



## JULY UPDATE

**Friends & Neighbors,**

I hope this newsletter finds each of you well and enjoying your summer. As we know, this time of year can be quite hot, so please take all precautions to stay cool, stay in the shade and drink plenty of water. Also, as always, never leave children or pets in hot cars.

Hopefully you are enjoying summer vacations, fun and sun at the beach and an overall restful period of time.

Wishing you a continued wonderful summer!

**All the best,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lori Berman' followed by a horizontal line.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

## FDLE launches the Florida Purple Alert Plan

### For Immediate Release

July 1, 2022

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – FDLE’s Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) launches the Florida Purple Alert Plan. The plan was established by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis. The Purple Alert will be used to assist in the location of missing adults suffering from mental, cognitive, intellectual or developmental disabilities, and who do not meet the criteria for a statewide Silver Alert. Purple Alerts engage the public in the search for the missing person and provide a standardized and coordinated community response.

“In all missing persons situations, getting the word out – and getting it out quickly – is key to a swift and safe recovery,” said **FDLE Acting Commissioner Mark Glass**. “Florida’s Purple Alert plan ensures a prompt and comprehensive response while ensuring the privacy and dignity of our disabled citizens and visitors.”

“The life of Joshua Marshall was a bright light dimmed way too soon. In an effort to honor this young man, I am so honored to have worked with the FDLE, Representative Joe Casello and many others along the way to ensure the passage of the Purple Alert, the first of its type. Had an alert like this existed at the time, Joshua may still be with us today. But we can’t go back. We can only move forward with the wisdom to do better,” said **Senator Lori Berman**. “Passing the Purple Alert in 2021 was a giant step forward in improving public safety and disability rights in Florida, and I am confident this law will save lives.”

“I am glad to see the Purple Alert finally go into effect after years of advocating for it to become law with Senator Berman. This new law will protect those with developmental or intellectual disabilities that are in immediate danger and save precious lives by filling in the gap left between the Amber and Silver alerts,” said **Representative Joe Casello**. “The Purple Alert wouldn’t exist if it weren’t for the tireless advocacy of Beverley Marshall whose son, Joshua, would’ve been alive today if this alert existed. Public safety is and has always been a priority of mine, and I know that FDLE will implement the Purple Alert to full effect so these individuals are protected,”

**Purple Alert Criteria:**

1. The person is 18 or older and does not qualify for a state- or local-level Silver Alert.
2. The person has an intellectual or developmental disability, brain injury or another physical, mental or emotional disability that is not related to substance abuse and does not have Alzheimer’s disease or a dementia-related disorder.
3. The local law enforcement agency’s investigation concluded the disappearance poses a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to the missing person and they can only be returned to safety through law enforcement intervention.
4. There is a detailed description of the missing person suitable for distribution.
5. The missing person information has been entered into Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC).
6. The law enforcement agency of jurisdiction recommends activation.

When issued, Purple Alert information will be distributed to citizens who have signed up to receive the alerts and displayed on dynamic highway message signs when applicable. The alerts will also be posted on the FDLE public website.

Citizens play an important role in saving lives. When receiving a Purple Alert, they should make note of the alert and call 911 if they have information relating to the whereabouts of the missing person.

Sign up to receive Florida Purple Alerts today through email or text messages at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/PurpleAlerts/Purple-Alert-Plan.aspx>.

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**HEALTH CARE DISTRICT TO OFFER MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE  
TO YOUNG CHILDREN**

**West Palm Beach, FL** - The Health Care District of Palm Beach County is now scheduling pediatric patient visits beginning on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> with a C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics' [[brumbackclinics.org](http://brumbackclinics.org)] pediatrician in order to receive the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children five months through six years of age. Based on availability, these appointments would be for established pediatric patients or children who wish to become clinic patients at the Lantana, West Palm Beach and Belle Glade clinic sites [[hcdpbc.org](http://hcdpbc.org)]. A parent or guardian must be present for the appointment.

Per vaccine manufacturer guidelines, the [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine \[fda.gov\]](https://www.fda.gov) requires two doses one month apart with the exception of a third dose for children who have been determined to have certain kinds of immunocompromise. This week the Health Care District's clinics, which are Federally Qualified Health Centers, received a shipment of 1,000 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses for young children from the federal government. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) has authorized this vaccine \[cdc.gov\]](https://www.cdc.gov) and recommends that all children, including children who have already had COVID-19, get vaccinated.

To make an appointment or learn more about our primary care, dental care, women's health or behavioral health services, call 561-642-1000 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## **Semiannual Water System Flush to Start July 7, 2022**

In order to deliver the highest quality water to customers, the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) requires periodic line flushing and temporary treatment modification. These modifications to the disinfection process are routine and an industry best practice as a precautionary measure to maintain the water quality.

From **July 7 through July 27, 2022**, PBCWUD will be using free chlorine as opposed to chloramine for water treatment. **This is only temporary and the water is safe to drink.** PBCWUD follows Environmental Protection Agency regulations throughout the process.

It is recommend that customers who are sensitive to this change, keep an open container of drinking water refrigerated for a few hours allowing the chlorine to dissipate.

Users of home dialysis machines, owners of tropical fish and managers of stores and restaurants with fish and shellfish holding tanks are advised to seek professional guidance for removing chlorine residuals.

This process will not affect customers in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay.

Anyone needing more information on this temporary change is advised to call PBCWUD at **(561) 740-4600**, and select option #1.

For the most up-to-date information concerning the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department visit [pbcwater.com](http://pbcwater.com) and follow on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter @PBCWUD](#).



*Enjoying June events: Celebrating COBWRA's 40th anniversary (one year delayed); having fun at the Mayor's Ball with Palm Beach Gardens Vice Mayor Rachelle Litt.*



Consumers can purchase qualifying recreation and outdoor items and admissions to entertainment and cultural events exempt from tax during the 2022 Freedom Week Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Friday, July 1 and extends through Thursday, July 7. The Department of Revenue created this webpage to provide information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties.



## **FOURTH OF JULY FUN IN THE PALM BEACHES**

Monday, July 4, is America's birthday and the big-time fireworks are back for 2022. Here's all the details on where and how you can see those skyrockets light up the night, along with plenty of other ways to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in The Palm Beaches.

## **4th on Flagler**

### **West Palm Beach waterfront**

Celebrate the Fourth of July at West Palm Beach's largest single-day event of the year. This year's festivities will include live music by Reverend Barry & The Funk on the Great Lawn from 6 to 8:45 p.m.; the Bill Bone 5K race, which starts at 6:30 p.m. at Post Park and featuring a DJ; and a Military Honor Salute. Mayor Keith James will say a few words at 8:45 p.m. and a fireworks display will follow beginning at 9:09 p.m.

## **Red, White & Blue with a Waterfront View!**

### **Boynton Beach Intercoastal Park**

The City of Boynton Beach is hosting a family-friendly July 4th event on Monday, July 4, 2022 (6:30 pm - 9:30 pm) at Intracoastal Park (2240 N. Federal Hwy). Enjoy multiple stages of live music, entertainment, food trucks, children's activities and one of the largest fireworks display in Palm Beach County. Bring your chairs and blankets to enjoy the waterfront view. Find additional details at [boynton-beach.org/July4](http://boynton-beach.org/July4)

## **'Ignite the Night'**

### **Greenacres, Samuel J. Ferreri Community Park**

This Fourth of July event will include live music and spectacular fireworks display. The event will be held 5:30 to 10 p.m. Monday. 2905 Jog Road, Greenacres. Information: [greenacresfl.gov](http://greenacresfl.gov)

## **Delray Beach July 4 Celebration**

### **A1A and Atlantic Avenue**

Full of patriotic fun, food and fanfare, this free event along A1A and Atlantic Avenue features back-to-back live music from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., adrenaline



obstacle course, arts and crafts, bubble wands, DJ SoNyce, face painting, giant games, graffiti mural, hula hoop games, kids' zone, putt n' around, selfie Board, Silverball gaming stations, teen activities, Uncle Sam Stilt Walkers, wheels from the Heart Classic Car Show, and much more! Culminating with an incredible fireworks display over the Atlantic Ocean, this is truly an event for kids of all ages.

## 4th of July Celebration

### Boca Raton, Sunset Cove Amphitheater

Journey to this celebration to celebrate with Journey tribute band Odyssey Road. The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with Oldies 95.3/96.9FM, will present the 14th Annual 4th of July Celebration. Celebrating 50 years of Parks & Recreation. The event will feature a fireworks display, Odyssey Road in concert, a kid's fun zone and more! Concessions will be available for purchase on-site. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome.

The event is 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday. 20405 Amphitheater Circle, Boca Raton.

Information: [discover.pbcgov.org/parks/amphitheaters](https://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/amphitheaters)

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