

McKinlay Memo - District 6 Update

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Happy Labor Day

This holiday is an important recognition of the labor movement and the hard work our laborers have done building our country. I appreciate the tireless efforts of our County's workforce. During the rest of my time in office, I will continue working to bring new opportunities and housing to improve their quality of life.

I'd also like to recognize my family roots in the labor movement: my stepfather was a member of the Classroom Teachers Association, my grandfather was a member of the NABET-CWA (National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians), and my great-grandfather and his brothers were machinists who participated in the Yale Towne Strike in Stamford, Connecticut post World War II. I'm proud of these family roots.



Corbett Levee Update

County staff has submitted a grant application through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilience Program to complete the Corbett Levee. The request is for approximately \$7.7 million towards a total project cost of approximately \$16.3 million. Palm Beach County has allocated \$2 million in American Rescue Plan funds that will be used as a match. The remaining match will come from the South Florida Water Management District through in-kind services credits and previous expenditures on this project.

Palm Beach County and the SFWMD are submitting separate but essentially identical applications to this program to allow FDEP the greatest flexibility on funding options given their various sources of funds.

If Palm Beach County is awarded the grant, Palm Beach County will act as the Project Administrator and SFWMD will be the Project Manager, Engineer of Record, be responsible for all permits, and be responsible for the procurement, award, and quality assurance/quality control for all of the construction.

Fire Rescue Recognition

On August 30th, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue was presented with a certificate of recognition for achieving the Class 1 Fire Department rating, the best possible rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Only .01% of fire departments received this honor out of nearly 40,000 that went through the rigorous testing and reporting process! The ISO rates fire departments based on the ability to respond to and prevent

fires.

I am so excited that PBCFR is a member of the elite departments in the nation to hold this distinction. Since the day I became a Commissioner, I have been a stalwart supporter of our brave firefighters, and I will always be proud of their success!



South Florida Fair Scholarship

Applications for the 2023 South Florida Fair Scholarship are now open. Each year, \$50,000 in scholarships are awarded to students who have exhibited a desire to further their education. The deadline to apply is October 18th. Apply [here](#).

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