

Countryside Living...

A PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Message from the President

Everything in our neighborhood is moving right along. New lighting is in the works to enhance safety. A SIRWCD water tanker is now available to wet your road down for dust control. Spring flowers have now been planted at the entrance and along the 69th Street railings. Purchased exercise equipment will be installed at the park shortly. Please join us at our annual meeting on the third Tuesday of May to volunteer ideas and time because it is not what the community can do for you, it is what you can do with your community. Please help keep our neighborhood clean by bringing a trash bag on your walks. If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, please do so. That way we can continue to make improvements in our neighborhood. God Bless - Kenneth Trapasso.



ASSOCIATION OFFICIALLY CHANGES ITS NAME

In 1980, no one knew that this area was originally marketed as Palm Beach County Estates. That was done in the late 1960's and was abandoned when the original development company stopped marketing in the early 1970's. When some of the pioneering families started moving to this area in the late 1970's and wanted to form a landowners association, the name Donald Ross Landowners Association was selected because it best described the location of the area. Keep in mind there was no I-95. There was no Frenchman's Creek or Bear's Club. Abacoa was a U-pick-it tomato and strawberry field, the entrance to Eastpointe was on Hood Road and Donald Ross Rd was a 2-lane dirt roadway. The area was referred to as just "The Estates". There was even a sign that advertised Palm Beach COUNTY (not COUNTRY) Estates. Berman Realty discovered the previous marketing effort and revived the name Palm Beach County Estates and began a marketing effort using that name. The Donald Ross Landowners Association, Inc. has continually piggy-backed on that name but never officially adopted the name change. The current board of directors decided it was long past time to make the change. Effective March 28, 2017, the name of the association was officially changed and is now the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc.

Officers and Committees

Officers:

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PBCE Landowners Minutes

MARCH 14, 2017 7:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Jason McFarland, Treasurer John Jones, & Secretary Bob Berman

Approximately 14 landowners were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & 5 MINUTE-MEET and GREET

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ken Trapasso stated that the meeting is being recorded.

PBSO REPORT: Deputy Russell reported that the stolen car reported last month had been recovered. No other crime reported. There will be additional enforcement from PBSO regarding speeding, ATVs, Golf Carts, & dirt bikes.

GUEST SPEAKER: Francesca Taylor from the Palm Beach County Metropolitan Planning Organization gave a very informative 30-minute presentation regarding the possibility of grant funds to improve bicycle and pedestrian pathways in Palm Beach Country Estates.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting were presented and approved. The name of the association was formally changed

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to Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. An easement was negotiated and executed between the association and the new owner of the lot on the corner of Donald Ross Rd & 69th Dr. to continue having the entrance sign on that lot.

TREASURERS REPORT: Operating Account \$25,154.00; Legal Account \$ 11,995.00

MEMBERSHIP: Approx. 400 members have joined for 2017 so far.

OLD BUSINESS: Tim Brown reported that the association intends to order 5 additional street lights for 69th Dr. There will also be a street light added at the intersection of 75th Ave and 159th Court. Concerns were voiced regarding the continued incidents of speeding on 69th Dr. Landowners agreed to request a "traffic calming study" from Palm Beach County for the county roadways.

Landowners expressed their appreciation to Susan Deckert and Manny Bueno volunteered to attend a "Safe Streets" conference in Ft. Lauderdale and arranged for the presentation by Ms. Taylor.

NEW BUSINESS: Ken Trapasso reported that SIRWCD has a water tanker trailer that can be requested during times when there is a lot of dust from the dirt roads.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS the meeting was adjourned approximately 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary



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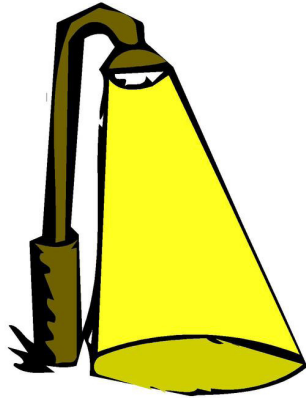
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New Street Lighting Approved

The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. pays for several street lights at major intersection in the neighborhood. The Board of Directors recently approved the installation of additional lighting on 69th Drive N. and also on 75th Ave. N. A total of six (6) additional lights will be added to the three (3) existing lights. The existing lights are located at the intersections of 69th Drive N. and 150th, 69th Drive N. and 155th and 155th Court N. and 75th Ave. N. The additional lights will be added along 69th Drive N. at 143rd, 145th, 146th, 149th, and 154th. Additionally, a light will be added at the intersection of 75th Ave. N. and 159th Court N.



Entrance Landscaping Completed

The entrance signs at the corner of Donald Ross Road and 69th Drive N. were recently replanted. The landscape lighting and irrigation system were simultaneously repaired and updated. Additionally, some landscaping was added to the canal crossings along 69th Drive between Donald Ross Road and 150th Place N. The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. is working closely with the South Indian River Water Control District to provide enhanced maintenance along 69th Drive N. from Donald Ross Road to the Margaret Berman Memorial Park north of 155th Court N. The landscaping is being provided and funded by the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. through dues payments. Funding for the enhanced maintenance of the swales and sidewalks along 69th Drive N. is partially supported by the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. but also from assessments currently being collected as part of the overall maintenance provided by the South Indian River Water Control District.



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PARK REPORT

The last remaining element that was originally approved for the Margaret Berman Memorial Park is a multi-station exercise apparatus. This element is designed for use on a "fit-trail" system. The idea being that exercise is accomplished by walking/jogging the pathway around the perimeter of the park and stopping on each lap and doing one of the exercises provided by the multi-station equipment. The system is being installed next to the existing play gym area with the idea that parents can utilize the equipment and be close enough to supervise their children that may be playing on the playground. This final piece of equipment is being provided through the efforts of the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation which is the non-profit organization formed to solicit tax-deductible contributions for some of the improvements at the park. The park has also been continuously

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supported by the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. which provided the funds necessary to help purchase this final piece of equipment for the park. The Park has been an on-going effort since 1990 and was only accomplished through the devoted efforts of the many supporters and contributors to the park. Those contributions are recognized at the park by the inscriptions on the paver walkway entrance to the park. Landowners who would like to contribute to the park can still do so through either the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation or the Palm Beach Country Landowners Association, Inc.

GOLF CARTS, ATV's, DIRT BIKES PROHIBITED

Landowners are reminded that Golf Carts, ATV's and Dirt Bikes are prohibited in Palm Beach Country Estates including all paved roadways, dirt roadways, sidewalks and canal banks. The penalty can include up to a \$500 fine and possible confiscation of the offending vehicle. This applies to Golf Carts that have been fitted with "street-legal" equipment and properly registered. In Palm Beach County, the roadways where street-legal golf carts may be used must also get special approval. None of the streets in Palm Beach Country Estates are approved for the use of street-legal golf carts. The only place that you may use any of the vehicles mentioned above is on your own private property.

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FRONT ENTRANCE SIGNAGE PRESERVED

Landowners have noticed that the lots at the corner of Donald Ross Road and 69th Drive N. were recently sold and are being improved for single family homes. The entrance sign located at the N.E. Corner of that intersection is located on the privately-owned land. The property previously belonged to the original development company. Berman Realty installed the walls on both the east and west side of 69th Drive in 1984 with the permission of the landowners at the time. The wall/sign belong to the new property owners. The Board of directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc were successful in negotiating an easement agreement with the new owners to enable the sign to remain. A previous lease from the original

development company had expired over 15 years ago and was never renewed.

The Association now has easement agreements with the property owners on both the east and west side of 69th Drive to be able to continue to have an entrance identity to Palm Beach Country Estates. There are plans to construct a new main entrance sign for Palm Beach Country Estates at the corner of Donald Ross Rd. and 64th Drive N. which was the original location of the very first entrance sign for Palm Beach Country Estates but later removed when that property was sold.



WATER TRUCK AVAILABLE FOR DIRT ROADS

SIRWCD (South Indian River Water Control District) has acquired a watering truck/trailer that can be used to wet down dirt roads to help prevent the clouds of dirt and dust that occurs each time a vehicle passes. If landowners feel they are being subjected to too much dirt and dust in the air because of the extremely dry conditions, please feel free to contact the water control district office at 561-747-0550 and request that the roadway be watered.



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SPEEDING

Along with the membership support for the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc., landowners are invited to voice their concerns, wishes and desires for the neighborhood. This year the number one issue was the concern by an overwhelming number of members over the speeding on 69th Drive N., 155th Place N. and Donald Ross Road. At the request of the Association, the Palm Beach County Sheriff has provided additional enforcement and monitoring as their valuable time allows. The Sheriff wants landowners to know that there will be no warning issued. If you are caught speeding on any of the local roadways you WILL BE issued a ticket. Additionally, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. is requesting a formal traffic calming study be performed by Palm Beach County Department of Engineering to determine if any physical devices can be installed along the roadways to help discourage speeding. There have been numerous suggestions made by landowners regarding what measures may be effective. However, the determination will need to be made by Palm Beach County Engineering whether devices are necessary and what type may be most effective.

SIRWCD ROAD PAVING

The Board of Supervisors of the South Indian River Water Control District is once again attempting to regulate the method and means by which landowners can request and vote to have dirt roadways paved. A workshop was conducted on the subject and the discussion will continue at the April meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The detail of the current proposal can be found on the web site for SIRWCD at <http://www.sirwcd.org/PDF/Enhanced%20Stabilization%20Policy%20Draft%204-11-17.pdf>

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. will be held on Tuesday May 16th at Living Oaks Church at 7:30 PM. The seats up for election/re-election are President for 1 year term plus 2nd VP and Treasurer each for 2 year terms. Please come to vote for our 2017-2018 leadership team. Signed proxy statements of paid dues members will be accepted by the Secretary for verification at the beginning of the meeting.

CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS ON FACEBOOK

There are several Facebook Groups formed for Palm Beach Country Estates. Landowners may want to join one or more of the groups:

The ONLY group that accepts ONLY PBCE LANDOWNERS is: Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners. (Must be a landowner in PBCE to be admitted to this group)

Other groups include:

Palm Beach Country Estates Neighbors (Accepts landowners and people from other areas)

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