

# JOSEPH ABRUZZO

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER  
PALM BEACH COUNTY



Clerk Report - December 2023

## Clerk's Office Raises Money for Charities at Annual Money Drop



The Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller's 26th annual "Money Drop" holiday concert on Thursday, December 7 raised \$3,000 for the [Friends of Foster Children](#), a local nonprofit committed to fostering happy childhoods by enriching lives of those impacted by foster care.

Clerk Joseph Abruzzo also presented five nonprofit groups with checks for \$7,073 – an equal share of the \$35,368 donated by Clerk employees as part of the office’s Dress Down program.

You can [watch the entire concert](#) on YouTube.

## Important Changes to Property Documents with Witnesses



Are you planning on buying, selling or making changes to property in Palm Beach County?

You need to know about a [new witness address requirement](#) that will affect all property transactions in Florida beginning in 2024.

Starting January 1, 2024, certain documents recorded in Palm Beach County’s Official Records or anywhere in our state must include the post office address of each witness in addition to the witness’s name.

But don't worry, our knowledgeable experts are here to help you through this important change.

[See Which Documents are Affected](#)

## Royal Palm Beach Office Expands Services



We now offer more services in an expanded location at the [Royal Palm Beach branch](#) to better serve central Palm Beach County, including the communities of Loxahatchee, Royal Palm Beach and Wellington. You can now access many services in-person such as:

- Family case filings including new case creation for divorce and paternity
- Marriage license applications and marriage ceremonies in a private room
- Petitions for injunction for protection, commonly referred to as restraining orders

[Discover All Five Clerk Branches](#)

## Clerk Abruzzo Educates Realtors on Services and Resources



On Wednesday, November 15, Clerk Abruzzo provided real estate professionals insight into the services and resources our office offers including recording deeds and mortgages and property fraud alerts during a meeting with KW Reserve Palm Beach.

The Clerk's team [is available to speak](#) to your organization on a variety of topics. Whether you are a club, HOA, nonprofit organization or other government entity, we're here to help your event be successful.

[Learn About Our Speakers Bureau](#)

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## Division of Inspector General Completes External Review



The Clerk's office Division of Inspector General (IG) recently completed an external peer review based on the standards of [The Institute of Internal Auditors' \(IIA\)](#), receiving praise in multiple areas of distinction.

[Read the Report](#)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### All Offices Closed for Christmas and New Year's Holidays



Our offices will be closed on **Monday, December 25** and **Tuesday, December 26** for the Christmas holiday, as well as **Monday, January 1, 2024** to observe New Year's Day.

You will still be able to access [our online services](#) including payments, record searching, eFiling and eRecording.



## In Our Community - We're Here to Help!

**Making Palm Beach County Greener**



Over a dozen of our volunteers helped Community Greening on Saturday, November 11 at their nursery, doing critical maintenance tasks such as washing and re-potting.

At the end of the day, Clerk volunteers set up 600 saplings and prepared more than 1,300 pots for future use.

## Clerks Collect Toys for Speak Up for Kids



Employees stepped up to the challenge and donated new toys, gift cards and books to our November toy drive for [Speak Up for Kids](#). We collected more than a dozen boxes full of new toys to help foster children. The organization shared, "Thank you for making a real difference in the lives of these children & building a brighter and happier future for every child."

**We're hiring!**

**From courtroom clerks to accountants, and everything in between.**

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