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Friends and Neighbors:

We hope you're doing well and enjoying your spring. My team and I have been extremely busy attending events around the district. This past month I delivered several Legislative updates to the cities I represent, attended community events, and met with constituents.

Constituent Services

You may not know, but we have two offices to serve our constituents. Our main office is in Boynton Beach and our satellite office is located in Belle Glade. Some of the issues our office may help you with include unemployment, food stamps, Medicaid, DMV-related matters and many other areas handled by state agencies. Please do not hesitate to reach out to either office. We will be sure to assist you and point you in the right direction.

To schedule an appointment with a caseworker in Boynton Beach, please call my office at 561.292.6014. Our Belle Glade office is managed by Brenda Bryant. Office hours in Belle Glade are held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please call Brenda at 561.873.5090 to schedule directly.

Best wishes,



Lori Berman

Third Annual Space Art Contest



Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez is proud to announce the Third Annual Lieutenant Governor's Space Art Contest. Florida's K-5 students in any Florida school (public, charter, private, home or virtual) may submit an original, two-dimensional artwork. Finalists will win two tickets to the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and two grand prize winners will have their artwork launched into space on an upcoming mission.

For more information about the art contest, please visit:

Legislative & Budget Update

Since our last update, we are awaiting 3 of my passed bills to be signed by the Governor. On April 11th Governor Ron DeSantis signed my bill, HB 937, Purple Alert.

We are currently awaiting budget updates from the Governor. We expect that any day now we will receive a budget veto list from him as well as a signed budget.



Vote-by-Mail Ballots: Information from the PBC Supervisor of Elections

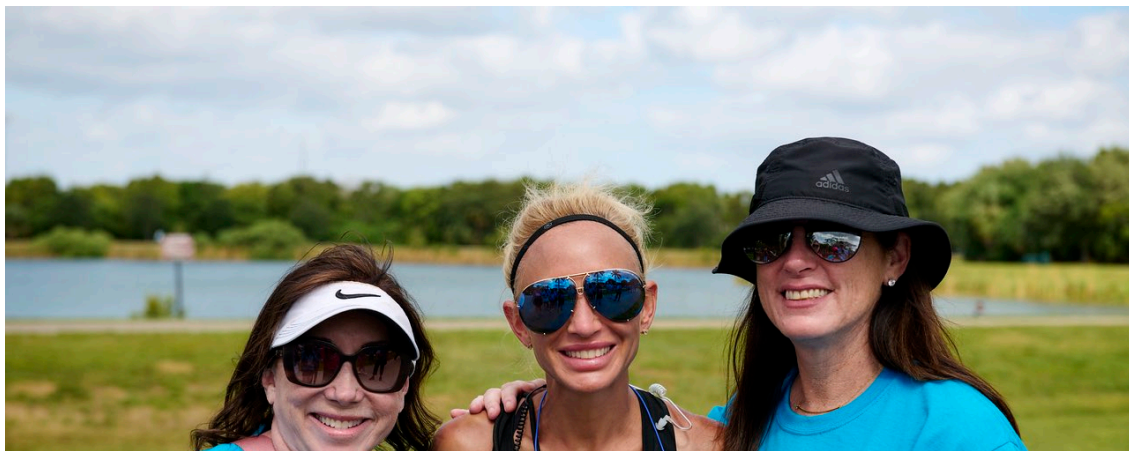
If you received a Vote-by-Mail ballot in 2022 and you have not renewed your request since November 9th, your mail ballot request has expired. New Florida Laws require voters who are interested in voting by mail to request a new mail ballot after each General Election cycle.

If you want to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the 2024 elections, you will need to complete a new [request](#).

There are two upcoming elections in 2024 in which voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot, including a Primary Election on August 20th, and the General Election on November 5th. The Presidential Preference Primary on March 19th will coincide with local municipal elections. If you want to vote by mail for any of these elections, please request your mail ballot today.

WALK IN MY SHOES 2024

On April 9th, I joined my friend and colleague, Leader Lauren Book in Boca Raton for the Lauren's Kids **Walk in My Shoes** 1,500-mile trek across Florida – beginning in Key West and ending in Panama City. Together we walked 3 miles in Boca Raton. We walk during the month of April – National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and National Child Abuse Prevention Month – to raise awareness, educate communities, and empower survivors. Every step counts in the fight to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors heal.





SWA UPDATE: Send Your Middle Schooler to a Weeklong Summer Camp to Dive Into the Wonder of Waste



Summer Program

June 3-7, 2024



swa.org/4r

LEARN MORE

Middle school students are invited to participate in a one-week Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink (4R) adventure into the world of waste. The Solid Waste

Authority of Palm Beach County's 4R Ambassador summer camp runs June 3-7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

Campers will engage in hands-on activities and field trips to learn all about the environment from an integrated solid waste perspective. Activities will include behind-the-scenes access, allowing them to explore:

- a home chemical and recycling center that collects hazardous materials
- a landfill and its planet-protecting construction
- the Recovered Materials Processing Facility (recycling facility), where recyclables are sorted and processed for market
- Renewable Energy Facility 2, where trash is turned into electricity
- a transfer station, where garbage and recyclables are moved from small curbside trucks to larger tractor trailers
- the SWA Greenway Trail System and its wild inhabitants
- community partners, such as Resource Depot, Loxahatchee River District, and Grassy Waters Preserve

After students learn about the concept of "AWAY," they'll graduate as official SWA 4R Ambassadors. With this credential, they're encouraged to teach their family and friends how their waste behaviors can affect our environment.

The program is free; however, we encourage participants to bring an old electronic device to be recycled. Applications are due Friday, May 17, and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students interested in the week-long summer camp must have:

- Completed grades 6, 7 or 8
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (transcript from school)
- Membership in a school club (Environmental, SECME, Garden, etc.) and

a letter from its sponsor

- Recommendation letter from a science teacher

For more information, visit swa.org/4r [swa.org], call 561-640-8949, or email education@swa.org.

Around the District:

What a busy month it has been!

In April, I delivered Legislative updates to Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Wellington, South Bay, Belle Glade, Highland Beach, and the Village of Golf.

I also spoke at the Palm Beach County Economic Council Post Session Delegation update. One of the highlights of my month was visiting the Palm Beach County Sherriff's office new Telecommunications office. It was fascinating to learn more about how dispatchers work.





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