

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations Meeting Summary 9/7/22

President Vinikoor opened the meeting with a series of announcements and introductions. She reminded everyone that the October meeting would be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 to accommodate members who celebrate Yom Kippur. She indicated that the October meeting agenda will explain how each of the Palm Beach emergency services work together to provide us with a safe living environment.

Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections, provided statistics about voting at the 2020 election and projections for the upcoming mid-terms. She also described actions being taken to secure the integrity of upcoming elections and offered to have her Board of Election teams participate in town hall meetings. She also offered to provide tours of the Equipment Center.

Captain Sandt, PBSO reported that Operation Hot Wheels was very successful in reducing speeding on local roads. Over 11,000 citations and 41 arrests were made to violators. Chief Harvey, PBCFR discussed the two new facilities that are in the process of being built and how they will improve community safety. Senator Berman described services available through her office. Representative Kelly Skidmore introduced the bond initiative that will be on the upcoming ballot and indicated that Jack Weir would be providing more information later in the agenda. Karen Brill, President of the School Board indicated that we almost have a final contract with the school teachers. She also said that the school district will not ban any books or allow teachers and school staff to carry guns while on duty.

Voting

Ms. Link also discussed significant changes by the State legislature to the voting process and how they will affect you beginning with the upcoming mid-term election. These changes include :

- Changes to the vote-by-mail and vote "drop off" processes.
- Ability to obtain a reservation for voting in person (no more waiting on line).
- Restrictions about what may/may not be done within 150 feet of the polling place.

After the mid-term, persons who wish to vote by mail will have to re-register (even if you voted by mail in the past). Key dates for the 2022 mid-term elections are:

- Deadline to register to vote: Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- Early Voting: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., October 24, 2022, through November 6, 2022
- Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2022
- Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot: 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- Election Day: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Please visit the County's [votePalmBeach.gov](https://www.votePalmBeach.gov) website for more information.

Ballot Question 1

A recent survey showed that there is a shortage of work force housing (people who provide services and who earn less than \$128,000) and that this is significantly impacting growth in Palm Beach County. To remedy, a proposal has been made for the state to sell bonds, the proceeds of which would be used to make loans to developers who would build new homes for sale at below market rates. Jack Weir described how the bond process would work and estimated that the cost of the bond to each household would be only \$4 per month, and the payback would be lower real estate costs for all homeowners, redeveloped neighborhoods and the ability for the local economy to keep growing. It would also indirectly reduce traffic as more people would live closer to their home, lessening the need to drive to work.

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