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A PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF THE DONALD ROSS LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Important Update on Backflow Prevention Devices for Potable Water

Dear Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners,

The Town of Jupiter had previously decided to implement a backflow prevention device requirement of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Palm Beach County Health Department (PBCHD) and were requiring the installation of this device when hooking up to their potable water system.

We have just received notification by the PBCHD that the requirement has been stayed until at least January 1, 2009, and the Town of Jupiter has dropped the requirement for the backflow prevention device at this time. Those who wish to hook up to the potable water system SHOULD do so NOW while the requirement for the installation of the backflow prevention device has been temporarily stayed. However, Jupiter will require that you sign a Property Owner Meter Set Agreement that states you may have to install the device at a later date should it be mandated by the FDEP and PBCHD.

All phases of the Palm Beach Country Estates potable water project have been completed and everyone is eligible to hook up at this time. Also as a reminder, those wishing to take advantage of the potable water hookup financing program with the District must do so prior to June 10, 2009.

South Indian River Water Control District

October 2, 2008

WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT

SFWMD Modified Phase 2 Restrictions are in effect. Odd numbered addresses restrict irrigation hours to Wednesday and Saturday from 12am to 10am and/or from 4pm to 11:59pm. Even numbered addresses or no number addresses restrict irrigation hours to Thursday and Sunday from 12am to 10am and/or from 4pm to 11:59pm.

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When can I water newly planted sod, trees or other landscaping? Additional days and times are available for new plantings:

- New landscaping can be watered without regard to restrictions on the first day it is installed.
- Landscaping that has been in place from 2 days to 30 days can be watered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and/or Sundays during the hours allowed for regular landscape irrigation.
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- Additional watering days can only be used to benefit new landscaping. An entire irrigation system zone may only be watered if it contains at least 50 percent new landscaping.

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Landowners Association - <u>www.myPBCE.org</u> Park - www.twistypinesplayground.org

Get Out and VOTE!

Election time is right around the corner. Absentee ballots are available from the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200 or www.pbelections.org. Early voting begins Oct 20 and ends Nov 2 with the two closest sites being the Jupiter Branch Library and the Supervisor of Elections North County Office at 3188 PGA Blvd.

Email Notices

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.



Message from the President

We like to think we live in a safe and secure neighborhood, but even in the best of neighborhoods there can be trouble. We have been hearing about

more and more car burglaries. Most of the items being taken are small electronics or cash. Recently a debit card and change were taken from an unlocked car on 85th. On 73rd they climbed into a fully fenced yard, the gate was never opened, and an unlocked car was riffled through. They left the loose change and the only thing taken was a bag of lollypops from the glove box. Late at night I have heard ATVs and golf carts going up and down my road. The Sheriff's Department has said this type of crime is usually the work of kids. Parents, please know were your kids are at night and who they are with. I'm afraid one morning we are going to hear about how some kids went into the wrong yard, were there was a vicious dog or a homeowner who has had enough. This isn't just about keeping our cars or houses safe, but keeping our kids safe as well.

Chris Reinhardt, President

Vacant Lot Vandalism

I received a call from Ken Jackson of Palm Beach County Code Enforcement. He said he received an anonymous call about a "race track" on one of the vacant lots. The caller said kids are using the lot as a "race track" late at night with large trucks. Mr. Jackson said he needs more information and asked if I could put his numbers in the newsletter. They are 233-5541, 662-9400. He said without more information he will have to close the file. The caller can remain anonymous, he just needs the additional information.

Meals Program Available

I'm writing about a program that may be of interest to other residents of Palm Beach Country Estates.

My mother lives with us and has benefited from a meal program offered Monday - Friday (a hot and fresh lunch and dinner) which can be picked up at Jupiter Pavilion or Palm Beach Gardens Hospital.

Cost: \$4 dollars per day

Unfortunately there are currently no volunteers to drive to our area so I've been driving to P.B. Gardens Hospital and wonder if others in the area might be interested in this service You can call me, Dorrie Ornstein, 743-3100 or email at naturart@bellsouth.net to discuss this. We can set up some kind of car -pool, etc,

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<u>Donald Ross Landowners Association</u> Meeting 8-12-2008

General meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., Chris Reinhardt, President, called the meeting to order. Board officers Kevin Baker, 1st Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and Sheri Murray, Secretary were present. Treasurer's Report- Lynn reported there is \$5,973.61 in the operating account and \$7,310.59 in the legal fund. Lynn stated we recently paid our liability insurance at \$3,282.40. Chris asked for a motion to approve the Treasure's report. Motion was approved. Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 5-20-08 were printed in the August newsletter and were available at the meeting. Chris asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting. Motion was approved. Speakers- Mr. David Rotar, from the Town of Jupiter Utilities came to speak regarding current requirements for water hookups. The following items were discussed: 1. The Town of Jupiter is now requiring the double check valve and it can be installed either above ground or in a box below ground, but either way it will need to be inspected once a year. 2. This valve has to be installed by a plumber, hired by the homeowner, before the meter will be installed by the Town. 3. The Town of Jupiter is looking into hiring a third party contractor to do the yearly inspections at a reduce group price and the Town would incorporate that expense into your monthly bill and handle all the paperwork involved. 4. The meters the Town has installed are radio monitored and can detect a back-flow of 10 gallons or more when they are checked once a month during the "drive by" meter reading, but they do not have a back-flow prevention valve. 5. At the DEP meeting the invited committee members were to give their suggestions in two weeks to the DEP. The DEP would then review their suggestions and then come up with a possible revision to the M14 guidelines. This decision is expected sometime around December. This decision would involve the entire state and could be anything from requiring that everyone with an alternate water system install a testable RPZ or Double Check back-flow valve, only new construction install the testable valves, or require a non-testable, underground valve called a Double Check valve. 6. At this time, the only options to avoid the installation of the backflow valve is: A. Stay on your well and not get Jupiter water. B. Abandon your current well at an estimated cost of \$1,200, which involves permits and filling the well shaft with a special cement. C. Remain on well water and wait until DEP makes a final ruling which is anticipated to be in December. Diane Robinson, Spiritual Leader of Unity Church in the Gardens, spoke about issues regarding parking at the church as it relates to the residents of PBCE. Residents voiced their concerns about the safety issue regarding the current Sunday parking situation at the church on Donald Ross Rd. and 69th. Diane stated she as well as other board of Directors from Unity met with members from the county Road Department and they suggested for the church to possibly lease, purchase or have a cross-use agreement with the SIRWCD property to the west of their property from the berm all the way to the fence; fill in the canal that ends at the south end of the property, provide adequate drainage, etc., and landscape and grass that area to be used for Sunday parking. "Since the canal ends at the south end of our property, she states it would only be a few yards of loss to the canal". She states that SIRWCD would have use of the property through the week and if PBCE wanted to have a party there, a car show, or whatever, they would be pleased to accommodate us. She also stated they believe that this space will allow for 60-80 parking spots. Mike Danchuk stated that this will be brought up at the next SIRWCD meeting on August 21st and engineers for SIRWCD along with Palm Beach County zoning would have to get involved as well. Most residents that attend this meeting did not have any complaints against the plan as long as SIRWCD and zoning approved. Diane was also informed of the hazardous parking on the east side of 69th during services. PBCE residents were concerned that someone was going to be injured or cause an accident when they crossed 69th to get to the church. She said she was unaware people were parking there and she would inform everyone in attendance at the Sunday services and by email not to park on that side of the road. Old Business -Roads Mike Danchuk reported that SIRWCD has started the approved test of Soiltack on a 1/4 mile section of road near the SIRWCD main building in Jupiter Farms. Mike also reported that the Soiltack product has been on the road for about 1 month. Mike stated that if this product works it could be applied to dirt roads in PBCE to keep the dust down and to prevent wash boarding after it rains. SIRWCD will continue with this test to determine at what point it would need to be reapplied. Jog Road - Chris stated the County expects to begin construction on the Jog road extension in October, 2008 cont. Pg 4

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and will approximately take 12-14 months to complete. All owners Min. Cont. on Donald Ross should have received a letter stating anything in the right-ofway on Donald Ross Rd. needed to be removed before September 30th. Park -Chris reported on the status of the park. She said in June members of the park committee and representatives from the county Parks Department and zoning met with Commissioner Marcus regarding the park. At the meeting is was decided we would pursue approval as a Neighborhood Park. The representatives from parks and zoning gave the committee advise on how to proceed and what steps would need to be taken. She said the meeting went very well. Also in June neighbors came out to help plant Areca Palms as a buffer for the neighbor on the south side of the park. Bob Berman donated the palms. Chris also stated that more cleanup of the park site needs to be done and areas needed to be leveled so we can move the trees from the front entrance to the buffer area around the park. Tim Brown is working on coordinating that. A tree survey will be done soon as well as site plan review with the county. A meeting with county Environmental Resource Management is also going to be held at the park site is September. Chris introduced resident Wendy Tuma, from Urban Design Studio, who will be doing our landscape design drawings and who will be helping us with the applications to the county. Sheri Murray from the Playground Fundraising Committee reported that we have raised approximately \$32,000 so far as well as a pledge for materials from Cemex. Cemex has offered all cement needed, play sand and extra bricks for the engraved brick walkway at the playground. They will deliver all materials to the site when needed. Sheri stated we are currently having an aluminum can drive and for residents to check out this next newsletter for drop off sites. A neighbor, Steve Yedinak offered to donate storm shutters that he no longer needed to be donated for scrap metal to be taken to a recycler. Sheri also stated that Stepanek Constructions has joined Janero pools in pledging support for the playground. Tim and Noel Stepanek of Stepanek Construction, LLC have pledged 5% of any contract sales from a PBCE resident from August to September of 2008 to go to the playground. Thank you Stepanek construction !!! Sheri stated we are planning many more activities in the future to help raise money for the playground, please check out www.twistypinesplayground.org for all future fundraisers. Sheri reported that another neighborhood owned businesses has sponsored a section of the fence to run along the perimeter of the park. The newest business was Applegate Interiors, with a donation of \$2,500, Thanks Applegate Interiors! Sheri also reported that Twisty Pines Playground foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductable. Please check out www.twistypinesplayground.org to sponsor components, make a donation or to register to volunteer. for the build week of February 25th - March 1st, 2009. If there are any other businesses in the neighborhood who are interested in making a similar pledge based on sales to PBCE residents please contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647. Sidewalks - Sidewalks will be put in on the east side of 69th, during the Jog road extension, from Donald Ross Rd. to 140th. This will be a concrete sidewalk. From 140th to 155th the sidewalk will be asphalt. Currently the plan is for one sidewalk on Doanld Ross Rd. to be on the south side of the road. Chris stated she would like to request that the sidewalk be on the north side of the road for us to have better access to it, without having to cross the traffic on Donald Ross Rd. She feels residents of our community would use the sidewalk to travel to Abacoa more frequently than East Pointe residents. 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 8:59 p.m.

Sheri R. Murray, Secretary

Donald Ross Landowners Association Meeting 10-21-2008

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, 1st Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and, Sheri Murray Secretary were present. Treasurer's Report-Lynn reported there is \$1,802.26 in the operating account and \$7,310.59 in the legal fund. Lynn stated if anyone would like to have a detailed breakdown of the money coming in and out of the operating account you can contact Chris Reinhardt or Lynn Horne and we will provide you with that information. Lynn reported that the Legal Fund has not been used for a long period of time since we have not had any legal issues. Lynn also reported for businesses placing ads in the newsletter she is keeping a list of ad

Min. Cont. size and cost monthly to keep track of who has paid. She also has made a small form to give to new advertisers to fill out when they place an ad, this form will be sent with each bill to be returned with payment so that advertisement payments will be better differentiated from dues payments. Chris Reported that we have had problems collecting for advertisements placed in the newsletter, therefore we are going to begin collecting payment prior to the ad being placed. Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 8-12-08 will be in the November newsletter and will be available at the November 11th meeting. Old Business - The Jog Road extension has begun, J W Cheatam was awarded the contract and is expected to take 400 days, approximately 13- 14 months to complete. A county aerial map with drawings showing exactly where the roundabouts and sidewalks will be was presented to the residents to view. The roundabouts will be single lane traffic to limit dangerous passing in the roundabout traffic. On the widening of Donald Ross road the aerial view map shows drawings for sidewalks on both sides of Donald Ross, which is different from what a county official stated at a previous meeting with the Landowner's. At present it is unsure as to what government entity will be paying for the sidewalks to be extended over the Turnpike Bridge, once that is determined it will be reported as to whether or not that will happen. Backflow devices - Chris Reinhardt reported that the SIRWCD recently sent out a postcard to the residents regarding the backflow devices. It was reported that the Town of Jupiter is suspending the requirement for the backflow devices until January 1, 2009. SIRWCD is urging those who wish to hook up to the potable water system SHOULD do so NOW while the requirement for the installation of the backflow prevention device has been temporarily stayed. However, Jupiter will require that you sign a Property Owner Meter Set Agreement that states you may have to install the device at a later date should it be mandated by the FDEP and PBCHD. 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- Chris reported that in June members from the park committee met with members of zoning, parks and Commissioner Marcus. At that time it was decided that the park could fall under the classification of Neighborhood Park and that is what was agreed upon at that time. 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 planned. We will come back with a more feasible build date once zoning and permitting is further in the process. Chris reported there are many behind the scenes things happening to make sure this park is completed and wants to assure residents that we are working very diligently to make this happen. Chris also reported that the trees from the entrance at 69th and Donald Ross were moved to the park site to save them from being torn down during construction of the roundabouts and widening Donald Ross. Chris stated the moving of the trees was made possible because of resident Tim Brown's collaboration with residents, resident owned landscapers and outside businesses, we could not have done this without him Thanks Tim! Chris also wanted to thank each individual business who helped out either through donation of time material or labor Jimmy Speck's Bobcat Service, Eric Nelson from Nelson's Landscaping, Brian Snyder from John Deer & Del Ray from Palm Beach Maintenance, David White of Foliage Concepts, Paul & Carl Leffler from Paul B. Leffler landscaping, David Webster, Russ from Lighthouse Pools, Pinkerton's Tree Trimming, and David Jarrell, as well as all the great residents who came out and helped us that day. Chris also requested if any neighbors would like to assist with staking the trees at the site, the wood and materials are already at the park, we just need man power to get it done. We also need assistance from neighbors to help cut down dead pine trees and some pine trees dying from pine bore beetles. The county ERM has told us we can remove and should remove these trees. If you would like to help, contact Tim Brown or any board member for information. Vacant Lots and Mudding- Chris received a call from Ken Jackson from Palm Beach County Code enforcement Cont. pg 6

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Road Paving Ballots



At the October 16th South Indian River Water Control District meeting the Board voted to send out a ballot to all residents of PBCE as to whether they want to have their roads paved to County-equivalent standards.

The decision was made as a result of the cost analysis figures provided by the SIRWCD engineers to the Board, in response to petitions done by the residents.

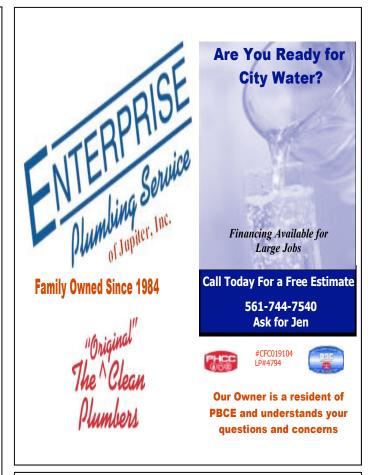
The engineers presented cost figures on County standard paving and Ogem. The cost of county standard paving has dropped significantly. A little over a year ago the cost was estimated to be \$600,000 per mile. The cost is now estimated to be about \$450,000 per mile. Meanwhile the cost of OGEM had gone up to \$300,000 per mile.

In addition it was noted that the OGEM has to be maintained more often, with additional costs incurred causing the price to approach the County-equivalent standard cost. Also the OGEM is financed over 15 years maximum because of its shorter life expectancy, while county paving is over 20 years.

For these reasons the SIRWCD Board decided there was a window of opportunity for cost savings for County-equivalent standard roads at this time and to send out the referendum ballots for the County-equivalent road paving.

The ballots will be sent out to all property owners on unpaved roads, as there have been road paving petitions submitted for all streets in the community. The voting will be on a community basis, not street by street, and to pass the initiative over 50% of the property owners that vote have to approve the project. The cost of paving is estimated to be \$1,000/year per property owner. It is possible because of the economy and depending on what the roads surfaces are like, that this cost could be even be less, but the engineers recommended a conservative highest cost figure for the ballot.

stating he had received an anonymous call regarding a "racetrack" being operated in our neighborhood. This is in reference to late night racing or mudding by trucks in a corner vacant lot, in the northern section of the neighborhood. Mr. Jackson was requesting that the caller call him back at 233-5541 or 662-9400 to provide more information or he will have to close the case. The caller can remain anonymous, Mr. Jackson just needs the additional information. If anyone else has any complaints regarding this issue they can also call Mr. Jackson and remain anonymous. Dangerous Driving - Chris reported that many people have been complaining about the reckless, extremely fast and dangerous speeds some residents have been driving in the neighborhood. Chris reported there was a fatality of a 28-year-old man recently on 69th Ave and 154th. The victim ran off the road and crashed into some trees in a neighbors yard. One resident said she was passed by a teenage girl who was speeding in the turning lane on Donald Ross Rd. Another resident said he could hear cars and trucks racing up and down the roads late at night. Board members and residents are "urging parents to talk with your teenagers about their driving and that they are endangering the lives of others as well as their own". We would like to have a safe community for all of our children and adult resident. Water Restrictions - Water restrictions are still in effect. Watering is allowed 2 days a week odd numbered addresses are allowed to water Wednesdays and Saturdays and even addresses are Thursdays and Sundays. These restrictions do not allow for watering during the day between the hours of 10 am and 4pm. You can go to the South Florida Water Managements website to find out exact information. Voting- Chris urged residents to "get out and Early voting started October 20th and will continue to November 1st. Kevin Baker stated it is not too late to request an absentee ballot as well. Roads Mike Danchuk reported on behalf of SIRWCD, that a meeting of SIRWCD happened on Thursday October 16th and at that meeting the board voted that a ballot would be sent out regarding road paving for unpaved roads



of PBCE. Mike commented on the large number of concerned residents of PBCE he has heard from requesting paving of their roads or better maintenance of the current dirt roads. He reported that the ballots haven't gone out previously because other SIRWCD Board members felt the costs were too high at the time of the requests, and the final decision on whether or not a resident receives a ballot is made by the board of SIRWCD. Michael and the PBCE Landowners Board had previously requested that the engineers for SIRWCD give a cost estimate of road paving with OGEM versus county equivalent paying. At this time the engineers reported that 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 there is currently a window of opportunity where paving prices are at an all time low and to send out the ballot that had previously been petitioned for by PBCE residents with a cost estimate to have all unpaved roads in PBCE paved to county like standards. This ballot will not be for individual streets to be paved but for the whole neighborhood. Mike stated that residents that live on a dirt road will receive a ballot and if 51% of those returned ballots vote for the paving, then about 23 miles of roads will be paved at approximately \$1,000 per home, per year, for 20 years. The costs would be assessed in your taxes. Mike reported that the engineers reported a conservatively high figure at this time, but are currently working on cost estimates that may be more accurate for the ballot. The engineers plan to have the ballots out to residents prior to the next SIRWCD meeting on November 20, 2008 New business - No new members present. No new business was addressed. Kevin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded. Meeting ended at 8:59 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Sheri R. Murray, Secretary

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Park and Playground Update - September

By now everyone in the neighborhood has seen that the trees by the entrance to Palm Beach Country Estates have been moved. An enthusiastic group of 21 neighbors showed up on Saturday, September 27 to help move the trees to the park site. We would like to thank everyone who helped move the oaks and palms from the front entrance to the new park. There were 25 very large trees moved all in one day! This was a huge effort and everyone worked very hard, but it was worth it to save those beautiful trees from being destroyed during the upcoming road construction.

Professionals worked alongside volunteers to dig, haul, and transport oaks and sable palms. David Jarrell from David Jarrell Construction had earlier cleared the park site for a reduced rate, and Wendy Tuma, a landscape designer from Urban Design Studios, has been donating her time to design a plan for the park. Pinkerton's Tree Trimming trimmed the sable palms prior to the tree move, and James Pinkerton even helped out with the tree move Saturday morning. We would like to thank Tim Brown for spending many, many hours on the phone arranging for all the heavy equipment and operators. We also want to thank, Jerry Pervis & Jimmy Speck's Bobcat Service for being the backhoe operators. David Webster donated one of the backhoes & Russ from Lighthouse Pools donated the other backhoe and his employee Junior to supervise and help out. Eric Nelson from Nelson's Landscaping donated his time and machine. Brian Snyder from John Deer & Del Ray from Palm Beach Maintenance donated a truck and large trailer to haul the trees to the park. Rich Moberg was the driver. David White of Foliage Concepts gave us a reduced rate for the tree crane and two man team of Tyler Nelson and Horatio. Paul & Carl Leffler were there from Paul B. Leffler landscaping. Students Danny Meyers, Austin Rosenkrance and Kameron Leone worked for school volunteer hours and residents Ken Trapasso, Florence & Jim Dudley, Kevin Baker, Sheri Murray, Mike & Chris Reinhardt & Kirk Humphreys volunteered their time and sweat.

Please stop by 69th & 155th to see the progress at the park site. Not only is our community park progressing, it is becoming a tangible model of cooperation and community spirit. Thank you to all who were involved.

Over the past few months we have been working with Palm Beach County Zoning and Parks Departments. It was once hoped that we would be able to be classified as a Neighborhood Park, which has the shortest approval time, but this designation prohibits on site parking and permanent restrooms. It is intended for neighborhoods small enough for residents to walk or ride bikes to the park. It was decided we are too big for that and a parking lot would be needed. We will now be considered a Public Park which will require much more stringent plans and permits as well as a county public meeting. We are now looking at a 6-8 month county zoning approval process. Because of all these unforseen requirements we will have to push back the date for our playground build, which was scheduled for February of 2009. We know everyone has been waiting a very long time for this park and playground. As soon as we have permitting and zoning requirements met we will be able to reschedule a build date and that date will be announced to all.

Future and current fundraising activities for the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation and your Community Park

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

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 form Sheri Murray for \$10 at 561-601-1647 to show your support for the playground.

Yard Sale: We will be having a yard sale at the park site at 69th and 155th on Saturday October 18th from 8am to 12pm. If you have any items to donate please contact Sheri at 561-601-1647. Come out to see the progress at the park and bring your kids we will have some fun games to play and help us fill our large change jar.

Casino Party: Back by popular demand. Casino Party #2 will be held on October 25th from 7-11pm at Sheri and Steven Murray's home on 163rd Ct. N. Please call Sheri Murray at 601-1647 for tickets.

Holiday Bazarre: We are planning a holiday sale for November 15th at 6pm with many companies including Discovery Toys. To be involved as a vendor or for tickets to shop please call Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647. There will also be a raffle to win great prizes from our vendors.

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

Online shoppers: Link to <u>www.giveness.com/twistypines</u> 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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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: 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 be donated to the park & playground. To make this project work, we need the help of the community. Drop off locations are:

<u>Debbie's:</u> 16432 77th Trail N. - PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE BESIDE GARAGE

fgavin0829@bellsouth.net

Chris': 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 barryjbenjamin@yahoo.com

<u>Duane's:</u> 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 DRIVEWAY

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

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.

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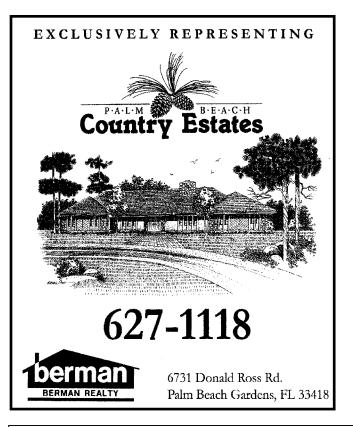
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Annual Land Owners Meeting

November 11, 2008 at 7:30 PM at Living Oaks Ministries Church on 64th Drive