

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • JUNE 17, 2020 • VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SENATOR LORI BERMAN:

- Continues to assist individuals who are having difficulty collecting unemployment insurance.
- Reported that COVID-19 is on the rise, with clusters in Lake Worth, Greenacres, Palm Springs, and Boynton Beach.
- Urged Delegates to contact County Commissioners and request that the mandated wearing of masks be approved.
- Hosting a panel discussion on racism on Friday, June 19 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The discussion will center around actionable steps that can be taken to affect racial justice in our communities. You can watch the live-stream at www.facebook.com/LoriBermanFLA
- For assistance, contact Senator Berman's office at 561.292.6014.

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO:

- Is working to fix the broken unemployment system.
- Noted that people are getting "careless," resulting in a decline in the use of masks and social distancing.
- For assistance, contact Representative Casello's office at 561.292.6015.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER KAREN BRILL:

- Is working on plans for the Sunset Palms Middle School which will open August 2022.
- South Tech will open August 2020.
- A survey sent to the Classroom Teacher's Association (CTA) and a town hall meeting is scheduled to get input regarding re-opening schools, how to improve distance learning, and how to provide education to students without access to computers.

TAX COLLECTOR ANNE GANNON:

- Staff, identified as Essential Workers, have continued to work since March 19 even though offices are closed.
- The office is taking appointments.
- Long wait for help by phone. The best way to make an appointment is via the Tax Collector's website: <https://www.pbctax.com/>
- Urged Delegates to contact the County Commissioners for approval of mandated use of face masks.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of the Education Committee, **PRESIDENT RAPPAPORT** announced that the recipient of the 2020 \$1000 COBWRA Scholarship Grant/Award is **NICOLAS PACKER**. Nicholas is a graduate of Park Vista High School and resides in Lantern Key.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN:

- PBSO does not permit neck holds. All incidents involving use of force are immediately reviewed at multiple levels and if the deputy has history of use of force an Early Intervention System is activated with additional training given to the deputy. If force is used, EMS is notified and the suspect is sent to the hospital if complaints are voiced.
- The District 6 lobby remains closed. However, if help is needed, contact the district by telephone.
- Unlocked vehicles remain a problem.
- Domestic violence reports are up slightly.
- There have been no issues associated with protests.
- The support expressed by citizens thanking PBSO for their work is very much appreciated.
- Thanks to Chief Tozzi of Palm Beach Fire Rescue for working closely with PBSO.

PBC FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF ANTHONY TOZZI:

- Thanked PBSO for speed of support when responding to Fire Rescue calls.
- Thanks COBWRA for their continued support.
- COVID-19 calls are on the rise.
- PBCFR will conduct free COVID-19 testing at Caridad Center on Friday, June 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. All are eligible to be tested. No appointment required. Results within 2-5 days.
- PBCFR responded to nearly 3,000 calls in the COBWRA service area over the last month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT BETH RAPPAPORT

- Reported that COBWRA is continuing efforts to prevent land use changes within the Ag Reserve.
- Thanked people who wrote letters and sent emails to the Planning Commission in opposition to the proposed privately initiated text amendments.
- The County Commission will be considering the Text Amendment issue on June 29.
- For information regarding PBC School District summer learning resources, survey on re-opening and summer feeding sites go to <https://www.palmbeachschools.org>.
- Reminded Delegates to complete their CENSUS 2020 electronically.
- Noted that COBWRA continues to work for the development of the Middle School, Park and Library.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** July 30, 2020. 6:30 p.m. for COBWRA's **PRE-PRIMARY MEET THE CANDIDATES CONFERENCE CALL.**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: MEET THE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM hosted by **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE WALLACE**. Candidates for County Court Group 12 Jaianna Seaborne and Debra Moses Stephens; Candidates for Circuit Court Group 30 Jaimie Goodman, Adam Myron, and Caryn Siperstein; and Candidates for Circuit Court Group 16 Jeffrey Gillen and Henry Quinn Johnson responded to a series of questions, having previously submitted introductory videos and responses to three questions from COBWRA. The videos and responses to the questions can be viewed on the COBWRA website at www.COBWRA.org.