

Continued Discussion: Remaining 2021 Town Hall topics

In February 2021, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to continue its successful virtual Town Hall series. Since that time, several strong events have reached hundreds of residents and attracted media attention.

In August, PGA sought topic approval from the BCC on the next three Town Hall topics. The BCC gave direction for October (Child Care) and November (Public Safety), and asked for the additional information to be collected regarding two potential September topics.

The event date has been set for Wednesday, Sept 22.

Here is an update on a tentative topic for September:

- ***Mental Health/Suicide Prevention Awareness***: September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. This topic would be timely, and key county staff who would be present/help produce – including Suicide Prevention Coordinator **Galli Murray** – like the idea and are available. Staff would provide a brief presentation of available resources at the beginning of the event.

This would be a Listening Session-style Town Hall. The format would be tweaked from the normal proceeding, as due to the topic, all questions/comments ***are taken via email only*** (in order to avoid a crisis call). A similar event last year on the same topic gathered the largest turnout we've had – more than 200 attendees.

Topics for future consideration:

- ***Congestion Pricing/Tolling***: At the time of this update's writing, DTD staff were still exploring this topic. A DTD representative will be available at the Issues session to provide an update and answer questions.

As always, PGA can produce additional Town Hall events (outside of the monthly schedule) at the direction of the BCC and County Administrator.