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## PBCE Public Water Service Backflow Protector

As of June 25, 2008 Jupiter Utilities will no longer require backflow devices to be installed. Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Department of Health officials have now informed Jupiter Utilities the hookups can resume without the backflow devices. From what we have been told, DEP appears to have every intention of developing a more specific policy or rule for residential back flow preventers in the near future (think the end of July at the earliest to possibly as late as October) State officials may decide to enforce the backflow device installation again. They could start requiring the devices again, from that point on or they could make the ruling retroactive. We have been told it would be very unlikely for the state to require the devices retroactively, but they could, or they could do it from that point on. It was suggested that if you plan on hooking up to Jupiter water now is the time to do it.

Public input on backflow prevention devices:

The DEP plans to hold at least one meeting open to the public in July on the proposed installation of backflow prevention devices. For information, call (850)245-8623, go online to [www.dep.state.fl.us](http://www.dep.state.fl.us) or e-mail [daniel.peterson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:daniel.peterson@dep.state.fl.us)

The following Frequently Asked Questions have been prepared to provide you with some insight into the issue surrounding the backflow protector when hooking up to Jupiter water.

**Why has this just come up after hook-ups had already started in PBCE?** After reviewing the code, the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wrote a letter to the Palm Beach County Health Department, along with all the other Health Departments in the state, and told them not to certify any new installations unless the water utility involved agreed to install the backflow protector device. For Jupiter to resume hook-ups they had to agree to install the device or the Palm Beach County Health Department would not release the health certificates for the last two sections of the water project. **What involvement does DEP have and what is this code?** Florida's DEP is responsible for protecting the quality of Florida's drinking water as well as its rivers, lakes and wetlands. The code deals with preventing cross-contamination between public water and untreated water.

**Did this code just go into effect?** This code has been in effect for a long time however it was not implemented. Recent events with the water in the City of West Palm Beach may have brought this code to the forefront. **Does this affect only Palm Beach County Estates?** No, if this code has to be enforced it will affect the entire state. Several developments in Palm Beach County were on hold because of this requirement. **I already have**

**Jupiter water service will I be required to add the backflow protector?** Not at this time, Jupiter is not requiring those who already have service to add the protector, but a final decision has not been made yet. **What is being done to stop this requirement?** There is a lot of opposition to the enforcement of this code. Palm Beach County Utilities is opposed and is trying to fight the requirement. Florida House of Representative Carl J. Domino has written to the Department of Environmental Services requesting more information on the likelihood and necessity of the devices being mandated. South Indian River Water Control District has agreed to have their attorneys contact the State to remove this requirement. If no reversal takes place in two weeks from SIRWCD's June 16th meeting then they will pursue suing the State to change the rule. The Palm Beach County Commission has instructed their lobbyists to fight the requirement. **What are my options if I want to hook up water?** A Town of Jupiter Utilities representative suggested hooking up now, before the final ruling in July-October. As of June 25th you are not required to install the backflow device, but that may change. We hope that by the time you read this article this issue will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

**Note:** There have been several articles in the local newspapers covering this issue. While they are basically correct they do have some slight inconsistencies in the facts presented. We suggest you keep this in mind when reading any article on this subject.

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## New Elementary School

The School Board officially accepted the name Marsh Pointe Elementary School.

Our new school will be the Marsh Pointe Elementary Panthers and the school colors are sky blue and yellow.

Also, to answer some of the immediate questions, they will have a school band and chorus, Safety Patrol for 5th graders, After Care and a Student Council. Once Principal Werner has met with her entire faculty she will have a better idea of the other activities that the teachers will sponsor. Some mentions have been Chess, Environmental, Fitness, Academic Games, Math and Science Exploration, etc. These teachers bring a plethora of experiences and ideas from their current schools.

The school number is 366-6800.  
Maureen Werner, Principal



### Message from the President

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Chris Reinhardt and I was born and raised in the Jupiter-Palm Beach Gardens area. My grandparents and parents moved to Jupiter in the 1940s. I have witnessed many changes in Palm Beach Gardens and especially Jupiter. One of the reasons I love Palm Beach Country Estates is it reminds me of how this area used to be. Even though I grew up in a small subdivision with real paved roads, concrete sidewalks and an elementary school we rode our bikes to, I still enjoyed driving along Alternate A1A and seeing all the cows in the pastures. As children we built forts and played in the woods, which is now the Gardens Mall. My grandmother owned a plant nursery in Jupiter, between Center Street and the Loxahatchee River. We spent our weekends playing in the river, watching pelicans and osprey catch fish, saying hello to the manatee that hung out in the water spillway at the edge of the property and even once swimming with a wild dolphin that visited children and boaters along the river. We also enjoyed going to the beach, and at that time we had never even heard of sea lice.

I've also lived in Jupiter Farms and the Acreage, so I'm very familiar with rural communities. We moved to PBCE in 2002 when our oldest daughter was ready to start kindergarten. We chose PBCE because of the great schools in the area and most of our family already lived in the neighborhood or close to it.

We had heard there was a park planned for the community. My brother, who also lives in PBCE and has worked on two Leathers & Associates playground projects in Florida, approached Bob Berman and Mike Danchuk about the idea of a volunteer-community built playground for the planned park. This is how Twisty Pines Playground was born.

In 2006, while working on the playground committee, Mike Danchuk asked me to consider running for secretary of the Landowners Association. I wasn't sure I wanted to be involved in any type of political organization. I always considered condo and homeowners associations as overbearing and controlling. Mike assured me that the Donald Ross Landowners Association was not that type of association and it was strictly voluntary. There's that word "voluntary". I was already volunteering for the playground committee, at both my daughters' schools, doing computer graphics work for two other non-profit organizations and also working part time. But, I thought this would be a good opportunity to stay informed about what was happening within the community. Mike was right about the Association. It's just a group of people who want only the best for our community.

No one will ever be able to fill Mike Danchuk's shoes. Over the past 20 years Mike has worked tirelessly on the board, on various committees and behind the scenes to ensure our community remains one of the best places to live. Mike assures me he will be around to help with the transition as I try to follow in those very large footsteps. I will do my best to ensure Palm Beach Country Estates remains one of the best places to live in Palm Beach County. *Chris Reinhardt -President*

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### Jog Road

The County advertised the project for bid in the Palm Beach Post on Sunday June 22. The next advertisement will run again Sunday, June 29th, with the mandatory pre-bid meeting for contractors scheduled for July 8, 2008, and bid opening scheduled for July 24, 2008. They expect that construction will begin on or about October 1, 2008, and should take approximately 12-14 months.

Property owners who are adjacent to any portion of the right-of-way for this project will receive certified letters instructing them to remove any encroachments that they might have from the right-of-way; they mailed the letters June 25. Any encroachments in the right-of-way must be removed on or before September 30th, and that's all explained in the letter.

### Aluminum Can Drive

The Russell family has kindly agreed to take our aluminum to a recycling center. This aluminum will be sold, and all of the money will go toward Twisty Pines Playground. To make this project work, we need the help of the community.

Are you willing to be a drop-off point for neighborhood aluminum? We need 6 or 8 residents to agree to have neighbors drop aluminum at their home. Then, on scheduled days, they will deliver the aluminum to the Russell family.

We also need ALL of our residents to help us obtain aluminum. Don't put your aluminum in your bins. Instead, drop it at your closest drop off point. Link to [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) or email Sarah at [scrapple@comcast.net](mailto:scrapple@comcast.net) to find these drop off locations.

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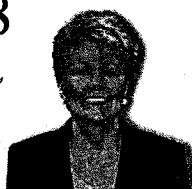
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**Donald Ross Landowners Association**  
**Meeting 5-20-2008**

General meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., Mike Danchuk, President, called the meeting to order. Board officers Kevin Baker, 1st Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and Chris Reinhardt, Secretary were present. **Treasurer's Report** - Lynn reported there is \$12,512.63 in the operating account and \$7,310.59 in the legal fund. Mike Danchuk stated that we are doing well for the rest of the year. Mike stated that if you have still not paid your dues please do so. Mike asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved. **Secretary's Report** - Minutes of the 3-11-08 were printed in the May newsletter and were available at the meeting. Mike asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting. Motion was approved. **Speakers** - Brian Miller candidate for District 83 State House of Representatives, introduced himself to the residents and informed residents of his stand on many issues that are important to him. Brian stated that he feels there needs to be a change of priorities in Tallahassee and that the Florida Legislature has a lot of answering to do in terms of budget issues. Brian feels that we are cutting spending on important programs and paying too much on wasteful programs that are not working. Brian was thanked for his appearance and his brevity and was asked to join the meeting. **Old Business-Roads** Mike reported that SIRWCD has approved a test of Soil-tac on a section of road near the SIRWCD main building in Jupiter Farms. Mike also reported that the Soil-tac product came in at a much lower price of between \$700 and \$750. Mike stated that if this product works it could be applied to dirt roads in PBCE to keep the dust down. Test should be completed in the next couple of months. **Tree Trimming** - Mike stated he noticed residents have been heeding the warnings about trimming trees prior to May. Mike stated that according to SWA yard waste at the curb over 6 cubic yards will not be picked up and the resident will have to pay a large premium to have it picked up. Note - SWA will pick up the first 6 cubic yards and tag the remainder to be picked up the following week. Or the resident can hire a private hauler to dispose of the remaining debris sooner. Mike encouraged residents to have all of their trimming done prior to the end of May before the new SWA service change takes effect and prior to hurricane season. **Jog Road** - Mike stated that the Jog road extension is going to be delayed again. The county has stated they are anticipating the end of the year for the beginning of construction. Mike stated that we may not see construction starting on the Donald Ross side, as the contractor will have the choice of whether to start construction on the Jog road side or Donald Ross side and this construction could take up to a year. Mike stated that there are no plans in the county's 15-year plan of extending Donald Ross west of 69th. He stated also that the residents of PBCE need to be diligent in making sure that Donald Ross never does get extended further west. **Park** - Chris reported on the status of the park. She stated that on 5-17 more clearing of the park was done. Volunteers used chainsaws to cut down dead pine trees and cut them up into manageable pieces. David Jarrell of David Jarrell Construction brought out his front-end loader and worked many hours to help build a berm and level out the dirt at the park. The berm will be flattened out by Jimmy Specks bobcat and will be ready for the areca palms that will be planted on the south end of the park adjacent to the neighbor's property. Sheri Murray and Sarah Applegate from the Fundraising Committee reported that on June 7th there will be a Casino Party at Sheri and Steven Murray's home to raise money for the playground. Sheri and Sarah stated they are planning many more family fun activities in the future to help raise money for the playground. Mike reported the

Min. Cont. association has spent approximately \$6,000 and the Twisty Pines Playground foundation has paid approximately \$2,300 so far on the site cleanup of the park. Chris reported that residents of PBCE have been working on the cleanup and provided bobcat and front end loader services at reduced rates. She stated the majority of the cost has been in debris removal and hauling away the debris. Tim Brown stated he has ordered areca palms through Tim Wayland of Growers' Choice, which will be planted on the south end of the property. Mike also stated that Bob Berman donated the plants. Mike reported that two neighborhood owned businesses have each sponsored a section of the fence to run along the perimeter of the park. The newest business was Joel Maxwell of Big Picture Solutions, with a donation of \$2,500, Thanks Joel! Mike also reported that Twisty Pines Playground foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and all donations are tax deductible. Please check out [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) to sponsor components, make a donation or to register to volunteer for the build week of February 25th - March 1st, 2009. Sheri reported that Lisa Janero, with Janero Pools, has offered to donate \$300 to Twisty Pines for every contract signed in PBCE with Janero Pools between now and the build date. If there are any other businesses in the neighborhood that are interested in making a similar pledge based on sales to PBCE residents please contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647. **Water** - Mike stated that at the last SIRWCD meeting it was reported that according to a long standing Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulation that states if you have other sources of water (i.e. pond, well, canal etc.) you are required to put in an additional backup valve that prohibits backflows and contamination in the line from illegal hookups. The Palm Beach County Health Department sent a letter to the Town of Jupiter stating it would not release our latest water lines it was testing until the town agreed to install the additional valves. As a result, the Town of Jupiter, who has not agreed to use these valves, has suspended any new hookups until this situation has been cleared up. Bob Berman stated that it also has not been determined as to whether residents who have already hooked up to the Town of Jupiter water will have to go back and have these valves put on their water lines as well. Mike stated that he would continue to advocate for PBCE regarding this situation. Mike stated all the water lines are completed and awaiting pressure testing in the last section of the neighborhood. **Sidewalks** - Along 69th, concrete sidewalks will be put in with the Jog road extension from Donald Ross road to 140th. The remainder of sidewalks that will be put in along 69th from 140th to 155th will be asphalt. **New business** - No new members present. Mike stated that he received an email from Phillip Levenstein from the Health Department requesting a meeting with the residents of PBCE regarding a temporary facility for use in PBCE for administering emergency treatment in the case of Anthrax or other outbreaks in the area. Residents at the meeting agreed to have a speaker come to any future Landowner's meetings to explain this further. Mike stated that Councilman Bob Freeman of the Town of Jupiter recently was reported saying he thought it would be a good idea to have a Turnpike interchange at Donald Ross road near I-95. Currently the proposed site of a new interchange is north of Hood Road. Mike stated the interchange at Donald Ross Road would be something the Landowner's Association will fight, because it would impact our neighborhood as well as others nearby too greatly. Mike reported the top 10 concerns of the residents who have paid their dues recently. The number one concern was reported as the roads. Chris also stated that per her conversations with other parents in the neighborhood, that there is a great concern regarding teenage drivers speeding through the neighborhood and skidding around corners after school. The parents are concerned because this is the same time kids are being let off the school busses and are walking home on the side of the roads. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's office

Min. Cont. has been contacted and they will begin to have a greater presence in the neighborhood in the afternoons after school is let out. Neighbors brought concerns regarding illegal dumping of yard debris near canals and vacant properties. Mike stated this is a crime and should be reported to SWA and they will investigate it. Lynn Horne stated the cost to print out the newsletter is \$1,400 and would like to know how many people read the newsletter and requested asking residents to go to the [www.mypbce.org](http://www.mypbce.org) site and report that they do read the newsletter. Mike Danchuk stated that the newsletter is currently paying for itself with the ads that we have been selling. Mike stated that he would like to have a newsstand at the front of the neighborhood for residents to get information regarding newsletters, and any other important information regarding PBCE. **President's Award**- Mike presented an award to Daniela Russell for her service to the Donald Ross Landowners Association. Even though she is no longer a board member, Daniela has continued to assist the association in financial matters including completing our taxes and assisting Lynn Horne in her transition in becoming Treasurer. Thanks Daniela! Mike stated this was his last meeting as President of the Association and would like to thank everyone for their support. Mike stated he hopes to see the Association continue as a voluntary association. Mike states that he intends to keep working on a voluntary clubhouse on the corner of 69th and Donald Ross Rd. and will continue to work on this with zoning and the residents. Mike states that he also hopes to make a nice front entrance as a part of the clubhouse plan. Mike stated that he hopes to not see any more OGEM roads in the community and that these roads are not lasting as long as they should and the residents of this community will live here longer than these roads will last. Min. Cont. pg. 8

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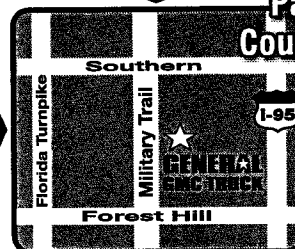
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## Park and Playground Update—June

There has been a lot of progress at the park and playground site! Neighbors and boy scouts lead by **Tim Brown** have been out helping with the park site in large numbers. Clearing continues by hand while heavy machinery helped clean the site and spread dirt. **Bob Berman** donated a lovely row of areca palms, and volunteers planted these along the south side of the park site. Every time there is work done at the park, new friends of the park and playground come out to lend a hand. We have had plenty of help from neighbor-owned businesses as well. Thank you to **Gillespie Plumbing**, **David Jarrell Construction**, **Native Landscape and Maintenance**, **AAA-Plus**, **Growers' Choice Nursery** and **Jimmy Specks Bobcat** for either donating labor and material

or giving it to us at a reduced rate.

The Build Dates for the playground are set for February 25—March 1, 2009, and the playground committee is working hard to raise funds. The June Casino Party was a huge success, and neighbors had a great time playing casino games and getting to know each other. In this one evening the committee raised nearly \$3,500. So far, the playground committee has raised just over \$21,000! Please watch the new signs at the entrance to the neighborhood to see how neighbors and local businesses are helping to build this playground. In the past month, **Lynda Turek-Koehler** donated the \$850 sandbox and benches and **Andrea Osborn** of **Osborn Appraisals** donated the \$250 crow's nest for the playground, while **Joel Maxwell** of **Big Pictures Solutions** and **Applegate Interiors** each donated \$2,500 toward the second and third sides of fencing for the park and **Meyers and Associate, CPA, PA** donated \$500. Don't forget that many employers will match your donations, just as the Quantum Foundation did for **Richard and Christine Koehn's** recent donation. If you would like to know more about the playground or its donors, go to [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) or pick up a current playground newsletter from the mailbox beside the sign at the front entrance to PBCE. Everyone is welcome to join playground committee meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at JJ Muggs Stadium Grill in Abacoa at 7pm.

The best way for the committee to reach its neighbors is through email, so please contact Sarah at [scrapple@comcast.net](mailto:scrapple@comcast.net) if you would like to be on the email list. Regular emails will inform you of fundraisers and park site work. If you do not have internet access, call Sarah at 741-1140, and she will be happy to call you with updates. Before the build dates, there will be many opportunities to get out and meet your neighbors at fundraisers and other events. Please join us.

**Min. Cont.** Mike also stated that we as residents have to keep having fun as neighbors together and to keep having neighborhood activities. Mike made a motion to adjourn the general meeting, a motion was made to close the general meeting, and motion was seconded. General meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



### Minutes from Annual Meeting 5-20-08

Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:51pm. Mike informed residents that an annual meeting is to elect new officers. The elections were open for President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Secretary. President is a one-year term. Chris Reinhardt was nominated for president, this was opened to residents for other nominations, with no other candidates nominated, Tim Brown seconded the nomination. With that the elections for President was closed and residents gave a show of support for Chris Reinhardt and she was elected President. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President is a two-year term. Kevin Baker was nominated for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and a resident seconded his nomination. Mike opened up the floor for any other nominations, with no other candidates nominated, elections for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President were closed and residents gave a show of support for Kevin Baker and he was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Secretary is a two-year position. Sheri Murray was nominated for Secretary, this was opened to residents for other nominations, with no other candidates nominated. Elections for Secretary were closed and Sheri Murray was given a show of support by the residents and was elected Secretary. The annual meeting was turned over to Chris Reinhardt who in turn turned the meeting over to Kevin Baker who presented Mike Danchuck with a personally made, five level trophy to commemorate all his years of service to the Donald Ross Landowners' Association and PBCE, including all the committees he has been on over the past 20 years. Thank you Mike for all the love and support you have shown our community! Chris requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded. Meeting ended at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Sheri R. Murray*, Secretary



### Future and Current Fundraising Activities for the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation

Over the next 8 months we will have many opportunities to meet and mingle with neighbors to support this community-built playground. Here are a few fundraisers we have planned over the next few months.

**Thursday, July 24 Family Fun Night:** At JJ Mugs in Abacoa from 5-8 pm (see ad in newsletter for more details).

**July 30<sup>th</sup> Home Shopping Party:** There will be multiple vendors, including Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Discovery Toys and more. A percentage of sales will go to the playground. Please feel free to bring friends for a fun-filled girls' night out. The party is at 7282 163<sup>rd</sup> Ct. N in PBCE at 7p.m. **Shopping Bags:** We are selling large reusable shopping bags with the Twisty Pines Playground logo on the front. These bags are great for taking to the grocery store as well as the beach. You can purchase these bags from Sheri Murray for \$10 at 561-601-1647 to show your support for the playground. **Flea Market:** We hope to have this in mid-September at the main entrance of PBCE, complete with yard sale items and vendors selling their wares. If you are interested in buying table space to sell your own items or to donate items for the yard sale please contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647. **Casino Party:** The one in June was a such a success that we are planning to have another one in mid- October. Please continue to check your newsletter and [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) for more details as they become available. **Online shoppers:** Link to [www.giveness.com/twistypines](http://www.giveness.com/twistypines) before you make purchases at your favorite stores. A portion of each sale will go to the playground! **Business Owners:** Remember to check the playground website to find out how to sponsor a playground component so your name can be seen at the playground for many years to come.

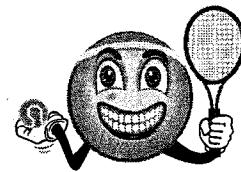
**Personalized Fence Pickets:** Routed with your name or message, these pickets will surround the playground. Individual or family pickets \$30 each. Business or corporate pickets \$50 each. Check the website for order form. **Personalized Bricks:** Laser engraved with your name, message, stock clip art, or company logo. These bricks will pave the entryway to the playground. Check the website for prices and available sizes and order form.

For info on any of the fundraisers or if you have ideas to share, please contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647

### NEW PBCE EMAIL GROUP

Please sign up for important email notices from PBCE by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/PBCE/> and clicking "Join This Group!" If you are not a Yahoo! Member, then click "Sign Up." You can select to receive PBCE emails at your regular email address so you won't have to check multiple accounts.

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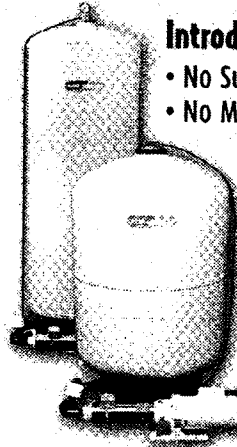


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## \*\*Annual Land Owners Meeting\*\*

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