

McKinlay Memo - District 6 Update

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National Association of Counties Conference

This past weekend was special. I attended my final National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference and addressed a thousand of my colleagues from across the United States for the last time.

NACo has meant so much to me. The opportunities and learning experiences I gained have helped me grow as a person and elected official. During my NACo participation, I served as one of three Florida commissioners on the Board of Directors and as the Chair (and Vice Chair) of the Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Committee, the first woman and Floridian to do so. I also served on the Rural Action Caucus and the NextGen Committee Board of Directors, and served as President of the Women's Caucus. I met wonderful people, learned from them, and brought that knowledge back to help me serve my constituents.

I'm also proud to have introduced important policy positions that are now part of the NACo permanent legislative agenda platform, including language on sober

homes, human trafficking, farm-to-market roads, alternative energy, and farmer/rancher suicide prevention.

At the NACo Conference, I'm also excited to share that the Palm Beach County Community Services Department received the "Best in Category" Financial Management Achievement Award for its prevention of improper client assistance payments. I'm proud of County leadership and staff for their outstanding stewardship of these funds!





Lasagna Love

In recognition of National Lasagna Day, the Palm Beach County Chapter of Lasagna Love partnered with my office to deliver 40 families in the Glades with dinner on Monday, July 25th. Lasagna Love is a nonprofit organization that seeks to positively impact communities by providing lasagna dishes to families in need. It was started at the beginning of the pandemic when the founder of Good to Mama was looking for a way to help moms in her community. Families received lasagna, salad, apple juice, and dessert.

I want to thank all of the volunteers for the wonderful difference you made for these families!



Primary Election - August 23rd

The Primary Election is on August 23rd! The Supervisor of Elections wants voters to know there are three easy ways to vote: vote-by-mail, early voting, and on Election Day.

Important dates and deadlines:

The deadline to register to vote or change your party has passed: the deadline was July 25th.

The deadline to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you is 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2022.

Our Main Office must receive your Vote-by-Mail ballot by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

Early Voting is available from Saturday, August 8, through Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If voting by mail, you can also drop your ballot off at any of the four Supervisor of Elections offices during office hours:

- Main Office, 240 S. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
- West County Branch Office, 2976 State Road #15, 2nd Floor, Belle Glade
- North County Branch Office, Northeast County Courthouse, 3188 PGA Blvd, RM

#2401, Palm Beach Gardens

- South County Branch Office, Southeast PBC Administrative Complex, 345 S. Congress Ave., RM #103, Delray Beach

Sales Tax Holiday!

The 2022 Back to School Sales Tax Holiday is underway through August 7th! For additional information on this and other sales tax holidays, visit the [Florida Department of Revenue](https://www.floridarevenue.com/backtoschool).



Back to School 2022 Sales Tax Holiday

ITEMS EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX:

- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles selling for \$30 or less
- Most school supplies selling for \$50 or less
- Clothing, footwear and accessories selling for \$100 or less
- Computers and accessories (when purchased for non-commercial and personal use) selling for \$1,500 or less

July 25 - August 7

Visit [floridarevenue.com/backtoschool](https://www.floridarevenue.com/backtoschool)



Air Conditioning Replacement Program

PBC Community Services to Offer Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Program to Homeowners

The Crisis Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Program, through LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program), is working to assist low-income Palm Beach County homeowners in need of replacing their home's HVAC system, with assistance up to \$15,000. This money can be used to replace their home cooling system.

Clients must be income-eligible, live in Pam Beach County, and are required to show that they are in a crisis situation. Completed applications must show one or more of the following:

- The HVAC system no longer cools
- HVAC unit is 10 years or older

- Proof of high energy bills
- Proof of life threatening environment via a doctor's statement

For program guidelines and to apply for assistance, please visit <https://www.utilityassistancepbcc.org/> or call 561-355-4792.

Housing Assistance Programs

Palm Beach County's Department of Housing and Economic Development (HED) announces the availability of funding for the following programs:

HOME Investments Partnership Program – Funding Allocation of \$1,800,000:

First Time Homebuyer Program – through ***August 22, 2022 at 11:59pm (or until 40 applications have been submitted)***. Funding will assist income eligible first-time homebuyers with gap financing, lot acquisition, down payment, closing costs and/or rehabilitation, to purchase a new or existing home. Applicants are required to attend a Mandatory Orientation prior to application submittal. Register now at <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6869720/HED-HOME>

State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program – Funding Allocation of \$500,000:

Foreclosure Prevention Program - *until all funding is expended*. Funding will assist income eligible homeowners who are facing foreclosure due to an unexpected loss of household income.

Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program – Funding Allocation of \$2,100,000:

Mortgage Assistance Program – *until all funding is expended*. Funding will assist applicants impacted by COVID19, to apply for up to \$20,000, in financial assistance to help with paying delinquent first mortgage, escrow payments (PITI), second mortgages, late fees, condominium and homeowners' association payments, special assessments, and other mortgage associated costs related to COVID-19.

NOTE: Applications must be submitted online, and will be processed on a first submitted, first qualified, first served basis, subject to funding availability on the dates noted above by visiting the website at <https://pbccgov.com/HED>.

For additional information, please contact:

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