



# Palm Beach County Planning Congress

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## PALM BEACH COUNTY PLANNING CONGRESS, MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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*Members are encouraged to submit news for the Newsletter by 5pm, the last Monday of each month to scoughan@sfwmd.gov*

## THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

### Design and Revitalization of Town Centers An Evening with Robert Gibbs

The April program of the Palm Beach County Planning Congress will feature a special lecture by Robert Gibbs, a nationally known architect, planner and designer who specializes in the design and revitalization of town centers and retail. The lecture begins at 7:00pm in the Auditorium at the MacArthur Campus of Florida Atlantic University at Abacoa in Jupiter and will be preceded by a reception beginning at 6:30pm.

Sponsors include the Abacoa Project of the FAU Catanese Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions, the Florida Public Officials Design Institute at Abacoa, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the MacArthur Foundation, the Community Foundation, Urban Principals LLC, and the Palm Beach County Planning Congress. The lecture kicks off the Florida Public Officials Design Institute at Abacoa (FPODIA) to be held the next day on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Robert Gibbs is President of ***The Gibbs Planning Group*** based in Birmingham, Michigan. The firm specializes in Neo-Traditional Town Planning, Urban Retail Consulting, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning. In addition to working on the early phases of the Abacoa development and the Clematis Street revival in West Palm Beach, the firm has worked on several other projects in Florida communities, including Coral Gables, Merritt Island, Miami Beach, Naples, Orlando, Tampa, and Winter Springs. Their client list also includes numerous projects in Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington State, and Wisconsin as well as Australia, Canada and New Zealand. Mr. Gibbs is also the author of several publications on traditional neighborhood design and town centers, including the video "New Trends in New Urbanist Retail." You can find out more about the *Gibbs Planning Group* at [www.gibbsplanning.com](http://www.gibbsplanning.com) If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to (561) 799-8526 or email [emaietta@fau.edu](mailto:emaietta@fau.edu)

**(Richard Orman, cont.)**

**Hometown:** Wellsville, New York

**Education:** Masters of Regional Planning; Ph.D. Urban Studies, Syracuse University

**One work-related accomplishment you're proud of:** Lasting 3 years as City of Riviera Beach City Manager

**One Personal accomplishment you're proud of:** Raising two excellent children

**Things you do in your spare time:** Golf, fish, travel

**Family:** Married to Mary, 2 children, 1 cat, 3 dogs

**Favorite movie:** A Christmas Carol with Albert Finney

**What CD is in your player right now?** Bob Marley Gold

**In His Own Words:** I am blessed with a wonderful life: beautiful wife, great kids, good health and a reasonable income. I love my work both as a teacher of public administration and as a consulting urban planner. I

currently am (and likely will be for the foreseeable future) a tenured, full professor of public administration at Barry University. I live and work in Palm Beach Gardens. I have recently spent time in Eastern Europe helping the newly emerging democracies adjust to a new political and public administration regimen. I would like to continue that work in the near term. My personal philosophy is that -

*One should think carefully and comprehensively about one's values, define them sharply, and stand up for that value set.*

David Carpenter, Paul Castro, Alan Ciklin, Terry Clark, Raphael Clemente, Lois Clemente, Veronica Close, Diane Colonna, Susan Coughanour, Russell Devick, Juan Diaz-Carreras, Paul Dorling, Rosemary Fallon, James Fleischmann, David Flinchum, Haney Frakes, Timothy Frank, Robilyn Gass, George Gentile, Michael Gertz, David Gilpin-Hudson, Kim Glas-Castro, Douglas Gordon, Lisa D. Graff, Rick Greene, Bob Hamilton, John Higgins, Linda Hoppes, Orran Hudson, Kimberly Juran, Gregory Kino, Mary Kwok, Sara Lockhart, Jon MacGillis, Wendy Mahr, Susan Mason, Beth McCall, George McDermott, Kevin McGinley, Richard Miessau II, Bradley Miller, Michael Miller, Teresa Moore, Robert Moore, James Murley, Richard Orman, Frank Palen, F. Martin Perry, Stephen Pitkin, David Rafaidus, Nader G. Salour, James Schnelle Jr., Paul Scofield, P.K. Sharma, Jonathan Shaw, Thuy Shutt,

**Directions:** From I-95, take Exit #83, Donald Ross Road, and proceed east approximately ½ mile to the main entrance to Abacoa, just past the traffic light at Heights Boulevard. Turn left onto Parkside Drive and follow it around towards University Boulevard. The FAU Campus will be on your right. You can either park in the visitor parking lot on Parkside Drive or turn right onto University Boulevard and park in the parking garage (no charge) on your left. Follow the signs to the Auditorium.

*We're looking forward to seeing you on April 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!**

**Membership Renewals & Online Newsletter**

This is a friendly reminder to those of you who are Palm Beach County Planning Congress members who have not yet paid your membership renewal dues for 2003. As always, you can expect a variety of informative and timely program topics, formats, and venues of interest to our members. Our membership database is now being used to generate email mailing lists and we are publishing our newsletters online. Beginning with our May 2003 issue, only members with paid memberships will receive The Planning Congress Newsletter. This is the last Newsletter being distributed to everyone in our database. A limited number of printed copies will be available at regular Planning Congress events.

If you have any questions about your membership dues, please contact our Treasurer, Carol Wallace at cewallace@aol.com. If you have any changes in your contact information (agency/firm name, job position, postal or email addresses, and/or phone numbers, please contact our Vice President, Susan Coughanour at scoughan@sfwmd.gov so that we can update our records. The **2003 PBCPC Directory** will be published based on membership renewals and applications received as of April 30, 2003, so don't delay!

**THANK YOU!**

***To the members who paid their membership for 2003***

Peter Banting, Margaret Barszewski, Robert Basehart, Jim Bell, Henry Bittaker, Wesley Blackman, William Boose, III, Diane Borchardt, James Borsos, Ed Breese, Peter Banting, Margaret Barszewski, Robert Basehart, Jim Bell, Henry Bittaker, Wesley Blackman, William Boose, III, Diane Borchardt, James Borsos, Ed Breese,

Henry Skokowski, Thomas Sullivan, Susan Taylor, Judith Thomas, Carol Thompson, Bruce Thomson, Dean Turney, Mark Van Dyke, Mary Viator, Charles Walker, Chaunce Wallace, Carol Wallace, Collene Walter, Libby Webb, George Webb, William Whiteford, Randy Whitfield, E. Elizabeth Williams, Anna Yeskey

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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### Trump International Golf Course

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30–7:30pm, Trump International Golf Course Clubhouse Tour and Panel Discussion on the history of the Section 6 lands on which the golf course, Lake Lytal Park, Sheriff's Department, and other public land uses south of the Airport are located. Limited to Paid Planning Congress members only and one guest per member up to a total of 200. First-come, first-served. RSVP now at (561)833-8767, Ext. 245.

### Keysfest 2003

It's not too early to start making plans to attend our **Annual Keysfest** in October 2003 at the Breezy Palms Resort in Islamorada (oceanside at MileMarker#80). Due to a conflict with another group, Keysfest will be the first weekend in October (rather than our traditional second weekend).

For those of us with children in school, Monday is a school holiday, so we will have the opportunity to make it a three-day weekend. We'll begin the festivities on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and depart on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

We'll start the weekend with our traditional Friday night gathering by the pool (6:00pm til ??? for our late arrivals) with complimentary snacks, soda, beer and wine. Other activities include:

- ❑ The all-you-can-eat breakfast (pancakes, egg souffle, bagels, fruit, coffee, juice, etc.) Saturday and Sunday mornings at the Beachside Cottage
- ❑ Boating excursions on Saturday (and maybe Sunday) to the local reef for snorkeling and to Indian Key, a 10-acre historical island that was the original county seat for Dade County
- ❑ Our annual Shrimp Boil (shrimp, corn, sausage, potatoes, etc.) Saturday night underneath the Tiki Hut
- ❑ Our Annual Planning Congress Children's Olympics, and
- ❑ Watching your favorite football games on TV on the Beach Cottage porch with a scenic tropical view

#### BOARD MEETING

The next Planning Congress Board Meeting will be held Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 6:30pm, at the 121<sup>st</sup> Bomb Squadron, Southern Blvd. *Suggestions, comments, and questions* about programs and other items are welcome. Contact our President, Wes Blackman, at 833-8767, Ext. 245 or [wesblackman@earthlink.net](mailto:wesblackman@earthlink.net).

As part of your trip down to the Keys, you'll also want to participate in our **Annual Keysfest Scavenger Hunt** and try to earn some great prizes (including a free weekend at Breezy Palms and other Keys' delights). For those of you who may not have been to Keysfest before, you can find out more about Breezy Palms by calling (305) 664-2361 or logging on at [www.breezypalms.com](http://www.breezypalms.com). The Resort also includes a large freshwater pool, a small protected beach area, plenty of places along the docks and shore to fish or relax, volleyball, shuffleboard, lots of deck chairs to lounge around in, and, at low tide, a path out to an off shore seagrass snorkeling area. One-bedroom apartments with 2 double beds, or a king size bed and fold-out couch in the living room, a full kitchen, and a screened porch are available to Planning Congress members and their guests for the special rate of \$110.00 per night. A variety of other types of rooms and efficiencies are also available at comparable costs (See our "Special Events" on our website for further details). Children and additional adults can stay in the same unit (up to a total of six) at no additional

charge. You can also bring or drive your own boat down. Breezy Palms has 23 dock spaces available at no cost to members of our group (maximum boat length 25').

To get the special rate, be sure to mention that you are with the PBC Planning Congress when making your reservation. If you are bringing a boat, you will also need to reserve a boat space before arriving. While no deposit is required with your reservation, please note that there is a 7-day cancellation policy. Look for more info on this fun event in future newsletters. Whether you're single, part of a double, or have a family, you'll find lots of things to do and enjoy during Keysfest!

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### 2003 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	SCHEDULED EVENT
January 6	Philippe Pierre Cousteau
February 20	South Florida Science Museum Expansion
March 8, Saturday	Winter Equestrian Festival
April 24, Thursday	Robin Gibb Lecture at Abacoa
May 22, Thursday	Trump International Golf Course Clubhouse Tour
June 19, Thursday	Riviera Beach Redevelopment Program Discussion and Mobile Tour
July	<i>To Be Announced</i>
August 23, Saturday	Annual Family Picnic – Ocean Cay Park, Juno Beach/Jupiter
September	<i>To Be Announced</i>
October 3 - 6	Keysfest - Breezy Palms Resort, Islamorada
October	<i>Tentative</i> Convention Center Tour
November 1, Saturday	Glades All-Day Agricultural Bus Tour
December	Annual Holiday Party

### JOB POSTINGS

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The **Palm Beach County Planning and Zoning Departments** have **Planner 1, Planner 2, and Senior Planner** positions available. See the Palm Beach County Job Postings at [www.pbcgov.com](http://www.pbcgov.com) for more information.

**Administrative Assistant position available at Urban Design Studio.** Experience with land planning, zoning marketing and/or public relations preferred. Good speaking and writing skills a must. Salary negotiable. Please email resume to [BRiggio@udsonline.com](mailto:BRiggio@udsonline.com) or fax to 561-366-1111. For more information, call Bailey Riggio at 561-366-1100.

### LAST MONTH'S EVENT

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## Wellington, Winter Equestrian Festival

On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Planning Congress members and their guests had the opportunity to enjoy first hand the Cosequin Wellington Finale at the Winter Equestrian Festival. The Festival, with over 4,000 hunter/jumper horses participating during the 8 weeks of the event, is now the largest equestrian competition in the world and attracts riders and spectators from all over the world. For the Cosequin Finale, 65 horses and riders competed on an intricate timed course with a wide variety of jumps to identify the top riders in this event. From our reserved ringside seating, we were able to see each of the horses and riders up close as they made their way around the course while enjoying a superb buffet!

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Michael Whitlow, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Wellington Equestrian Alliance, was on hand to explain the rules and intricacies of the competition. He and Dean Turney, Executive Director of the Equestrian Alliance, also gave us an overview of the history and current equestrian activities in the Wellington area, followed by a personal tour of the area. Until you've seen it, it's hard to imagine how many horse barns it takes to house the thousands of horses that come to this corner of Wellington each winter for the season!

We left with a little more knowledge about the breadth of the equestrian community in Palm Beach County and its contribution to the local economy. For those who were unable to attend, make sure you find your way out to the greater Wellington area during the equestrian season for a unique and special event. For more information about equestrian activities, you can also contact the Alliance at [EquusAlliance@msn.com](mailto:EquusAlliance@msn.com) or the Palm Beach Equestrian at [PalmBeachEquestrian.com](http://PalmBeachEquestrian.com)



## MOVERS & SHAPERS

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**Hank Skokowski** – Senior Partner **Hank Skokowski** of **Urban Design Studio (UDS)**, and a *Planning Congress founding member*, recently announced effective April 22, 2003, **UDS** is relocating to The Lofts at City Place in downtown West Palm Beach from the offices they have occupied on Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard for the last 20 years. Their new address is 477 South Rosemary Avenue, Suite 225, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401. They can be reached at 561-366-1100 or by fax at 561-366-1111. Email addresses will remain the same.

*Please note that UDS will be closed on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, but will be open for business at their new address on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**Don Lockhart** - also one of the founding members of the Planning Congress, and most recently, the Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority, retired in April. For those of you who remember, Don was the Urban Forester assigned to Palm Beach County in 1972 through the State Division of Forestry. He began his employment with Palm Beach County Planning Division in 1975 and assisted with identifying many of the tracts of land that subsequently became beachfront County Parks. He was also instrumental in obtaining the Wild and Scenic River Designation for the Loxahatchee River and development and implementation of the County's 1980 Comprehensive Plan. In 1987 he joined the Solid Waste Authority. He has served as the Executive Director of the Authority

for the past 10 years. The next chapter of his life opens in Palm Coast, located in Northeast Florida, where he plans to play golf and watch Sara work.

## HAPPENINGS

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, April 19th (10am-3pm)</b>  | <b>NatureScaping2003</b> - John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, Singer Island. An Earth Day Celebration, join in the fun at this FREE event for nature lovers of all ages! Enjoy a plant sale, how-to Workshops, Educational Presentations, Exhibits, Arts & Gifts, Children's Crafts, Live Music, and Food. |
| <b>Saturday, April 26 (9 am - 2 pm)</b> | <b>Dupuis Management Area Visitor Center Grand Opening and Earth Day Celebration</b> - Gate 5, Hwy 76, 6 miles west of Indiantown & the Beeline (SR 710) Presentations, Busch Wildlife Nature Walks, Exhibits. Call (561) 686-8800 Ext.3192 for info.                                                       |
| <b>Saturday, April 26 (9am-noon)</b>    | <b>Pine Jog Environmental Education Center Earth Day – Living Lightly!</b> Learn about native plants, recycling, how to build a butterfly garden, and other "hands-on" activities. Call 686-6600 for info. \$5 members; \$7 non-members.                                                                    |

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