

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • October 20, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS

- The BCC is holding an Ag Reserve Workshop on Tuesday, October 26. It is an all-day event being held in the Governmental Center, WPB. COBWRA will have representatives at the meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- Praised Mike Burke, the guest speaker at today's meeting, and spoke of his unique qualities to lead the School District. Since coming to PBCSD in 1998, he has a profound understanding of school board finances and in-depth operational experience.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

MAJOR CHRISTOPHER KEANE

- Thanked COBWRA leadership for keeping the momentum going during the pandemic.
- Reported that crime statistics remain down for the year. Year to date, stolen vehicles are down 40%.
- The Criminal Justice Academy at Santaluces High School has been very successful and helpful in teaching students personal and leadership skills.
- Traffic issues continue to be a problem and focus for the department.
- A lot of activity is expected on Halloween; additional personnel will be on duty.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND – Reported by Beth Rappaport

- Fire safety week just passed - make sure you change your smoke detector batteries and replace any smoke detectors completely if they are over 10 years old.
- Two great videos from PBCFR were in COBWRA newsletters and posted to our Facebook page. Please watch – it might save a life.

SPECIAL REPORT– UPDATE ON THE AG RESERVE WORKSHOP - PATRICIA BEHN, DIRECTOR, PBC PLANNING

- Ag Reserve Workshop on Tues., Oct. 26 at 9:30 am at 301 N. Olive Ave, WPB. The meeting can be viewed live on Channel 20 or Facebook. It will include presentations on the history of the Master Plan, the bond referendum, density, preserves outside the AGR Tier, and agriculture across the County. Currently, of the 22,058 acres in the Ag Reserve - 6,831 have been approved for residential & non-residential usage; 12,808 have been preserved; 638 are designated "other uses" (canals, etc.); and 1,781 acres of remaining lands. For more details go to: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/pzb/planning/Projects-Programs/Agricultural-Reserve.aspx>

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- Announced our new member directories are now available. The first distribution event was held Sat. night at the COBWRA sponsored Nostalgic America concert, at Canyon Town Center. The next events will be Thurs, Oct. 21, between 10:30 - 11:30 am and Fri, Oct. 22, between 2 - 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the Post Office located on the SE corner of Jog Rd. and Boynton Beach Blvd. Look for a black SUV with a COBWRA banner. The next pick-up date after this week will be the Nov. 20 Nostalgic America Concert at Canyon Town Center. Please designate ONE delegate from your community to pick up, who is comfortable delivering directories within your community. It is a great resource, and among many other things includes our 2022 meeting calendar.
- COBWRA and our member communities have been working diligently this past month to prepare for the Ag Reserve workshop. We will be issuing an Ag Reserve "Call To Action" shortly. Please watch your email to support the Ag Reserve.
- Upcoming committee meetings include: Education, Tues, Oct 26, 4 pm; Government Affairs, Wed, Oct 27, 9:30 am; Water & Wetlands, Mon, Nov 1, 10 am; Communications Networking, Tues, Nov 2, 2 pm; Transportation, Thurs, Nov 4, 11 am; Health & Wellness, Tues, Nov 9, 12 noon; Safety & Security, Wed, Nov 10, 9:30 am. The committees are open and accepting new members. Email info@cobwra.org for the Zoom links.
- Save the date for live music with the PBC Parks & Rec Depart. and Nostalgic America at Canyon Town Center - Nov 20 and Dec 18. COBWRA is a proud title sponsor.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: "State of The District"

Presented by Michael J. Burke, Superintendent, The School District of Palm Beach County

The School District of PBC is the 10th largest in the country offering 335 choice, career and technical education programs across 124 campuses. The District offers 37 advanced placement courses with 28 dual languages schools serving 167,378 students in 179 schools having a 2020 graduation rate of 94.4%. Three new schools will be opening in the next two years: a middle school next to Sunset Palms Elem. in Aug 2023, an elementary school in Boca Raton in Aug 2022, and a high school in West Lake Worth on Lyons Rd. in Aug 2023. He thanked COBWRA for its support and spoke of how the one cent sales tax, passed by referendum, and the increases in the millage rates have helped provide additional services, upgrades in technology and buildings, and additional staff. The American Rescue Plan helped expand student access to technology and infrastructure improvements to the District. Stay informed at - palmbeachschools.org

Next Meeting: November 17, 2021 • 9:30 AM

Happy Halloween! Highlights by Bruce Brodsky, Cheryl Dodes and Debbie Murphy

