



# GREGG K. WEISS

*Palm Beach County Commissioner  
District 2*



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## **The Word**

Mental health is an important part of overall health. It affects how you think, feel, and behave. When you're mentally healthy, you tend to be more productive, have better relationships, and are better able to deal with life's challenges.

Improving mental health is one of Gregg's priorities and he believes that mental health services are a good investment: they not only benefit individuals but society as a whole, lowering crime rates and healthcare costs, and increasing productivity.

Proactively addressing mental health can prevent crisis situations that strain law enforcement services and hospitals. With this in mind, at the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Gregg gave a shout-out to the county's Community Services Department (CSD), which has launched a new program that will provide behavioral health, street outreach services to individuals experiencing homelessness with the goal of reducing mental health crises, supporting stability, and linking individuals to ongoing care and resources that will improve their quality of life.

Investing in mental health street outreach is a proactive, cost-effective solution that not only improves lives but saves taxpayer dollars in the long run. By funding these programs, communities can provide compassionate, practical care to those in need while reducing the financial burden on emergency services and law enforcement.

Another CSD program that deserves praise is the funding contribution of a Medical Respite Program run by the Salvation Army. This program provides short-term medical respite care to homeless people who are discharged from the hospital. In the past, homeless people who received care in the hospital following a visit to the emergency room would be put out on the street as quickly as possible, in many cases before they had fully recovered, often leading to readmission to the ER days later. Gregg was among the people who spoke at the ribbon-cutting ceremony last week, and he commended the initiative as a more compassionate and fiscally prudent alternative to putting patients out on the street. Check out Commish in the Community or [our Facebook page](#) for more on the ribbon-cutting event.

On Saturday, Gregg and county staff joined Lake Worth Beach officials to celebrate the renovation of the Osborne Community Center. The facility provides resources for local residents, including seniors, youth, and the general public, offering programs such as Head Start, ESL classes, summer camps, and community events. Funded by a \$266,814 federal CDBG grant, renovations included interior and exterior upgrades, ADA improvements, and essential repairs. This project highlights a successful county-municipal partnership, bringing essential services to those who need them most and strengthening our community.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Gregg directed staff to develop a plan to honor the memory of Francis Martin "Marty" Perry, who died on October 6, 2024, two weeks before turning 86. A lawyer specializing in land use, Marty served as the first county zoning attorney in the early 1970s, and later returned to private practice. Always a gentleman, he practiced law for more than half a century and helped shape the county. Marty was a bright, kind, well-respected member of our community, and we miss him.

Lastly, the March municipal elections are just around the corner. Several cities and towns are holding elections including Lake Worth Beach, Boynton Beach and Lantana. If you plan on voting keep in mind these dates:

Election Day - Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Deadline to register to vote – Monday, February 10, 2025

Deadline to request that a Vote By Mail (VBM) ballot be mailed to you - Thursday, February 27, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Early Voting - Not available

Deadline to return your VBM Ballot - Tuesday, March 11, 2025, by 7:00 p.m. to our Main Office or by 5:00 p.m. to a Branch Office

[Learn more](#)

Thanks for being a reader!

## Summer Camp Scholarship Program

If your child or the child of someone you know hasn't made summer plans, apply for the Summer Camp Scholarship Program!

**The portal is NOW OPEN, and applications are being accepted.**

□ What's included:

- ✓ A full scholarship for day camp in Summer 2025
  - ✓ Open to eligible children ages 5-17
- ✓ Fun, educational, and recreational experiences
  - ✓ Peace of mind for parents while they work

**Application deadline: April 4, 2025**

**Click on the link above or the image below to learn more and apply.**



## Celebrating Black History: Doretha Hair Truesdell

Join the Historical Society of Palm Beach County for a special Black History Month event featuring Doretha Hair Truesdell, widow of Highwaymen artist Alfred Hair. Truesdell will



deliver an engaging lecture on the Highwaymen and their profound impact on folk art.

□ When: Thursday, February 27, 5:30–7:30 PM

□ Where: 1916 Historic Courtroom, Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum,  
300 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL

This FREE community event includes complimentary parking starting at 5:00 PM in the lot  
on 4th Street, just east of Dixie Highway.

[Learn more and Register](#)

**CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY**  
*Doretha Hair Truesdell*  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2025 | 5:30 PM**

In celebration of Black History Month, the Historical Society welcomes Doretha Hair Truesdell, the widow of Highwaymen artist Alfred Hair. She will share an engaging lecture on the Highwaymen and their impact on folk art.

**FREE  
COMMUNITY  
EVENT**

**REGISTER NOW**

Logos at the bottom of the poster include:  
- Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum  
- Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, Attorneys at Law  
- FPL  
- Jean L. Martin Shafiroff  
- West Palm Beach Downtown Development Authority  
- Cultural Council  
- Discover The Palm Beaches  
- Palm Beach County



## AI Insights

### ChatGPT's Agent Can Now Do Deep Research For You

OpenAI has revealed another new agentic feature for ChatGPT called deep research, which it says can operate autonomously to “plan and execute a multi-step trajectory to find the data it needs, backtracking and reacting to real-time information where necessary.” Agentic AI is like a super-smart assistant that can think and act on its own. It understands instructions in plain language, sets goals, makes decisions, and adjusts as things change—kind of like a human employee who doesn’t need constant supervision. Deep research is available to ChatGPT Pro users now; it's coming soon to Plus and Team users.

Read all about it in [The Verge](#).

ChatGPT Pro users can try out deep research by [clicking here](#)

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## What can I help with?

Compile a research report on how the retail industry has changed in the past 3 years. Use bullets and tables where necessary for clarity]

Attach Search **Deep research**

Create image

Analyze data

Code

Surprise me

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More

## AI You Can Use



Hey all! Jana, here. Ever wish learning something new felt less like reading a dry textbook and more like chatting with a friendly teacher? Meet “Learn About”—Google’s AI-powered web app designed to make learning fun and interactive. Instead of dumping a wall of text on you, it breaks down complex topics into bite-sized, textbook-style info blocks, quizzes, and interactive elements. And the best part? It pulls fresh information straight from Google Search, cites its sources, and keeps those pesky AI “hallucinations” (a.k.a. wrong answers) to a minimum. [Dive in and see how much easier learning can be](#) (you can also click on the image below to try it out!)

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Why do some sea creatures glow?!

Grasp new topics and deepen your understanding with a **conversational learning companion** that adapts to your unique curiosity and learning goals.

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## AI Calendar

**Note: Not all events listed are open to the public.**

**3/31/2025 @ 10:00 AM:** AI presentation for Stonebridge Country Club. Contact Kara Rowden for more information.

**4/21/2025 @ 12:00 PM:** AI presentation for the Boca Raton Innovation Campus (BRIC). Contact Rebecca Schnirman for more information.

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



**The Boca Raton Tribune:**

[Osborne Community Center Ribbon Cutting](#)

**Hoodline:**

[Lake Worth Beach Celebrates Renovation of Osborne Community Center with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

**Palm Beach Post:**

[Trump in Palm Beach: 47th president expected to spend more time in Florida](#)

**ABC25/WPBF:**

[Palm Beach County leaders discuss future projects and advancements](#)



**PressReader/Rockford Register Star:**

Mar-a-Lago

**PressReader/Journal Star:**

Trump likely to spend more time at Mar-a-Lago

## 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.**



### Osborne Community Center Ribbon-Cutting

On February 1st, Gregg joined City of Lake Worth Beach officials to celebrate the renovated Osborne Community Center. The facility serves residents of all ages with programs like Head Start, summer camps, ESL classes, recreational activities, and special events. Funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Center showcases a successful county-municipal partnership, enhancing opportunities for a bright, sustainable future.

### Medical Respite Center Ribbon-Cutting

There's a new Salvation Army Medical Respite Center at 1577 N. Military Trail in West Palm Beach, and on January 29th Gregg was honored to give remarks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Respite Care program is made possible through a community-based, multi-agency partnership. The program provides shelter for medically needy homeless individuals



while their health concerns are stabilized.



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## Century Village Town Hall

Since taking office Gregg has been a fierce advocate for public participation in the county's decision-making process. On January 24th, he continued this pledge to his constituents at the Century Village (CV) retirement community, where he had organized a presentation by county staff on the proposed conversion of the nearby La Quinta Inn Hotel into permanent supportive housing for seniors and Veterans. It was a lively session, with lots of participation by CV residents!



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## AI Presentation at Addison Reserve

Members of the Addison Reserve Country Club (Delray Beach) welcomed Gregg on January 23rd for a presentation on artificial intelligence, and as usual there were plenty of questions from the engaged audience. We were delighted by the warm welcome. Thanks for having us!



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## Celebrating Philanthropy and Scientific Research at UF Scripps

Top philanthropists were recognized for their significant contributions to scientific research and education during a special awards ceremony, "Partners in Discovery: A Celebration of Science," held on January 22 at The Herbert Wertheim UF Scripps Institute for



Biomedical Innovation & Technology. Gregg is a big supporter of the work being done at Scripps, and celebrated along with Michael and Chelsea Reed (pictured here). [Learn more.](#)

## Volunteer Spotlight

Henry “Hank” Pawski is what you might call an engaged citizen. Following retirement, in 2018 Hank moved from New Jersey to Lake Worth Beach with his wife Grace. During his working life he had careers in the aviation and travel industries, and he was president of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. You might think he moved down to slow down, but not Hank, who joined the Board of Directors of his Condo Association shortly after making Murry Hills his permanent residence.

In 2022, Gregg appointed Hank to the Palm Beach County Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Commission, where he serves as the Chairman. He also sits on the County Committee on Airport Noise (CCAN), he was an active participant in the Noise Abatement Study for Lantana Airport, and he’s a member of the City of Lake Worth Beach’s Planning and Zoning Board. A U.S. Navy veteran, Hank was Gregg’s special guest at the 2022 Veterans Day Parade in downtown West Palm Beach.

In April, Hank and Grace will celebrate 30 years of marriage. They like to travel to visit grandkids and family in New York and Virginia, and they're slated to take a Rhine Cruise later this year.

Thanks, Hank!





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**Ideas? Suggestions? Concerns?  
Contact Us!**

**We're here to help you!**

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