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PBC First in Human Trafficking Ordinance

I'm very proud to report that Palm Beach County is the first county in Florida to adopt a local ordinance mirroring House Bill 369 on human trafficking. This ordinance requires adult entertainment businesses, strip clubs and other massage and bodywork businesses to display human trafficking public awareness signs in their establishment which gives contact information to get help if you or someone you know is being trafficked.

Human trafficking isn't something that only happens in foreign countries.

United States Statistics

An estimated 14,500-17,500 of people are trafficked into the U.S. each year (U.S. Department of Justice).

An estimated 50% of people trafficked into the U.S. each year are children (U.S. Department of Justice).

Department of Justice, between January 2008 and June 2010, reported there

were 2,515 suspected human trafficking incidents. Of those cases 488 suspects were confirmed and 144 arrests.

About 8 in 10 of the suspected cases were classified as sex trafficking.

About 1 in 10 of the suspected cases were classified as labor trafficking.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of 72, 543 interactions relating to human trafficking from December 7, 2007-December 31, 2012. Of these 9,298 were cases of potential human trafficking cases.

41 % of cases were sex trafficking and 20% labor trafficking.

Women were referenced as victims in 85% of the sex trafficking cases.

Approximately 300,00 children in the U.S. are at risk for being exploited (Homeland Security Investigations).

1 in 3 teens on the street will be lured toward prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home (National Runaway Hotline).

According to the National Missing Children and Exploited Children, in 2013 1 out of 7 endangered runaways were child sex trafficking victims.

Florida & PBC Statistics

Florida ranks #3 in the nation for trafficking activity.

Palm Beach County ranks as the 3rd county in Florida with the highest incidence of calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline for suspected cases of human trafficking.

Those are sobering statistics, right here in our back yard.

Appointments

In closing, I recently attended the National Association of County's (NACo) annual conference and I'm proud to say that I am now a member of the Women

of NACo Leadership Network, an organization to improve the effectiveness of women officials.

I was also appointed to the NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee to study agriculture and rural development issues and recommend policy changes on issues that affect rural counties. I look forward to representing you on these issues.

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) recently appointed me as Vice-Chair of their Public Safety Policy Committee. The Committee will be reviewing proposed policy changes affecting public safety and recommending a legislative course of action for - or against - proposed policy changes.

Please send me your concerns so I can include them for discussion in our meetings.

Until next time...



McKinlay

2015 Legislative Session Recap for District 6

Approximately \$54 million in state funding was awarded to District 6 this year.

Did we have a few disappointments? Yes but \$54+million is a success! Thanks to Senator Abruzzo, Representative Rader and the County Team for such amazing work! Session 2016 starts in September. District 6 priorities will include funding for West Tech, Corbett Levee, roads/water projects, and economic development assistance for the Glades.

July 4th Celebration



Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, Belle Glade Mayor Steve Wilson and PBC Mayor Shelley Vana enjoyed the Belle Glade 4th of July Celebration at Torry Island.

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IN THE COMMUNITY**Glades Record Expungement/Sealing Event**

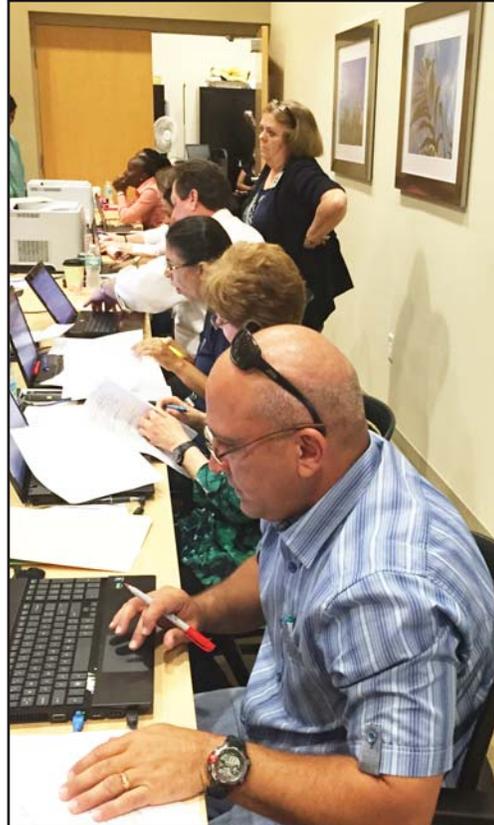
Palm Beach County recently adopted a “Glades Job Incentive” program that would re-pay contractors doing work for the county up to 30 percent of the pay and benefits of Glades employees. The program was well received by many Glades residents and local pastors. As part of the PBC’s efforts to reduce unemployment and recidivism in Palm Beach County, Deputy County Administrator Verdenia Baker coordinated a “Know Your Rights and Expungement/Sealing of Records Workshop” in Belle Glade to heighten knowledge of rights and assist residents in expunging and/or sealing of a criminal records which could be limiting their career and housing choices and ability to further provide for themselves and their family.

The workshop was held on June 6 at the Belle Glade Library Civic Center. Members of the Cunningham Bar Association, County Administration, County Public Affairs, County Commission District 6, the Public Defender’s office, the State Attorney’s office, the Clerk of the Court’s office and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s office joined forces to create an assembly line wherein residents could obtain the required documents from the Public Defender’s office and Clerk of the Court, be fingerprinted by the Sheriff’s office and volunteer attorneys assisted them in completing their application to the State of Florida for expungement or sealing of their record.

Over 320 residents participated in the event and in excess of 40 were pre-qualified to send their applications to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The expungement process can take up to a year to be completed by the various reviewing agencies.

Participants can obtain the status of their application after November 30 by calling the Public Defender’s office at (561) 355-7655 and referencing the Glades Expungement Event.



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The assembly line of participating agencies kept the process moving throughout the event while residents listened to the panel discussion.



Deputy County Administrator Verdenia Baker addresses the participants of the Expungement Workshop. Volunteer attorneys from the Cunningham Bar Association made up the panel and delivered presentations and answered questions from the participants.

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Belle Glade & Pahokee FarmShare Food Giveaways *Over 2000 Residents Helped by Community Volunteers*



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Farm Share events were held on Friday, June 12 in Belle Glade and on Friday July 17 in Pahokee. Farm Share’s mission to alleviate hunger and malnutrition by recovering and distributing fresh and nutritious food was carried out by volunteers from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, Chase Bank, Belle Glade and Pahokee officials, Palm Beach County Commissioner McKinlay and Mayor Vana, their district staff and representatives from Congressman Alcee Hastings, Representative Kevin Rader and Senator Joe Abruzzo’s office,



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McKinlay Receives Presidential Advocacy Award

McKinlay given award for going above and beyond during 2015 Legislative Session

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay with the Presidential Advocacy Award during the 2015 FAC Annual Conference & Exposition in St. Johns County.

“Providing a voice for local government to our partners in Tallahassee is critical to ensuring the needs of our community are met. No one unit can act as an island. We must work together. I am honored to work with the Florida Association of Counties and am humbled to receive this recognition for my part in their team efforts,” McKinlay said after receiving the award.

Commissioner McKinlay was an invaluable asset to

FAC during the Legislative Session and showed exceptional commitment to advancing public policy and protecting county revenues. Commissioner McKinlay visited the Capitol throughout session to help educate legislators on the impact proposed juvenile detention would have on counties.

“It is public servants like Commissioner McKinlay that ensure our local communities have the authority to respond to the demands of their citizens,” said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley, “Commissioner McKinlay’s advocacy on behalf of Florida’s counties was instrumental in advancing negotiations on our priority issues.”

The Presidential Advocacy Award is given annually to those county commissioners from around the state that

who have shown exceptional leadership in partnering with FAC to advance the counties’ legislative agenda.

Loxhatchee Groves New Town Hall



The Town of Loxahatchee Groves cut the ribbon on their new Town Hall located in the former Central Chamber building at the corner of F Road and Southern Boulevard on June 13 with a barbecue. The newly renovated building has improved electronic equipment and ample meeting space for various departments. Pictured above left to right are: Council members Tom Goltzene, Jim Rockett, Ryan Liang, Ron Jarriel, Commissioner McKinlay and Mayor Dave Browning.

District 6 Managers Roundtable Held in Royal Palm Beach



Commissioner McKinlay recently held the second quarterly roundtable meeting with the town managers and special taxing district representatives in District 6. With 13 entities in District 6, this affords a great opportunity to discuss the priorities and issues facing the area stakeholders. The July 1 meeting was hosted by the Village of Royal Palm Beach in the David Farber Training Center. Some of the issues discussed included code enforcement, roadway projects and equine byproduct management.

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Equestrian Waste Management Roundtable

Palm Beach County enjoys some of the best equestrian activities in the world - and along with the yearly \$185 million economic shot in the arm comes about 100,000 tons of equestrian manure to manage.

What to do with so much rich fertilizer has long been an issue that regulatory agencies grappled with. For years haulers have unloaded the waste-laden used equestrian shavings onto empty lots all over the Acreage and Loxahatchee area, creating quite a stink among neighbors adjacent to the empty lots.

Commissioner McKinlay recently convened a workgroup of Palm Beach County staff and regulatory agencies to explore and identify long term solutions to the equestrian byproduct in Palm Beach County.

The Equestrian Waste Management (EWM) group consists of members of the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Palm Beach County Code Enforcement, Water Resources, Legislative Affairs and Environmental Resources Management, Village of Wellington, Loxahatchee Groves, Indian Trail Improvement District, Western Communities Council, Cypress Groves Community Development District, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office and the Solid Waste Authority.

The group toured various dumping sites throughout the Acreage and Loxahatchee prior to holding their first roundtable meeting on July 22.

The group will meet on a quarterly or as-needed basis to work toward a permanent solution to the growing equestrian industry in Palm Beach County.



Group members touring dump sites in the western areas.



Palm Beach County Code Enforcement Director Ramsay Bulkeley, Legislative Affairs Director Todd Bonlarron and Water Resources Management Director Ken Todd.



Village of Wellington Manager Paul Schofield and Project Director Mike O'Dell with Michelle Damone of the Western Communities Council.



Members of the Dept. of Health, Dept. of Agriculture and Cypress Groves Community Development District discussing regulations.



Members of the Dept. of Environmental Protection Agency and the Solid Waste Authority.

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Q81 Summer Enrichment Program at Everglades Prep



Commissioner McKinlay recently spoke to students at the Everglades Preparatory School as part of the Anquan Boldin and Florida Crystals Corporations Q81 Summer Enrichment program, an 8-week program designed for students at Everglades Preparatory Academy grades 9-12 who needed courses to catch up academically. Participating teenagers have the opportunity for a credit-recovery curriculum, while also enjoying a variety of activities, including popular guest speakers, classroom discussions, and field trips.

Volunteering at NACo Annual Conference



Day two at the National Association of Counties Annual Conference started bright-n-early volunteering with fellow NextGen members at Charlotte's domestic violence shelter then a great discussion on the relationship between children who witness trauma, mental health & juvenile justice and wrapped up the day watching the Charlotte skyline & meeting great people from all over the US. First up this morning: Agriculture & Rural Affairs Policy Committee!

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Upcoming meetings

- Aug. 27, 2015 9:30am BCC Zoning Hearing
- Sept. 1, 2015 9:30am BCC Regular Meeting
- Sept. 8, 2015 6:00pm BCC Budget Meeting
- Sept. 17, 2015 9:00am MPO Meeting
- Sept. 21, 2015 6:00pm BCC Budget Meeting
- Sept. 24, 2015 9:30am BCC Zoning Meeting

BCC = Board of County Commission • MPO = Metropolitan Planning Organization • SWA = Solid Waste Authority

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UPDATES

Planning, Zoning & Building

Minto

- Minto West is going through a name change to be “*Minto Westlake*”.
- The Master Plan was approved by the Development Review Officer on July 8, 2015

Minto Applications in process:

- Type II Variance to allow a subdivision plan for Phase I roadways to provide access to Pod Q.

Scheduled to go to the September 3, 2015 Zoning Commission hearing.

- Type II Variances to allow a reduction in the minimum lot width; an increase in building coverage; a reduction in front and side setbacks; and to allow one housing type.

Scheduled to go to the September 3, 2015 Zoning Commission hearing.

- DRO administrative application to allow a Subdivision of Pod Q for 308 Single-family homes. This is still under review and contingent upon a decision of the Zoning Commission on ZV-2015-00122.

- DRO application to allow the subdivision plan for Phase I roadways to provide access to Pod Q. This is still under review and contingent upon a decision of the Zoning Commission on ZV-2015-00529.

- DRO application to allow the subdivision plan of Pod L, and a temporary sales office. This is still under review and contingent upon a decision of the Zoning Commission on ZV-2015-00529.

Highland Dunes:

- Project has had a name change and is now called “*Arden PUD*.”

• The development was approved by the BCC on October 24, 2013, allowing a rezoning to a Planned Unit Development consisting of:

- 2,000 residential units
- 50,000 sq. ft retail
- 970 student elementary school
- 50,000 sq. ft of government services
- 1 acre utility site
- 20 acres of Parks and recreation.
- The Master Plan was finalized by the DRO on January 8, 2014

GL Homes

Pending applications for future land use amendment, rezoning and a privately initiated Comp Plan and ULDC amendment in order to assemble the proposed residential development.

Engineering Road Improvement Projects

SR 7 Extension

- FDOT held an informational Open House at the South Florida Fairgrounds in June 2015.

• Permits submitted to the agencies and design and right-of-way acquisition activities are ongoing.

• The southern project, widening of SR 7 Extension from Okeechobee Blvd to 60th Street North is programmed for construction in FY 2016, and the new construction of SR 7 Extension from 60th St N to Northlake Blvd is programmed for FY 2020 (after July 1 2019).

- The estimated cost of construction for the entire project is \$60 million.

Royal Palm Beach Blvd Bridge and 60th St N

• On July 6, 2015, contractor JW Cheatham was given Notice to Proceed with construction of the intersection improvements and replacement of the bridge over the M-Canal.

• Construction is expected to be completed in 15 months (August 2016).

- The total project cost is \$6.4 million.

Other Roadway Projects

There are 3 projects that Palm Beach County intends to construct together, with construction funding programmed for FY 2016 (after October 1, 2015). They are:

1) Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd., Orange Blvd. to S. of Northlake Blvd.

2) Northlake Blvd./Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd. Intersection

3) Northlake Blvd., E. of Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd. to East of Hall Blvd.

These projects will widen the existing 2-lanes of both Seminole Pratt Whitney Road and Northlake Blvd to 4-lane divided roadways. Design plans are currently 96% complete, and right-of-way acquisition and permitting are ongoing.

The total estimated construction cost is \$13.3 million.

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Engineering Road Improvement Projects

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Northlake Blvd., East. of Hall Blvd. to Coconut Blvd.

- This project will widen the existing 2-lanes of Northlake Blvd to a 4-lane divided section.
- Design and permitting efforts are ongoing.
- Construction is anticipated in FY 2018 as per the County's Five Year Road Program.
- The estimated construction cost is \$8.6 million.

Royal Palm Beach Blvd., from the M Canal to south of Orange Blvd

- Design of a 3-lane undivided roadway section to add a continuous center turn lane, drainage improvements, and sidewalks on both sides of Royal Palm Beach Blvd is ongoing.
- Construction is anticipated in FY 2018
- The estimated construction cost is \$3.7 million.

Seminole Pratt Whitney Road from Seminole Ridge High School to north of the M Canal

- 4 lane divided roadway under design by Minto/Westlake.
- Plans are 65% complete.
- (Developer) Minto will construct.

Future Area Traffic Signals

- Okeechobee Blvd and Folsom Rd. - developing the scope of work in order to issue a design contract
- Okeechobee Blvd and 'D' Rd. - Minto/Westlake and Loxahatchee Groves are working on this issue. Minto/Westlake is required to provide funding for the signal.

Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Department is moving forward with the proposed Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park at 20-mile bend. It is expected that the BCC will hear the proposal by the end of the year.

Additional PBSO Coverage Cost

In order to add one deputy to the coverage 24 hours a day, five employees must be hired, each person costs about \$130,000 so the initial cost is \$650,000 and this cost goes up each year with the normal rise in employee benefits. There is also the associated technology costs for each employee.

Fire Rescue

The impact on new construction in the Acreage will be a steady increase of calls as buildings become occupied. The current location/staffing/equipment for Station #22 is a temporary station in a shopping plaza located at 5060 Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd. It is staffed with 3 people in an either/or configuration consisting of an engine and a rescue. Depending on the type of call, either the engine or the rescue is deployed through CAD.

A permanent station will be built on a 4.3 acre site which Minto donated. The site is just north of the shopping plaza where temporary Station #22. It will be located just north of the high school on the same side of Seminole Pratt.

Fire Rescue has met with the developer and staff from PBC Facilities. We are currently deciding on the location of emergency egress to limit the risk of our emergency equipment. The developer must convey the property to PBC by May 31, 2017. The lease on the temporary site has been extended until 5/24/2019 but can be cancelled any time after 1/1/2018. No building plans have been drafted yet. We anticipate the station will contain from 3 bays to 5 bays to accommodate the growth.

In fiscal year 2014 - there were 1,097 calls in Station #22 primary zone. It is anticipated that the Minto development in Station #22 zone will create approximately 2,000 additional calls. For a total annual call volume of approximately 3,100 calls.

A proposed transition from a 3 person station (either or) to a 5 person station staffing both engine and rescue will depend on the timing of the development and the call volume increase. The last official criteria we had for changing a station from either-or to 5 person was call volume of 5 calls/day (1,825 calls/yr) and a less than 90% availability. We approximate that this should happen when the development is about 40% complete.

Since Station #22 already exists and its geographic zone will not be changing, the only impact on the surrounding stations is backing up the calls that Station #22 is not available to take. This impact will be different if Station #22 is either/or or a full station. Our either/or station run about 10-15% unavailable and a full station will around a 3,100 call volume - runs about 7-8% unavailable.

If the Indian Trail Groves development gets approved, we will need to add at least 1 additional station depending on the number of units/square feet of development and the layout location of the development.

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County Water Service in Acreage

Over the past several years, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (County) has installed large water transmission lines throughout the Acreage. Property owners who live directly adjacent to the existing water lines can connect to the County water system at any time. The provision of potable water service to the remaining property owners within the Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID) cannot be accomplished without the construction of further distribution feeder lines throughout the community. The cost of construction for these distribution lines is significant due to the large lot sizes and extensive canal network running throughout ITID. Previous studies have estimated construction costs to achieve the provision of potable water service to the entire population of ITID at over \$100 million.

In circumstances where property owners express interest in connecting to the County water system at various areas within the Acreage, the cost for construction of the required water lines is generally paid for by assessing groups of property owners willing to pay for the lines that serve their neighborhood. A typical assessment program results in the County paying for the “up front” construction costs, with the property owner then paying for the improvements in their tax bill over a 20-year period through equal annual payments of the principal and 5.5% interest. Whether an assessment program is offered and how the assessments are undertaken is legally a decision of ITID. Palm Beach County has expressed a willingness to cooperate with the District in defining a comprehensive assessment program, but the ultimate decision belongs to ITID.

Typically, assessments are based on 90% of the total project cost as per the Agreement between the County and District, in which the County has committed to allocate \$500,000 to provide financial support for up to 10% of the final cost for assessment projects within the legislative boundaries of the District. The County has encumbered and expended a total of \$237,322.23 for previous projects that have been undertaken through assessment programs in the Acreage.

A total of 583 property owners have connected to the County water system, 255 were individual connections and 328 were connections through assessment programs.

Residents within ITID who are interested in obtaining water from Palm Beach County should contact the ITID offices to begin the petition process.

Amendment 1 Update

Amendment 1, titled the “Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative,” was approved by 75% of voters in November of 2014. The Amendment added Section 28 to Article X of the Florida Constitution and provides for the dedication of one-third of the net revenue from collected real estate documentary stamps over the next 20 years to the acquisition, management and protection of wildlife habitat, management areas, water resources, beaches, recharge area, outdoor recreation areas, rural landscapes, working farms and ranches and land set aside for preservation and conservation purposes. Monies that are set aside to meet the requirements of Amendment 1 are placed in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund as a result of the Amendment. Funding for Everglades Restoration, beach restoration, best management practices and other activities that benefit the land and coastal environments of South Florida are eligible for inclusion through the implementation of Amendment 1. However, there have been significant disagreements regarding the scope of expenses that can be funded by Amendment 1 dollars due to the wording of the Amendment.

During the 2015 Regular Legislative Session, approximately \$740 million was made available for utilization under Amendment 1 through the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. In the adopted budget, more than \$300 million was directed towards administrative and operational expenses for those state agencies tasked with addressing various aspects of environmental protection. \$88.7 million was dedicated to various types of land acquisition, including \$55 million for fee simple land purchases, and remaining funds were dedicated to land management programs, the implementation of best management practices, springs protection, and clean-up and restoration projects. In Palm Beach County, Amendment 1 dollars funded beach restoration projects, Everglades Restoration, and the management of lands owned by the South Florida Water Management District.

Amendment 1 supporters subsequently filed a lawsuit on June 22 alleging misappropriation of funds allocated under Amendment 1 by the Legislature during the 2015 Regular Session based on the amount of funds appropriated for the ongoing operational and administrative expenses of the state agencies. The lawsuit is currently ongoing. The group that sponsored Amendment 1 has recently reorganized as the Florida Conservation Voters, with a focus on promoting specific uses of Amendment 1 funds, specifically emphasizing land purchases.

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IN THE COMMUNITY**Free Disposal Locations For Fuels And Lubricants**

Many do-it-yourselfers change their own oil because they either want to save money, enjoy it, or take pride in the quality of their own workmanship. As with many automotive DIY projects, there comes a time when you have to dispose of the waste fuels, lubricants and related filters that have been changed.

Waste fuels, lubricants, antifreeze and related filters - not just from a car or truck, but also from a boat, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, or lawn mower - should not be mixed or thrown away with the garbage. They need to be disposed of independently and properly.

The best way to store and transport used motor fluids is in an oil change container available at many retail stores. Alternatively, empty containers from the last oil change or a clean empty plastic container with a lid, such as a milk jug, work well. Clearly label all containers as to what is inside. Never mix used oil with any other liquids, including water.

Many service stations and auto parts stores, as well as the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, will accept up to 5 gallons of these waste fluids. Most also offer used oil filter recycling services.

For used oil regulations and information, contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 561-681-6600, or go to their website for used oil http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/used_oil/default.htm. The motor oil from just one oil change can contaminate a million gallons of water!

Visit www.SWA.org/HCRC or call 561-697-2700 or 866-SWA-INFO (toll-free) to learn more about the Solid Waste Authority's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

DIYers may dispose of their full waste fluid containers for FREE at one of the SWA's seven Home Chemical and Recycling Centers listed here.

SWA TIP: Yard Waste Volume Limits

The collection of yard waste (loose and containerized combined) is still limited to 6 cubic yards per week (equal to 3 standard size refrigerators). Please make sure the amount you place curbside does not exceed 6 cubic yards as the limitation is strictly enforced

Belle Glade (unattended)

Glades Regional Transfer Station
1701 State Road 15 in Belle Glade
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 12: p.m.

Delray Beach – West

Southwest County Transfer Station
13400 South State Road 7 in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Saturday is self-serve drop-off containers only)

Delray Beach – East (unattended)

South County Transfer Station
1901 SW 4th Ave. in Delray Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Jupiter (unattended)

North County Transfer Station
14185 Military Trail (SWA Road) in Jupiter
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lantana (unattended)

Central County Transfer Station
1810 Lantana Road in Lantana
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Royal Palm Beach (unattended)

West Central Transfer Station
9743 Process Drive
(previously Fairgrounds Road) in Royal Palm Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

West Palm Beach

Home Chemical and Recycling Center
6161 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
(Saturday is self-serve drop-off containers only)

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July 7, 2015

Clerk's budget – heard a presentation by Clerk & Comptroller Sharon Bock on budget cuts her office must implement to cover a \$2.6 million state revenue shortfall. Measures include a hiring freeze, elimination of 27 positions and overtime pay, and postponing the new digital access pilot program.

Hotel parking – agreed to a developer's request for parking modifications for the Convention Center hotel. Rather than construct a parking garage, the Related Companies will provide a surface parking lot on the garage site with 255 valet spaces and utilize 375 valet spaces at the nearby CityPlace parking garage. After the hotel opens, two detailed traffic studies by a third party must be conducted to determine if an on-site parking structure is needed. One analysis will be done after a year of hotel operation and another after three to four years.

Administrator's contract – approved a two-year employment contract with Verdenia C. Baker for the position of county administrator. She is succeeding Robert Weisman who is retiring at the end of August. The contract provides for an annual salary of \$257,500, deferred compensation, an auto allowance, and other benefits afforded county employees.

Project Listen – conceptually approved a Job Growth Incentive Grant in the amount of \$70,000 for Project Listen to relocate its headquarters in Palm Beach County. The company promises to make a \$4.5 million capital investment to acquire, renovate and equip an existing facility and create 100 new full-time jobs within four years at an average annual wage of nearly \$85,000.

Water Utilities – approved a settlement agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. for claims brought by the county regarding alleged design and engineering deficiencies at the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant and Wellfield. CDM Smith agrees to a one-time payment to the county of \$700,000 in exchange for release of all claims. The board also approved a credit in the amount of \$124,753 toward outstanding connection fees and guaranteed revenues on water and wastewater connections for the Bridges and Hyder planned unit developments as a reimbursement for over reserving utility capacity.

Floating structures – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on August 18 an ordinance prohibiting the anchoring or mooring of floating structures within county waters or county-owned property, unless anchored or moored at a marina, dock or privately owned property.

July 21, 2015

Vehicles for Hire – approved on first hearing and to advertise for public hearing on August 18 proposed amendments to the county's vehicle-for-hire ordinance.

Human Trafficking – adopted an ordinance pertaining to the posting of public awareness signs at adult entertainment and massage/bodywork establishments alerting employees and patrons to remedies and protections related to human trafficking.

Budget – authorized staff to submit proposed millage rates for the FY-2016 budget to the Property Appraiser's Office and set public hearings dates of Sept. 8, 2015, and Sept. 21, 2015, at 6 p.m. in the commission chambers. The proposed countywide non-voted millage rate remains at 4.7815.

Financially Assisted Agencies – approved allocations for funding totaling \$11.653 million for the Financial Assisted Agencies Program to provide services pertaining to domestic abuse and sheltering, homelessness, behavior health, special needs and developmental disabilities, economic stability/poverty, senior services, continuing initiatives, and non-competitive service categories.

Economic Sustainability – approved an economic development incentive agreement with Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. in the amount of \$146,775 over a three-year period. The company is making a \$10.3 million capital improvement to its existing facility and promises to create 14 new jobs at an average annual wage of \$80,000 and retain 81 existing jobs over a three-year period. The board also received Economic Sustainability's triennial report for fiscal years 2011-2013.

Lake Ida Park – approved the sale of 5.17 acres of surplus land adjacent to Lake

Ida Park to the city of Delray Beach for \$100,000. The parcel is separated from the rest of the park by a canal and has no legal access. Uses of the property will be limited to open green space or passive park purposes that may include accessory structures such as gazebos or shade structures and temporary docking facilities.

Building Codes – approved an ordinance adopting an amended local administrative chapter of the Florida Building Code for unincorporated areas of the county and in municipalities having an interlocal agreement for the provision of county plan review and inspection services.

August 18, 2015,

County Administrator – congratulated and thanked retiring County Administrator Robert Weisman for his 23 years of service as administrator and 35 years overall with Palm Beach County. In recognition, the mayor announced that Process Drive will be renamed Weisman Way, and the main governmental complex at 301 N. Olive Avenue in downtown West Palm Beach will be renamed the Palm Beach County Robert Weisman Governmental Center.

Baseball stadium – approved agreements with the city of West Palm Beach and HW Spring Training Complex, LLC to develop a two-team Major League Baseball spring training complex for the Washington Nationals and Houston Astros near Haverhill Road and 45th Street. The term is 31 years with use fees totaling \$68.8 million over the term of the agreement. The board also nominated retiring County Administrator Bob Weisman to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Vehicles for hire – discussed a series of amendments to the county's vehicle-for-hire ordinance. Staff was directed to draft language requiring drivers to pass a Level I background check by an accredited agency – fingerprint-based Level II background checks would not be required – and to carry insurance as required by the state. Companies could perform their own background checks or have the county do them, and the county would be able to audit the results with drivers' names omitted.

Parked vehicles – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the ordinance that prohibits the parking or display of motor vehicles for sale, hire or rent in certain areas, unless authorized. The proposed amendment would prohibit those activities on public rights of way, easements and private property open to the public, unless authorized.

Roadside vendors – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the Palm Beach County Roadside Vendors Ordinance changing the expiration date of permits issued for roadside vendors from December 31 to January 31.

Floating structures – adopted an ordinance prohibiting the anchoring or mooring of floating structures in waters within the jurisdiction of the county or on county-owned property, unless anchored or moored at a marina, dock or on private property. The ban does not apply to waters under the jurisdiction of a municipality.

Public accommodation – approved on preliminary reading and to advertise for public hearing on September 22 an amendment to the Palm Beach County Ordinance for Housing and Places of Public Accommodation expanding the definition of a place of public accommodation.

Land acquisition – approved the appraisal and acquisition of a vacant parcel of land at Frontier Avenue and Arrowhead Drive in Palm Beach Ranchettes east of State Road 7 for future drainage and improvements of Lyons Road.

Community Revitalization – approved 24 funding agreements to implement neighborhood improvement projects and initiatives through the Office of Community Revitalization's America's Next Top Neighborhood grant program.

Lake Worth Park of Commerce – authorized the mayor to execute grant documentation requested by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund infrastructure improvements at the Lake Worth Park of Commerce. If appropriated, EDA would fund \$1.389 million of the project's \$5.426 million total cost. The city will pay the balance as its local match. To receive the funds, EDA requires the county to be a co-applicant, but no county local match is required.