



April 2026 Edition

Greetings from Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr.

Hello District 7 Family,

As we move through the month of April, I extend my warmest greetings to the residents of Palm Beach County. Spring is a season that reminds us of renewal, growth, and the strength of community. It is a time to reflect on our shared progress and to continue working together to build a brighter future for our neighborhoods.

This month offers an opportunity to reconnect, reengage, and appreciate all that makes our community vibrant and resilient. I encourage everyone to take time to enjoy the beauty around us, support one another, and remain committed to the spirit of unity that defines Palm Beach County.

Serving as your County Commissioner is truly an honor. I remain dedicated to advocating for our residents, strengthening our communities, and ensuring every voice is heard. My office is always here to assist you, and I welcome your ideas, questions, and concerns. Wishing you and your family a wonderful and productive month of April.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bobby Powell Jr.".

**Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr.
Palm Beach County District 7**

Mack Bernard Park and Neighborhood Center Open House



On March 21st Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with Office of Community Revitalization hosted an open house at the Mack Bernard Park and Neighborhood Center.

Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. and his daughter, and Deputy Chief of Staff attended the event that was open to the neighborhood community and consisted of outdoor games, fitness and recreation activities, building tour, music by Faith's Place, Inc., grill team with lunch, Estrella's Brilliant Bus and other activities. Many of the residents and kids showed up and enjoyed the event.

Celebrating a Transformative Gift to Vanderbilt University



On March 23rd Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. Deputy Chief of Staff attended the event where Palm Beach billionaire real estate developer Jeff Greene and his wife, Mei Sze, donated key downtown land to Vanderbilt University next to the site of the school's planned West Palm Beach campus. The 1.3 acres between Evernia and Datura streets west of Sapodilla Avenue have been appraised at \$80 million, Greene said after an announcement Monday. The land will be combined with 7 acres over a two-block area between Tamarind and Sapodilla avenues from Fern to Datura streets being granted to Vanderbilt by Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach.

Small Business Workshop at Riviera Beach Library





Small Business Workshop, held at the City of Riviera Beach Library, was a strategic initiative designed to empower local entrepreneurs and strengthen small businesses throughout Palm Beach County.

The workshop brought together aspiring and established business owners to gain valuable insight into the steps needed to become properly registered, certified, and contract-ready. Attendees received guidance on navigating the business registration process, understanding local and state requirements, and accessing certification programs that can open doors to government and private-sector contracting opportunities.

Participants also had the opportunity to learn about procurement processes, how to compete for contracts, and ways to position their businesses for long-term growth and sustainability. Industry professionals and resource partners provided hands-on support, answered questions, and connected business owners with tools and programs designed to help them succeed.

Community Based Connections Fathers & Family Day



Community-Based Connections, Inc. (CBCI), which recently celebrated its entry into Palm Beach County as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to delivering youth development, family strengthening, and community empowerment services to underserved populations. This event was designed to strengthen families, the free event will celebrate fathers and father figures while offering activities, giveaways, and opportunities to connect with local resources and support services.

Twiggs Academy Tour



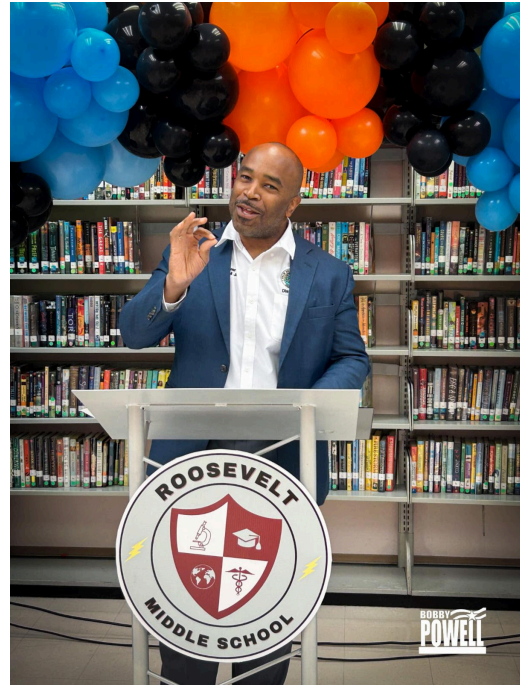
Through Palm Beach County’s Housing and Economic Development Department, the Twiggs Academy Expansion represents a \$7.3 million redevelopment initiative that will significantly enhance a long-standing childcare and early education provider in Lake Park.

For more than 30 years, Twiggs Academy has served as a trusted resource for families in the community, building a strong reputation for quality care and education. The

consistent demand for its services—evidenced by an ongoing waiting list—highlights the critical need for expanded early childhood education options in the area.

This project will modernize and substantially enlarge the existing facility, transforming it into a state-of-the-art early learning center. Once completed, the expansion will not only increase capacity and improve the learning environment for young children, but also provide vital support to working families and contribute to the continued economic growth and stability of the local community.

FPL STEM Classroom Makeover Reveal at Roosevelt Middle School



Florida Power & Light Company, through its NextEra Energy Foundation, has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the Education Foundation of Palm Beach County in support of Roosevelt Middle School's STEM Classroom Makeover.

On Friday, April 10, 2026 was the unveiling of the newly transformed STEM classroom at Roosevelt Middle School. Through FPL's generous investment, the school has been equipped with state-of-the-art technology and resources, including the development of an eSports Lab. This innovative space will provide students with hands-on, engaging learning experiences through gaming, while helping them build critical technical skills and explore pathways to future STEM careers.

Proclamations Presented to Honor Local Achievements

Celebrating the Opening of the Riviera Beach Recovery Community Hub



Celebrating the Opening of the Riviera Beach Recovery Community Hub marks an important milestone in advancing health, hope, and healing in Riviera Beach. This new hub stands as a beacon of support for individuals and families impacted by substance

use and mental health challenges, offering a safe and welcoming space for recovery and renewal.

The Recovery Community Hub is designed to provide comprehensive, community-based services, including peer support, recovery coaching, wellness programs, and access to critical resources. By fostering connection and empowerment, the hub helps individuals build sustainable paths toward long-term recovery.

Recognizing the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of Bishop W. Oshea Granger



Bishop W. Oshea Granger serves as the Senior Pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida. He has led thousands of people to the saving grace of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching and mentoring. Displaying an authentic Apostolic anointing, he is the epitome of a “Pastor to Pastors”.

Granger graduated from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida with further studies at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Bishop Granger’s 48 years of Pastoral/Ministerial experiences span nationwide, as well as having ministered in several countries globally.

Bishop Granger is a core supporter of Compassion International supporting adoption of children worldwide. His family has expanded with the adoption of Juan from the Dominican Republic. He is married to Pastor Katrina W. Granger. His wife and children revere him as a loving husband and role model father.

Declaring April 2026 as Landscape Architecture Month



Landscape Architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design and stewardship of the natural and built environment, translating vision into action to shape places that are healthy, safe and resilient. April 2026 is recognized as Professional Landscape Architecture Month, celebrating the licensed professionals whose enterprise in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM, is essential to the infrastructure and quality of life in Palm Beach County.

Declaring April 19-25 2026 as National Library Week



Libraries are essential institutions that promote literacy, lifelong learning and equal access to information for all residents in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach County Library system has a vision to open minds to a world of unlimited opportunities and a mission to connect communities, inspire thought and enrich lives by providing free

resources, activities and services that enhance the lives of individuals, families and communities.

HONORING THE JUST US BLIND GIRLS, INC. 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

Just Us Blind Girls is a nonprofit organization serving Palm Beach County, and we respectfully request your support in helping promote inclusion for individuals who are blind or visually impaired within our community—many of whom may also be your constituents. This is a vibrant, active, and often overlooked population that deserves greater visibility and engagement.

The Just Us Blind Girls, Inc. was founded in April 1994 by Virginia Ruth Gray. What began as a vision to create a support network for blind women has grown into a longstanding organization dedicated to training, education, advocacy, and empowerment. Over the past 32 years, many women have joined our efforts for a season or for the long journey, but the commitment remains unwavering

Honoring Suncoast Community High School Boys Basketball Team 2026 FHSAA Class 4A State Champions



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to championing the Palm Beaches as a global sports destination and celebrating the elite athletic talent that thrives within our borders. The Suncoast Community High School Boys Basketball Team

has exemplified this excellence by capturing the 2026 FHSAA Class 4A State Championship, marking the first state title for the program in 36 years.

By finishing the season with an impressive 25-5 record and securing a dominant 85-62 victory in the state final, charters have brought the championship trophy back to Palm Beach County, led by head coach Jason Powell and staff.

Palm Beach County Updates

Neighborhood Dashboard



Palm Beach County Launches "Your Neighborhood Dashboard"

Palm Beach County is proud to announce the launch of its Your Neighborhood Dashboard. This comprehensive online tool is a convenient, one-stop resource for staying informed and connected, enabling residents to access valuable, district-specific information.

By entering a valid Palm Beach County address, users can instantly view a personalized neighborhood snapshot. The dashboard displays local, state and federal representatives, public safety and evacuation zone information, area public schools, property and land use details and links to available utility providers. It also provides residents with county services, including housing assistance, libraries, parks and recreation and business resources.

Additional features include access to local chambers of commerce, transportation services, live traffic and beach cameras. This user-friendly dashboard is integrated with county databases, ensuring the information presented is current, accurate and relevant.

Tap in to explore the Your Neighborhood Dashboard by visiting [**pbc.gov/neighborhood**](https://pbc.gov/neighborhood)

Watch this [**promotional video**](#) to discover how Your Neighborhood Dashboard is connecting residents within their communities to help them stay informed like never before.

[**Watch Video**](#)

Visit Website

Upcoming Events



RIVIERA BEACH
HOME BUYER'S CLUB
WORKSHOP SERIES

April 9TH - May 14TH
5:30^{PM} - 7:30^{PM}

This six-session workshop series provides education and preparation for first-time homebuyers.

Two kick-off orientations will be held:
March 26TH | 5:30pm-7:30pm
March 28TH | 10:30am-12:00pm

FREE WORKSHOP SERIES

WORKSHOP SESSION TOPICS

- › **SESSION 1 | APRIL 9**
How to Improve Your Credit Score and Money Management, Planning and Budgeting
- › **SESSION 2 | APRIL 16**
Paying Yourself First – What is your Reality? Tenant and Landlord Rights
- › **SESSION 3 | APRIL 23**
Housing Options – Renting Vs. Owning Your Home – Financial Analysis
- › **SESSION 4 | APRIL 30**
Obtaining a Residential Mortgage and Accessing Down Payment Assistance
- › **SESSION 5 | MAY 7**
Looking for a Home and Fair Housing Act Virtual Tour of Riviera Beach
- › **SESSION 6 | MAY 14**
Becoming an Owner – Engage in Our Community and Protect Your Home through Creating a Will, Estate Planning
- › **GRADUATION | MAY 28**

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SENIOR & VETERAN SERVICES MEAL SITES



BELLE GLADE

QUIET WATERS
306 SW 10TH STREET
BELLE GLADE, FL 33430
561-996-7040
MONDAY - FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

WEST COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

2916 STATE RD #15
BELLE GLADE, FL 33430
561-992-1048
MONDAY - FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 8:30 A.M.
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

LAKE WORTH/ GREENACRES

MID COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

3690 LAKE WORTH ROAD
LAKE WORTH, FL 33461
561-357-7146
MONDAY - FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 8:30 A.M.
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

GREENACRES COMMUNITY CENTER

501 SWAIN BOULEVARD
GREENACRES, FL 33463
561-642-2090
MONDAY - FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

PAHOKEE

PAHOKEE MARINA
190 N. LAKE AVENUE
PAHOKEE, FL 33476
561-924-2976
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

PALM BEACH GARDENS

NORTH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

5217 NORTHLAKE BLVD
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418
561-694-5442
MONDAY - FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 8:30 A.M.
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

RIVIERA BEACH

LINDSEY DAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER

1550 W 28TH STREET
RIVIERA BEACH, FL 33404
561-840-3170
MONDAY - FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

ROYAL PALM BEACH

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH RECREATION CENTER

100 SWEET BAY LANE
ROYAL PALM BEACH, FL 33411
561-793-1241
MONDAY - FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

SOUTH BAY

TANNER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

105 DR. MLK JR. DRIVE
SOUTH BAY, FL 33493
561-996-1155
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

WELLINGTON

WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

12150 FOREST HILL BLVD.
WELLINGTON, FL 33414
561-753-2484
MONDAY - FRIDAY
BREAKFAST 8:30 A.M.
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

WEST PALM BEACH

CHABAD OF WEST PALM BEACH

2112 N. JOG ROAD #101
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33411
561-659-7770
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

WILLIAMS MULTI CULTURAL CENTER

501 21ST STREET
WELLINGTON, FL 33407
561-804-4930
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.

WINDSOR PARK APARTMENTS

1389 SUMMIT PINES BLVD.
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415
561-688-2280
MONDAY - FRIDAY
LUNCH 12:00 P.M.



CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: INDIVIDUALS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, SPOUSE OF A 60+ WHO EATS AT THE MEAL SITE, DISABLED INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN THE HOME OF A 60+ WHO EATS AT THE MEAL SITE, INDIVIDUAL RESIDING IN A HOUSING FACILITY WHERE A MEAL SITE IS LOCATED, INDIVIDUAL PROVIDES VOLUNTEER SERVICES



The West Palm Beach Chapter of the
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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP & PANEL DISCUSSION



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Palm Beach County
District 7 Commissioner



Jonathan Brown
Palm Beach County
Deputy County
Administrator



Odessa Brown
Housing Program Manager,
Community Partner of
South Florida



Reina Ramos
Community Mortgage
Banker Team Lead



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 18, 2026**



10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



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Choir in the Glades

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for a very special concert

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:00 p.m.

at the

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center

1977 SW College Drive, Belle Glade

Join us for a joy-filled Spring Concert featuring singers from Belle Glade Elementary, Gladeview Elementary, Glades Day School, Gove Elementary, Pioneer Park Elementary, and Rosenwald Elementary

Honoring Marcia Andrews for her dedication to the children of Palm Beach County

Please RSVP to MelaneeB@yspb.org



Choir in the Glades brings high-quality choral education to the Belle Glades and South Bay areas. Now in our 10th year, this thriving, afterschool choral program is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. It is offered free to all students, and is led by professional music educators who provide weekly after-school instruction. Singers rehearse together and perform multiple times each year, building musical skill and confidence.

Today, Choir in the Glades serves students from six Belle Glade and South Bay elementary schools, uniting young voices through music. Beyond choral technique and performance skills, singers develop teamwork, communication, cultural awareness, confidence, and a strong sense of pride... skills and lessons that resonate far beyond the stage.

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Youth Summit
DAY 1
Executive Strategy Session
on Community Violence Intervention (CVI)
with Cities United

FRI, MAY 1, 2026 **Extraordinary Charities**
2635 Old Okeechobee Rd
West Palm Beach, FL 33409 **1:00 PM -**
5:00 PM

In Partnership With Cities United & Inner-City Innovators

This strategy session will convene elected officials, law enforcement, and community agency leaders for a collaborative conversation on effective community violence intervention (CVI) models. Together, we'll explore actionable steps, partnership opportunities, and sustainable solutions to create safer, stronger communities.

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Upcoming Meetings

BCC Meeting:
April 14, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

BCC Workshop: April 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

All BCC meetings and workshops are held in the Jane M. Thompson Memorial Chambers located at [301 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, 33401](#).



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