

What's New in Delray Beach and Palm Beach County

The Alliance Has Been Busy this Summer!

The Alliance contributed to the Annual Delray Medical Center "Healthy Over Hungry" Cereal Drive. The cereal was donated to Eat Better Live Better of Delray Beach. Photo right: Hospital Administration and Alliance Board Members collecting cereal to be distributed that was needy on June 30, 2026.



See What Our Neighborhood Hospital Offers!

Delray Medical Center Utilizes Advanced Surgical Techniques

The Medivis Platform: Augmented Reality Navigation in Neurosurgery

Precision is the word with the Cranial Navigation platform being utilized at Delray Medical Center. This is the world's first augmented reality (AR) system cleared for intraoperative guidance in cranial neurosurgery. By using augmented reality to spatially map patient imaging within the operative field, the Medivis platform gives surgeons a clear, real-time view of critical anatomy and planned trajectories. Enhanced decision-making during cranial procedures minimizes workflow disruption and reduces dependence on external monitors. The platform's portable design enables reliable image guidance.



The November 3rd Ballot: Amendments and Referendums

Amendment 1 would impact the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF) and proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the BSF from 10% to 25% of general revenue collections. Florida's BSF is the state's official "rainy day" fund, used to offset unexpected budget deficits and pay for emergencies. It is managed by the state's Chief Financial Officer.

Amendment 2 proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt tangible personal property located on land classified as agricultural, used in the production of agricultural products or for agritourism activities, and owned by the landowner or leaseholder of the agricultural land from ad valorem taxation (ad valorem tax is determined by multiplying taxable value by local millage rates).

Amendment 3 proposes exempting homestead properties from taxation. The first \$250,000 of a homestead's value would be exempted from taxation for all levies other than school district levies and requires, through general law, a schedule for full elimination. The amendment would also require local governments to use remaining property taxes solely for core public needs including public safety, education and schools, infrastructure, and natural resources. Future property tax assessments on businesses would be limited. Florida residency would need to be maintained for five years prior to receiving the increased homestead exemption.

If approved, amendments 2 and 3 would be effective January 1, 2027.

AI (Artificial Intelligence) Data Centers

The Board of County Commissioners has added the Large-Scale Data Center use to the Palm Beach County Unified Land Development Code ("ULDC" or "the Code"). Specifically, the revisions add a definition for a Large-Scale Data Center use and include language establishing a Moratorium for facilities that fall under the definition of the use. Over the next year, county staff will work on further modifying the ULDC language to accurately define and regulate the construction of large-scale data centers.

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Preserving the Community Lifestyle & Keeping the Membership Informed From the Everglades to the Ocean

Next Alliance Meeting Wednesday September 2, 2026

Speaker:

Wendy Sartory Link, Supervisor of Elections

Topics include:

Changes to Vote-by-Mail ballot requests and renewals; Current voter ID requirements and new ID rules taking effect in 2027; Why Voter Information Cards are not accepted as voter ID at the polls; Congressional redistricting changes and how they may affect your ballot and polling location; New citizenship verification requirements beginning in 2027; Election security measures that protect the integrity of Palm Beach County elections; Voting options, key deadlines, and important dates for the 2026 election cycle

plus

Michael Burke, Superintendent for Palm Beach County Schools

Explains the School District of Palm Beach County's Referendum on the 2026 Ballot

also

Updates from PBSO, PBCFR & Government Officials

Doors open 9am. Meeting Begins 9:30am.

Coffee/Tea/Bagels Served • The Public is Welcome

**Alliance meetings take place at the South County Civic Center
(now known as the Dr. André Fladell Civic Center), 16700 Jog Road in Delray Beach**

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