



September 2023

Friends and Neighbors:

We hope you're doing well and staying cool during these warm summer months!

Office Updates

This past month, I had the opportunity to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures annual summit in Indianapolis.

During my time there, I met with leaders from states, commonwealths, and territories across the US to exchange ideas and bring successful policies back to the Sunshine State.

Constituent Services

You may not know, but we have two offices to serve our constituents. Our main office is in Boynton Beach and our satellite office is located in Belle Glade. Some of the issues our office may help you with include unemployment, food stamps, Medicaid, DMV-related matters and many other areas handled by state agencies. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either office. We will be sure to assist you and point you in the right direction.

To schedule an appointment with a caseworker in Boynton Beach, please call my office at 561.292.6014. Our Belle Glade office is managed by Brenda Bryant. Office hours in Belle Glade are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please call Brenda at 561.873.5090 to schedule directly.

Friendly Reminder

As we gear up towards the new school year, remember to be mindful of your speed in school zones, school buses, bus stops, and ultimately, our children's' safety!

Best wishes,

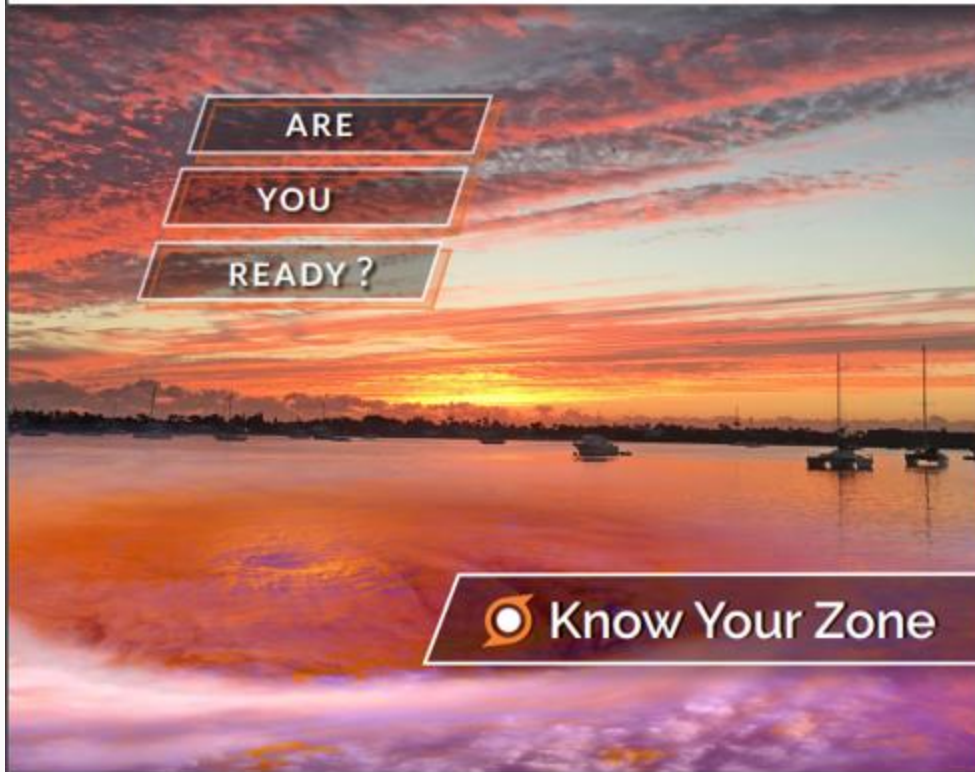
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Lori Berman

**Official Palm Beach County
Hurricane Planning Guide**



Emergency Information Center | PH: 561.712.6400



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Please make sure you and your loved ones are prepared for Hurricane Idalia and other storms that may make landfall here in Florida. Visit <https://floridadisaster.org/updates/> for more information.

Stay safe!



Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

August 26-September 8, 2023

For a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

During the 2023 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, you may purchase qualifying items related to disaster preparedness exempt from sales tax. The exemption period will begin Saturday, August 26 and extend through Friday, September 8. During this time, I encourage residents to take time to finalize their disaster supply kits and take advantage of these tax holidays in preparation for hurricane season.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots: Information from the PBC Supervisor of Elections

If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot in 2022 and you have not renewed your request since November 9th, your mail ballot request has expired. New Florida Laws require voters who are interested in voting by mail to request a new mail ballot after each General Election cycle.

If you want to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2024 elections, you will need to complete a new [request](#).

There are three upcoming elections in 2024 in which voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot, including a Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) on March 19th, a Primary Election on August 20th, and the General Election on November 5th. The Presidential Preference Primary on March 19th will coincide with local municipal elections. If you want to vote by mail for any of these elections, please request your mail ballot today.



Happy Labor Day!

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

At a time when unions are facing unprecedented attacks in the Florida Legislature, it's important to thank our labor leaders and union members for fighting to raise wages and create safe, healthy working conditions. They ensure workers receive paid time off, sick and leave time, and good health benefits. Their contributions make our workforce and families stronger!

I wish you and your family a safe holiday weekend!

Property Fraud Alert Registration

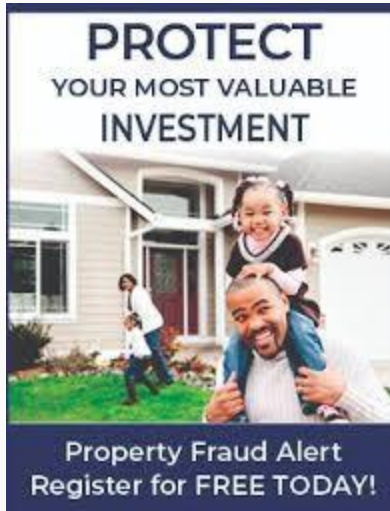
Your home is one of your biggest investments and to help you protect that investment, I recommend that you sign up for Property Fraud Alert. What is Property Fraud Alert? It is a free service offered by the Palm Beach County Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller that will protect your property from fraud by monitoring the documents that are recorded in the Official Records of the Clerk. It is free to register, and it only takes a few minutes to complete.

To sign up, visit the Clerk's website at

www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/services/property-fraud-alert

Once you sign up, you will receive an alert either by email or phone, when there is activity associated with your property. This could save valuable time to stop criminals in their tracks if the activity is not

initiated by you. I've signed up and I have peace of mind knowing that I will be alerted should there be fraudulent activity associated with my property. You should too!





This past month I interviewed with Shannon Cake of WPTV. We met to discuss the property insurance crisis happening around the state of Florida. To watch the interview tune in to WPTV on September 5th!

Attending events around district 26:



This month, I attended several events around Senate District 26, as well as the National Conference of State Legislatures in Indianapolis!

Check out these job opportunities:



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