



Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.
Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

AUGUST

2023

Caribbean-American for Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

32nd Annual Friendship Ball

Roaring Through the 2020s

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TO A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Saturday, September 16, 2023

7 pm - 1 am

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General Membership Meetings
 2nd Saturday of the month

Board Meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
 See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August is Membership Appreciation Month for CAFCI. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your many contributions and generosity to our organization. This year we are celebrating our 34th year as an organization. Without your support and volunteerism, we would not have flourished as a viable non-profit for so many years. I know many of you have not attended in-person meetings since the COVID pandemic but have instead participated via Zoom. You did, however, come out in significant numbers to commemorate our Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Cultural Diversity Day, and our annual picnic. Thanks for your time and your many other invaluable contributions in support of these programs. A special thanks to our committee chairs and members for hosting these events which enabled us to continue operating as a professional non-profit. On Saturday, August 19th, we will express our appreciation at the general membership meeting. Please invite your friends and family so they can learn more about our incredible mission and the numerous programs and activities in which they can become involved.

Annual Friendship Ball: Our 32nd Annual Friendship Ball will be held on **Saturday, September 16th** at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Tickets are \$100 per person. Please see the Annual Friendship Ball flyer elsewhere in this newsletter and on the CAFCI website for detailed information about how and where to purchase tickets. Be sure to get your tickets early this year. Remember, do not wait until September, as they frequently sell out.

Community Outreach: CAFCI was one of only three organizations in our area invited to provide information and support to the international teachers recruited to teach in Palm Beach County this year. A majority of the teachers were from the Philippines and the Caribbean, and many of the Caribbean teachers were from Jamaica. Three members of our team, Doreen Baker, Casarine Susan Fevrier, and I represented CAFCI. We handed out pamphlets, and gave a short presentation about CAFCI, including information about our mission, programs, and membership requirements. This was an incredibly rewarding and inspiring two-day event, and we hope to continue our involvement with the initiative in the coming years. Please see the School District's thank you note to CAFCI elsewhere in this newsletter.



Dennis Wright



AUGUST 16 - 31

Michael R Coleman	19
Elet Cyris	19
Norma Morris-Thornhill	20
Cecil B. Sunanon	20
Clover Henry-Gilroy	22
Yvonne Broderick-Wilson	24
Hope Francis	25
Ledlo Powell	25
Shirley Morrison	27
Sybell Dawson	29
Prudel Belle	31
Lorna Johnson	31

SEPTEMBER 1 - 15

Margaret Berry	01
Inez Millender	02
Lydia Patterson	03
Barry Martin	08
Percival Wood	08
Hazel Hamilton	09
Dorothy Bell	11
Jess Santamaria	11
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	11
Sherma Buck	14
Jennifer Jaikissoon	15
Elroy Sangster	15
Eugene Wright	15

If you are a CAFCI member and notice that your birthday or the birthday of another member has not been acknowledged, please send us an email to CAFCI (cafcf@bellsouth.net) and we will update the birthday list. We apologize for any oversight.

GET WELL TO:

Samuel Baxter
 Audrey Campbell
 Ronald Dawson
 Jeff and Carolyn Hmara
 Carmen Johnson
 Jeff Webb

Please Let Us Know...

We want our members to know that we, the Board and Sunshine Committee, are always here to support you. Please contact (or ask someone else to contact) one of our Sunshine Committee members if

- you are ill or know of any CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have or know of a close family member of a CAFCI member who is ill or
- you have, or know of a CAFCI member who has, lost a family member.

Remember, if we are not notified, we cannot share it in the Newsletter, or offer our support..

Elet Cyris, Chair 561.791.9087
 Paul Baker 561.784.0067
 Samuel Baxter 561.358.3737

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership Appreciation

Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 6 pm

IN-PERSON ONLY

Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse

100 Indianhead Circle, Royal Palm Beach

Calling all CAFCI Members! Our Annual Membership Appreciation Day is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate you on **Saturday, August 19th from 6 pm to 11 pm.** You are the fuel that keeps our organization going, and this event is our way of saying *THANK YOU!*

We are thrilled to honor your unwavering dedication with an inspiring speaker, fun fellowship, and great food. Plus, there's a dance competition and exciting games, so bring your favorite games with you. Your presence will make this day truly extraordinary, so join us! We are counting on you!

See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. It doesn't matter if you have been with us for years or just recently joined the family. This day is all about your incredible support. So, save the date-- August 19th—and let's make this Membership Appreciation Day unforgettable, in recognition of the strength and camaraderie of our amazing community! *See you there!*

DIRECTIONS: The Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse is located off Okeechobee Boulevard. Heading west, it is the last left before Crestwood Boulevard. Heading east on Okeechobee Boulevard, cross over Crestwood Boulevard and make the first right onto Ridgefield Drive. At the end of Ridgefield Drive, make a right on Indianhead Circle and an immediate left into the clubhouse parking lot.

CAFCI 32nd ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 7 pm

West Palm Beach Marriott

Anticipation is building as we prepare for CAFCI's 32nd Annual Friendship Ball. The Ball Committee is working diligently to put everything in place for a successful event. Please be sure to save the date and get your tickets early from a CAFCI member or via the website. Look for more details on the CAFCI website (cafcipbc.org) and in this and the September issue of the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAFCI MEMBER LAVERN BLACKWOOD

One of 54 local leaders selected for the prestigious Leadership Palm Beach County Engage Program Class of 2024.



THANK YOU FROM THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 31, 2023

It is with great appreciation that I send this note of "Thank you" to our community partners for your participation in our recent SDPBC International/Visiting Teachers Orientations." Your presence and sharing your organization's information and resources helped make our international teachers feel welcomed to our school district and the WPB community. We hope that you found the event beneficial, and we look forward to collaborating with you in the future. Have a great week.

Sincerely,

Arlene McDermott, Ed. D., The Division of Human Resources

CARIBBEAN - AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (CAFCI)

PRESENTS

Membership Appreciation

Day 2023

SAT. | AUG 19 | 2023

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CAFCI CELEBRATES 29 YEARS OF BUSINESS AWARENESS

HISTORY OF CAFCI'S BUSINESS AWARENESS

In 1994, during his presidency, Ernie Garvey recognized the need for an initiative that supported the efforts of small businesses by providing networking opportunities and other resources aimed at strengthening and promoting small business owners. A businessman himself, Ernie knew the power of B2B (business-to-business) connections and community awareness in helping businesses grow.

One of the first initiatives he established was **CAFCI's Inaugural Business Expo**. Vendors paid \$5 (\$3 for members) and the raffle prize consisted of two airline tickets to Jamaica. This program, along with CAFCI's Business Awareness Night, has become an invaluable resource to CAFCI's members. Twenty-nine years later, at CAFCI's Membership Meeting on July 12th, we continued Ernie's legacy of bringing increased awareness and recognition to CAFCI's business owners. We know the value of connecting our small business owners to the community, and of informing folks about the diverse goods and stellar services offered by the many dynamic small business owners and entrepreneurs who comprise a significant portion of our membership. Thanks to all the participants and special thanks to Committee Chair, Barry Martin and everyone who made this event successful.



Barry Martin, Robert Miller, Norma Smith-Hill, Audrey Campbell, Lauriston Simms, Karen Morris-Clarke, Hildreth Stoddart-Brown, Tanya Small, Winston Davis

2023 BUSINESS AWARENESS PARTICIPANTS	
NAME	BUSINESS NAME
Barry Martin	Schillings Advisors
Robert Miller	Piquant Cuisine Caterers
Norma Smith-Hill	Keller Williams Realty, Wellington
Audrey Campbell	Cruise Planners
Lauriston Simms	Cassie's Castle Residential Assisted Living Facility & Simms Airbnb
Karen Morris-Clarke	Bella World of Travel & LPT Realty Wellington
Hildreth Stoddart-Brown	B&B Realty & Property Management/ Creative Vision Events & Decor
Tanya Small	A Stronger Foundation, Tutoring
Winston Davis	Amber Cove, Residential Assisted Living Facility

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If you would like to recommend a business to be featured in "Let's Do Business" in our Newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Committee at junettep56@gmail.com or thaliaec@gmail.com so that we can share it with our members.

PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER OFFICE IN ROYAL PALM BEACH



On Friday, August 4th, County Commissioner Sara Baxter held a reopening ceremony at the previously unused District 6 County Commissioner's office at the Midwest Community Service Center in Royal Palm Beach. District 6 is the largest district in the county and will now have three convenient office locations to choose from: West Palm Beach, Royal Palm Beach, and Belle Glade. The office was reopened to allow the commissioner to meet with constituents in the heart of the district.

At the reopening ceremony, State Rep. John Snyder, County Manager Verdenia Baker, Mayors Keith Babb Jr. (Pahokee), Joe Kyles (South Bay), Ann Gerwig (Wellington), Laura Danowski (Loxahatchee Groves), Deputy Mayor Greg Langowski (Westlake), ITID Supervisors Elizabeth Accomando, Keith Jordano and Patricia Farrell, and Royal Palm Beach Councilmembers Jeff Hmara, Richard Valuntas, and Selena Samios were in attendance. Representatives of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce also attended.

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE

CAFCI and the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) Committee would be honored to recognize the accomplishments of its members and/or their relatives. Please share your good news with us and we will publish it as space permits.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND


Empowering Youth & Investing in Our Future

For more information, visit the Student Assistance Program section on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram> or contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895 or Junette Powell at 561.346.2353

The Student Assistance Fund Committee thanks everyone who donated to the Student Assistance Fund. See the 2023 "Thank You flyer" which is included in this newsletter and posted on CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/studentassistanceprogram>

The video with thank-you messages from the 2023 recipients and congratulatory messages from past recipients can be viewed on CAFCI's website <https://www.cafcipbc.org/2023studentassistancevideo>.

ONGOING DONATION: To donate to the Student Assistance Fund and/or sponsor an award recipient, please contact Nadine White-Boyd at 561.351.6895; Junette Powell at 561.346.2353; or visit CAFCI's website at <https://www.cafcipbc.org/donation-center> and select the Student Assistance option. Even a small donation will help CAFCI's Student Assistance Fund Committee reach its fundraising goal. If you cannot donate, please share the fundraiser link to help spread the word with family, friends and social media contacts.



The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

THANK YOU



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO
CAFCI'S STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

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SPECIAL THANKS TO KAREEM GORDON FOR PUTTING TOGETHER THE STUDENTS' THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS VIDEO. THANKS TO THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND INVESTMENT TO CAFCI: DOREEN BAKER, LAVERN BLACKWOOD, LEONIE ESCOFFERY, DOREEN GRAYSON, MARVA WILKES, NORMA SMITH-HILL, JUNETTE POWELL (CO-CHAIR) AND NADINE WHITE-BOYD (CO-CHAIR).

CAFCI Scouts BSA Troop 111

Hello everyone:

This July was full of some of the most amazing campouts, including the famous high adventure, Philmont in New Mexico, and away camp Raven Knob, in North Carolina.

Eight people from our Troop went out on Philmont's strenuous hiking adventure through the mountains of Cimarron, New Mexico. The crew visited some amazing stops including a Root Beer Cantina, the Red Rocks in Colorado, and an Air Force base centered in Denver. The scouts and leaders also got to see and learn about the culture of Native Americans who lived in Taos, New Mexico. This crew not only came back with legs like tree trunks, but also knowledge of other national landmarks.

On July 22nd, the Troop traveled by train to away camp, Raven Knob in North Carolina, for a week to complete the merit badges of their choice and further progress in their scouting abilities. They enjoyed the cooler weather and some truly new and awesome experiences, including building a shelter in the woods and spending the night in it.

For our Eagle Scouts in-the-making, Noah Cabrera had a workday for his project and is one step closer to his Eagle Board. William Hicks is also in the process of getting an appointment scheduled with the Eagle Board. I have completed both workdays for my Eagle Project. Niles Sood has secured a date for his Board of Review. We are looking forward to congratulating him on earning his Eagle Rank. The troop has been working extra hard in giving these boys a hand in helping them achieve their Eagle Rank.

In September, my role as the current Senior Patrol Leader will end. I will pass the Leadership Staff over to the next SPL at our Court of Honor. We will all be very excited and happy watching the Scouts receive awards, merit badges, and other well-deserved rewards the Troop has earned.

Many thanks to CAFCI for their continued support which has made all of these amazing adventures possible for our Scouts!

Sincerely,
Jackson Eubanks
Troop 111, Senior Patrol Leader



Back Row: Mr. McNally- Scoutmaster, Mrs. Doeren- Asst. Scoutmaster, Mr. Girard-Asst. Scoutmaster, Mr. Eubanks-Asst. Scoutmaster
Front Row: Caleb McNally, Jackson Doeren, Troop Guide, Landon Girard, Jackson Eubanks- Senior Patrol Leader



Back Row: Jackson Doeren, Caleb McNally, Ryan McNally- Scoutmaster, Jonathan Schnock Baker, Patrick Kelly
Front Row: Mason Scott, Robert Lombardo, Kirill Mntoya, Keenan Stack, Micah Johnson



Back row: Noah Cabrera, William Hicks, Jackson Doeren
Front row: Teachers & Students from Rehabilitation Center for Children & Adults



L. to R.: Jonathan Jerez, Haroon Almasoodi, Noah Cabrera (standing), Cole Estevez, Mohammed Almasoodi (standing)



Back Row: Mr. Eubanks, Mrs. Goldberger, Ethan Estevez, Noah Cabrera
Front Row: Mia Eubanks, Mrs. Hogan, Jackson Eubanks- Senior Patrol Leader, Mrs. Doeren, Mr. Girard, Landon Girard, William Hicks, Luke Estevez, Giancarlo Ortega

WAYS TO SUPPORT CAFCI . . . WE NEED YOU!!!

CAFCI website: <https://www.cafcipc.org/donation-center>

GoFundMe: Visit <https://gofund.me/7319cf9a> • Please share with your friends and family.

HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO CAFCI???

2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES (Single - \$60 • Couple - \$100)

Submit your membership dues online at: <https://www.cafcipc.org/membership-dues> OR

Mail to: CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan,

675 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Suite #134, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

A For C.A.F.C.I.



The Finance Committee continues to work on a business plan to be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. We are also working with an organization that provides loan funding to community groups for building and other capital related programs. They will assist us in putting things in place that will make it easier to get a loan or to have financing in place prior to finding a place.

If you have information about a potential investor(s) who may be able to help with funding, share your ideas or provide information about available property, email cafcipc@bellsouth.net, copying radcliffewoody@aol.com or call 561.790.4002 and leave a message.

Participation in the **Home of Our Own** project is available through the Buy-A-Brick program. Visit the web page at www.cafcipc.org and click on the "Home of Our Own" tab or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561.791.3344 for more information. **We have made it easier to take part in the program by facilitating monthly payments to buy a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.**

Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown, CAFCI Home Of Our Own Chair

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT:

Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socioeconomic background.

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.

CAFCI MEMBERS.....If you would like to share the accomplishments of a close relative (e.g., child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 561.784.0067). If there is any other information you would like included in the NEWS, please submit the information to Junette Powell (junettep56@gmail.com).

IMPORTANT: Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.

AUGUST ... A MONTH OF CELEBRATIONS & AWARENESS

~FUN FACTS ABOUT AUGUST~

August is known for many things, including the dog days of summer, National Watermelon Day (Aug. 3) and National Smile Week (Aug. 5-11). But there are many other fun facts associated with summer's last full month.

August is named after Augustus Caesar, founder and the first emperor of the Roman Empire, who was posthumously adopted by his maternal great-uncle Gaius Julius Caesar.

In the early Roman calendar, August was actually the sixth month of the year. It was originally 30 days in length, but an extra day was added so that it would equal the number of days in July, which was named after Julius Caesar.

Source: [August fun facts \(richmond.com\)](http://richmond.com)

August is designated as awareness month for a number of causes, but the causes that generate the most attention include:

- National Black Business Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month
- National Road Victim Month
- World Cancer Support Month

Also

- Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day - August 20;
- National Senior Citizens Day - August 21

Explore our guide to finding and supporting Black-owned businesses, restaurants, and more in your community.

Source: <https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/august-awareness-days-months>

LABOR DAY September 4, 2023

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day? The funny thing about Labor Day is that it's the one day of the year no one expects to work! We celebrate work by not doing any. But it replicates our week. We labor, and then we rest. On Labor Day, we honor the value of labor by putting it out of our thoughts for an extra-long weekend.

Work is an activity we esteem most when we're not doing it. In a period of unemployment, for example, work seems like the grandest and most longed-for opportunity of all. Work is therefore a blessed endeavor. Whether it's baking a casserole or doing laundry; serving customers or compiling a report; teaching a class or making a hospital bed: Our daily labors earn our daily bread and more.



Labor Day is to celebrate you, the American worker! It was envisioned by the founders to honor the American worker, the driving engine behind the most productive economy in the world, and the American work ethic that resulted in one of the highest standards of living in the world. All of this came out of a belief in economic and political democracy.

Of course, Labor Day not only celebrated the American workers but also protected their quality of life. Back in the late 1800s, the Labor movement was created to address some of the serious problems of the day including long working hours and lack of time off.

Who "Invented" Labor Day? Labor Day was the idea of Peter J. Maguire (although recent research has shown that it might have been his brother Matthew's idea), a labor union leader who, in 1882, proposed a celebration honoring the American worker. Peter Maguire was the general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. The date chosen was simply "convenient." Peter Maguire suggested that this date would nicely fall "nearly midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving."

Which President Started Labor Day? In the U.S., the first Labor Day parade was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a legal national holiday every year. The first Labor Day celebrations were parades to show the public "the strength and *esprit de corps* of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by festivals designed for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. Speeches by prominent union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics, and government officials were among the day's highlights.

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/content/when-labor-day>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CAFCI'S EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

Saturday, August 19: **General Membership Meeting ~ Membership Appreciation**, 6 pm,
In-Person Only at Strathmore Gate West Clubhouse

Saturday, September 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, September 16, 2023, 7 pm

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

WEST PALM BEACH MARRIOTT

Saturday, October 14: **General Membership Meeting ~ Games Night**, 7 pm, Location TBA

Saturday, November 11: **General Membership Meeting ~ Board Nominations**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Saturday, December 9: **General Membership Meeting ~ Toys for Tots**, 7 pm, Hybrid (in person and Zoom)

Sunday, December 31: **CAFCI New Year's Eve Gala**, 8 pm, Location TBA

AROUND TOWN

- **Friday, August 18th at 7 pm: United Sports & Social Club** presents **Jamaica Independence Social Friday** at St. Christopher's Event Hall, 1063 Haverhill Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33417. Entertainment by DJ Toney and local artists. There will be fun and games and authentic Jamaican Food. Admission: Free, Bring a Friend. For more information, contact Jean at 561.312.5972.
- **Wednesday, August 23rd from 10 am to 1 pm: School District of Palm Beach County Job Fair** at Belle Glade Library, 725 North West 4th Street, Belle Glade, FL 33430. The District is seeking bus drivers, maintenance technicians, food service assistants, custodians and applicants for many other noninstructional positions! For more info, visit Mosaicgroup.co/palmbeachschools or call 561.651.9565.
- Visit the **Kravis Center** at <https://www.kravis.org/> for upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the CAFCI Group to see performances at the Kravis Center, please text Genieve White at 561.876.4161.
- Visit the **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** at <https://events.palmbeachculture.com/> for upcoming events and activities.
- For information on what's going on around Wellington, go to **AroundWellington.com**.
- **Mondays & Fridays, 12 pm to 1 pm: Senior Meal Program** – Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center Senior Games & Activities are held before and after starting at 10:30 am – 2 pm.
- **1st Tuesday of every month, 3:30 pm to 5 pm: FREE Technology Workshops** for Seniors at the Royal Palm Beach Recreation Center.

FLORIDA SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax during the 2023 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the next sales tax holiday starts Saturday, August 26 and extends through Friday, September 8. The Department of Revenue created this webpage to provide information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties. For more information, [Florida Dept. of Revenue - Home \(floridarevenue.com\)](http://Florida Dept. of Revenue - Home (floridarevenue.com))

DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED MONEY WAITING FOR YOU?

Our office has thousands of dollars in unclaimed money waiting to be returned to its rightful owners. Could some of it belong to you? Businesses and individuals in Palm Beach County can search lists on our website to see if they are due unclaimed monies from our office. These lists include unclaimed vendor payments, refunds, deposits, juror checks and cash bonds were never cashed, and were collected prior to January 1, 2022.

To check the lists, go to our website at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/unclaimed to search by name or case number. The deadline for submitting a claim is **September 1, 2023**.

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