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# Count·e·News

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Greetings!

**This Edition:** Celebrate the beauty and wilderness of PBC's 31,000-acre natural areas system at this year's Natural Areas Festival. Looking for the paw-fect valentine? Celebrate the month of Love with \$14 adoption fees at PBC Animal Care & Control. Are you ready to take your career to the next level? The next Let's Talk Job Fair will be held March 2. *For all of this and more, visit [PBCGOV.com](http://PBCGOV.com).*

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## Inside PBC News



Welcome to Inside PBC

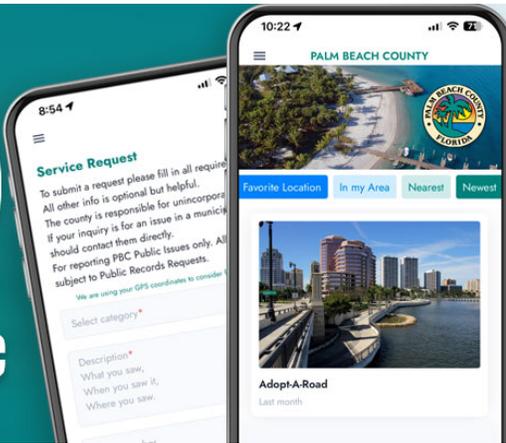
## Featured

Three adoption cards titled "THE PAW-FECT VALENTINE?" are displayed against a pink background with red hearts. Each card features a different animal and a \$14 adoption fee.

- Rabbit De Niro**: Adopt Rabbit De Niro today, and let the journey of love begin!
- Xenna**: Adopt Xenna today, and let the journey of love begin!
- Seymore**: Adopt Seymore today, and let the journey of love begin!

A graphic celebrating Black History Month. It features three young Black children in the foreground against a background of colorful, wavy stripes in shades of green, yellow, and black. The text "CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH" is prominently displayed in white, bold, block letters.

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Free Event

PALM BEACH COUNTY

# Natural Areas Festival

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](http://PBCNATURALAREAS.COM/FESTIVAL) OR [PBCERM.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://PBCERM.EVENTBRITE.COM)



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# 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  
*Movetown/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





February 14, 2024 - Chicago Tribute  
Solid Brass

7:00-9:00 pm  
Seabreeze Amphitheater  
Carlin Park, Jupiter

April 13, 2024 - Doors Tribute  
Doors Alive

FREE  
ADMISSION

## News & Events



### **BCC Briefs for Feb. 6, 2024**

#### ***Board of County Commissioners***

At the Feb. 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the board took the following action on the regular agenda.



### **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.



### **County Career Opportunities Showcased With Local Students**

#### ***Planning Zoning & Building***

The PBC Planning, Zoning and Building Department was well represented at a recent event, providing local high school

students an avenue to explore career opportunities upon graduation.



## **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.



## **Central County Housing Resource Center Ribbon-Cutting**

### **Community Services**

Over 100 PBC residents, community leaders and non-profit partners gathered at the Central County Housing Resource Center at 3660 Coconut Road in Palm Springs to celebrate the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



## **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.



## **New Foster Programs to Pioneer a Community-Supported Sheltering Approach**

### **Public Safety**

The PBC Public Safety Department's Animal Care and Control Division is excited to introduce a series of fostering programs designed to empower the community to make a lifesaving impact on animals in need.



## **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**



## **27th Annual A4AFL-PBC West Festival**

Approximately 150 youngsters from western PBC will participate in the 27th Annual A4AFL-PBC West Festival "Art Under the Sea," on Feb. 15 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at Palm Beach State College Glades Campus in Belle Glade.



## **Indoor Pickleball at West Boynton,**



## Westgate & West Jupiter

Be a part of the national phenomenon inside air-conditioned gymnasiums at West Boynton, Westgate and West Jupiter Recreation Centers.

## **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.



## Okeehelée 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)



## Riverbend Rolls Into February

**NATURALIST WALKS**  
**Fridays, 9 a.m.**  
All ages, FREE (Reservations required)

## **Cooperative Extension**



## **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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