

Pompano Beach Commissioner

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District 5 News & Updates

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Working for District 5 - no "poolitics", just facts!

Full Road Closure Atlantic Blvd at Tri-Rail Railroad crossing TODAY August 15 9pm until August 20 4am

Eastbound and westbound Atlantic Boulevard, west of I-95 will be closed at the South Florida Rail Corridor. During the closure, workers will rehabilitate the existing tracks, repair rails, and replace the crossing surface to improve the resiliency of the corridor, the safety condition, and the ride quality at the crossing for railway and roadway users.

Official detour routes north of Atlantic Boulevard include Sample Road, Powerline Road, and Dixie Highway. South of Atlantic Boulevard, motorists may use Commercial Boulevard, Powerline Road, or Dixie Highway. However, drivers are also encouraged to consider alternate routes such as Cypress Creek Road and Copans Road.

Ribbon Cutting for Woodrow "Woody" Poitier Fire Station 52 at 10 SW 27 Ave September 3 at 10am

Woodrow "Woody" Poitier, Pompano Beach Fire Rescue's first Black firefighter, will be honored with the dedication of Station 52 in his name. Woody wants the foundation of Station 52 to be built on Health and Wellness. Woodrow J. Poitier is currently the President and CEO of his

Pompano's History

The City of Pompano was incorporated as a town in 1908, and merged with the newly-incorporated municipality on the beach in 1947 to become the City of Pompano Beach and is the second oldest city in Broward County, and the fifth oldest in all of South Florida.

Other than Key West, which by the 1820s was already an important port and city, the towns of southeast Florida came into being because of the railroad. In 1896 Henry Flagler decided to extend his Florida East Coast Railway south from West Palm Beach to Miami, opening up land that heretofore had been a virtual wilderness. All along the rail line small settlements were established; most of them were farming communities. In the Pompano Beach area, the few hardy individuals who had arrived before the railroad, and who had settled around what is today known as Lake Santa Barbara, eventually moved farther inland where the town was growing.

Local legend has it that the name for the settlement, "Pompano," came about from a notation made on a survey map by Frank Sheen – apparently, he had dined on the tasty fish and wanted to remember its name. Whether or not the story is factually true, there is no alternate account of how the name came about. SOURCE: POMpano BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY Visit the Pompano Beach Historical Society to get more information about our city's history and to check out some of their fun & informative events. <https://www.pompanohistory.com/>

family-owned business L.C. Poitier Funeral Home. Woodrow continues the legacy of the family owned and operated business for the past 57 years

**More Pompano
History**

**A Community Design Session
about E. Pat Larkins Community
Center hosted by Local Architect
Stacey Boynton**

Wednesday, September 3 6-8pm at E. Pat Larkins Community Center 520 NW 3 Street. This is not a city or CRA led meeting. This is your space to share stories, needs, and ideas about the future of the E. Pat Larkins Community Center.

**Looking Back, Moving Forward
Wednesday, August 27 6pm**

Celebrating Black Business Month, successes, and community with the Library Friends Group at Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library, 2800 NW 9 Court. Art on display by S. Dawkins and refreshments will be served.

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**Upcoming City Commission
Meetings:**

Sept 9th at 1pm

Sept 23rd at 6pm

**Commission Chambers
100 W Atlantic Blvd**

You can watch live on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@MyPompanoBeach/streams> and you can download the agenda at <https://pompano.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Download Agenda

Watch Live

Thank you for the privilege of working for you as your District 5 Commissioner. I encourage open communication; please feel free to reach out to me at darlene.smith@copbfl.com or by phone or text at 954-444-7953. Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we embark upon this shared responsibility to address local issues and shape the future of our community. Let's stay connected and work together to make District 5 a place we are all proud to call home! – Darlene

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