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# Count·e·News

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Greetings!

**This Edition:** Join us for National Engineers Week! The PBC Tax Collector introduced a new service called Pocketalk, which is now available in all service centers. The Florida 4-H Junior Counselor Program is now open for applications through Feb. 29. *For all of this and more, visit [PBCGOV.com](https://www.pbcgov.com).*

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## Inside PBC News



Welcome to Inside PBC

# Featured



All Palm Beach County Government offices  
will be closed  
Monday, February 19th in observance of  
Presidents Day



# CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Free Event

# Natural Areas Festival

PALM BEACH COUNTY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH  
WINDING WATERS NATURAL AREA  
2:00PM - 7:00PM

FIRE DEMO • SMOKEY BEAR • WILDLIFE PRESENTATIONS • GUIDED HIKES •  
KAYAK TOURS • TRAIL RUN • WILDFLOWER PLANTING • KID ZONE • FOOD TRUCKS •  
NATIVE PLANT VENDORS • SUNSET CELEBRATION & MORE

CHECK OUT EVENT INFORMATION AT  
PBCNATURALAREAS.COM/FESTIVAL OR PBCERM.EVENTBRITE.COM



# LEGENDS ON THE LAWN

Canyon Amphitheater  
Boynton Beach  
7:00 pm | FREE admission!

February 17  
Mary Washington  
Brooks  
*Blues & Soul*

March 16  
North 40  
*Country*

April 20  
Sour Mash  
*Acoustic*

May 18  
Spider Cherry  
*Pop Soul/Funk Rock*

September 21  
Melina Almodovar  
*Salsa*

October 19  
The Flirt  
*Rock/Pop*

November 16  
Fabulons  
*Mowtown/Doowop*

December 21  
Florida Atlantic  
University Band  
*Holiday Special*



**Plant-A-PALOOZA**  
Winter Plant Sale  
Feb 10 & 11, 2024

**Fabulous February  
Is Here at Mounts**



**MOUNTS  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN**  
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

## LET'S TALK TRADES! 2024 JOB FAIR

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

[Click for more information!](#)



## News & Events



### **TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Lane Closure for Water Main Repair on Belvedere Rd. east of Benoist Farms Rd., West Palm Beach**

#### **Water Utilities**

The PBC Water Utilities Department is conducting work on a necessary repair to a water main on the south side of Belvedere Rd., east of Benoist Farms Rd. and west of Pike Rd.

## **Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee to Hold General Meeting**

### **Public Safety**

On Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m., the PBC Local Mitigation Strategy Steering Committee will hold a general meeting of its public and private sector membership. This meeting is open to the public.



## **Pratt Whitney Road Closure for Emergency Drainage Repairs**

### **Engineering & Public Works**

Pratt Whitney Road from Corporate Road N. to Indiantown Road will be closed starting Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024, with 24-hour closure until the road is restored.



## **PBI Has Busiest Year Ever**

### **Airports**

2023 was a fantastic year for Palm Beach International Airport, with record-breaking passenger numbers, national awards and continued growth.



## **Forensic Technology Helps Identify Unidentified Human Remains**

### **Medical Examiner**

The PBC Medical Examiner's Office has been working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Othram Inc. to use forensic genetic genealogy technology to identify unidentified human remains in our care.



## **PBC Awarded Over \$1 Million From the State Resilient Florida Program**

### **Resilience**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection selected PBC to receive a \$1.086 million grant from the FDEP Resilient Florida Program to assist six PBC municipalities with flood and sea-level rise vulnerability assessments.





## **OCR FY-2025 Neighborhood Engagement & Transformation Grants Program**

### **Community Revitalization**

The PBC Office of Community Revitalization is accepting applications for its Neighborhood Engagement and Transformation Grants program.



## **United Way of PBC Seeks 200 Volunteers for VITA Program**

United Way of Palm Beach County's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, seeks 200 volunteers to help provide free tax services.



## **2024 Summer Camp Scholarship Program Parent Applications Now Open**

### **Youth Services**

The PBC Youth Services Department is accepting parent applications for summer camp scholarships through April 12.

## **Parks & Recreation**



## **Youth Activities at the West Boynton Recreation Center**

### **Martial Arts**

Modern Bujutsu (martial arts) program for ages 4 and up teaching karate, kickboxing and arnis.

### **Tiny Tot Tumbling**

Participants will learn to follow, balance, jump, tumble, climb and have fun with Coach Jill from Gold Coast Gym.



## Riverbend Rolls Into February

### **NATURALIST WALKS**

**Fridays, 9 a.m.**

All ages, FREE (Reservations required)



## Okeehetee Nature Center in February

### **LIVE ANIMAL FEEDING PRESENTATIONS**

**Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 3:30 p.m.**

Families/all ages, FREE (No reservations required)



## Spend the Day at Daggerwing

### **ANIMAL FEEDINGS**

**Daily, 3:15 p.m.**

All ages, FREE (Reservations not required)



## Happenings at Green Cay

### **ANIMAL FEEDINGS**

**Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 2:15 p.m.**

Families/all ages, FREE (No reservations required)

## **Cooperative Extension**



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## Mounts To Host Landscape Designer & Butterfly Gardening Expert Pamela Crawford

Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden will welcome nationally acclaimed landscape designer Pamela Crawford on Saturday, March 2, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

## Fabulous February Is Here at Mounts





Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden will host its ever-popular Winter Plant-A-Palooza, plus a variety of fun and informative workshops, classes, and special events throughout February, including several inspired by the current exhibition Origami In The Garden.



## **Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program Accepting Applications**

The PBC Cooperative Extension office is currently accepting applications for the 2024 Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Program.



## **Mounts Announces Grand Opening of Origami in the Garden**

Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden is proud to announce the grand opening of its next major exhibition in PBC's oldest and largest botanical garden, a beautiful 20-acre oasis.

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