



August 2026 Edition

Greetings from Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr.

Hello District 7 Family,

As August begins, many families across our community are preparing for a new school year. This season reminds us that education is one of the greatest investments we can make in our future.

I want to wish every student, teacher, administrator, school employee and parent a safe, successful and rewarding school year. Thank you to the educators who dedicate themselves to shaping the next generation and to the parents, grandparents and caregivers whose encouragement helps our students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

As our community comes together for back-to-school events, school supply drives and neighborhood celebrations, I encourage everyone to find opportunities to support our young people. My office remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen educational opportunities, expand access to resources and improve the quality of life for every resident in District 7 and throughout Palm Beach County.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you. Together, let's make this school year one filled with achievement, growth and opportunity for every student.

A Life of Service is a life that counts,

Bobby Powell Jr.

Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr., AICP

Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County Home Dedication Ceremony



Every home dedication marks the beginning of a new chapter. I was honored to celebrate with the Nerestin family on July 31st as they were welcomed into their new home during a special dedication ceremony. Together, we also celebrated Habitat for Humanity Greater Palm Beach County's 448th affordable home and recognized the incredible partners, volunteers, and supporters whose commitment helped make the dream of homeownership a reality.

African American Museum & Research Library Strategic Visioning Retreat



As the African American Museum and Research Library moves from concept development into implementation, it has reached a pivotal moment—one that will help define its intellectual direction, community identity, and educational vision for generations to come. I was appreciative to participate in the visionary retreat in order to keep this important project moving forward.

Courthouse Tour & Court Observations with the Criminal Justice Commission



The tour began with a welcome and introductory remarks from the chief judge, who provided an overview of the court and its operations. Following the introduction, we observed a series of court proceedings across several key divisions.

We began with circuit criminal hearings, which address felony-level offenses, including serious violent crimes and drug trafficking. The tour then continued with county criminal hearings, which involve misdemeanor offenses such as petty theft, simple battery and traffic-related criminal charges.

Finally, we observed juvenile dependency and detention hearings, which focused on matters involving minors, including determinations of whether a child should be placed in shelter care for protection or held in secure or nonsecure detention.

This structured experience provided a meaningful overview of the court system and offered valuable insight into the important work carried out across its various divisions.

Burning Conversations Community Meeting



Theresa Lawrence, deputy chief of staff, attended Vice Mayor Angela Burns' Burning Conversations Community Meeting on July 15 on behalf of Commissioner Bobby Powell Jr. The meeting provided residents with important updates on several issues affecting the Delray Beach community, including the Delray Beach Entertainment District, the new accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance, the proposed property tax amendment exemption and upcoming back-to-school backpack giveaways.

More than 60 residents attended the meeting, engaging in meaningful discussions and asking questions about each topic presented. The strong turnout reflected the community's interest in staying informed and involved in issues affecting their neighborhoods.

Vice Mayor Burns closed the meeting by highlighting important issues, initiatives and topics affecting the city of Delray Beach.

E-Care Ambulance Site Visit



My team and I had the opportunity to visit E-Care Ambulance and get a firsthand look at the incredible work their team does each day to serve patients throughout our community. From seeing the advanced equipment to meeting the dedicated professionals behind the operation, the experience gave my team and I a greater appreciation for the vital role E-Care Ambulance plays in helping keep Palm Beach County residents safe.

Thank you to the E-Care Ambulance team for the warm welcome and for their unwavering commitment to providing quality emergency medical care.

PBC Department of Airports Visit



My team and I recently had the opportunity to visit the Palm Beach County Department of Airports for a firsthand look at the dedicated professionals and operations that help keep the aviation system running safely and efficiently.

It was a pleasure meeting the professionals whose expertise and commitment help ensure the smooth movement of travelers, businesses and visitors throughout Palm Beach County. We also had the opportunity to be among the first to see the new Concourse B under construction, offering a firsthand look at the continued growth and investment in our county's aviation infrastructure.

Thank you to the Palm Beach County Department of Airports team for the warm welcome and for your continued dedication to serving our community.

FoundCare's Partner Appreciation Day





On Aug. 7, FoundCare held a Partner Appreciation Day dedicated to the individuals and organizations that stand alongside the organization and help make its work possible.

In 1985, at the height of the AIDS epidemic, a small group of volunteers in Palm Beach County started an information hotline to help connect patients with the care and resources they desperately needed. That hotline grew into the Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County and, over the decades, evolved into something much larger: FoundCare.

Today, FoundCare, Inc. is the largest nongovernmental Federally Qualified Health Center in Palm Beach County, operating seven locations that provide primary care, dental care, behavioral health, women's health, pharmacy and additional services to anyone who walks through their doors. FoundCare cares for thousands of families each year, regardless of their ability to pay.

National Health Center Week is a nationwide celebration honoring the 60-year legacy of community health centers and their role in providing high-quality, affordable care to millions of Americans. This year's theme, "Building Innovative Care Where It Matters Most," could not be more fitting for FoundCare's newest location in Riviera Beach.

The center was built to help close that gap by bringing comprehensive medical, dental, women's health and other services directly into a community that, for too long, had to travel elsewhere to receive the care it needed.

Two-Part Small Business Workshop at the Urban League of Palm Beach County





On Aug. 12, I had the opportunity to partner with the Black Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, and the Urban League of Palm Beach County in West Palm Beach to host a two-part small business workshop.

The workshop provided local business owners with valuable information on registering their businesses with Palm Beach County, understanding the certification process and positioning their businesses to pursue county contracting opportunities.

I am proud to support initiatives that connect our local entrepreneurs with the resources, information and opportunities they need to grow a successful business.

Israeli Consulate of Miami Roundtable with Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and State Legislative Delegation



Ryan Hnatiuk, Palm Beach County Intergovernmental Affairs Director facilitated a roundtable discussion between the Israeli Consulate of Miami, Palm Beach County Commissioners, and the State Legislative Delegation regarding the relationship between the State of Israel, the State of Florida, and Palm Beach County; emergency preparedness; and opportunities for future delegations and local elected official trips to Israel.

The takeaway from this roundtable was to strengthen relationships between Palm Beach County, Florida's State Legislative Delegation, and the Israeli Consulate of Miami; share best practices and perspectives on emergency preparedness; and identify opportunities for future collaboration and delegations to Israel.

Proclamations Presented to Honor Local Achievements

Certificate of Recognition Presented to QLH Kids



We extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude to the exceptional team at QLH Kids PPEC —Quality Care, Loving Hands, Hopeful Heart, Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Center.

QLH PPEC is recognized for their unwavering dedication to the children and families they serve each day. The staff at QLH Kids shows compassion, professionalism, patience, and commitment that creates a safe, nurturing environment where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Through their kindness and expertise, they provide not only quality care but also hope, encouragement, and peace of mind to the families who entrust you with their loved ones.

Recognizing the City of Riviera Beach as a 2026 All-American City Award Winner

The City of Riviera Beach has earned national distinction as a recipient of the 2026 All-America City Award, one of the nation's most prestigious honors recognizing excellence in civic engagement, innovation, collaboration and community-driven solutions.

Riviera Beach was selected from more than 1,700 applicants and was among just 20 finalists nationwide. The city proudly represented Palm Beach County before a panel of distinguished civic leaders during the National Civic League's annual competition in Denver, Colorado.

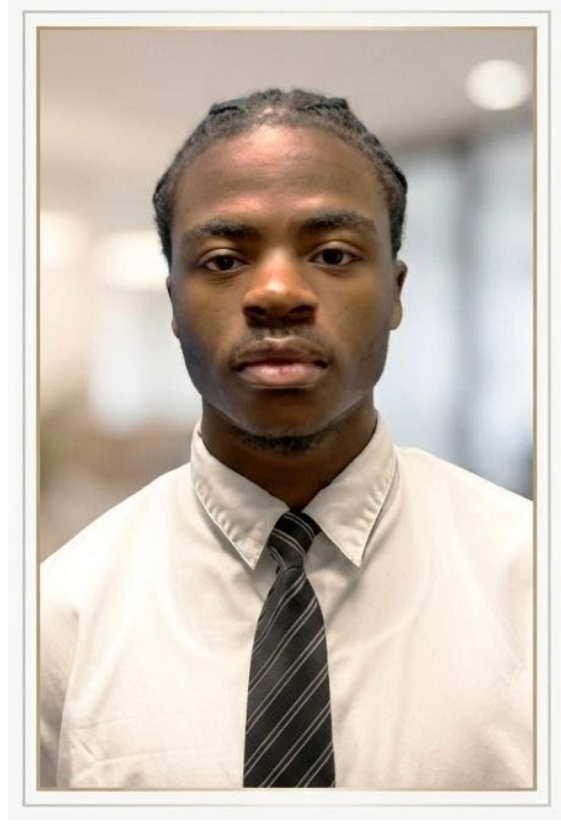
Student Intern Spotlight



Jonathan Jones

University of Pennsylvania
Finance Wharton
Class of 2028

"This internship has given me a further appreciation of public service. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn, and I look forward to applying these experiences as I embark upon my academic career."



Caheem Joseph

Inlet Grove High School
Class of 2027

"It was a great experience working here and I've learned so much from everyone!"

Palm Beach County Resources

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**

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

PROTECT YOUR HOME AND LEGACY

FREE LEGAL HELP FOR ELIGIBLE HOMEOWNERS IN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Palm Beach County and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta are pleased to announce the Heirs' Property Family Wealth Protection Project.

DO YOU OWN YOUR HOME?

Have you thought about what will happen when you're gone? Even if you have a will, your home may still go through probate, a court process that can be costly, time-consuming, and stressful for your loved ones.

INHERITED A HOUSE OR LAND?

Let us help you understand how to take the next step.

WE CAN HELP YOU FOR FREE!

- ✓ Help to legally pass your home to the person you choose
 - Estate Plans, Wills, and Deeds
- ✓ Guidance to avoid probate delays and expenses
- ✓ Support with real estate and probate legal issues
 - Clearing of Tangled Titles

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Properties must be located within eligible Palm Beach County census tracts, shaded in purple. To check for eligibility, see the interactive map at <https://arcg.is/0LifCz0>.

WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

All services are **100% free** of cost to eligible home and property owners.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Palm Beach County partnered with Legal Aid of Palm Beach County to provide Heirs' services.

Apply online at

<https://legalaidpbcc.org/heirsintake>

**Call 561-655-8944 ext. 167
to see if you qualify.**

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you. Security for
your family.**
Let us help you
protect your home
and legacy today!



Department of Housing & Economic Development





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Palm Beach County Commission Updates

Project Tango, the proposed hyperscale AI data center

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners considered Project Tango, a proposed zoning and land-use application for a hyperscale artificial intelligence data center near Arden and Saddle View Elementary School. I voted no on Project Tango. The BCC ultimately voted 5-1 to deny the project without prejudice. Commissioner Maria Marino was the only commissioner to vote in favor of allowing the project to proceed, while Mayor and Commissioner Sara Baxter recused herself from the vote.

The denial was without prejudice, meaning the developer can revise the proposal and potentially bring it back for consideration in the future. Many residents attended the meeting and spoke in opposition to the proposed data center.

Following the vote, I thanked county staff for their analysis and emphasized that my vote was not a reflection of the quality of their work.

Calvary Chapel Christian School Hearing

The Calvary Chapel Christian School project proposed building a private K-12 Christian school in Jupiter Farms at the southeast corner of Indiantown Road and Rocky Pines Road. I voted to deny the application. The final vote was 6-1 to deny the application without prejudice.

Commissioner Maria Sachs made the motion to deny, and Commissioner Joel Flores seconded it. Mayor Sara Baxter was the only commissioner to vote against the denial.

"I looked at the plan and evaluated it based on the staff report and analysis," Powell commented.

The decision to deny the application was based on the land-use application and the county staff's analysis, not the religious character of the applicant.

State Budget Provides \$14 Million for Palm Beach County Projects

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the fiscal year 2026-27 state budget and vetoed a total of \$1.6 billion in funding.

Palm Beach County secured \$14,035,294 in state funding for local projects and initiatives.

Palm Beach County projects funded:

- Palm Beach International Airport renaming: \$2,750,000
- West Palm Beach downtown signalization upgrades, Phase 3: \$3,000,000
- Australian Avenue improvements: \$2,000,000
- Central County Sports Field House: \$900,000
- Lantana Airport improvements: \$2,000,000
- Peanut Island historic restoration: \$650,000
- Burt Aaronson Park improvements: \$850,000
- RESTORE Reentry Program: \$500,000
- Fire Rescue water vessels for hazard mitigation: \$200,000

Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative:

- Septic-to-sewer conversion in Greenacres: \$500,000
- Peanut Island and Lake Worth Lagoon habitat restoration: \$330,000

Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative:

- Seminole Basin water quality improvements in Jupiter: \$241,794
- Loxahatchee River invasive exotic plant removal through the South Indian River Water Control District: \$113,000

Total funding secured: \$14,035,294

Palm Beach County Projects Vetoed

The following Palm Beach County projects were vetoed from the state budget:

- Water Treatment Plant No. 2 membrane expansion: \$1,000,000
- Water Treatment Plant No. 8 membrane expansion: \$2,000,000
- Morikami Museum expansion: \$500,000
- North Lake Way living shoreline in Palm Beach: \$262,500
- Ocean Inlet Park pedestrian safety improvements: \$125,000

Total vetoed: \$3,887,500

Upcoming Events

DISTRICT 7 COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BOBBY POWELL JR.

AND



**BLACK CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE** of Palm Beach County



HOSTING

SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

— Get registered. Get certified. Get contract ready. —

Join **Palm Beach County** for a two-part workshop designed to help you



Register your
business with
the county



Understand the
certification
process



Position your
business for county
contracting
opportunities



DATES

August 12, 2026
&
August 19, 2026



TIME

5:00 to 7:00 PM



LOCATION

Urban League of Palm Beach County
1700 N. Australian Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33409



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**COMMISSIONER BOBBY POWELL JR.
DISTRICT 7**

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Upcoming Meetings

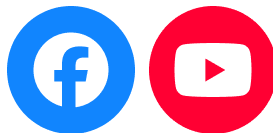
BCC Meeting:
August 25, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

BCC Zoning Hearing: August 27, 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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