



Legislative Action Report

January 6, 2010

SURTAX: Thanks to VP O'Laughlin, and Moses Abdelnour for making the station rounds on the Firefighter Safety Protection Act. If you did not make one of the meetings there are a few left with dispatch and BOSS up next.

North County:

Palm Beach Gardens: DVP Morejon and I have made the rounds with the council reference the merger and surtax. Also, we have run an idea about raising money for the Youth sports programs. These programs are very connected within the city. Up for election this March is Mayor Joe Russo and Councilman Dave Levy. Currently only Councilman Levy has a candidate filed against him.

Riviera Beach: Furloughs are now in full effect. In almost every case.. when one firefighter is furloughed; another is called in on OT. We have 3 council races in March with Council Chairwoman Dawn Pardo already receiving the endorsement from LOCAL 2928. In the other 2 races Councilwoman Judy Davis and appointed Councilwomen Tonya Davis Johnson will both face stiff opposition.

On January 16th, 2010 we will be participating in the MLK Parade. If anyone is interested in riding on the firetruck or marching in the parade please give me a call at the office.

Jupiter: The Town recently sent out an RFQ for a consultant to evaluate the possibility of alternative response methods and cost from Fire Rescue. We are beginning rounds with the council. There are 3 incumbents up for election in Jupiter this year. Only Mayor Golonka has opposition at this point.

Central County:

In the central county we have wrapped up the Surtax rounds. City elections are up coming in most of the 38 municipalities in PBC. We are working on prioritizing the elections.

West County:

Wellington: There will be three (3) seats up for election this coming March. One is an open seat that is being vacated by our friend Lizbeth Beneaquisto. The other is Mayor Darell Bowen and Councilman Howard Coates. We have been meeting with candidates and getting their ideas.

RPB: Mayor Lodwick is retiring and Councilman Mattie Mattioli is going to be making a run at the Mayors seat. It does not appear that he will have any opposition for becoming the mayor. This will create an open seat on the council. Two candidates have filed to run for the open seat. We have enjoyed a great relationship with RPB since they merged back in 1999.

South County:

West Delray: Met with the South County Democrats “Godfather” Murry Kalish. He asked me to serve as a Director of the South County Democratic Club. This is an excellent opportunity as this organization is the largest voting block in the county.

We have been attending the COWBRA, Delray Alliance, and Voters Coalition meetings. These are powerhouse groups in the south county.

At the last COWBRA (Coalition of Western Boynton Residential Associations) the President reported that the CITY of Boynton Beach was looking at annexing to the E-3 canal. This is the major canal that runs just west of Military Trail. It was reported that because these areas signed water service agreements (many moons ago) that contained language that allows the city to annex without a referendum. We will continue following this one.

City of Delray Beach: We have been working with many organizations to bring back the good will of the firefighters. We have agreed to be a sponsor at the 2010 Garlic Festival. We are supporting the Mayors initiative for reading. And we are still working with the Library to make our presence known throughout the city. Unfortunately, it looks like we are heading to impasse with the city over step raises and across the board raises in the contract.

Fraternally,

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