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PALM BEACH COUNTY MAYOR
DISTRICT 5



National Volunteer Month | April 2024



Dear friends and neighbors,

As the mayor of Palm Beach County, I am honored to address our community during National Volunteer Month, a time when we celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers across our county and nation. April holds a special place in our hearts as we recognize the selflessness and dedication of individuals who generously give their time, talents and resources to make a difference in the lives of others.

From noble deeds such as mentoring students, feeding people experiencing homelessness or caring for our precious environment, volunteers serve as the foundation of our community, embodying the spirit of compassion and unity. In fact, they are our community.

We need you. By coming together to serve, we strengthen the bonds that connect us all, and through this process, we become stronger ourselves. Together, we can create a more compassionate and resilient Palm Beach County where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Palm Beach County is a prosperous, generous and compassionate place to live. There is no other area I know of in this great country where philanthropy is a part of the local character. There is a place for every individual to show their passion, whether on a beach clean-up, as a park volunteer, or even just reading a book to school children. We have a place for you.

For information on local volunteer opportunities in Palm Beach County, visit our website at discover.pbcgov.org/pages/volunteer.aspx.

Let's help each other to help ourselves.

My best,

Maria Sachs
Mayor

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Department of Public Safety
Division of Animal Care & Control

Department of Environmental Resources Management

Tribute to Ben Ferencz of Kings Point - Delray Beach

Ben Ferencz, an esteemed figure in legal history, passed away one year ago today. His journey in the pursuit of justice began amid the harrowing aftermath of World War II. As a young man, he played a pivotal role in the Nuremberg trials, serving as a prosecutor in the pursuit of justice against Nazi war criminals.

His dedication to the cause of human rights extended far beyond the courtroom. Ben was a tireless advocate for justice, dedicating his life to fighting against atrocities and promoting peace worldwide. His legacy serves as an inspiration to all who strive for a more just and compassionate world.



In recognition of his unparalleled contributions to international law and human rights advocacy, I asked Governor Ron DeSantis to award our hometown hero, the Governor's Medal of Freedom.

He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He may be gone, but his message resonates especially today.

Solar Eclipse in South Florida



There was an event that united most of North America. It occurred just this week and will not happen again for 20 years: the total eclipse of the sun. This rare celestial event had everyone, near and far, looking towards the sky simultaneously. Some say it was a moment when we stopped criticizing each other and looked up at a cosmic reminder of how intricately connected we are as human beings. I only hope that there will be more events like this which will compel us to come together as one humanity, focused outward, and experience something bigger than ourselves.

Upcoming Commission Meetings

BCC Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

BCC Zoning Hearing

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

BCC Comprehensive Plan Amendment Hearing

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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

Latest Update on Lyons Road

Traffic! Traffic! Traffic!



Construction crews making additional progress on Lyons Road in early April.
(Photo credit: PBC Engineering and Public Works Department County Engineer David L. Ricks, P.E.)

As mayor, I am committed to closely monitoring the construction on Lyons Road between Clint Moore Road and Atlantic Avenue. The following is a list of important milestones in this road construction project:

- April 1-4, 2024: On-site contractors continued their work on the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue, placing and compacting subgrade materials.
- April 5, 2024: Underground crew contractors continued working on the fire hydrant at the southwest quadrant of Lyons Road and Atlantic Avenue and adjusted the applicable air release valve structure to meet future road elevation requirements.
- The orange traffic barrels in front of Joseph's Classic Market will be removed once the earthwork around the intersection is completed. This work should be completed by the beginning of June.

To receive immediate updates on all ongoing county road construction projects, email PBC Engineering and Public Works at ENG-ActionCenter@pbcgov.org.

Update on Water Utilities

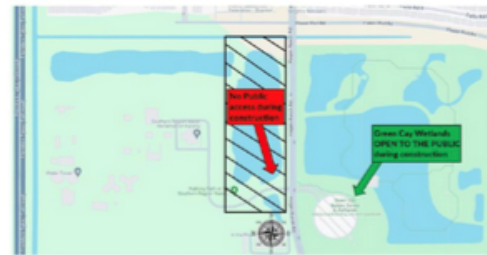
PBC Water Utilities Department Hagen Ranch Road Walking Path Closure

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department will restrict access to the walking path at 12955 Hagen Ranch Road, effective April 15, 2024, until further notice.

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department's Southern Region Water Reclamation Facility will be unsafe to access due to the construction of the Reclaimed Education & Center for Advanced Purification (RECAP) part of Green Cay's Phase II expansion, with the new facility slated to open in 2026.

The Green Cay Wetlands & Nature Center at 12800 Hagen Ranch Road will remain open and is, in turn, suggested to the public as an alternative walking location.

NOTICE Walking Path at
12955 Hagen Ranch Road
CLOSED for Construction



**Effective April 15, 2024
until further notice**



For additional information on these and other projects, visit the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department website at discover.pbcgov.com/waterutilities.

Palm Beach County Spotlight

Jeri Caprio

Board of Directors Member of Horses and Hounds Foundation



Jeri Caprio, a dedicated Member of the Board of Directors with the 501(c)3 charitable organization Horses and Hounds Foundation, has left an indelible mark on Palm Beach County through her unwavering commitment to animal welfare and community service. Jeri's passion for equine therapy and helping shelter animals from the Tri-County Animal Rescue, for which she has devotedly raised funds during the past 16 years, has proven to be instrumental in providing healing and support to individuals facing physical and emotional challenges, offering a unique venue for rehabilitation and personal development.

Accordingly, under her stellar leadership, Jeri's foundation has spearheaded numerous initiatives to improve the lives of animals and their respective caretakers in the region. Through her tireless efforts, Jeri has cultivated a network of volunteers and donors who share her vision for a more compassionate and inclusive community. Jeri's holistic approach to philanthropy extends beyond animal welfare, encompassing initiatives that address broader societal issues, such as education, healthcare, and even support for our local veteran community with respect to Semper Fi Service Dogs, an organization that deals directly with veterans suffering from PTSD via the use of service animals.

As such, Jeri has also involved herself with other organizations including Boca West Children's Foundation, a charitable entity that supports abused and neglected children from various foster homes, as well as the not-for-profit Justin Bartlett Animal Hospital. In this context, Jeri's philanthropy has had a tangible impact on countless residents' lives, ensuring continued access to vital resources and helpful opportunities for further growth. Indeed, Jeri's dedication to making a difference has earned her both the admiration and gratitude of the Palm Beach County populace, serving as a shining example of how one individual's passion and determination can transform lives and uplift communities for the better.

Todd Bonlarron

Palm Beach County Assistant County Administrator

Todd Bonlarron, the Assistant County Administrator of Palm Beach County, has made invaluable contributions to our county's growth and prosperity through his unwavering dedication and visionary leadership. With a focus on transit, water infrastructure improvement, legislative affairs, and community engagement, he has played a pivotal role in shaping our community's strategic initiatives and policies. Under his guidance, Palm Beach County has witnessed significant advancements in public safety, transportation infrastructure, and environmental sustainability, enhancing the quality of life for residents and fostering a thriving business environment.



Todd's tireless commitment to excellence and innovation has garnered widespread acclaim and recognition, earning him accolades such as the League of Cities "County Person of the Year" award. Moreover, his collaborative approach to governance and emphasis on transparency have strengthened partnerships with local stakeholders and facilitated effective decision-making processes in county government. Todd's steadfast advocacy in Tallahassee and Washington DC for the betterment of the lives of the residents of Palm Beach County has left an indelible mark on our local community, exemplifying his unwavering commitment to serving the needs and interests of the general public.

Green Cay Groundbreaking Ceremony

Palm Beach County Breaks Ground | Green Cay Wetlands



(From L to R): CDM Smith Vice President Suzanne Mechler, P.E., PBC Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Cirillo, Commissioner Mack Bernard, Drew Barlett (South Florida Water Management District), Assistant County Administrator Todd Bonlarron, County Administrator Verdenia Baker, South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member Charlette Roman, Ted Winsberg, Mayor Maria Sachs, Commissioner Marci Woodward, PBCWUD Department Director Ali Bayat, P.E., PMP, former PBCWUD Department Director Jim Stiles, PBCWUD Advisory Board Member Arnold Katz.

Green Cay Park started as a simple water filtration facility. It has now become one of the most visited parks in the county. This is because of the multitude of wildlife that flock to this area. The visit is exceptionally breathtaking at sunset when the many species of birds take flight.

I am very proud of this project. I stand committed to fostering environmental sustainability while preserving our natural environment.

The Alliance of Delray

Community Connections



The Alliance of Delray featured Mayor Sachs as their keynote speaker.

I was delighted to address the crowd of the Alliance of Delray at their monthly meeting. After representing the residents in the state legislature and now as their county commissioner, it was a great pleasure to explain the functions of county government.

The President of the Alliance of Delray, Dr. Lori Vinikoor, has ardently represented the alliance's interests in the numerous development projects in our area.

Their voices have been heard as I reiterated my commitment to smart and sustainable development that serves the needs of our residents' needs and meets the expectations of our residential communities.

We discussed traffic, healthcare, emergency medical services, and safety and security for all.

For more on the Alliance of Delray and its activities, visit allianceofdelray.com.

April Proclamations

Second Chance Month



(From L to R): Senior Program Specialist Randi Taylor, Syed (Shahzia) Jackson, Case Manager Bridget Rodriguez, Michelle Pereira, Reentry Program Coordinator Ron Dixon, The Lord's Place Reentry Services Director Vanessa Klein, Justice Services Administrative Staff Yenefer Cerda, Victim Services Division Director Nicole Bishop, The Reentry Center Director Orié Bullard, Criminal Justice Program Manager Jessica Hidalgo, Public Safety Director Stephanie Sejnoha, Mayor Maria Sachs, Oswald Newbold, Public Defender/ Reentry Task Force Chair Carey Haughwout, Program Coordinator Jennifer Loyless, Reentry Program Coordinator Arlene Griffiths, Reentry Coordinator Shirlon St. Amour, Chenise Bonilla, Case Manager Les'Unique Hessing and Program Evaluator Cathy Wolf.

I was proud to proclaim April 2024 as Second Chance Month. Serving as an Assistant State Attorney and later as a criminal defense attorney, I understand the stigma that can be attached to those who pass through our criminal justice system.

Through the office of Palm Beach County Public Defender Carey Haughwout, formerly incarcerated individuals can re-enter society and find meaningful jobs as they get a second chance at life.

Council Updates and Events

Tourist Development Council | Mayor Maria Sachs: Chair



2024 CANYON AMPHITHEATER LEGENDS ON THE LAWN

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Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners

JANUARY 20

WHITESTONE
CLASSIC ROCK

FEBRUARY 17

**MARY WASHINGTON
BROOKS**
BLUES & SOUL

MARCH 16

NORTH 40
COUNTRY

APRIL 20

SOUR MASH
ACOUSTIC

MAY 18

SPIDER CHERRY
POP SOUL/FUNK ROCK

7PM TO 9PM

FREE ADMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21

**MELINA
ALMODOVAR**
SALSA

OCTOBER 19

THE FLIRT
ROCK/POP

NOVEMBER 16

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MOWTOWN/DOOWOP

DECEMBER 21

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Solid Waste Authority | Mayor Sachs, Board Member



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throw it out.

Blue Gets

- ♻️ Plastic bottles and containers
-Lids on; 2 gallons or less
- ♻️ Food and beverage cans
- ♻️ Glass bottles and jars
-Lids off
- ♻️ Milk and juice cartons
-Lids on
- ♻️ Drink boxes
-No pouches
-No straws



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- ❌ Plastic bags
- ❌ Foam products
- ❌ Aluminum foil or pans
- ❌ Shredded paper
- ❌ Plastic eating utensils or straws
- ❌ Paper plates
- ❌ Paper towels or napkins
- ❌ Coat hangers
- ❌ Light bulbs

DO NOT PUT INTO TRASH OR RECYCLING BINS:

- ❌ Needles. Call 561-837-5900 for disposal.
- ❌ Lithium batteries. Drop at Home Chemical and Recycling Center or retailer near you. Visit swa.org/lib to learn more.

Yellow Gets

- ♻️ Cardboard
-Flattened
- ♻️ Newspaper and inserts
-No plastic bags
- ♻️ Dry food and pizza boxes
-No food stains
- ♻️ Office and school paper
- ♻️ Cardboard paper rolls
- ♻️ Mail
- ♻️ Magazines
- ♻️ Paper bags



For recycling bins, call 866-NEW-BINS.
(639-2467)

* This cart is only available to multi-family complexes.

** This bin is provided for curbside collection.

PBC Library Happenings

PBC Library System will be closed on May 2 for "LEAD" Staff Training

On Thursday, May 2, the Palm Beach County Library System will revive an old tradition by having a full-day offsite staff training event, otherwise known as "LEAD."

The training event will allow our library staff to learn the latest in county and library news, listen to engaging speakers, network with their colleagues, build on professional skills and celebrate public service milestones.

LEAD will occur at the Eissey Campus Theater of Palm Beach State College in Palm Beach Gardens. All our county library staff will report to work at that location for the entire day. Palm Beach State College has agreed to co-sponsor this event.

In turn, the PBC Library System will alert the public to this closure through flyers in library spaces, social media posts and digital notices on its website. All virtual library services will remain open and available for members, so no checked-out items will be due that day.



For other Palm Beach County Library System updates, please visit pbclibrary.org.

Animal Care & Control Spotlight



My name's Farel Williams! If you seek a new companion kitty, then look no more!

Adopted animals are spayed/neutered, current on shots, protected against fleas and ticks, micro-chipped, and more.

As a reminder, other adoptable cats can be viewed here: secure.co.palm-beach.fl.us/snap/adoptablecats.

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Dear Commissioner

What are my county tax filing obligations and deadlines?

With tax season well upon us, here is a recap of pertinent Palm Beach County tax filing due dates, requirements and reminders for April and May 2024:

Important Dates:

- April 30, 2024, is the last day to apply for the 2024 Property Tax Installment Payment Plan (Apply at pbctax.com/ipp).



May 1, 2024, the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) for applicable period due.

Important Reminders:

- Privately owned vehicle registrations expire at midnight of the first registered owner's birthday (Renew online at pbctax.com/renew-registration).
- You can pay delinquent tangible personal property taxes and local business taxes online at pbctax.publicaccessnow.com.



- A list of delinquent real estate property taxes is advertised for three consecutive weeks prior to the applicable tax certificate sale.
- A list of delinquent tangible personal property taxes is advertised for one week before the applicable warrant issuance.

For more information about taxes in our county, call the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's Office at 561-355-2264 or visit pbctax.com.

Mayor Maria Sachs

Please contact us with any questions or concerns!

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