



BARNETT BULLETIN

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Palm Beach County Commissioner

DISTRICT 3: THE HEART OF PALM BEACH COUNTY 

News & Updates

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A Message from your County Commissioner

Dear Palm Beach County Residents,

As we recap the Month of July, I am grateful for the opportunity to share the many exciting events and initiatives that have taken place across the District. We kicked off the month with a significant milestone as I had the honor of supporting the City of Lake Worth Beach and Commissioner Weiss at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Harold Grimes Memorial Park. This revitalization project, funded through a Community Development Block Grant, brought numerous enhancements to the park, including a new pavilion, expanded parking, updated restrooms and more. It's a testament to what we can achieve through community collaboration.

The month also saw us celebrating Independence Day with enthusiasm. I had the pleasure of opening the Fourth of July festivities in the Village of Palm Springs and joining the City of Greenacres' "Ignite the Night" celebration. These events are a reminder of the spirit of liberty and community that define our great nation.

Additionally, our commitment to supporting our local heroes was evident during the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue promotional ceremonies at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach. I also attended the Delray Alliance's "Meet the Candidates for Law and

Order" event, reinforcing the importance of staying informed and engaged in our civic processes. Our ongoing dedication to community support continued with my participation in the Be A Blessing GETMA Ministry's annual fundraising gala, which raises vital resources for homeless individuals and families. These organizations are crucial in providing access to essential services and support.

Throughout the month, I engaged with various groups on topics, including workforce housing, transportation, infrastructure and the importance of preparedness for hurricane season. These conversations are vital as we work together to address the pressing needs of our community and strengthen our partnerships.

Lastly, I want to emphasize my commitment to staying connected with you, our residents. Through ongoing coffee meetings, lunches with local officials, and reading sessions with children, I strive to ensure that every voice is heard and that we continue to collaborate effectively.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Michael A. Barnett
Palm Beach County Commissioner, District 3

District News: Hurricane Preparedness

As hurricane season continues, it is crucial to be prepared. Please make sure to create a family plan, build an emergency kit with essential supplies and stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts at [ReadyPBC.com](https://www.readypbc.com). For more detailed information, please refer to the [Palm Beach County Hurricane Planning Guide](#). Stay prepared and stay safe.



ALERTPBC



Palm Beach County's
Emergency Notification System

MAKE A HURRICANE EVACUATION PLAN AHEAD OF TIME



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IF YOU STAY HOME

Make sure your home is as reinforced as possible.



IF YOU STAY WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES

Make arrangements in advance.
Take things you'd take to an emergency shelter.

IF YOU LEAVE HOME

Decide your destination & get a hotel room before you go.
Transportation may be difficult to find.
Check your car & leave early.
Go home or to a shelter if roads are jammed.
Tell someone where you're going & leave a phone number.



EVACUATION MAP INFORMATION

Florida's Turnpike:
floridasturnpike.com
More evacuation route information:
850-414-4100
511
FL511.com



PROTECT YOUR PATIO BEFORE A STORM

Ensure you have doors hinged to swing outward.

Seal outdoor surfaces.



Make sure your lanai is secure.

Put up hurricane shutters.

Secure loose objects.



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Barnett's Boots on The Ground

Each week, **Commissioner Barnett** diligently visits local businesses and residential communities in his district, forging connections and gaining firsthand knowledge of our community's needs while providing access to resources. To learn more about **Commissioner Barnett's** work, visit his website at pbcgov.com/D3.

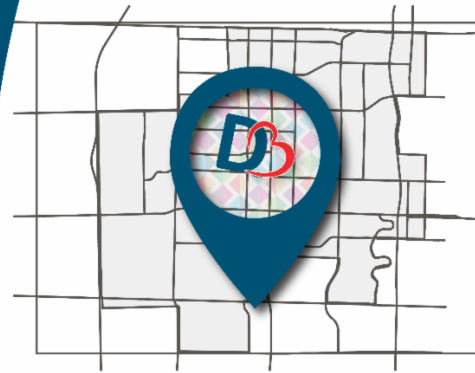
PALM BEACH COUNTY DISTRICT 3

PROUDLY SERVES

Cloud Lake
Glen Ridge
Greenacres
Lake Clarke Shores
Lake Worth Beach
Palm Springs
West Palm Beach
Portions of unincorporated
Palm Beach County



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DISTRITO 3: EL CORAZÓN DEL CONDADO DE PALM BEACH



COMMISSIONER
Michael A. Barnett

"Reach out to me or a member of my staff with any questions.
As your county commissioner, I am here to serve you."

To invite **Commissioner Barnett** to an event, meeting or community gathering, please contact him directly at 561-355-2203 or via email at mbarnett@pbc.gov.



Story Time at the Hispanic Human Resource Council

Commissioner Barnett had the pleasure of visiting the Hispanic Human Resource Council in Palm Springs to read to the wonderful four-year-olds of the Luciano Martinez School. Their funny and curious questions made our time together truly special. A big thank you to **Fabiana DesRosier** and her Hispanic Human Resource Council team for the warm welcome. Your dedication to raising our next generation is noticed and appreciated.



Commissioner Barnett Travels to Puerto Rico

Commissioner Barnett traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for a lunch meeting with leaders from the Puerto Rico USA Chamber of Commerce to discuss expanding economic opportunities between residents in Palm Beach County and Puerto Rico.



Pictured (L-R): Founder and Chairman of the Puerto Rico USA Chamber Of Commerce Jose Luis Rivera-Villamañán, Hon. Rep. Eddie Charbonier China, House of Representatives of Puerto Rico Jose Lozada, Ramon Barquín III, incoming president at the Centro Unido de Detallistas (United Retailers Association) and Commissioner Barnett.

Esperanza Community Center's New Headquarters

On July 26, the Esperanza Community Center held the grand opening of its new headquarters in West Palm Beach. Cofounder and Executive Director Maricela Torres, West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James, West Palm Beach Commissioner Shalonda Warren and Palm Beach County Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss attended the event. The new center will offer a range of free services to the community, including educational workshops for parents and children, babysitting services, adult literacy classes, and skills training programs. For more information, please visit the Esperanza Community Center's website at esperanzacommunitycenter.org or contact their office at 561-560-3558.



Pictured (L-R): Cofounder and Executive Director Maricela Torres and Commissioner Barnett.

District 3 Funding Update

Last week, **Gov. DeSantis** signed the budget, which included funding for several projects that will directly impact Palm Beach County's District 3. The Governor approved \$1 million in funding for Central Palm Beach County's infrastructure projects, \$1 million in funding for the Village of Palm Springs' Sewer Force Main Project and \$250,000 for the City of Greenacres' Chickasaw Road Expansion project.

"We will now have additional resources to address central Palm Beach County's aging and neglected infrastructure," said **Commissioner Barnett**. "It is so important that we received these dollars back from Tallahassee, as Palm Beach County is a donor county and has contributed more than its fair share to Tallahassee for many years."

Palm Beach County also received important funding for Restore Reentry, for Lake Worth Lagoon Seagrass Restoration and several water projects important to the county overall, as well as funding for 211 Help Line Palm Beach, \$5 million for the Cox Science Center, and over \$1 million in funding for the Arc of Palm Beach County, who serves adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"I want to thank **Gov. DeSantis** for responding to my office and hearing the residents of District 3," said **Commissioner Barnett**. "The Governor's Chief of Staff and his deputies met with me and repeatedly called to discuss the needs of my District, ensuring that these critical projects would not be vetoed."

A big thanks goes to District 3 staff, County Administration and our Legislative team, our Local Representatives and Senators, and all of our County Lobbyists and Municipal Partners who ensured these items made it into the budget.

FAQs & Helpful Links

LNA Airport	Job Seekers	Guide to Government	Office of Community Revitalization	Community Services
Roads & Bridges	Small Business	Fair Housing Complaint	BCC Meeting Channel 20 Live	Call to Artists
PBC Thrift Store	Drowning Prevention	Fire Fighter Visit Request	First Time Home Buyer	Affordable Housing for Rent
Work with Palm Beach County	Property Appraiser's Office	Youth Services	Water Utilities Services	PBC Main Library

District Office Hours

Commissioner Barnett is committed to making government more accessible to residents of District 3. Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at one of our two convenient locations to address any questions or concerns you may have. We're here to serve you!

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL A. BARNETT PRESENTS

BRINGING GOVERNMENT TO YOU

DISTRICT 3 MOBILE OFFICE HOURS



Mobile office hours are offered at two locations in District 3.

Come with any questions or concerns. We're here to serve you!

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Palm Beach County Library
Greenacres Branch
3750 Jog Road, Greenacres 33467
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Palm Springs Village Hall
226 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs 33461
12:30 to 2 p.m.



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