



The Abrams Agenda



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It's the time of year when many of us are visiting Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) to pick up friends and relatives escaping the blustery winter up north. PBI is truly a terrific example of a user-friendly, congestion-free, comfortable, modern airport. It has also received many awards over the last 25 years, including third best airport in the U.S., and sixth best in the world by the readers of the prestigious Conde Nast Traveler magazine.

In addition, no taxpayer dollars are used to fund or operate the airport. It's an enterprise agency, which is self-supporting through various fees, generated by users such as the airlines, car rentals agencies and concession stores.

Just recently, to make PBI more competitive and to lure more airlines, the airport reduced its fee paid by airlines for each passenger from \$7 to \$5. Consequently, Frontier Airlines is now operating at PBI with nonstop flights to Denver, Trenton, N.J., and Washington, D.C.

PBI is also pleased to announce that a new state-of-the-art travel plaza in the cell phone waiting area is scheduled to open later this year. The new plaza will feature a convenience store, gas station and a Dunkin Donuts for drivers on stand-by and will be located on a 3.5-acre parcel at the southwest corner of Belvedere and Florida Mango roads.

Next time you have to make a trip to PBI, leave yourself a little extra time to check out some of the amenities, such as the spa or the putting green! It's a top-notch facility that county residents are proud to call their own.



Golf course at PBI



Art Display at PBI

Mayors and Managers Meetings

Since taking office in 2009, I have regularly held roundtable meetings with the mayors and city/town managers located in my district so that we can stay on top of the issues important to us all. With 12 municipalities in District 4, it's important to maintain close working relationships and these roundtable meetings are invaluable.

The most recent meeting was on January 14 in the south county office in Delray Beach. Some of the issues discussed included reduction of trash disposal fees, additional funding for road restriping, and dedicated funding for beach renourishment projects.



Commissioner Abrams greeting Mayor Glickstein of Delray Beach.