



May 2026 Edition

Greetings from Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr.

Hello District 7 Family,

As we welcome the month of May, I want to extend warm greetings to all residents of our community. May is a time of reflection, gratitude, and celebration. I wish a heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures whose love, strength, and guidance shape our families and communities each day. Your impact is immeasurable, and you are deeply appreciated.

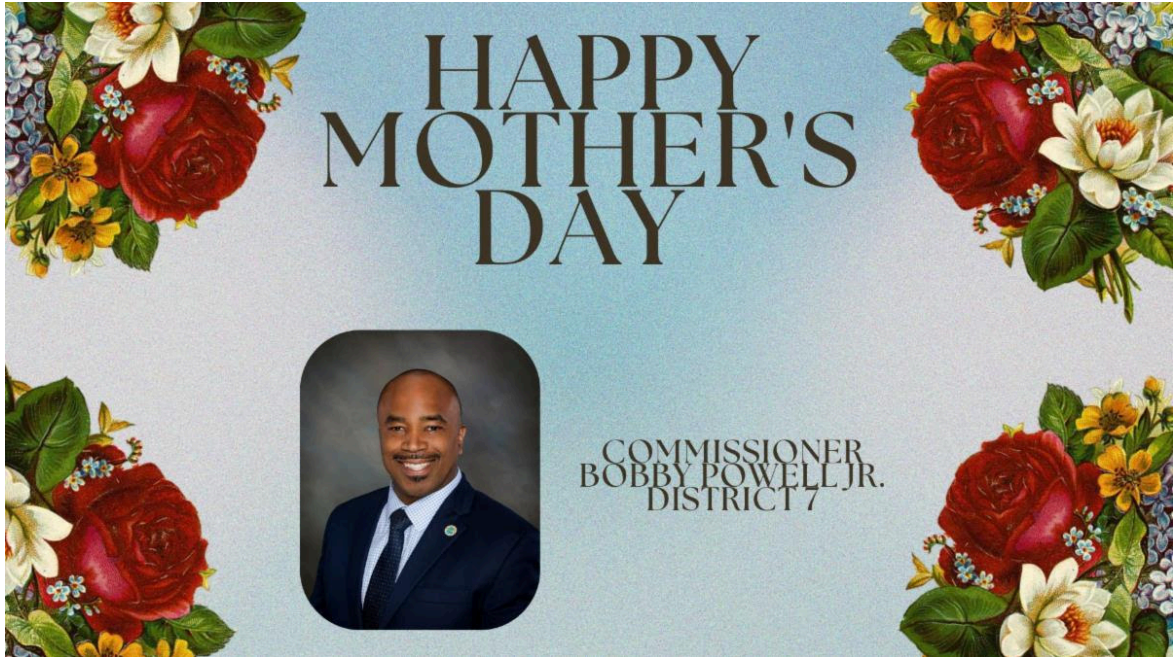
We also pause to honor Memorial Day, remembering and paying tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their courage and dedication remind us of the true cost of freedom, and we remain forever grateful.

As we move through this month, let us continue working together to build a stronger, more connected Palm Beach County.

Best Regards,

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Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr.



2026 Local Government Contracting & Growth Forum

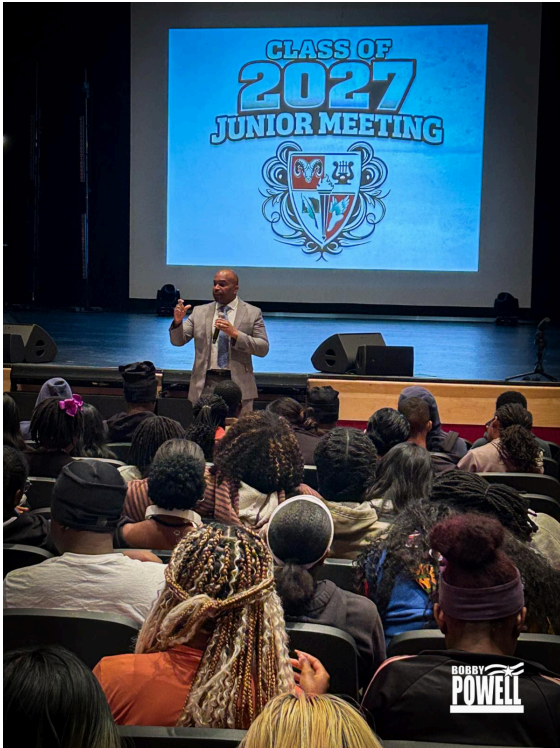




On April 30, 2026, I attended and spoke at the 2026 Local Government Contracting & Growth Forum in Riviera Beach. The forum brought together small businesses, procurement officers, CRA leaders, and certification specialists to strengthen connections and expand opportunities for local vendors.

The event also featured workshops on Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certification, funding resources, and bonding, all designed to help local businesses better position themselves to secure government contracts.

Palm Beach Lakes High School Class of 2027 Junior Meeting



On April 15, 2026, Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. visited Palm Beach Lakes High School, where he spoke to juniors and seniors about his journey from graduating high school in Palm Beach County to the experiences and knowledge he has gained through his elected offices. Students were highly engaged, inspired, and eager to learn more. Following the presentation, several stayed behind to speak with the Commissioner one-on-one, asking thoughtful questions about topics such as recommended books, his track and field events in high school, and how to stay focused academically while helping care for younger family members. He took the time to connect with each student, sharing his insight and professional experience. During his visit, Commissioner Powell also announced that applications for the 2026 Black Elected Officials Scholarship would be opening soon and available online.

Kidz-Preneur Town Camp Tour



At Kidz-Preneur Town, they empower youth ages 9–15 through hands-on enrichment, real-world experiences, and fun, engaging learning adventures. Whether a child dreams of becoming an entrepreneur, a scientist, or simply wants to build skills for everyday life, this is a great place to start.

When I visited, I had the opportunity to fully experience what the space has to offer. I even dressed up as a firefighter, pilot, news anchor, and doctor. Seeing it firsthand, I truly believe this

is an incredible environment for young people to grow, explore different career paths, and gain valuable knowledge about business and finances.

Palm Beach County Zoo New Kaola Habitat



Visitors to the Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society can now enjoy a newly renovated koala habitat, along with the exciting arrival of a baby koala. The zoo recently announced that its resident koalas, Ellin and Sydney, have welcomed a joey. The updated habitat officially opened on April 25, and I had the opportunity to attend a special preview during the grand opening with my team, and taking part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open it to the public.

100 Black Women



The West Palm Beach Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) was founded in 1993 by a steering committee of eight women brought together by Ethel E. Isaacs. The chapter was officially installed on April 23, 1994, by National President Barbara DeBaptiste. On Saturday, April 18, 2026, the chapter hosted a housing summit titled “Muffins and Mortgages: Building Black Homeownership & Legacy.” During the event, I had the opportunity to serve on a panel where we discussed housing issues impacting Palm Beach County.

One key takeaway from the conversation is that homeownership remains one of the most important first steps in building generational wealth. Conversations like these are essential to ensuring more families have the tools, resources, and opportunities to make homeownership possible. Owning a home creates long-term financial stability, builds equity, and opens the door to opportunities that can be passed down to future generations.

PBSC Volleyball



President Ava Parker of Palm Beach State College (PBSC), along with officials from Baptist Health South Florida, celebrated the groundbreaking of the Beach Volleyball Complex on Thursday, April 16, 2026. PBSC leadership, elected officials, and community members gathered for the occasion, marking an important milestone. The Baptist Health Beach Volleyball Complex will serve as the home for PBSC's nationally recognized women's beach volleyball program and further elevate the college's athletic offerings. Once completed, the facility will position Palm Beach State College as a premier destination for collegiate and professional-level beach volleyball in South Florida and beyond. The complex is expected to open in early 2027.

Groundbreaking of New Fire Station 24



The new Station 24 will respond to more than 2,700 9-1-1 calls each year. This beautiful new facility is a permanent addition to the neighborhood, providing a strong and visible presence of

firefighters and sheriff's deputies dedicated to serving our community.

Proclamations Presented to Honor Local Achievements

Recognizing the induction of Tyrone Higgins II to the Palm Beach Gardens, community high school sports Hall of Fame

Declaring May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month

Declaring May 2026 as Historic Preservation Month



At the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. presented a proclamation on behalf of Commissioner Maria Sachs declaring May 2026 as Historic Preservation Month.

Historic preservation plays a vital role in conserving and protecting buildings, landscapes, and structures of historical significance while preserving the stories, experiences, craftsmanship, and design philosophies that create meaningful connections to the human experience.

The establishment of historic districts highlights the unique character of neighborhoods, preserves cultural heritage, fosters a sense of belonging among residents, and instills pride in a shared history. Visiting historic sites also allows individuals to engage with history beyond textbooks and classrooms, offering immersive experiences that provide insight into societal change, inspire imagination, and encourage greater understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of diverse ideas, practices, and beliefs.

Declaring May 4-8, 2026 economic development week



At the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. presented a proclamation declaring May 4–8, 2026, as Economic Development Week.

Economic development professionals play a vital role in enhancing the economic well-being and quality of life within our communities by supporting initiatives that create, retain, and expand job opportunities while strengthening the local tax base.

Palm Beach County continues to advance a comprehensive economic development strategy designed to attract businesses in competitive industries while cultivating a skilled and diverse workforce. Through its business and economic development programs, the county provides accessible financing opportunities for both new and existing businesses, including long-term fixed or variable-rate financing at interest rates lower than conventional loans, as well as subordinate financing that helps bridge funding gaps between private lenders and equity investments.

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



At the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, Commissioner Bobby Powell, Jr. presented a proclamation recognizing the Suncoast Community High School Boys Basketball Team as the 2026 FHSAA Class 4A State Champions.

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners remains committed to promoting the Palm Beaches as a premier global sports destination while celebrating the exceptional athletic talent that thrives throughout our community. The Suncoast Community High School Boys Basketball Team exemplified that excellence by capturing the 2026 FHSAA Class 4A State Championship — the program's first state title in 36 years.

Finishing the season with an outstanding 25-5 record and securing a commanding 85-62 victory in the state championship game, the Chargers brought the championship trophy back to Palm Beach County, further solidifying the region's reputation as a powerhouse for boys varsity basketball.

The tireless leadership of Head Coach Jason Powell, his coaching staff, and the championship-level performances of the 2025–2026 student-athletes reflect the strong sports culture cultivated throughout Palm Beach County's 39 cities and towns.

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
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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 30TH 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

3680 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

561-753-1241
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.



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Upcoming Meetings

BCC Meeting:

May 05, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

BCC Workshop: May 19, 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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