

ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS MEETING SUMMARY 1/4/2023

President Lori Vinikoor opened the meeting with a description of successful actions taken by the Alliance for its members (see page 3).

Executive Vice President Arnie Katz then introduced guests and reminded members to remain vigilant about Covid even though there is an apparent lull in the pandemic.

Updates were given by elected officials and first responders:

- Lt. John Wink reported that PBSO is conducting a scam workshop on March 16.
- PBCFR Chief Bill Standsbury reported that two additional stations in the area will be constructed to allow for expanded capacity.
- Palm Beach County will conduct workshops about the agricultural reserve addressing the needs and interest of residents.

Palm Beach County Mayor Gregg Weiss gave a presentation explaining why Palm Beach County was growing and the issues that it faces moving forward.

- County officials will be travelling to Tallahassee on March 7th & 8th to meet with state legislative leadership.
- Inflation and a housing shortage have made it too expensive for new workers to support our fast-growing needs. The \$200M bond issue passed last year will enable developers to build affordable housing. Legislation passed last year requires that future development in the Ag Reserve will provide lower cost work force housing.
- The County has been fully funding sheriff and fire department needs. Infrastructure is getting increased attention and funding.

Vice Mayor Maria Sachs spoke about the Veterans Benefit Center that assists and counsels former and current members of the Armed Forces who reside in Palm Beach County. Services include assistance in preparing and filing claims for benefits for which they are entitled under federal, state, and local laws. Dependents and survivors of present or former members of the Armed Forces may be eligible for the services of this program.

Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia spoke about the heavy investment that the city is making in infrastructure and how Delray Beach is becoming a highly desirable location for tourism and living.

Special Event Calendar

Event	Date	Description
January 19	Board Certification Course 6 PM	Zoom course for Board members Contact Pres. Vinikoor 561-715-1530
January 26	Mature Driving Course FILLED!	Alliance-led auto safety training for insurance discount
February 1	Get to Know PBC Expo 9 AM-Noon	Putting a face on local government (South County Civic Center)
February 3	Veterans Benefit Fair 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM	Outreach services for current and past military families (South County Civic Center)
March 7-8	Palm Beach County Day In Tallahassee	Meet State, County and local leaders (Tallahassee)
March 16	PBSO Scam Workshop 1-3 PM	Learn how to protect yourself against scams (South County Civic Center)