



BARNETT BULLETIN

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Palm Beach County Commissioner

DISTRICT 3: THE HEART OF PALM BEACH COUNTY 

News & Updates

March 2024

A Message from your County Commissioner

Greetings Palm Beach County District 3 residents,

I am thrilled to share the journey we've had together last month. We have assisted neighbors with information on self-sufficiency programs, connected fellow residents to their local municipality and city government, and answered multiple requests made to resurface and mill portions of Kirk Road.

My top priority, the Hispanic Multi-Cultural Resource Community Center, took center stage during Palm Beach County Day at the Florida Capitol. I fought passionately for funding, ensuring that our cultural hub receives the support it deserves. I also had the privilege of touring John F. Kennedy Hospital, and The Lords Place where we explored avenues for enhancing healthcare accessibility and housing support services for our residents.

I will continue to engage in BCC Meetings, Zoning Hearings, and Comprehensive Plan Meetings, fighting for crucial changes that shape a brighter future for District 3.

I am filled with gratitude for your continued support. We have all made strides toward building a stronger, more connected District 3.

Warm Regards,

Commissioner Barnett

Barnett's Boots on the Ground



Rabbi Jacob Benzaquen and Commissioner Barnett invite you to join them for coffee, a pastry, and a message of love on the 4th Sunday of each month at **Temple Beth Tikvah** at 4550 South Jog Road, Greenacres 33467.

The morning service begins at 9 a.m. in person and online. Visit templebethtikvah.net for upcoming events.

Commissioner Barnett celebrated the success of Fiesta de Pueblo. A heartfelt thanks to District 3 Commission Aides **Sasha Lopez** and **Kayla West** for their dedication to engaging with our district constituents, and a special appreciation to Florida Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce **Sam Roman**, **Santos Arroyo**, and **Juan Pagan** for allowing us to take part in the festival.



Commissioner Barnett spoke at the 2024 annual Bridge Lighting and Pink Boots on the Ground Celebration in Downtown West Palm Beach on Saturday, Jan. 20. **Congresswoman Lois Frankel** joined **Commissioner Barnett** under the Royal Park Bridge. The Promise Fund of Florida lit the bridge in pink this year in loving memory of **Irwin Levy** as a symbol of the community's unity in the fight against breast and cervical cancer.

Thank you to former U.S. Ambassador **Nancy G. Brinker**, founder of The Promise Fund of Florida and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, for all you do for our community.



Commissioner Barnett takes to the streets of District 3 each Friday, visiting the most central locations in the district with PBC Connect cards, informing local business owners and residents about the county's new mobile app, highlighting county services from trash collection to road repair needs can all be on the app.



Commissioner Barnett participated in the annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Walk**. He also helped pass out medals to racers as they crossed the finish line at the 12th annual PBC Kicks Asphalt Employee and Family 5K Fun Run/Walk.

Hispanic Cultural Resource Community Center



The Hispanic Cultural Resources Community Center, crucial for our district, will serve as a centralized information hub and a small business incubator. Planning is underway to ensure it meets the diverse needs of our community and fosters economic growth. Your continued support is vital. Please get in touch with your state representatives, state senators and cabinet members, urging them to allocate funding for this essential project. Podemos hacerlo juntos! Please Note: The name of the building is not final and has recently been changed to reflect the progress of the project. Introducing The Hispanic Multi-Cultural Community Resource Center.

Palm Beach County Day



Pictured here (l to r): Bryan Prather of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Juan Pagan of The Florida Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce, Brandon Cabrera, President of The BrandX Company, Commissioner Barnett, Laura Hanley aide to Commissioner Barnett and Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Greg Freebold.



Pictured here (l to r): Bryan Prather of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Lake Clarke Shores Councilmember Jon Maples, Commissioner Barnett, Lake Clarke Shores Town Manager Joe LoBello and Lake Clarke Shores Mayor Greg Freebold.

During Palm Beach County Day in Tallahassee, **Commissioner Barnett** spoke with numerous state representatives, state senators and cabinet members to

explain the need for state assistance with the projects in District 3. Our communities have been forgotten for far too many years, and it is time for us to let our leaders in Tallahassee know we need their assistance. Commissioner Barnett discussed projects to address the aging infrastructure in District 3, including the numerous sewer and road expansion projects needed for growth in Palm Springs, Lake Clarke Shores and Greenacres; upgrades to West Palm Beach's signalization to help alleviate the burden of the ever-growing traffic problems; and funding for Palm Beach State College to renovate, expand and look to the future. The proposed Hispanic Cultural Resources Community Center will help create a centralized information hub for resources in our county and a small business incubator. Please get in touch with your state representatives and state senators to help fund these much-needed projects in our communities. For more information, visit pbcgov.com/pbcday.

County & District News

Central County Housing Resource Center Ribbon-Cutting



Over 100 Palm Beach County residents, community leaders, and non-profit partners gathered at the Central County Housing Resource Center at 3660 Coconut Road in Palm Springs to celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, Jan. 29, 2024. The new housing resource center will provide temporary housing for adults, youth, families and seniors, with 74 beds, a full-service kitchen, guest laundry, lounge areas, and an exercise park. Clients will receive support services during their go-day stay, including assistance with finding jobs and permanent housing of their own. The Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County's Breaking Bread Program will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner year-round, while Gulfstream Goodwill Industries will oversee all facility operations.

Proclamations

Recognition of International Women's Day - Susy Diaz



Pictured here (l to r): Greenacres City Manager Andrea McCue, Greenacres Human Resources Director Suzanne Skidmore, Greenacres City Clerk Quin Moorer, Greenacres Mayor Joel Flores, Bertha Diaz (mother),

Michael Piesco (husband), Commissioner Woodward, Susy Diaz, Commissioner Baxter, Commissioner Barnett, Mayor Sachs, Greenacres Community & Recreation Services Director Michele Thompson, Vice Mayor Marino, Greenacres Economic Development Director Griselle Chazu, Greenacres Development & Neighborhood Services Director Denise Malone, Bak Middle School of the Arts Foundation Board of Directors Chair Francine Mantyh, Greenacres Purchasing Director Monica Powery, Greenacres Finance Director Teri Beiriger.

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 5, 2024, **Commissioner Barnett** presented a certificate of recognition to **Susy Diaz** in observance of International Women's Day. **Diaz** is a Palm Beach County native, first-generation American, proud graduate of Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University, who has been serving her community for nearly three decades. She was elected to the Greenacres City Council in March 2022. Since 2013, she has been the executive director for the Bak Middle School of the Arts Foundation. **Diaz** is active in Leadership Palm Beach County, the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Hispanic Human Resources Council and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County.

Recognition of International Women's Day - Alexandria Ayala



Pictured here (l to r): Susy Diaz, Takeata King Pang, Mariana Blanco, Dr. Pamela McDonnough, Ashley Cacicedo, Commissioner Marci Woodward, Commissioner Michael Barnett, Mayor Maria Sachs, Alexandria Ayala, Vice Mayor Maria Marino, Melissa McKinlay, County Administrator Verdenia Baker, Rob Long, Mabel Melton.

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 5, 2024, **Commissioner Barnett** presented a certificate of recognition to **Alexandria Ayala** in observance of International Women’s Day. Born in Puerto Rico and raised in the Village of Palm Springs, **Ayala** is the first Latina elected to the School District of Palm Beach County School Board. In 2020, she began her term representing District 2 that includes parts of the cities of West Palm Beach, Greenacres and Lake Worth, the towns of Cloud Lake, Lake Clarke Shores and Haverhill and the Village of Palm Springs.

Recognition presented to Chief Frank DeMario



Pictured here (l to r): Major Talal Masri, Ahnich Khalid, Colonel Al Starling, Colonel Prieschl, Carrie Mack, Colonel Tony Araujo, Sheriff Bradshaw, Commissioner Barnett, Margaret DeMario, Colonel Robert Allen, Chief Frank DeMario, Lynda Sullivan, Tina McCline, Tommy Shallcross, Sophia DeMario, Lori DeMario, George DeMario.

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on March 5, 2024, **Commissioner Barnett** presented a certificate of recognition to **Chief Frank DeMario** for his 25

years of service to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. **Chief DeMario** served as Chief of Law Enforcement Operations and Community Operations and was responsible for an annual budget of over \$498 million, with a staff of 1,626 sworn officers and 1,631 civilians. **DeMario** began his career with PBSO in 1998. His assignments included serving as Colonel of the Department of Law Enforcement Operations, Major of Strategic Operations, Commander of the Court Services Division, Commander of the Training Division, Executive Director of Human Resources, Detective Lieutenant for District 4 and Administrative Manager of the Division of Internal Affairs.

211 Awareness Week



Pictured here (l to r): Commissioner Barnett, 211 Palm Beach and Treasure Coast President/CEO Sharon L'Herrou and Commissioner Weiss.

At the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Feb. 6, 2024, **Commissioner Barnett** presented a proclamation declaring February 11-17, 2024 as 211 Awareness Week in Palm Beach County. Tens of thousands of people reach out to the 211 helpline each year. Staff is available 24 hours a day,

seven days a week to help anyone who needs assistance with a variety of challenges including dealing with mental and emotional health, making utility payments, finding the next meal or struggling with suicidal thoughts. 211 staff also provides referrals for many services including employment, special needs, teen programs, senior services and free income tax preparation.

100th Anniversary of Jones Foster



Pictured here (l to r): Attorney Theodore Kypreos, Commissioner Barnett, Attorney Scott Hawkins and Attorney Steven Rothman.

Commissioner Barnett is proud to recognize the Law Firm Jones Foster. The firm is deeply rooted in Palm Beach County, serving as partners in progress to individuals, businesses and municipalities for over a century. **Commissioner Barnett** presented the proclamation to **Attorney Scott Hawkins**, Chairman of Jones Foster, **Attorney Theodore Kypreos**, Vice Chair of Jones Foster, and **Attorney Steven Rothman**, a Jones Foster Board of Directors member. The firm's attorneys have held leadership roles in county-based nonprofit

agencies, institutions, and foundations to support local advocacy critical to residents' well-being and quality of life.

Palm Beach County Engineering & Public Works

Roads & Construction

Visit the state and county websites to get a comprehensive update on road projects 6th Avenue S. from S. Congress Avenue to Grove Street (Village of Palm Springs and City of Lake Worth Beach).

Lake Worth Road at Haverhill Road Intersection



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECT INFORMATION FLYER

SR 802/Lake Worth Road at Haverhill Road Intersection
Improvement Project
City of Greenacres
Palm Beach County, FL
Financial Project ID: 443843-1-52-01, 02

SR 802/Lake Worth Road at Haverhill Road Intersection Improvement Project

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is pleased to provide information for the State Road (SR) 802/Lake Worth at Haverhill Road Intersection Improvements Project in the City of Greenacres in Palm Beach County.

Construction Cost: \$1.3 Million Construction Start: February 2024 Anticipated Completion: Summer 2024

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Milling and resurfacing the existing roadway
- Modifying the median to improve motorist safety
- Replacing the traffic signal mast arm located at the northeast corner of SR 802/Lake Worth Road and Haverhill Road
- Installing curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and bus stop pads
- Improving pavement markings, signage, and signalization
- Upgrading pedestrian signals and curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Work will occur in two phases to minimize impacts to the traveling public
- Single lane closures on SR 802/Lake Worth Road and Haverhill Road are permitted around-the-clock during active construction work
- Double lane closures on SR 802/Lake Worth Road and Haverhill Road are permitted Monday through Sunday 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Additional information about lane closures, detours, and pedestrian impacts will be provided in the weekly traffic report distributed by FDOT and can be viewed using the following link: [FDOT Palm Beach County Construction \(d4fdot.com\)](https://www.d4fdot.com)



WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram/X: @MyFDOT_SEFL

Facebook: @MyFDOTSEFL

Project website: www.d4fdot.com



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

Please contact the Community Outreach Specialist, Melissa Reading, to be added to project email notification lists. Para información y preguntas en Español, por favor llame al (954) 777-4302.

**Lake Avenue/Lucerne Avenue Resurfacing, Restoration and
Rehabilitation Project**



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INVITES YOU TO A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AND IN-PERSON CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

SR 802/Lake Avenue/Lucerne Avenue Resurfacing, Restoration,
and Rehabilitation (RRR) Project
From East of A Street to East of Golfview Road
in the City of Lake Worth Beach
Financial Project ID: 446104-1-52-01

SR 802/Lake Avenue/Lucerne Avenue Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Project

FDOT invites you to a Virtual Public Meeting and an In-Person Construction Open House on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The Virtual Public Meeting will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with the In-Person Construction Open House to follow from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please see below for detailed meeting information.

Construction Cost: \$5.4 Million Construction Start: February 2024 Anticipated Completion: Early 2025

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

- Mill and resurface the existing roadway
- Replace and upgrade signing and pavement markings
- Upgrade existing lighting and install new lighting throughout the project corridor
- Upgrade pedestrian features at signalized intersections
- Upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- Work will occur in phases to minimize impacts to the public
- Single lane closures are allowed from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Sunday night through Friday morning
- Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times

CONTACT INFORMATION

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JOIN US AT THE VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING OR IN-PERSON CONSTRUCTION OPEN HOUSE

**Virtual Public Meeting
(GoToWebinar)**
Thursday, February 15, 2024
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Use the following link or QR code to register: <https://bit.ly/3tkBWj9>
You may also dial in via phone at (562) 247-8422 Access Code: 420-280-653

- Presentations will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- Question & Answer sessions will follow each presentation.

In-Person Open House
Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lake Worth Beach City Library
Library Meeting Room
15 N M Street
Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460

Project personnel will be available to review the project scope, schedule, lane closures, and address questions.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram/X: @MyFDOT_SEFL

Facebook: @MyFDOTSEFL

Project website: www.d4fdot.com



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Please contact the Community Outreach Specialist, Melissa Reading, to be added to project email notification lists. If special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or translation services (free of charge) are needed, please contact the Project Manager, Michael Miller, P.E., at least seven (7) days prior to the Virtual Public Meeting. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Para información y preguntas en Español, por favor llame al (954) 777-4302.

**Lake Avenue/Lucerne Avenue Resurfacing, Restoration and
Rehabilitation Project**

**Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Summer Camp Scholarship Program**

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department Summer Camp Scholarship Program provides full tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines.



Offers eligible children, ages 5-17, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer. Scholarship includes all tuition and fees.

Age Requirement
5-17*

Requires 5-year-old children to be currently attending or have completed VPK to be eligible.

Families must meet scholarship guidelines. To see the priority list or determine eligibility using an online calculator, please visit www.pbcgov.com/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx.

Accepting applications from
January 30 - April 14, 2023

To submit an application, please visit www.pbcgov.com/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx.

If you need access to a computer or assistance completing an application, contact your camp of choice or call the Youth Services Department at (561) 242-5713.

Summer Camp Application Assistance

Outreach Event 1: Saturday, February 4th 9am – 2pm Palm Beach County Library - 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33406	Outreach Event 2: Saturday, February 25th 10am – 3pm Palm Beach County Library - Glades Branch 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton, FL 33434	Outreach Event 3: Saturday, March 4th 9am – 2pm Belle Glade Library – 725 NW 4th St Belle Glade, FL 33430	Outreach Event 4: Saturday, March 25th 10am – 3pm Palm Beach County Library - Gardens Branch 11303 Campus Dr, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	Staff available: Mon through Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues and Thurs until 7 p.m. (appt only) Youth Services Department 50 S Military Trl, Ste 203 West Palm Beach, FL 33415
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Allows parents to choose from participating camps located throughout the county that meet their child's needs and interests.





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Palm Beach County Community Services Department 2024 Homeless Point In Time Count



The Palm Beach County Community Services Department Point-In-Time Count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.

Commissioner Barnett joined Palm Beach Sheriff's Office, Palm Beach County Community Services, and The Homeless and Housing Alliance in the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count. Commissioner Barnett worked from 8 a.m. to Noon and counted over 50 individuals during the shift. Staff passed out food, water and \$5 gift cards to Publix while getting to know these families and hearing their stories. A special thank you to **Captain Todd Baer, Corporal Isaac Morales and Corporal Lonney Moral** of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office Community Policing Department District 14 in Lake Worth Beach.

Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management 2024 Natural Areas Adventure Awaits

Celebrate the beauty and wildness found throughout the 31,000-acre natural areas system at the Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management family-friendly FREE event!



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AREAS**

WINTER 2023-2024

Adventure Awaits



JOIN US FOR A FREE ADVENTURE!

KAYAKING, TRAIL RUNNING, BIKE RIDE, HIKES, WILDFLOWER WALKS,
BIRD WATCHING AND MORE...

MORE INFO AT WWW.PBCERM.COM

REGISTER AT PBCERM.EVENTBRITE.COM



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Maria Sachs, Mayor, Maria G. Marino, Vice Mayor
Gregg K. Weiss, Michael A. Barnett,
Marci Woodward, Sara Baxter, Mack Bernard
County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker

Plan your visit:

pbcnaturalareas.com

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Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control

New Foster Programs



Palm Beach County Department of Public Safety Animal Care and Control Division is excited to introduce a series of fostering programs designed to empower the community to make a lifesaving impact on animals in need. With their Foster2Rescue, Foster2Adopt, Foster2Petpals and Foster2Family programs, community members can play a vital role in providing animals with a brighter future.

This initiative marks the shelter's commitment to kick-start a new era in animal welfare through community-supported sheltering. This approach actively engages residents and volunteers in the sheltering process. By temporarily opening their homes to these animals, community members reduce shelter overcrowding, ensure a more loving and supportive environment, and significantly improve their overall well-being while they await their forever homes.

Become a...

FOSTER!

BECOMING A FOSTER SAVES LIVES



Foster2Rescue

Foster a select dog for 2-6 weeks so they can be rescued by Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League.



Foster2Adopt

Looking to adopt but want to make sure the pet is a good fit for your family? Foster before you adopt!



Foster2Petpals

Help the animals in our community get healthy and enter our adoption program (Petpals) by providing nourishment and love for a short time.



Foster2Family

Become an extension of our shelter! Foster a pet of your choosing and help him/her find their family.

Connect With Us

District 3 Mobile Office Hours

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL A. BARNETT PRESENTS

BRINGING GOVERNMENT TO YOU

DISTRICT 3 MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



Mobile office hours are offered
at two locations in District 3.

Come with any questions or
concerns. We're here to serve you!

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Palm Beach County Library
Greenacres Branch
3750 Jog Road, Greenacres 33467
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Palm Springs Village Hall
226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461
12:30 to 2 p.m.



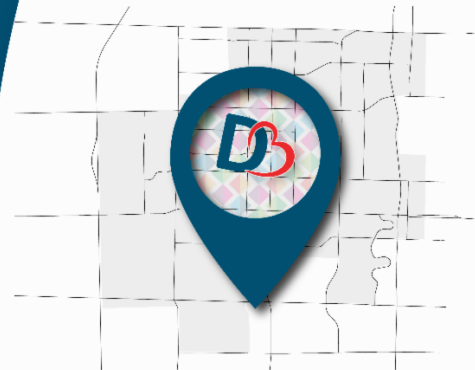
PALM BEACH COUNTY DISTRICT 3

PROUDLY SERVES

Cloud Lake
Glen Ridge
Greenacres
Lake Clarke Shores
Lake Worth Beach
Palm Springs
West Palm Beach
Portions of unincorporated
Palm Beach County



DISTRICT 3: THE HEART OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
DISTRITO 3: EL CORAZÓN DEL CONDADO DE PALM BEACH



COMMISSIONER
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"Reach out to me or a member of my staff with any questions.
As your county commissioner, I am here to serve you."

Commissioner Michael A. Barnett

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