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March 2026



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| SUNDAY         |                          | MONDAY         |                          | TUESDAY        |                           | WEDNESDAY      |                          | THURSDAY       |                          | FRIDAY         |                          | SATURDAY                 |                          |
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| 8:00 a         | PBC Insight              | 8:00 a         | Art of Making Place      | 8:00 a         | Know Your County          | 8:00 a         | Know Your County         | 8:00 a         | Moveable Bridges PBC     | 8:00 a         | Those Who Care           | 8:00 a                   | Adopt A Friend           |
| 8:30 a         | SUNDAY MORNING MTG       | 8:30 a         | Inside History           | 8:30 a         | Destination Recreation    | 8:30 a         | Moveable Bridges of PBC  | 8:30 a         | Adopt A Friend           | 8:30 a         | Hooked On Palm Bches     | 8:30 a                   | Behind The Star          |
| 9:00 a         | REPLAYS AT 8:30 AM       | 9:00 a         | Commissioner Spotlight   | 9:00 a         | BCC LIVE MEETINGS         | 9:00 a         | Commissioner Spotlight   | 9:00 a         | MEETING COVERAGE         | 9:00 a         | MEETING COVERAGE         | 9:00 a                   | Know Your County         |
| 9:30 a         | MARCH 1                  | 9:30 a         | County Connection        | 9:30 a         | MARCH 3: 9:30 AM          | 9:30 a         | Politically Speaking     | 9:30 a         | MARCH 5: 9:00 AM         | 9:30 a         | MAR 6: 9:00 AM (REPLAY)  | 9:30 a                   | County Connection        |
| 10:00 a        | 2/26 BCC ZONING HEARING  | 10:00 a        | Behind The Star          | 10:00 a        | BCC BOARD MEETING         | 10:00 a        | On The Town              | 10:00 a        | ZONING COMM HEARING      | 10:00 a        | 3/05 COMM ON ETHICS MTG  | 10:00 a                  | Hooked On Palm Bches     |
| 10:30 a        | MARCH 8                  | 10:30 a        | Politically Speaking     | 10:30 a        | MARCH 10: 9:30 AM         | 10:30 a        | Florida Crossroads       | 10:30 a        | MARCH 26: 9:30 AM        | 10:30 a        | 3/05 IG COMMITTEE MTG    | 10:30 a                  | Destination Recreation   |
| 11:00 a        | 3/03 BCC BOARD MEETING   | 11:00 a        | Florida Crossroads       | 11:00 a        | BCC BOARD MEETING         | 11:00 a        | Special Edn: Sports      | 11:00 a        | BCC ZONING HEARING       | 11:00 a        |                          | 11:00 a                  | Moveable Bridges PBC     |
| 11:30 a        | 3/05 ZONING COMM HRG     | 11:30 a        | Happenings               | 11:30 a        | MARCH 24: 9:30 AM         | 11:30 a        | Happenings               | 11:30 a        |                          | 11:30 a        |                          | 11:30 a                  | PBC TV Presents          |
| 12:00 p        | 3/05 COMM ON ETHICS MTG  | 12:00 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:00 p        | BCC WORKSHOP              | 12:00 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:00 p        |                          | 12:00 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:00 p                  | Community Bulletin Board |
| 12:30 p        | 3/05 IG COMMITTEE MTG    | 12:30 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:30 p        | Community Bulletin Board  | 12:30 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:30 p        |                          | 12:30 p        | Community Bulletin Board | 12:30 p                  | Community Bulletin Board |
| 1:00 p         | MARCH 15                 | 1:00 p         | Inside History           | 1:00 p         | or Inside History         | 1:00 p         | LIVE MEETING COVERAGE    | 1:00 p         | LIVE MEETING COVERAGE    | 1:00 p         | MEETING REPLAYS          | 1:00 p                   | Special Edn: Film Fest   |
| 1:30 p         | 3/10 BCC BOARD MEETING   | 1:30 p         | On The Town              | 1:30 p         | or Commissioner Spotlight | 1:30 p         | MARCH 4: 1:30 PM         | 1:30 p         | MARCH 5: 1:30 PM         | 1:30 p         | MAR 6: 1:00 PM REPLAYS   | 1:30 p                   | Happenings               |
| 2:00 p         | MARCH 29                 | 2:00 p         | Hooked On Palm Bches     | 2:00 p         | or Hooked On Palm Bches   | 2:00 p         | PBC SCHOOL BOARD         | 2:00 p         | COMM ON ETHICS MTG       | 2:00 p         | 3/03 BCC BOARD MTG       | 2:00 p                   | Florida Crossroads       |
| 2:30 p         | 3/24 BCC WORKSHOP        | 2:30 p         | Know Your County         | 2:30 p         | or Politically Speaking   | 2:30 p         | WKSHP & SPECIAL MTG      | 2:30 p         | MARCH 5: 2:30 PM         | 2:30 p         | 3/05 ZONING COMM HRG     | 2:30 p                   | Politically Speaking     |
| 3:00 p         | 3/26 BCC ZONING HEARING  | 3:00 p         | Moveable Bridges PBC     | 3:00 p         | or Know Your County       | 3:00 p         |                          | 3:00 p         | IG COMMITTEE MEETING     | 3:00 p         | MAR 13: 1:00 PM REPLAY   | 3:00 p                   | On The Town              |
| 3:30 p         |                          | 3:30 p         | PBC Insight              | 3:30 p         | or On The Town            | 3:30 p         |                          | 3:30 p         |                          | 3:30 p         | 3/10 BCC BOARD MTG       | 3:30 p                   | Commissioner Spotlight   |
| 4:00 p         |                          | 4:00 p         | Special Edn: Film Fest   | 4:00 p         | or County Connection      | 4:00 p         |                          | 4:00 p         |                          | 4:00 p         | MAR 27: 1:00 PM REPLAYS  | 4:00 p                   | Outside The Box          |
| 4:30 p         |                          | 4:30 p         | PBC TV Presents          | 4:30 p         | or PBC Insight            | 4:30 p         |                          | 4:30 p         |                          | 4:30 p         | 3/24 BCC WORKSHOP        | 4:30 p                   | PBC TV Presents          |
| 5:00 p         | or Classic Arts Showcase | 5:00 p         | Community Bulletin Board | 5:00 p         | Community Bulletin Board  | 5:00 p         | PBC SCHOOL BOARD         | 5:00 p         | Community Bulletin Board | 5:00 p         | 3/26 BCC ZONING HEARING  | 5:00 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 5:30 p         | or Classic Arts Showcase | 5:30 p         | Community Bulletin Board | 5:30 p         | Community Bulletin Board  | 5:30 p         | MARCH 11: 5:00 PM        | 5:30 p         | Community Bulletin Board | 5:30 p         |                          | 5:30 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 6:00 p         | or Classic Arts Showcase | 6:00 p         | MEETING REPLAY           | 6:00 p         | MEETING REPLAYS           | 6:00 p         | REGULAR SCH BRD MTG      | 6:00 p         | MEETING REPLAYS          | 6:00 p         |                          | 6:00 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 6:30 p         | or Classic Arts Showcase | 6:30 p         | STARTING AT 6:00 PM      | 6:30 p         | STARTING AT 6:00 PM       | 6:30 p         |                          | 6:30 p         | STARTING AT 6:00 PM      | 6:30 p         |                          | 6:30 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 7:00 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 7:00 p         | MARCH 9                  | 7:00 p         | MARCH 3                   | 7:00 p         |                          | 7:00 p         | MARCH 5                  | 7:00 p         |                          | 7:00 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 7:30 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 7:30 p         | 3/05 COMM ON ETHICS MTG  | 7:30 p         | 3/03 BCC BOARD MEETING    | 7:30 p         |                          | 7:30 p         | MARCH 26                 | 7:30 p         |                          | 7:30 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 8:00 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 8:00 p         | 3/09 IG COMMITTEE MTG    | 8:00 p         | MARCH 10                  | 8:00 p         |                          | 8:00 p         | 3/26 BCC ZONING HEARING  | 8:00 p         |                          | 8:00 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 8:30 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 8:30 p         |                          | 8:30 p         | 3/10 BCC BOARD MEETING    | 8:30 p         |                          | 8:30 p         |                          | 8:30 p         |                          | 8:30 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 9:00 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 9:00 p         |                          | 9:00 p         | MARCH 24                  | 9:00 p         |                          | 9:00 p         |                          | 9:00 p         |                          | 9:00 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
| 9:30 p         | Classic Arts Showcase    | 9:30 p         |                          | 9:30 p         | 3/24 BCC WORKSHOP         | 9:30 p         |                          | 9:30 p         |                          | 9:30 p         |                          | 9:30 p                   | Classic Arts Showcase    |
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| 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel      | 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel      | 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel       | 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel      | 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel      | 12:00 - 7:00 a | The Florida Channel      | 12:00 - 7:00 a           | The Florida Channel      |

LEGEND: Meetings Community Bulletin Board Locally Produced Show Show Produced by External Source New Show Classic Arts Showcase

Programs are subject to change.

PBC Board of County Commissioners Meetings are presented live on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. PBC Planning Commission Meetings are presented live on the 2nd Fridays, preempting regular programming on those days. PBC Zoning Meetings are presented live on the 1st and 4th Thursdays, preempting regular programming on those days. PBC Commission on Ethics Meetings are presented live on 1st Thursdays, preempting regular programming on those days. PBC School District Board Meetings and Workshops are presented live on Wednesdays, preempting regular programming.



### Inspector General

March is Ethics Awareness Month. Tune in to PBC TV and Join Host Todd Bonlarron for a one-on-one in-depth interview with Palm Beach County Inspector General John Carey. You'll hear an interesting discussion about the importance of ethical leadership in public services. Plus, find out what changes are coming up within the Office of Inspector General.

Airs Mondays at 4:30pm, Tuesdays at 8:30pm, Wednesdays at 9:30pm, Thursdays at 4:00pm, Fridays at 6:00pm, Saturdays at 2:30pm and Sundays at 10:30am



### New Housing Units

Ribbons are being cut at dedication ceremonies and new housing units are being celebrated in response to the growing need for affordable housing. PBC TV is on the scene and captures highlights of the latest developments as Palm Beach County Commissioners continue their work to increase available housing for residents.

Airs Mondays at 4:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30am, Fridays at 4:30pm and 10:30pm, and Sundays at 11:30am



### Homebuyer Assistance

County Commissioners want you to know about a new program they approved. It's designed to expand your access to homeownership. The Homebuyer Match Pilot Program will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for eligible buyers in Palm Beach County. Watch "County Connection" on PBC TV and find out how much you can get toward the purchase of an eligible for-sale home.

Airs Mondays at 9:30am, Tuesdays at 4:00pm, Wednesdays at 3:30pm, Fridays at 7:00pm, Saturdays and Sundays at 9:30am

### Homebuyer Match Pilot Program

This new program is designed to expand access to homeownership for eligible buyers in Palm Beach County by providing a dollar-for-dollar match of up to \$50,000 toward the purchase of an eligible for-sale home.

- Assistance may be used toward down payment, closing costs, minor repairs, and/or mortgage points buy-down.
- Funds will be provided as a forgivable loan after 15 years of continued homestead occupancy.

The Pre-application portal is set to open March 30, 2026 @12:00 PM and close April 20, 2026 @11:59PM

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## Meetings on PBC TV Channel 20

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|-----------|
| <b>1</b><br>8:30 AM REPLAY<br>2/26 BCC Zoning Hearing  | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>9:30 AM<br>BCC Board Meeting<br><br>6:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/06 BCC Board Meeting  | <b>4</b><br>1:30 PM<br>School District<br>Workshop & Special Meeting | <b>5</b><br>9:00 AM<br>Zoning Commission Hearing<br>1:30 PM<br>Commission On Ethics Meeting<br>2:30 PM<br>Inspector General Committee Meeting<br>6:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/05 Zoning Commission Hearing | <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM REPLAY<br>3/05 Commission On Ethics Meeting<br>3/05 Inspector General Committee Meeting<br>1:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/03 BCC Board Meeting<br>3/05 Zoning Commission Hearing | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30 AM REPLAYS<br>3/03 BCC Board Meeting<br>3/05 Zoning Commission Hearing<br>3/05 Commission On Ethics Meeting<br>3/05 Inspector General Committee Meeting | <b>9</b><br>6:00 PM REPLAYS<br>3/05 Commission On Ethics Meeting<br>3/05 Inspector General Committee Meeting | <b>10</b><br>9:30 AM<br>BCC Board Meeting<br><br>6:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/10 BCC Board Meeting<br>AFTER 7:00 PM<br>2026 Municipal Election Results                   | <b>11</b><br>5:00 PM<br>School District<br>Regular Board Meeting     | <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b><br>1:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/10 BCC Board Meeting   | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM REPLAY<br>3/10 BCC Board Meeting  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>   | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>9:30 AM<br>BCC Workshop<br><br>6:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/24 BCC Workshop<br>AFTER 7:00 PM<br>2026 Municipal Runoff &<br>Special General Election Results | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>9:30 AM<br>BCC Zoning Hearing<br><br>6:00 PM REPLAY<br>3/26 BCC Zoning Hearing   | <b>27</b><br>1:00 PM REPLAYS<br>3/24 BCC Workshop<br>3/26 BCC Zoning Hearing  | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30 AM REPLAYS<br>3/24 BCC Workshop<br>3/26 Zoning Hearing   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   |  |   |   |           |

LEGEND:

Live Meeting Coverage

Meeting Replays

School Board - Live

# MARCH IS ETHICS AWARENESS MONTH



**We're proud to service Palm Beach County by promoting ethical public service in local government through integrity, transparency, and accountability. Let's celebrate our collective effort to strengthen ethics in local government!**



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## **March Is Ethics Awareness Month: A Celebration of Integrity in Palm Beach County**

*It takes courage to make ethical decisions, and employees and community members are proud to work in a community they perceive to have high-quality ethical behavior.*

Michael H. Kugler  
Commissioner, Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics  
Committee Member, Palm Beach County Inspector General Committee

March is Ethics Awareness Month — a time to reflect on the importance of honesty, accountability, and ethical leadership in public service. In Palm Beach County, this observance underscores the important work of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and the Office of Inspector General. These two independent oversight agencies ensure local government operates with transparency, integrity, and in the public interest.

### **A Commitment Born at the Ballot Box**

Sixteen years ago, the voters of Palm Beach County made a powerful decision. They chose to create two independent agencies to restore and safeguard transparency, integrity, and accountability in local government. That decision marked the beginning of a vital mission that remains just as relevant today as it was then.

By establishing strong, independent oversight, residents affirmed that ethical government is not optional — it is essential. Their vote laid the foundation for a system designed to prevent misconduct, safeguard public funds, and strengthen public confidence in local government. It was, and continues to be, a clear affirmation that public service must always serve the public good.

### **Promoting Ethical Leadership**

The Commission on Ethics plays a central role in fostering integrity in public service and increasing public trust in local government. The Commission on Ethics administers and enforces the countywide Code of Ethics, provides timely advisory opinions to public officials and employees, conducts objective and thorough investigations when complaints arise, and delivers mandatory ethics training.

Education remains one of the Commission on Ethics' most effective tools. By ensuring that elected officials, public employees, and advisory board members clearly understand their ethical responsibilities, the Commission on Ethics helps prevent conflicts of interest before they occur. This proactive approach builds a culture where ethical decision-making is the norm rather than the exception.

“We aim to address issues before they occur. Building a strong culture of ethics isn’t just about enforcement; it also requires education and guidance,” said Christie Kelley, Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics. “By providing mandatory ethics training and setting clear guidelines, we help public officials and employees identify and resolve potential conflicts in a way that maintains public trust.”

## **Ensuring Accountability and Oversight**

Working in conjunction with the Commission on Ethics, the Office of Inspector General serves as an independent watchdog across County and municipal governments to enhance efficiency and effectiveness while detecting and deterring fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct. The Office of Inspector General does this by conducting audits, investigations, contract oversight, and outreach activities.

Through comprehensive reviews and detailed public reports, the Office of Inspector General not only identifies areas of concern but also recommends practical improvements that enhance efficiency and accountability. Its work protects taxpayer dollars and strengthens government operations for the benefit of the entire community.

“Independent oversight is essential to maintaining confidence in government,” said John Carey, Inspector General. “Our responsibility is to ensure that public resources are used appropriately, that misconduct is addressed, and that transparency remains a cornerstone of local government operations.”

## **Why Ethics in Local Government Matters**

Ethics Awareness Month is more than a symbolic observance; it is a reminder that public trust must be earned and maintained every day.

Strong ethical oversight:

- Builds trust and confidence between community members and their government
- Protects public resources and taxpayer funds
- Promotes fairness, accountability, and transparency in decision-making
- Strengthens the effectiveness and credibility of public institutions
- Reduces opportunities for conflicts of interest, fraud, and abuse through training, clear standards, and independent review

In Palm Beach County, the Commission on Ethics and the Office of Inspector General play complementary roles in advancing these goals. One focuses on guidance, education, and enforcement of ethical standards; the other provides independent oversight to ensure compliance and operational integrity. Together, they form a framework that supports honest, accountable governance.

As we observe Ethics Awareness Month this March, we recognize the lasting impact of the voters’ decision sixteen years ago and reaffirm our shared commitment to integrity in public service. Ethical government benefits everyone — and it requires vigilance, education, transparency, and a steadfast dedication to doing what is right.

Together, the Commission on Ethics and the Office of Inspector General remain cornerstones of good governance in Palm Beach County, ensuring that the public interest, not private gain, guides how local government operates now and in the future.

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## *Farewell Message from the Inspector General*

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When I retire in June of this year, I will conclude 50 years of dedicated government service. My journey began in uniform with the U.S. Marine Corps, followed by a stint in local law enforcement and a career in the federal civil service, before I arrived here to serve as the Inspector General for Palm Beach County for the past twelve years. I have cherished every phase of this path, viewing each role as a "calling" rather than merely a job.



As your independent, non-partisan government "watchdog," the Office of Inspector General (OIG) serves to promote efficiency and effectiveness while detecting and investigating fraud, waste, and abuse. Inspectors General are truth-seekers tasked with the responsibility of "speaking truth to power." Some of our most significant accomplishments in our oversight of the County government, the 39 municipalities within Palm Beach County, the Solid Waste Authority, and the Children's Services Council include:

- **Guarding taxpayers' dollars:** We discovered **\$58.4M** in questioned costs and **\$25.7M** in potential cost savings to taxpayers or in future avoidable costs.
- **Promoting integrity in government:** We referred **756 matters** to law enforcement, or to the State or County Commissions on Ethics. There were **24 arrests or prosecutions** as a direct result of our work.
- **Ensuring Accountability:** We provided rigorous oversight for contract activities involving **billions of taxpayer dollars**.
- **Making government better:** We made **1,404 recommendations** to management to facilitate compliance with regulations, or to be more efficient or effective.

As this chapter closes, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the OIG team; your commitment and professionalism have been the cornerstone of our success. I also want to thank the Inspector General Committee, our local government leaders, and the citizens of Palm Beach County.

While my tenure in government concludes this June, my commitment to service remains. I was recently ordained as a pastor in my local church and look forward to this new calling. I remain a truth-seeker, dedicated to speaking that truth to power in this next phase of life's journey.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Carey  
Inspector General

## Commissioner Kridel Leaves a Lasting Mark on Ethics in Palm Beach County

After nearly 13 years of dedicated service, Michael Kridel, the longest serving commissioner on the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE), will conclude his tenure this spring. His leadership, expertise, and commitment to ethical governance have helped shape the COE's work since its earliest days.

A certified public accountant (CPA) and certified ethics instructor for CPAs in Florida, Kridel holds multiple advanced credentials, including Certified in Financial Forensics, Certified Information Technology Professional and Certified Forensic Consultant, among others. His commission tenure includes his service to both the COE and the Inspector General Committee.

Kridel was originally appointed to the COE in October 2013 by the Palm Beach Chapter of the Certified Fraud Examiners. At that time, he brought with him more than 20 years of experience teaching ethical decision-making for high school students in Broward County, along with a distinguished career in forensic accounting. "I have been the lead instructor for the ethics course produced by the Florida Institute of CPAs," Kridel said. "I was in their original cluster of trainers and remain one of the long-term instructors for that course." His selection as COE Commissioner was a logical choice.

His ethical knowledge and investigative background proved invaluable at a time when the Commission on Ethics and Office of Inspector General were still relatively new. Reflecting on his role, Kridel noted that he was impressed by his fellow commissioners. "I thought that the quality of the individual commissioners were remarkably reasonable lawyers," said Kridel, as he described the contribution and perspective he brought to the COE's discussions. "I ask the questions that no one ever thinks of."

Though he joked that he was initially concerned about navigating South Florida traffic to attend COE meetings, Kridel understood the serious responsibility that comes with serving as a volunteer commissioner for the COE. Over the years, he reviewed hundreds of ethics complaints, carefully weighing evidence and evaluating all the issues before reaching conclusions. "I bring a multi-dimensional decision-making process to the commission," he said. His approach was deliberate: He listens. He waits. He considers the facts. Then, he asks the questions.

While his service with the Commission on Ethics and Office of Inspector General is coming to a close, Kridel's impact will endure. His contributions have strengthened public trust in local government and set a high standard for ethical governance in Palm Beach County and throughout South Florida.

Christie Kelley, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics, commended Kridel's lasting contributions. "Commissioner Kridel set a high bar for ethical oversight. His integrity, thoughtful questions, and principled approach strengthened the Commission on Ethics. Drawing on his background in forensic accounting and ethics education, he brought depth, fairness, and careful analysis to every decision. His impact on the Commission on Ethics and Palm Beach County will continue to guide our work for years to come."



Michael S. Kridel  
Chair, Commission on Ethics

John Carey, Inspector General, echoed that sentiment. "As an experienced investigator and forensic auditor, Kridel asked thoughtful and probing questions during Inspector General updates to the Inspector General Committee. He also provided keen insights and valuable advice during these meetings."

This month, Michael Kridel passes the baton to the next duly qualified commissioner, Alan Blass, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, professionalism, and dedicated public service.

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## Championing Integrity and Accountability in Palm Beach County

Palm Beach County is committed to ethical, transparent, accountable government. Two independent offices are dedicated to this mission: the Office of the Inspector General and the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics.

### Quick Reference Guide to the OIG and Ethics Commission

| <b>Office of Inspector General</b>   | <b>Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics</b>  |
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| <p>The <b>Office of Inspector General</b> promotes efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability in government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Investigates suspected <b>fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement</b></li><li>• Conducts <b>audits, reviews, and investigations</b> to promote best practices</li><li>• Helps ensure <b>taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly</b></li></ul> <p><b>Anyone</b> — employees, vendors, contractors, elected or appointed officials, and the public — <b>can and should report concerns.</b></p> | <p>The <b>Commission on Ethics</b> aims to prevent problems before they happen and promote ethical decision-making in local government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focuses on prevention through <b>ethics training and education</b></li><li>• Provides <b>advisory opinions</b> to help officials and employees “ask first” before they act</li><li>• Enforces the <b>Code of Ethics</b> by investigating alleged violations from sworn complaints</li></ul> <p>If you are a government official or employee <b>facing a decision that may involve the Code of Ethics</b>, contact the Commission on Ethics for guidance.</p> |
| <p><b>SEE SOMETHING WRONG?<br/>REPORT IT.</b></p>  | <p><b>ASK FIRST. ACT LATER.</b></p>  |
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February 2026



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# Expanding Your Access to Homeownership

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# Make Property Tax Manageable

Pay Your Property Tax In 4 Payments!

**PAYMENT 1 of 4**

June 30 or July 31, 2026\*

**PAYMENT 2 of 4**

September 30, 2026

**PAYMENT 3 of 4**

December 31, 2026

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- Your estimated property tax must total more than \$100.
- Complete application online by April 30, 2026.
- For new enrollees, the Installment Payment Plan (IPP) goes into effect for the 2026 property taxes not your current 2025 bill.

*\*Payments made by June 30 will receive a discount; otherwise, non-discounted payments must be made by July 31 to remain in the IPP program.*

# Protect your Home and Legacy

Palm Beach County and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta are pleased to announce the Heirs' Property Family Wealth Protection Project

## Do you own your home?

Have you thought about what will happen when you're gone? Even if you have a will, your home may still go through probate, a court process that can be costly, time-consuming, and stressful for your loved ones.

## Inherited a house or land?

Let us help you understand how to take the next step.

## We can help you for free!

Help to legally pass your home to the person you choose:

### Estate Plans, Wills, and Deeds

Guidance to avoid probate delays and expenses, or get support with real estate and probate legal issues:

### Clearing of Tangled Titles

### Who is eligible?

Properties must be located within eligible Palm Beach County census tracts shaded in purple. See the map at <https://arcg.is/0LlfCz0> to check for eligibility.

### What will it Cost Me?

All services are **100% free** of cost to eligible home and property owners.

### How do I apply?

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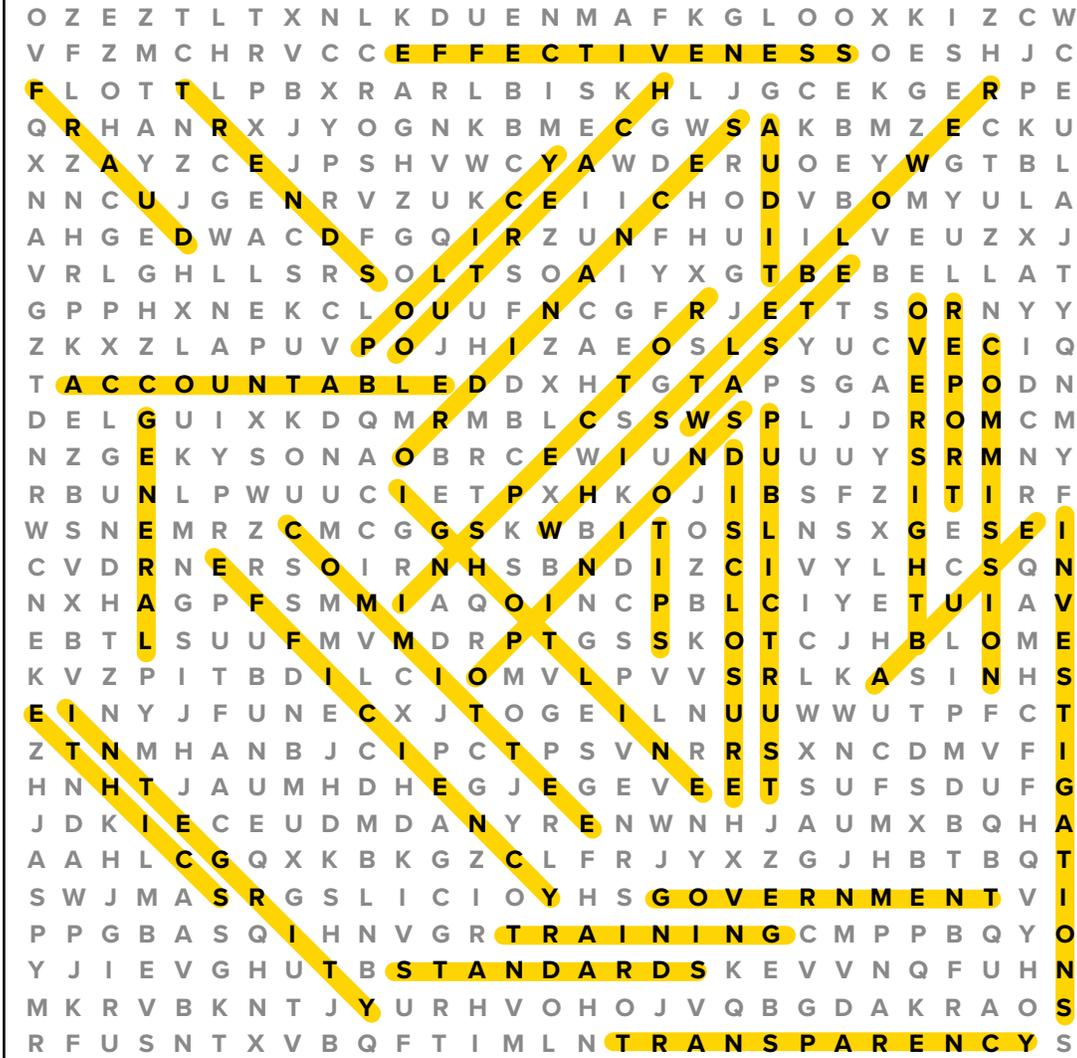
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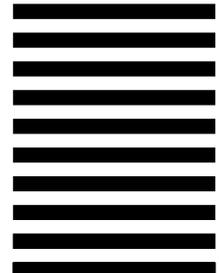


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- Zoning Commission meetings (advisory)
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- Comprehensive Plan public hearings
- Solid Waste Authority Board of Governors meetings
- Commission on Ethics meetings
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