

COBWRA

COALITION OF BOYNTON WEST
RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • OCTOBER 21, 2020 • VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SENATOR LORI BERMAN

- Take precautions, as COVID-19 is increasing.
- She is preparing for the upcoming legislative session.
- Submit ideas for potential legislation to her office.
- Remember to vote.
- If help is needed, call her office at 561-292-6014.

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH CASELLO

- Vote by Mail and Early Voting are up significantly.
- He is continuing to address the State Unemployment System issues.
- Significant state budget shortfalls will have to be addressed in the next legislative session.
- If help is needed call the office at 561-292-6015.

STATE ATTORNEY DAVE ARONBERG

- Emails telling people not to vote should be ignored. This is a form of voter suppression; report this to law enforcement.
- If voter intimidation occurs at the polls, tell poll workers and call PBSO. Deputies are not permitted to be routinely stationed at the polls but can address problems.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE KAREN BRILL

- 500 speakers have already signed up to speak regarding the rehiring of Principal Latson at today's School Board meeting. The meeting may last several days to allow all comments to be heard.
- Comments can be submitted to the board by emailing boardoffice@palmbeachschools.org. Re: Item # BRD2
- Distance learning may not be allowed in 2021 due to rules from the Governor and Commissioner of Education.
- The Superintendent, Dr. Fennoy, II will receive a board review for his performance through June 2020.

TAX COLLECTOR ANNE GANNON

- A new program of installing kiosks in various commercial establishments will make it easier to register vehicles.
- Driver license information can be stored on mobile devices, but it does not replace the need to carry the plastic state issued license.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE

- PBSO conducted a commercial vehicle safety operation in south PBC resulting in vehicles being inspected, violations issued, and several being taken off the road.
- PBSO social media shows how community policing is benefiting the area.

PBSO LIEUTENANT NICOLE ADDAZIO

- Crime is down in all categories, but be cautious of scams when dealing with strangers online, by phone or in-person.
- Major arrests were made related to elder scams after a 4-year investigation including local and federal authorities.
- Be careful on Halloween. Extra patrols will be on the roads.

PBC FIRE RESCUE BATALLION CHIEF ANTHONY TOZZI

- It is anticipated that Station 41 will be responding to nearly 7,000 calls this year.
- COVID-19 cases are rising in the county and within Fire Rescue.
- A joint vaccine exercise was held with PBSO in preparation for providing COVID-19 shots for PBSO when available. It received high reviews by the State.
- There has been an uptick in commercial vehicle accidents on the Turnpike. Be cautious and check your tire pressure to help prevent hydroplaning.
- This hurricane season, the most active on record, is not over. Be prepared.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

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

- Brick & mortar schools have been open for over a month.
- Parents were given the opportunity to lock in instructional choice which will begin November 4, 2020.
- Students and staff are required to wear face masks.
- The Virtual Showcase offering 300 choice programs has launched. To apply for the 2020-2021 school year, go to mypbccchoiceapp.com beginning November 2, 2020.
- Subscribe to the district newsletter for updates, weekly recorded messages and Facebook Live Q&A events at palmbeachschools.org/newsletters.

NEW MEMBER COMMUNITY - 2nd VP STEVE WALLACE

- Following the announcement of the Delegate vote, SMITHBROOKE was accepted as the newest COBWRA member community.
- SMITHBROOKE Board Member Rob Gorman thanked the organization.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Thank you to our Government Affairs Committee for hosting a very successful General Election Candidates Forum on October 1.
- Volunteers continue to work on the directory - a very labor-intensive project. Please respond promptly to requests for information so that the directory contains the most current and accurate information.
- Our COBWRA committees are active and working as ever to provide valuable information to members.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

RECONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY- An Update on the Palm Beach County Library System, Doug Crane, Director, PBC Library System

- The PBC Library System was started by the legislature and opened its first branch in 1969.
- There are currently 17 locations and an Annex.
- The presentation included topics such as the impact of COVID-19, technology training, voting participation and the future Canyon Branch location.
- To view the presentation via the COBWRA website, go to: cobwra.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/COBWRA-Oct-2020-Presentation.pdf

Next Meeting:

November 18, 2020 • 9:30 AM • Via Teleconference

Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy