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#### Dear Friends:

Well, the heat is on as we enter the height of the summer weather here in South Florida. And while we all find comfort inside with the air conditioning blasting, there are some wonderful outdoor things to do this time of year, especially now that the tourist season is over and those of us that are "year-rounders" can enjoy lesser crowds. For instance, there's nothing like an early morning stroll on the beach to watch the sunrise or an opportunity to head out west to the edge of the Everglades to watch a beautiful summertime sunset. There are many wonderful things to do in Palm Beach County and here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Enjoy the many activities at our Palm Beach County parks, from camping, to playgrounds, and water activities -- there is a variety of things to do. For more information, visit https://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/pages/default.aspx.
- For those that prefer the indoors, why not visit the current exhibits at the Norton Museum of Art? For details, visit https://www.norton.org/.
- For you water enthusiasts, there is swimming or surfing at our wonderful beaches or perhaps an island adventure at Peanut Island (https://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Locations/Peanut-Island.aspx).

There is plenty more to do around our fantastic community, so I encourage you to visit https://www.thepalmbeaches.com/ to find that perfect summer adventure.

Enjoy your summer and have a great Fourth of July holiday!

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### INTRODUCING THE WELCOME GUIDE

When I first moved to Palm Beach County I remember how intimidating it was to get settled into a new area. Since then, there has been immense growth in our county. In 2022, more than 13,000 people made the move to Palm Beach County. Settling into a new town comes with a lengthy to-do list of tasks ranging from updating your driver license to registering to vote. Knowing who to contact for each item can be a daunting endeavor. To make the process a little easier, our office is pleased to offer a "Welcome to Palm Beach County Guide". This comprehensive guide includes everything from "How-To's" for updating a driver license and vehicle registrations through the Tax Collector's Office, to signing up for Homestead



Exemption, important phone numbers, education options, and even fun facts about our county. If you have friends or family planning a move to our county, an online version of the guide is available at www.pbctax.com/welcome-quide.

#### JOURNEY TO GOOD HEALTH

Employee health and wellness have remained a focus for me since being elected to office in 2006. The American Heart Association previously awarded my agency the "Fit Friendly Workplace" designation. Furthermore, my office offers *Journey to Good Health*, a wellness initiative designed to reduce the incidence of chronic disease.

Our Journey to Good Health program offered to employees features three key elements to help guide them to healthy living. First, in February, employees were invited to participate in health screenings, which are designed to target the factors that influence cardiovascular health, such as blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, and body mass index (BMI). Each participant then received a Fitbit to track their daily steps, qualifying them to be eligible for special incentives if they walk at least 10,000 steps daily. Next, we provide onsite nutrition classes with our licensed dietician, to teach participants about meal planning and eating strategies to minimize risks. Finally, after a few months and at the end of this annual program, employees are re-screened, and those results are compared to their initial results. Those employees who are successful in achieving healthier results are eligible to receive a reduction in their health insurance premiums for the entire year!

I am so thrilled that we are able to offer this valuable wellness program to the employees and "hats off" to their commitment to their Journey to Good Health.



# SAY WHAT, I CAN RENEW MY REGISTRATION AT PUBLIX?

What does a Publix sub have in common with your vehicle registration? Both can be conveniently picked up at Publix Super Markets in only a matter of minutes! Our easy-to-use MV Express Kiosk allows you to not only renew your registration, but it will also print the registration with the decal sticker, you will be on your way in no time! Don't believe me, check out this video that walks you through the process.

MV Express Kiosk How to Video - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jppdve90zWY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jppdve90zWY</a>

Keep in mind, if you have a stop, hold or expired registration, you cannot renew your registration using the MV Express kiosk. As of right now, we have six MV Express kiosks located in Publix Super Markets throughout Palm Beach County, to find the location nearest you, visit <a href="https://www.pbctax.com/kiosks/">www.pbctax.com/kiosks/</a>.

## **JULY IMPORTANT DATES**



