ELECTED OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS
- Reported that as of 11:59 PM last night, Palm Beach County mask mandates have been lifted for all County buildings. The mandates are still in effect for places such as the airport, or buses, which fall under Federal or State jurisdiction.
- She will meet with any HOA or organization interested in discussing the future of the Ag Reserve.

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL
- Confirmed that the School District of PBC Board Member boundaries will not change.

FIRST RESPONDERS’ REPORTS

PBISO LIEUTENANT NICHOLE ADDAZIO
- Explained that over-all crime statistics remain down, but vehicle burglaries are up. Be sure to secure valuables and packages in vehicles, so they are out of sight, especially during the holiday season.
- PBSO is seeking education volunteers to work with kids in the PAL Program.
- Announced the upcoming Shredding Event on January 8 from 8-12 at Park Vista High School.
- Lt. Addazio can be reached at 561-688-4863.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND
- Reported the five stations within the COBWRA area responded to 1,843 calls during October.
- Groundbreaking for the newest station located at Military Trail and Le Chalet Blvd. occurred this past week and should open within one year.
- Be cautious with kitchen fires; have a fire extinguisher close by and know how to use it. Do not store flammable items in the oven or on the stove.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE
- The School District was proud to observe Nov. 8-12 as Holocaust Education Week. Holocaust Survivors will be visiting certain campuses to share their experiences.
- November 8-12, schools celebrated National School Psychology Week to highlight the important work done by school psychologists that help students thrive.
- The PBC School Board approved financial incentives for District employees, in an effort to attract, retain and thank personnel for their service during the pandemic.
- The 2022-2023 Choice and Career application window is open. Performance based schools deadline is Dec. 10.
- Parent Opt-Out from Masks has resumed as of Nov. 8.
- The Health Care District is offering the Pfizer COVID-19 mobile vaccination clinic at select locations throughout the District.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT
- The next Directory pick-up event will be this Saturday, Nov. 20 from 6-7 PM at Canyon Town Center. Please designate ONE delegate from your community to pick up who is comfortable delivering directories within your community.
- COBWRA attended a day long workshop regarding the future of the Ag Reserve. Thank you to everyone who participated in our Call-to-Action leading up to the event. No votes were taken at the workshop. It is available for viewing on Channel 20. The time allotted during the workshop was not enough to express COBWRA’s opinions, but The Palm Beach Post provided an Op Ed piece to COBWRA allowing us to more fully express our positions. An Ag Reserve related water workshop is being held on December 15.
- Be sure to attend next month’s Delegates meeting as there will be an important presentation from the Government Affairs Committee about COBWRA’s legislative priorities.
- We will have the demographic trend results for the COBWRA area from the 2020 Census shortly.
- Upcoming committee meetings will be posted to our Facebook page. These committees are open committees and are accepting new members. Please email info@cobwra.org for information.
- Save the date for live music with the PBC Parks and Rec Department and Nostalgic America at Canyon Town Center to be held Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 2021, at 7pm. Arrive early and bring chairs and picnic items. Some great bands are booked, and COBWRA is proud to be a title sponsor.

FEATURED PRESENTATION: “The Volen Center – Together We Make Community Happen” Presented by John Sawdon, Outreach Coordinator, The Volen Center
- An overview was given of the history of the Volen Center, and the services provided including Adult and Alzheimer Day Care, transportation to doctor’s offices and shopping, emergency financial assistance for utilities, a lunch program, interaction between young children and older adults through the intergenerational program, and caregiver support.
- For additional information on services provided and volunteer opportunities, call 561-395-8320, or go to www.volencenter.com.