



*From the office of*

# MAYOR WEINROTH

*Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners*

Our office provides a wide variety of services and our staff and I are ready to assist.

-Mayor Weinroth

## Services include:

### Community outreach

- Speaking engagements
- Proclamations
- Certificates of Appreciation

### Economic Development

- Small business assistance
- Property improvement projects

### Housing & Homelessness

- Workforce housing



***If you are interested in having Mayor Weinroth speak at a community, condo or homeowner association event, please contact our office at (561) 355-2204 or email [RWeinroth@pbcgov.org](mailto:RWeinroth@pbcgov.org).***

## Message from the Mayor

I am pleased to announce the Board of County Commissioners approved a lower tax (millage) rate for the first time in 15 years. The 2023 rate will be reduced from 4.78 to 4.71 per \$1,000 of taxable value for all commercial and residential properties.

This will help offset the recent increases in appraised values the local real estate

- Homeless resources

#### **Environmental Protection**

- Parks and recreation
- Environmental Resources Management

#### **Infrastructure**

- Roads & bridges
- Resurfacing
- Construction coordination

#### **Public Safety**

- Disaster & emergency preparedness
- Fire rescue

#### **Mental Health/Substance Abuse & Disorder**

- Opioid abuse
- Addiction
- Mental health & wellness

#### **Transportation**

- Road & bike safety
- Palm Tran

#### **Community & Veteran Services**

- Temporary emergency housing
- Rent & utility assistance

market has experienced over the past year.

Additionally, with the current economic challenges, this was a prudent decision since we were able to balance the budget without any cuts to programs or services.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023 is \$6.7 billion, which represents an 11% increase over Fiscal Year 2022.

Priorities include affordable and workforce housing, economic development, infrastructure, environmental protection and public safety.

We were also able to increase the county's reserve funds for emergencies such as hurricanes or other natural disasters to \$226 million from \$189 million in Fiscal Year 2019.

These reserves ensure the county's AAA bond rating and competitive interest rates, resulting in lower debt payments and substantial taxpayer savings.

As part of its Fiscal Year 2023 budget process, the Board of County Commissioners will hold two public

- Referral to nonprofits & other agencies
- Food resources

**Planning, Zoning & Building**

- Permits
- Code enforcement
- Zoning

District 4 staff

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hearings at Governmental Center, 301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach.

The public is invited to attend the following budget workshops:

- Sept. 13, 2022 at 5:05 p.m.
- Sept. 20, 2022 at 5:05 p.m.

During these challenging times, nearly every household, business and community in our county has had to make difficult decisions. With that in mind, I will continue to work to control spending while providing improved services in an efficient and innovative manner.

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Scam Caller Alert

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According to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, a scam caller is contacting the community and claiming to be a PBSO deputy.

Investigators say the scam caller is urging callers that a family member has a warrant for their arrest due to a missing court date.

The scammer will ask for money and request a payment to rectify the warrant or threaten to send a deputy to the resident's home to conduct an arrest.

If you receive a similar call, hang up and report it to PBSO.

[Learn more](#)

## Rip Current Safety

Rip currents are intense, quick-moving water channels moving away from shore and account for more than 80% of beach rescues. It can be dangerous and deadly if unaware on how to react.

### **If you get caught in a rip current:**

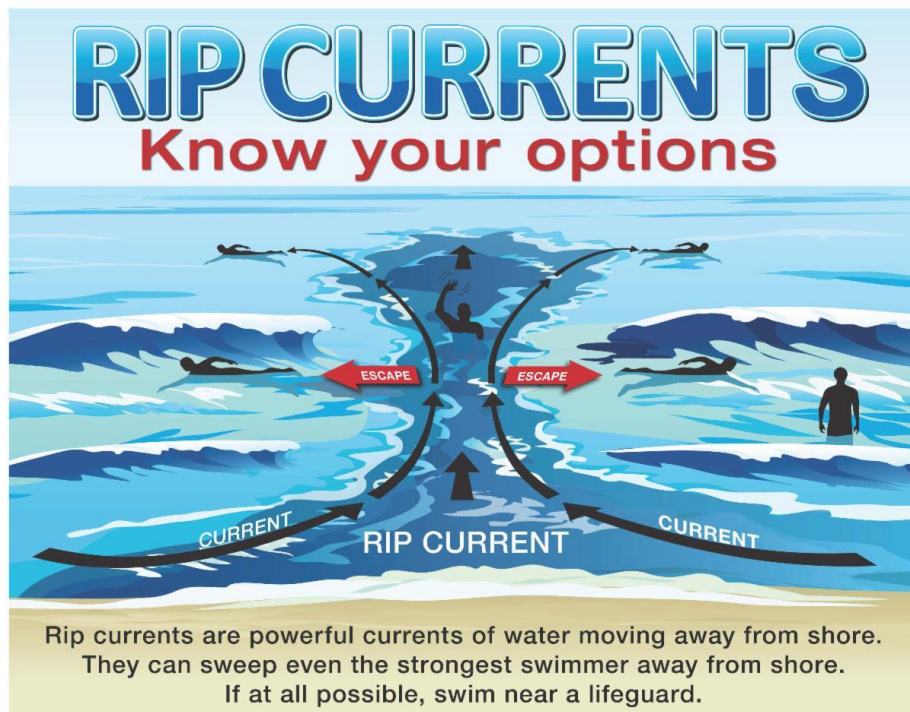
- stay calm, rip currents don't pull you under
- don't swim against the current
- swim out of the current in the direction following the shoreline
- if you feel worn out - float

- wave and yell to get the attention of lifeguards and people on shore

The best way to stay safe at the beach is to always swim near lifeguards and avoid swimming alone.

Look for any warning signs or flags, and if you are unsure about conditions, follow the rule "if in doubt, do not go out."

***If you see someone caught in a rip current, always get help from a lifeguard! Many people have died trying to rescue rip current victims.***



[Learn more](#)

## New Voter ID Cards



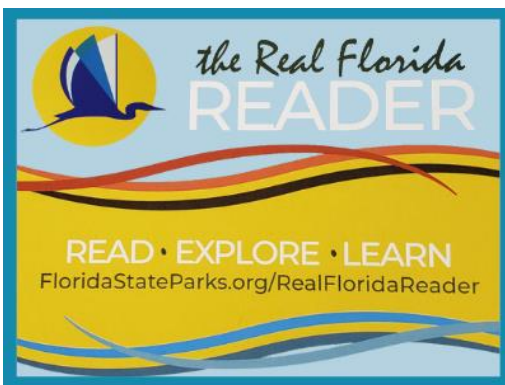
Palm Beach County precincts, voting districts, and polling locations have been reassigned due to the redistricting process.

In response, the Supervisor of Elections Office will send new Voter ID cards in the mail this summer.

The card lists your district, precinct and election day polling place and will replace any old cards.

[Learn more](#)

## Free State Park Admission



Your county or municipal library card could be one of the most powerful tools in your summer toolbox.

Now through September 12, residents are invited to use their library card for free admission to one of Florida's 175 state parks.

In Palm Beach County, that includes the John D. MacArthur and Jonathan Dickinson parks!

[Reserve a pass](#)

## Hurricane Resources



### PALM BEACH COUNTY EMERGENCY CONTACTS

**Florida Power & Light**

800-468-8243  
[www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com)

**Police/Fire Emergencies**

911

**Emergency Management**

Palm Beach County

561-712-6400

[www.pbcgov.com/dem](http://www.pbcgov.com/dem)

*Hearing Impaired (TTY/TTD)*

561-712-6342

**Florida**

[www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org)

**Special Needs Hurricane Shelters**

*Call in advance to register*  
561-712-6400

**Disabled Transportation Help**

561-649-9848

[www.palmtran.org/connection](http://www.palmtran.org/connection)

**Red Cross**

561-833-7711 or

800-REDCROS

(800-733-2767)

[www.redcross.org/local/](http://www.redcross.org/local/florida/south-florida.html)

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**United Way**

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[www.unitedwaypb.org](http://www.unitedwaypb.org)



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Sign up for emergency  
messaging via phone, text,  
email, and more...



Hurricane Evacuation Zone  
Look-up tool.



To report damage(s)  
download app at links  
below.



[Shelter information and more](#)

## Back to School Tax-Free Holiday



From **July 25 through August 7**, the following school items will be exempt from sales tax: clothing, footwear, backpacks \$60 or less, school supplies \$15 or less and the first \$1,500 for personal computers or personal computer-related

accessories.

[Learn more](#)

## Summer Meals



### **Summer Lunch at the Library**

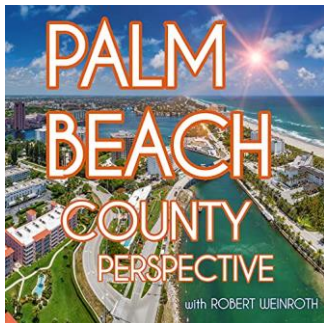
The Palm Beach County Library System will be offering free lunch and snacks at all of the branches to children aged 18 and under weekdays through July 29.



### **Free Meals at School**

The School Food Service will continue to offer free meals during the summer at various schools throughout the county.

## Palm Beach County Perspective



Looking for the best source to discover the heartbeat of a community? Tune in to my podcast, *Palm Beach County Perspective*, providing all the latest news, current events, the lowdown on what's happening and a bit of history of one of the most beautiful corners of America.

Join us each episode for spirited conversation, strong opinions, special guests and most importantly, a fresh and unique perspective.

[Learn more](#)

## Nonprofit Spotlight



*Extraordinary People Leading Ordinary Lives.*

JARC Florida is a local nonprofit located in Boca Raton that provides group homes, apartments, case management and vocational training for adults with developmental disabilities. They also offer gardening, drama classes, nutrition education and more.

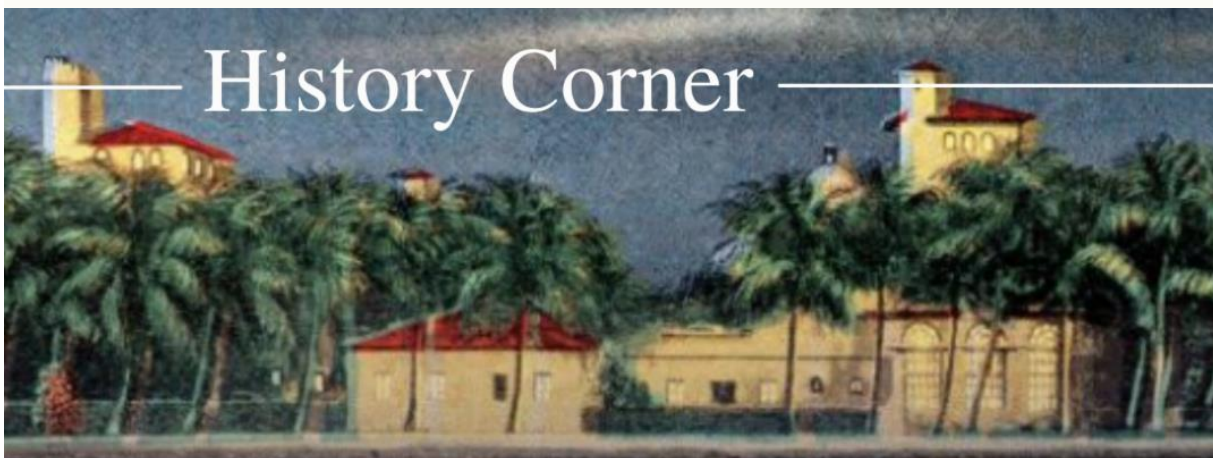
Its mission is to promote independence, dignity and self-respect to create more fulfilling lives.

Their unique training facilities offer various vocational training services in mail fulfillment, culinary, maintenance and computer technology skills.

Currently, JARC operates 10 group homes in the Boca Raton and Delray Beach area and offers apartment living for those who do not require 24-hour supervision.

[Learn more](#)

## Out and About with Mayor Weinroth

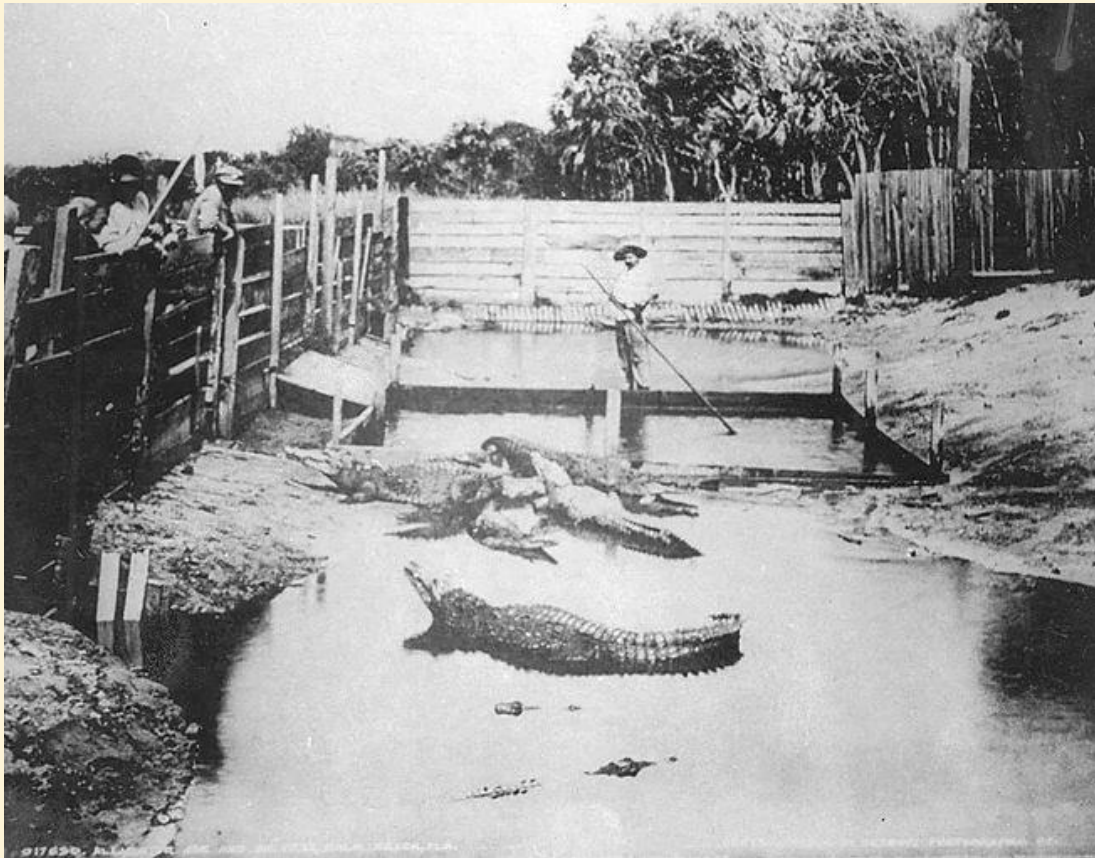


One of Palm Beach County's early attractions was an operation run by a man nicknamed "Alligator Joe."

He had a big, flowing mustache and sported a wide-brim hat. One story placed him at 340 pounds which contributed to his remarkable specialty of mid-day wrestling matches with his alligators.

In an era with limited entertainment options, Alligator Joe took advantage. At his alligator farm along the Intracoastal Waterway, at the west end of what's now Worth Avenue, people laid out a quarter — about \$7 in today's dollars — to see "hundreds of alligators and crocodiles."

The farm was about a mile from Henry Flagler's Royal Poinciana hotel and was a popular stop for hotel guests.



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