

McKinlay Memo - District 6 Update

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Orange Bowl Field Phase II Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, September 10th was a wonderful day for the Glades community. I was excited to join Palm Beach County officials and the Orange Bowl Committee to officially open Phase II of Orange Bowl Field at Glades Pioneer Park. The continued renovation of the park furthers the County's commitment to youth enrichment, sports programming, and facility development.

Phase II commenced in December 2021 and features a new building with restrooms and space for community meetings and health/recreational programming, park furnishing and shade trees.

Phase I was completed in December 2019 and included a synthetic turf field and maintenance, an electronic scoreboard, an entry monument, fencing, walkways and signage. Future plans include a new destination playground, picnic pavilion, grand entry plaza and a vehicle drop off area near the neighborhood center.

Orange Bowl Field is part of PBC Parks' initiative to break down social justice barriers making parks and open spaces accessible to everyone and to be a champion of inclusiveness, fairness, social equity in the Glades Region. The park serves as the playing site for several teams from the Glades Youth Football League, which is a current member of the Orange Bowl Youth Football Alliance (OBYFA). In addition, many current and former NFL players from the area have used the field to conduct youth football camps.

I want to extend a special thank you to Sean Pittman. Sean is a member of the Orange Bowl Committee's Board of Directors and is one of its Past Presidents. I've known Sean for over twenty years, since our days attending FSU. As a member of Palm Beach County's lobby team, he always gives his best effort to help us succeed. But with the Orange Bowl Field project, he poured his heart and soul into bringing it to fruition. Sean makes great things happen, and I offer him my tremendous gratitude for all he does as a friend and professional.





Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month runs from September 15th through October 15th! To celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Hispanic community, the Palm Beach County Library System has put together a wonderful month of programming. To find an event, visit [here](#).



Affordable Housing Approvals

Important housing news! At the September 13th County Commission meeting, the Board approved the issuance of \$20,000,000 in Housing Finance Authority bonds to finance the costs of acquiring, constructing, and equipping a new multifamily housing facility in the Glades--Calusa Pointe II. Located southeast of the intersection of SR 80 and CR 837A, this project will provide approximately 144 affordable housing units!

Also, the Board approved \$10,302,276 in State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program allocations for affordable housing. This funding will be used for purchase assistance, foreclosure prevention, housing rehabilitation, emergency repairs, single family new construction, and the Developer Rental Assistance Program.

Hunger Action Month

At the September 13th County Commission meeting, I presented a proclamation

declaring September 2022 as Hunger Action Month in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach County Food Bank and other food banks are holding several events throughout the month to bring awareness and encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in our communities. I want to thank everyone involved in this effort, including our farmers who provide much of the food that goes to our food banks.

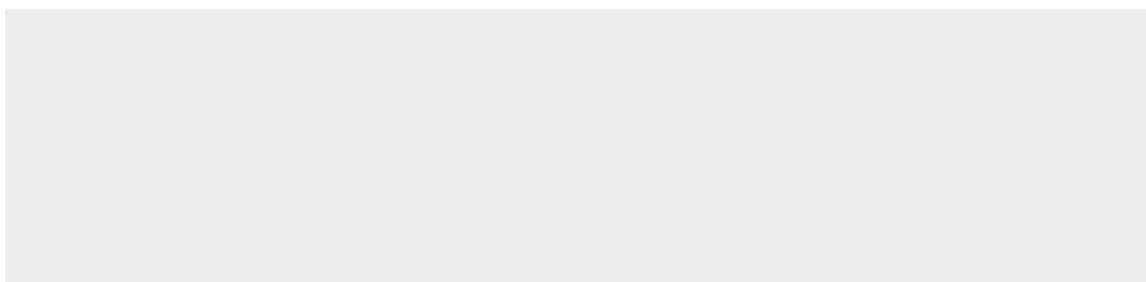


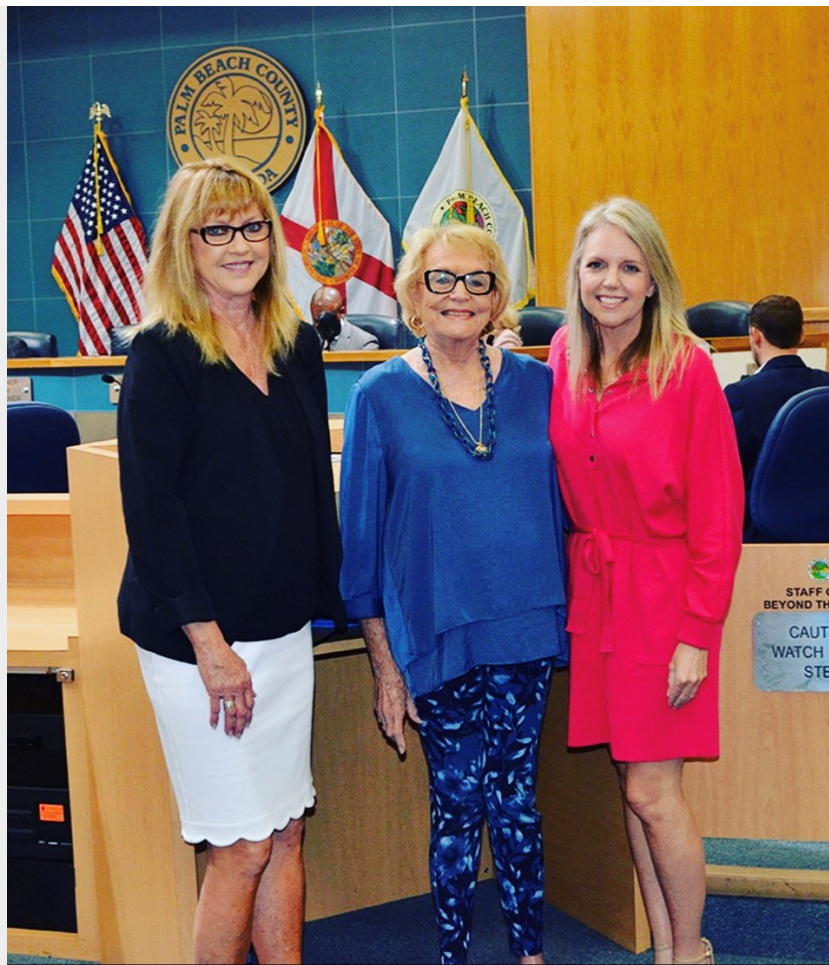
PBC Food Bank CEO Jamie Kendall, Commissioner McKinlay, Geoff Sluggett

Recognizing Past Presidents of FAC

At the September 13th County Commission meeting, I invited former County Commissioners Carol Roberts and Karen Marcus to the podium to remark on what an honor it has been to follow in their footsteps as President of the Florida Association of Counties. The three of us are the only individuals who have represented Palm Beach County as FAC President.

The friendships and partnerships that we have been able to form through the association work is something I will carry with me forever. I thank Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Marcus for letting me be a part of their sisterhood and special club of FAC past presidents.





Commissioner Karen Marcus, Commissioner Carol Roberts, Commissioner McKinlay

Western Communities Road Project Map

For a map of road projects in the western communities/Acreage-region, click [here](#).

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