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## REFERENDUM ON PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DOES NOT PASS

The South Indian River Water Control District has announced that the Palm Beach Country Estates Roadway Improvement Project referendum has not passed.

Gale English, general manager for the District has been notified by the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County, Susan Bucher, that she has certified that votes cast in favor of the roadway improvement totaled 351 and votes against totaled 488.

A total of 1269 ballots were mailed out to residents in the benefited project area on January 23 and were due back to the Supervisor of Elections office on or before March 1. The 839 votes cast comprised approximately 66% of the total possible vote. Approximately 42% of votes cast were in favor of the project and 58% were against the project to construct nearly 34 miles of asphalt roadway to Palm Beach County local standards.

In order for a project to pass, 51% or more of the ballots cast in the referendum must be in favor of the project for construction on roadways to proceed.

For additional information on the project, contact the District office at 747-0550.

## Backflow Devices

On December 23, 2008 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) issued a memorandum regarding the proposed revisions to the Backflow Protection Requirements at Residential Premises with an Auxiliary Water System. This applies to the homes in Palm Beach Country Estates (PBCE) that are hooked up to or are planning to hook up to the Town of Jupiter water system and will keep their existing well in service for irrigation purposes. The proposed rule amendments will allow one of the following three options for the homes of PBCE: 1) Install a Reduced Pressure Principal Assembly (RP - the most expensive device at approximately \$600.00), which must be tested annually at \$50.00-\$100.00 per year. 2) Install a Double Check Valve Assembly (DC - less expensive than the RP at about \$400.00), which must be tested annually at \$50.00-\$100.00 per year. 3) Install a Dual Check Device (the least expensive device at about \$100.00), which doesn't have to be checked annually, but must also be combined with one of the following: a) Well water testing on an annual basis for E. Coli, and every five years for nitrates/ nitrites. b) Have the property inspected for potential cross-connections at maximum every five years. c) Have meters that can detect a backflow event and provide notification of the event, or records the backflow event and is viewed on at least a monthly basis. d) The Utility (in this case the Town of Jupiter) and customer sign an agreement that prohibits the customer from cross connecting the customer's auxiliary or reclaimed water system to the customer's potable water system. This agreement shall stipulate penalties for a discovered cross connection (such as monetary fines, discontinuation of service, and/or a

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## Cont. Backflow Devices

requirement for installation of a more protective backflow preventer such as an RP or a DC. The Town of Jupiter will be responsible for making a determination of what options to utilize in conjunction with the installation of the dual check valve, however, it can be assumed that they will choose option "c", as the meters the Town currently install have the ability to detect backflow and the records are viewed on a monthly basis. The FDEP will soon begin the formal process of amending the rules and plan to have a public workshop sometime this month.



### Message from the President

As the annual dues forms are returned neighbors are asked to comment on issues in the community that concern them and make separate donations to

the Legal Defense Fund and the Community Park if they so choose. I have read every letter sent in so far. The Community Park is a top priority for many residents. Second, is our Legal Defense Fund. Next are the roads, this includes paving, dust control, better maintenance on dirt roads and road safety. The community wide vote on the proposed road paving failed, but if your road is still interested in being paved contact SIRWCD to initiate a single road paving ballot.

Next was security. We have had a rash of car, garage and shed break-ins. Eyewitnesses have reported seeing kids on bikes going through cars. Items being taken are cell phones, ATM and credit cards, GPS units and iPods among other things. But kids are not the only ones committing these crimes. There have also been large tools and equipment taken from sheds and garages. Too heavy for kids to lift and ride off with. Also, a boat on 69<sup>th</sup> was almost taken by three men in a stolen pickup truck with stolen license plates. Another boat was dragged half-way through a yard before the crooks gave up. These men and others are using trucks to load the heavy equipment, yard and power tools. We have called the Sheriffs Department and asked for increased patrols, especially at night. They were also asked to listen for late night drag racing, as this is another top concern.

Parents, talk to your teens and older 20-30 year olds still living at home. Some residents have had enough. One man called me and said if he caught someone on his property at night he would "shoot first and answer questions later." This statement chilled me to the bone. I personally don't think a possession is worth a human life, but there are some residents in our neighborhood who don't agree with me. As a mother, I would hate it if some kid looking for his lost dog or cat wandered onto the wrong property. I would also hate it if our peaceful, quiet neighborhood became one more statistic on the 11 o'clock news.

Some of the other concerns that residents commented on are sound walls, sidewalks, property taxes, drainage, trash, loose dogs, keeping our rural lifestyle and protecting our wildlife and environment. Most of these are things we can do if we work together or speak in a unified voice. Also, respect your neighbors, including the wild ones who lived here first. If we all work together we can eliminate some of the problems or accomplish some of our goals.

On that note, the Landowners Association will be having its annual elections in May. The positions of President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer are up for election. I have decided to run again for President. Sheri Murray, the current Secretary, has decided to run for 2nd Vice President. This would leave the positions of Secretary and Treasurer open. If anyone is interested in running for any of these four positions contact any of the board members to announce your candidacy.

*Chris Reinhardt, President*



**Residents enjoying new sidewalks on 155<sup>th</sup> Place N.**

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### Deadline for financing of water hookup through the South Indian River Water Control District is coming soon

The SIRWCD Voluntary Hookup Financing Program is coming to a close. Applications will close on June 1, 2009. The procedures can be found on the District's web-site. The only item that is a change from earlier publications is that the expected interest rate for the 15 year term has dropped from 5.80% to 3.75%, resulting in a decrease in estimated annual assessments from the \$434 to \$454 to about \$380.

### May Elections Coming Up

Elections are scheduled for openings on the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association Board. The Landowners Association will be filling 3 positions in its annual meeting on May 12th. The openings are for President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. Current candidates that have announced they will be running are Chris Reinhardt, for President, Chris is currently the President. Current Secretary, Sheri Murray will be running for 2nd Vice President. With Sheri running for 2nd Vice President this would leave the Secretary position also open for election. To date, no one has announced their intention to run for the open Treasurer or Secretary positions.

Anyone interested in running for any of these four positions can contact any board member to announce their candidacy.

### Sidewalks

Have you seen your fellow neighbors enjoying the new "pathway" on the southern side of 155<sup>th</sup>? If not, then you will be excited to know that in February the pathway on 155<sup>th</sup> was completed and residents have been using it and enjoying it. This is only the beginning, the pathways on 69<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 143<sup>rd</sup>, and 150<sup>th</sup> will also begin soon. The county is also in the process of getting a cost estimate to have pathways put in on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave N and this will also be a county funded project. These pathways are to be asphalt and 6 feet wide to allow for pedestrian, wheelchair and bicycle traffic. So check out the new pathway on 155<sup>th</sup> and enjoy.

**Donald Ross Landowners Association**  
**Meeting 11-11-2008**

General meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m., Chris Reinhardt, President, called the meeting to order. Board officers Chris Reinhardt, President Kevin Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and, Sheri Murray Secretary were present. **Treasurer's Report:** Lynn reported there is \$1,916.86 in the operating account and \$7,360.59 in the legal fund. Lynn stated that we have bills to be paid for newsletter mailing as well as costs associated with letter to residents stating dues are due. Chris asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved. **Secretary's Report:** Sheri reported that the minutes for August and October were in November's Newsletter, which were also at this meeting. Chris asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting. Motion was approved. **Old Business: Backflow devices** – Everyone should be able to hook up to water and this is a good time to do this. A postcard from SIRWCD was recently sent to PBCE residents stating that the Town of Jupiter is currently not requiring the backflow device, which may change in January when the state will make the determination on whether or not they will require the backflow devices. **Yahoo email group:** this is a way for the association to get important information out to residents, in-between newsletters. Please join the Palm Beach Country Estates Yahoo Group to receive important email notices: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PBCE>. You will need to establish a Yahoo user name and password, but Yahoo allows you to route the few emails we send directly to any email address you choose. **Park/playground update-** Sheri reported that we recently had a community yard sale to benefit the park/playground and we raised approximately \$1,600. We had a great turnout and it was nice to see the neighbors coming out to support this community project. Sheri also reposted on the Casino Party Fundraiser that took place on October 25<sup>th</sup>, which brought in approximately \$1,400 as well as more neighbors who had not previously attended fundraisers. Sheri stated the fundraising committee is looking for more assistance with fundraisers as well as any ideas people might have for different events. Possible events discussed have been 5k run, chili cook off adventure race in Riverbend Park as well as more activities at the actual future park site. Sheri reported that Twisty Pines recently received a \$1,500 grant from Publix Super Market Charities to be used towards the park and playground build. Chris reported that at this time the build date that was set for February of 2009 will have to be changed to a later date to allow for changes that have been made in the classification of the park according to Palm Beach County zoning and Parks and Recreation. With this classification we would not be able to have an official parking area or permanent bathroom, so it has recently been decided that we will now have to fall into the classification of a Public Park, which has much more extensive zoning and permitting requirements as well as public hearings. Due to this change in classification the time frame for zoning and permitting will be approximately 6-8 months, which will not allow us to build the playground in February as earlier proposed. We will come back with a more feasible build date once zoning and permitting is further in the process. Chris presented the residents with the tentative drawing of the park site that will be presented to the county for approval this month. Wendi Tuma of Urban

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**Min. Cont.** *Design* and Bob Berman have been working together to get this process going and the Landowner's would like to thank Bob and Wendi for their time and commitment to getting this done. **Jog Road:** Construction of the Jog Road extension has begun and The contractor J W Cheatum states that the project should take 400 days which is 13-14 months. **Roads:** Mike Danchuk reported on behalf of SIRWCD, that a meeting of SIRWCD happened on Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup> and at that meeting the board requested a vote regarding petitions for road paving by individual roads of PBCE. Mike referred to the many concerned residents of PBCE have regarding paving of their roads or the maintenance of the current dirt roads. He reported that board stated that ballots haven't gone out because the costs were too high at the time of the requests and the final decision on whether or not residents receive a ballot is made by the board of SIRWCD. The board had requested the engineers for SIRWCD to give a cost estimate of road paving with OGEM versus county equivalent paving and at this time the cost of county equivalent paving has been reduced significantly. At the same time the costs for OGEM have increased as well as the maintenance that is required for OGEM and the cost to maintain the current dirt roads. The board members of SIRWCD decided that this is currently a window of time where prices are at an all time low and to send out a ballot with cost estimates to the residents to have all unpaved roads in PBCE paved. This ballot will not be for individual streets to be paved but for the whole neighborhood. Mike stated that only residents that live on a dirt road will receive a ballot and if 51% of those returned ballots vote for roads than 13 miles of roads will be paved at approximately \$1,000 per home per year for 20 years to be assessed in your taxes. Mike reported that the engineers are reporting this figure conservatively high at this time, but are currently working on cost estimates that will be more accurate for the ballot that the engineers plan to have out to residents prior to the next SIRWCD meeting on November 20, 2008. **Side-walks:** Chris Reported that instillation of sidewalks on the east side of 69<sup>th</sup> south side of 155<sup>th</sup> west side of 64<sup>th</sup> and north side of 143<sup>rd</sup> have been approved by the county and workers have been out and are marking the roads where the sidewalks will be placed the county is looking to start construction on the sidewalks within 4 months and will take approximately 4 months to complete. Chris stated that 75<sup>th</sup> is a dangerous road were children walking to the bus stop and would like to see sidewalks there as well in the future, once the above mentioned sidewalks are finished the landowners can request to have sidewalks on 75<sup>th</sup> as well. Chris reported that it has been confirmed that there will be sidewalks on both sides of Donald Ross Road extending to just before the bridge over the turnpike. Yet at this time it is unclear which government entity will be widening the bridge to allow for pedestrian and bike traffic to access the covered path next to the bridge. Once that has been determined and constructed then the sidewalks will allow for bike and pedestrian traffic to access the eastern portion of Donald Ross Road. **Board Officers:** Chris reported that she received a letter of resignation from Stephanie Duncan who currently holds the board position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, Stephanie has asked to resign prior to the end of her term which ends in May 2009. The board informed residents of the need to fill this position and at this time no interest was expressed by residents. Lynn Horne also stated that at the end of her term as Treasurer in May 2009 she would like to resign her position as well due to family obligations, she stated that she is will to stay on until May but would like to have any interested persons be involved prior to her resignation to allow for a smooth transition. The board would like to thank Stephanie Duncan for her many years of service in the many roles she has played for the board and for the residents of Palm Beach Country Estates. **New business:** No new members present. No new business was addressed. Chris requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded. Meeting ended at 8:09 pm.

*Sheri R. Murray*, Secretary

## **Donald Ross Landowners Association**

### **Meeting 01-13-2009**

General meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m., Chris Reinhardt, President, called the meeting to order. Board officers Chris Reinhardt, President Kevin Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and, Sheri Murray Secretary were present. **Treasurer's Report:** Lynn reported there is \$699.14 in the operating account and \$7,360.59 in the legal fund. Lynn stated that we have bills to be paid for newsletter mailing as well as costs associated with letter to residents stating dues are due. Chris asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion was approved. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the 11-11-08 and minutes of this meeting will be printed in the next newsletter scheduled for February and will also be posted on the website by next week web address is [www.mypbce.org](http://www.mypbce.org). Chris asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting. Motion was approved. **Old Business: Backflow devices** -Chris reported as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, the state has decided they are going to require backflow devices on properties that currently have city water and a well. The state is leaving it up to the municipalities to decide which type of backflow device they will require. The three types are being discussed now and the decision will be made by the Town of Jupiter. The State has also decided that the backflow device requirement will be retroactive for all residents of the State Of Florida regardless of when they hooked up to city water. Again the type and price of this device will be up to the municipalities that supply the water and that has yet to be determined at this time. **Yahoo email group:** this is a way for the association to get important information out to residents, in-between newsletters. Please join the Palm Beach Country Estates Yahoo Group to receive important email notices: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/PBCE>. You will need to establish a Yahoo user name and password, but Yahoo allows you to route the few emails we send directly to any email address you choose. **Park/playground update:** Sheri reported that we are working on the next fundraiser for the park/playground. The next Fundraiser is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This will be a Spring Bash at the home of Steven Yedinak and his wife Yvette Trelles who are residents of PBCE and the family and Law office of Trelles law who recently wrote a wonderful letter to the residents of PBCE regarding the park. We want to thank Trelles Law and Yvette Trelles and Steven Yedinak for their support. The Spring Bash will be a great way for residents to get together for a nice evening of music, open bar and food from Barrymore's the donation of \$50 per person will be tax deductible and will be well worth it for a great evening and help us get closer to making the park a reality. Sheri stated that many residents still are not aware that the park will eventually include more than just a playground. The park will be built in stages and the different elements that have been planned for are a ½ court Basketball court, racquetball court, one large pavilion and 2 smaller pavilions as well as a fitness trail and fitness equipment. We are happy to say this park will have something for everyone. Wendi Tuma of *Urban Design* and Bob Berman have been working together to get this process going and the Landowner's would like to thank Bob and Wendi for their time and commitment to getting this done. The next scheduled meeting with the DRO is February 11<sup>th</sup> discuss any concerns regarding the park site plan. Sheri also stated that we still need more support from the neighbors of PBCE to be able to make this park happen. We need volunteers please check the website [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) to see what volunteer positions are available or call Sheri for information on how to help. We also need materials donated, such as plants and material for the playground as well the other park components.



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We have been receiving money from the neighbors and would like to thank everyone for their support and request that more people show their support through money so that we can make this happen soon. **Jog Road:** Construction of the Jog Road extension has begun and The contractor J W Cheatum states that the project should take 400 days which is 13-14 months. **Roads:** Mike Danchuk reported on behalf of SIRWCD. That road ballots will be out soon. This ballot will not be for individual streets to be paved but for the whole neighborhood. Mike stated that only residents that live on a dirt road will receive a ballot and if 51% of those returned ballots vote for roads than 13 miles of roads will be paved at approximately \$1,200 per home per year for 20 years to be assessed in your taxes. Cont. pg 6

### Equestrian residents of Palm Beach Country States were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place

Equestrian residents of Palm Beach Country States were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for their entry "Christmas Caroling with Animals" in the annual Jupiter Farms Holiday Parade. The parade theme was "All Creatures Great & Small". Their entry included an 8ft PBCE velvet banner, a horse drawn cart pulled by JJ the Santa Horse, and a following of horses dressed as other animals including a zebra, giraffe, lion, cow, Clydesdale and a deer. The caroling included animal sounds. This is the 12th annual parade that PBCE has placed either 1st or 2nd for the large equestrian group. JJ the Santa Horse has pulled the cart every year for PBCE and is now 28 yrs old.



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**Spring Bash:** March 13, 2009 at 6pm there will be Drinks, Dinner, Music and great fun at Yvette Trelles and Stephen Yedinak's home on 69<sup>th</sup> drive in Jupiter. Trelles law has graciously volunteered to sponsor this event to support the park.

**5k Run:** We are working on a plan to have a race through the neighborhood, keep checking your newsletter and emails for more information.

**Online shoppers:** Link to [www.giveness.com/twistypines](http://www.giveness.com/twistypines) or [www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines](http://www.shoptoearn.net/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 or a section of the park so your name can be seen at our community park 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.

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*Sheri R. Murray*, Secretary

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#### Future Fundraising Cont.

**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.

**Aluminum Can Drive:** Barry Benjamin has kindly agreed to take our aluminum to a recycling center. This aluminum will be sold, and all of the money will be donated to the park & playground. To make this project work, we need the help of the community. Drop off locations are:

**Debbie's:** 16432 77th Trail N. PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE BESIDE GARAGE fgavin0829@bellsouth.net

**Chris's:** 15610 73rd Terr. N PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE ON THE SOUTH CORNER OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE reinharm@bellsouth.net

**Barry's:** 14731 67th Trail North PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE IN THE BLUE RECYCLE CONTAINER BESIDE THE GARAGE DOOR barrybenjamin@yahoo.com

**Duane's:** 15087 80th Dr. N. house is on the Corner of 150th and 80th. PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND DROP OVER THE FENCE ON RIGHT SIDE OF DRIVE-WAY dlongphoto@aol.com

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

#### **Shop to Earn Teams up with Twisty Pines Playground Foundation**

Do you shop online? Do you buy things from Home Depot, Target Macy's and Circuit City? We have recently partnered with ShoptoEarn.net to make money for our Community Park and Playground.

Here's how it works: before you shop online go to [www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines](http://www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines) and every time you shop from one of the 700 online stores, the park and playground will receive cash from a percentage of your purchases. After you go to [www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines](http://www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines) you will be asked to register as a preferred customer so that we can keep track of purchases made by Twisty Pines supporters. Some of these retailers, such as Home Depot and Sports Authority, allow you to shop and pay for merchandise at home and pick them up at the store with no shipping fee. Do this and you'll certainly save yourself time and money.

Next time you decide to shop online, consider logging on to our Shop-to-Earn website first. It won't affect the cost of anything you buy, but it will certainly help our park and playground get built more quickly.

Thank you to neighbors **Roberta Von Der Luft** for setting up our site and **Bill Slater** for sponsoring it!

## **Please Help!**

For 18 years residents of PBCE have sought a park, and it's time we work together to make it happen.

### **What can you do?**

**DONATE MONEY:** If each of the 1500 families in this community gave \$50, we would earn \$75,000 towards our goal. Every small donation helps us reach our goal.

**DONATE MATERIALS:** For every nut & bolt for the playground, or tree or shrub for the park that is donated, that is one less item we will have to purchase.

**VOLUNTEER TIME:** We need people who are willing to help merely 30 minutes per week until the Playground Build, and others who are willing to fill Build Date shifts.

**BECOME A PART OF THE COMMITTEE:** There are still a number of positions available. We must fill these positions now in order to have a successful playground build. Donated Materials, Purchased Materials, Tools and Food are essential committees. With your help, we can make our team run efficiently.

This park and playground will benefit all residents of Palm Beach Country Estates. For parents with children, this playground and park will be invaluable. It will be a meeting place for parents as well as children. It will be a special place for birthday parties and play dates. For residents without children, the park will be a place to gather with neighbors and spend quality time. The park and playground will instill pride in our community and make PBCE more than just a place you drive out of each morning and into each evening. Building this playground is our opportunity to create and complete the first step in our community park that will be beneficial to all residents. With your help, we will have one of the best playgrounds in Northern Palm Beach County. But, we need your help now!

**Remember that Twisty Pines Playground is a non-profit 501(C)3, which means that donations to the playground are tax-deductible.**

**Please make checks available to our non-profit's account: Twisty Pines Playground Foundation**

#### ***Mail to:***

Twisty Pines Playground Foundation  
C/O Donald Ross Landowners Association  
P.O. Box 30638  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420



### **Residents concerned about Vandalism, Crime and Littering in PBCE**

It has come to our attention that there has been increased vandalism and theft in our neighborhood. This concern has been voiced by residents when they sent in their dues money as one of the number one concerns. As residents we would all like to see heightened security to keep our valuables and our families safe. We as an association have requested that the PBSO increase their patrols in our neighborhood and they have agreed to increase patrols. We as a neighborhood also need to step up and keep an eye out on our neighbors homes and watch for any illegal or questionable activity. The association is working on scheduling the PBSO to attend our May landowner's meeting to discuss a neighborhood watch program. In the past PBSO has stated that due to the size of our neighborhood that we would need to have multiple sections of watch groups. If you are interested in being a part of this, begin talking to your neighbors now to start forming a group near your home and come to the meeting in May to learn more about starting these groups. Both of these actions will also help with another concern residents have voiced which is the dangerous speed of drivers in our neighborhood. Please slow down and remember that your dangerous speeds can affect the life of many others. Parents if you have teenage drivers PLEASE speak with them about their driving and remind them that many young children are out on these roads.

Another one of the main concerns stated in the forms residents sent in with their dues was the littering that has been going on in the neighborhood. As a community we can help solve this problem as well. If we can get multiple groups together that are willing to devote time to clean up separate 1 mile sections of road, we can quickly get the neighborhood cleaned up. The county has a program that many people surely have seen before, the adopt a road program. In this program, the group that adopts the road must be willing to clean this roadway 4 times a year for 2 years. The County Engineering Department posts Adopt-A-Road signs displaying the group's name, conducts safety orientations, provides safety equipment and litter bags and picks up the bagged litter at specified locations. If you are interested in this program contact any of the Landowner's board members and we will get the county involved to start this program going.

### **2009 Dues are Due**

**If you have not yet paid your 2009 dues please do so and support your community.**

**Please issue payment of \$35.00 to the:**

**Donald Ross Landowners Association, P.O.  
Box 30638, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418**

### **Community Park update**

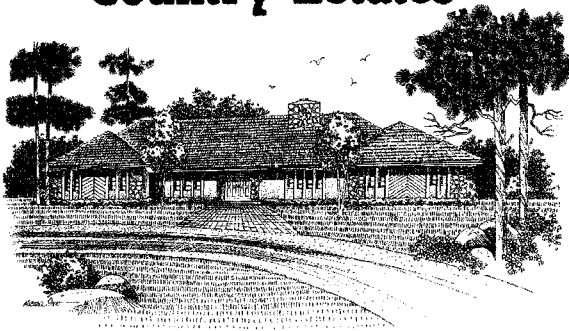
The Park committee has been working diligently behind the scenes to get approval from the county for our site plan for the community park. We are certified and approved for the hearings to change the zoning from AR (Agricultural-Residential) to PO (Public Ownership) of the parcel of land that the park will be located on. Once approved at the county commission meeting we then proceed with the site plan approval which should go smoothly and take approximately 60 days to complete, which should put us at June for Final approval by the county to begin work on the park site. It has been determined and will be required due to the change in zoning status that once the land has been approved for use as a Public Park that the land will be deeded to SIRWCD. At that time the land will no longer be personal property and will be owned by SIRWCD, with funding coming from Twisty Pines Playground Foundation to complete the improvements on the land.

We are in great need of help in clearing dead trees on the property as well as over all clean up to allow for the next phases of the site prep. We hope to have the parking lot, perimeter fencing and landscaping complete prior to the deed change. We will be planning a work day at the park soon. Please check your emails and both [www.twistypinesplayground.org](http://www.twistypinesplayground.org) and [www.mypbce.org](http://www.mypbce.org) for more information on dates and times.

### **Trelles Law Helps Make the Spring Bash Was a Huge Success**

Thanks to Yvette Trelles and Steve Yedinak of Trelles Law, our gracious hosts at the Spring Bash, we raised \$4785 for the park and playground last Friday evening. All of us enjoyed delicious appetizers, an incredible meal of prime rib and seafood pasta, yummy desserts, and live music. Yvette and Steve made extensive preparations for food, entertainment, seating, and decorations. Their gorgeous home was the perfect setting for a night of meeting new neighbors and raising money for our community playground and park. Thank you Trelles Law for sponsoring the event and Barry-More's for providing food. Other neighbors were also extremely generous. Orin and Jenn Shakerdge provided drinks and advertising, Joey Moynahan made beautiful table arrangements and provided drinks, Chris Koehn and Debbie Gavin helped us set up and provided drinks, and Kevin Baker helped with planning and advertising. And, as usual, Sheri Murray and Sarah Applegate gave countless hours to ticket sales and coordinating. The winner of the 50/50 raffle, David Webster, even donated his large pot of winnings right back to the park. Thank you David. Certainly the Spring Bash was a success. We also need to thank all of the neighbors who have sent donations to the park along with their Landowners dues. Every donation helps us to build our park. Right now our park plans are still awaiting county approval. We will certainly pass along any news that we hear about this process as it happens.

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