

ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

April 1, 2026 Meeting Summary

By Judy Goldberg, Secretary

The Alliance of Delray membership meeting began with Dr. Lori Vinikoor, our President of the Alliance, who started the meeting at 9:30am with a few updates, however our very own Maria Sachs, district 5 Commissioner, who arrived with a wonderful birthday surprise for Lori. Cakes, candles and our entire audience singing Happy Birthday to our own President Lori! Very joyous. Commissioner Sachs also stated that a room in the South County Civic Center will be dedicated to past Alliance President Bob Schulbaum who passed away last year. He established the Alliance and served as President for many years.

After the celebration, Maria Sachs said that she hoped to show our 7 commissioners first hand, what our Ag Reserve is all about, by taking a ride along Lyons Road to the Canyons. and seeing the traffic issues as well. Lori offered her "Vinikoor Farm" as a stop off for refreshments. Mayor Sachs suggested alternatives to building. Example: possibly a Small theater servicing the Western area of Delray Beach, Israeli Museum, Park and/or a dog park. All possibilities to give a new life to the Reserve.

Exec. 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!

Captain Mike Morales of the Palm Beach Sheriffs' Office, updated us on a honor for 2 of our exemplary Detectives. They will be honored for going beyond their duty to save a person in a dire situation. He spoke of Operation Blue Light. Helps deter criminals at night as these lights mean that police are aware of the area in question! In this past month the police in our District 4 had 1677 traffic stops, 992 warnings, 472 citations.. The police are prioritizing resources to Houses of Worship during this holiday season.

Our next speaker was Chief Michael Garcia, Firefighter for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. Battalion 4 had 3300 calls this month. Station 45(our area) had 655 calls alone Now that we have Station 49, call response have dropped for our area. This is a good situation.

Pres. Vinikoor introduced our two main speakers, Senator Lori Berman and Representative Kelly Skidmore. The topic is AI (artificial (intelligence) and its effects on our everyday lives. We are already interacting with AI and are not necessarily aware of it. Call center voices could be AI, our chats, cars, phones and online also. As social media caused concerns with our younger population, so does AI as there are no restrains on the developers. The legislature tries to reach out to Governor DeSantis and Federally to President Trump. Trying to instill morals and values as developers create new AI platforms will help to protect our children. Some of the important areas of concern are: Teenagers make "friends" with AI bots, Listening to them. Data protection/do not sell our info. Teachers can tell if AI is used on an assignment. The schools need a complete AI system to help with this. Need statewide standards. There are special sessions coming up to address these issues in Tallahassee.

Senator Berman said that as the AI centers are being constructed for private use, they use a lot of water and electricity. We, as citizens, should not have to pay for these private amenities. These centers should have their own private electrical power sources. Legally, AI should not be used to decide medical and/or insurance claims. Another negative is when AI reads resumes for work. The human interaction is important to see the person behind the resume. Positive note: AI is valuable in robotic surgery. Mainly, pros and cons and humans must not be discarded.

Both elected officials spoke about the State Budget. It must be passed and there will be special sessions for this purpose. The budget is due by July 1st. Kelly Skidmore spoke about a National Catastrophic Risk Pool. If this became law, property Insurance could drop by 30% immediately. They are working on these bills.

There was a discussion about proof of citizenship, i.e. who really decides when voting? What might be needed? Real I.D.? Original birth certificate? Marriage license? All of this is time consuming and an inconvenience. Summary: the legal system moves slowly and bills are presented but many are not passed. It takes fortitude to get things done!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Speaker will be...

**Ernie Barnett, Executive Director of Florida Land Council/
Former Asst. Executive Director of South Florida Water Management Dept**

**Topic: The Everglades Restoration Project
& Securing a Future Water Supply for Palm Beach County.
Hurricane Preparedness as well.**

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 starts at 9:30AM and always concludes by 11AM. All invited to attend. See you there!