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FEATURE STORY



[County's First Addiction Stabilization Unit Dedicated](#)

The 10-bed unit at the JFK Medical Center North Campus on 45th Street in West Palm Beach specializes in treating substance use disorders. These are adult patients who will be medically evaluated and stabilized, then brought to the Health Care District's on-campus outpatient clinic to develop a coordinated care plan.

News



[2nd Annual Canned Food Drive for Pets](#)

Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control, in partnership with Palm Beach County Fire and Rescue, asks the public to help feed the homeless pets in the County's only open-admission shelter.



Water Utilities Department Recognized for Design-Build Florida “Project of the Year”

The Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) and Globaltech, Inc. were presented with the award for Best Overall in the Water/Wastewater Category from the Design-Build Institute of America Florida Region (DBIA FL) “Design-Build Project of the Year Awards” for the PBCWUD Optimization and Improvements Continuing Design-Build Contract 2015-2018.



To make sure everyone is getting along, it's important to know the rules of fair housing. It's illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, marital status and gender identity or expression. The

Calling All Entries for Fair Housing Poster, Poem, Essay and Video Contest

Students in Palm Beach County are urged to create a poster, poem, essay or video that conveys the message that it is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing because of race, color, religion, familial status, disability, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status and gender identity or expression. Students may submit only one entry for each category no later than 5 p.m. on March 13, 2020.

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Financial Assistance for Swimming Lessons

The Drowning Prevention Coalition is offering 10 water safety presentations at various locations throughout Palm Beach County during the month of March. Palm Beach County residents who attend just one presentation will be eligible for free/reduced cost swimming lessons for their non-swimming children ages 2-12.

County Awarded Additional \$1.4 Million by MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge to Advance Local Justice System Reform

The Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is the recipient of a \$1.4 million grant by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to continue building on efforts to advance local criminal justice system reform and safely reduce the County's jail population, bringing the Foundation's total investment in Palm Beach County to \$3.7 million to date.

BCC Briefs

At the February 11, 2020, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action.

Things To Do



[4th Annual Outdoor Adventure Day at John Prince Park March 7](#)

Outdoor Adventure Day will be held on Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in John Prince Park's Smythe Pavilion, 4759 South Congress Avenue, Lake Worth. Admission is free..



[Magnificent March at Okeeheelee Nature Center](#)

Okeeheelee Nature Center is operated by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and is located in Okeeheelee Park at 7715 Forest Hill Boulevard, west of West Palm Beach. For more information on Okeeheelee Nature Center and other county-operated nature centers, visit www.pbcnature.com. All programs are by reservation only, unless otherwise stated. Programs require payment at the time of registration/reservation. You can register and pay online at www.pbcparks.com. Please select "Online Services", choose "Register/Pay for Program" from the drop-down menu, click the "Nature" icon, and then search for the program by name. You must login or create a new household account before registering.



[Spring Fling at Daggerwing](#)

Daggerwing Nature Center is operated by the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department and is located in Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park at 11435 Park Access Road, off Cain Boulevard between Glades Road and Yamato Road, west of Boca Raton. For more information on Daggerwing Nature Center and other county-operated nature centers, visit www.pbcnature.com. All programs are by reservation only, unless otherwise stated. Please register online at www.pbcparks.com; under "Online Services" click on Register/Pay for Program, or visit the nature center to register and make payment. All participants are required to sign a Program Participation Form at the start of every program.

For Your Benefit

[BCC Approves Affordable Housing Projects](#)

In its continuing commitment to provide more affordable housing opportunities throughout Palm Beach County, the Board of County Commissioners recently approved several important funding requests.

The board approved five HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) awards to assist in the development of affordable housing totaling \$2.55 million, leveraging \$85.6 million in other funding and resulting in 310 affordable units.

[Update - Palm Beach County Commission Supports Adoption of Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency's Amendment #1](#)

In a 16-5 vote February 20, the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) approved Amendment #1 to its 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Channel 20



[Special Edition](#)

You will know why your participation and response to the 2020 Census is critically important. Accurate Census data equals dollars and is at the center of what determines the level of services, programs and many of the facilities or amenities that Palm Beach County residents and visitors rely on and enjoy every day. Tune in and discover what you need to know to make sure you and all of Palm Beach County is counted!

[Palm Beach Channel 20 Local Programs.](#)

[Channel 20 Monthly Program](#)

Your channel for Palm Beach County programs and services - providing an open window to your county government with live coverage of government meetings and special events and a wide variety of locally-produced programming! A service of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, PBC TV is available on Comcast Cable on channel 20, AT&T U-verse on channel 99 and streamed 24/7 on the county's website, www.pbcgov.com, where you can also watch our latest local programs anytime on demand!

Green Scene



[Mounts Botanical Garden Events in March](#)

Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden will be hosting the following programs and events in March.



[Two Events in March Offering Free Plants and Shrubs](#)

The Native Canopy Education Program (NCEP) is a joint effort by the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management and the Cooperative Extension Service. NCEP will have informational booths at two upcoming public events.

Animal Care and Control

[Check Out Our Featured Adoptable Pets](#)

Our adoption specialists will help match your lifestyle and needs with the dog or cat that suits you best. All animals are adopted to qualified applicants on a first-come-first-served basis.

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