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Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 2

Newsletter

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What Gregg's Been Up To

County Commissioners have the privilege of spotlighting, supporting, and celebrating worthy causes. And there's been a lot of that lately. Yesterday, Gregg met with [Take Stock in Children](#), a local non-profit that provides opportunities for deserving, low-income youth to escape the cycle of poverty through education. By offering students one-on-one support services, college scholarships, and caring volunteer mentors, Take Stock is changing lives. [Learn more about the work they do, and find out how you can help.](#)

The [Extraordinary Kids Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing care and services to special needs and medically complex children. Gregg recently spoke at their Celebration of Impact event, and he got to know some of the extraordinary children and their parents. Take a look at the celebration [here](#).

Certified Nursing Assistant, community leader, and super volunteer Erna Casseus saved up her money and patiently waited for several years. And on Friday, she got the keys to her new home courtesy of [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County](#) and the students of Seminole Ridge Community High School, who built the home for Erna. Gregg was honored to

be part of the celebration. Watch the ribbon cutting [video here](#).

On that same Friday, Gregg was there for the [ribbon cutting and open house](#) for the newest location of the [Center for Child Counseling](#) (CCC). The CCC provides mental health services to over 7,000 Palm Beach County children annually.

Aren't we lucky to have these non-profits in our community? Supporting them really is one of the best parts of the job of a County Commissioner!

In our last newsletter we told you about Gregg's push for more flexible parking requirements to enable the building of affordable homes. WPTV's Dave Bohman picked up on Gregg's opinion piece in the Post, and published [this story](#). On a similar note, the Zoning Commission approved a sizeable reduction in parking, thereby paving the way for a 104-unit senior housing project on the corner of Summit Boulevard and Haverhill Road. In addition, on May 7th [the Board approved using part of the Housing Bond money to help fund several projects that will deliver more than 400 workforce and affordable housing units](#).

Friday, May 3rd was an eventful morning in the Century Village Clubhouse, as the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles had [set up shop in the lobby](#) serving more than 100 village residents. Florida Licensing on Wheels, or FLOW for short, is a program that brings the DMV to the people. We were lucky to get FLOW to the Village because the program has since run out of funding and is no longer visiting communities until new funding becomes available. Hopefully it will, and we'll bring them back again to Century Village and other communities that have asked for it.

Thanks for being a reader!

Veterans Wellness & Healing Resource Fair

Thursday, May 23rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month in Palm Beach County, with the historic courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach glowing green every night to highlight the campaign. One of the [many supportive community events](#) taking place is designed specifically for veterans. It's free for all veterans, whether or not you are enrolled with the VA. Family members of veterans are also welcome to attend.

Complimentary beverages, breakfast bagels, muffins, and pizza lunch will be served.

[Details](#)

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
West Palm Beach VA Healthcare System

Veterans Wellness + Healing Resource Fair

SAVE the DATE
Thursday May 23rd, 2024
10:00am -2:00PM

Palm Beach State College (Lake Worth)
Public Safety Bldg., 4200 Congress Avenue,
Lake Worth, FL 33461



Boost Mental Well-Being to Live Your Best Life

West Palm Beach VA and over 50 Vet friendly vendors will be on hand
to offer incredible resources. **All are Free of Charge.**

Prepare for Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is on the horizon! And the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has designated May 5 – 11, 2024 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week. The Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office is offering residents a pocket-size **Hurricane Guide** that includes family disaster supplies list, important numbers, and storm information. **[Click here](#)** to request a hard copy of the guide.



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HURRICANE SEASON:
JUNE 1 - NOV. 30**



AI Insights

The Biden administration just announced its newly-created Artificial Intelligence Safety and Security Board. Board members include OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, Microsoft CEO and chairman Satya Nadella, and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai. Can these tech titans who are responsible for actually creating artificial intelligence be trusted to responsibly steer the

regulations around AI? The board also includes executives from major corporations like Delta, and leaders from two civil rights organizations. Stay tuned!

Story



AI You Can Use



Hey everyone! Jana here. If you're someone who often comes across YouTube videos, LinkedIn posts or articles you want to explore but you don't have time to do that right away, meet [MyMemo](#), an AI-powered tool that's like a virtual library for digital information. MyMemo is next-level bookmarking. And there are similar knowledge management tools out there, but MyMemo is the only one I've found that automatically generates a summary of whatever you add to the library - including videos. The free version gives you 50 AI chats per month. To help you get start, [here's a quick introduction to the tool](#) from AI Yoda, Matt Wolfe.

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 events listed are open to the public

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

7/10/2024 @ 12:00 PM: AI Lunch and Learn at the The Buena Vida Community. Contact Pamela Avalos 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)



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NEWS

WPTV:

[How Palm Beach County parking rules could derail affordable housing projects](#)

Palm Beach Post:

[West Palm Beach deserves a better waterfront. The city listened. Now it must get to work.](#)

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."

If you'd like to invite Commissioner Weiss to your event, let us know.

Habitat for Humanity Home Dedication Ceremony

Erna Casseus got the keys to her new home at Habitat for Humanity's May 9th [Home Dedication](#)



Ceremony. Overwhelmed with joy, she shared her long journey to owning a home and thanked an endless number of supporters. The house was built by students of the Weitz Construction Academy at Seminole Ridge High School, and then moved to its permanent location in West Palm Beach.



Center for Child Counseling New Location

Warm vibes flowed at the May 9th **ribbon cutting and open house** for the Center for Child Counseling's (CCC) newest location at the U.B. Kinsey Educational and Community Center in West Palm Beach. The CCC provides mental health services to over 7,000 children across Palm Beach County, and the event coincided with National Children's Mental Awareness Day.



Extraordinary Kids Foundation Celebration

On May 7th, Gregg joined Extraordinary Kids Foundation President & CEO Madean Gilzene (pictured here) for the organization's "**Celebration of Impact,**" event. Extraordinary Kids offers vital support to families caring for special needs and medically complex children. They provide hope, support, and comfort to those navigating uncertainty.



COBWRA Safety & Security Forum

Members of the Coalition of Boynton West Residential Associations (COBWRA) were locked in during Gregg's **May 8th presentation** on artificial intelligence. Audience questions were thoughtful - and thought-provoking! Thanks to PBSO District 6 for making us feel welcome.

Team Weiss Goes to Century Village

Gregg is all about serving his constituents, so he team was happy to arrange for Florida Licensing



On Wheels (FLOW) to bring essential services directly to the **residents of Century Village West Palm Beach** on May 3rd. Residents were able to easily access license and ID credentialing, vehicle registration renewal, and even purchase specialty license plates—all on the spot. If you live in a larger community and would like to have FLOW visit you, contact our office: district2@pbc.gov

[Visit Gregg's Facebook Page](#)

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](#)

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.)

Deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:
5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024

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

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.)

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 that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you:
5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024

Deadline to return your Vote-by-Mail ballot to the Supervisor of Elections Main Office:
7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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!**

We're here to help you!

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