative Kelly Skidmore, presented information on the property insurance bill that was passed during the special legislative session. It was indicated that fraud and litigation bring increased insurance premiums. Replacement of roofs tend to contribute to this issue. The Surfside condominium collapse was the impetus to create new legislation for condominiums 3 floors and up near the coast. For structures 30 years and older, there is a structural engineering inspection required. If there are repairs that need to be made, reserves must be put aside and the buildings must be inspected every ten years thereafter. Links to the complete bill and analysis will be distributed on the Alliance e mail list.

The YouTube link for this meeting will be distributed via e mail.

The next meeting of the Alliance of Delray will be held on August 3, 2022 at 10 AM. It will occur via Zoom. The topic is Traffic! The presenter will be the interim Executive Director of the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency Valerie Neilson. Roadway expansion and traffic signal timing will be addressed.