

The Skidmore Scoop

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Greetings from Tallahassee

The House and Senate have passed their respective budgets out of each chamber, triggering what is known as Conference, which is another name for the negotiation process. Conferees will be assigned from both chambers and political parties and they will work to find mutual areas of compromise and agreement over a period many days to finalize the State's funding plan for the next fiscal year. The difference between the two budgets is currently about \$3 billion, so there will be plenty of line item appropriations to discuss, support, and oppose. The entire process must be completed within enough time to be delivered to legislators 72 hours in advance of voting on what will become the final General Appropriations Act, or GAA.

There are just two weeks left in the 2021 Legislative Session.

Vaccination Information

The Health Care District of Palm Beach County opened 20,000 first-dose vaccination appointments for scheduling through Saturday, April 17, 2021 at <http://vaccine.hcdpbcc.org/> for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The website lists the available dates, locations, vaccine brand and eligibility requirements at each of the Health Care District's three mass vaccination sites: South County Civic Center west of Delray Beach,

the Burns Road Community Center in Palm Beach Gardens, and the South Florida Fairgrounds in suburban West Palm Beach. It is essential that individuals follow the state eligibility guidelines when scheduling to avoid being turned away at the sites. Individuals 16 and 17 years old are eligible to self-schedule appointments for the Pfizer vaccine brand only. A parent or guardian must be present at the appointment of those who are 16 and 17 years old.

PBC Youth Services Department Extends Summer Camp Scholarship Application Deadline

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department has extended the parent application period for summer camp scholarships through April 16. The Summer Camp Scholarship Program offers eligible children, ages 5-14 and special populations up to age 17, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer. The summer camp allows parents to work with the knowledge that their children are safe. It gives children educational and recreational opportunities for growth. The scholarship includes all tuition and fees for children residing in families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. The 2021 Summer Camp Scholarship Program is scheduled to begin on June 21. At this time, the only camp option for summer 2021 will be in-person attendance. To access the program's parent application, visit <https://discover.pbcgov.org/youth/>.



This week we had the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy on the house floor

PBC Animal Care & Control Waives Adoption Fees

Palm Beach County's Public Safety Department Divisions of Animal Care and Control and Victim Services has partnered together and will be offering free pet adoptions throughout the month of April. This promotion is to raise awareness about sexual assault, the many services available to victims, and the link between animal abuse and intimate partner violence.

Approved adopters will receive a lifetime of unconditional love and much more. All pets adopted from the shelter are spayed or neutered, current on vaccinations, microchipped, have a current county license tag, and are sent home with a free bag of Science Diet pet food. In addition, pet owners receive a health care certificate worth \$500 in savings for their new pet.

Stop by today to meet your perfect match. Animal Care and Control's adoption center is located at 7100 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach; no appointment needed.

New Boys and Girls Club Facilities in

Belle Glade

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday for the Boys and Girls Club Smith and Moore Family Teen Center in Belle Glade. This brand-new world-class facility will be a game-changer for nearly 300 Belle Glade teens by providing them career opportunities with high-tech labs that include equipment such as 3D printers. This Boys and Girls Club is Palm Beach County's first career readiness center and includes a technology center, a digital media center, and culinary kitchen. The new 13,000 square feet center is located at 341 SW 12th St. The Boys and Girls Club will have a community event on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to recruit more teens in the Belle Glade area.

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