

Alliance of Delray Residential Associations

March 4, 2026 Meeting Summary

By Judy Goldberg, Secretary & Director

Dr Lori Vinikoor, our Alliance President, started the meeting at 9:31am with a few updates. Our Vice President, Arnie Katz, welcomed our guests for the meeting. Lori said that this is membership renewal month, so please send your dues in today! Lori spoke of AI (Artificial Intelligence) legislation and stated that water supply usage is 70% from general public /agriculture and 20% irrigation.

Our June Alliance Breakfast is fast approaching and our July meeting will be a "4th" Celebration as we did last year. An abundance of fruit from our own farmers in the Ag Reserve. Tasting is permitted!!!! Lots of fun and activities.

Captain Mike Morales of the Palm Beach Sheriffs' Office, (District 4) stated that our detectives are working diligently to squash all the fraud and scams that are going around on line and definitely by phone. Detective Coleman spoke about Crypto Currency and the dangers as there is no real money, it is all on line. Just hang up when you get a strange call about anything weird or unusual. Immediately call your direct number on the back of your credit card or call your bank, FPL, etc directly. NEVER CALL THE NUMBER GIVEN IN THE EMAIL OR TEXT!!! Our Police will NEVER CALL to tell you that you have a summons, ticket due etc. They show up at your door w/the legal summons.

Captain Tony Keeler, representing Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, (we are District 45) said that hurricane season is right around the corner and being prepared is always important. Stock up on batteries, fans, water, food to be eaten without heat, etc. Make sure that your important papers are in a waterproof travel bag. Know your evacuation route or center. Important to plan ahead. He. Said that we have the highest calls at 3200 last month. We are already at 649 calls in March. District 45 is the busiest area.

Our School Board Chairperson, Karen Brill, told us about mental health recovery plans. The situation today can be very disturbing to us and definitely impacts our children. The school district has Mental Health resources and Counselors to speak with them. Another big issue is banning of books in school districts. We have not banned any materials, however, there is a vote coming up in a bill where the Commissioner of Education could ban books in Districts..

Special Education Transport is being revisited. At times there may be 2 children on a big school bus going to Special Ed programs. Our district is looking into smaller vehicles to transport these students, while saving money on transport vehicles.

The main speaker of the day was Mike Caruso, Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller. He said that his priorities are to modernize the payment system, Protect us all from fraud, maintain conservative investment strategies, Advocate for a statewide judicial database, Ensure strong audits and reports. His job is to keep Palm Beach County running smoothly. AI will be used in our Courts and Finance Centers. Approximately 40% of efiled documents are processed by robots only. There are over 50,000 hacks a day on the system so they are using AI to help to combat this issue. There are free photos for Vets. Self service Centers may be found inside of Courthouse locations.

Learn more about stopping the ever increasing scams at...

www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/scams This includes traffic ticket scams, juror summon scams, property fraud scams. (This is a major problem right now!) To secure your property information, sign up at...

www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/PFA only takes a few minutes and you will be alerted if anyone is trying to tamper with your property! To check out the county spending, a transparent system is in place, go to

mypalmbeachclerk.com/opengov

Easy to use, online tool providing detailed information on County spending, updated monthly. Anyone can view or download this info in a spreadsheet. These are important search sites as over \$12 million lost by South Floridians to impersonator scams last year alone.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Topic will be...

“Artificial Intelligence in the Legislature.” What you should know about AI and what Legislation is Being Proposed and enacted to Protect the Public.

The speakers will be Senator Lori Berman & House Representative, Kelly Skidmore.

The meeting will be held in the South County Civic Center, [16700 Jog Rd](#), across from Morikami Gardens. Doors open at 9AM when refreshments are served. The meeting on starts at 9:30AM and always concludes by 11AM. All invited to attend. See you there!