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PALM BEACH COUNTY MAYOR
DISTRICT 5



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
MAYOR MARIA SACHS**

What is it about the holiday season that takes us back to our childhood?

It could be the lighting of the candles while singing "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel." It could be going to Midnight Mass with grandparents, or even the sound of reindeer hooves on the roof.

No matter how you celebrate the holidays, it is a magical time of the year.

Let us try to recreate the magic of our childhood by giving a little extra kindness towards each other, and may all your holiday dreams come true.

Mayor Maria Sachs

Mayor Maria Sachs Ushers in the 2023 Holiday Season at The Delray Beach Menorah Lighting Ceremony



15 years ago, the iconic 100-foot Christmas tree was lit in the Old School Square of Delray Beach. In order to place a Menorah at the site, I with others raised money to finance a beautiful Menorah to light the holiday of Hanukkah.

Today as Mayor, I had the distinct honor of joining City Commissioners and Dr. Andre Fladell in lighting that very same Menorah on the first night of Hanukkah. It was a special night of bringing light to the hundreds of people who celebrated with songs and festivities.

Let the miracle of Hanukkah shine on.

UPDATE ON LYONS ROAD



Why is it taking so long for the section of Lyons Road from Clint Moore Road to Atlantic Avenue to be completed?

I have always advocated for smart development to occur once EMS, Law Enforcement, Schools, and especially Roads, are in place. Numerous housing developments were built with thousands of residents at a time when the necessary infrastructure was not ready on Lyons Road.

It is much more difficult, expensive and complex to reconstruct roads around an existing traffic pattern for thousands of newly arrived residents. Gas lines, utility lines, internet lines and utility poles all have to be carefully moved as the old road is widened to accommodate a new infrastructure.

A road that was once used by tractors for farming and landscapers is now a main artery for thousands of new residents. This is the reality as to why Lyons Road reconstruction is taking so long.

Palm Beach County is doing its best to ensure safety as we work to accommodate development that occurred before important infrastructure was in place.

I, as Commissioner, will continue to keep our residents safe and informed as we finish this important project.

Annual Holiday Luncheon



Every year, the Mayor of the County sponsors a Holiday Luncheon for all employees. This year, I decided to feature our local Florida agriculture.

With the support of community farmers, we offered farm-fresh produce from our farms directly to our County employees.

Many thanks goes to Yee Farms, Bedner's Farm Fresh Market, Alderman Farms, J&J Family of Farms & U.S. Sugar, and a very special thanks to Dr. Lori Vinikoor and her family farm.

We had a feast!



Tribute to Janet Oberman



Janet Oberman passed away on Oct. 8, 2023. Janet and her husband, Jerry, first met when she was 17. They were married for 64 years and had known each other for 66 years. She and her husband became active with the Alliance of Delray Beach.

Politically, Janet worked very hard for her political ideals. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Janet was very family-oriented. She worked for her son, Dr. Ronald Oberman, and managed his podiatry practice for 10 years without pay. In addition, while working there, she made him lunch every day.

She will be missed greatly.

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Congresswoman Lois Frankel
& Mayor Maria Sachs Present

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Join our Tai Ji Quan Class

Weekdays

8:30–9:30 a.m.

**SOUTH COUNTY
CIVIC CENTER**

Outdoors beneath the pavillion
16700 Jog Road
Delray Beach, 33446
Call 561-804-5700



If you are interested in bringing this program to your community,
contact our office at 561-355-2205 or email district5@pbc.gov.

Proclamations

Family Court Awareness Month



Pictured l to r: Palm Beach County NOW Graphics Director Bob Jaffe, Mayor Maria Sachs, Palm Beach County NOW Communications Vice President Natalie Andre and Palm Beach County NOW President Sheila Jaffe.

A Proclamation was issued to honor Families Against Court Travesties, Inc. Families Against Court Travesties Inc. and the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) aim to increase awareness of the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children.

The mission of the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent.

We honor their service.

Veteran Service Dog Day



Pictured l to r: Amanda Onda, Mayor Maria Sachs, Semper-Fi Service Dogs Founder/President Ryan Onda and service dog Titan.

Palm Beach County is home to approximately 84,000 Veterans, making it the third-largest Veteran population in Florida. Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in War Veterans is a common condition that can develop immediately after a disturbing event or weeks, months or even years later. Service dogs perform specific tasks that help address PTSD symptoms, including applying pressure to alleviate anxiety and nudging to interrupt flashbacks.

Semper-Fi, under the leadership of Ryan Onda, has volunteered its services at the Animal Care and Control Facility. They train many of the dogs there that are not wanted by most families. They also work with these special dogs to acclimate them for service with our Veterans. Ryan Onda not only helps our Veterans but also rescues many dogs that otherwise would never have found a forever home.

Committee Reports

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County



With the increase of garbage around Christmas, there are special holiday provisions in the collections contract for residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County, as follows:

Garbage

- Per the collections contract, on Friday, Saturday and Monday from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, excess garbage can be placed outside the standardized SWA garbage cart at the curb for pick up.
- Excess garbage placed outside the standardized SWA garbage cart must be properly secured in plastic bags weighing less than 50 pounds when filled.
- All waste should be placed curbside by 6 a.m.

Recycling

- Oversized or excess cardboard may always be placed beside the yellow recycling bin for collection.
- All non-cardboard packing material must be removed.

Yard waste

- Remains limited to six cubic yards on the next yard waste collection day.

Animal Care & Control

My name is Gumbo, and I weigh just under 6 pounds. If you're looking for a kind companion, I'm it.

Adoption fees are \$60 for adult dogs, \$75 for puppies and \$50 for cats and kittens. Residents of Palm Beach County, 55 years and older, are offered a discounted adoption fee.

All adopted animals will be spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations, protected against fleas and ticks, micro-chipped and more.

If you are interested in adopting Gumbo or for more information, call 561-233-1272 and reference [A2156282](#).



Updated Vaccine Information: COVID-19 and Flu

Updated Vaccines for the Flu and COVID-19 are currently available for those who want them and can be scheduled at the following locations:

CVS:

<https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>



Walgreens:

<https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine.jsp>



Publix:

<https://www.publix.com/covid-vaccine>



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