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PLEASE CARRY YOUR PALM GREENS ID CARD AT ALL TIMES



CONDO 1

by Allen Tirone

Hello to All Unit Owners. We are starting to see familiar faces so Welcome Back to All. We are looking forward to a wonderful Fall and Winter



season. As you can see, the paving is taking place in all the courtyards according to the schedule. We had a late start due to the weather and all courts should be completed by the end of November.

You might have noticed that the courtyards are much brighter at night. A lot of work went into this for a more secure and safe feeling. Make sure you keep your cars locked at ALL times. If you have not received your parking stickers, please go to the Condo 1 Office and get one.

We will be having our Annual Budget Meeting on November 18th at 1 PM.

New construction is moving along. Remember that we all voted for this project and we are asking for your patience with the noise, trucks, and dirt.

Wishing you All a Happy Thanksgiving and Good Health to All.

Veterans Day Program

The Palm Greens Recreation Center will hold its annual Veterans Day Program on Friday, November 11th at 10:00AM in the clubhouse ballroom.

Jenna Malone from the Wounded Warrior Project will be guest speaker.

All are welcome to join as we look forward to honoring our veterans.



CONDO 2

by Rob Thom

One of the committees that was established this year is the Electric Vehicle Charging Committee. While we only have a few owners that currently



have electric vehicles - EV, however we all are aware all automotive companies are racing to produce electric vehicles. Florida Statute 718 Condominiums makes it very clear that Associations must allow an owner to install charging capability at their exclusively designated parking area. The statute further states that the costs to install, maintain and operate the electric charging are the responsibility of the unit owner. The statute also states the Association can define the requirements and specifications regarding electric charging in the community.

Our goal: Determine the requirements and specification for a Unit Owner to install a charging station with a focus on the aesthetics of the community as the technology evolves.

The committee: Rich Comins a retired Electrical Engineer, Tony Deniro a retired Electrician and myself a retired automotive Senior Leader. We began meeting via zoom in June and had lots of discussion on the topic over several meetings. I want to thank Rich and Tony for their time and thoughtful contribution on the topic.

There are 3 levels of EV charging: Level 1: 120v household outlet provides about 3-5 miles of range per hour of charge. Level 2: 240v dryer type outlet provides about 25 miles of range per hour of charge. Level 3 – Direct Current Fast Charge provides about 3-20 miles of range per **minute** of charge.

During our research it was noted that 90% of EV owners charge at home and that the most common charger installed is a Level 2. Unit owners will be installing either Level 1 or 2 charging capability, connected to their units' meter, with all wiring running underground to their parking space. We contacted FPL and were assured that they will be able to handle the increase in power requirements as it grows over time.

One question that came up right off the bat was will there be EV chargers at the new clubhouse. We contacted the PGCA and were advised that there is nothing in the development agreement regarding EV chargers. It was also noted that at the time the agreement was

RECREATION BOARD

by Elisse Gaines

A warm welcome back to many of our neighbors, and a big welcome to all the new residents who have moved to our community this year. The turnover this



year has been tremendous. If you are new, we encourage you to visit the Recreation Center and get to know what it consists of. The Rec. Association covers, the clubhouse, pool area, tennis, cafe, etc.

Please join a club or a tennis league or take a class. You can also volunteer to join the Recreation Board, but get involved. We are only a phone call away!

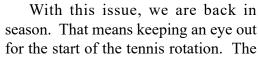
By the time you read this, we expect the cafe to be opened and fully operational. We have a new vendor; however, the same employees from the cafe will be here to greet you. We hope to extend the hours of the cafe as well, and we are working on some additions to make the cafe more enjoyable and active. Stay tuned for more info!

After you receive a grand reopening email, please visit the cafe! For those who are not aware, it is located between the tennis courts and the pool.



FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

by Mel Clapman





tennis office will be open so stop in for more information.

Our search is finally over! We have a new

advertising manager and a new advertising salesperson. They are, respectively, Lisa Defabritiis and her husband, Gerardo. They will both be working with Rhoda Misikoff through this season and then they will be on their own.

The Unit Owners' Office is now open Monday through Friday from 9 to 11am. We are still looking for a "Monday Person", but I'm happy to report we now have four women who answer your calls. They will be ready and happy to help you with issues concerning Pride Air Conditioning. Please note our discount offer is still active. For a one-time payment of \$10, you are eligible for a Pride discount.

Just come to our office, pay the \$10 – cash or check – and we will get you registered with Pride.

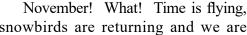
In this issue, we are featuring the construction taking place as we move forward to the addition of Delray Trails to our community. As you might expect, the rumors are flying around and as you might expect, most of them are totally incorrect. There will be articles here about Delray Trails as the construction progresses, but you should check into palmgreenscommunityassociation@gmail. com for updates and more information. If you take a step back and think about it, this project is really interesting. A complete face-lift of what was the golf course. New landscaping. And best of all, a new clubhouse! As you travel around Palm Greens, take a look at what's going on...it's very impressive!

How lucky were we during the hurricane that decimated the west coast? Yes, we caught heavy rain and winds, but escaped the kind of damage we see on Sanibel Island, Fort Meyers, Naples and other towns in that area. The folks at Kings Point experienced a tornado, but the three houses that were hit were owned by snowbirds who were away at the time. The parking lot at the Home Depot – Atlantic and Jog – also got hit and we got to see trees that were torn into "toothpicks", but no injuries.

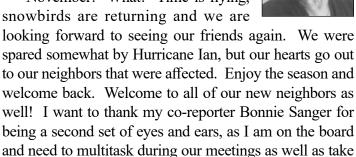
Do you know that Palm Greens has Pickle Ball

ALLIANCE OF DELRAY RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATIONS

by Judy Goldberg



notes. Thank you, Bonnie!



Since so many new people have moved to Palm Greens, we would like to tell you about the Alliance of Delray Mission Statement.

Our Mission is to provide the neighborhood Associations of Delray Beach with a non-partisan, unified front and voice to federal, state and county elected officials for the betterment of its citizens. We also cooperate with these officials to build a community that will serve the best interests of all residents. Areas such as traffic control, road building, traffic lights healthcare, commercial and residential development, emergency medical services, are just a few of the important subjects that the Alliance pursues with government agencies and officials. Each month from October to April, as your representative from Palm Greens, we will report on the meetings of the Alliance through the Pulse, our community newspaper and on the Palm Greens website. Hope that this is helpful and you are welcome to attend any meeting at the South County Civic Center, first Wednesday of every month 9AM. Meeting starts at 9:30AM.

Dr Lori Vinikoor, President of our Delray Alliance opened our meeting and introduced the keynote speaker of the day, Mr. Daniel Listi, the new CEO of Delray Medical Center. He discussed the serious topic of falling, the long waits in the emergency room as well as the Medical Center's Trauma Center, Stroke Center and Cardiac Care Unit. He also discussed the building of Outpatient O.R.s and the current plans for the expansion of more private rooms for patients, as the demand for beds has outpaced the supply.

Questions concerning the Delray Medical Center can be TEXTED to his cell phone which is 979-219-4926. He will be more than happy to reply to any concerns you

THE FOUR SEASONS CLUB

by Eleanor Horowitz

The Four Seasons Club has been working hard all summer to bring you top entertainment: square and



line dancing at our Texas Hoedown, music, the Mexican Fiesta, the July 4th BBQ, exciting Bingo games and motivational speakers. Now our friends from the North are returning. It is time for all of us at Palm Greens to join together for some fun!! We are planning many events this season for your pleasure. Some of the upcoming events will be:

Thursday- November 17th- Hawaiian Luau. Our much-anticipated Hawaiian Luau at poolside featuring entertainment by Hawaiian Island Dancers and dinner

December -Four Seasons Welcome Brunch. Featuring food galore.

We look forward to seeing all of you! Please watch your e-mails, fliers in Clubhouse Lobby and the Four Seasons Website for details and reservation forms. Don't be left out- make sure to get your reservations in timely!

Membership checks are now being accepted for the 2023 season (which is 12 months long). Dues are \$15 per member per year. As most of our events are subsidized by the Club there will be additional charges for non-members at some events. Registration forms can be found in the Clubhouse lobby.

We look forward to welcoming back our current members and to meet and greet the new friends joining us at the Palm Greens Four Seasons Club!!!



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MEN'S CLUB

by Peter Dreifus

We had our first meeting on Sunday, October 9th and it was a huge success with 40 attendees and a terrific entertainer, a lady named



C. J. Bell. She sang all songs from the 50's and 60's and we were singing along and very happy. There will be more attendees from now on as the snowbirds return. Our next meeting is November 13th at 10AM as usual. Our meetings are at 10AM in the clubhouse on the second Sunday of each month and are breakfast meetings with entertainment. The only exception is April. The second Sunday is Easter so the meeting will be on the third Sunday. We happily welcome all Palm Greens men. Our breakfast is a mere \$5.00 and it's good. Hope to see old and new members. Enjoy life to its fullest!

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT...

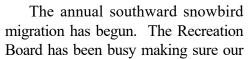
by Mel Clapman

- ...Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- ...It's never a good idea to keep both feet firmly on the ground. You'll have trouble putting on your pants.
- ...Change is inevitable—except from a vending machine.
- ...How do koala bears stop a TV show? They hit the paws button.
- ...I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus, a slice of lime and a shot of vodka.



TENNIS COMMITTEE

by Mark Melnick





courts, along with all our recreation facilities, are in tip-top condition.

Our rotation program will begin on November 4th. All of last season's registered players should have received an email with the current registration form, rules, and instructions. Please return your registration forms when you arrive back to Palm Greens so that you can be included into the Rotation Program. If you haven't received an email or if you wish to be added to our email list please send an email with your contact info to us at tnnscenter@gmail. com. You can also stop down to the tennis office most mornings to register.

For those residents who are unfamiliar with Palm Greens tennis, we offer a rotation program on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from November until May as well as the ability to participate in our events, tournaments, and competitive teams. All you need to do is stop down to the tennis office any morning and sign up and you will be assigned to play on a court with players of similar abilities. Our tennis players are friendly and even helpful!

Our community is lucky to have former USTA ranked pro Oren Motevassel living and playing at Palm Greens. Oren is currently ranked #1 in the world by the ITF in the 55 and over age group. This spring Oren won both the singles and doubles ITF championship and led the USA team to the championship as well. We were fortunate to host the USA team members on our courts during several of their practice sessions. Oren often brings a hitting partner to our courts and we get the chance to observe high level tennis up close. If you are registered in our program, we will send an email when we know Oren will be playing.

Since the Palm Beach Senior League is organizing earlier this year, we will be signing up our teams in November rather than in December. Team players will be contacted by this week with further information. All team players must also be registered with the tennis committee program and are encouraged but not required to play rotation.

Also note that even residents and their guests that aren't part of our rotation program are welcome to use the courts



WOMEN'S CLUB by Steffi Carmel and Roberta Minerva



November is here, and we are ready for the season! The Women's Club has already filled its schedule for 2023 with lots of exciting events.

Our membership chair, Jo Krokus, is preparing a mailing including an application and calendar. The Women's Club membership dues are for January through December 31st 2023.

We are hoping to have a great year! There will be parties and fun things to do. On October 30th, we held the Welcome Back Tea, and it was a great social event seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

The Women's Club tries to reach out to the community in times of illnesses and condolences. Please contact, Beth Saffer, at 585-738-6567, as needs arise.

On November 5th, we will be having a Holiday Boutique Fundraiser poolside. Last year our fundraiser was a great success. This year's event will include vendors, gift baskets, and a 50-50 raffle. The Club will be donating the money raised to Eat Better Live Better again this year.

Please be on the lookout for the December "Welcome Back" membership drive for old and new members.

We are looking forward to our New Year Eve's Brunch being held on December 31st.

Flyers for new events are always posted and available outside the clubhouse entrance, inside the clubhouse, and poolside.

Bunco is back and is being held the 2nd Tuesday of every month starting November 8th. It is a great night to meet new people. The Women's Club is looking forward to seeing everyone!



TIPS FROM OUR TENNIS PRO

by Jim Boardman (USTPA Pro)

The path to better tennis results. Last month I talked about looking for possibilities not problems. Specifically,

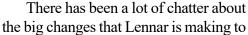


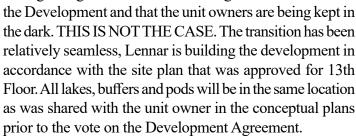
how great players never get overwhelmed by their situations instead they manage whatever situation they're in and learn to see the patterns when they play. They are great at neutralizing their opponent's advantage while maximizing their own advantage. The obvious question is, why don't more players play this way and, more specifically why don't you play that way. Here are some do's and don'ts for becoming a better tennis player.

- 1) Practice situations in your clinics and practice matches until they become instinctive. In tennis, like everything else we do (example driving a car), the more we practice each situation, the more each situation becomes automatic. We understand where we are, where we want to be and most importantly the most efficient way to get there. No need to panic, we've been there before.
- 2) Don't think you're going to win every point and get frustrated when you don't. Even though you play people who seem that they win every point, it's simply not true. What the great players do however is, stay committed to their patterns and plays. They don't beat themselves with loose unforced errors. They stay committed to the principals they've learned in practice and make their opponents earn every point they get. They know that when the chips are down the team with a plan and the consistency to implement that plan will win the big points.
- 3) Constantly gather information about your opponents and their tendencies during a match. There will be subtle differences and nuances to each team's game and being aware of what they're doing can help you be a step ahead instead of a step behind. Everyone has favorite shots and patterns. They tend to use these most often. Identify them and focus on them. Recently my partner and I were playing against a very good doubles team and we noticed that the player on the ad court hit his passing shots down the middle, never down the alley. His shots were very good and we were struggling to figure it out. Once we did, we were better prepared to handle these shots and control the match.
- 4) Don't give too much credit to your opponents. Whenever I teach a clinic no matter where I am, I teach players "the play's", and how to set up points. Invariably

PALM GREENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

by Susan Herman





Per the Development Agreement Lennar will build a new clubhouse, renovate, and expand existing recreation association amenities. In addition, Lennar will build a free-standing maintenance building for Condo 1 and Condo 2, the housing units in Pod A (northside of property, 2 Condo 2 and Pod B (southwest side of property, Condo 1 off Via Aurora). In all likelihood Lennar will eventually own Pod C (southeast side of property, Condo 1 off Via Flora) and build units on that as well.

As we mentioned in earlier correspondence, after the sale of the property from 13th Floor to Lennar, the PGCA and Lennar met to clarify some of the issues in the Development Agreement pertaining to the Clubhouse design. Lennar's interpretation of the Development Agreement needed to be reconciled with the understanding that we had with 13th Floor and the representations made by them to us. For example, the Development Agreement states that there would be "at least four (4) separate administrative offices spaces...". Lennar interpretation was that we needed four individual offices, not area's large enough for multiple offices for each Association. Once clarified, Lennar redesigned the office space to accommodate our needs.

These meetings with Lennar were not to renegotiate the Development Agreement. The Agreement went with the property and Lennar was aware of their obligations under the agreement when they purchased the property. These meetings were to assure that we all had the same understanding of the terms of the agreement.

To clarify any confusion regarding what will be included in the Recreation Campus, below is the actual language from the Development Agreement:

....One (1) resort-style pool of a larger size than the existing pool with a separate lap area, one (1) shallow kids



THE HEALTH ROOM

by Mel Clapman

One of the downsides of entering senior citizenship is losing our physical strength, medical health, mobility and our independence. This is the case with some of our senior citizens living in Palm Greens.

Think about this for a minute. When you finally reach your golden years, do you hope that others will be there to help you? You probably answered with a yes!

The truth of the matter is, there are probably thousands of seniors across the country, if not the world, that need assistance. Many of them have no family or friends available to help them. And that is where you come in.

Here are some ideas on how you can help the seniors in our community.

Meal Delivery: Volunteer with a local meals on wheels program.

Grocery Shopping: Offer to do their grocery shopping.

Medical and Dental Appointments: Take them to their appointments. Many seniors lose the ability to drive safely as they age.

A Day Away From The House. Take them shopping to the local department stores and malls.

If you have a senior neighbor who likes to bake but can no longer deal with it, you can either work with them or make pies, cookies, and cakes for them.

You Can Assist Them With Pet Care...walking the dog, vet and grooming appointments, and picking up pet food for them.

Offering to take them for their hair care appointments every few weeks.

And My Favorite... Your Companionship: Many of our older adults are lonely, and just need a little bit of company. An hour of your time is priceless in the sense of just visiting with an older adult, shmoozing about whatever (God knows there's more than enough to talk about these days!!)

At the end of the day, you will have paid it forward. You'll quickly discover there are many things that you can do to help our adult friends, that don't require a lot of your time. Give it a shot...it could give you a good feeling about helping a neighbor – and a really good feeling about yourself.

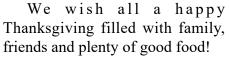
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BOOK CLUB

by Joan Zimmer

There is no Book Club meeting scheduled for November. We meet again on Wednesday, December 7th at 7 PM to discuss THE LATECOMER, by Jean Hanff Korelitz. It's not an easy book to read but it is very well written. If you like to read about complicated family dynamics, infidelity, race, class, religion, guilt, art and real estate, this is the book for you. As of now, we will continue to meet on Zoom. All are welcome. Please send your email to jpzimmer60@msn.

com and we will add you to the list.





TWO PAUL NEWMAN MOVIES YOU NEVER SAW

Sure, sure, you think you know all the Paul Newman movies. "Butch Cassidy", "The Verdict" etc. But there are two movies featuring Newman...as you've never seen him.

One is "Hombre" and the other one is "Nobody's Fool".

In "Hombre", Newman plays John Russel, an Apacheraised white man, who is heading to his destination on a stagecoach with four passengers. Ultimately, the stagecoach is robbed by a gang who leave the passengers stranded and they appeal to Russell to lead them to safety. The rest of the movie focuses on morals and ethics, and the ending will leave you thinking about what people confronted by life-threatening situations do to justify their actions.

"Nobody's Fool" casts Newman as Donald "Sully" Sullivan, a stubborn old curmudgeon, living in the peaceful, snowy northern New York State village of North Bath. He is consistently down on his luck, which worsens when his son and grandson pay him an unexpected visit. His son is a jobless professor at odds with his wife. This movie features players, some of whom you know, and, hopefully, admire: Bruce Willis Melanie Griffith, Philip Bosco, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, and in her last movie, the incomparable Jessica Tandy.

Virtually, everyone loves Paul Newman, and with good reason. If you decide to watch either or both of these movies, you get to see Newman in roles that will surprise – and impress you.

Enjoy!

POINT OF INTEREST FOR PALM GREENERS

by Mel Clapman

I thought we should start the new season by by-passing a specific location and focusing on an unusual way to get to some interesting locations. So, all aboard on the **Florida Tri-Rail!!**

The Tri-Rail is a commuter rail line linking Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. The **Tri** prefix in the name refers to the three counties served by the railroad: Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade and is managed by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA). The line is now wholly owned by the Florida DOT. It is 70.9-mile-long and has 18 stations along the Southeast Florida coast, connecting directly to Amtrak at numerous stations, and to Metrorail at the Tri-Rail and Metrorail Transfer station and at Miami Intermodal Center. In 2021, the line had a ridership of 2,800,100, or about 11,200 per weekday.

After a 25% fare increase in mid-2009, annual ridership dropped by 15% (about 600,000) in 2010. However, in 2011, Tri-Rail again saw increasing ridership due to sustained high gas prices, averaging about 14,500 riders per weekday by the end of year. Throughout the year, ridership increased at a rate of about 11% per month, paired with a decline in automobile travel and an increase in employment, with 285 companies and 2,829 individuals joining in the discount program.

What we are suggesting here is if you are looking to take a day trip without bothering with the car, and you're looking to keep it local...but would like to make it interesting...what could be better than hopping on a train that drops you off at three great towns with must-see attractions. Those towns are West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach. All stations are conveniently located to their respective towns and by doing your research, you can make a productive and worth-while day of your mini-excursion.

Fort Lauderdale Bicycle Beach Tour — Pedal your way past the white sand beaches, noteworthy houses, and lush parks of Fort Lauderdale on a 2-hour small-group bike tour. Offered once in the morning and twice in the afternoon, the sightseeing excursion can easily accommodate any vacation schedule. Follow your guide up Ocean Drive and enjoy engaging commentary and photo opportunities along the way. Two-hour duration. 220 SW 3rd Ave.

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So take a good look at what's going on at Palm Greens. We are building a new community! Lots of work to be done before we see anything really meaningful, and as you can see from all the digging, it will take a good number of months of earth work before anything concrete happens. In the meantime, the PGCA is working with Lennar Development Company on several issues pertaining to the Recreation Campus and new clubhouse, and we will give you updates as they take place.























When you look around here what you see is a steady, entertaining array of activities. Some of the most recent events are shown here. But...as we go through the season you can look forward to a variety

of interesting activities, including a holiday boutique fundraiser, a New Year's Eve brunch, a Girl's Night Out cruise, and others. Check your email blasts and The Pulse for more details.











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WE HAVE AN AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST

by Rhoda Misikoff

You never know the talent that lives among us until one day, a very public expression of that talent is made available to all. You are also rarely aware of the challenges our neighbors go through unless you are personal friends.



We have a talented author in our midst with a story about the challenges her dad was going through after he had a stroke.

Jeri Goldstein is the author and she has written a wonderful book that documents her time caring for her dad right here in Palm Greens.

"Stroke Dialogues Conversations with Dad" offers a shining example of how one dad's struggle with Aphasia after an Ischemic stroke, becomes a triumph of love, patience, persistence, and optimism.

The story is told using a series of conversations recounted by the author, from her dad's first days in the hospital throughout his recovery. The conversations are a testament to her dad's determination to make his point, get his thoughts out of his damaged brain and be understood. His progress with his speech gains momentum as the conversations become more complex. They represent a true progression of speech function that so many Aphasia patients experience throughout their recovery. They are often humorous, many times frustrating, but always shared with kindness as her dad is urged to think, remember, and discover the answers he is seeking.

The dialogues are peppered with insights into patient advocacy, support strategies for helping her dad move forward to full recovery, and a sense of upbeat optimism for his ability to regain much of his former self.

Stroke Dialogues Conversations with Dad offers a pathway to humor in the face of a tragic situation. It urges caregivers and loved-ones to pay attention to each bit of conversation and commit to the recovery process with joy and a great deal of patience. Within every challenged attempt to get their meaning across, each stroke survivor struggling with Aphasia has many stories to tell, many memories to recover, many pieces of their lives they are trying to regain.

You are invited to listen carefully to your loved one.

ANNOUNCING A FIRST FOR THE PALM GREENS PULSE...

An Interview with Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector, Serving Palm Beach County

Is there anyone who hasn't received a communication from Anne Gannon? So, we thought it might be interesting to interview this person whose job takes her into our homes and our lives. First, Ms. Gannon, some facts we know about you.



We know that you have a rich and distinguished record of public service in Florida. You currently serve as the Constitutional Tax Collector in Palm Beach County. And when you were elected in 2006, you saw an opportunity to revamp an antiquated bureaucracy into a top-notch customer-focused service agency. We would be remiss if we didn't note that you are the first woman to hold this office.

As past President of the Florida Tax Collectors' Association, you have twice received the Florida Tax Collectors Association's "Excellence and Innovation in Financial Operations" award. You also received the "Excellence in Government Leadership" award from the National Association of Government Accountants and were invited to address the International Deming Research Center at Fordham University about her innovations and quality management. You have received numerous state and local awards for the office's public awareness campaigns and educational publications.

So, let's get down to business.

What exactly does the constitutional tax collector do?

I am the overseer of an independent agency that operates free from the influence of local or state agencies. My office has the privilege and responsibility of collecting and disbursing real estate property taxes, tangible personal property taxes, tourist development taxes, and business tax receipts using the information listed on the annual tax roll, which is provided by the Property Appraiser's Office. In addition, my office offers the following services: driver licenses, Florida identification cards, motor vehicle registrations, which includes commercial vehicles and vessels, and title transfers. For a complete list of all services, visit www. pbctax.com.

How does it benefit the people in your jurisdiction?

With 6 locations throughout the county and over 300 employees, my office is committed to providing exceptional customer service to our clients. We are sensitive to the demands of everyday life and strive to provide effective and efficient service to meet needs. We have expanded our website to include many online services to reduce in-person wait times and introduced our MV-Express self-service kiosks to offer clients the convenience of renewing their motor vehicle registration and receiving their decals immediately. In our fiscal report, made available to the public, we provide detailed information on how the revenue collected by our office is efficiently distributed to fund essential public services, such as education, healthcare, fire departments, and other services vital to the operation of our county.

Our public servitude extends beyond the office. We select two non-profit organizations to support every two years through our Community Involvement Partner program. Every dollar raised and item donated comes directly from employees. We remain committed to fostering positive change by supporting those in need.

Can you tell us about a "highlight" you have experienced on the job?

Getting to know my staff who are so committed to providing excellent service to the public. Most go over and above to provide excellent service.

And a "not-so-great" experience?

The most challenging aspect of my job is the difficulty we have when people do not take the time to understand what documents are required to complete their transactions with our agency. Our website contains all the information that is needed; however, our experience has been that not everyone takes the time to read the information. If they read and come prepared to their appointment, it makes their time in our offices a more pleasant experience and less time consuming for the staff and the client.

What do you do to keep your department motivated?

Our agency provides an excellent learning and support environment for employees. Before they become part of the Tax Collector family, we test potential employees to indicate whether a person demonstrates high customer service standards. Management focuses on programs, training, and benefits to motivate staff. We know that employee health and wellness are important to you, and your wellness initiative at the Tax Collector's Office has reduced the incidence of chronic disease and

maintain a consistent line on escalating health insurance costs. As a result of these efforts, the agency has been awarded the "Fit Friendly Workplace" designation by the American Heart Association.

How does this tie in with Tax Collection?

Healthy employees perform better in the workplace and have healthier relationships with their families. Our health program focuses on decreasing health risks, increasing exercise and eating healthy foods. Our employees have access to a dietitian to assist with their health challenges. Also, we work with our health care provider to provide mental health services to employees seeking assistance

Finally, how would you sum up what your office does that results in benefits to our Palm Greens residents?

Our office provides services for TSA, driver licenses, title and tags, property tax payments, tangible tax payments and collection of tourist development taxes. The efficient collection of these, allow the entities we collect on behalf of, to fund the budgets of government in Palm Beach County. Without this process our taxpayers would be paying each separate government entity.

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being developed and signed in the 2017/18 timeframe, electric vehicles were not a topic like it is today. The EV committee recommends that when the new clubhouse is completed and turned over to the Recreation Association, that some number of Level 3 (Fast) charging stations be installed.

Regarding charging at a unit owners designated space, the committee has detailed the requirements/ specifications and submitted a written recommendation to the Board but the committee has not met in person with them at this point to discuss the recommendation.

Here are 3 key points of the recommendation:

- A unit owner must submit an Architectural Modification Application and receive Board approval.
- An approved Palm Beach County permit is to be included in the Architectural Modification Application.
- Installation must be performed by a Florida Licensed Electrician

Once the Board finalizes the requirements, they will be presented at a Board Meeting.

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courts? There are two and they are located right alongside the satellite pool in Condo 2. Check it out, about 9am, during the week and weekends.

As we go through the season, the Women's Club and the Four Seasons will be hosting events from November through May. More details will be available in each month's Pulse, and we are planning to feature a monthly "events" calendar, as we did in the past.

Finally, the new café should be up and running by the time you read this. Can't wait to try out the new wine and beer bar!

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might have.

Our next speaker was Mr. Brook Little, chief of American Medical Response (AMR) of Palm Beach County. He explained that AMR's primary mission is to supplement ambulance transportation with the Palm Beach Fire Rescue. There are four levels of ambulatory transport.

- 1. Non-medical People using wheelchairs needing transport to and from doctor visits as well as those being discharged from the hospital.
- 2. Basic life support Those that require medical monitoring during transport such as oxygen and airway CPR.
- 3. Advanced life support Has an onboard paramedic that can provide I.IVV. infusions, EKGs and cardiac life support.
- 4. Critical care transport EMTs in vehicle have more advanced training and are capable of attending to patients with specialized needs.

He also stressed that they have direct communication with the Fire Rescue teams to supplement evacuations, deal with mass casualties as well as other emergencies.

Captain Charlie Coyle of the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Department addressed the audience and how his teams responded to the Kings Point tornado disaster and their aid to Florida's West Coast. Eighteen units of 100 fire paramedics were sent to Kings Point and 45 firefighters to the areas affected by the Hurricane Ian.

He discussed the topic of Ischemic Strokes, which occur when the blood supply to part of the brain is blocked due to a clot and oxygen and nutrients are cut off to the brain. He emphasized that the time needed to diagnosis and treat such a stroke is called the GOLDEN 30 MINUTE window.

To this end whole blood, the universal blood donor type O+ is now available in transport instead of waiting to get to the ER.

First Responder, Lieutenant John Wink, talked about Hurricane Ian and the tornado that it spawned which ripped off 11 roofs and damaged 56 units in King's Point and Floral Lakes. He stated that during the Jewish High Holy days, extra security was provided at local synagogues. Also, there is a continued uptick in stolen vehicles due to unlocked cars and key FOBS being left in the cars. Our roads are getting busier and busier which is causing more traffic incidents and crashes. Please be aware of surrounding cars and trucks that are running red lights and stop signs as well changing lanes without proper signaling.

Chief Bill Stansbury of Palm Beach Fire Rescue noted that the fire stations are experiencing higher than normal call volume.

Congresswoman Lois Frankel reported on several issues that she is involved with.

- 1. The Women's Health Protection Act
- 2. Strengthening gun safety laws
- 3. Incentives for Made in the USA products including computer chips.
 - 4. Climate change legislation
- 5. Phase in of prescription drug reform, which will include a \$2000 cap through Medicare and Medicaid.
- 6. The number one injury for people over 65, is FALLING. \$50 billion is the annual cost of caring for the injured. She is working on bringing programs to the area to help with this issue. She showed a short clip of simple exercises for strengthening ankles and legs.

Rep. Kelly Skidmore of District 81 is working on establishing a National Catastrophic Risk Pool. (Similar to the National Flood Insurance program) She explained that insurance rates for a resident in North Dakota could go up because of the Florida disasters. The insurance companies would need to recoup the losses they incurred and raise rates across the board, not just in Florida!!

Commissioner Maria Sachs is developing a plan, which would include a system for a warning and helpline for future tornado incidents.

Vice Chair of the Palm Beach School Board, Karen Brill, reported that the vote to extend the 2018 referendum will be on the ballot. She urges all to vote YES to continue the funding, without any new additional school taxes for art, music, mental health teachers and school security and safety as well as the retention pay and bonuses for Florida

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teachers.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday November 10, instead of Wednesday due to the casting and counting of votes on November 8, Election Day. The Guest speaker will be Josh Gerstin, Esq. and the Topic will be 2022 Legislative and Case Law Update for Florida's Community Associations. The meeting will be held in the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach, across from Morikami Gardens.

Doors will open at 9AM when refreshments are served. The meeting begins at 9:30 and always concludes by 11:30. All are invited to attend.

See you there.

TENNIS COMMITTEE... (continued from page 6)

when they are not in use by the rotation program or teams. There are open courts on a first come/first serve basis most afternoons as well as evenings. Stop down to the tennis courts to check us out and get further information.

Please wear tennis sneakers that are appropriate for clay courts. They must not have deep grooves and should have a herringbone pattern. This is for your safety as well as to prevent damage to our court surfaces. If you aren't sure what is appropriate stop down to the office and check with our pro Jim, myself, or any of the tennis committee members.

Don't forget to sign up for lessons with Jim early in order to get your preferred times. His reasonably priced lesson and skills clinics are just what we need to get a jump start on the tennis season. When not giving lessons, you'll see him on the courts during rotation play as well as team practice giving support and offering tips for improving your play.

See you on the courts!!

TIPS FROM OUR TENNIS PRO... (continued from page 7)

several, if not most of my students, begin to give me hypotheticals of all the amazing things their opponents are going to do to them. Most of these are things that can't and don't happen on a regular basis but understand, you are in control of what happens in your match. They fear the worst and create obstacles that don't exist.

5) Stay disciplined and stick to what you are good at, especially when the pressure is on. Here's a good rule - "Don't go for a shot in a match that you can't make in practice, including practice matches, and don't try them

in real matches until you can perfect them and add them seamlessly to your game. Stick to what your good at and don't look to win with magic shots.

6) Don't get discouraged as you go through the process of becoming a great player. No matter how good you get, you'll always have to deal with ups and downs. The way you handle these fluctuations will determine if you are able to become that player who can play with any partner, be in any situation and compete against all styles while still being successful in match play and thoroughly enjoying every time you're on the court.

Some players see the clouds and storms of the match. Champions see the sun peeking through.

PALM GREENS COMMUNITY... (continued from page 8)

pool, one (1) hot tub of a larger size than the existing hot tub, one (1) café, one (1) library, One (1) fitness center, an administrative area with at least four (4) separate administrative office spaces with conference rooms, one (1) multipurpose office for resident use, a billiards room one (1) renovated shuffleboard area with a minimum of ten (10) lighted shuffleboard courts, a multi-purpose room with a minimum capacity of five hundred (500) persons, landscape entrance features at landscaping at the main entrance to the new clubhouse building, four (4) new lighted tennis courts and nine (9) renovated tennis courts with lighting, four (4) pickle ball and two (2) bocce ball courts.

As to where things stand now, Lennar has advised us that things are moving along as planned and the utilities will most likely have begun before the end of October.

The PGCA is the liaison between the community and Lennar. We can be reached at palmgreenscommunityassociation@gmail.com. We do our best to answer all of your questions but we are volunteers and do not always get to the emails immediately. Often times, we have to reach out to Lennar for information before we can get back to you. **Please be patient.**



POINT OF INTEREST... (continued from page 9)

accessible to scuba divers and snorkelers. Anglers and families flock to the 1,000-foot-long municipal fishing pier, beachside playgrounds, grills and picnic tables. More than 50 local parks for sports enthusiasts or those who have a desire for outdoor relaxation. Local attractions and shopping in Pompano Beach provide myriad entertainment options. Annual special events include a holiday boat parade in December, seafood festival in April, and a fishing rodeo in May.

West Palm Beach – The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts features Broadway-quality musicals and plays. Museums (2), a science enter and aquarium, this is a location that literally has something for everyone.

Best thing is when you finish your day, you just get back on the Tri-Rail and return to Delray Beach...what could be better.

In our next issue, we will be going back to specific locations, but if you do decide to try the Tri-Rail, I hope you have a wonderful time!

WE HAVE AN AUTHOR... (continued from page 16)

By the examples offered here, you are encouraged to ask questions thoughtfully and spend the time necessary to arrive at the sought-after answers. Your loved one's recovery experience depends on your engagement with them and your advocacy for them. **Stroke Dialogues Conversations with Dad** opens your heart and your mind to the possibilities for fully recovering the ability to communicate after Aphasia.

Stroke Dialogues Conversations with Dad by Jeri Goldstein - now available on Amazon.com or at <u>www.strokedialogues.com</u>

Follow the arrows in the parking lot and make sure you are driving in the right direction.

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