

**DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 • BANYAN SPRINGS**

**HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – BANYAN SPRINGS**

- Ellen McLynch, POA Secretary, welcomed delegates to the community on behalf of Howard Wein, POA President. Banyan Springs generously sponsored the meeting breakfast.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**SENATOR LORI BERMAN**

- Announced the statewide, month-long Gas Sales Tax Exemption beginning October 1, 2022. It will save consumers nearly \$.30/gallon.
- The office staff is prepping for the new legislative session and is looking for ideas for potential legislation.

**REPRESENTATIVE KELLY SKIDMORE**

- Suggested people pay attention to current affairs when voting in the General Election.

**COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS**

- Announced that the BCC has postponed the land swap requested by GL Homes until May 2023.
- She is sponsoring a Veterans Benefit Fair on Wed., Sept. 28, 2022 from 9:30 am - 12 noon at the South County Civic Center. Call 561-355-2205 for information or if Palm Tran transportation is needed.

**SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR KAREN BRILL**

- Is pleased that a tentative 3-year agreement has been reached with the PBC Classroom Teachers Association.
- Thanked COBWRA for support of the School District.

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN**

- District 6 activities include the *In Jacob's Shoes* drive to provide shoes for students in need, partnering with *Restoration Bridge* to collect food during September's Hunger Awareness Month, and concentrating on traffic safety since school is in session.
- They are looking for academic tutors to help kids in after school programs in the Police Athletic League.
- Warned everyone, especially those driving trucks, to park in highly visible areas due to the trend of stealing of catalytic converters from vehicles.
- Thanked PBCFR District Chief Stansbury for an excellent presentation at the last COBWRA Safety & Security meeting.

**PBCFR DISTRICT CHIEF BILL STANSBURY**

- Reported that the 9th fire station in Battalion 4, located at Flavor Pict and Lyons Road, will be working out of a trailer beginning in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023.
- Battalion 4 responded to 3,100 calls last month.
- Noted we need to remain prepared for hurricane season.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – STEVE WALLACE ON BEHALF OF MICHAEL J. BURKE**

- The District has expanded its partnership with Palm Beach State College to better prepare students for careers in cybersecurity and information technology.
- Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated with campus events from September 15 - October 15.
- The Department of Adult and Community Education has brought back apprenticeship education through a partnership with Independent Electrical Contractors.

**APPRECIATION AWARD**

- President Steve Wallace presented an appreciation award to Eric Call, Director of PBC Parks and Recreation, who is retiring after 39 years of service, for his outstanding commitment to the residents of Palm Beach County and especially for his assistance in developing the Canyon District Park. The county has 107 parks, covering 9,000 acres, and is the 11th largest parks department in the country and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Florida.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE**

- Consideration of the land swap was postponed until May 2023.
- PBC had two new land use designations for the Ag Reserve: Essential Housing which increases density and Commerce Future Land Use (FLU) designation.
- This Saturday, September 24 there are two events: 9 AM Groundbreaking for the new PBC Library on the former Canyons soccer field, and at 10 AM the Grand Opening for Phase I of the new Canyon District Park.

**GUEST SPEAKER – DOROTHY JACKS, PBC PROPERTY APPRAISER: "Property Tax Update"**

Ms. Jacks reviewed the statistics within "COBWRA By The Numbers", regarding the COBWRA geographical area as it relates to parcel counts, total market value, taxes paid by COBWRA communities, market value and makeup of property type, and how those items relates to other areas of the County.

**GUEST SPEAKER – JAY BOGGESS, CHIEF OF STAFF & HEATHER FREDERICK, CFO, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PBC: "2022 School District Ballot Referendum"**

Mr. Boggess and Ms. Frederick reviewed the District Mission Statement and stressed the need for the District Ballot Referendum. With the voter's approval, in the General Election, the Referendum will be a continuation of the previous 2018 authority to levy 1.00 mills of ad valorem millage for operational needs to fund school safety, school police, mental health services, arts, music, physical education, career and choice program teachers, along with improved teachers pay. The monies raised in PBC by this will stay in PBC. For more info go to: [StrongSchoolsPBC.com](http://StrongSchoolsPBC.com)

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**Next Meeting: October 19, 2022 • 9:30 AM**

**In-person at Valencia Bay**

*Highlights by Bruce Brodsky and Debbie Murphy*