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What Gregg's Been Up To

It's that time of year again: **SunFest** will take over downtown West Palm Beach for the weekend, and for the 40th time the popular festival will bring live music, local artists, food, fun, and drinks to the waterfront. Like every year, our super volunteer Gregg will spend long days donating his time to help make sure operations run smoothly. In the run up to the festival, several downtown streets will be closed off as organizers build stages and set up. It's best to avoid downtown if you can because traffic will be affected by closures and construction traffic.

This Friday the residents of Century Village West Palm Beach can avoid traffic altogether if they need to update a driver's license: instead of having to drive downtown to Government Center, vehicle services are coming directly to Century Village courtesy of **Florida Licensing On Wheels (FLOW)**. FLOW is a program of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) that increases convenient accessibility to essential services by having buses with qualified staff come to communities.

So, updating your driver license, renewing your vehicle registration, getting an ID card... Century Village residents can get it all done at the Century Village Clubhouse this Friday, May 3rd, at

11:00AM. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the FLOW program; services include license and ID credentialing, vehicle registration renewal, and purchase of a specialty license plate. FLOW also offers FLHSMV critical safety services such as emergency contact information registration, and safety campaigns by the Florida Highway Patrol. However, no written or driving tests are given from mobile units. If you live in a larger community and would like to have FLOW visit you, contact our office: district2@pbc.gov.

Turnout was light on Saturday at the Convention Center, where neighbors and interested parties were invited to provide input about the possible swap or sale of county-owned property at 429 Park Place. A concern among residents is that use of the property for a different purpose could aggravate parking problems in the area. Thanks to all who showed up and provided comments. We will keep you posted on what happens next.

Speaking of parking, did you see [Gregg's opinion piece in Saturday's paper](#)? At a Zoning Hearing last Thursday, Gregg asked staff to look at our current parking requirements. While the county is experiencing a housing affordability crisis that gets more dire as you move down the income ladder, our current parking code is inflexible; because of that, several good affordable housing projects in our area might not come to fruition. Read his thoughts in the paper or on [our homepage](#).

Gregg's been busy attending meetings, gatherings, and award ceremonies. Take a look at our Commish in the Community section for the latest. And remember, he likes to meet with the people he represents, so don't hesitate to let us know if you'd like us to come to your community, group or club.

Thanks for being a reader!

Get Your Green On: Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month. Let's make a difference. We are looking to you to support your community, co-workers, friends, and family. Save the Date! **Thursday, May 16, 2024, is Get Your Green On (GYGO) Day** Take a photo of yourself wearing green on May 16 and post to social media with #GYGO2024 to support Mental Health Awareness and Trauma-Informed Care Month. **Find out how you can get involved locally, all month long, to support mental health.**

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West Palm Beach Residents: Prepare for Hurricane Season With Vegetation Amnesty Days

West Palm Beach is prepping for hurricane season with Vegetation Amnesty Days from May 6 to 17, 2024. Residents can dispose of yard waste for free during this time, with no service charge. This includes grass, leaves, trees, shrubs, and tree limbs. The initiative aims to clean up the city ahead of hurricanes, reducing flood risks by keeping storm drains clear. To participate in Vegetation Amnesty Days, residents should adhere to the guidelines for yard/bulk waste disposal [outlined here](#) and [in this video](#).

Note that this is for West Palm Beach residents only. Check with your city if you have questions about how to properly dispose of yard waste.



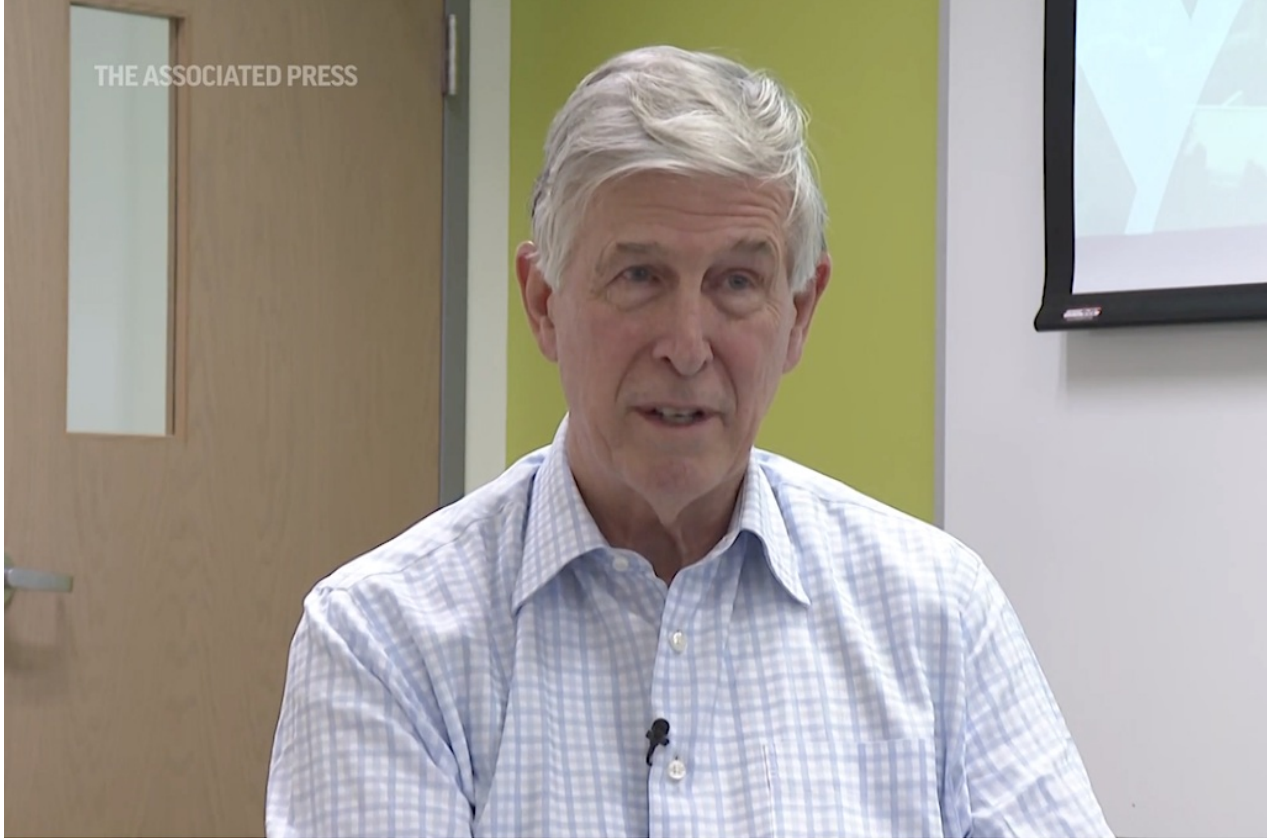
Vegetation Amnesty Days May 6 - 17, 2024



AI Insights

73-Year-Old Congressman Goes Back to College to Understand AI

Many lawmakers admit they struggle to grasp Artificial Intelligence (AI). But **73-year-old Congressman Don Beyer decided to tackle the issue head-on:** he enrolled in a machine learning master's program at George Mason University so he could be more informed as he and other members of Congress craft legislation on the issue. **Video.**



Beyer, a 73-year-old congressman tasked with regulating artificial intelligence, is enrolled in classes at George Mason University to get a master's degree in learning. He weighs both the benefits and risks of the new technology.

AI You Can Use



Hey everyone! Jana here. In our last newsletter I offered up a bunch of AI tools for creatives. In this edition I'm showing some love for teachers. They face so many curveballs in the classroom, the great ones tap into every creative bone in their bodies! **[Check out this suite of free tools from Khanmigo](#)** built by educators for educators - the ultimate champions of creativity. Note: Khanmigo has tools for learners and parents too!

That's it for today. If you'd like us to write about a specific AI topic email us at district2@pbc.gov.

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AI Calendar

Note: Not all the events listed below are open to the public

5/8/2024 @ 9:00 AM: AI presentation for the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations (COBWRA) Safety and Security Committee.

5/11/2024 @ 9:30 AM: AI presentation for Latinos Leadership Alliance at Extraordinary Charities, West Palm Beach. Open to the public; contact Virginia Savietto for more information.

6/1/2024 @ 11:00 AM: AI presentation at Lakeridge Falls Clubhouse. Contact Marsha Auster for more information.

If you would like to invite Gregg to give a presentation in your community on artificial intelligence or any other topic, just contact our office at: district2@pbc.gov or [561-355-2202](tel:561-355-2202)

Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss

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Realtor.com:

[Soaring Insurance Costs Could Force House Prices To Fall—and Some Homeowners To Forgo Coverage](#)

Palm Beach Post:

[Make Room for people, not cars. To encourage more housing, ease parking space requirements.](#)

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District 2 Website:

[To Get More Affordable Housing We Need To Fix Parking Rules](#)

Commish in the Community

Celebrations, anniversaries, meeting with agencies, recognizing community leaders, joining neighbors' festivities and going to neighborhood meetings... Commissioner Weiss spends a LOT of time in the community.

"As an elected official, I want to be part of the community I represent," said Commissioner Weiss. "I want to understand the issues in my district, and that's why I spend many evenings attending events to listen and learn."



The Palm Beaches Student Showcase of Films

The theme at this year's 29th Student Showcase of Films was Artificial Intelligence (AI), a topic Gregg is passionate about. So he was delighted to offer some opening remarks when the awards got underway April 26th inside the Maltz Jupiter Theatre. Also fun: [getting the red carpet treatment from "What's Poppin' PBC?" host Kitty Lundan.](#) Congrats to all the student nominees and the winners!



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Palm Beach County recognized National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 21-27, 2024) with an [opening ceremony](#) held April 22nd at the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association. Gregg presented a proclamation honoring the important work being done by community service agencies, and the hard work and commitment of law enforcement making our county safer.



aZul - Fashion, Art & Design

Sandra Raffaelli, the founder of aZul, [met with Gregg on April 15th](#) to discuss the organization's impactful art and design programs for adults with disabilities. Established in West Palm Beach in 2015, aZul supports their Creatives and Collaborators to develop artistic strengths and self-expression, while inspiring them to create their own micro-enterprises.

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Elections 2024

Voters wishing to vote by mail in the 2024 elections are required to make a new **Vote-by-Mail Request** for all elections.

[Click here to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot](#)

A Vote-by-Mail ballot is **not forwardable** by the U.S. postal service, and a ballot returned undeliverable cancels a request for future elections and must be renewed. Notify the Supervisor of Elections immediately if your mailing address changes or if you plan to be out of town. They will send your ballot wherever you need to be. Updating your voter record and requesting a Vote-by-Mail ballot **can be completed online 24/7.**

2024 Primary Election Information

Early Voting: Aug. 10-18, 2024 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Election Day: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

2024 General Election Information

Early Voting: Oct. 21, 2024 - Nov. 3, 2024 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024 (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)

Have You Registered To Vote?

Check your voter registration status today by visiting “My Status” at <https://www.votepalmbeach.gov>

Ideas? Suggestions? Concerns? Contact us!

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