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**State Attorney Aronberg Announces Opening Ceremony Press Conference
for National Crime Victims' Rights Week**

State Attorney Dave Aronberg will be a guest speaker on Monday April 25, 2022, as the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition begins local observances for National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

This year's theme is "Rights, Access, Equity." The organizers say this focus highlights "the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all."

Attached is a brochure detailing local events for the week, and a flier for the opening ceremony press conference. All programs honor the victims of Palm Beach County.

The opening ceremony will be held from 8:30am to 11:00am in the West Palm Beach Police Department, Community Room.

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RIGHTS
ACCESS
EQUITY
for all victims



Week-At-A-Glance

**National Crime Victims'
Rights Week**

**April 24-30,
2022**

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

MEET & GREET

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

OPENING CEREMONY PRESS CONFERENCE

Location: West Palm Beach Police Department, Community Room
600 Banyan Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Description: Please join us for the Opening Ceremony Press Conference. The West Palm Beach Police Chief, the Office of the State Attorney, US Representative's Office, Palm Beach County Commissioner, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been invited to give briefings and open the 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week for Palm Beach County. A testament will be given by Keynote Speaker, Joél Junior Morales, the Foundation Manager at Contigo Fund in Orlando, Florida, so attendees can understand the impact crime has, not only for the individual, but for the community. Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center's *Officer of the Year Award* will take place at the Opening Ceremony to illustrate the hard work and commitment of law enforcement in our community.

Contact: Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org



INFO AND REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS

Battered Women's Justice Project Legal Helpline
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country
Child Abuse Hotline
800-633-5155

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
800-THE-LOST®

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration Helpline
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889

VictimConnect Resource Center
855-4-VICTIM

Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement
(VOICE)
855-48-VOICE

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

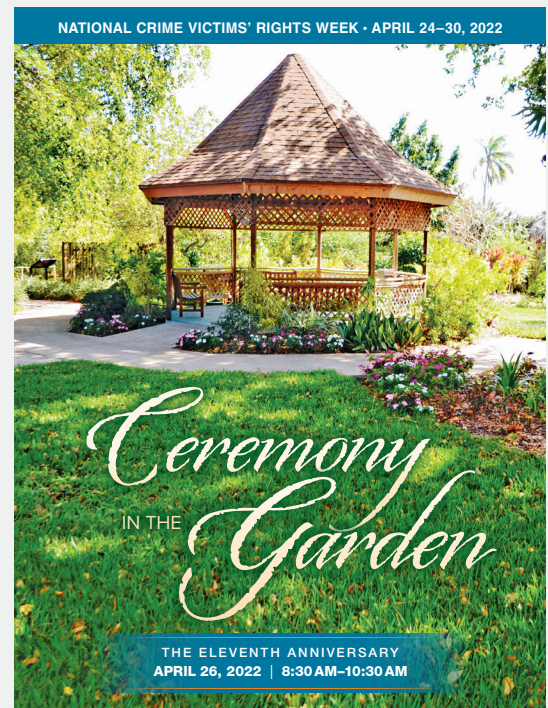
“CEREMONY IN THE GARDEN” *Honoring All Crime Victims in Palm Beach County*

Location: Mounts Botanical Garden
& Clayton Hutcheson Agricultural Center
559 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
(Enter at Golf Street from Military Trail; drive to end of street and turn left into Clayton Hutcheson Complex. Follow the red, white and blue balloons for directions.)

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victim Services
& Certified Rape Crisis Center

Description: Join Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center, Palm Beach County Victims’ Rights Coalition members, invited dignitaries, members of the community, victim advocates, crime victims, and surviving family members for the **11th Anniversary of the Ceremony in the Garden**. We will honor all crime victims in Palm Beach County by highlighting and engaging in healing activities to include their personal stories, the presence of Therapy Dogs and the opportunity to participate in Guided Relaxation. Join us for a continental breakfast before the event. Your presence will be our honor and very much appreciated.

Contact: Kelly Dambra at 561-274-1500



TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
PROGRAM EVENT



Scan QR Code
to register

LIEUTENANT MARK WYNN TRAINING

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

Description: The Coalition for Independent Living Options is excited to announce that Lieutenant Mark Wynn will be presenting a virtual training on domestic violence. He will be speaking from the perspective of victims, advocates and law enforcement. Register via link. Donations are accepted and will be donated to domestic violence victims. A suggested donation is \$25.

Registration: Register now at
<https://forms.gle/EWpt6DcXNqsfEamV7>

Contact: For information and registration, please contact
Laura Cusack at 561-544-7337 or lcusack@cilo.org

VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK
VIRTUAL
SPEAK EVENT

APRIL 26TH, 2022 1:00 PM – 4:30

The Coalition for Independent Living Options is hosting a webinar with Lieutenant Mark Wynn, a survivor of domestic violence, who has dedicated his life to ending family violence. Mark has held positions as a Victim Advocate, a Police Officer, a consultant, and program supervisor victim rights.

Register with the link below to join us for education on working with victims. Donations are accepted and will be donated to domestic violence victims.
Suggested donation is \$25.

Topics

- Victimization from a Victim's perspective
- Advocating for victims
- Working with victims as law enforcement.

Register at
<https://forms.gle/EWpt6DcXNqsfEamV7>

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
PROGRAM EVENT

WANT TO FIGHT CRIME? KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR BEST WEAPON!

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Delray Beach Police Department Detectives and Officers

Description: Delray Beach Police Department detectives and officers will provide education and tips regarding violent crime prevention, residential/business burglary prevention, fraud/scam prevention (including bitcoin) and active killer (run/hide/fight).

This training is open to the general public, including the business community, the elderly, people from religious institutions, school staff and anyone interested in learning what to do to deter criminals, prevent crime and react safely and effectively during an incident.

Registration: Contact Dawn Terrizzi at terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com or 561-243-7858 to register.



**National Crime Victims'
Rights Week**
April 24–30, 2022

WANT TO FIGHT CRIME? KNOWLEDGE IS YOUR BEST WEAPON!

Learn how to prevent burglaries, scams, and other crimes. Delray Beach Police detectives will tell you what you need to know to keep yourself safe.

During Victims' Rights Week 2022, the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition is partnering with DBPD to host a 2-hour training aimed to educate and empower on the following topics:

- Fraud/Scam Prevention
- Burglary Prevention
- Violent Crime Prevention
- Active Killer (run/hide/fight)



WHEN: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2022

WHERE: Virtual Workshop



To register, please contact Dawn Terrizzi at (561) 243-7858 or email terrizzi@mydelraybeach.com.



TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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“RED FLAGS IN CYBERSPACE”

(Training for parents)

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Renee Rivers from Planned Parenthood

Description: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center and Palm Beach County Library System team up with Planned Parenthood to present *Red Flags in Cyberspace*. Learn tips to recognize red flags on the Internet and how to communicate these dangers with your children.

Registration: Register now at:
<http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25308>



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



Scan QR Code
to register

“RED FLAGS ON THE PLAY”

(For students grades 9-12)

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Renee Rivers from Planned Parenthood

Description: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center and Palm Beach County Library System team up with Planned Parenthood to present *Red Flags on the Play*. Learn how to recognize red flags online and in-person relationships and preventative actions you can take. Attendees will earn 2 hours of community service.

Registration: Register now at:
<http://events.pbclibrary.org/node/25310>



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



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DENIM DAY 2022

Location: Presented Virtually

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center Therapists, Isobel Aitken and Christel Brydegaard

Description: In honor of Denim Day 2022, this info session and panel discussion with professionals in the community is focusing on the purpose of Denim Day and the topic of consent.

Registration: Register now at: <https://tinyurl.com/mr98cp3x>

Contact: Isobel Aitken at iaitken@pbcgov.org

BY WEARING JEANS ON DENIM DAY, YOU

- *Send a message to survivors that you support them in their healing*
- *Commit to become more educated*
- *Break the silence surrounding sexual violence*

DENIM DAY
IN FL & USA

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN INVITATION TO RAPE

MAKE A SOCIAL STATEMENT WITH YOUR FASHION STATEMENT WEAR JEANS WITH A PURPOSE

Make a statement. **#denimday**

DENIM DAY + EST. 1999

PBC VICTIM SERVICES AND RAPE CRISIS CENTER
24 HOUR RAPE HOTLINE
561.833.RAPE (7273) or 866.891.RAPE (7273)
NATIONAL HOTLINE: 800.656.HOPE

PEACE OVER VIOLENCE
ONE ON ONE ONE BY ONE

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

6:00 PM

PROGRAM EVENT

CANINES FOR COMFORT

Location: Boynton Beach Police Department
2100 High Ridge Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33426

Presenter: Boynton Beach Police Department
Therapy Dog Program

Description: Meet Palm Beach County first responder therapy dogs and learn about how they help victims.

Registration: Email marrerob@bbfl.us by 4/25/22

Contact: Barbara Rodriguez-Marrero, Victim Advocate
Boynton Beach Police Department



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Help crime survivors find their justice.

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and learn about how they help victims.

April 28, 2022
6 p.m.

Boynton Beach Police Department
2100 High Ridge Road
Boynton Beach



SEATS ARE LIMITED. RSVP REQUIRED.
EMAIL MARREROB@BBFL.US BY 4/25/22.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022



11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

REGISTRATION

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

PROGRAM EVENT



Scan QR Code
to register

40TH ANNUAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK AWARDS LUNCHEON

Location: Embassy Suites – West Palm Beach
1601 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Presenter: Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Description: We will feature Keynote Speaker Jeff Xavier, a survivor of the June 12, 2016 Pulse Nightclub Massacre. After surviving the mass shooting, Jeff now uses his voice to advocate for Latinx, People of Color, and the LGBTQ communities, as well as survivors of crime and OneBlood Blood Centers. Jeff has been featured on Discovery, CNN, BBC, Telemundo, Univision and in Men's Health magazine.

Contact: Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org

Cost: \$40.00 per person before April 22, 2022

- Please register by April 22, 2022 online at:
<https://pbcvrc.weebly.com/victims-rights-week-luncheon-2022.html>
- For online payments and donations: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LAWC5C8QSRQYW
- Or: send check payable to:
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition
Attn: Carrie Gale
P.O. Box 893
West Palm Beach, FL 33402
(Please write "**VRC Luncheon**" in the memo portion)
- Limited seating "at the door" is \$45.00 per person – Cash or check only; no credit cards.
- We will also have fabulous prizes for our ticket auction. Proceeds from our auction are used to fund our annual events supporting crime victims, their rights and their families!



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

REGISTRATION

8:30 AM

PROGRAM EVENT

10TH ANNUAL WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

In Memory of Annette Andre, Special Victims' Advocate

Location: Town of Palm Beach Shores
90 Edwards Lane, Palm Beach Shores, FL 33404

Registration: To register for the walk, please visit www.sa15.org

Contact: Ellen Mark at 561-355-7278 or emark@sa15.org
Kathy Aguirre at 561-355-7192 or kaguirre@sa15.org

THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

10th Annual

WALK FOR VICTIMS' RIGHTS

In Memory Of Annette Andre – Special Victims' Advocate



10th Annual Walk for Victims' Rights

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m.

Registration is FREE and begins at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Town of Palm Beach Shores - 90 Edwards Lane,
Palm Beach Shores, Florida 33404

Contact: Ellen Mark @ (561) 355-7278 emark@sa15.org

Kathy Aguirre @ (561) 355-7192 kaguirre@sa15.org

To register for the walk, please visit www.sa15.org

40TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Jeff Xavier

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Embassy Suites
1601 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Registration is **\$40.00** per person
through **April 22, 2022**.

Limited seating “at the door” @
\$45.00 per person – cash or check only;
no credit cards.

MENU

Please select
one meal choice per registrant:

Chicken Marsala

-or-

Honey Ginger Salmon

-or-

Vegetarian Option

Includes: Salad, Chef's Choice of Rice or Potatoes,
Fresh Vegetable Medley and Chef's Dessert

TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): **1 for \$1.00** • **6 for \$5.00** • **13 for \$10.00** • **30 for \$20.00**
SPECIAL TICKET AUCTION: Ticket(s): **1 for \$5.00** • **3 for \$10.00**

REGISTRATION FORM

List below the individual(s) who will be attending from your agency, **and** their meal selection from the Menu Selection above:

1) _____
Name Agency Meal

6) _____
Name Agency Meal

2) _____
Name Agency Meal

7) _____
Name Agency Meal

3) _____
Name Agency Meal

8) _____
Name Agency Meal

4) _____
Name Agency Meal

9) _____
Name Agency Meal

5) _____
Name Agency Meal

10) _____
Name Agency Meal

Please register and pay online at <https://pbcvrc.weebly.com/victims-rights-week-luncheon-2022.html> and https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LAWC5C8QSRQYW

Or, make checks payable to **Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition** and write “**VRC Luncheon**” in the memo portion. Mail registrations and checks to Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition, P.O. Box 893, West Palm Beach, FL 33402. For additional luncheon information, please contact Carrie Gale at 561-624-6656 or cgale@pbcgov.org.

The following agencies are members of the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition and are committed to making 2022 National Crime Victims' Rights Week a success:

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)
Alzheimer's Community Care
Area Agency on Aging
Boynton Beach Police Department
Catholic Charities
Child Rescue Coalition
Center for Family Services
Coalition for Independent Living Options (CILO)
Compass
Delray Beach Police Department
FAU Police Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Guardian ad Litem
Home Safe
Human Trafficking Coalition of the Palm Beaches
Office of the Attorney General
Office of the State Attorney
Palm Beach County Early Learning Coalition
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center
Parents of Murdered Children
Speak Up For Kids
West Palm Beach Police Department
YWCA Harmony House



**On behalf of the Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition Members,
Thank You for Supporting National Crime Victims' Rights Week!**



**Palm Beach County
Board of County Commissioners**

Robert S. Weinroth, Mayor
Gregg K. Weiss, Vice Mayor
Maria G. Marino
Dave Kerner
Maria Sachs
Melissa McKinlay
Mack Bernard

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Enjoy the Meet and Greet and Continental Breakfast from 8:30–9:00 A.M.

Welcome

Carissa Vaccaro
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Pledge of Allegiance

Det. Andrea Izzo
West Palm Beach Police Department

Opening Remarks and Moment of Silence

Carrie Gale
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Emcee

Stacey Longhini
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition

Proclamation

Vice Mayor Gregg K. Weiss
Board of County Commissioners

Guest Speakers

Frank Adderley, Chief of Police
West Palm Beach Police Department

Dave Aronberg, State Attorney
Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Congresswoman Lois J. Frankel
US Representative, Florida District 21

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge Raul Perdomo
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Miami Division-Palm Beach County Resident Agency

"Officer of the Year" Award Palm Beach County Victim Services & Certified Rape Crisis Center

Chairperson, Angeletta Sewell, Victim Advocate
Jackie Fernandez, Victim Advocate
Angelia Lockett, Victim Advocate
Susan Williams, Victim Advocate

Keynote Speaker

Joél Junior Morales, Contigo Fund, Orlando, FL

Closing Remarks

Dylan Brooks
Palm Beach County Victims' Rights Coalition



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