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Brightline set to begin 110 mph tests Saturday



A northbound Brightline train travels near Northeast 13th Avenue in Boynton Beach in 2021. Tests at speeds of 110 mph will start Saturday and last through March. GREG LOVETT/PALM BEACH POST

PBC drivers should expect longer waits at crossings

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The next phase of Brightline's \$2.7 billion connection from South Florida to Orlando will take place in the form of testing trains at 110 mph in West Palm Beach and northern Palm Beach County.

Here's everything Palm Beach County residents need to know:

When will trains roll through at 110 mph?

Brightline will begin running trains at 110 mph Saturday and tests will occur throughout February and March. Testing will take place daily between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Flaggers will be present at railroad crossings when there is active testing.

Residents should be alert and follow the law around active railroad tracks and railroad crossings.

Testing is expected to bring additional wait times at railroad crossings.

This past fall, the company tested 110 mph trains in Martin and St. Lucie counties as part of the 129-mile rail corridor between West Palm Beach and Cocoa.

What railroad crossings will be tested in PBC?

Here are the locations where trains will be coming through:

- Center Street in Jupiter (State Road A1A).
- Indiantown Road in Jupiter (State Road 706).
- Toney Penna Drive in Jupiter.
- Frederick Small Road in Jupiter.
- Donald Ross Road in Jupiter.
- Hood Road in Palm Beach Gardens.
- Kyoto Gardens Drive in Palm Beach Gardens.
- RCA Boulevard in Palm Beach Gardens.

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Avelo Airlines now offers direct flights from West Palm to Wilmington, Del.

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Getting to and from the Florida and the nation's first state just got easier.

Avelo Airlines newest nonstop service from Palm Beach International Airport to Wilmington New Castle Airport, which is coded ILG, began Saturday. One-way tickets to the Wilmington, Del., airport, roughly 37 miles southwest of Philadelphia, start at \$49 for travel through June 19.

Flights on the Boeing Next-Generation 737 will run on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

This route is Avelo's third at PBI.

The airline already flies to Tweed-New Haven Airport, or HVN, in Connecticut. And starting Feb. 16, Avelo will have a route to North Carolina's Raleigh-Durham International Airport, or RDU.



Avelo Airlines' newest nonstop service, from Palm Beach International Airport to Wilmington, Del., began Saturday. WILL SCHERMERHORN/PROVIDED

Bed, Bath & Beyond to close 4 PBC stores

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Bed Bath & Beyond announced it will close four more stores in Palm Beach County and a Harmon store, which is the company's beauty store brand.

The closures will be among 87 nationwide as the embattled home goods chain teeters on the brink of bankruptcy.

In addition, the company said it would close five buybuy Baby stores. It is closing all of its Harmon stores. The retailer said the new closures expand an ongoing program to close 150 of its lowest-performing stores. It had previously announced the shuttering of

62 stores in September, and 56 more in January.

Florida to shed the most stores in the nation

Thirty states are impacted by the latest announcement with Florida shedding the most stores in the latest wave with 11 stores closing, followed by California with 10. Harmon stores are mostly concentrated in New York and New Jersey.

The retailer said in its third-quarter results report earlier this month that it had seen net sales drop 33% to \$1.26 billion, and announced an expected \$500 million in general annualized cost cuts.

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Kenneth Theriot is the Executive Director of TheRiot Agency and a graduate of the University of South Florida. His experience of more than 20 years in strategic brand marketing and engagement activities has enabled him to approach each challenge with pragmatic solutions that only come with his unique background. Since TheRiot Agency's founding in 2015, Theriot has enjoyed building a technology-first growth agency that focuses on creative storytelling across multiple platforms. Leveraging his "a brand is more than a logo" philosophy has helped him build a team of marketers, designers and technologists who have a passion for solving challenging issues and have fun doing it. This process has proven to create scale and velocity to genuine brand engagement through the design of high-value content to targeted audiences. Theriot currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.



BUSINESS PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Health care

Lee A. Fox, MD, is starting his second term as chief of staff at Jupiter Medical Center. Fox, who has been on staff at Jupiter Medical Center since 2004, previously held the title of chief of radiology. Fellowship-trained and board-certified in diagnostic and interventional radiology, Fox completed his residency at Harvard Medical School and continues to collaborate on clinical trials and contribute academic research publications to the field.



Fox

Real estate

Lang Realty recently donated \$7,225 to the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer initiative as part of its annual Open the Door for a Cure campaign. Throughout the month of October, Lang turned "pink" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of each home closed that month was dedicated to the charity. "Lang has been a proud supporter of this cause for more than a decade," said Scott Agran, president of Lang Realty.



Agran, center

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Florida law firm Lewis, Longman & Walker is pleased to announce the election of three new shareholders from its West Palm Beach office. They are **Seth C. Behn**, **Julia L. Jennison** and **Kathryn B. Rossmell**. Behn's practice focuses on land use, environmental law and governmental affairs. Jennison's practice focuses on working closely with clients to understand and execute their strategic objectives within the evolving and complex areas of water resource, environmental and real property law. Rossmell's practice focuses on land use, environmental, local government and natural resources law.

Gregory M. Yaffa was recently named partner at Domnick Cunningham and the firm's name has been changed to Domnick Cunningham & Yaffa. Yaffa has been a partner for the past seven years and the new firm name reflects his record of success representing clients who are victims of medical malpractice, catastrophic injury, and insurance bad faith. Shutts & Bowen, a full-service business law firm, is pleased to announce that **Matthew R. Chait** has been named managing partner of the firm's West Palm Beach office. He takes over the position from Arthur J. Menor, who served in the role for 24 years. Chait, who started at Shutts as an associate almost 17 years ago, focuses his practice on commercial real estate litigation, as well as general business litigation.

Doane & Doane is pleased to announce the addition of **Jeremy Soffler** as a member of the firm. He has extensive experience with elder law, special needs trusts, trust administration, guardianship and creditor's rights. Soffler is also an accredited Veterans Administration attorney. Soffler holds a J.D. from the University of Florida's Levin College of law.