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As sea temps rise so does hurricane forecast



As we are entering peak hurricane season I want to remind you to be prepared. So far we haven't had any serious threats but August, September and October are historically the most active months of Atlantic Hurricane Season. Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have upped their prediction from near-normal level of activity to above-normal level of activity due in part to record-warm ocean temperatures.

[Link to NOAA here](#)

[Take a look at our 2023 hurricane guide here](#)

West Palm Beach Police Department mourns fallen sergeant



The West Palm Beach Police Department is mourning a 16-year veteran who was identified as the driver killed in a patrol car crash in Boynton Beach on July 28.

Sergeant Fernando DeSouza, 43, was positively identified as the driver who died in the single-vehicle crash at Hypoluxo and Lawrence roads. He was off-duty at the time of the crash. The Boynton Beach Police Department notified West Palm Beach Police Chief Frank Adderley late Tuesday afternoon with confirmation of the identification. "This is very tragic news and a tremendous loss for Fernando's family and his West Palm Beach police family," Chief Adderley said. "I have been with his family and there are no words

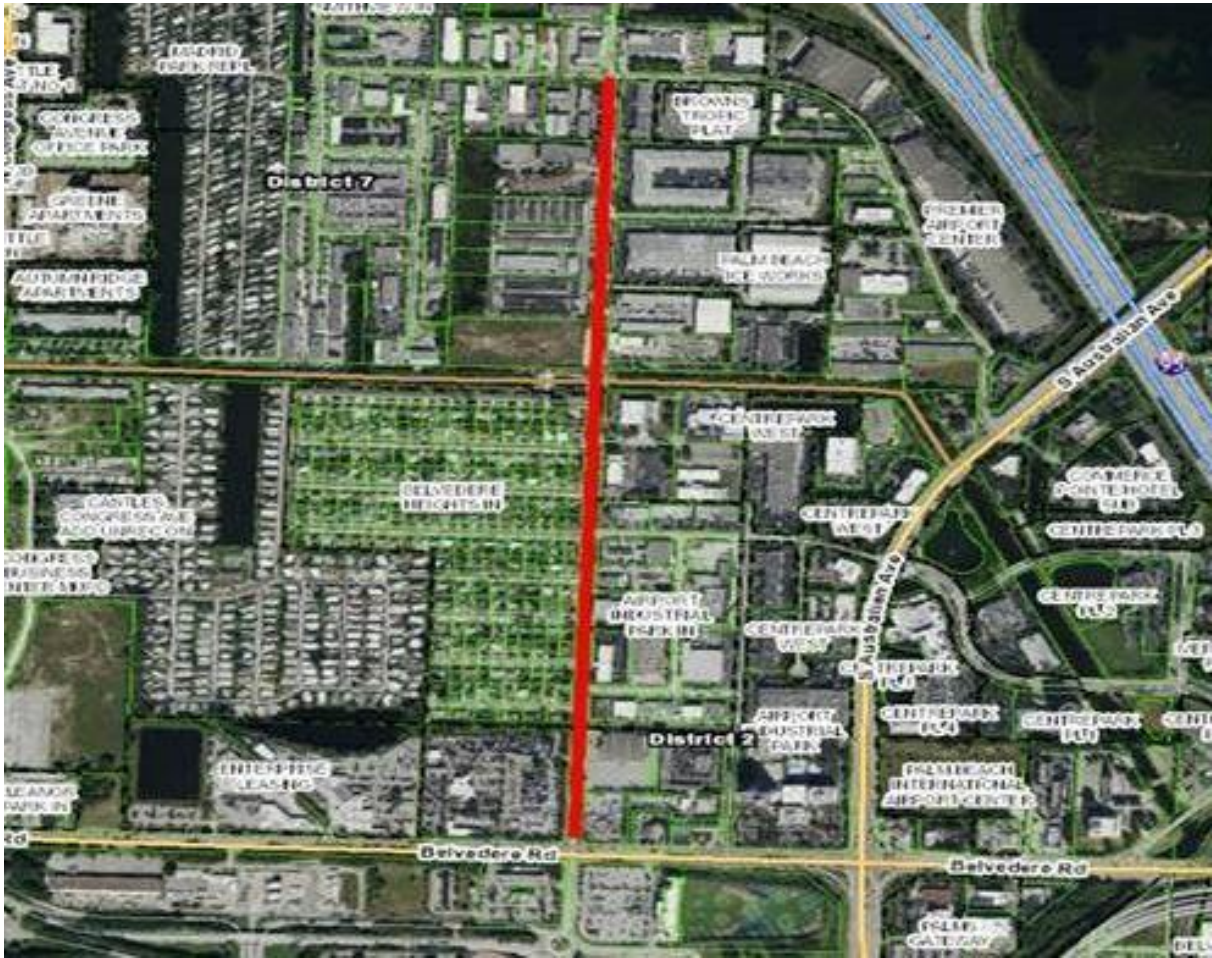
to describe the grief and sorrow they are experiencing. We are all deeply saddened and continue praying for him, his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time."

Sergeant DeSouza was hired as an officer in January 2007 and was promoted to sergeant in October 2017. He was most recently assigned to road patrol in the south end of the city. He received several commendations and a service certificate throughout his police career. He was a decorated military veteran, a Purple Heart recipient, serving in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. DeSouza is survived by a son and two daughters.

Florida Mango Resurfacing - Belvedere to Old Okeechobee

The Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department will be resurfacing Florida Mango from Belvedere Road to Old Okeechobee Road. The tentative start date is Aug. 24

(weather and scheduling permitting). Daytime operations. Temporary lane closures. The work duration will be approximately seven days.



Tarpon Cove and Monceaux Park update



With the help of many volunteers, Tarpon Cove and Monceaux Park got a little greener this past Spring.

By now I'm sure you're familiar with the Tarpon Cove Project. In this newsletter we regularly report on these man made islands in the Lake Worth Lagoon that the county built to increase habitat, improve water quality. This story looks back at the volunteers who helped develop and maintain these islands.

Palm Beach County hosted eight separate events at Tarpon Cove, welcoming over 230 volunteers who helped plant the two northern islands with over 2,300 red mangroves donated by MANG Apparel and 8,000 saltmarsh cordgrass, purchased by the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM). Many volunteers came from the El Cid community and partner organizations instrumental in creating Tarpon Cove, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida League of Cities Inc. and the City of West Palm Beach. Additional volunteers included County Mayor Gregg K. Weiss, members of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club and Angler Action Foundation, Palm Beach Day Academy, and many residents. From Monceaux Park to the islands, participants were shuttled by boats provided by ANGARI Foundation and LagoonKeepers.org.



Palm Beach County partnered with the School District of Palm Beach County for Earth Day in April. Over 40 students, teachers and administrative staff headed to the shoreline to help Palm Beach County plant the two living shorelines along the park's seawall. The group planted 100 red mangroves (donated by MANG Apparel) and 700 salt marsh cordgrass seedlings in planters lined with rocks. The students also got close to some of the creatures living in the lagoon. Getting wet and muddy with the

students were Conniston Middle School Science Teacher Elizabeth Eck and Principal James Thomas. We were also pleased to have School District of Palm Beach County Chief Operating Officer Joseph Sanches and Superintendent Michael J. Burke at the event. The Monceaux Park Living Shoreline is a partnership between ERM and the City of West Palm Beach to bring much-needed wildlife habitat to seawall-lined sections of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

Some videos from the event:

[Planting Mangroves in Lake Worth Lagoon - Monceaux Park - YouTube](#)

[Burke at Work: Earth Day Edition - YouTube](#)

[Read more here](#)

Back to School

A successful school year to all teachers, administration, support staff and students.

Below a few tips to ensure the safety of all children.



BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public of traffic and pedestrian violations law enforcement personnel witness and receive the most complaints about in school zones. Below is a list of some of the most common violations.

- Unlawful Speed in a School Zone**
FSS 316.1895 (10)
Fines from \$156 - \$606
Moving violation
(Fines Doubled)
- Discharge/Loading of passengers on the paved roadway/shoulder prohibited**
FSS 316.1945(1)(A)12
Fine \$116
Non-moving violation
- Passing Stopped School Bus**
FSS 316.172(1)(a)
Fine \$371
Moving violation
- Stopping / Standing / Parking on a Crosswalk**
FSS 316.1945(1)(a)4
Fine \$116
Non-moving violation
- School and Work Zones:**
Use of a wireless communication device in a handheld manner
FSS 316.306 (3)(a)1
Fine \$166
Moving violation
- Pedestrian obstruction or hindering traffic**
FSS 316.2045(1)
Fine \$64.50
Pedestrian violation



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is asking the public and pedestrians to be mindful of these violations and patient as our students return to school.

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STAY ALERT SO KIDS DON'T GET HURT

- Slow Down for School Zones
- Back Up with Caution
- Watch Out for Children & Bicycles
- Eliminate Distractions



Your Safety. Our Priority.

Stop on Red, Kids Ahead

FloridaSchoolBusSafety.gov



WHAT TO DO WHEN APPROACHING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS

TWO-LANE:
Vehicles traveling
in both directions
MUST stop

MULTI-LANE Paved Across:
Vehicles traveling in both
directions **MUST** stop

DIVIDED HIGHWAY
Unpaved space (Min 5 ft) OR any raised median/physical barrier.
Vehicles behind bus **MUST** stop.
Vehicles traveling in the opposite
direction proceed with caution.



Passing a stopped school bus carries a fine of \$271 and a penalty of four points on your driver's license.



Free pet adoptions during August

Celebrate

DOGust

**WAIVED
Adoption Fees!**

Palm Beach County
Department of Public Safety
Division of Animal Care & Control



As Aug. 1 marked the universal shelter dog birthday 🎂, Animal Care and Control is celebrating DOGust all month long with WAIVED adoption fees!

The Palm Beach County Public Safety Department's Animal Care and Control Division (PBC ACC) has over 200 amazing dogs waiting to experience the love of a family! We encourage you to come to PBC ACC to find your best friend. We are the only open-admission shelter in the county and are currently over capacity with the number of homeless pets in our care.

Whether you are looking for a big dog, small dog, couch potato or swimming buddy, we have the perfect match for you!

[You can see all of our furry friends available for adoption here](#)

You can visit us in person at 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach 33414.



Monday-Friday: noon-6 p.m.



Saturday: noon-5 p.m.



Sunday: noon-4 p.m.

Adoption fees are waived for all adoptable pets!





Business Development Board's Palm Beach County Profile magazine

Mayor Weiss wrote a letter that was featured in the Business Development Board's Profile Magazine.

[Read it here.](#)



Comcast

Mayor Weiss sat with Comcast during the National Association of Counties Conference to talk about water resources, housing, broadband accessibility and affordability, transportation and how we can use technology to improve the lives of our residents in Palm Beach County.

National Association of Counties

Counties must speak up with their broadband needs

<https://www.naco.org/articles/counties-must-speak-their-broadband-needs>

The Town-Crier

Palm Beach County Celebrates July As Park And Recreation Month

<https://gotowncrier.com/2023/07/palm-beach-county-celebrates-july-as-park-and-recreation-month/>

SunFest

Gregg, a long time SunFest volunteer was asked to comment on the leadership change at the downtown music festival. Read Joe Capozzi's story here:

<https://www.byjoecapozzi.com/post/sunfest-maestro-paul-jamieson-retiring-after-33-years-it-s-time-for-the-next-leader>

Commish in the community

Celebrations, anniversaries, meeting with agencies, advocating for health causes, recognizing community leaders, joining neighbors' festivities and going to neighborhood meetings, Mayor Weiss spends a lot of time in the community.

"As an elected official, I want to be part of the community I represent," said Mayor Weiss. "I want to understand the issues in my district and that's why I spend many evenings going out to events to listen and learn."

If you'd like to invite Mayor Weiss to your event, let us know.



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP FORUM

On Saturday, Aug. 5, Mayor Weiss attended the Mind Your Business! 4th Annual Youth Entrepreneurship Forum in West Palm Beach. Did you know seven out of 10 teens claim to have business ideas but don't know where to start?

It's those entrepreneurial minds that this forum hopes to inspire. There were workshops for youths ages 8 to 18 with information, tips and tricks on how to start a business. Mayor Weiss also had the chance to address the crowd.



THE IBIS PLAYREADERS

The IBIS Playreaders of West Palm Beach and playwright Cynthia Morrison won first place in the 2023 Equity Library Theater of New York virtual play festival for "The Mummy Speaks," an Edgar Allan Poe short story adaptation.

To acknowledge this accomplishment, Mayor Weiss presented certificates of recognition to actors of this IBIS group, David and Miriam Rafaidus, Roger Shorr, Marsha Rickles, Gary and Anita Alexander, and Stefani Marmer.

The group has been invited and will perform off-Broadway in the New York City Theater on Aug. 12.

After the presentation, the actors invited Mayor Weiss to be part of their performance as they sat him in a mock electric chair and acted out one of the scenes from the play.

Following his electrifying performance, they presented the mayor with a plaque, officially recognizing him as an "Honorary IBIS Playreader."



RUBEN HALE

Reuben Hale's children believe there should be a museum for their dad, which are primarily sculptures. They invited Mayor Weiss to show off his work.

Hale (1928-2018) taught art at Palm Beach State College for three decades, where he served as the director of visual arts, music, theater, literature, speech, foreign language and English programs. His works have been displayed in exhibits across the United States and Europe.

For more information, please visit www.reubenhale.com.



BOCA RATON MUSEUM OF ART

What an enriching experience to visit the Boca Raton Museum of Art! Mayor Weiss met with the museum's Executive Director Irvin Lippman, Director of Development Roberta Kjelgaard and Henry Seidner.

They spoke about the museum's current exhibits and future ones to come. We are very proud that the Boca

Raton Museum of Art plays a crucial role in promoting culture and enriching the lives of the community.



LION COUNTRY SAFARI

Touring Lion Country Safari was a blast! Mayor Weiss met with Lion Country Safari CEO Marc Unterhalter and Vice President Jennifer Berthiaume about renovations and toured the drive-through safari.

Mayor Weiss got close to the park's lions, giraffes, zebras and other animals. Thank you to Haley McCann for the wonderful tour and for getting Mayor Weiss and his team up close to the animals while sharing what it takes to care for them all year long.



US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Building bridges for a better future! Mayor Weiss had an insightful meeting with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Assistant Deputy Secretary Michele Perez.

Together, they discussed ways to enhance our community and create opportunities for all.



CONSUL GENERAL OF CANADA IN MIAMI

Exciting meeting with Consul General of Canada in Miami Sylvia Cesaratto!

On July 26, Mayor Weiss had an incredible discussion with Consul General Sylvia Cesaratto about fostering stronger ties between Canada and Palm Beach County.

They explored the immense potential of bringing Canadian companies to our region, creating economic growth and innovation opportunities. Emphasizing the importance of environmental sustainability and resilience, they discussed ways to integrate cutting-edge artificial intelligence and technology to tackle critical challenges.

The future is bright with collaboration between our countries, and witnessing the positive impact this partnership will have on our local community is thrilling. Let's work together toward a more sustainable and tech-driven tomorrow!