

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • AVALON ESTATES • DECEMBER 18, 2019

WELCOME

AVALON ESTATES PRESIDENT JOSEPH LIPSKY and **DELEGATE BARRY WILBUR** welcomed the Delegates and other guests to their community.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

- **DISTRICT 3 SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL** reported that school bus drivers are leaving the District to drive trucks for Amazon because of higher pay. She also noted that the School District Inspector General is retiring.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

- **PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN** reported that PBSO recently raised \$100K for charity and provided 150 turkeys and meals to families in need. He was pleased to report that vehicle burglaries are down. However, he stressed the importance of not leaving packages in plain sight when the car is unoccupied.
- In the absence of Battalion Chief Anthony Tozzi, who was at a leadership meeting, **PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE** was represented by Steen Erikson, West Boca District Chief Tracy Adams, and Terrel Patterson. They reported that in the COBWRA service area PBC Fire Rescue responded to 2,820 calls in the month of November. The Delegates were also reminded never to leave burning candles unattended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **CANYON DISTRICT PARK UPDATE:**
 - The Dog Park is being relocated from Hypoluxo and Lyons Roads to the Canyon District Park. The Hypoluxo and Lyons site is now slated for pickleball courts with an undetermined start date for the pickleball court project.
 - The conceptual master plan does not include baseball fields.
 - The concession stand will be a one-story building which will also house the restrooms.
 - The park will have two large pavilions.
 - There are two lakes within the park.
 - The groundbreaking for the park is slated for February/March 2020.
 - There will be no groundbreaking for the library until the new soccer fields are completed. The library is still in its early design process and most likely not get its permits until late next year.
- COBWRA is a participating sponsor of the **2020 CONCERT SERIES AT THE CANYON TOWN CENTER** along with the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and *Nostalgic America Magazine*.
- COBWRA-sponsored **BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY BUDDY BENCHES** will be installed at Indian Pines and Hidden Oaks Elementary Schools.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE WALLACE reported that he will be attending Palm Beach County Days in Tallahassee in January along with President Beth Rappaport, Committee Vice Chair Linda Levine and Past President Phil Barlage. The COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation will advocate for the following Legislative Priorities that were approved by the Delegates at the meeting:

Growth Management: Support SB 250 (Berman) and HB 6019 (Casello) which repeal the prevailing party attorney fees provisions when a municipal/county development order is challenged in court.

Vacation Rentals: Oppose any bill that allows vacation or short-term rentals that would adversely affect existing community association documents.

Education: Support legislation that provides increased funding for teacher salaries across the board and mental health professionals in district-owned public schools.

Environmental: Oppose any legislation that authorizes drilling, exploration, fracking, and matrix acidization in the State of Florida.

Health and Wellness: Support SB 1198 (Berman) and HB 899 (Casello) which creates the Purple Alert for missing adults with cognitive, developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Authorization: The Board of Directors authorizes the COBWRA Tallahassee Delegation to address issues affecting our member residential associations should such issues be presented prior to the opening of the Session.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

APRIL 1



Palm Beach County Director of Public Affairs Lisa De La Rionda emphasized the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. She noted that the amount of revenue Palm Beach County receives over the next 10 years will be based on the results of the census. Ms. De La Rionda emphasized that an individual's census should be completed in the community where that person will be living on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Therefore, seasonal residents who will be living in Palm Beach County on April 1, 2020 should complete the census using their Palm Beach County address. She also stressed the importance of reporting every person living in the household, including young children.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 15 AT BELLAGGIO

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