

**COBWRA DELEGATES MEETING
VILLAGGIO – NOVEMBER 15, 2017
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

WELCOME

VILLAGGIO BOARD MEMBER DAVID FEINSTEIN welcomed the Delegates to their community and expressed appreciation for everything COBWRA does to help West Boynton.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT MYRNA ROSOFF reminded the Delegates to complete the Library Survey that was recently sent to them by COBWRA. She also reported that the Concept Plans for the Canyons Park should be ready to preview in 2-3 months.

NEW MEMBER – GATEWAY GARDENS

The Delegates voted unanimously to approve the Gateway Gardens membership application. Gateway Gardens is a 157 single family home community located on Military Trail northwest of Le Chalet Boulevard. On hand to accept the membership documents was Gateway Gardens president Jody Barkman.



Pictured:
Gateway Gardens
President
Jody Barkman
with COBWRA
1st VP Phil Barlage

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

- **COUNTY COMMISSIONER DAVID KERNER** announced that he is a member of the Criminal Justice Task Force and that a \$2 million Safety & Justice grant has been funded by the McArthur Foundation.
- **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL** announced that plans are moving forward for the construction of the Middle School to be built adjacent to Sunset Palms Elementary School.

FIRST RESPONDERS REPORTS

- **PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER KEANE** reported that his department is developing a database of Property Managers so they can target communications to specific communities as may be necessary from time to time. He also announced that the District 6 Community Policing Unit recently received an award for their excellent performance.
- **RICHARD CHRISTMAS from PBC FIRE RESCUE** reported that the seasonal increase in traffic has resulted in an increase in motor vehicle accidents. He also reminded everyone not to leave the stove unattended when preparing holiday meals.

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BAN FRACKING IN FLORIDA PRESENTATION

COBWRA Delegate Nikki Descoteaux, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, presented information on the campaign to Ban Fracking in Florida.

What is fracking? Fracking is the process of injecting liquid at high pressure into subterranean rocks, boreholes, etc. so as to force open existing fissures and extract oil or gas.

Some, but not all, of the harmful effects of Fracking:

- 75% of chemicals in fracking fluid cause skin, eye, and other sensory organs, respiratory and other gastrointestinal problems.
- 40-50% affect the brain, nervous system, immune and cardiovascular systems.
- 37% cause endocrine problems.
- 25% cause cancer and birth mutations.
- Accidents, spills, and leaks are polluting water supplies both at ground and below surface levels.
- Benzene, a carcinogen, contaminates aquifers.
- Air pollution, earthquakes, and sinkholes can occur.

What can you do?

- Call, write, and meet with County officials and ask them to pass an ordinance banning fracking in our area.
- Call, write, and meet with our State elected officials and encourage them to vote for the two 2018 ban fracking bills: SB462 and HB237 (*Supported by The League of Women Voters and the ReThink Energy Florida Coalition*).

Refer your questions to: nikkidescoteaux@gmail.com - 561-732-2023.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Let's Talk **COBWRA**



President Myrna Rosoff introduced attorney Richard Grosso, who has been retained to represent COBWRA in our opposition to the

GL Homes Proposal to Dismantle the Ag Reserve Master Plan.

Mr. Grosso explained that, in his view, land use decisions are among the most misunderstood actions and that his role going forward will be to provide COBWRA with guidance with the process.

Mr. Grosso suggested that the County Commission, not influential developers, should be guiding how, when and where development happens. He went on to compare the GL application/rationale for requesting approval of the Indian Trails project last year, which GL claimed would be good for the area, to their current proposal in which GL claims that the approved development would be bad for the area.

Mr. Grosso answered questions ranging from land use to current legal status of the proposal from many delegates who expressed concern about the GL Proposal.

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