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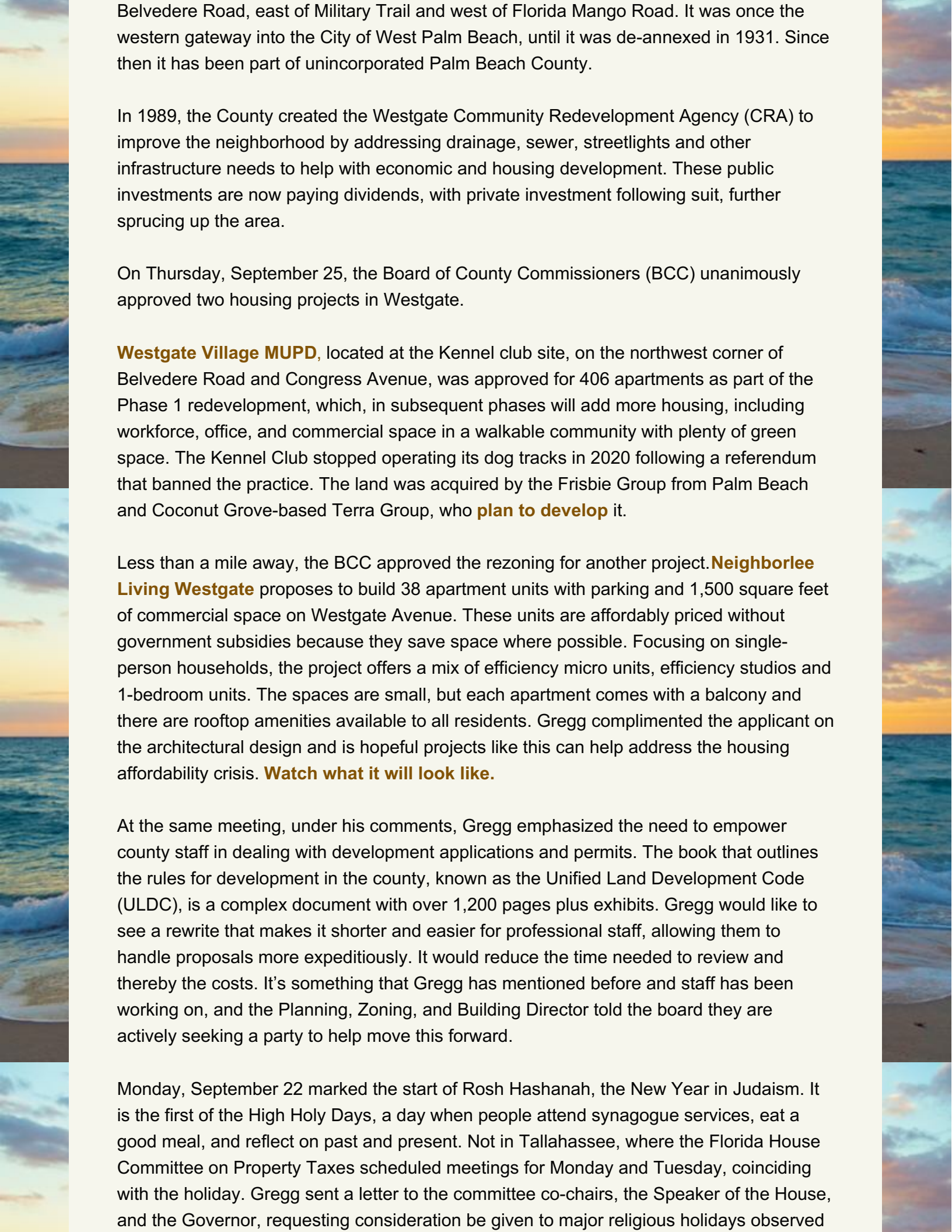
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The Word

Weiss Works for You is a video series showcasing how our office helps residents. The latest is especially **compelling**, and features a magnificent character: local gem, actor, and activist Chris Noel. Be sure to check it out and read about Chris in the Spotlight section of this newsletter. However, as always, we begin with an update on what's going on in the county. Here's the word:

Since being elected county commissioner in 2018, Gregg has been pushing for smart traffic signalization. Smart traffic lights can detect what is going on around them and adjust the signal based on what is happening, in order to improve the flow of traffic. The county received a \$2.75M state appropriation in 2024 to change the 13 signals on Okeechobee Blvd. from I-95 to Flagler, and in 2025 an additional \$3M to change the eight signals on Quadrille. These projects are being combined into one, with the bid set for October, the contract award scheduled for January, and the work expected to be done by December of next year.

A lot is happening in Westgate, a 1300-acre area between Okeechobee Boulevard and



Belvedere Road, east of Military Trail and west of Florida Mango Road. It was once the western gateway into the City of West Palm Beach, until it was de-annexed in 1931. Since then it has been part of unincorporated Palm Beach County.

In 1989, the County created the Westgate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to improve the neighborhood by addressing drainage, sewer, streetlights and other infrastructure needs to help with economic and housing development. These public investments are now paying dividends, with private investment following suit, further sprucing up the area.

On Thursday, September 25, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) unanimously approved two housing projects in Westgate.

Westgate Village MUPD, located at the Kennel club site, on the northwest corner of Belvedere Road and Congress Avenue, was approved for 406 apartments as part of the Phase 1 redevelopment, which, in subsequent phases will add more housing, including workforce, office, and commercial space in a walkable community with plenty of green space. The Kennel Club stopped operating its dog tracks in 2020 following a referendum that banned the practice. The land was acquired by the Frisbie Group from Palm Beach and Coconut Grove-based Terra Group, who **plan to develop** it.

Less than a mile away, the BCC approved the rezoning for another project. **Neighborlee Living Westgate** proposes to build 38 apartment units with parking and 1,500 square feet of commercial space on Westgate Avenue. These units are affordably priced without government subsidies because they save space where possible. Focusing on single-person households, the project offers a mix of efficiency micro units, efficiency studios and 1-bedroom units. The spaces are small, but each apartment comes with a balcony and there are rooftop amenities available to all residents. Gregg complimented the applicant on the architectural design and is hopeful projects like this can help address the housing affordability crisis. **Watch what it will look like.**

At the same meeting, under his comments, Gregg emphasized the need to empower county staff in dealing with development applications and permits. The book that outlines the rules for development in the county, known as the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), is a complex document with over 1,200 pages plus exhibits. Gregg would like to see a rewrite that makes it shorter and easier for professional staff, allowing them to handle proposals more expeditiously. It would reduce the time needed to review and thereby the costs. It's something that Gregg has mentioned before and staff has been working on, and the Planning, Zoning, and Building Director told the board they are actively seeking a party to help move this forward.

Monday, September 22 marked the start of Rosh Hashanah, the New Year in Judaism. It is the first of the High Holy Days, a day when people attend synagogue services, eat a good meal, and reflect on past and present. Not in Tallahassee, where the Florida House Committee on Property Taxes scheduled meetings for Monday and Tuesday, coinciding with the holiday. Gregg sent a letter to the committee co-chairs, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor, requesting consideration be given to major religious holidays observed

by members of our diverse community, writing: "Ensuring that all members of our legislative community can fully participate in the democratic process, regardless of their religious background, strengthens our institutions and reflects Florida's commitment to religious freedom and inclusivity."

Shana Tovah, a good and sweet year, to all!

Thanks for being a reader.

Your Neighborhood Dashboard

Ever wondered who represents you, what schools are nearby, or even where your closest park is—all without having to dig through a dozen websites? Palm Beach County just made that easy. The new Your Neighborhood Dashboard gives you a personalized snapshot of your community with just your home address. From local officials and public safety info to schools, property details, and even live traffic and beach cams. The Dashboard also provides access county services, including housing assistance, libraries, parks and recreation and business resources. Think of it as your one-stop window into everything happening in your neighborhood. Click on the button below to check it out.

[Your Neighborhood Dashboard](#)



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Your NEIGHBORHOOD Dashboard



Storm Season Pet Prep

Storm season's here! Don't forget your furry family members. Make sure their essentials are ready to go using these handy [pet prep checklists](#) so everyone stays safe and comfy. If you need a safe spot, there are pet-friendly hotels, boarding facilities, and even the Pet Friendly Shelter at the West Boynton Rec Center (6000 Northtree Blvd., Lake Worth). It's open to Palm Beach County residents in evacuation zones, mobile homes, or sub-standard housing—just bring proof of residency. [Learn more.](#)



This storm season, don't forget to include your pets in your plans



AI Insights

AI-driven traffic management is already having a big impact

Gregg's been a driving force behind bringing smart, AI-driven traffic management to Palm Beach County. He pushed hard for adaptive signal technology—traffic lights that adjust in real time using data to cut down on congestion. Thanks to his advocacy, the county

secured millions in state, federal, and local funding to modernize signals, starting with major corridors like Okeechobee Boulevard. [Here's how](#) the technology is having an impact in other regions around the country.

Summary of Article



AI You Can Use



Hey all! Jana, here. Halloween lawn decorations started showing up in my neighborhood in late September, which tells me “silly season” is already here—but it’s a welcome break from how topsy-turvy our world can feel. So Google’s new app, [Mixboard](#), is perfect for this moment. Here's how it works: type in a vibe (“haunted house chic” or “pumpkin party”) and it generates visuals, colors, and layouts to match. You can even upload your own pics—say, your pup in a costume—and tell it to “make it spookier” or “add ghosts.” And the fun doesn’t stop at Halloween—use it for holiday parties, home décor, or any idea that needs a little creative spark.

Click [here](#) to give Mixboard a whirl.

[Watch this video to see how it works](#)

Mixboard is an AI-powered concepting board that helps you explore, expand, and refine your ideas.

Mixboard
EXPLORE, EXPAND, AND REFINE YOUR IDEAS

Get started

WATCH THIS VIDEO

AI Calendar

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

6/8/2026 @ 2:00 PM: AI presentation at the Vi at Lakeside community. Contact Richard Leeds 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 or 561-355-2202.

Spotlight

Chris Noel

Long before she became known as the "Voice of Vietnam," Chris Noel was a West Palm Beach gal with big dreams—modeling, gracing magazine covers, and eventually sharing the screen with legends like Steve McQueen and Elvis Presley.

But it was her work during the Vietnam War that defined her legacy. Through her Armed Forces Radio show *A Date With Chris*, she brought comfort to troops in combat zones, touring Vietnam numerous times, even surviving enemy fire. Her courage earned her the Distinguished Vietnam Veteran Award and a place in the hearts of veterans everywhere. Chris didn't stop when the war ended. In 1993, she opened **Vetsville Cease Fire House**. Currently located in Boynton Beach, this nonprofit shelter has served homeless veterans for over 30 years, providing food, lodging, and a path back to dignity.

Now residing in West Palm Beach, Chris Noel remains what she's always been: a beacon of service and hope. Palm Beach County is proud to honor her with a proclamation at the October 7 meeting, where we will proclaim it Chris Noel Day—a small tribute to a woman whose life has been an extraordinary gift to those who served.



Commissioner
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NEWS



Palm Beach Post:

[Is commissioner's wish for gala at Mar-a-Lago root of tension with Homeless Coalition?](#)

Florida Weekly:

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.



FAU Football Opener

FAU's football team opened American Conference play with the Owls facing the Memphis Tigers at Flagler Credit Union Stadium on September 27th. Gregg and his wife, Rebecca, attended the game and happily showed their support for the Owls. They're seen here with FAU President Adam Hasner.



Careers in Aviation Day

Students from local high schools piled into the Administration building at Palm Beach International Airport on September 24th, to learn from the professionals about careers in aviation and related fields. During the welcome ceremony Gregg encouraged the students to aim high and explore the range of options available to them in planning their bright futures.

Keep PBC Beautiful Coastal Cleanup

The shores of Lake Worth Beach welcomed young volunteers like Kees Heimeriks (pictured here) for its beach cleanup effort on September 20th. Gregg and Kees grabbed a bucket and hit the beach to remove marine debris that



accumulated at the site, to help protect our waterways and wildlife.



PBSO District 1 & Marine Unit Ribbon-Cutting

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) celebrated its brand new District 1 Substation & Marine Unit facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 17th. Gregg shared a few words about the Marine Unit's mission of keeping boaters safe and its ongoing commitment to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Palm Beach County. Completed in just 14 months, the facility is located at 785 Jog Road in West Palm Beach (District 2).

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Ideas? Suggestions? Concerns?

Contact Us!

We're here to help you!

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