

# The Flamingo Flyer

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July/August  
2026



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## PBIA overflights

### Court filing challenges restrictions

Wondering what's up with the flight restrictions at Palm Beach International Airport begun by the Federal Aviation Administration last October?

You'll recall that following an order from the U.S. Secret Service, the FAA restricted planes from flying over Mar-a-Lago, even if the president was not in residence. The city, the county and the town of Palm Beach reacted with court filings.

Here's the latest: On June 9, lawyers for Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach and Palm Beach petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, jointly, arguing that the FAA acted unlawfully when it placed the flight restrictions. The gist of the argument is that the FAA's actions were "arbitrary and capricious" because they were based solely on a Secret Service request, lacking independent analysis to balance security with the needs of the public and the airport.

They are asking the court to cancel the

restrictions and the redesigned flight procedures.

Meanwhile, a Citizens Committee on Airport Noise was set for June 25, while this Flyer was in production. (These meetings are available on Vimeo to watch later.)

As previously reported, Airport Director Laura Beebe provided resources for residents who believe they've suffered damage to property as a result of the temporary flight restrictions. You can contact the FAA to make them aware of the impacts of the recent FAA-implemented changes to the arrival and departure routes at PBI.

The FAA Aviation Noise Complaint and Inquiry Response service portal is at [www.faa.gov/ancir](http://www.faa.gov/ancir). Or phone 202-267-3521.

Gregg Weiss is the District 2 county commissioner serving (and living in) Flamingo Park. He welcomes email ([District2@pbc.gov](mailto:District2@pbc.gov)) or calls to his office (561-355-2202).

## President's column

### Additional communication headed your way soon

Greetings to our fellow Flamingos! Rainy season and the hotter weather are upon us, as those who stay here year-round can wholeheartedly attest.

We are making some improvements in how and what we communicate with our members, as we figure this may be of interest to you.

We'll begin by including a financial summary of our accounts for your information, so you can see a little better how we get our funds, and how we use them. Stay tuned for details.

Those of you who walk your dogs in the neighborhood and take advantage of our poop-bag dispensers and cans may have noticed that several of the trash cans have rusted and need to be replaced. Good news: Replacements are on the way!

We appreciate your using these cans, so keep it up!

Costs to print the *Flamingo Flyer* have increased, so we have also had to increase our advertising rates to compensate. We'll also be asking those of you who are out of town if you would like to receive your *Flyer* by email, as that will save on postage and time if you so choose.

Print space in our *Flyer* is limited, so if there is more to know than space allows, some articles will point you to our website, where expanded articles and photos will soon be found.

We have also upgraded our MailChimp account to allow us to better communicate with our membership in a timely manner, in between the *Flyer's* publication

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## Gardening

### Orchids can grow on trees

One of the greatest garden joys we have here in South Florida is the luxury of growing orchids outside, especially in trees.

Many of us have less than satisfactory success with these exotic flowers in pots but, when put in a tree, the orchids are given a chance to fend for themselves and even thrive.

The trick to getting an orchid to root onto a tree is having good root-to-bark contact and a firm attachment to the trunk or limb.

Plants that you purchase are usually growing in a bark mixture or sphagnum moss. Remove the plant from its container. Bark tends to fall

away while moss holds together.

The roots are placed against the tree bark and secured.

To shade and help hold moisture until new roots can grow onto the tree, it is best to cover roots with moss (sphagnum or sheet moss) before tying. Palm or coconut fiber also works well and is easier to acquire. That's the woven fiber sheeting that usually falls with a spent palm frond.

It is important the plant is unable to move once secured. I prefer vinyl garden tie tape but twine, cotton

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## House of the Month

Since 1990, the Flamingo Park Neighborhood Association has awarded the avian icon (mostly) monthly. It comes with a heaping helping of FPNA's appreciation for ongoing "curb appeal," or for the recent rejuvenation of a home's outside appearance.

Winners receive a \$25 gift certificate from **Serenity Garden Tea House**, along with a month with our lovely front yard bird!



**June: 846 Park Place** — Jennifer & Stuart Robinson

**July: 829 Sunset** — Brittany & Ryan Brown

**August: 2100 Lake Ave.** — Brian Cogan & Rose Kanarick

Email nominations to:  
FlamingoParkTours@gmail.com.

## Too hot to party? Board seeks residents' ideas for summer

Social hours are typically the last Friday of the month, January through October, in a resident's yard.

However, because July and August are uncomfortably warm (OK, stifling), the board is asking residents for input: Should we skip 'em or keep 'em? If we keep 'em, please let us know if you're willing to host! Email FlamingoParkTours@gmail.com.

We thank Gregg and Rebecca Weiss for hosting on May 29 and Jim Houston and Ted Odom for June 26.

Social hours are free to paid members and \$5 for each guest. An email to residents who've signed up for FPNA news blasts gives details — and the all-important updates.

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## First — but not last — storm

The first named storm of the 2026 hurricane season formed June 17 in the Gulf of Mexico, skimming its west coast and making landfall near Galveston, Texas, as Tropical Storm Arthur.

It did not last long due to an ill-defined center and strong wind shear, degenerating into a post-tropical cyclone the following morning. Even so, flash flooding occurred in Mexico and across Texas due to Arthur and its precursor system.

Even after the storm degenerated, record rainfall and flooding, power outages and damages occurred as the remnants moved eastward through Louisiana and Mississippi. An 18-wheeler was flipped over, trees and power lines were downed, and tornadoes spun

out.

And as of press time for the *Flyer*, at least four people were confirmed to have been killed and estimated damages to be greater than \$100 million.

There's no such things as "only" a tropical storm.

If you moved from elsewhere and haven't been here long, stay on top of weather reports online or on television. Keep your trees and shrubs in good trim, not allowing tree canopies to become too dense.

The season ends on Nov. 30, but in past years has trekked on into January.

The city has tips to prepare ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=51LIw5GKey4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=51LIw5GKey4)), as does Florida Public Utilities ([fpuc.com/safety/storm-preparedness-tips/](http://fpuc.com/safety/storm-preparedness-tips/)).

## A sidewalk success story on Sunset

We've mentioned WPBKey in previous *Flyers*, but sometimes it helps to see how the process works and what a difference it can make.



Before and after scenes on Sunset Road



Around the time of the 2026 Garden Tour, we noticed several broken and uneven sidewalks along Sunset Road. They were unsightly and a trip hazard.

We took photos and uploaded them through the city's WPBKey app. Then the city addressed the report, and now the sidewalks are gorgeous — and safe!

That's exactly why WPBKey is such a helpful tool. It gives everyone a simple, direct way to report things we see in the neighborhood that need the city's attention — like potholes, sidewalk issues, streetlights, sanitation concerns and more.

Here's how to use it:

- Download the WPBKey app from the Apple App Store or Google Play or visit [wpbkey.wpb.org](http://wpbkey.wpb.org).
- Submit a request by choosing the issue, adding the location, and uploading a photo if you have one.
- Track the progress using the case number provided after your request is submitted.

Thanks for helping keep Flamingo Park safe, walkable and beautiful!

## Toxic toads are danger to our pets



Cane toads (bufo toads) are prevalent now and extremely dangerous to pets.

A neighbor recently lost her dog to a bufo toad, and others tell of people whose cats died after an encounter.

Resident Louis Bradley has written a comprehensive report on identifying cane toads, with information about how to respond in the event of an encounter. It's linked now on the top of the homepage, [FlamingoPark.org](http://FlamingoPark.org). Check it out!



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## Orchids, from Page 1

string or even old pantyhose will do.

Be careful with zip ties or wire, they are not biodegradable and can strangle the host plant before they rust or eventually break.

Another assurance is to roll a few prills of slow-release fertilizer (Dynamite, Nutricote or Osmocote) and a pinch of gel (water-storing) crystals in to a little ball of moss placed between the roots and the out moss or fiber coating.

This will provide nutrients and the crystals will help hold water until the plant is established.

Before you run out and start putting orchids on any limb or trunk, educate yourself to what types of orchids you have and what are their basic requirements.

Phalaenopsis, the moth orchid, is the most common and affordable orchid. They are distinguished by having large, oval shaped, dark green and succulent leaves.

Large roundish flowers are moth- or butterfly-wing-like and come in an array of soft colors: white, pink, purple, pale yellow to peachy-orange. Petals are of clear color, mottled or striped.

All of this group prefers shade and is best on a limb or trunk under a leafy canopy without any direct sun (especially afternoon).

The dendrobium species is probably the next easiest to find and grow, plus comes in a full range of bright colors. These prefer light shade to bright light. Because of their upright growth and flower spikes this species seems appropriate attached to vertical-growing trunks of palm trees.

They adapt well to relying on our high humidity, rain water or an occasional squirt with a water hose.

The cattleya is known as the "corsage orchid" because of its preference as a wrist corsage. This vast group has been cross-hybridized to create an array of plant and flower sizes.

The plants have bulbous leaf stems (pseudobulbs) with a thick green oval to narrow leaf. Flowers consist of three large petals (often ruffled) with a larger lower petal (lip).

They are available in a nice variety of colors and are often two-toned.



Photos/Victoria Preuss

The larger plants are perfect on lateral tree limbs under dappled canopy light, smaller types on vertical trunks. This group enjoys our climate but prefers occasional extra watering. The last most available orchid is the

vanda group. These tend to be large strap-leaf plants, with large showy flowers and long, dangling aerial roots, although there are dwarf and vining species as well.

The key to success with the vanda is bright light and water. Often this type is sold and grown without any soil, just the plant attached to a long hook to hang from the roof eave, tree branch or fence.

For best results, vandas need almost daily misting so placing them where a sprinkler can spray them or adding a drip tube with a mist head on the plants is advantageous.

I like mounting them near the base of the tree trunk so the roots can capture landscape shrub irrigation; this will free you of always having to tend to them.

Many plants come with little mesh bags or netted plastic capsules of slow-release fertilizer which you can refill or purchase.

One last trick, although frowned on by true orchid enthusiasts, is draping Spanish moss around the base of the orchid. Although people find it attractive, I do it to help shade the orchid plant and roots while getting established.

With Vandas, the shading by moss or a landscape shrub (if mounted nearer to the ground) keeps the roots cooler and requiring less water.

— Joel Crippen, horticulturist

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***Volunteer spotlight***

**Moving man named for June**

The FPNA board always appreciates the volunteers who help make the neighborhood work. Doing what?, you ask.

Here are a few traditional tasks: moving the House of the Month sign; tending to the U.S. flag; repairing and painting FPNA-owned garbage cans; making and sprucing up the wooden flamingos used for tours; being a block captain and distributing *Flyers*; refilling Dogi-Pot bags.

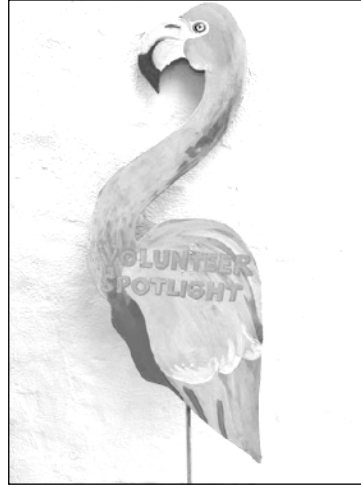
These are just the current "day to day" volunteer efforts. Neighborhood tours bring out a whole crew of people for specialized event tasks.

If it takes a village, as the saying goes, we think ours is the best!

The board is bringing back the "Volunteer Spotlight" and named for June street resident Robert van Giessen.

Rob moves the House of the Month sign each month to its lucky winner.

The board offers its heartfelt thanks.



Another bird to be moving!



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For full details visit <https://www.wpb.org/Residents/Community-Events/Events/4th-on-Flagler>.

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every other month. Please look for more communication from us in the future. You can always opt out of email notices.

For those of you who would like to renew your membership online, you can do so at [flamingopark.org](http://flamingopark.org). And, we are working to allow you to auto-renew your membership if you so choose, so you don't need to remember to write a check every year.

### We want to know!

Sometime soon, look for an

opinion survey from FPNA in your inbox. We hope you really enjoy living here and want to know more about what you like and what could be improved. We'll try to use your anonymous answers to see if we can adjust or add some of our events and programs to continue to evolve that unique Flamingo experience.


Stay tuned, and thank you for your membership!

— Rick Reikenis



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**Nonprofits News**

**Armory gets new native plantings**

A new garden is taking root at the Armory Art Center, thanks to the helping hands and community spirit of the Armory, the Oleander Garden Club, Gentlemen of the Garden and Flamingo Park residents.

Members of the Oleander Garden Club were responsible for the design and installation of the new landscape, based on Florida friendly gardening.

All the plants that were installed are native Florida plants that are drought tolerant, low maintenance, and attract birds and butterflies.

A generous donation from the Gentlemen of the Garden paid for the cost of the plants and the installation. Volunteers from Flamingo Park and the Oleander Garden Club helped with the mulching of the beds.

Flamingo Park volunteers have gone to the Armory every day to water and check on the plants to assure they were off to a good start.

Diane Bradley, Lois Clemente, Tanya Lewicki Nazare Feliciano, Sherry Derrevere and

See photos at [FlamingoPark.org](http://FlamingoPark.org)

Carolyn Reikenis took turns caring for the plants for several weeks.

Jeff Koons took his grandchild every Sunday to water and check on the plants and enjoy time spent together in the garden.

Plans for the future include the installation of signs informing visitors of the Armory's commitment to conservation and the importance of Florida native landscaping.

The Armory has welcomed generations of artists, students, families and visitors, and the new garden adds another layer of warmth to that experience.

For the Oleander Garden Club, Flamingo Park residents and the Armory, the garden is a meaningful reminder of how much can grow when a community comes together. As it begins to bloom, it stands as a living thank-you to everyone who helped bring it to life.

**Yansura honored by United Way**

The Town of Palm Beach United Way recently honored Margie Yansura with the prestigious Nettie Finkle Award for showing up, speaking out, and giving generously on behalf of the most vulnerable in Palm Beach County.

The annual award honors an individual who exemplifies volunteerism and whose commitment to bringing hope, promise and opportunity into the lives of others has left a lasting, positive impact.

Yansura, a resident of Flamingo Park since the 1970s, is a dedicated volunteer. Her connection to The Lord's Place, the largest homeless agency serving the county, spans more than four decades. According to TLP's chief advancement officer, Anne Noble, "Margie has always operated from a place of radical compassion, believing that every human being deserves dignity, opportunity and community."

In 1979, as a reporter at *The Evening Times*, Yansura covered Brother Joe Ranieri,

founder of The Lord's Place, sleeping on the steps of St. Ann's Church to raise awareness of homelessness.

Her tie to the nonprofit continued with her role as the public relations consultant — a position she held for 17 years before retiring in 2020. "Rather than simply writing press releases and managing media, she built real relationships with clients, advocating for them personally and professionally," said CEO Christine Frederick.

In retirement, Yansura volunteers with TLP's street outreach and continues to support the agency's events.

When Palm Beach County experienced a two-week cold stretch early this year, Yansura mobilized fellow parishioners at United Methodist Church to donate hundreds of blankets and jackets for clients in need.

Danielle Moore, Town of Palm Beach United Way vice chair, presented Yansura with the Nettie Finkle Award. In addition to Yansura receiving an award, United Way presented The Lord's Place with \$2,000 in Yansura's honor.

*PalmBeachUnitedWay.org* has more info on the nonprofit.



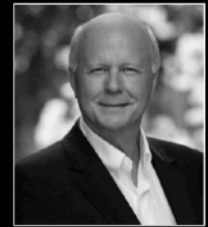
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**Datebook**

**July**

- Friday, July 3 — Fourth government holiday
- Saturday, July 4 — Fourth on Flagler, Page 7
- Tuesday, July 14 — Board meeting
- Friday, July 31 — Social hour?, Page 2

**August**

- Tuesday, Aug. 11 — Board meeting
- Friday, Aug. 28 — Social hour?, Page 2

**September**

- Monday, Sept. 7 — Labor Day

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 561-822-1390 | ssylvester@wpb.org

**Code compliance**

The FPNA board encourages residents to speak with the offending neighbor or with a board member before reporting a code violation to the city, but this is not required.

**Garbage and yard waste:**  
 561-494-1058

**Street maintenance (including pot-holes), street lighting and traffic maintenance, including signage**  
 Customer service: 561-822-2085

**All Emergencies, dial 911**

Police Department non-emergency:  
 561-822-1900  
 House Watch program — 561-822-1634  
 Fire Department non-emergency  
 561-804-4700

**The Community Oriented Police**

Officer Seth Buxton  
 SBuxton@wpb.org | 561-822-1620

**Public Works**

Main number, 561-822-2060

**Right of way permits:**

Spencer Graham — 561-494-1014

**Mandel Public Library** 561-868-7700

**Parks & Recreation** 561-804-4900

**Public Utilities** 561-494-1046

**Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control**  
 Main number — 561-233-1200