

## Alliance of Delray Residential Associations Meeting Summary July 5, 2023

We are “zooming” for July and August. Our meeting was called to order at 10am by our President, Dr. Lori Vinikoor. Lori reported that our Annual Breakfast featuring Delray Medical Center and the South Florida Proton Therapy Institute was very successful and we learned so much about the newest techniques for fighting cancers and other ailments.

PBSO Lieutenant John Wink reported that the Dept. has been successful in curbing the many accidents including Lyons Rd down to Linton. We still must be very cautious when turning at Atlantic and Jog. Many accidents are happening at that intersection. Also, speeding on State Rd 7 has been a problem and PBSO is very aware of and monitoring this situation. There has been an increase in vehicle burglaries, most are left unlocked. Lock your car and please do not leave key fobs and important items visible on the seats. We were also warned about Bank Juggling. Thieves watch for people at ATM’s retrieving money and will follow them to other shopping areas in order to steal their money! Be Aware of your surroundings and don’t leave the bank until your card and money are put away! If you have questions or concerns, Lieutenant John Wink’s phone # is 561-688-4763.

Commissioner Marcy Woodward was our next speaker and her subject was Hurricane Season! We should have a solid supply of water, non-perishable food items and flashlights, batteries, fans, and a waterproof, “to go” bag with all our important papers. Our commissioner also gave a road update. Linton Drawbridge will be out for a few days. Should be back by 7/8. For questions about your community you may email her at [mwoodward@pbc.org](mailto:mwoodward@pbc.org).

The SWA (Solid Waste Authority) was represented by Jessica Winter, Recycling, Education, & Marketing Director and Elyse Brown, Community Education Supervisor represented PBC Fire Rescue. The very informative topic was Lithium Batteries Dangers and Disposal Process. The biggest issue is the Fire Hazard. High temperatures and moisture release heat and sparks causing explosions. These are contact triggers. Lithium vs. Water! When the lithium meets water it often will explode. These batteries are in musical greeting cards, electric toothbrushes, smoke alarms, and so many commonly used items. Public education is necessary to distinguish between alkaline batteries and lithium batteries. The Waste Industry response holds companies responsible for these issues. Recycle centers are considering new labeling requirements and public awareness. Also, listing places that are available for disposal of these products.

Elyse Brown of PB Fire Rescue stated that Electric Vehicles, electronic mobility devices, are also part of the lithium battery problem. Why are these a danger? Disposing of these batteries in dumpsters cause problems when they arrive at SWA facilities. Water could be sprayed on them and there have been many fires in waste disposal facilities. Education on recycling is important. Public bus signs, on our garbage cans etc. will create the awareness. Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in garbage BUT NOT lithium. Look for this information in newsletters, etc. listing places to take the lithium batteries.

Our next guest was Captain Tony Keeler from PBC Fire/Rescue. He also talked about hurricane prep by stocking up on water and meds as well as non-perishable food items.

Vice Mayor Maria Sachs said that over 1000+ people attended the South County Park music concert and July 4th Fireworks. She and her staff work diligently to help us to have a very strong and informed PBC community.

The “Live Local Act” and how it affects your community, was addressed by Florida House District 92 Representative Kelly Skidmore. This includes a comprehensive, statewide workforce housing strategy, designed to increase the availability of affordable housing opportunities for Florida’s workforce. The Act, also known as SB 102, provides historic funding for workforce housing in addition to a multitude of new programs, incentives, and opportunities. This legislation works to refocus Florida’s housing strategy in ways that make housing more attainable.

Delray and Boca Raton housing rates have tripled in the past 5 years so it is very expensive to live in our District 92 and other PBC districts. Height of the development and density are issues that are addressed in the Live Local Act.

At August’s Zoom meeting we will hear from Dorothy Jacks, our Property Appraiser. Join us on zoom in August. Here is the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81290763390>  
We will return to the South County Civic Center in September. The September meeting will be all about our Insurance Issues and how to decrease insurance rates.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goldberg\