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## Brief

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
DISTRICT 6 COMMISSIONER

Dear District 6 Residents,

Welcome to this month's edition of our community newsletter! We are excited to bring you the most recent developments throughout our community, and highlights from the last month.

## COUNTYWIDE NEWS

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Celebrated nationwide from September 15th-October 15th, it's a time to recognize the contributions of the Hispanic community to the economy and cultural fabric of America.

There are a number of events around the county this month to celebrate. Here are links to a few:

[Palm Beach County Library System](#)

[Historical Society of Palm Beach County](#)

[Village of Wellington Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

# SOLID WASTE SERVICES SURVEY

The county is always seeking your feedback on provided services. Please take a few minutes to complete the Solid Waste and Vegetative Collection Services Survey.

[PBC Solid Waste Survey](#)

# COMMISSION VOTE UPDATES

## **BCC Briefs for August 20, 2024**

At the August 20, 2024, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action on the regular agenda:

**ADMINISTRATION** - Received a presentation and economic study from Vanderbilt University. The university is proposing building a campus in downtown West Palm Beach with plans to collaborate with the county and the city. The university seeks county and city owned land in downtown West Palm Beach. The board directed staff to draft an agreement and on 9/17 provide the BCC with an update on negotiations or bring an agreement for approval, but no later than 10/8, bring an agreement for approval.

Approved a resolution approving the CareerSource Palm Beach County FY 2024-2025 Budget for \$12,699,674 for its programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Approved a budget transfer of \$60,000 from General Fund Contingency Reserves to supplement the 2024 Value Adjustment Board budget due to an increase in filings and hearings resulting in a budgetary impact. The transfer is to meet operating cost projections for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**AIRPORTS** – Amended an agreement with Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. for the Central Airfield Improvement project provides for completion of the reconstruction of Taxiway F and H, to increase the project duration.

**FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS** – Voted 6-0 to continue rent abatement for the Historical Society of Palm Beach County for use of space in the historic 1916

courthouse for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2028. The area includes the Palm Beach County History Museum and administrative offices.

Agreed to purchase land on Bee Line Highway north of Indiantown Road located in an area known as Palm Beach Heights (part of the Pal-Mar Ecosite). The Pal-Mar Ecosite is part of a large ecological greenway that stretches from just west of the Atlantic Ocean to just east of Lake Okeechobee. The area provides habitat for a wide variety of native plants and animals and it is part of a hydrologically significant region that includes the headwaters of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River.

Approved a First Amendment to Civic Site Dedication Agreement with Atlantic Commons Associates, LLLP to modify access and utility easement requirements by conveying three tracts of land to the county for vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress and a utility access for water, sewer and reclaim utilities to the civic site parcel.

Directed staff to draft and issue a RFP to develop and operate the unimproved portion of the County-owned 20 Mile Bend property for an Off-Highway Vehicle Park/Racetrack Park. Any developer would be responsible for utility and site work on the property as part of any development proposed. The county would retain ownership of the land.

First Amendment with seller for the acquisition of three parcels that modifies the acreage, reduces the purchase price and adds a condition precedent to closing. The property, which abuts the Animal Care and Control (ACC) Facility located at 7100 Belvedere Road in unincorporated Palm Beach County, will provide operational flexibility and reduce the impact on ACC operations during the impending renovation project, as well as, allow for future operational growth.

Approved a Settlement Agreement with HW Spring Training Complex, LLC in regards to sports facility use agreement in regards to past payments, use disruptions and equipment costs. The settlement brings terms more in line with a recent agreement with Roger Dean Stadium.

Directed staff to continue design efforts with existing funding, in order to return to the BCC at a later time with fully developed construction drawings, an updated project estimate and a recommendation for closing the budget gap for a new Medical Examiner's Office facility. The new construction would ensure full compliance with National Association of Medical Examiner's accreditation requirements, which is a fundamental objective for all facility investments.

**HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Approved a HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funding award of \$1,000,000 to Riviera Beach Community Development Corporation, Inc. (RBCDC) and directed staff to negotiate a loan agreement. This for-sale project will create 28 new townhomes. When complete, the project will consist of 14 two-story buildings with two units per structure, for a total of 28 units. 11 of the units will be 2-bedrooms and 17 of the units will be 3-bedrooms. The sale price for the County-assisted units will be \$325,000. All HOME-assisted housing units will

remain affordable to households with incomes no greater than 80% of AMI for no less than 30 years.

Approved a Housing Initiative Fund Program (HIP) award for \$500,000 to Oikos Development Corporation and directed staff to negotiate the loan agreement and authorize the County Administrator, or designee, to execute the loan agreement. The project entails the construction of 30 two-bedroom units and 30 three-bedroom units located in five buildings on the site of the demolished Everglade Memorial Hospital located at 200 S. Barfield Highway in Pahokee. The total project cost is \$19.6M and all units will be County assisted and serve individuals and families that are 60% or below of the Area Median Income (AMI) and the project will have an affordability period of no less than 50 years.

**PALM TRAN** - Held a Public Hearing for the establishment of fares for the Palm Tran Port Saint Lucie Express. The Port Saint Lucie Express will travel north and south via I-95, providing two morning and two evening trips between Gatlin Park in St. Lucie County and the Intermodal Transfer Center in West Palm Beach utilizing coach-style buses to transport riders. The board approved a fare of \$3.00 for each one-way trip with reduced fare for senior veterans. Transfers to Palm Tran's Fixed Route service will be the regular fare for fixed route.

Approved an emergency contract between the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and MV Contract Transportation, Inc. with a not-to-exceed amount of \$26,313,256 for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 to maintain critical paratransit services until a new contract can be awarded.

Approved an emergency contract between the BCC and First Transit, Inc. with a not-to-exceed amount of \$33,974,587.46 for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 to maintain critical paratransit services until a new contract can be awarded.

Approved an emergency contract between the BCC and MV Transportation, Inc. with a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,667,820 for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025, for the provision of Dial-A-Ride/MOD – Go Glades service.

Approved a budget transfer of \$7,704,056 in the Palm Tran Operating Fund to decrease Operating Reserves and increase Contractual Services.

**ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS** – Adopted a resolution with FPL to waive the advance payment clause of the Palm Beach County Administrative Code for the construction of streetlights in instances where construction entails unusual circumstances.

**OFFICE OF RESILIENCE** – Approved a budget transfer of \$500,000 from contingency reserves to account for costs incurred to Host the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit

for December 2025. Expenses are estimated to range from \$400,000 to \$500,000 depending on number of registrants. The Office of Resilience (OOR) expects ticket and sponsorship revenues to cover a significant portion of hosting costs, though OOR cannot guarantee the revenue amount. OOR is contracting with an event planner, who will help finalize the budget and ensure a successful event.

Adopted resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County to approve the grant application for the Country Club Acres Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project; to approve the grant application for the Englewood Estates/Manor Subdivision Drainage Improvement Project; to approve the grant application for the Australian Avenue Project and to approve the grant application for the Ocean Inlet Park Resiliency Improvements project. OOR is collaborating with Engineering and Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments on four FDEP Resilient Florida implementation grant applications. These resolutions will demonstrate support for providing 50% mandatory match of County funding totaling \$32,747,000 upon awards, which increases grant application scoring.

## AFFORDABLE WORKFORCE HOUSING



U.S. Representative Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick presented the Board of Commissioners with a Community Project Funding check for \$2.25 million for affordable workforce housing. This funding will provide gap financing for the acquisition, construction, and equipping of condominiums, multi-family rental units, single-family homes, and townhomes, additionally leveraging Palm Beach County's \$200 million Workforce and Affordable Housing Bond Program and other county funding.

## HOMELESS VETERANS INITIATIVE

Palm Beach County's VA Healthcare System has programs available to assist veterans who are homeless, or in danger of becoming homeless. From healthcare services to assistance for transitional housing, the VA is taking an increased role in solving the nationwide homeless veteran crisis.

The West Palm Beach VA Office is at 7305 N. Military Trail in West Palm Beach. The phone number is 561-422-8223.

You can view or download flyers with more information about the resources available to veterans here.

[Homeless Veterans Information](#)

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

## PBSO District 12 - Pahokee

Invites You to Come Out and Join the

### Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

CITY OF BELLE GLADE | CITY OF SOUTH BAY | CITY OF PAHOKEE

is Celebrating



Join the dedicated men and women of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Local Businesses and Community Leaders as they unite together to decrease crime. A great night for the Kids and Families and best of all it's **FREE**. Fun for the Kids • Face painting Cotton candy • Popcorn • Snow cones Enjoy Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Beverages along with members of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Marine Unit, and Mounted Unit.



**Thursday, October 24, 2024**  
**4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Pahokee Marina**  
190 N. Lake Avenue, Pahokee, FL 33476

Show your commitment to reduce crime and join us for

**Night Out Against Crime 2024**  
Presented by PBSO

For further information contact: PBSO District 12 - 561-992-1461 and 561-681-7200

## Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Palm Beach (PBSO) Distrito 12 - Pahokee

Le invita a salir y estar con la

### Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Palm Beach

CIUDAD DE BELLE GLADE | CIUDAD DE SOUTH BAY | CIUDAD DE PAHOKEE

para celebrar las



Acompañe a los dedicados hombres y mujeres de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Palm Beach, a las empresas y a los líderes comunitarios locales cuando se reúnan para juntos disminuir el crimen. Una gran noche para los niños y las familias y lo mejor de todo, es **GRATIS**. Disfrute de hot dogs, hamburguesas y bebidas, junto con los miembros de la unidad canina, la unidad marina, y la unidad de policía a caballo de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Palm Beach.



**Jueves, 24 de Octubre de 2024**  
**4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**Pahokee Marina**  
190 N. Lake Avenue, Pahokee, FL 33476

Demuestre que está comprometido a disminuir el crimen y acompañenos en la

**Noche en Contra del Crimen de 2024**  
Presentada por la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Palm Beach (PBSO)

Para mayor información comuníquese con la: PBSO Distrito 12 - 561-992-1461 and 561-681-7200

# GLADES COMMUNITIES

An updated schedule and budget from the FDOT is now available, and outlines the lighting and road projects for Belle Glade for fiscal year 2025-2029. You can download the project schedule here:

[FDOT Glades Project](#)

# VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

**Wellington Rotary Autofest:** The Wellington Rotary Club will host the Wellington Family AutoFest at the Town Center Parking lot area on Sunday, September 15th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. This event is designed for families and car enthusiasts. All types of vehicles will be on display, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and golf carts.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Leaders Forum and Events:** The first annual Hispanic Heritage Month Leaders Forum will be held on Wednesday, September 18th from 5:30 to 9:00 pm in the Community Center and will feature prominent Hispanic leaders in the Western communities. Students from Wellington Schools will be invited to attend to ask questions and interact with the speakers. Light refreshments will be served.

On Friday, September 20th, the second annual Hispanic Heritage Month Event will take place at the Amphitheater from 5:00 to 10:00 pm and will feature traditional and interactive Spanish dancers, a Latin-style DJ, and presentations and live performances from over 6 Latinos In Action (LIA) groups from the Palm Beach County School District. There will be activities, food trucks, and vendors for all ages.

**Wellington Rotary World Peace Day Celebration:** The Annual Wellington Rotary Peace Pole Ceremony will occur on Sunday, September 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at the



Rotary Peace Park. Awards will be given to the winners of the poetry, essay, and drawing contests held through the Wellington Rotary Club. Performances and featured readings of the word “peace” in different languages by local dignitaries and residents were also included. The event will conclude with the release of the peace doves.

**Pop-Up Beer Gardens:** Wellington will host a three (3) day Autumn German-style Biergarten events featuring Hofbrauhas Bier from Munchen. In addition, German beer, US craft beer, and cider, along with sausage, pretzels, and other German-themed foods will be available for purchase. Traditional music and Stein-hoisting contests will round out the free, family-friendly experience. The events will be held at the Town Center in the green space by the Amphitheater on the following dates and times in October:

**Thursday, October 10th - 4:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Friday, October 11th - 4:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Saturday, October 12th - 4:00 to 9:00 pm**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### ***BCC Zoning Meeting***

**September 26th, 2024 9:30 am**

301 N. Olive Ave. 6th Floor

West Palm Beach, FL. 33401

### ***Board of County Commissioners Meeting***

**September 17th, 2024 9:30 am**

301 N. Olive Ave. 6th Floor

West Palm Beach, FL. 33401

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