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PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION<sup>SM</sup>

## GUEST SPEAKER JANUARY 18, 2005 RE: RIVERBEND PARK

The Associations' representatives have booked another great speaker to keep the residents informed about their community and issues that may affect them on a long term, short term and/or daily basis.

We are honored to announce our next Guest Speaker, Mr. John Street, Director of Riverbend Park, a 175 acre Park, of which a portion borders our community. Mr. Street has dedicated enormous amounts of time and attention to detail for the preservation and restoration of the ecological balance within this pristine area.

Please plan to join us for our January 18th meeting of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Assoc.<sup>SM</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and be prepared to hear this magnificent presentation! Mr. Street has orchestrated an incredible restoration of this historic property, balancing its natural habitat and beauty while making way for the public to have access to the Park. Thank you in advance, Mr. Street.

The plans for Riverbend Park include bicycle, hiking, canoeing and equestrian trails plus a proposed Interpretative Center that will provide education and historical information regarding the Park. Riverbend Park is also the historical home of the Seminole Native Americans with a rich story of their culture and

of the early settlers. With an archeological site dating back approx. 6,000 years ago, archeologists have deemed areas of this valuable Park as one of the most densely occupied sites on record in the State of Florida.

Flowing through Riverbend Park, is the Loxahatchee River, the first Federally designated Wild and Scenic River in the State of Florida. The C18 Canal, bordering Palm Beach Country Estates, is a tributary of this river.

Mr. Street has achieved the difficult balance between preservation of nature, wildlife, and history enabling visitors to access and enjoy it all. All residents are being asked to help preserve the area with respect and care for this backyard treasure by helping to keep out destructive uses in the area.

Our community greatly benefits by having Riverbend Park. Preserved as an archeo-historical Park, it encompasses history, nature, and some of the protected animals that visit our community on a daily basis. These include the threatened Sandhill Crane, endangered Woodstorks, Hawks, Peacocks, Wild Turkeys, Foxes, Deer, Bobcats and other critters which are often seen crossing on our natural roads, or along our swales and internal canals.

## NEW TREASURER WELCOMED

The Board has appointed a new Treasurer. Her name is Wynn Davis and she lives in PBCE. She will be replacing Kevin Baker who has resigned after 4 years of volunteering. Wynn has

a B.S. in Accounting and she has been employed by Greg Norman, at Great White Enterprises since 1996 as his Controller. Welcome!

## COMMUNITY FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR FUN IN SPRING

The Community Festival will be held Sunday, April 3, 2005. We are always looking for some generous donations from within the community to ensure that our silent auction will be a great success. This year we will consider a few PBCE company sponsorships to help carry this event. (call for details)

The Festival has been an annual tradition where the entire community is invited to come and enjoy a festive day of fun with a BBQ, silent auction, adult fun and also games for the kids. The Fall Festival Committee along with the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association<sup>SM</sup> was proud to be recognized as the team effort

behind our previous Festival. Of course this was all made possible through the assistance of dedicated volunteers and donations from the community. The fun is being planned now! If you wish to help or have ideas, please join us in the planning process! Your donation will help to get your company noticed within the community and remember there is no donation that is considered too small.

Due to the unrelenting hurricanes during this years fall season, we are really looking forward to celebrating PBCE this Spring!

Please telephone either Scott Rice or Lisa Janero for further information.

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<b>Park</b>	Bob Berman	627-1118

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

With the holiday season upon us, I find it a particularly appropriate time to stop and count the many blessings around me. There are good friends, family, good health and prosperity for all those we love and for ourselves, time spent with those special people... the list goes on and on. I think most importantly, to have the grace to recognize these things, no matter how large or small and to take the time to cherish them is a blessing in itself. The smallest thing can make such a difference in a day. Just this weekend, I was up in the front of our community when some residents went by on horseback. Some children in a neighboring yard lit up like little holiday lights at the sight and enjoyed a visit by these stately steeds. Now, that made my day, not to mention the children's! Seeing someone smile with such joy at such a beautiful sight was a gift to long be remembered.

I was also reminded by that gift of what a special community in which we chose to live. It is my pleasure to serve as your President on our Landowners' Association and to serve with such a dedicated Board. We are all here for you. As 2004 comes to a close and the new year approaches, we have been working together as your Board

to reconstruct and update the ByLaws, financial records and other documents related to our community and to create an "open door" policy regarding the processes and details that make it all work. Our goal is to give access of information and broader opportunities for participation by residents. This goal exceeds what was previously the norm.

Our new, official website [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org) is up and running in a beautifully updated fashion, thanks to Mark Powell, our webmaster and PBCE resident. This website is updated regularly and offers current contact information, leading you directly to the Board and to open communication opportunities. There is now a link on the former website sending you to [pbce.org](http://pbce.org), the Official Website of Palm Beach Country Estates<sup>SM</sup>.

We are hoping for continued community feedback regarding links you would like posted on our official website. Please feel free to use the website as an avenue of communication, with open mind and open eyes. We have some great things ahead on which to work together. May you all be blessed with good things this Holiday Season and in the new year.

*Angela Powell-Craney, President*

## WELCOME PBCE RESIDENTS...

The Welcoming Committee is looking for contributions from PBCE residents for our new resident Welcome Packets. We will start hand-delivering the packets in January.

If you would like to include a flyer, coupon, special offer, promotional item, etc., in our Packets, we would be glad to include your business. Please contact me to drop off the items or mail them to me.

Also, if you are a new resident or have a new neighbor, please call me at 748-6784 with their information so we can welcome you/them.

Thanks for your participation.

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## VANDALISM REPORTED... PARENTS, PLEASE HELP

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation reported to Angela Powell-Craney that vandalism occurred in Riverbend Park the weekend of December 17th. The vandals were on a four wheeler and a dirt bike. Tracks led from PBCE to the back gate entering Riverbend. This gate is locked at all times. The vandals took the gate off its hinges and proceeded to ride throughout the Park, destroying native landscape as well as property of the county park. The Official reporting the offense stated that breaking into the Park carries a felony offense. The above mentioned vehicles are also illegal for children of all ages to ride outside of their

own property. Those caught riding these vehicles may receive citations, have their driver's licenses revoked and/or not be allowed to receive a license until a much later date than desired. Please be advised that those found riding in the Park will be considered trespassers and be charged as such. A felony offense stays on one's record for a long time. We have a unique opportunity as a community to have access to Riverbend Park once it opens to the public. Please act responsibly and help preserve this opportunity for us. Acts such as this reported offense could prevent our entire community from access to this special park.

***A special thank you to the Living Oaks Ministries Church of God, previously Palm Beach Country Estates Church of God on 64th, for years of opening your doors to include our community and community meetings.***

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# MINUTES NOVEMBER 9TH, 2004

Angela Powell-Craney started the meeting at 7:33 pm with all Board members present at their introduction.

Lisa Janero made a motion and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

## Treasurer's Report

Kevin Baker, Treasurer thanked the residents for electing him to serve as Treasurer the last four years. He further stated he would resign if the proposed updated ByLaws were to go into effect requiring 2 signatures on the checks. Kevin reported that there is \$5,015.49 in the operating fund and \$1,299.59 in the legal fund.

## Guest Speaker

Guest speaker Leon Goldenberg of Solid Waste Authority (SWA) came to address complaints regarding garbage services in PBCE. These complaints came prior to the hurricanes. Mr. Goldenberg stated that during the pick up period after the storms, there were two and one half million cubic yards of debris picked up in 59 days. This is equivalent to 5 years of garbage pickup in our community. He also stated that we had more vegetative debris than most communities due to the number of trees we had and the number we lost.

Mr. Goldenberg also gave tips on recycling such as only corrugated cardboard is to be recycled (broken down into 3'x3' pieces.) He also stated that contents should go into the right container. Pine needles and other small vegetative debris should be bagged for pick up. If it is proven that your garbage containers were damaged by haulers, they will be replaced for free by SWA. He also explained that tire amnesty day occurs two times a year. Mr. Goldenberg concluded his presentation by distributing gift items from SWA made of recycled materials.

## New Business

Angela stated that we have a new website, [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org)

that is being updated regularly with current information, events and minutes. A resident asked about the demise of the former website

[palmbeachcountryestates.org](http://palmbeachcountryestates.org). Angela stated that a new website was built in order to keep residents informed on a regular basis with current information, as the former site was not updated regularly. Angela also stated that the new website is constructed with residents' interests in mind. She invited input from residents as to what links and information of interest could be put on the site. Mike Danchuk, former President, noted that he had seen problems with the bulletin board on the previous site and shut that portion down. A question was raised as to who owns the website [palmbeachcountryestates.org](http://palmbeachcountryestates.org). One resident noted that a letter written by Kevin Baker, the Treasurer, stated that the website was owned by the Landowners as the dues pay for the site's operation. However, Kevin later stated that he believes Mike Danchuk owns the site and that our Landowners' voluntary dues were reimbursement to Mike for the use of the site. The Treasurer also noted that he had asked Mike to keep the site active until the official website [pbce.org](http://pbce.org) was up and running. One resident asked Mr. Danchuk if he would turn the website over to the residents. This question went unanswered. Mike agreed to put a link on [palmbeachcountryestates.org](http://palmbeachcountryestates.org) connecting it to the new Official Landowners' site, [pbce.org](http://pbce.org).

Angela announced an important name clarification. Donald Ross Landowners' Association is AKA/DBA Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association<sup>SM</sup> and has historically been used as such. Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association<sup>SM</sup> and Palm Beach Country Estates<sup>SM</sup> are now registered with the State of Florida Department of Corporations with service marks which gives exclusive use of these names to the

Donald Ross Landowners' Association. Details may be found through the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations. [www.sunbiz.org](http://www.sunbiz.org)

Angela stated that at the July meeting, volunteers were asked to help with the newsletter. Beverly Bean was the only person to reply. Special thanks to Beverly for the endless hours she voluntarily spends putting together the format of the newsletter in such a professional and attractive way.

The Board, along with many residents, worked tirelessly to prevent the Worship Center Baptist Church site on 64th and Donald Ross from approval by the Board of County Commissioners. However, the commission voted 4-2 in favor of the Worship Center. There were restrictions imposed by the commissioners to limit the size and hours of operation. The Landowners' Board and Pastor White of the Worship Center agreed to work together in a cooperative manner.

Angela recognized those Hurricane Heroes who were so helpful to the community this hurricane season. They are Tim Brown, Ed Evans, Manny Bouano and Bill Hadley of FPL and PBCE. Thanks also went out to Mike Ryan and to the countless others who helped.

A suggestion box will be available at the next meeting.

## Fall Festival

Lisa Janero spoke about a change of schedule for the Fall Festival this year due to the hurricanes, conflicting schedules and a need for volunteers. Lisa also noted a letter received in the mail stating that Mr. Berman sponsored the festival last year. It was noted that last year's Fall Festival was put on independent of financial support from Berman Realty and had a profit of over \$700 after paying all expenses.

## New Residents

Welcome to Rossel Guifaird, Bill and Jane Groot, Bal and Stephanie De Ollugru.

## Open Forum

A resident asked about the proposed ByLaws and why the Treasurer would resign because of them. Angela stated that the original ByLaws were written in 1980. She further explained that after extensive time dedicated by the Board members in updating the ByLaws, an attorney was asked to review them. The attorney highly recommended that 2 signatures be required on all checks written by the Association as this is standard practice. Kevin Baker, the Treasurer stated that he was solely responsible and did not want an additional signature along with his on checks. One resident stated that he was comfortable with Kevin's signature. Another resident noted that if everything was as it should be, there should not be an objection to another signature. Another resident stated that while he was comfortable with things as they were, at his place of employment, there are always at least two signatures on every check no matter how difficult they are to attain. It was stated that there are about 5 checks a month written by the Landowners' Association so requiring two signatures should not be difficult.

Angela noted that the original ByLaws were written in 1980 and have not been updated since. Those ByLaws do not accommodate resident input into their content. It was noted that one of the purposes for updating the ByLaws could allow for more resident input as well as to update the content to match community growth. All ByLaws, as well as the Articles of Incorporation, will be posted on [pbce.org](http://pbce.org) for resident access and review.

A resident noted that the community seems to be dividing due to inside and outside influences. This resident also noted that to get things accomplished, all parties need to work together. Angela affirmed that the goal of this board is to be present for all residents and

## NOVEMBER 9TH MINUTES...

*Continued ...*

to keep the community informed on all issues regarding PBCE, regardless of how we stand on the said issue. Her goal is to move forward on behalf of the community and to promote a positive message while addressing issues that arise.

It was noted that a resident had recently purchased the names "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners" and "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association" for their personal use and opened a for-profit corporation using one of these names. Mike Danchuk stated that he was the resident who purchased these names and that he had been a Board member for 12 years. He also said that, although he was no longer on the Board, there had been Board meetings since the last election and he had not been

invited. A resident suggested that the current Board move forward to fulfill their responsibilities for the community and that Mr. Danchuk step aside as he is no longer President.

Residents voiced concerns about possible traffic problems that may occur by the park being donated by Mr. Berman. Mr. Berman was not in attendance to answer. Angela noted that Mr. Berman had been invited to present his new park at this meeting. However, Mr. Berman stated that he would be out of town that evening and hence was unable to respond.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm. The Pilgrim salt and pepper shakers were won by Dave Bertkau. Cookies were served. *Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Janero, Secretary*

## UPDATED BYLAWS APPROVED

With the Board's goal to provide more interest for the residents and after numerous meetings, tedious reviewing and special assistance from legal counsel, the Board has approved and issued the updated ByLaws. The ByLaws original content had never been changed since their commencement in 1980. Due to the major population increase in PBCE we believe that these restructured ByLaws

give the community a far greater opportunity to participate and become involved in community decisions and operations. We believe that the new ByLaws are in correlation to the structure of the new millennium. Please take the time to review the old and the new ByLaws which are conveniently posted on [pbce.org](http://pbce.org) which is also your new website.

## DATE CHANGED FOR MEETING

Please note that normally our meetings are the second Tuesday of every other month, however to accommodate our guest speaker, Mr. Street of Riverbend Park, the meeting was scheduled for the third Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

## THE NAME BELONGS TO YOU

Donald Ross Landowners' Association has received service marks (SM) through the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations for the names Palm Beach Country Estates<sup>SM</sup> and Palm Beach Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association<sup>SM</sup>. This gives exclusive use of these names to the Association historically representing the residents of this

community for many years, Donald Ross Landowners' Association. The State document number for Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association is T04000001151 and for Palm Beach Country Estates is T04000001152. This was mentioned in the previous newsletter and is being repeated as per request of residents wishing clarification.

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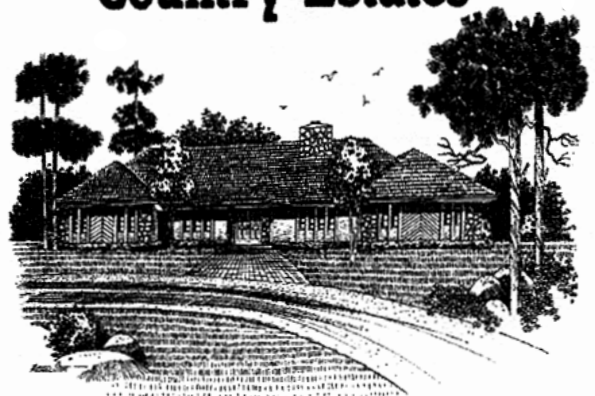


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Riders will pass a Connectivity Ring, carried by horseback, from each Equestrian Community to the next, starting from Palm Beach Country Estates continuing on to Jupiter Farms, Wind in the Pines, Caloosa, the Acreage, and Palm City connecting DuPuis to Lake Okeechobee. Each participating community will be represented on the Ring, which will later be presented to Riverbend Park where it will go on display in the proposed Interpretative Center. The Ring is being made by Seminole Representatives of Riverbend Park, representing their culture and over 6,000 years of history. The plan includes the presentation of the Ring to be made by a Seminole Representative, in full native dress on horseback from the South western border of Riverbend Park to equestrian residents of Palm Beach Country Estates who will then carry the Ring on horseback to Jupiter Farms who will carry it to Wind in the Pines... and so on.

Saturday, the route will start from Palm Beach Country Estates, ending at a camp ground in Corbett. Riders may wish to ride only to the next community and return home on horseback, or go all the way for a camp out with their horse. Sunday is a full day of riding (great for endurance riders) carrying the Ring from Corbett camp site to the equestrian center in DuPuis, arriving around 3:30 p.m. Riders from DuPuis and Lake Okeechobee, including Palm City equestrians will arrive at that time. A BBQ celebration is planned at DuPuis for the riders in the late afternoon with acknowledgments, dignitaries and the Dedication of the Ring.

Each community is responsible for riders getting to their closest Greenway access. This historic Greenway celebration event is being coordinated by Community Connection™, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, originating in Palm Beach Country Estates. To join our community on horseback, please register today! A current coggins must be carried by each rider, so check your coggins papers in advance as this takes time. Contact: PBCEhorses@aol.com or call Beverly Bean 561-575-4411

**"Who's Who" How To...**

Please register your "Who's Who" information to our new website, [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org) for the most current listings. Confirm and select your category and contact us through this website if you do not see your name. All residents are welcome to have a community listing.

**CLASSIFIED AD CONTACTS:**

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