

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations Meeting Summary Sept.6, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Dr. Lori Vinikoor, President, to a packed audience. This meeting can be viewed on YouTube at this address: <https://youtu.be/7mB7TrcT5UA>

Captain Rob Sandt of the PBC Sheriff's Department greeted the assemblage with the good news that traffic crashes are down from 10% to 6%. However, auto thefts have seen a rise. He cautioned everyone to remove the key fobs from his/her car when leaving...even for just a few minutes. The department will be hosting a Law Enforcement Expo on November 1, 2023. More information to follow.

Chief Bill Stansbury of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue announced that fire prevention classes will be given by the department. Other life saving health measures include the Vials of Life and the Yellow Dot programs. Starting on September 18 the department will offer Tai Chi classes which will go on for a year. A new fire station is planned for the corner of Flavor Pict Road and Lyons Road.

Congressional Representative Lois Frankel cited several beneficial measures that President Biden has supported: the Infrastructure Bill and the bill that capped the prices on insulin, in addition to capping the out-of-pocket expenses for medication at \$2000 per year. She additionally stated that there are 37 million falls per year, and there is a large government grant for fall prevention. Congresswoman Frankel urged the audience to vote by mail.

PBC Commissioner Maria Sachs introduced a session for Friday September 8 th at 10 am called "Coffee With Maria" which would provide information and community input on Lyons road construction and the proposed Land Swap in the Agricultural Reserve. The construction barrels on Lyons Road seem to be there for a long time, although no work is going on but there are reasons for this which would be explained at the 9/9/23 meeting. Following the meeting, her Newsletter will provide details and more information. Preserving the Ag Reserve is one of her priorities.

Dorothy Jacks, Property Adjuster, advised widows and widowers to apply for their tax exemptions.

Karen Brill, Palm Beach County School Board, announced that two new schools are being built. She also stated that there are NO BOOK BANS in Palm Beach County. Teachers will be teaching AP Psychology and factual history. The Happy Hollow Charter School on Lyons Road has gone out of business.

A panel of elected officials presented the current issues in the Florida Insurance Industry.

State Senator Tina Polsky: Property insurance is a major issue. Claims are being delayed or not being paid.

State Representative Joe Casello: Insurance affects many people and should not be a partisan issue.

State Representative David Silvers: A bill is in the House now that reduces the ability to make claims from 3 years to 2 years. Insurers should provide windstorm insurance. Florida needs more insurers.

State Representative Kelly Skidmore: When insurance companies can't pay claims, rates increase. More competition is needed in the industry. A catastrophic risk pool is needed.

Palm Beach County Mayor Gregg Weiss: As we experience more intense weather, the County needs more affordable insurance. At present, it is becoming unaffordable. Some relief in the form of mitigation may be found at [MySafeFlHome.com](http://MySafeFlHome.com)

Alliance President Vinikoor assures that the insurance issue will be again addressed at a future meeting which will include suggested assistance for communities. The January 3, 2024 Membership meeting will focus on ways associations can work to decrease insurance premiums.

All Presidents, Delegates, and Alternates can pick up one free hard copy of Florida Statute 718 for condominiums or Florida Statute 720 for Homeowner Associations at the October 4, 2023 meeting. The topic for the 10/4/23 meeting is South Florida Proton Therapy Institute: *What You Need to Know about this advanced technology for better outcomes in treating diseases including tumors of the Brain, Breast, Prostate & Lung* Speaker: James W. Snider III, M.D. PLUS Opportunities to Volunteer for Florida Atlantic University Studies Including Driving Project & Microbiome/Gut/Brain Project *Be a Part of the Solution!*

Meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Klausner, Secretary