

DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • December 15, 2021 • VIA ZOOM

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL

- Thanked COBWRA's Legislative Affairs Committee for supporting legislation that encourages increased funding for schools and support services, and for opposing legislation that would undermine "home rule."
- She is looking forward to having a public meeting about the future Canyons Middle School.

FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS

PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN

- Reported that PBSO is working with families to provide gifts for kids for the holidays (Shop with a Cop).
- A meeting was held with President Rappaport and School Board Vice-Chair Karen Brill regarding school related traffic congestion issues.
- Shredding event on January 8 from 8-12 at Park Vista High School. Lt. Addazio can be reached at 561-688-4863.
- Please lock cars. Communities, gated and non-gated, are being struck by a group of persons on bicycles burglarizing cars. Some arrests have been made, but the group remains active.

FIRE RESCUE BATTALION CHIEF PETE HUND

- All stations showed increased calls for the year, including a 20% increase in auto accident calls. The top five most responded calls (from most to least) were for: generalized illness, falls with injuries, breathing problems, fire alarm responses, falls with uninjured persons.
- Stations are collecting "Toys for Tots" for the holidays.
- The newest station located at Military Trail and Le Chalet should open in 2022.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - BETH RAPPAPORT ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE

- Schools will be closed from Dec. 23 – Jan. 3, 2022.
- The winter diagnostic window will take place between Jan. 5 and Jan. 24.
- Principals and staff participated in pre-Thanksgiving meals distribution.
- A FY23 Budget Workshop, held on Dec. 8, covered updates on the American rescue Plan, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, and the FY23 budget development and timeline with budget adoption on Sept 7, 2022.
- Nominations are open for the William T. Dwyer Excellence in Education Awards. Nominations must be submitted online by 5:00 PM on December 17, 2021.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT – STEVE WALLACE, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

- Reported that three representatives from COBWRA will attend "Palm Beach County Days" scheduled for January 11-13, 2022.
- The GAC, COBWRA Board and Delegates approved the legislative priorities focused on issues related to protecting wetlands and the Everglades, providing sufficient funding for public schools, fair distribution of State funding to PBC, maintaining "home rule", and capping insurance premiums and surcharges.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – BETH RAPPAPORT

- An Ag Reserve proposal is being discussed at the PBC Commission meeting today. The idea is a land swap, which would transfer development rights from Indian Trails Grove, outside the Ag Reserve, resulting in 1250 more residential units in the Ag Reserve, west of Boca Raton and Delray Beach. This is a departure from the "water workshop" which was expected this month. Water quantity and quality are some of the many moving parts of this proposal. COBWRA representatives are present at the Commission meeting to see presentations, learn details, and hear next steps.
- We are starting to receive the demographic trend data for the COBWRA area from the 2020 Census. The area has grown to nearly 140,000 people and 65,000 rooftops. We look forward to additional details, including student data. While our School Board representation will remain unchanged, we will be gaining two additional Commissioners for the COBWRA area. Our northwest corner will now be part of District 6, currently represented by Commissioner McKinlay and our central northern boundary will now be part of District 2, represented by Commissioner Weiss. COBWRA will now be represented by 5 of the 7 commissioners.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION: "Green Cay Phase 2 Update"
*Presented by Todd Bonlarron, PBC Assistant County Administrator and Ali Bayat, P.E., PMP, Director, PBC Water Utilities***

- The Green Cay expansion will include a new 63-acre recreational park with spring-like water, enhanced educational opportunities, and a water purification facility which is scheduled for completion in 2024.

