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From left: West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James; Sheri Montgomery, Good Samaritan Medical Center; and Bill Bone, Chamber chair. CAPEHART

## MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY BREAKFAST 'Community Of Opportunity For All'

City of West Palm Beach Mayor Keith James delivered the State of the City Address presented by Good Samaritan Medical Center on Friday, Feb. 4, to more than 700 members and guests of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Mayor James spoke on how key quality of life improvements in public safety, education, infrastructure, housing, the environment – coupled with the city's business-friendly environment – are making our city even more vibrant, creating an economy that works for all West Palm Beach residents, and attracting new residents and businesses.

Mayor James' vision for 2022 in West Palm Beach is a "Community of Opportunity for All." This is evident in the 10 great accomplishments the city has obtained over the past year.

■ Our city is safe! The West Palm Beach Police Department achieved a 16% decrease in crimes against persons in 2021 and achieved the lowest reported such rate in 20 years. Murders decreased 22% from 2018. The West Palm Beach Fire Department responded to a record 30,000 calls in 2021. Public safety has been a top priority of the mayor since day one.

■ As a sign of its economic strength, the city assisted with the relocation or expansion of 12 new companies, which added more than 1,300 highly compensated jobs in 2021.

■ Nearly \$3 billion in privately initiated projects are in various stages of completion, and six Class-A office projects are in the pipeline.

■ For the first time in our city's history, beginning in fiscal year 2023,



we will be able to provide full staffing and full equipment, including a new fire engine and a new rescue truck, at Fire Station 8.

■ The "Neighborhoods First" initiative is delivering improved customer service to residents in all neighborhoods. The "Operation Clean Streets" initiative has led to the arrests of nine people for illegal dumping and the removal of 178,000 pounds of illegally dumped material from neighborhoods.

■ Through its "500 in 3" initiative, the city is adding more than 500 workforce housing units to its housing stock.

James announced a commitment to add an additional 100 units to a three-year goal for a grand total of 600 units of workforce housing in three years.

■ In FY 2021, \$42 million was invested in capital improvement and infrastructure projects benefitting the entire city. We continue to make improvements to community centers, parks, roads and so much more across our city. Learn more about improvements in your neighborhood by visiting the Capital Improvement Projects Portal on the city's website, WPB.org.

■ Last week, the city was awarded the LEED for Cities "gold" certification. West Palm Beach will continue to be a leader and take necessary actions to address climate change and build resilience.

■ The city is beginning to implement priority recommendations from the Mayor's Taskforce on Racial and Ethnic Equality.

■ James announced the Mayor's Education Grant Program, a new initiative that will directly award grants to eligible elementary schools in West Palm Beach to help children improve reading and math skills. We are actively negotiating to bring University of Florida graduate, professional and executive programs to our city. An innovative partnership with the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University will create agriculture programs and opportunities, operate three community gardens, and expand access to affordable health food options in "food deserts."

Visit our Facebook page – @chamberofthepalmbeaches – to view photos from this event.

## A special thanks to our 2022 Event Sponsors



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## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

### Sherlene MacTaggart

Sherlene MacTaggart is the director of business development for Darcy Hall of Life Care and Lakeside Health Center in West Palm Beach, both under the Life Care Centers of America umbrella. MacTaggart has been with the Life Care Centers of America family for the past 5 years, starting off as admissions assistant and working her way up to her current position. She has a 15-year background in skilled nursing and customer service. MacTaggart is a graduate of Palm Beach State College and has volunteered with the Girl Scouts of America as a troop leader for the local West Palm Beach chapter. In her spare time, you can find her spending quality time at home with her husband, Bill, and her three children, Jaida, William and Hailey. When time permits, she loves to read a good book or watch movies.

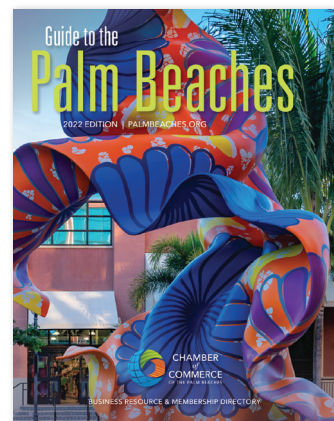


### George Bishop

George "Ed" Bishop is the Small Business Administration (SBA) Director for Locality Bank, South Florida's newest bank. His focus is on SBA, business banking, small business banking and Treasury services for Locality, a "digital first" bank



that incorporates the convenience of remote banking with the luxury of having a local banker. Bishop has more than 25 years of banking experience. He has been a business banker, business banking manager and regional executive with Bank of America, Wachovia Bank and BankUnited. Bishop has spent his career specializing in assisting businesses meet their financial needs. He has been active in the South Florida market and has, both individually and as a team leader, successfully built key customer relationships and increased market share through promoting a customer-centric culture. A graduate of the University of Florida, Bishop, along with his wife, Lisa, actively volunteers in the community.



## 2022 GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACHES

The 2022 Guide to the Palm Beaches is hot off the press and ready for pickup in the Chamber lobby. This award-winning, full-color publication is used as a buying guide for products and services by Chamber members as well as residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. Each member of the Chamber receives two free listings – one alphabetical and one by business category. The publication is also available in digital format at palmbeaches.org.



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## Kelly Smallridge, Business Development Board president, to speak at March breakfast

The Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches is pleased to announce another outstanding keynote speaker for our March Breakfast. The Business Development Board (BDB) of Palm Beach County President and CEO Kelly Smallridge will discuss Economic Development in Palm Beach County: An overview of companies that have relocated or expanded into the county over the past 12 months. Arrive early and network with elected officials and other community leaders on Thursday, March 3 at the Palm



Beach County Convention Center from 7:30-9 a.m. Individual tickets and tables of 10 are available on our website [PalmBeaches.org](http://PalmBeaches.org)

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org).



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## Curtain rises with new Kravis Center CEO

Board of Directors announce Diane Quinn to leadership role

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Board of Directors announced that as of Jan. 31, Diane Quinn will lead the performing arts center as CEO, according to Board Chairman, Jeffrey Stoops.

“Diane has a thoughtful and broad vision for the Kravis Center, with particular attention to how to best build upon our strong foundation and continue to expand our audience,” said Stoops. “She is a people person, who is very interested in the ways in which the arts can connect to audiences and improve the local community. The Board of Directors is proud of and deeply committed to the success and future of the Kravis Center. As stewards of the Center’s mission, we are thrilled to have Diane at the helm of this outstanding organization as its CEO.”

Quinn has more than 20 years of progressive

arts experience on a global scale, arriving to the Kravis Center via Montreal, Quebec where she was the chief creative officer for Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group. She started at Cirque du Soleil in 2004 as the public services director and rose through the ranks to be a key member of the executive leadership team.

“I am honored to be joining the prestigious Kravis Center for the Performing Arts as CEO,” said Quinn. “Few organizations have had the type of impact on an audience, a city, a state or nationally, as the Kravis Center. Its exceptional theatrical programming, along with internationally renowned orchestras and its arts education programs, have left an indelible mark on the Palm Beach community. The Kravis Center is looking to carefully build for the future, and I see this role as an opportunity of a lifetime.”

## YPOP Hotspot at Drive Shack



Drive Shack hosted the Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) for their first Hotspot event of the year on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The night started off with drinks and snacks in Drive Shack’s private multi-use indoor/outdoor event space dubbed The Fairway. Guests participated in a raffle for Drive Shack swag and a \$50 gift card provided by our YPOP sponsor, Fusion Chiropractic Spa, before heading upstairs to the third floor driving range

to show off their golf skills and enjoy a dessert buffet. Special thanks to the staff at Drive Shack and Fusion Chiropractic Spa for making this a great networking event for our Young Professionals!

Visit our Facebook page – [@chamberofthepalmbeaches](https://www.facebook.com/chamberofthepalmbeaches) – to view photos from this event.

For more information on YPOP or for sponsorship opportunities please contact, Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org).



### RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Jan. 7, 2022

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#### UIC Leadership & Soft Skills Academy

Jan. 10, 2022

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#### Camp Rusty Dog Retreat

Feb. 2, 2022

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West Palm Beach, FL 33409

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FordHarrison Seminar: Managing Employees' Mental Health in a Pandemic/Post-Pandemic World.**  
**When:** 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Discount  
**Registration Deadline:** Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. **Members:** \$15 in advance, \$20 after deadline; **Nonmembers:** \$25 in advance, \$30 after deadline **Contact:** Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Women in Business Committee: 5 Tips to Ignite your Brand in 2022**  
**When:** noon-1 p.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free (members only) **Contact:** Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Business After Hours**  
**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, 4751 Main St., Jupiter, FL 33458 **Cost:** Discount Registration  
**Deadline:** Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. **Members:** \$20 in advance, \$25 after deadline; **Nonmembers:** \$30 in advance, \$35 after deadline **Contact:** Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Guaranteed Rate Seminar: Palm Beach Real Estate Market Update**  
**When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Members: Free; nonmembers: \$10  
**Contact:** Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

**Business Builder**  
**When:** 9-10 a.m. **Where:** Chamber Boardroom **Cost:** Free  
**Contact:** Kirby Davis at [kdavis@palmbeaches.org](mailto:kdavis@palmbeaches.org)

## Business After Hours Palm Beach Kennel Club

The Palm Beach Kennel Club (PBKC) hosted the Chamber’s Business After Hours event on Wednesday, Jan. 19 in their Poker Room. Attendees enjoyed appetizers and drinks while networking before the “Fun Tournament” began. For first-time poker players, the Kennel Club had a Poker 101 table to teach beginners. This was a non-losing tournament where players continued until they ran out of chips and the dealer would resupply them to continue in the fun. Winners from each table received prizes from PBKC, which included comedy show tickets and gift certificates to their restaurant, The Paddock.

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