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Friends and Neighbors:

We hope you're doing well and enjoying your spring. My team and I are back from Tallahassee and are attending events around District 26!

Constituent Services

You may not know, but we have two offices to serve our constituents. Our main office is in Boynton Beach and our satellite office is located in Belle Glade. Some of the issues our office may help you with include unemployment, food stamps, Medicaid, DMV-related matters and many other areas handled by state agencies. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either office. We will be sure to assist you and point you in the right direction.

To schedule an appointment with a caseworker in Boynton Beach, please call my office at 561.292.6014. Our Belle Glade office is managed by Brenda Bryant. Office hours in Belle Glade are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please call Brenda at 561.873.5090 to schedule directly.

Best wishes,



Lori Berman

Happening in Palm Beach County

There are many exciting and family friendly activities happening around Palm Beach County for in the month of April. Click [here](#) to see what events are happening near you!



Legislative & Budget Update

Since our last update, we are awaiting for my 4 passed bills to be signed by the Governor. In the meantime, I have been providing legislative updates throughout the various cities I represent. If you would like more information on when and where my next presentation will be, please call my office.

We are currently awaiting budget updates from the Governor. We expect that any day now we will receive a budget veto list from him as well as a signed budget.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots: Information from the PBC Supervisor of Elections

If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot in 2022 and you have not renewed your request since November 9th, your mail ballot request has expired. New Florida Laws require voters who are interested in voting by mail to request a new mail ballot after each General Election cycle.

If you want to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2024 elections, you will need to complete a new [request](#).

There are two upcoming elections in 2024 in which voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot, including a Primary Election on August 20th, and the General Election on November 5th. The Presidential Preference Primary on March 19th will coincide with local municipal elections. If you want to vote by mail for any of these elections, please request your mail ballot today.

UPDATE FROM FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

After months of petition gathering, widespread support and legal deliberations on a ballot amendment to preserve abortion access in Florida's Constitution, the Florida Supreme Court today released an opinion approving the petition for the November ballot.

Abortion is OFFICIALLY on the ballot this November! But the Florida Supreme Court decision also triggered the 6-week abortion ban to go into effect, devastating reproductive care in Florida. Novembers election will be crucial in protecting the reproductive rights of women in the state of Florida.



STATEMENT: Senator Lori Berman Applauds Florida Supreme Court's Decision to Add Abortion to the Ballot in November

I commend the Florida Supreme Court for recognizing the will of the more than 1.2 million Floridians who want to preserve abortion access in Florida's Constitution. This is not just a victory for women's reproductive rights, but also a crucial step towards upholding the principles established in Roe v. Wade.

Floridians want the right to make decisions about one's own body without government interference. It is fundamental to individual autonomy and dignity. Reproductive choices such as abortion are decisions between a woman and her physician. And now in November, Floridians will choose to enshrine that fundamental right in the Constitution.



2024 Run AWAY 5K

When: April 7, 2024

Time: 7:30 a.m. Rain or Shine!

Where: 6751 N. Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33412

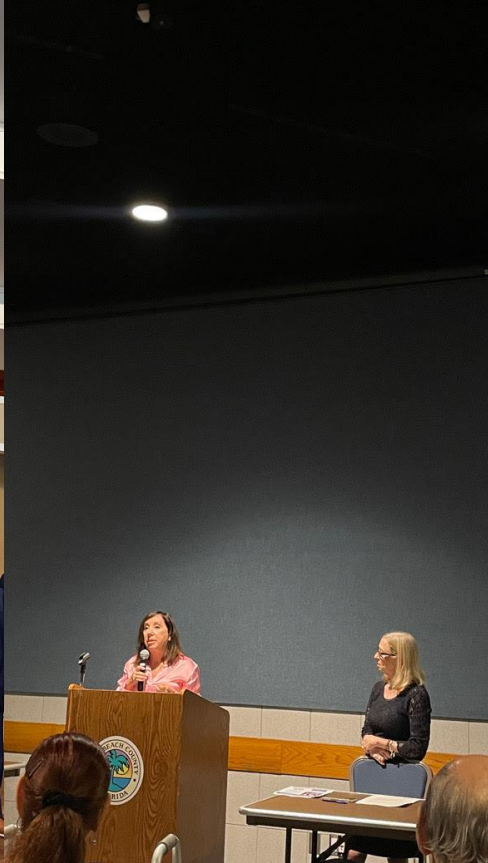
Registration is open: [Sign up today.](#)

The 2024 SWA Run AWAY 5K Trail Run will be held Sunday, April 7, at the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, 6751 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach. This event celebrates the harmony of industry and nature, bringing awareness to recycling and solid waste issues.

The Run AWAY 5K is a unique race that takes participants AWAY through cabbage palms, cypress hammocks, marshes and lush pine flatwoods, with glimpses of Grassy Waters Preserve and the Renewable Energy Park. The event is conducted in partnership with the nonprofit [Resource Depot](#), which works to inspire creativity, conservation and community engagement through reuse.

Around the District:

This past month I attended several events. Here is a snippet of me giving a legislative update to the City of Briny Breezes, attending the Lantana Chamber Economic Luncheon, COWBRA Legislative Panel Update, and speaking at the Boca-Delray Democratic Club with Representative Kelly Skidmore. Session in Tallahassee is never easy, but coming home and interacting with my constituents always reenergizes my spirit and gives me the strength to continue fighting for you in Tallahassee.



CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR WESTERN COMMUNITIES

APRIL 12-13, 2024
 TORRY ISLAND - BELLE GLADE, FL
FREE CONCERTS
FRIDAY 12TH
 Gates open at 5:30pm
 Buggy & Side by Side Show
 Food
 Live Music



LANDSHARKS
 FRIDAY 7PM

SATURDAY 13TH
 Gates open at 10:00am
 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run
 Free Kid's Rides
 Cornhole Tournament
 Volleyball Tournament
 Car Show
 Vendors
 Food
 Fireworks at 9pm
 AND SO MUCH MORE!



SATURDAY 5:30PM



SATURDAY 7:30PM



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Black Gold Jubilee

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Black Gold Jubilee
April 2024
 Schedule of Events

4/6 Children's Fishing Tournament
 Torry Island - Registration - 7AM - Fishing Starts - 9AM

Harvest Queen Pageant
 Dolly Hand Cultural Art Center - Littles - 4PM - Harvest Queen - 7:30PM

4/12 Friday Night Concert - Torry Island
 Gates open at 5:30PM
 Buggy/Side by Side Show - 6:00PM
 Gary and the Landsharks Band - 7:00PM



LANDSHARKS
FRI 7:00pm

Night Golf
 Belle Glade Municipal Golf Club - Tee Time - 7:30/Dark

4/13 JUBILEE DAY!

5K Walk/Run 10K Run
 Registration - 7AM - Race - 8AM

Main Street Parade
 Starts - 10AM

Jubilee Starts
 Torry Island
 Gates open at 10AM

ENTERTAINMENT

Molly Hatchet
 Starts - 5:30PM



5:30pm

Mark Chesnutt
 Starts - 7:30PM

Fireworks
 9PM

7:30pm



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