



## A Message from Marci

I am pleased to update you on the Bonefish Cove Restoration Project, located just south of the Lake Worth Avenue Bridge. This project, a joint effort involving county, state and federal agencies, has been years in the making.

Until a few months ago, my involvement was limited as it falls within Commissioner Bernard's district. With \$10 million in funding from the Army Corps of Engineers, we're building several islands and oyster beds to help calm and clean the Intracoastal Waterway at the southern end of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

At the early stages of the project, we received concerns from Hypoluxo Island residents about the new islands blocking their navigational channel.

Although this channel was well known locally, it was not marked on official maps. This oversight was brought to light by the residents, leading to a series of meetings where we realized the need for a solution.

We've been working diligently with the US Army Corps of Engineers to address these concerns. Recent discussions confirmed that the Corps is finalizing a design modification to preserve the traditional navigational route.

While adjustments with federal processes can be time-consuming, our county departments are committed to keeping you informed and finding a workable solution.

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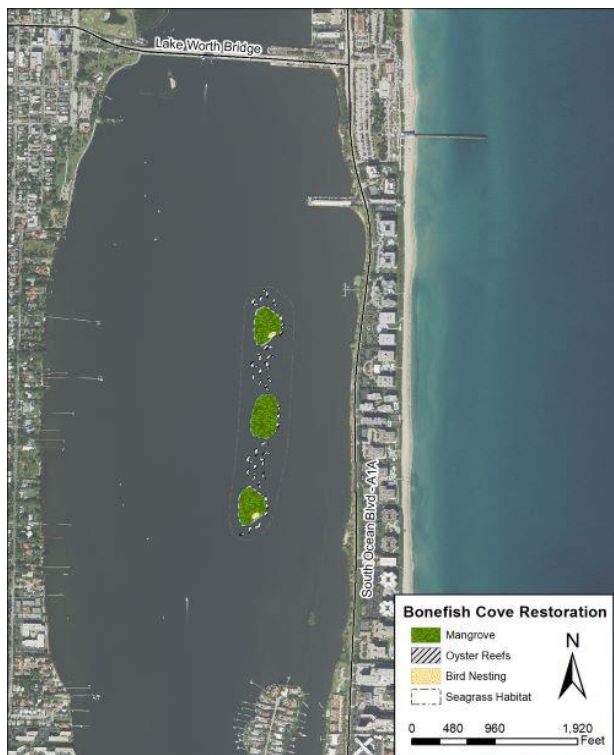
We've been providing monthly updates to stakeholders, including Hypoluxo Island residents and local representatives.

On July 8, 2024, the contractor began transporting sand from Peanut Island's dredge areas, and two barges of sand are delivered daily. Sand is now visible above the water's surface at the northernmost island's location. Once formed, the intertidal islands will be stabilized with limestone rock breakwaters.

Yellow turbidity curtains are in place to minimize environmental impact, with daily monitoring ensuring safety. Construction will take place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with a completion target of summer 2025.

Bonefish Cove will provide essential habitats for shorebirds and mangroves and improve water quality.

Your feedback has been crucial in shaping this project, and together, we're making significant progress. We hope to invite you to join us in planting mangroves at Bonefish Cove in the spring of 2025.



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## Woolbright Road Repairs Fully Completed



Woolbright Road is fully reopened to traffic after successful repairs.

This project began in April to address a sinkhole and has ensured the long-term stability of the road. We appreciate your patience during construction.

**A big thanks to our Road and Bridge team and the emergency contractor for their hard work!**



## Celebrating Rob Sweeten Day

Often, the incredible work of our teachers goes unnoticed, so I was thrilled to present Mr. Sweeten with a proclamation declaring July 2, 2024, as Rob Sweeten Day!

For 31 years, Mr. Sweeten has dedicated himself to educating, inspiring and mentoring students at Boca Raton High School. Fun fact – Commissioner Barnett was even one of his students in his very first year of teaching!

Sixteen years ago, Mr. Sweeten made a remarkable career shift, transitioning to teaching photography. I've had the pleasure of displaying some of his students'

**We are here  
to help!**

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media for updates:**



work in my office, bringing joy, sparking curiosity and offering a glimpse into the talent Mr. Sweeten helps cultivate.



***Here's to Mr. Sweeten! – educator, artist and all-around awesome person!***



## Palmetto Park Bascule Bridge Closure

The Palmetto Park Bascule Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway will be out of service for maintenance from Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. until Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 6 a.m.

During this time, the bridge will be inaccessible to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Clearly marked detours will be in place to direct you to alternate routes.



## PBI Ranked Top 3 Domestic Airport



Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) has soared to new heights, recently named the 3rd Best Domestic Airport by travelers! This impressive ranking considers access, check-in, restaurants/bars, shopping and design.

The good news doesn't stop there! PBI is undergoing a major expansion of

Visit our  
website:



## Upcoming Meetings:

**BCC Meeting**  
August 20, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

**BCC Zoning**  
August 22, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

**BCC Workshop**  
August 27, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

**BCC Comp Plan**  
August 28, 2024  
9:30 a.m.

**Residents may offer comments and/or**

Concourse B, promising an even smoother journey for passengers. This project includes additional jet bridges, a spacious new restaurant, modern design upgrades and essential amenities like a nursing suite and sensory room.

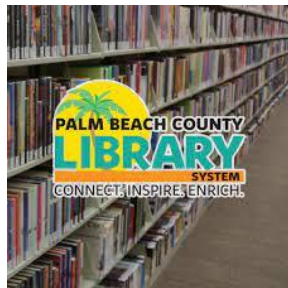
Additionally, PBI secured a significant \$17.2 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. These funds will be used to improve taxiways and runways, enhancing safety and efficiency.

With continued investment and a focus on passenger experience, PBI is undoubtedly on its way to claiming the top spot as the best domestic airport!

[More information](#)



## Summer Meals and Staycation Fun



### Summer Meal Kits at the Library

The Palm Beach County Library System will be offering free weekend meal kits at select branches to children aged 18 and under every Friday year round.



### Things to Do

concerns to the board by filling out a comment card (available in the chambers).

## Hurricane Resources:



Sign up for emergency messaging via phone, text, email and more.



Hurricane Evacuation Zone Look-up tool.

Explore the county's unique website page featuring over 50 links to museums, sports venues, natural areas and more. This is perfect for planning an exciting summer staycation right here at home!

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### Parks and Recreation Month

It's Park and Recreation Month, and District 4 is celebrating! Take some time this summer to explore our amazing parks and recreational facilities across the county.

Here are some parks located in D4:

#### Ocean Inlet Park

[6990 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge](#)

#### Ocean Ridge Hammock Park

[6620 North Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge](#)

#### Caloosa Park

1300 S.W. 35<sup>th</sup> Ave., Boynton Beach

#### Gulfstream Park

[4489 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulfstream](#)



## Election Dates and Deadlines



Visit this site for vital information such as storm surge evacuation areas, flood zones, shelter locations, and to report damage(s) to emergency officials.

[More information](#)

## Constituent Services:

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- Community Outreach
- Economic Development

# IMPORTANT DATES



JULY  
22

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE  
OR CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION

AUG  
08

LAST DAY TO REQUEST  
VOTE-BY MAIL BALLOT BY 5:00 P.M.

AUG  
10

EARLY VOTING STARTS

AUG  
20

AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

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## Office of the Inspector General Survey



The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) works to ensure the government operates effectively, holds itself accountable and uses taxpayer dollars responsibly. The office achieves this by conducting audits of organizational processes.

To prioritize its audits for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2025), the OIG is conducting a risk assessment. This process helps to identify areas most susceptible to fraud, waste or inefficiency.

Your anonymous feedback will be crucial in shaping the OIG's audit plan. It takes just a few minutes to complete and closes on August 15, 2024 at 5 p.m.

- Environmental Protection
- Mental Health/ Substance Abuse Disorders
- Planning, Zoning & Building
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Community & Veteran Services

[Take survey](#)



## Nonprofit Spotlight



Horses Healing Hearts (HHH), is a local nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of children facing adversity through the healing power of horses.

The nonprofit provides a unique blend of equine-assisted learning and therapy to help children navigate the challenges of trauma, loss and other significant life difficulties.

The innovative programs are designed to build confidence, resilience and emotional well-being in young individuals who have faced or are facing difficult circumstances.

For more information about HHH, including how you can support its mission or get involved, visit the website below.

[More information](#)



## Did You Know?

***Did you know Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has updated its flood maps, and these changes are set to place thousands more Palm Beach County residents in high-risk flood zones?***

Many homeowners who were previously exempt from federal flood insurance will now be required to purchase it by December 20, 2024.

The updated FEMA flood maps, which you can view [here](#), reveal significant changes in flood risk areas. You can check your address [here](#) to see if your flood zone has been altered.

## Delray Beach Voted #1 Beach in Florida



I'm thrilled to announce that Delray Beach has been voted the #1 Best Beach in Florida by the USA Today 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards 2024!

***Congratulations, Delray Beach! This is a win for our entire community.***



Palm Beach County challenged FEMA's preliminary maps due to technical issues and sought an independent review through a designated panel. Unfortunately, the final decision did not support our appeal, as the panel determined that the appeal criteria were not fully met.

Despite this setback, we continue to advocate for an independent review to ensure accurate flood risk assessments for our community.

Our Planning and Zoning officials are recommending detailed remapping to persuade FEMA to reconsider some zones and to improve our **Community Rating System (CRS)** score.

The CRS is a voluntary program that rewards communities for exceeding minimum floodplain management requirements. In recognition of these efforts, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers discounts on flood insurance premiums.

Palm Beach County has participated in the CRS since 1991 and currently holds a score of 5 out of 10, which provides a 25% discount on federal insurance premiums.

Enhancing our CRS score and remapping could cost over \$9 million in the coming years, and commissioners are carefully evaluating these options.

If your property is or will be within a high-risk zone, we encourage you to contact your insurance agent to discuss flood insurance options. Premiums vary based on individual flood risk.

Stay informed by visiting the **Planning, Zoning and Building website** for flood risk maps and additional information, or reach out to your insurance agent for a personalized quote.

### The Lord's Place Fortin Family Campus

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I recently had a fantastic tour of The Lord's Place's Fortin Family Campus. It was incredible to see the impactful services they provide—from meals at Café Joshua to outreach, housing, job training and more. We even enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by their talented chefs!

Their dedication is truly transforming lives in our community!

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## Palm Beach County Trivia Challenge

What did they call the beach-walker who carried mail on foot from Jupiter to Miami?

[Sand Strider](#)

[Beach Postman](#)

[Seaside Messenger](#)

[Barefoot Mailman](#)

We had some brilliant minds tackle our May trivia question: "What year did the Royal Poinciana Hotel open?"

A big round of applause to everyone who correctly guessed 1894!

***We welcome your feedback on our District 4 newsletter. Please let us know if you found this information helpful and what else you would like to know.***



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