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PALM BEACH COUNTY VICE MAYOR
DISTRICT 5



Happy Birthday, America!

The Fourth of July is when we, as Americans, celebrate our independence. Let us always recognize that what brings us together as Americans is much stronger than anything that can tear us apart.

This was evident during the Fourth of July Celebration at South County Regional Park, where nearly 2,000 people united to celebrate America's birthday. Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department Director Jennifer Cirillo and her staff created a truly magical evening filled with family, fun, flip-flops, fireworks and freedom.



**July Fourth Celebration at
Sunset Cove Amphitheater**







Traffic Workshop Recap



L to R (front row): FDOT District 4 Planning and Environmental Administrator John Krane; Palm Beach County Vice Mayor Maria Sachs; Palm Beach County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker; Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency Executive Director Valerie Neilson; Mizner's Preserve resident Dr. Rick Stopek; West Boca Community Council President Sheri Scarborough; Palm Beach County Engineer David Ricks.

L to R (back row): School District of Palm Beach County Administrator Physical Education, Health & Driver Education Eric Stern; Florida Highway Patrol Troop L Commander Maj. Robert Chandler; Palm Beach County District 5 intern Kaden Balfour; Maj., aide-de-camp, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles David Bernhardt; Palm Tran Executive Director Clinton B. Forbes; Valencia Sound resident Joel Miller.

Traffic is an issue that has continuously plagued the residents of District 5. To solve such an issue, we must realize that traffic is a symptom of development without proper infrastructure. This congestion on our roadways can lead to a multitude of problems: lack of connectivity, increased pollution, wasted time, stress, hypertension, accidents, lack of growth, and even death as a result of EMS limited response times. It is a serious issue and must be addressed before unbridled growth continues to worsen the issue within our district.

My office is committed to solving this issue and representing the will of the people. Please feel free to send your suggestions and comments to my office; I look forward to hearing your thoughts. We must take steps to protect our district now; tomorrow may be too late.

Read more about the [Future of Transportation](#).

Read more about the [Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Workshop](#).

Lyons Road Construction Update

- Project cleanup is currently in progress. Mowers are onsite, working their way from Linton Blvd. and heading south.
- We are currently collaborating with the contractor to ensure that both southbound lanes between the areas of 155th and Golden Gate Ave. are opened for traffic. Some parts of the area require milling and resurfacing, and new temporary pavement markings will be added approaching the L38 bridge to improve traffic flow.

- The contractor will start working south of the new L-38 bridge once a change order is approved by the Board of County Commissioners. They're expected to start in September.
- There has been a delay in the temporary signal construction at Atlantic Ave. and Lyons Road. Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department's Traffic Division reports the delivery of temporary poles has been pushed to August due to material procurement delays.
- Once the temporary signal is in place, the contractor will begin working at the intersection of Lyons Road and Atlantic Ave.

Trivia

Congratulations to trivia winners:

Cindy Mathias of Boynton Beach and **Steve Wolfberg** also of Boynton Beach.

The correct answer to the last trivia question: The three founding fathers who died on the Fourth of July were John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

Trivia Question:

Palm Beach County is home to 110 parks. The largest park in Florida is 1.5 million acres. What is the name of the park, and where is it located?

Submit your answers by email to district5@pbcgov.org. Winners will be recognized in the next Sachs Sentinel.

Events in Our Community



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Glades Road Branch

20701 95th Ave.
Boca Raton 33434

Wednesdays in July, 10 a.m.

Preschool Power

Find out how super reading is with songs, stories and rhymes. Ages 3-5 (30 minutes) Preregister.

July 24, 2 p.m.

Kindergarten Readiness

Get a head start on your child's education with this three-week series. Ages 5-6 (60 minutes) Preregister.

July 19, 2 p.m.

Summer Movie Madness

"The Sandlot" Twentieth Century Fox. (101 minutes) Play some ball this summer with a movie and a fun craft. Preregister. PG

July 21, 2 p.m.

Hooked on Crochet

Learn the basics of crochet in a friendly easy-going environment. Supplies provided. (60 minutes) Preregister.

West Boynton Branch

9451 Jog Road
Boynton Beach 33437

July 24, 2 p.m.

Coloring Club

Color for fun and relaxation with other enthusiasts. Coloring materials are provided or bring your own. (60 min.)

July 27, 10 a.m.

PBC Veteran Services

Meet with accredited Service Officer Jason St. John for a Q&A about services. Bring your DD214. (3 hr.)

July 27, 2 p.m.

Google Like a Pro

Think you know all there is to know about the famous search engine? Learn secrets and tricks that will take your searches to new levels. (60 min.) Call 561-734-5556 to preregister.

July 27, 3:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Relax and exercise with certified yoga instructor Dr. Maruti Ram Gudavalli. Have water on hand and wear comfortable clothing. (60 min.) Call 561-734-5556 to preregister.

West Boca Branch
[18685 State Road 7](#)
[Boca Raton 33498](#)

July 28, 2:30 p.m.

Friday Afternoon Crafts

Stop in for a casual craft time. A variety of simple crafts are available. Ages 3-9 (60 minutes).

July 27, 2 p.m.

Songs for Everyone

Gather around, listen, or sing along as singer and songwriter Bob Gelb strums through familiar songs. All ages. (60 minutes) Preregister.

Hagen Ranch Road Branch
[14350 Hagen Ranch Road](#)
[Delray Beach 33446](#)

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Tickle Me Tunes

Enjoy songs, activities and stories for your active little ones, followed by playtime. Ages 3-24 months. (45 minutes)

July 19, 2:30 p.m.

Kid's Music Circle

Sing, shake and play along with music specialist Noam Brown during this fun, engaging and 100% interactive activity. He will bring his guitar and plenty of instruments for you to choose from. Be ready for singing, rhythm-making and creative movement! Ages 2-11. (45 min.) Preregister.

July 20, 2:30 p.m.

Coding with Tech Toys: Bee-Bot® Summer Edition

Learn concepts of control, logic and programming with this challenge. Design a fun obstacle course for a Bee-Bot® and then put it to the test! Grades 1-5. (60 min.) Call 561-894-7500 to preregister.



Volunteers Needed:

The annual Back to School PBC! event will be held on Saturday, July 22, at four locations throughout the county, serving approximately 10,000 students.

On Friday, July 21, volunteers will also be needed to assist with the following event setup activities: backpack and resources inventory and organization on tables by gender and grade; setup of vendors and service providers areas, check-in and troubleshooting stations; placement of signs, banners, stanchions, and other miscellaneous items throughout the site; and other tasks as needed. Tasks involve bending, picking up boxes, moving tables, and

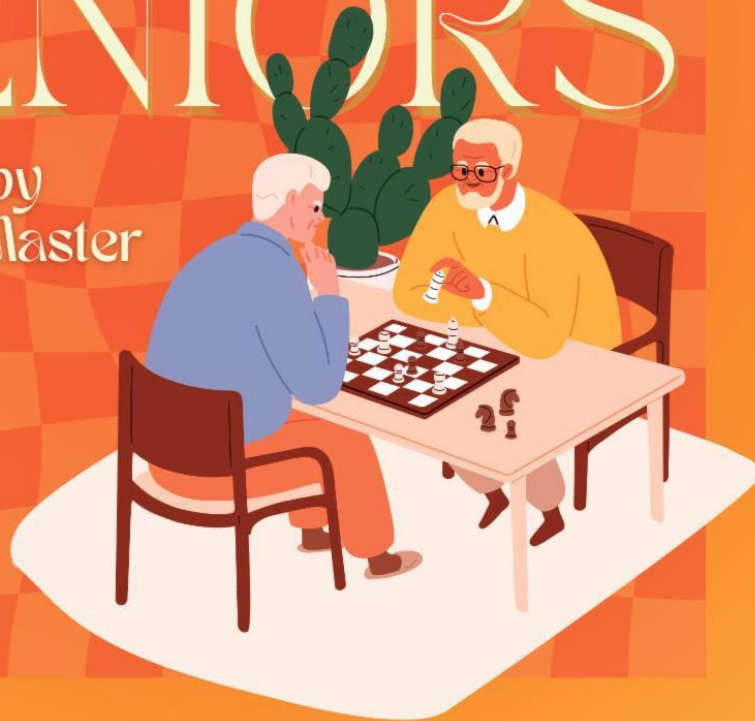
more. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time and unpack boxes.

We welcome anyone 16 and older to volunteer on setup day. We will have community service letters for those who need them. Light breakfast and refreshments will be provided!

Sign up at [Palm Beach County Convention Center](#).

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Animal Care & Control Spotlight

Be an animal hero. Adopt or foster a homeless pet today.

Meet Pepper:



Pepper is six months old, 34 lbs, and is waiting for her forever home at Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control (PBCACC).

She's a perfect backyard pal and addition to your family.

PBCACC adoptable pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and have county license tags. Adopters also receive a free health care certificate that offers a free exam for their pet from participating veterinarians, with up to \$500 savings, and a bag of Hill's Science Diet pet food.

Adoptions fees for the month of July are \$4.00.

Please reference [#A2151006](#).

Call 561-233-1272 for more information.

I Found Kittens Outside. What Should I Do?



Did you know kittens are one of the most vulnerable populations in animal shelters and many end up there because of well-meaning animal lovers?

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would like to help you figure out the best approach for helping kittens in your community.

Removing kittens from their current environment may not always be the right answer as the mom cat could be nearby getting food (or hiding from you)— and no one can care for a kitten like their mom can.

Please answer the following questions to help choose the right path for the kittens you found:

Are they injured?

Are they sick?

Call the Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Division at 561-233-1200 if they are in intermittent danger.

County Wide

Pet Adoption Event

Saturday, July 22nd

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control and various local animal rescues for **Countdown 2 Zero Mega Pet Adoption Event** where adoptable animals from multiple rescues will be under one roof!



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Together We Can Save Lives

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Dear Commissioner



There is an abundance of mosquitos in my neighborhood. Whom do I call?

Call the Aerial Spray Hotline at 561-642-8775 to hear the most up-to-date information about current mosquito control operations.

[Click Here](#) to report mosquito activity. The form is used to report mosquito activity to Palm Beach County Mosquito Control. Please note that submission of this form does not always result in spraying. Palm Beach County Mosquito Control is required to verify and document the presence of a legitimate mosquito problem before treatment. By submitting the request for service, you are giving Mosquito Control permission to access your property and treat if necessary.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions.
561-355-2205

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