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June 2024 issue of The Alliance Connection

Next Meeting

## **Annual Breakfast**

***Sponsored by Delray Medical Center***

**Friday June 21, 2024**

Invitations have been mailed.

Keynote Speaker:

## **Joseph Ricotta, MD**

National Medical Director, Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy  
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## **July Meeting**

Wednesday July 3, 2024

**Meet the Candidates for Law & Order!**

**State Attorney Public Defender Judge**

PLUS

**An early July 4th Celebration with  
Presentation of the Colors from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue  
and**

**Lots of July 4th takeaway items to celebrate the holiday**

**Primary Election: August 20, 2024**

### *OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE ALLIANCE:*

*Lori Vinikoor, President*

*Arnold Katz, Executive Vice President Norma Arnold, Vice President John Gentithes, Vice President Susan Zuckerman, Vice President*

*Carol Klausner, Secretary Sylvia Borrellie, Recording Secretary Deborah Borenstein, Treasurer*

*Directors: Rob Cuskaden Kay Drews York Freund Judy Goldberg*

*Assistants to the President: Rose DeSanto Joel Vinikoor*

*Bob Schulbaum, Chairman of the Board*

*Legal Counsel: Joshua Gerstin*

## Important Updates

- Lyons Road / Atlantic Avenue expansion: remains on schedule for a July 1, 2024, completion.
- Flavor Pict Road: Plans are moving forward for a \$37 million bridge over Florida's Turnpike that would take Lyons Road motorists from Flavor Pict Road east to Hagen Ranch Road. It would extend Flavor Pict with a four-lane roadway (expandable to six lanes) and a six-lane bridge over the Turnpike, along with curbs and gutters at the median, a bike lane, sidewalks, drainage, signing and traffic signals. The design work is expected to take about two years. The project has yet to be fully funded, but commissioners are committed to spending more in future years on road construction to address traffic congestion across the county. The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency expects construction to begin in fiscal year 2028, but that depends on the county providing more than \$26 million in funding. Paving of the intersection will begin in the next few weeks and will require some temporary rerouting of traffic. It would take about two years to build the bridge, which means, at the earliest, it would not be open until 2030.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY REFERENDUM- ½ CENT SURTAX**

The School Board of Palm Beach County is calling for a referendum to be held throughout Palm Beach County on the date of the next general election, November 5, 2024, for the purpose of submitting to the electorate a question regarding whether the School Board should levy a discretionary school surtax of one-half percent per dollar on all taxable sales for ten years beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2035. The tax would be "shared with eligible charter schools based upon their proportionate share of the District enrollment as required by law, to support education by upgrading and enhancing safety and security of schools, classroom technology and equipment, school buildings and facilities, and school buses."

The ballot to be used in the election on November 5, 2024, will be in substantially the following form:

### **PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOLS SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ONE-HALF CENT SALES SURTAX**

**To support educational opportunities for students by upgrading and enhancing safety and security of schools; classroom technology and equipment, school buildings and facilities, and school buses, for Palm Beach County traditional public and charter public schools; shall the School Board levy a one-half cent sales surtax beginning January 1, 2026 and, by law, automatically ending December 31, 2035, with oversight of all funds by an independent committee of citizens and experts?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **FOR THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX**

\_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST THE ONE-HALF CENT TAX**

### **ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES**

#### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Deadline to register or change party: Monday, July 22, 2024

Early voting: 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m. August 10, 2024 – August 18, 2024

Deadline to request Vote-by-Mail ballot to be mailed to you: 5:00 pm, Thursday, August 8, 2024

Deadline to return Vote-by-Mail ballot to Main Office: 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Election Day: 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024

#### **GENERAL ELECTION**

Deadline to register to vote: Monday, October 7, 2024

Early voting: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. October 21, 2024-November 3, 2024

Deadline to request Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you: 5:00p.m. October 24, 2024

Deadline to return Vote-by-Mail ballot to main office: 7:00p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Election Day: 7:00a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 5, 2024

***Thank you to Kay Drews, Alliance Director for this research.***



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MBA, Neurology

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**Arif Dalvi, MD, MBA, Neurology**  
Chief of Movement Disorders Program at Delray Medical Center, Head of Movement Disorders Program at Palm Beach Neuroscience Institute, Board of Advisors for International Essential Tremor Foundation (IETF)

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## MAY 1, 2024 MEETING SUMMARY

*meeting Video link* <https://youtu.be/QuRLYreZAro>

The Alliance of Delray Residential Associations May 1, 2024 meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Lori Vinikoor. John Gentithes, Vice President, welcomed the guests. **Sgt. Mike Bryant** of the Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office warned of the abundance of on-line phone scams. He cautioned against giving any information. Palm Beach Fire Rescue **Chief Bill Stanbury** reported that Palm Beach County Fire Rescue received at least 1000 more calls than any other district. Additionally, he reminded the audience that hurricane season begins on 6/1/24.

Lori apprised the audience that for the July 3, 2024 meeting the Alliance will hold a Meet the Candidates for law and order symposium. She also informed the group that the Ag Reserve project (Park West) has been postponed until August.

**State Senator Lori Berman** announced that \$17 million was allocated to Palm Beach County. She added that despite objections, the 6 week abortion bill was passed in Florida. **State Senator David Silvers** urged the membership to vote for Amendment Four, which eases the restrictions of the bill. **State Representative Kelly Skidmore** was concerned with the economics of a clean and healthy ocean. She also noted that in Palm Beach County sickle cell anemia was being studied and often successfully treated in 'centers of excellence'. **Karen Brill, PB School Board Chairman**, explained that schools will not permit racial or religious bullying. School grounds are kept safe for everyone. Most importantly, there have been no books banned.

### Key Note Speakers:

**Tommy Strowd, Executive Director of the Lake Worth Drainage District**, spoke of the Communities' Role in Drainage. Many marshes and swamps have been reclaimed for agriculture. The Clean Water Act was designed to prevent flooding. Flood control is a tiered system, LWDD being a second tier. That is, it is an automated system that also uses manual adjustments. For additional information, their phone number is (561) 498-5363. In case of flooding, he urged that you do not walk or drive through flood water. It may well be deeper than you think. The water is unsanitary, coming from streets, canals, and/or lakes.

**Palm Beach County Water Utility Department Deputy Director Kristin Berntsen** reported that the three types of water that the department is responsible for are drinking water, waste water, and reclaimed water. The county has over 4000 miles of pipes. The cost to the Palm Beach County customer is 29% below the Florida state average. We are supplied by the Biscayne aquifer, the Floridian Aquifer, and reclaimed water. Water from the Green Cay and Wakodahatchee nature sites is used, treated, and returned to the sites. Future innovation, construction, and upgrades are planned, as well as much public outreach.

Lori reminded the attendees that the annual breakfast will be held on June 21. She then adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Klausner, Alliance Director & Secretary

### **Voting 2024**

It's not too early to think about voting in the 2024 elections. Here are important dates:

**REGISTER TO VOTE:** *The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before the election-Florida is a closed primary state which means that you **must be registered with a political party to vote in that party's Primary Election.** If do not want to affiliate with a party you can register **NO PARTY AFFILIATION** in which case you will only be able to vote on non-partisan issues or races.*

**VOTING BY MAIL:** *Any registered voter can vote by mail. You can request a vote-by-mail ballot for a specific election or for all elections through the next general election. After the general election you need to make a new request if you wish to vote by mail. **You must request a vote-by-mail ballot no later than 5:00PM on the 12th day before election day.** You must be sure to return the ballot in the envelope provided and **sign the return envelope. The ballot must reach the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00PM on election day for it to be counted** (allow one week for mail-in ballot to reach the office).*

## Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Graduates 31 Recruits

On April 26, 2024 the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR) Pipes and Drums and Honor Guard rallied to open the successful event in which Recruit Class 90 graduated from the Training Division to the Operations Division of PBCFR.

The audience was wowed and inspired by the video displaying the rigorous 13 week course which included Fire Ground, Emergency Medical, and Live Fire & Swim training.

Palm Beach County (PBC) Mayor Maria Sachs presented the keynote address (see photo Left)



and PBC Fire Rescue Administrator Patrick Kennedy distributed awards to the 31 graduates (see photo right). Other notable dignitaries were present including Commissioners Michael Barnett and Gregg Weiss and Assistant County Administrator Reginald Duren who preceded Chief Kennedy as PBC Fire Rescue Administrator.



Three traditions were followed at the ceremony. The first was “the hat box” which each graduate received for storing the dress hat and serving as a “memento box” with photos from their training, letters from their families and room for future career memorabilia. The second was the

“ringing of the bell” which holds special significance for firefighters since historically, the toll of the bell summoned members to the station and other series of bell strikes provided special signals such as the end of a shift or completion of a call. The third tradition was the “Oath of Office” which all of the graduates proudly recited from memory.

The PBCFR Department has been serving Palm Beach County for nearly 40 years. The mantra for Recruit Class 90: *Hook and Sweep No One Left Behind.*

### 2024 Legislative Session: Four Bills Passed Regarding Property Insurance

- “*My Safe Florida Home*” SB 7028: Provides grants to homeowners making property improvements to mitigate damage from hurricanes, with priority given to low-income and elderly residents.
- “*Citizens Property Insurance Corporation*” CS/CS/HB 1503: Strips coverage from non-homesteaded properties insured by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation if certain other carriers make offers to insure these properties within 20% of the rate offered by Citizens.
- “*My Safe Florida Homes for Condos*” CS/CS/HB 1029: Creates a pilot program allowing COA’s to apply for funding from the preexisting My Safe Florida Home grant program.
- “*Insurance*” CS/CS/1611: Prohibits insurers from canceling or refusing to renew policies for properties damaged during hurricanes.

### Other Legislation Passed

“*Water Quality & Public Health*” SB 1052: This bill requires the Department of Health to look out for the interests of swimmers and beachgoers by notifying them when water is contaminated or otherwise unsuitable for swimming.

“*Disabled Veterans*” SB 1052: Under this bill, totally and permanently disabled veterans or their surviving spouses may receive a prorated tax refund for the portion of the year they live in a property for which a homestead exemption has been granted.

“*Purple Alert*” SB 640: This bill makes certain that when public alerts about missing persons are issued, the alerts are efficiently targeted toward those with the most likelihoods of being able to assist.

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**Housing Hero Awards 2024**

On May 8, 2024, Palm Beach County Commissioner Mack Bernard, last year's recipient of the Housing Leadership Council (HLC) of Palm Beach County's "Housing Hero Award", presented the 2024 award to West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James at the second annual Housing Heroes Luncheon.

The Housing Hero Award recognizes individuals, organizations, and municipalities who have demonstrated a commitment to the improvement of housing, as evidenced by their passion, their housing development projects or their advocacy for increased workforce and affordable housing in Palm Beach County.

At his event, other awards from the HLC included For-Profit developers, Not-For-Profit developers, and a Housing Impact Award which recognizes outstanding commitment, effectiveness, and/or creativity in meeting housing-related needs through one or more projects over an extended period of time or career.



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