

**DELEGATES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS • AUGUST 16, 2023 • THE GROVE**

**HOST COMMUNITY WELCOME – THE GROVE**

- Carol Wexler, The Grove, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Delegate, and HOA President Marvin Rosenthal, welcomed all and thanked COBWRA for its support.

**BREAKFAST SPONSORS**

- Lon Stengel of ProGreen Services, LLC spoke about the family-owned, full-service landscaping company. Josh Hopfer and Adele Norman were also in attendance to answer questions.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

**CONGRESSWOMAN LOIS FRANKEL**

- Reminded everyone to re-register for Vote-by-Mail.
- Spoke of the capping of insulin medication at \$35 per month, and that hearing aids are now available over-the-counter. Medicare will soon have the authority to negotiate prescription drug prices.
- Federal grant monies are being used for a Fall Prevention program in September at the South County Civic Center.
- Federal programs and/or tax credits are available for energy savings items such as electric vehicles, solar panels, and high efficiency home air conditioners.
- Reach out to her staff for help with White House Tours, passports and other assistance.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE KELLY SKIDMORE**

- The State Legislative Committee meetings restart in September; the annual 60-day Legislative Session will begin in January 2024.
- She and her staff are there to help.

**VICE MAYOR MARIA SACHS**

- Infrastructure needs to be in place before more housing or mixed-use development is approved. She will not vote for any new development on Lyons Rd, until the road has been widened.
- She strongly encouraged everyone to attend the BCC meeting on October 24, when they will be voting on the GL Land Swap. Contact the other commissioners, voicing your opposition to the proposal.

**FIRST RESPONDERS' REPORTS**

**PBSO CAPTAIN SHAWN EASTMAN**

- Over 1000 kids received back-to-school supplies, including backpacks and socks, through the PBSO Community Policing Unit.
- School traffic issues are being addressed but are better than years past.
- Reminded everyone to lock their cars and never leave keys or fobs in the vehicles.

**PBCFR DISTRICT CHIEF BATTALION #4 BILL STANSBURY**

- The new temporary station on Flavor Pict & Lyons Roads should open in October.
- Battalion #4 responded to about 3000 calls in July.

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

- Two new state-of-the-art, local schools opened last week. Dr. Joaquin Garcia High School, the first new PBC high-school in 20 years, is serving 1,729 students, while the West Boynton Middle School welcomed 650 students.
- The District purchased 60 new marked security vehicles bringing the total to 187 district-wide.
- The District's new Universal Student Photo ID program was implemented and is required for all Pre-K- through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER – ISOLA BELLA**

- Daniel Hall, president of Isola Bella, accepted the COBWRA notebook after being approved by the delegates as the 107<sup>th</sup> member community.

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT – DAGMAR BRAHS**

- Presented the Court Daycare Center project, located on 8.9 acres south side of Hypoluxo Rd, between Lawrence Rd and South Military Trail.
- The center will have 8 classrooms for children ages 2-4, and will operate M-F, 7 am – 6 pm.
- Delegates unanimously passed the following:  
**Motion: COBWRA recommends to Palm Beach County approval of the Court Daycare project as presented.**

**2023-2024 DIRECTORY – DEBBIE MURPHY**

- The new COBWRA Directory was available at the June and August meetings. Contact Debbie Murphy to arrange for pick-up.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – STEVE WALLACE**

- Gave delegates his cell number – call with questions/ concerns or creative ideas for common issues such as property insurance.
- Stay tuned for COBWRA's initiative against the GL Land Swap; we are committed to Preserving the Ag Reserve!

**FEATURED PROGRAM – "State of the Tax Collector's Office!" presented by Anne Gannon, PBC Tax Collector**

The Office mails, collects and distributes tax bills and funds, provides driver road and written tests, ID cards, registers vehicles, and handles Florida and Out-of-State title transfers. Ms. Gannon discussed the Tax Season, Tourist Development Tax, Short Term Rentals, and Tax Collector Office accomplishments. Help can be obtained through [www.pbctax.com](http://www.pbctax.com) or calling (561) 355-2264.

**THANK YOU,  
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**ProGreen Services, LLC**

**Next Meeting: September 20, 2023 • 9:30 AM**

**In-person at The Cascades**

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