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In this newsletter:

- Sign-up and join Mayor Gregg K. Weiss at a cleanup event.
- If you missed Mayor Weiss talking to NewsChannel 5, we've got you covered.
- Tax exemption for widows and widowers.
- District 2 is getting greener in 2023!
- Vendor workshop.
- Applications available for Summer Camp 2023.
- We're sharing pictures of a few events Mayor Weiss attended. Let us know if you'd like him to visit a meeting or event in your neighborhood.

Trash Cleanup Day!

Let's show our love for the environment!

Single-use plastics litter our beaches, parks and streets, clogging our drainage systems and polluting our waterways.

Palm Beach County Mayor Gregg Weiss, Lake Worth Beach elected officials and area nonprofits invite you to help clean up.

Join us!

Mark your calendar

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023

Time: 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Bryant Park, Lake Worth Beach

Just show up!

Volunteers should wear comfy clothes and shoes. Long pants, hats and sunscreen are recommended. Tools and gloves will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

For more information contact:

Virginia Savietto at 561-355-2209 or vsavietto@pbcgov.org



City of
**Lake Worth
Beach**
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Mayor Weiss in the News

WPTV NewsChannel 5 interviewed Mayor Weiss about a new workforce housing project.



Tax Exemption for Widows and Widowers



Beginning Jan. 1, the property tax exemption for widows and widowers was raised from \$500 to \$5,000, increasing tax savings from an estimated \$10 a year to \$100. Those who have already qualified for the widow/widower exemption do not need to take any action. The increase in savings will be automatically applied to their 2023 assessment.

To file, visit pbcgov.org/PAPA, call **561-355-2866** or email myexemption@pbcgov.org.

District 2 is Getting Greener in 2023!

Over the next two months, volunteers will be at Tarpon Cove in Lake Worth Lagoon, Palm Beach County's largest estuary, planting red mangrove tree seedlings and salt marsh grasses.

Tarpon Cove is a collection of mangrove and bird islands created off the shoreline along Flagler Drive, south of Okeechobee Boulevard adjacent to the El Cid residential neighborhood. Since 2018, Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management has been overseeing the creation of estuarine habitats located there that will provide optimal conditions for plants and animals to flourish.

In fact, it did not take long for the threatened shore birds to find the newly formed islands and set up shop to nest. A pair of American Oystercatchers have successfully nested on the islands for the past four years, Black Skimmers have successfully nested on the island for the past three years and

Least Terns for the past two. If you are interested in joining one or both of the planting efforts please sign up using the links below.



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners Environmental Resources Management

invites you to participate in

Tarpon Cove Planting Events

WHAT

Help plant red mangroves and *Spartina* grass on restored islands in Lake Worth Lagoon, Palm Beach County's Largest Estuary!

WHEN

Saturday, January 28th 8am - 12pm
Thursday, February 16th 9am – 12pm

MEET UP & CHECK-IN

Monceaux Park, 2990 S Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach

PARKING

Parking is LIMITED and portions of Flagler Drive are under construction
consider walking, riding bikes, carpooling, or bring your boat!

Volunteers will be directed to park along:

East side of Flagler Drive between Avila Road and Almeria Road
South-side of Dyer Road, Almeria Road, Belmonte Road, and Pershing Way

DO NOT block residential driveways or impede traffic flow.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All participants must wear closed-toe shoes – your feet WILL GET WET.

Water shoes or old sneakers are preferred, NO sandals or bare feet allowed.

Water and light snacks will be provided. There are no restroom facilities available.

This event is recommended for ages 10 and up.

Participants will be transported to the islands by boat and will have to climb down a six foot ladder to get over the seawall.

Space is limited and registration is required.

Click on the links below to sign up & receive further details.

Jan. 28, 8 a.m.-noon

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tarpon-cove-volunteer-mangrove-planting-event-january-28-2023-tickets-505405279797>

Feb. 16, 9 a.m.-noon

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tarpon-cove-volunteer-mangrove-planting-event-february-16-2023-tickets-508222044817>

Vendor Workshop

CALLING ALL

CATERERS • RESTAURANTS • FOOD TRUCKS • BAKERS



*Take your
business to
the next level!*

Learn how to get
certified with Palm
Beach County.

For details, call **561-616-6840**
or email oebo@pbcgov.org

National Food Service Week

**Food Service
Vendors Workshop**

February 8, 2023 • 9AM - 11AM

50 S. Military Trail, Suite 2N123
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Register Here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7163978/OEBO-Food-Service-Workshop>



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Gregg K. Weiss, Mayor, Maria Sachs, Vice Mayor
Maria G. Marino, Michael A. Barnett, Marci Woodward
Sara Baxter, Mack Bernard
County Administrator Verdenia C. Baker



**Are you a baker, a caterer, a restaurant owner or a food truck vendor?
Do you own a food industry business?**

If so, you do not want to miss this Palm Beach County Office of Equal Business Opportunity workshop. Learn how you can take your business to the next level by doing business with Palm Beach County.

[Register here](#)

Applications Available for Summer Camp 2023

SUMMER CAMP

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

KEEPING KIDS SAFE ALL SUMMER LONG

Offers eligible children, ages 5-14 and special population up to age 17, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer. Scholarship includes all tuition and fees.

Age Requirement

5-14*

**Special population up to age 17*

Requires 5-year-old children to be currently attending or have completed VPK to be eligible.

Families must meet scholarship guidelines. To see the priority list or determine eligibility using an online calculator, please visit www.pbcgov.com/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx.

Accepting applications from

January 30 - April 14, 2023

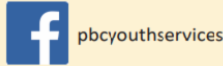
To submit an application, please visit www.pbcgov.com/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx.

If you need access to a computer or assistance completing an application, contact your camp of choice or call the Youth Services Department at (561) 242-5713.

Summer Camp Application Assistance

<p>Outreach Event 1: Saturday, February 4th 9am – 2pm Palm Beach County Library - 3650 Summit Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33406</p>	<p>Outreach Event 2: Saturday, February 25th 10am – 3pm Palm Beach County Library - Glades Branch 20701 95th Ave S, Boca Raton, FL 33434</p>	<p>Outreach Event 3: Saturday, March 4th 9am – 2pm Belle Glade Library – 725 NW 4th St Belle Glade, FL 33430</p>	<p>Outreach Event 4: Saturday, March 25th 10am – 3pm Palm Beach County Library - Gardens Branch 11303 Campus Dr, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410</p>	<p>Staff available: Mon through Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues and Thurs until 7 p.m. (appt only) Youth Services Department 50 S Military Trl, Ste 203 West Palm Beach, FL 33415</p>
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Allows parents to choose from participating camps located throughout the county that meet their child's needs and interests.



www.pbcgov.com/youthservices

Palm Beach County Youth Services Department's Summer Camp Scholarship Program provides full-tuition and fees for summer camp for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

It allows parents to work with the knowledge that their children are safe. It gives children educational and recreational opportunities for growth. Parents may choose from participating camps throughout Palm Beach County.

Accepting Parent Applications for Summer 2023 from Jan. 30 through April 14, at 11:59 p.m.

For more information about the Summer Camp Scholarship program, including the [application and eligibility requirements, click here.](#)

Commish in the Community

Celebrations, anniversaries, meeting with agencies, advocating for health causes, recognizing community leaders, joining neighbors' festivities and going to neighborhood meetings, Mayor Weiss spends a lot of time in the community.

"As an elected official, I want to be part of the community I represent," said Mayor Weiss. "I want to understand the issues in my district and that's why I spend many evenings going out to events to listen and learn."

**If you'd like to invite Mayor Weiss
to your event, let us know.**



FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Firefighters are at increased risk to contract cancer because of their job. In order to support our first responders, January 2023 is Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Mayor Weiss presented a proclamation to Chief Kennedy.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County and Palm Beach Atlantic University hosted a **Commemoration Ceremony in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.** on Monday, Jan. 16. Included in the ceremony was a powerful presentation about the [Palm Beach County Community Remembrance](#)

Project, a groundbreaking initiative to honor and remember two victims of racial terror lynchings in Palm Beach County.

Mayor Weiss and Commissioner Mack Bernard presented the coalition with a proclamation "Recognizing the Importance of the Martin Luther King Commemoration Ceremony and the Work of the Palm Beach County Remembrance Project Coalition."



MLK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

On Monday, Jan. 16, Mayor Weiss attended the **breakfast commemorating the teachings of Dr. King** hosted by the Martin Luther King Coordinating Committee of Palm Beach County.

The breakfast honors the work of King, along with other people who have made a difference in the community. It also rewards students for skills such as public speaking.



MORE THAN PINK WALK DAY

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Board of County Commissioners and staff wore pink in support of **Susan G. Komen** and posed by a **Palm Tran** bus with the faces of breast cancer warriors. Komen's team received a proclamation **declaring Jan. 28, 2023, the More than Pink Walk Day.**

[For more information about the walk, click here.](#)



KEELE MEDICAL CENTER

On Friday, Jan. 13, Caron Treatment Centers celebrated the completion of its new state-of-the-art medical facility, the Keele Medical Center in Delray Beach. This 100,000 square foot facility will offer detox services, older adult residential treatment, as well as neurocognitive services, research and medical education.

At the open house, Mayor Weiss presented Dr. Phoenix Adams with a **proclamation declaring "Jan. 13 as a day to celebrate treatment for substance use and mental health disorders."**



CUB SCOUT PACK 296

Cub Master Chase Miller for **Boy Scouts of America Cub Scout Pack 296 Boynton Beach, FL**, out of Citrus Cove Elementary School, invited Mayor Weiss on Wednesday, Jan. 11, to talk to the scouts. One of the requirements for the scouts is to speak to a publicly elected official.

Mayor Weiss had fun sharing with the scouts about when he was a cub and boy scout growing up in California, the importance of community involvement,

why he ran for office and his work as a county commissioner, and now as mayor.



THREE WISE KING FESTIVAL

Saturday, Jan. 7, was a beautiful and fun day in the City of Greenacres, where **Fiesta de Pueblo Three Wise King festival** took place.

Mayor Weiss and other elected officials and community leaders joined the festivities with live music from different countries, food, bounce houses and of course, the three wise kings made an appearance to greet the children and give gifts.



FOUNDCARE

FoundCare's Health Center, located at 5867 Okeechobee Blvd., is now the '**Yolette Bonnet Center**,' named in honor of **Ms. Yolette Bonnet**, founder and former CEO of **FoundCare Inc.** Ms. Bonnet worked diligently to expand FoundCare's services, offering key, primary care services under one roof.

Before the new signage was unveiled on Jan. 5, Mayor Weiss had the opportunity to say a few words to highlight the work that Ms. Bonnet had done for over 20 years.



ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

On Jan. 4, the **Alliance of Delray Residential Associations** held its first meeting of the year, where attendees got to hear from **Mayor Weiss** and **City of Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia**.

Mayor Weiss talked about several ongoing and upcoming county projects and initiatives, as well as how technology could be utilized to increase our quality of life.



TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE

At the invitation of the **Town of Ocean Ridge Mayor Susan Hurlburt**, Mayor Weiss presented at the town council on Monday evening. He spoke about the state of the county, environmental projects and grant funding opportunities.

Photo credit: Joe Capozzi

Visit [Mayor Weiss' Facebook page](#) for more photos and stories.
Make sure to follow him!



Ideas, suggestions, concerns?

Contact us!

We are here to help you!

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