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The latest news from the Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller

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Clerk Employees Support Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

October 2016



Pam O'Brien, president & CEO of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc. and Cindy Guerra, the Clerk's Chief Operating Officer of Courts & Legal Records.

For the 11th consecutive year, Clerk & Comptroller Sharon R. Bock and her employees collected items for Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

Employees donated more than \$2,600, as well as hundreds of personal hygiene items and children's books.

The Clerk's office is often a first stop for many domestic abuse victims, who file injunctions against their abusers.

[Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence](#)



As a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the 1916 Historic Palm Beach County Courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach is lit up in purple throughout October to shed a light on the important issue affecting thousands in our community.



Clerk Sharon R. Bock, Esq.

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Need a Speaker?

Clerk Bock and her team are available to speak to your organization on a variety of topics. [Find out more.](#)

Travel Plans? Countywide Passport Fair This Friday



Apply for a passport at the [Passport Fair](#) on Friday, October 21. Three Clerk locations will open for special hours to accept passport applications on a day when Palm Beach County students do not have school.

For renewals, please note that adult passports expired for LESS than five years must be renewed by mail.

Clerks 4 Arts Program Recognized by County Commission



Conniston Middle School Art Teacher Lisette Cedeno and IB Coordinator Jeanette Gonzalez join the Clerk's Chief Operating Officer of Finance Shannon Ramsey-Chessman in accepting the proclamation from Commissioner Paulette Burdick.

On Tuesday, October 18, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation recognizing [Clerks 4 Arts](#) during National Arts & Humanities Month. Clerks 4 Arts is a collaboration with Palm Beach County's public schools to provide a venue for student artists to express themselves and share their creativity. Earlier this year, Conniston Middle School art students turned the Clerk's Governmental Center offices into a gallery exhibiting more than 100 pieces of two and three dimensional art.

The artwork will later be auctioned online to raise funds for local arts education programs.

October 2016 Declared Guardianship Fraud Awareness Month



Palm Beach County Mayor Mary Lou Berger presents a proclamation declaring October Guardianship Fraud Awareness Month to the Clerk's Inspector General Roger Trca and Senior Internal Auditor Anthony Palmieri.

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners proclaimed October Guardianship Fraud Awareness Month at its October 18 meeting. The Clerk & Comptroller's internationally recognized guardianship fraud program has audited and investigated more than 900 guardianship cases since its inception, leading to the identification of more than \$5.1 million in unsubstantiated disbursements, missing assets and fraud.

Learn more about the [Clerk's Guardianship Fraud Hotline](#).

Message from Clerk Bock: Safeguarding Our Seniors from Financial Fraud

As our county's senior population continues to rise, there will be a corresponding increase in guardianship cases that is predicted to be about 15 percent, or 400 cases, per year. The amount of assets that are controlled by guardians this year is approximately \$4 billion statewide and \$500 million in Palm Beach County alone.

[Read the Message From Clerk Bock](#)

"Checks & Balances" Wins Tenth Consecutive Financial Reporting Award

The Fiscal Year 2015 edition of "[Checks & Balances: Your Guide to County Finances](#)" earned the award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, marking the tenth consecutive year the Clerk's office has received this honor. Clerk Sharon Bock created "Checks & Balances" after her election in 2004 to give citizens a better understanding of Palm Beach County's finances and how government works.

Clerk's Website Unavailable Saturday, October 29

Due to planned electrical work by the Palm Beach County Facilities Department, the Clerk & Comptroller's website and all online services will be unavailable on Saturday, October 29, starting at 3 a.m. Service should be restored by 4 p.m.

We appreciate your patience and apologize for the inconvenience.

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