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PALM BEACH COUNTY MAYOR
DISTRICT 5



Women's History Month Continued | March 2024



Dear friends and neighbors,

As we wrap up Women's History Month, and in my capacity as Palm Beach County Mayor, it is my obligation to highlight the pivotal roles of mothers in society as we celebrate their enduring contributions to our families and communities. In this regard, my personal life journey has been deeply intertwined with the profound tenets of motherhood, beginning with my dear mother's unwavering love and guidance. Her resilience and wisdom shaped my character and instilled within me the values of compassion, determination and service that collectively guide my leadership today.



From R to L: Mayor Sachs (mother of three), her mother Anna (ie "Nonna"), and her daughter Natasha (mother of two).

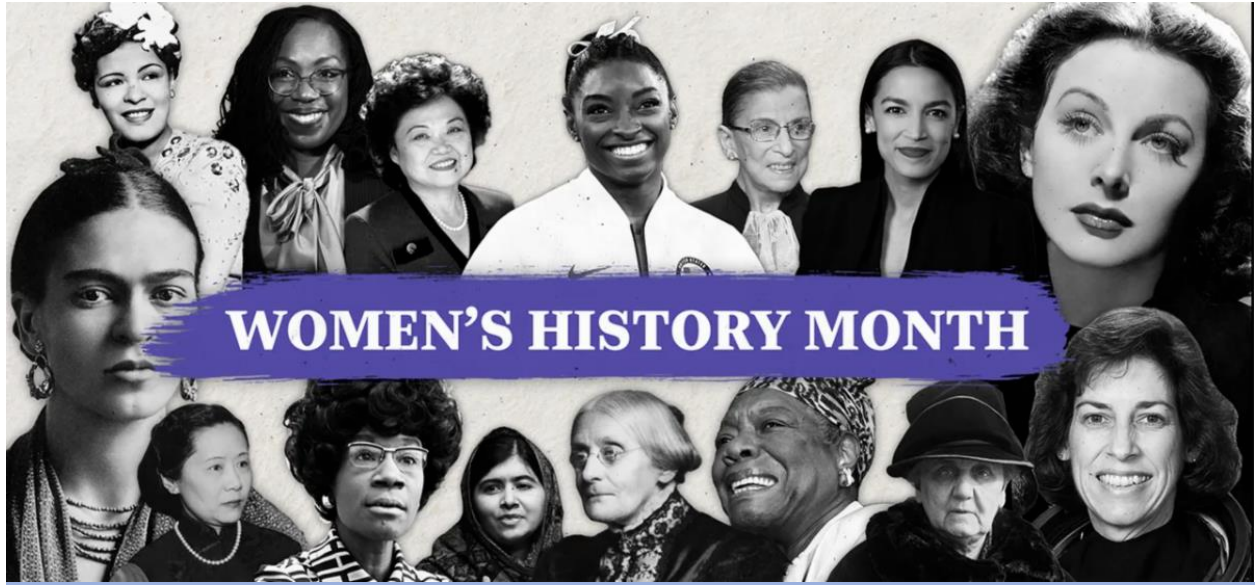
With this in mind, I am incredibly proud to witness this legacy of maternal influence continuing from generation to generation, including that of my first-born child and wonderful daughter, Natasha. In embracing motherhood and nurturing two children of her own, she is an undeniably shining example of the womanly strength, devotion and compassion that jointly comprise the very essence of motherhood itself. Via her boundless love and care, Natasha and her maternal undertakings have enriched our family and beneficially added to the fabric of our immediate neighborhood and community. Indeed, Natasha and her fellow mothers have together served as a tremendous

driving force behind fostering a greater sense of unity, support, and empowerment among the many members of our diverse Palm Beach County family.

Here's to the women; May we honor and treasure them.

My Best,

Maria Sachs
Mayor



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women of PBC Spotlight

Marta Batmasian

Distinguished Educator and Cherished Stalwart of Palm Beach County

Marta Batmasian is a remarkable woman in our county, epitomizing the essence of Women's History Month through her many diverse and impactful contributions. Notwithstanding her renowned success in the commercial real estate sector, Marta's journey is significantly rooted in the field of education, where her influence has been both wide-ranging and profound. With her rich academic background comprised of degrees from top-tier institutions such as Emerson College as well as Brandeis University, Marta's impassioned commitment to scholarship has remained unparalleled. In this regard, Marta's various educational leadership roles, including her prior esteemed positions as Superintendent at a prominent private school and Adjunct Professor with respect to the University of Massachusetts, have underscored her steadfast dedication to shaping young minds and fostering a culture of learning.



Outside of academia, Marta's philanthropic endeavors have also left an enduring, positive impact on the greater populace at large. Alongside her husband and fellow communal benefactor, James Batmasian, Marta has tirelessly supported a handful of charitable causes throughout the over 40 years she has been a Palm Beach County resident. In this light, Marta's initiatives have focused on subjects ranging from education and healthcare to social support services and, especially, the arts. As such, Marta's involvement in organizations like the Children's Science Explorium and the Tri-County Rescue Shelter has demonstrated her unwavering commitment to uplifting people and families across Palm Beach County. Of particular significance, Marta's most real and heartfelt contributions have been in the realms of art and creative expression overall. Marta's experience in this context encompasses her 3 years spent as Chair of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, as well as her 7 total years as a Board Member of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, during which time Marta has directly overseen numerous arts-based entities in our county.

Indeed, reflecting on Marta's exemplary life's work through the lens of this year's Women's History Month highlights the importance of empowering women to pursue their passions, break barriers and enact meaningful change. As a highly-relevant and clear-cut example of this, Marta has also been actively involved with one of our county's premier local women's groups, the Junior League of Boca Raton, wherein her stellar efforts have ultimately resulted in her being dutifully endowed with the organization's prestigious Woman Volunteer of the Year Award. In short, Marta's storied legacy as an educator, a philanthropist and a leader continues to inspire generations of women eager to leave their beneficial marks on the world around them, yielding an indelible imprint that has been invaluable to the cultural makeup of Palm Beach County and beyond.

Lisa Amara

Director of Zoning at PBC's Planning, Zoning & Building Department



Lisa Amara, Zoning Director at Palm Beach County's Planning, Zoning and Building Department, embodies the spirit of Women's History Month in light of her trailblazing career and impactful leadership. With her robust educational background in urban planning and zoning, Lisa has become a central figure in effectively shaping our county's developmental landscape. In turn, Lisa's approach and devotion to sustainability and land-use policy have gained widespread acclaim within our Palm Beach County government and the local communities where she conducts her efficacious public work. Accordingly, Lisa's tireless advocacy for responsible land management practices has solidified her reputation as a forward-thinking leader dedicated to improving our society and environment.

Lisa has spearheaded various initiatives throughout her tenure, reflecting her unique adeptness at driving positive change and fostering collaboration. As such, under her careful guidance, Palm Beach County has implemented progressive land use policies that strategically balance land development with ecological conservation, therefore ensuring a dynamic yet solid foundational framework for future generations. Lisa's efforts have yielded many crucial, ameliorative impacts as to our vital infrastructure, shaping Palm Beach County's growth trajectory and, in doing so, enhancing our quality of life as well. In a similar vein, Lisa's tactical methodologies as to zoning regulation have not only facilitated long-term, sustainable development, but also fostered an environment conducive to both economic growth and lasting prosperity.

Thus, as Women's History Month spotlights the achievements of respectable women professionals like Lisa, may her story inspire other similarly-inclined women with a budding interest in the challenging yet rewarding fields of urban planning, land-use zoning and public development. Without a doubt, Lisa's pioneering life and career, characterized by a storied history of increasingly honed expertise and unwavering adherence to public service, highlight the indispensable roles of women in shaping the fabric of society and bringing about meaningful progress. To this very day, Lisa's legacy as a visionary leader and champion of sustainable development continues to resonate, encouraging other women to follow in her footsteps and bring enduring changes to their localities. As such, Lisa's dedication to her work and the well-being of the public is a testament to the power of determination and persistence on the part of preeminent women like her in striving to make positive impacts in our world.

Upcoming Commission Meetings

BCC Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

BCC Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

BCC Meetings are held at Jane M. Thompson Memorial Chambers in Robert Weisman Governmental Center 301 N. Olive Ave., 6th Floor, West Palm Beach 33401.

Latest Update on Lyons Road

Traffic! Traffic! Traffic!



Construction-crew workers achieved additional progress on Lyons Road in the remainder of March. (Photo credit: P.B.C. Engineering & Public Works Department County Engineer David L. Ricks, P.E.)

In continuing to fervently uphold my personally-sworn duties as both Mayor of Palm Beach County and Commissioner for District 5, I am sticking to my ongoing promise of providing you and other local constituents with updates pertaining to any and all newly-arising issues and other key developments concerning the current road-traffic construction projects in our area. In this context, here is the latest update on Lyons Road from our Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department County Engineer, David L. Ricks, P.E.:

- From Mar. 8-9, underground crew contractors were mobilized in the northwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue in order to prepare the area for the future installation of storm drainage pipes and other structures involving barrier walls, pumps and well-points.
- On Mar. 11, underground crew contractors began an excavation needed for the future installation of a specially-purposed drainage structure, wherein a trench box was responsibly requested to reinforce soil durability and enhance work-area safety.
- From Mar. 12-14, underground crew contractors were mobilized to a different area to address and carry out the applicable water main tie-in process called for in the relevant construction plan for the location in question, whereby the aforesaid water main tie-in process was ultimately completed successfully.
- On Mar. 15, the earlier-requested trench box was delivered to and installed at the northwest quadrant sector of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue, whereupon relevant underground construction crews were mobilized again to the aforesaid area to continue installing the applicable drainage infrastructure and related equipment pertaining to the work area in question. Thereafter, construction crews worked onsite into the evening hours, ultimately setting the relevant drainage structure in its proper place by the time that their shift ended.
- From Mar. 18-19, on-site contractors successfully concluded their installation of the relevant specially-purposed drainage structure, along with the aforesaid structure's connections to its corresponding 36-inch storm drain pipes, after which underground crew contractors began the process of back-filling and compacting the soil situated immediately next to and around the aforesaid drainage structure.
- On Mar. 20, and after having coordinated with F.P.L. over the course of several prior weeks with respect to de-energizing existing overhead power lines within the given work area, signal crew contractors were mobilized to the northeast quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue in order to initiate their removal of the last-remaining mast arm foundation that was in place at the time.
- On Mar. 21, F.P.L. once again de-energized the overhead lines pertaining to the work area in question, whereupon signal crew contractors were mobilized once more to the northeast quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue, at which point said signal crew contractors proceeded to continue with their extraction of the last-remaining mast arm foundation referenced earlier.
- As of late March, removal of the last-remaining mast arm foundation situated at the northeast quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue on the part of on-site signal crew contractors was still ongoing, with future work efforts thereto to be utilized and implemented as needed going forward.

If you would like to receive immediate updates on ongoing road construction in our county, please email us at D5@pbc.gov.

Additional March Proclamations

Proclamation Declaring March 2024 as JARC's 38th Anniversary



Mayor Sachs with Proclamation Honorees from the Jewish Association of Residential Care (JARC Florida), which included JARC Florida Present Howard Halpern, his wife and fellow JARC Florida Member Lynne Halpern, and widely-acclaimed philanthropist Toby Cooperman.

I recently had the honor of presenting a Proclamation on behalf of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, officially declaring and recognizing March of 2024 as the 38th anniversary month of the Jewish Association of Residential Care (JARC Florida). This Proclamation was a heartfelt recognition of JARC's dedicated service to those individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in our community. It was a privilege to present this Proclamation to the esteemed honorees, including leading members and staff of JARC Florida, whose unwavering commitment has profoundly impacted the lives of so many who live in and around Palm Beach County.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade & Festival

Celebrating the Magic of St. Patrick's Day



Mayor Sachs at the St. Patrick's Day Parade with her daughter Natasha and grandson Leonardo.

I was thrilled to join the festivities at the Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival this past Saturday, March 16. It was a joyous occasion celebrating Irish culture and heritage in Palm Beach County. As mayor, I am proud to recognize the vibrant Irish community that has enriched our county with its traditions, music, and spirit of camaraderie. The parade and festival provided a wonderful opportunity for residents and visitors to come together and enjoy the festivities, fostering a sense of unity and pride in our diverse community.

St. Patrick's Day holds a special significance in Palm Beach County, as it not only commemorates the patron saint of Ireland but also highlights the contributions of the Irish population to our county's history and culture. From the early settlers who shaped our region to present-day residents who continue to uphold their heritage, the Irish community has left an indelible mark on Palm Beach County. Events like the Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival serve as a tribute to this rich heritage and provide an opportunity for residents of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate the diversity that makes our county unique.

PBC Film & Television: Upcoming Events

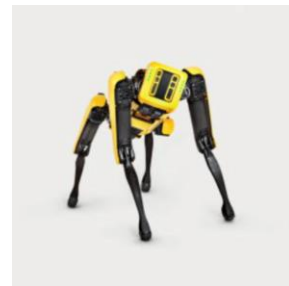
Tourist Development Council | Mayor Sachs: Board Chair



Education Corner: Meet "Spot"

Get ready for a memorable encounter on the red carpet with Spot, the agile mobile robot.

Created by Boston Dynamics, an American engineering and robotics design company, the robot can move independently to navigate rugged terrain. Spot uses a "cognitive inspection platform" and 16 cameras to scan the world. With AI taking over, it's sure to make things extra entertaining!



Join us on the red carpet at 9:30 in the morning and the award show at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 26, at the Maltz Jupiter Theatre. Seating is limited. To RSVP by Friday, April 5 at the very latest to save your seat, please

visit constantcontactpages.com/cu/dYgyA66?fbclid=IwAR3J86M4ipm-VwcpBIEHpI0j6VgCBUxLyfVfxEbNY3TClqxZa78Hw0J1Us.

For further details, visit pbfilm.com/news/education-corner-record-breaking-submissions.

Protecting Sea Turtles

The Palm Beaches are a critical nesting ground for female sea turtles from March to October.

To safeguard these majestic creatures, county regulations mandate the absence of beachside lights after sunset and before sunrise to allow loggerheads, greens, and leatherbacks to nest undisturbed.



Using heavy equipment and street vehicles to transport equipment on the beach is also prohibited. While the local beaches are film-friendly, PBC and the FTC remain committed to sea turtle conservation and steadfastly maintain these yearly protections. By adhering to guidelines and staying in the know with turtle monitoring programs, residents and visitors play a pivotal role in preserving these iconic species, ensuring the continuation of this timeless nesting tradition for generations to come.

For additional details, visit pbfilm.com/news/protecting-sea-turtles.

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Recognizing Administrative Staff Member Ed Sol

"Thank you, Ed!"



"Hey there, Ed!

Thank you so very much for your assistance in responding to my earlier inquiries concerning the public lighting situation in and around Flavor Pict Road in the Boynton Beach area where I live.

With your timely help and personal attention to detail, you were gracious enough to set aside a valuable portion of your time in hearing me out on my prior requests for F.P.L. to turn on the lighting for this section of road.

In doing so, you were not only able to finally bring my valid concerns in this regard to the attention of F.P.L., but you were also ultimately able to get them to successfully turn on those lights per your personal outreach!

As a result of your efforts, you've made driving on Flavor Pict Road at night much safer for both myself and my fellow neighbors, like we had always wanted from the start.

Cheers to you, Ed!

Sincerely,
A Grateful and Satisfied Resident of Indian Springs"

Animal Care and Control Spotlight



My name's Tucker! If you're looking for a new adventure buddy, I'm your doggie!

Adopted animals are spayed/neutered, current on vaccines, protected against fleas and ticks, microchipped, and more.

As a reminder, other adoptable dogs can be viewed at: secure.co.palm-beach.fl.us/snap/adoptabledogs.

If interested, call 561-233-1272 and reference A2160542.

Dear Commissioner



I am redoing my pool. Do I need a permit for that?

To answer that question, it depends on the details and circumstances concerning your particular project:

- If you are redoing only the pool's surface, you do not need a permit.
- If you are redoing any equipment repair or anything that is otherwise structural, for example, adding a spa, you need a permit.

For more information about permitting in our county, call the Permit Center of the Palm Beach County Planning, Zoning and Building Division at 561-233-5100 or visit their website at discover.pbcgov.com/pzb/building/Pages/Permit-Center.

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Please contact us with any questions or concerns!

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