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March 2025 issue of The Alliance Connection

Next Meeting

Wednesday March 5, 2025

Safety & Security Seminar

Speakers & Topics include:

Sergeant Scott Yoder: Traffic

Tim Eramo, Criminal Analyst: Scams & Crime Mapping

Detective Philip Eckes: Distraction Thefts

Investigator Scott Poritz: Threat Assessment

plus

Updates from PBCFR, & Government Officials

Doors Open 9 AM Meeting Begins 9:30 AM

Meetings take Place at the South County Civic Center

16700 Jog Road Delray Beach

Bagels & Coffee/Tea Served

The Public is Welcome



At the February Meeting
Meet Our New Captain for PBSO District 4
Captain Michael Morales (see photo left)

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE ALLIANCE:

Lori Vinikoor, *President*

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PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING! Send your Representatives and Residents

After the Tax Collector Already Purchased the Land for

Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars

The Office Will Now Host a Public Meeting to “share plans and details”

Proposed New South County Service Center

Friday, February 28, 2025, at 9:00 AM

South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd., Delray Beach, FL 33446

There may be still time to defeat this. The Alliance is behind our Lyons Road and other Agricultural Reserve communities 100%

Mid-Block Construction.

Residential Lyons Road.

Epicenter of Agricultural Activities.

Why do this? What was the Tax Collector thinking?

Please attend this meeting to let the Tax Collector know your thoughts. YOU ARE THE EXPERTS on Lyons Road. YOU TRAVEL ON IT each day.

Let’s see you and your community members attend this meeting.

-Lori Vinikoor, President Direct line: 561-715-1530

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Board of County Commissioners Issue More COPCNs

On February 11, 2025 the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), after lengthy discussion, voted 6-1 to issue more Secondary Service Provider Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCNs).

The Alliance emphasized to the BCC the need for choosing additional efficient and competent private ambulance providers. The residents of Palm Beach County require prompt response from companies that have the most advanced medical equipment to serve patients and technology that includes advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) and Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) systems to optimize arrival times and deliver fast and reliable emergency medical services. The Alliance requested that the BCC choose companies that will maintain a main office and dispatch within Palm Beach County. This is a major factor in the swiftness of delivering services.

With more COPCNs issued, healthcare facilities will have more options for patient transport which should result in shorter wait times for the public.

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OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FROM THE Office of the PBC Clerk & Comptroller

No Collection Agency Fees - One Week Only

March 3 - 7, 2025

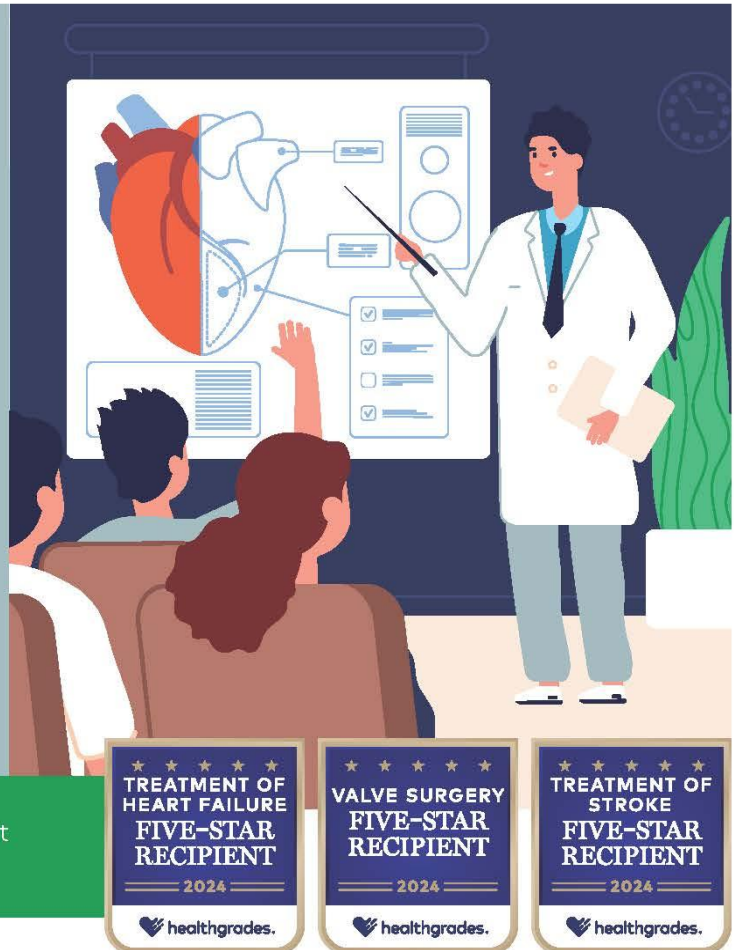
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Looking for a speaker for your organization or civic group?

Delray Medical Center's highly experienced physicians and staff are happy to speak to our community on a variety of topics.

Would you like to book a physician for your next community lecture?

To schedule your next lecture, please email us at LisaD.Cook@tenethealth.com



A Sample of Lecture Ideas Include:

- Alzheimer's/ Dementia
- Ankle Pain/ Replacement
- Anti Aging/Nutrition
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Back Pain
- Breast Health
- Cholesterol
- Chronic Wounds
- Colon Health
- Constipation
- Cruise Medicine
- Dental Care
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Dystonia
- Emergencies from A to Z
- Erectile Dysfunction
- Eye Care
- Fall Prevention
- Foot Care
- GERD
- Heart Failure
- Heart Health
- High Blood Pressure
- Hip Replacement
- Incontinence
- Joint Replacement
- Knee Replacement
- Medication Safety
- Menopause
- Men's Health
- Minimally Invasive Surgery
- Nutrition
- Oncology/Cancer
- Osteoporosis
- Parkinson's Disease
- Plastic Surgery
- Prostate Health
- Skin Care
- Sleep Disorders/ Sleep Apnea
- Stroke
- Trigeminal Neuralgia
- Weight Loss Surgery
- Weight Management
- Women's Health
- Wound Care



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The Way to a Well-Lived Community

Delray Medical Center Receives Healthgrades Award for Ranking Among the Top 250 Hospitals in the Country

Our neighborhood hospital, Delray Medical Center (DMC), has been named one of the 250 Best Hospitals in the country by Healthgrades*.

DMC earned 12 additional accolades from Healthgrades last fall, including being named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Pulmonary Care, placing the hospital in the top 5% for overall pulmonary services. DMC also earned the Healthgrades 2025 Critical Care Excellence Award, placing it in the top 5% in the nation for critical care. DMC also received 8 Five-Star ratings in the areas of Cardiac Care, Neurosciences, Pulmonary, Gastrointestinal, and Critical Care.

Photo: Heather Havericak, CEO of DMC holding the Healthgrades award for "Top 250 Hospitals."

*Healthgrades is a US company with a comprehensive physician rating and comparison database. Healthgrades provides information on physicians, hospitals, and healthcare providers and has amassed information on over three million healthcare providers.



ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

MEETING SUMMARY February 5, 2025

Video link to the February Alliance meeting:

<https://youtu.be/4nZLv3CzLcA>

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Lori Vinikoor. Distinguished guests were acknowledged and President Vinikoor announced that dues were due, the June Breakfast will take place on Friday June 6, 2025 and all communities with paid dues will be able to attend. She also provided development updates which are posted on the website and are included in the monthly newsletters.

PBSO Updates: Major Christopher Keane of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office announced that Captain Rob Sandt, longtime captain of the Delray Beach area, was promoted and will be leading other districts in the norther part of the County. We all are familiar with Mike Morales who is our new Captain. At our March meeting he will provide details concerning security, safety, traffic, scams, and other matters.

PBCFR Updates: Chief Bill Stansbury provided information on the number of calls. In January. Battalion 4 in west Delray ran over 3500 calls. Station 49 which recently opened at Flavor Pict and Lyons is doing well and taking some stress off of the other areas.

Florida Power & Light External Affairs Manager Amy Kemp presented an overview of that department, which has been in existence for over 100 years and services forty-three Florida counties. It supports Florida growth and infrastructure. Both severe weather and power must be prepared for. To that end, most wooden poles are being or have been replaced by concrete poles. In order to prevent outages the department:

1. Makes a drone inspection
2. Makes a visual inspection
3. Provides tree trimming on public property

Disruptions in electricity are evidenced by flickering and/or outages lasting more than one minute. Power was restored quickly after Hurricane Helene, but Hurricane Milton saw 2 million outages.

Deputy Director of the Palm Beach County Water Utility Department Krystin Berntsen stated that 110 million gallons of water are used daily. The water comes from the Biscayne aquifer and goes directly to a treatment plant. There the water is disinfected, stored, and tested for purity,

Both Ms. Kemp and Ms. Bernsten answered questions from the audience. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. For the complete video of the meeting go to <https://youtu.be/4nZLv3CzLcA>

The next meeting of the Alliance of Delray will take place on March 5, 2025. This will be a Safety and Security Seminar featuring the following: Sergeant Scott Yoder discussing traffic; Tim Eramo, Criminal Analyst reporting on scams and crime mapping; Detective Philip Eckes on distraction thefts; and Investigator Scott Poritz discussing threat assessment.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Klausner, Secretary

**Thank you to Scott Watson from Atlantic Pacific Insurance
For Sponsoring the Breakfast.**

Scott can be reached at swatson@apins.com

Website for Atlantic Pacific Insurance: www.apins.com

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Spring Cleaning for Your Association Insurance: Refresh Your Policies and Possibly Save Money

Spring cleaning isn't just about decluttering your home—it's also the perfect time to tidy up your finances. One area often overlooked is insurance. Reviewing and shopping for better insurance coverage and pricing can help ensure you have the right coverage at the best value.

Why Review Your Association Policies?

Over time, your insurance needs can change, and insurance carriers often adjust their programs. Maybe you've made improvements or experienced a major event like completing your 40-year recertification. These changes might mean you're able to get better credits, terms and pricing on your insurance.

Spring is a great reminder to check your policies for accuracy and relevance. Look for gaps in coverage, unnecessary add-ons, or outdated and incorrect information.

Shopping for Better Value

The insurance market is competitive, and rates can vary significantly between providers and the location of the property.

When shopping around, don't just focus on cost. We recommend selecting an agent that has access to all the available companies servicing Florida to get you the best options. You can then work with that Agent to evaluate the insurer's reputation, coverages, deductibles, customer service, and claims process to ensure you're getting both value and reliability.

Advocate for transparency—ensure your Agent has access to all available options, and they will provide you with a complete overview of all options, enabling you to make the best decision for your Association.

Tips for a Smooth Review

Take Inventory: Gather all your insurance policies—Property, Wind, General Liability, Directors & Officers, Legal, Boiler & Machinery, and any others. Understand what you're currently paying for and why. Also, keep up on Appraisals (every 3 years as required by State Statute for Condominiums) and update mitigation forms when you have new roofs and if you have obtained class A opening protection (class A rated shutters or impact rated doors/windows on all openings).

Assess Your Needs: Consider changes in your property that might affect your coverage needs for now and down the road as you keep up with overall maintenance needs and requirements.

Seek Expert Advice: If you're unsure about what coverage is best, consult a trusted agency that has a reputation for outstanding service and industry knowledge. Some agencies are willing to review your policies without the commitment of an Agent of Record (AOR). Seek an Agency that has been around for a long time and that knows the condominium and association insurance marketplace.

Make an Educated Decision: Your insurance agent should have a wealth of knowledge presenting you with all options and explaining the pros and cons of each allowing you to select the best policies based on overall value and not just price.

By making insurance part of your spring-cleaning routine, you can declutter your financial life and potentially save money. It's a win-win for your peace of mind and budget!

Thank you to Dalia Bishay from Plastridge Insurance for this information.

Sheriff's Inauguration January 12, 2025



Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw was sworn in for a sixth term on January 12, 2025. There was a vast display of PBSO equipment and squads including the Mounted Unit which drew much attention. Attendees were able to get up close to a large drone. The event was open to the public and included a "family picnic" at Commons Park in the Village of Royal Palm Beach.

Sheriff Bradshaw was sworn in by Palm Beach County Judge Paul Damico. Mrs. Bradshaw held the bible for the swearing in. See photo right.



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South County Mental Health Center Received Proclamation Recognizing 50 Years of Service



Commissioner Marci Woodward (photo right) presented a proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners to Dr. Lori Vinikoor (photo left), who accepted it as President of the Board of the South County Mental Health Center (SCMHC). The proclamation recognized the 50 th Anniversary of the SCMHC and its status as the premiere mental health care provider in Palm Beach County

Since 1974 the SCMHC has provided quality mental health and substance use care to the community in a manner which enhances and preserves human dignity. Its vision is to adapt and grow in the role as a Community Behavioral Health Care Provider for the benefit of those served.

The SCMHC is located in Delray Beach at 16158 South Military Trail. The Website is: <https://www.scmhcinc.org>

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