

Statement from Mayor Dave Kerner on Sunday Night's 60 Minutes Segment on Vaccines in Florida:

I watched the 60 Minutes segment on Palm Beach County last night and feel compelled to issue

this statement. The reporting was not just based on bad information - it was intentionally false. I know

this because I offered to provide my insight into Palm Beach County's vaccination efforts and 60

Minutes declined. They know that the Governor came to Palm Beach County and met with me and

the County Administrator and we asked to expand the state's partnership with Publix to Palm Beach County. We also discussed our own local plans to expand mass vaccinations centers throughout the county, which the Governor has been incredibly supportive.

We asked and he delivered. They had that information, and they left it out because it kneecaps their narrative.

We have confronted this pandemic for over a year. Our residents, like all Americans, are tired. And the media is making it worse. They are hellbent

on dividing us for cheap views and clicks. 60 Minutes should be ashamed.

I thank the Governor for supporting the residents of Palm Beach County. Because of his efforts, working in coordination with Palm Beach County officials, over 275,000 seniors in our county - which is over 75 percent of the total senior population - have been vaccinated. I am proud of how our county and state leadership have executed on this important mission, and the results speak for themselves.

Dave Kerner
County Mayor

Summer Camp Scholarships Extended

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. It 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 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Parents may choose from participating camps in Palm Beach

County.

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.

Youth Services Department will offer extended hours to assist with applications on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7 p.m.

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To access the program's parent application, visit https://discover.pbcbgov.org/youthservices/Pages/Summer_Camp.aspx.

For more information, contact Palm Beach County Youth Services Department at 561-242-5713 or email YSD-summercamp@pbcbgov.org.

Pioneering Palm Beach Presented by Historical Society of Lake Worth

The Historical Society of Lake Worth will present their final program of the season on April 15 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Ginger Pedersen and Janet DeVries will host a Zoom presentation based on their book *Pioneering Palm Beach: The Deweys and the South Florida Frontier*. Pedersen and DeVries will narrate a chapter in Florida's history that has remained untold until now.

Amazon describes the book: "Palm Beach's sunny and idyllic shores had humble beginnings as a wilderness of sawgrass and swamps only braved by the hardiest of souls. Two such adventurers were Fred and Byrd "Birdie" Spilman Dewey, who pioneered in central Florida before discovering the tropical beauty of Palm Beach in 1887. Though their story was all

but lost, this dynamic couple was vital in transforming the region from a rough backcountry into a paradise poised for progress. Authors Ginger Pedersen and Janet DeVries trace the remarkable history of the Deweys in South Florida from their beginnings on the isolated frontier, to entertaining the likes of the Flaglers, Vanderbilts, Phippses, Cluetts, Clarkes and other Palm Beach elite, using Birdie's autobiographical writings from her best-selling books to fill in the gaps". And from the Sun Sentinel: "Long before Henry Flagler and his railroad thundered through South Florida, a pioneering husband and wife set down humble stakes in Palm Beach County. Arriving by boat in 'the Lake Worth Country' in 1887, Fred and Author Byrd "Birdie" Spilman Dewey were the little-known first

settlers to build a homestead on sugar-sands surrounded by swamp and sawgrass."

Ginger Pedersen is Vice President, Information Services at Palm Beach State College and Janet DeVries

Naughton is an archivist and history professor at Palm Beach State College. Both have been key players in the Boynton Beach Historical Society and other history-related organizations and

activities -- and are prolific bloggers on a wide range of topics related to Boynton Beach, West Palm, and Palm Beach County as a whole. In addition, they have written a wide range of books -- both

individually and jointly -- on topics related to pioneers, local history, and events.

To join the Zoom program email historicalsocietylw@hotmail.com to receive the sign-in link.

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CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CHANGE OF LOCATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021 – 5:00–7:00 PM

On April 8, 2021, members of the City Commission and City staff will meet at the **City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway**, to conduct the Public Meeting to discuss the upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. During this meeting City staff will describe eligible uses of CDBG funds and solicit public input on how these funds should be used. The following specific information is provided as to the **Thursday, April 8, 2021, Public Meeting**:

- (1) **The meeting will be held at the City Commission Chambers, City Hall, 7 North Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach**, Florida, with limited public seating available. The room will be laid out according to social distancing guidelines and will accommodate approximately 20 people.

If you would like to attend this meeting virtually please register in advance here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TapDs0UnQ-yddqZkZ8eY0Q

The meeting will still be livestreamed to YouTube: (<https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofLakeWorthBeach>) which you can access via the city website (lakeworthbeachfl.gov) for those who wish to watch from home. Public comment will only be available in person and through zoom.

Those who wish to attend in person will be required to follow these guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Please sit in designated seating areas only.
- Once capacity is reached no additional people will be allowed to enter.
- The meeting is live streamed so those who can't get into the Commission Chambers can still watch the meeting.

Please do not attend the meeting if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms.

Symptom checker: <https://www.cdc.gov/.../sym.../coronavirus-self-checker.html>. The City of Lake Worth Beach remains committed to keeping the public safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. From the beginning of the pandemic the City has been a leader in finding innovative ways to continue City business and adapt to the new normal. This change will provide those that wish to join a meeting in person a safe means to do so.

- (2) Interested persons needing more information regarding the meeting may contact the Office of the City Clerk at 7 N. Dixie Highway, Lake Worth Beach, FL; email the City Clerk at: dandrea@lakeworthbeachfl.gov or call the Office of the City Clerk at (561) 586-1659.

Pursuant to section 286.26, Florida Statutes. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), should any person with a disability as defined by the ADA need a special accommodation to participate in the meeting, that person should submit a written request to the City of Lake Worth Beach City Clerk's at Dandrea@lakeworthbeachfl.gov or call (561) 586-1659 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting time.