

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • AUGUST 19, 2020 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Steve Wallace, 2nd VP/Chair announced that the Delegates voted to accept CANYON LAKES as the newest member of COBWRA. He welcomed Delegate NEIL AMBROSIO.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SENATOR LORI BERMAN

- COVID-19 cases are dropping; precautions are still needed.
- If help is needed call her office at 561.292.6014

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO

- With a downward COVID curve, it is hopeful that PBC may be able to go into Phase II reopening.
- If help is needed, call his office at 561.292.6015

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG

- The State Drug Task Force announced a major arrest of a physician involved with the drug treatment industry.
- There are currently no jury trials, only hearings. He is waiting for the FL Supreme Court approval for jury trials.
- He has recovered from COVID-19 and will be donating plasma.

COMMISSIONER MARY LOU BERGER

- After 25 years as an elected official and aide to Commissioner Aaronson, she will be retiring in November.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL

- School will begin Aug. 31 and will be distance learning only.
- Safety protocols are being discussed at the School Board meeting this afternoon.
- Virtual learning will be structured differently, with teachers in their actual classrooms.

TAX COLLECTOR ANNE GANNON

- Staff is identified as Essential Workers. They serve clients in the lobbies of tax centers by appointment only.
- When receiving notifications that require a citizen's physical presence, do not delay in making an appointment.
- As the County grows, there will be a need for a Tax Collector's office in west Boynton.

PROPERTY APPRAISER DOROTHY JACKS

- Announced she has also recovered from COVID-19.
- 650,000 tax appraisal (TRIM) notices will be mailed at 7 AM on August 20. At the same time, the information will be on the website pbcgov.org/papa/.
- Please review the information on both sides of the notice.
- Info about the taxing authority hearings is included.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF DONALD E. FENNOY II, ED.D

- The School Board approved brick and mortar campuses to open once the County moves to Phase 2 of recovery.
- Parents can CHOOSE to send their children back to a physical campus or CHOOSE to remain in distance learning.
- Masks will be required for students and staff on campuses.
- Over 129 School Feeding Sites are now open.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO DISTRICT 6 CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- The District 6 Lobby remains closed. If help is needed, such as fingerprinting or other services, call the district office.
- Unlocked vehicles remain a problem, as all vehicle burglaries reported this past month were for unlocked cars.
- Sheriff Bradshaw won the Democratic Primary.
- Scammers are using COVID-19 to target people. Legitimate companies do not request payment by purchasing gift cards.
- Thanked the community for their continued support.

LIEUTENANT NICHOLE ADDAZIO

- PBSO is sponsoring "IN JACOB'S SHOES". A collection box for NEW children's shoes is located at District 6.

PBC FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF ANTHONY TOZZI

- The 4th Battalion has been very busy responding to almost 7,000 calls this year.
- Fire Rescue Stations remain closed to the public, due to COVID-19. Call for assistance.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR STEVE WALLACE

- Reported as of 2:09 AM, 262,220 voters (26.45%) cast ballots. The results at that time showed the following COBWRA area candidates have won their respective primaries: Ric Bradshaw, Wendy Sartory Link, Tina Polsky, Kelly Skidmore, Lois Frankel, Laura Loomer and Circuit and County Court Judges Gillen and Stephens. Judge Goodman was leading but had not reached the required threshold.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- COBWRA continues efforts to prevent land use changes within the Ag Reserve. None of the recent proposals for the Ag Reserve were moved forward as originally planned.
- Thanked the Audit Committee, Bruce Cohen, Stephanie Melrose and Lawrence Wolberg for their efforts. The audit was completed with no issues.
- Past President Dagmar Brahs has been appointed as Chair of the Growth Management Committee.
- Announced a Campbell Property Mgt webinar for COBWRA members, on Aug 27, 12- 1 pm, discussing unique issues facing family communities.
- Reminded people to complete the 2020 CENSUS.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: 2020 HURRICANE SEASON & COVID • WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Presented by Bill Johnson, Director, Palm Beach County Emergency Management

- Mr. Johnson reported on the operations of PBC Emergency Management. They have been busy with the combined COVID-19 pandemic and an active hurricane season.
- For all information relating to emergency preparedness people can download the PBCDART app, go to READYPBC.com, sign up for notifications at ALERTPBC.com, or call 561-712-6400. Share the presentation with your HOA.

Next Meeting:
September 16, 2020 – Via Teleconference

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy