

## **SACHS SENTINEL**











Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As many of you know August is usually one of our hottest months. However this year the heat index has risen so quickly and at such an alarming rate that it's proven to be dangerous to our health. Not only is the climate getting hotter, forecasters are now sounding the alarm for an increase in the intensity of hurricanes.

We need to be prepared! I encourage all of our residents to take advantage of the <u>Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday</u>, which begins Saturday, Aug.26 and extends through Friday, Sept. 8. During that time, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from sales tax.



Remember! Make a plan, build a kit, get involved and be informed. For more information, visit **readypbc.com**.

For information on shelters!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

### **Lyons Road Construction Update**



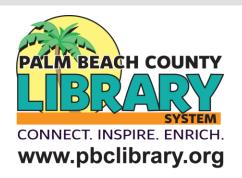
Why is Lyons Road not completed yet?

The construction on Lyons Road is proceeding at a pace that ensures safety for all motorists. The delays we are experiencing are due to housing developments that were built before the road was ready.

Rather than a simple road widening, County

Engineers are forced to dig around existing power lines, Comcast lines, internet lines and gas pipes. My policy has always been and will continue to be no further housing developments should be approved before the infrastructure is in place. Please be patient. We are working as fast as we can.

### **Events in Our Community**



### Glades Road Branch 20701 95th Ave. Boca Raton 33434

### Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2-3 p.m.

Starting a Podcast with Audacity Learn how to create a podcast using Audacity. Intermediate computer skills recommended. Preregister.

> West Boynton Branch 9451 Jog Road Boynton Beach 33437

### Saturday, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.-noon

Line Dancing with Ruth Goldstein Have fun and dance as if no one is watching. Preregister.

#### Monday, Aug. 28, 1:30-3 p.m.

Adult Coloring Club

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

### Monday, Aug. 28, 3 p.m.

Coloring Club for Kids

Socialize with friends while you work on a coloring craft.

West Boca Branch 18685 State Road 7 Boca Raton 33498

### Sunday, Aug. 27, 12:30-1 p.m.

Family Storytime

Stories, fingerplays and songs for kids and their families. Ages 2-6.

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 3:30 PM-4:15 PM

A Visit from Daggerwing Nature Center: Frogs and Toads Meet a live animal and learn cool facts from a naturalist. Ages 5 and up. Preregister.

### Hagen Ranch Road Branch 14350 Hagen Ranch Road Delray Beach 33446

### Friday, Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m.

Crafty Creations: Clay Trinket Dish

We'll use air-dried clay to make a small trinket dish pressed with a leaf design.

Supplies provided. (75 min.) Preregister.

### Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2-3:30 p.m.

Nonfiction Book Club: We will be discussing "One Summer," by Bill Bryson Preregister.

### Thursday, Aug. 31, 10:30 a.m.

Drop in and Play

Socialize and play in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Ages 2-5. (45 min.)

Click here for more information or to register for an event.

## Commissioner Sachs Chair of the Tourist Development Council



**Tourist Development Council** 

As summer generates record heat, tourism remains robust in Palm Beach County. Last month, bed taxes collected reached \$4.6 million as people continued to come and play.

The former Honda Classic has been rebranded to The Classic in the Palm Beaches as the PGA Tour commits to remain in the county.

The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County will

host the Arts & Tourism Summit: Access for All on Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Aug. 31. This voluntary professional development event is expected to draw 300 professionals from the arts and tourism sectors. I'm looking forward to being a featured speaker at the summit.

Florida Atlantic University's football team is slated to kick off the season at home on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m., against Monmouth, followed by a matchup against Ohio on Saturday, Sept. 9.

With off season changes that include transitioning from Conference USA to the American Athletic Conference (AAC), FAU looks to start strong and establish itself as a threat to new opponents. One season removed from a 5-7 record, the FAU Owls hope to make a name for themselves this year in the AAC and jump out to an early lead in the conference.

Tune into ESPN+ to catch all the action live from Boca Raton this season. Let's GO OWLS!!

## Commissioner Sachs <a href="#">Chair of Solid Waste Authority</a>

# Recycle Used Motor Oil and Automotive Supplies





Palm Beach County Residential Disposal Only. For commercial disposal, call 561-687-1100.

## SWA's August Household Hazardous Waste Tip "If you're a do-it-yourself mechanic, remember to dispose of it yourself"

Get in gear with good practices that protect our environment and keep our communities clean.

Whether from cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, recreational vehicles or lawnmowers, DIY mechanics should not mix these items nor throw them away in the garbage:

- antifreeze
- filters
- fuels
- motor oils

Palm Beach County do-it-yourselfers should bring these items to one of seven Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA) Home Chemical and Recycling Centers or to any number of local service stations and auto parts stores that accept these waste fluids and used oil filters.

### **West Southwest County Transfer Station**

13400 S. State Road 7 in Delray Beach Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m. To prevent fuel, oil or lubricant spills, transport the used motor fluids in containers sold at retail stores or clean plastic containers with a lid. Clearly label all containers and never mix used oil with other liquids – including water.

One cup of spilled motor oil can contaminate more than 62,000 gallons of fresh water. So please keep sand or kitty litter handy in case a spill happens.

In the last fiscal year, Palm Beach County residents safely disposed of or recycled almost 4.9 million pounds of home chemicals. This included more than:

- 507,000 pounds of motor oils
- 79,500 pounds of fuels
- 40,000 pounds of antifreeze
- 16,500 pounds of filters

Visit <a href="mailto:swa.org/hcrc">swa.org/hcrc</a> or call 561-697-2700 or 866-792-4636 (toll-free) to learn more about the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

### **PBI Update**



Palm Beach County is set to soar to new heights in entertainment and culinary excellence with PopStroke Entertainment Group's latest expansion announcement.



PopStroke Entertainment Group will bring its unique mini golf and entertainment concept to life at Palm Beach International Airport in West Palm Beach.

This groundbreaking project will span across a 3.37-acre lot located at the southwestern intersection of Australian Avenue and Belvedere Road. The venue will unveil two distinctively designed 18-hole mini golf courses, allowing guests to experience the game in a new and unparalleled atmosphere incorporating innovative technology, jumbotrons, music and mobile app delivery of drinks.

PopStroke Palm Beach will encompass a state-of-the-art two-story, open-air building, seamlessly integrating a full-service restaurant and multiple bars, including a bar centered in the middle of the golf experience. A playground and full-service ice cream parlor with 24 flavors of ice cream and craft milkshakes delivers something for everyone.

Ensuring a seamless travel experience, the venue will offer a VIP lounge area and convenient storage lockers for luggage, further enhanced by a complimentary PopStroke shuttle service to and from the airport. This flagship location will also offer a private events area and a rooftop pool with a bar.

### **PBC Tax Collector wins National Award**



Palm Beach County Constitutional Tax Collector Anne M. Gannon has received national honors from the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers.

The association awarded Gannon with its "Outstanding County Collector, Treasurer of Finance Officer Award" at its annual conference. The organization presents the distinguished annual award to a person who serves as a leader in their home state and a professional of the highest caliber in operating their county office.

Congratulations Anne!!

### **Animal Care and Control Spotlight**

## Be an Animal Hero, Adopt or Foster a Homeless Pet Today Free Adoption

#### **Meet Molly**

Miss Molly found herself at the shelter as a stray. She is terrific at walking on a leash and did great with the vet staff for her vaccines. This sweet and calm senior gal is calm even in the hectic and loud kennels. She deserves a loving home and to get out of the shelter.



Interesting in adopting Molly? Contact the Animal Care and Control Division today and reference **#A2154315**. **pbcgov.com/animal** 



#### Meet Maggie

Maggie is looking for a forever home. This six-year-old female feline is spayed and has been at the Animal Care and Control Division's shelter for over 70 days. She would be a great companion.

If you would like to learn more about Maggie, contact the Animal Care and Control Division today and reference **#A1985262**.

If you are interested in adopting an animal, please get in touch with the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department's Animal Care and Control Division online at <a href="mailto:pbcgov.com/animal">pbcgov.com/animal</a> or call 561-233-1272.

All adopted animals will be spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations, protected against fleas and ticks, microchipped and much more.



# JOIN OUR LIFESAVING TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS!

### **Volunteer Opportunities Include:**

- Dog walker
- Dog Play Group
- Dog Paw Spa
- Feline Friend
- Enrichment Workshop
- Welcome Greeter
- Lost & Found Liaison



Scan Me Right Meow



**Dear Commissioner** 



I am unable to pay my electric bill. My bill has doubled this summer because of the intense heat and I am afraid I will be disconnected for non-payment. Does Palm Beach County offer any assistance in these types of situations?

Each day in Palm Beach County, hundreds of families face utility service disconnection. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the

Low Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) are designed to provide financial relief from high-energy costs to prevent service disconnection for families in crisis. Services include crisis utility and water payment home energy assistance.

Applicants can submit their application online at <u>utilityassistancepbc.org</u> or contact the call center at 561-355-4792 to make an appointment at one of our office locations or participating libraries. You can also contact the nearest Community Action Service Center.

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

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