



Celebrating Women's History Month | March 2024



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With that in mind, let us continue to honor and uplift the contributions of women, both here and abroad, as we strive for a more equitable future for all.

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Very Truly Yours,



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From: Desk of Mayor Maria Sachs <district5@pbcgov.org>

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Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 04:00:33 AM EDT

Subject: Sachs Sentinel: Celebrating Women's History Month | March 2024



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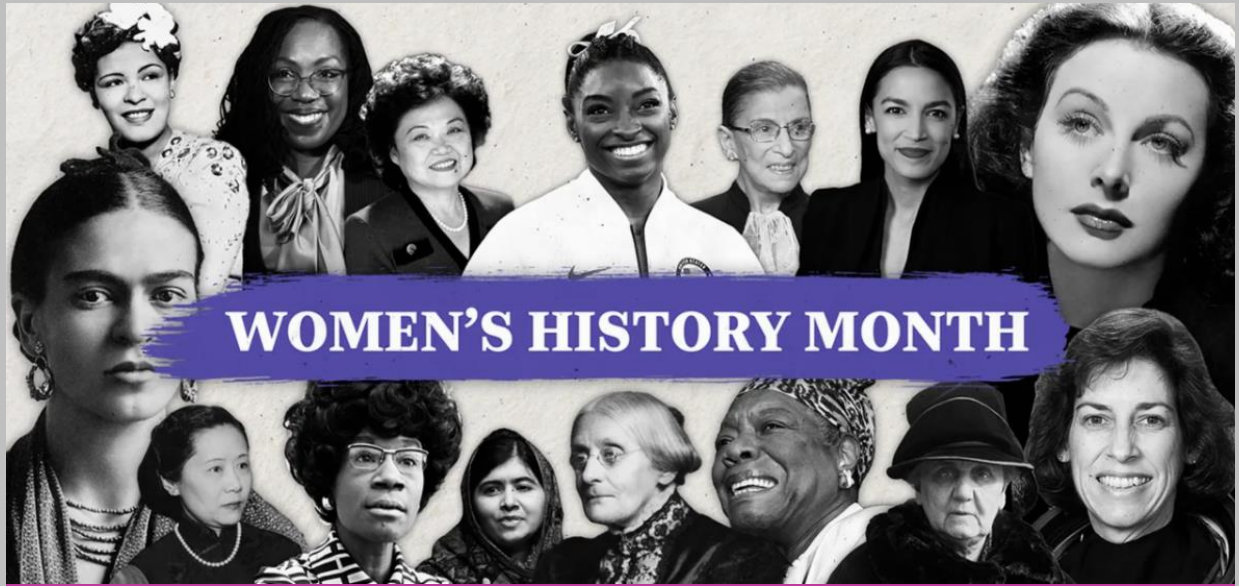
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Construction crews made further progress on Lyons Road from mid February through early March. (Photo credit: PBC Engineering and Public Works Department County Engineer David L. Ricks, P.E.)

In performing my duties as Mayor, I have steadfastly followed all new issues and pertinent changes to the important roadway construction initiatives currently being carried out within our county. On this topic, here is the latest update from Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department County Engineer David L. Ricks, P.E.:

- The orange traffic barrels have been removed from the sections of Lyons Road adjacent to Mizner Club Drive and the new bridge in that area.
- The center photo in the above pictorial array is an aerial view of the overall intersection at issue, outlining a rough sketch of proposed medians and curb radii. The green text sections are concerned with pending work, and the gray text sections reflect completed work. Roadway development contractors are on track to complete their intersection work targets for Lyons Road by July 2024.
- From Feb. 6-13, the onsite concrete subcontractor installed earlier proposed sidewalk sections from Saint Mary's Church to Joseph's Fresh Market on the east side of Lyons Road.
- From Feb. 8-12, sodding was installed in the median adjacent to the L-38 Bridge.
- On Feb. 15, the signal subcontractor mobilized and removed the existing mast arm foundation on the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue and filled in the hole.
- On Feb. 16, the signal subcontractor demolished and removed the applicable mast arm foundation.

- On Feb. 20, the signal subcontractor mobilized and removed the existing mast arm foundation on the northwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue and filled in the hole.
- On Feb. 21, the signal subcontractor continued demolishing and removing that section's corresponding mast arm foundations. Contractors began mobilizing equipment and materials to the job site to begin drainage installations. Furthermore, contractors also started working on pressure testing the water main located at the primary entrance to Joseph's Classic Fresh Market.
- On Feb. 22, contractors started their removal of the existing guardrail on the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue and are receiving deliveries for barrier walls.
- On Feb. 23, the signal subcontractor continued with its task of demolishing the removed mast arm foundations for that particular area.
- From Feb. 23-27, underground crew contractors installed drainage infrastructure on the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue.
- On Feb. 26, new mast arms for Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue were successfully delivered.
- On Feb. 27, the asphalt subcontractor performed a straight-edge ride testing on previously placed asphalt from Lyons Road to the southern limits of the project area.

- On March 1, surveyors were reported onsite at the intersection to set grades for drainage structure and installation tops.
- On March 4, underground crew contractors installed further drainage infrastructure on the southeast quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue.
- On March 5, contractors were reported to have been setting drainage structure tops and initiating their placement of base rock on the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue.

If you want to receive immediate updates on county road construction, please email us at D5@pbc.gov.



Palm Beach Sheriff's Office | Traffic Enforcement Data

With respect to our county's officers of the law and their vigilant enforcement of our local traffic regulations, Captain Robert Sandt of Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 4 recently procured the following traffic-enforcement statistics about the streetway sections located both on and near Lyons Road:

- Year to date, from Clint Moore Road to Atlantic Avenue exclusively, a total of 286 traffic stops have been recorded.

- For all of Lyons Road, including Clint Moore Road and Atlantic Avenue, and on a year-to-date basis, 486 traffic stops have been recorded.
- Of particular note, and as an especially welcome sign of great news for our resident motorists, the total number of traffic accidents recorded year to date has been down by 7%.

To learn more about our Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, its many traffic-related programs and other law enforcement initiatives, visit pbso.org.

PBC Fire Station #49 Groundbreaking



On Wednesday, Feb. 28, I had the great honor of delivering opening remarks for and partaking in a groundbreaking ceremony for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue's latest addition, Fire Station #49, located at 12555 Lyons Road in Boynton Beach. Alongside Fire Rescue officials, my fellow county leaders and other dedicated staff, we commemorated this significant milestone by ceremoniously breaking ground to mark the occasion. This new facility and the county's collective efforts in securing the funds and support necessary for its creation are a testament to Palm Beach County's ethical and operational diligence in perpetually enhancing the many emergency-response services that must always effectively and dutifully serve the general public.

My steadfast commitment to bolstering our county's emergency response networks originates from my deep-seated passion for the welfare of my neighbors and fellow residents. I will remain steadfast in strengthening the foundational systems supporting our community's safety nets. Through tireless work and collaboration, I am committed to ensuring that Palm Beach County remains resilient and responsive during times of crisis and urgency. As Mayor, you can rest assured that I will continue prioritizing our community's safety and well-being, while overseeing our vital emergency-response institutions. By working together, nothing can stop us from laying the proper foundation for the best possible safe and secure future for all residents here.

Animal Care and Control Spotlight



I'm Moo Moo! If you're looking for a new fur-buddy to love, I'm your go-to kitty.

Adopted animals are spayed & neutered, current on all vaccinations, treated for fleas and ticks, microchipped and more.

As a reminder, other adoptable animals can be viewed at palm-beach.fl.us/snap/placement.

If you're interested in Moo Moo call us at 561-233-1272 & reference **A2162468**.



SATURDAY
MAR. 30
12-4PM

MARCH MADNESS ADOPTION EVENT

ADOPTION FEES WAIVED!*

LOCATED AT 7100 BELVEDERE ROAD, WEST PALM BEACH



Palm Beach County
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Palm Beach County Library Happenings

Updates from the Palm Beach County Public Library
System



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Free Tax Preparation Event With Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

(VITA): Monday, March 18, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the West Boynton Branch (9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach 33437). Earn \$75,000 or less in 2023? Bring photo ID, SS card, current tax forms, 2022 tax return, W-2 wage for 2022 and supporting materials. For more information, visit pbclibrary.bibliocommons.com/events.

Cartoons & Coloring: Wednesday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at the West Boca Branch (18685 State Road 7 Boca Raton 33498). Stop in for a casual time of coloring