

10/14/2024 COMMUNITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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LA QUINTA MOTEL, UPDATE- On **10/8**, CV unit owners attended a meeting of the Palm Beach County Commissioners. The proposal to **convert the La Quinta Motel to a homeless shelter** was not on the Commissioner's agenda, but CV unit owners were able to make statements to the Commissioners during the "Matters By The Public" part of the meeting. *CV unit owners made it very clear to the Commissioners that they are strongly opposed to the establishment of a homeless shelter, or any single room occupancy housing (SRO) at our front gates.* UCO President Fausto Fabbro's statement to the Commissioners put UCO's opposition to this proposed conversion "on the books" as well. This meeting is posted to **Channel 592** and at WWW.UNITEDCIVIC.ORG. The meeting can also be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<https://discover.pbc.gov/countycommissioners/Pages/bcc-meeting-videos.aspx?videoid=bcc/2024/20241008-bcc-mtg-pm>

CV unit owners can send email messages to the County Commissioners at the following email addresses:

District 1: Maria G. Marino: MMarino@pbcgov.org

District 2: Gregg Weiss: GWeiss@pbc.gov.org

District 3: Michael A. Barnett: MBarnett@pbc.gov

District 4: Marci Woodward: MWoodward@pbc.gov

District 5: Maria Sachs MSachs@pbcgov.org

District 6: Sara Baxter: SBaxter@pbc.gov

District 7: Mack Bernard MBernard@pbcgov.org

UCO will continue to update our Community whenever there are new developments on this matter.

HURRICANE MILTON- On **10/9** and **10/10**, the UCO Office, Clubhouse, Fitness Center, Plymouth Laundry, Breezeline Office, and all pools were closed. Bus service was suspended. Management companies, landscapers, Glow Cleaning Plus, PBC Solid Waste Authority and CV unit owners did a good job squaring away dumpster areas and loose items around the buildings ahead of the storm. Thank You. Post storm damage and cleanup was minimal; some minor tree and sign damage, and a streetlight blew down at the Hastings Fitness Center. All facilities were opened and services restored on **10/11**. Cleanups and repairs continue.

SECURITY- Lately, there has been an increase in reports of unauthorized people climbing and cutting our Haverhill Road fence. Platinum Security, is keeping a close eye on this area, and reporting climbers/cutters to PBSO.

NORTH CANAL, UPDATE- On **10/7** and **10/8**, **Seacrest Services** continued jungle clearing at the North Canal, and removed large piles of vegetative debris as preparation for the storm. Work will resume next week.

RECLAIMED WATER- Since 2006, Century Village has received reclaimed water from Palm Beach County Water Utilities. This water enters our waterways at the west end of North Canal, and is used for community irrigation. This reclaimed water is ninety-eight percent potable, but contains high levels of potassium and nitrogen, which are the main ingredients of fertilizer, so our lawns and shrubs love it. But this water obviously should not be used for drinking, bathing or cooking, and fruit from trees that are irrigated with this water should not be consumed. An informational flier from PBCWU is appended to this report.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR- On **10/9**, **The Generator People** performed scheduled maintenance of the emergency generator at the Haverhill Road Guardhouse. This work included check of oil and coolant levels, inspection of the air cleaning filters, and fifteen minute no-load test run of the generator. Propane fuel supply was confirmed, approximately 350 gallons.

END OF REPORT



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DATE: OCTOBER 8TH, 2024

TO: MAYOR MARIA SACHS, PALM BEACH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LA QUINTA MOTEL BY PALM BEACH COUNTY

Dear Mayor Sachs: My name is Fausto Fabbro. I am President of the United Civic Organization, representative of the unit owners of Century Village, West Palm Beach.

Last month, our Community was made aware of efforts by the County to purchase the **La Quinta Motel**, located just outside the Okeechobee Boulevard entrance to Century Village. At recent meetings of the Commissioners, it was stated that this effort is in response to recently enacted **HB 1365**, which prohibits ***"Homeless individuals...from camping on city streets, sidewalks, and parks—and instead placed in temporary shelters monitored by law enforcement agencies."*** On Friday, October 4th, Commissioner Weiss and County Staff held a Town Hall meeting at our Clubhouse, where we were advised that the intention of Palm Beach County is to convert this motel into Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing for seniors. This presentation provided no concrete plan, only a vague "Draft Concept", with no real provisions for management, governance, ancillary services, or security.

Mayor, given the lack of a real plan for this property, the anticipated cost for purchase and renovations (including a franchise buy out fee), and our Community's concerns about our security, ***UCO is strongly opposed to the establishment of a homeless shelter, or any single room occupancy housing at our front gates.*** Our past experience with converting motels to housing is not good. Despite initial good intentions, these motel-to-housing conversions nearly always, eventually, become



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"snake pits", and the surrounding communities suffer in terms of quality of life, crime, and decreases in property values. Simply put, motels are not designed to be permanent residences; other solutions, including purpose built housing and public/private partnerships, are preferable to warehousing people in poorly sited motels that were not intended for permanent housing.

On behalf of the unit owners of Century Village WPB, I respectfully request that the Commissioners reconsider the purchase of the La Quinta Motel.

Fausto Fabbro
President
United Civic Association of Century Village

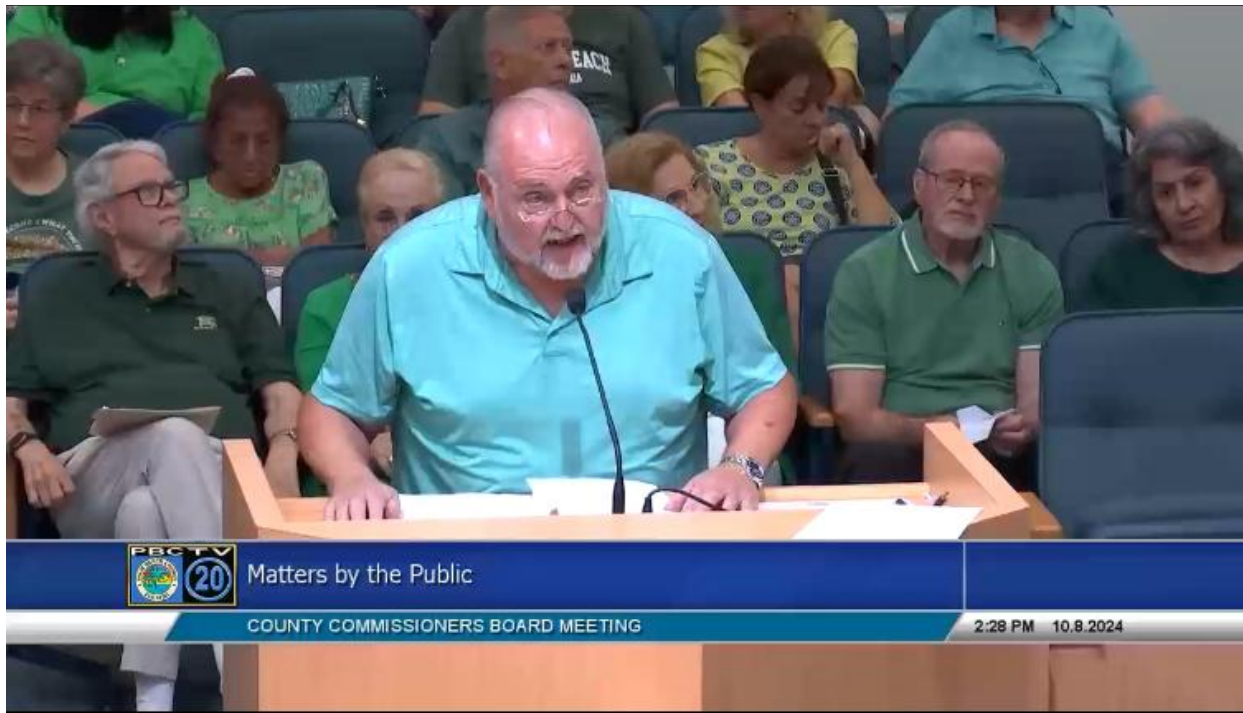
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CV CLUBHOUSE- UCO PRESIDENT FAUSTO FABBRO AND VICE PRESIDENT PATRICIA CAPUTO CHECK IN CV UNIT OWNERS ON THEIR WAY TO THE 10/8 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING.



CV CLUBHOUSE- CV UNIT OWNERS ON THEIR WAY TO ATTEND THE 10/8 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING.



UCO PRESIDENT FAUSTO FABBRO AND OTHER CV UNIT OWNERS ADDRESSED THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: *“UCO IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOMELESS SHELTER, OR ANY SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOUSING, AT OUR FRONT GATES.”*



365 SHEFFIELD O- PUTTING TWENTY-PLUS GALLONS OF GASOLINE NEXT TO AN APARTMENT BUILDING FULL OF SLEEPING PEOPLE IS PRETTY STUPID, HURRICANE OR NO HURRICANE. I MOVED THESE CANS AWAY FROM THE BUILDING, AND THEY WERE LATER REMOVED OFF PROPERTY.



**HASTINGS FITNESS CENTER- BLOWN DOWN STREETLIGHT,
REPORTED TO WPRF ON 10/10.**



CAMDEN SECTION- STREET SIGN BLOWN DOWN. REPORTED IN BY A CV UNIT OWNER. IT'LL TAKE JOSE A FEW DAYS TO GET TO THESE SIGNAGE REPAIRS.



THERE WERE QUITE A BIT OF PALM FRONDS AND BRANCHES TO PICK UP ON THURSDAY.



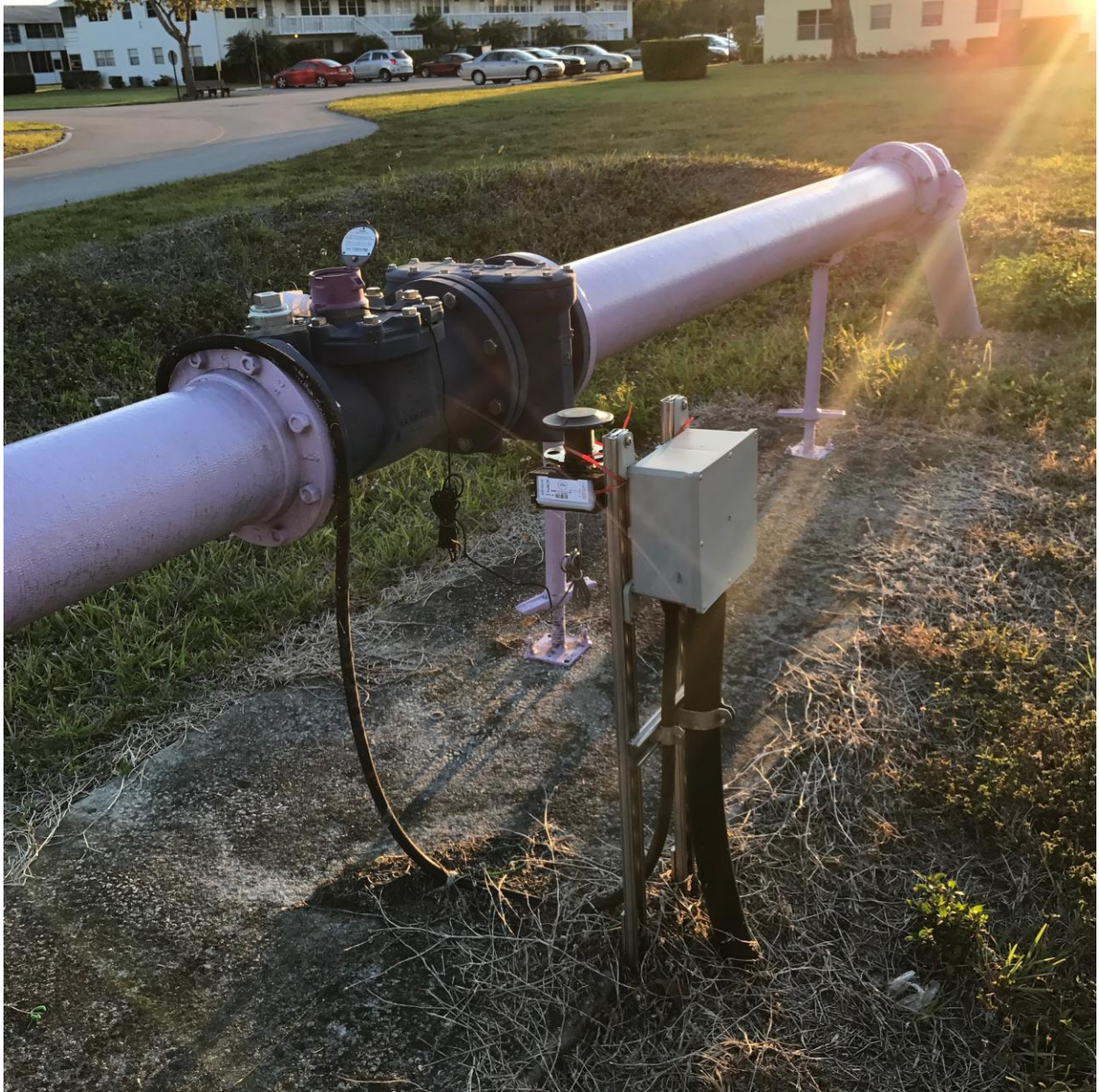
SOUTH DRIVE, FALLEN TREE LIMB NEAR BERKSHIRE A. SEACREST WILL REMOVE THIS WEEK.



SOUTH DRIVE- DARK STREETLIGHT, NEAR ANDOVER J. A REQUEST FOR REPAIR WAS SENT TO FPL, #45447. AFTER THE STORM, DARK STREETLIGHTS WERE ALSO FOUND NEAR CHATHAM K (#45445), THE GOLFS EDGE POOL (#45446), WELLINGTON H (#45448), SUSSEX F (#45449) AND ANDOVER H (#45450).



CANTERBURY SECTION- JUNGLE CLEARING AT NORTH CANAL CONTINUES.



NORTH CANAL- THIS PUMP, AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF CENTURY VILLAGE, MOVES RECLAIMED IRRIGATION WATER INTO NORTH CANAL. ANY MECHANICAL COMPONENT OR PIPE THAT MOVES RECLAIMED WATER IS PAINTED LILAC PURPLE, TO ENSURE THAT THIS WATER IS NOT CONFUSED WITH POTABLE (DRINKING) WATER.



RECLAIMED IRRIGATION WATER ENTERING NORTH CANAL. THIS WATER HELPS KEEP OUR WATERWAY LEVELS UP DURING DRY MONTHS.



PALM BEACH COUNTY
WATER UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT

RECLAIMED WATER CUSTOMERS

For the valued reclaimed water customers of the Palm Beach Water Utilities Department, here's some information you'll find useful:

You might have heard of reclaimed water—it's the result of treating domestic wastewater, and it's a great resource for keeping golf courses and lawns green.

The quality of this water is closely monitored and meets the rigorous standards established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. While it's safe for people and animals, please remember that it's not intended for drinking. If you happen to come into contact with reclaimed water, take a moment to wash your hands.

When you see water flowing through those distinctive purple pipelines, you're looking at reclaimed water in action. These pipelines play a crucial role in providing water for the purpose of common landscaping irrigation, helping to keep our shared outdoor spaces looking vibrant and well-maintained; while conserving drinking water supplies.



DISCLAIMERS

- Do not drink reclaimed water.
- Do not connect any pipes to reclaimed water lines.
- Do not use reclaimed water to fill swimming pools, hot tubs, or wading pools.
- Do not use reclaimed water to irrigate edible crops.

If you have questions about the use of reclaimed water in your community or to modify your reclaimed water system, contact Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department at 561-740-4600 or online at:

<http://discover.pbcgov.org/waterutilities/Pages/Reclaimed-Water.aspx>



HVERHILL ROAD/COMMUNITY DRIVE- ON 9/20, SECURITY OFFICER ZELAYA, WHILE CHECKING FENCES AND CAMERAS, SAW THIS MAN ATTEMPTING ENTRY TO CV THROUGH A PREVIOUSLY CUT HOLE IN OUR FENCE. THE MAN RAN INTO THE ADJACENT VACANT PROPERTY, RETRIEVED TWO BICYCLES, AND TOOK OFF DOWN COMMUNITY DRIVE. REPORT WAS MADE TO PBSO, CASE #24-100516.



NORWICH SECTION- THIS PERSON KEEPS CUTTING HOLES IN OUR FENCE, AT HAVERHILL ROAD AND COMMUNITY DRIVE. HE DOES NOT BELONG HERE, AND HE KEEPS COSTING US MONEY FOR REPAIRS. IF ANYONE KNOWS WHO THIS PERSON IS, PLEASE SEND A REPORT TO UCOMAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM, OR CALL PBSO AT 561-688-3400.



NORWICH SECTION- ON 10/9, SECURITY OFFICER TAMPS SPOTTED THIS FELLOW HEADED TOWARD THE SAME SPOT. AFTER VERIFYING THAT THIS PERSON IS A CAMBRIDGE D TENANT, S.O. TAMPS ASKED WHAT HE WAS UP TO. FIRST HE REPORTED THAT HE WAS "WAITING FOR A RIDE", THEN HE SAID THAT HE WAS "LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO TAKE A LK". CHARMING. THE TENANT WAS TOLD TO USE THE RESTROOM IN HIS UNIT AND TO STAY AWAY FROM OUR FENCE. AND OUR BUSHES.**



COVENTRY SECTION- HOMELESS DRUG DEALER SHELLY MAHLE WAS ESCORTED OFF PROPERTY BY SECURITY ON 10/9. THIS TIME, SHE WAS VERY LIKELY BROUGHT ONTO THE PROPERTY IN THE CAR OF A "LONELY" CV RESIDENT. CHARMING. IF YOU SEE THIS PERSON INSIDE CV, CALL 911. SHE DOES NOT BELONG HERE.



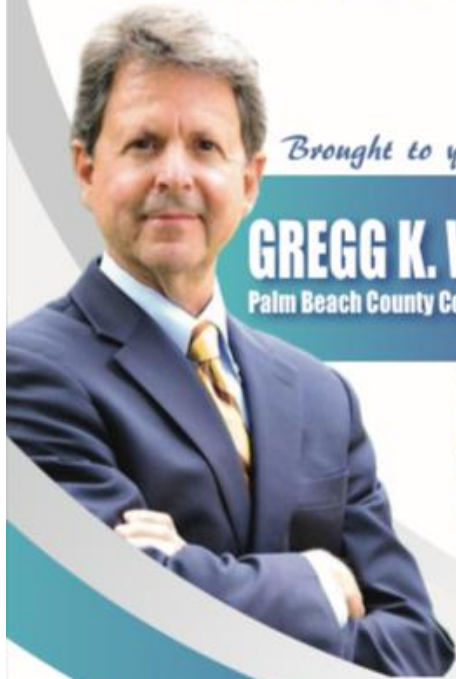
**CANTERBURY I- CAR WITH EXPIRED REGISTRATION TAG.
REPORTED TO PBC CODE ENFORCEMENT.**



CHATHAM B- DUMPSTER WITH RUSTED OUT BOTTOM. A REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN SENT TO WASTE PRO. PLEASE SEND BUSTED DUMPSTER REPORTS TO UCOGARBAGE@GMAIL.COM. PICTURES ARE VERY HELPFUL.

Learn about the wide range of services and resources available through Palm Beach County and other area agencies at the:

COMMUNITY SERVICES FAIR



Brought to you by

GREGG K. WEISS
Palm Beach County Commissioner

Century Village

DATE: Thursday, October 31, 2024

TIME: 2 pm to 5 pm

LOCATION: Clubhouse
5500 Century Village Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33417



Participating Agencies



For more information contact: VIRGINIA SAVIETTO, Administrative Assistant
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