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## Labor Day at LWB



vBeach goers and sun worshipers shared Lake Worth Beach Beach on Labor Day while socially distancing and making everyone comfortable. Hundreds of people enjoyed the beautiful but warm sunny day relaxing at the beach. Beaches throughout Palm Beach County were open Labor Day with the exception of Palm Beach Public Beach.

## Complaints Filed Against Commissioner Omari Hardy

A resident of Atlantis, FL filed a complaint with the Florida Commission on Ethics alleging Omari Hardy had violated state statutes in his financial filings pertaining to holding public office.

Charges of “Local officer failed to report all liabilities as required on the 2015 Form 1 ‘Statement of Financial Interests’ as required by Florida Statute 112.3145 “Disclosure of financial interests and clients represented before agencies”. The statute requires “Every liability over \$10,000 be reported.

These complaints were re-alleged for each subsequent year through the 2018 filing, which it is alleged was not filed in a

timely manner.

The allegations pertain to liabilities to U.S. Department of Education in Falls Church, VA., \$52,007.00 and Nelnet Loan Services in Aurora, CO., \$20,124.00. The liabilities do appear on the 2019 filing.

Hardy did not check the box indicating he had taken the required ethics training in each of the years 2015 or either of the forms he filed in 2016, but did check the box in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

A Lake Worth Beach resident filed a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission alleging Hardy, by way of his campaign contributions report, intentionally misrepresented his “specific occupation” as

indicated and required in the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook in an attempt to conceal his true employment or occupation.

Hardy, who had been teaching middle school Civics received a letter of termination from Palm Beach County School District for having failed to complete his certification within three years of having been hired. The termination letter was dated July 1, 2019 and Hardy listed, on his campaign contributions form, Education as his employment. The entry was dated October 10, 2019, over three months after the date of the termination letter.



Even those utilizing the shaded benches remained socially distanced.

## PBC Schools to Reopen

With Gov. Ron DeSantis’ Executive Order for Palm Beach County to move to Phase Two, the School District of Palm Beach County will reopen brick and mortar schools to in-person instruction on Monday, Sept. 21.

Students in pre-K through grade 12 self-contained ESE programs and ESE special schools, who choose to do in-person instruction, can return to school campuses on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Those specific families will receive a phone call from their school with follow-up details.

Parents can choose to have their children remain in distance learning if they prefer to do so.

To allow schools to prepare for capacity requirements, parents and guard-

ians were asked to “Make Your Choice” by September 9 by logging in to their child’s Student Portal and filling out a brief survey indicating if their child will be returning to campus or remaining in distance learning.

Information on this process and a link to the Student Portal is available at [palmbeachschools.org/makeyourchoice](https://palmbeachschools.org/makeyourchoice). As part of this process, parents and guardians were also asked to provide their transportation needs. Students eligible to ride a bus will be assigned a bus stop as well as their pickup and drop-off times.

Students who are returning to campus will adhere to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines including social distancing and wear-

ing face masks as outlined in the District’s COVID-19 Guiding Document and Policy 5.326 - Student Protocols due to COVID-19.

For more information on the District’s Reopening Plan, answers to frequently asked questions, and the protocols campuses will follow, visit [palmbeachschools.org/reopeningschools](https://palmbeachschools.org/reopeningschools). For specific questions related to your school, you are asked to contact the school directly.

## Charity Paper Shred Event

The Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a drive up Charity Paper Shred event, benefiting the Lantana Education Council on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9-11 a.m. The event will be held in the Chamber parking lot.

Bring your papers and

documents in a box or bag (a box may be up to recycling bin size). A \$5 donation will be taken for each box or bag of documents to be shredded. Plastics or x-ray film will not be accepted.

The proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Lantana Education Council.

**School is  
Re-opening  
Please Drive  
Carefully**