

# Countryside Living...

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# **Message from the President**

The contentious SIRWCD election is over. Whether you are happy or miffed at the outcome, the decent thing to do is to congratulate Steve Hinkle on his re-election and John Meyer on his election. That's what I did as soon



as the results were announced. On behalf of Palm Beach Country Estates, I would also like to thank out-going SIRWCD Supervisor Tom Rice for his quarter century of service to our community. Due to the large size of the vote differential and shift in control to SIRWCD's new President Steve Hinkle, we should expect the claimed mandate for change to manifest in policies establishing a higher bar for road paving where referendums must garner yes votes from more than half the properties on a road to pass. At the November 12th SIRWCD Workshop at 6 PM at Jupiter HS, board members will present for discussion new policy proposals. Plan to attend to make your voice heard. I am a firm believer in participatory democracy. When everyone votes the outcome is definitive. For reasons I don't understand, some people don't vote even when thousands of their hard-earned dollars are on the line causing a minority of yes or no votes to decide a road paving referendum. Going forward, property rights policies will likely confer more protection from low turnout referendums and that is a good thing. Please come to the next meeting of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association on November 10th where our guest speakers will be PB County Commissioner Hal Valache and Fire Chief Mike Wells. I have asked them to address our need for a fire station within 5 miles of our homes in order to bring down the insane cost of homeowners' insurance. Feel free to email me questions that I will forward to the Commissioner so he can come with answers. Be well, Kevin Baker



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SIRWCD Workshop Notice: 11/12/2015
Jupiter High School Media Center.
Topic: election & capital project
policies and advisements to the Board
of Supervisors from landowners at the
Landowner's Meeting, 6PM.

Volunteer Needed!!!!

Webmaster -

# **Donald Ross Landowners Minutes**

## Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Kevin Baker. In attendance: President Kevin Baker, 1st Vice President Carol-Sue Ryan, 2nd Vice President Jason McFarland, Secretary Ellen Meehan, and Treasurer Kevin Parkes.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Russell from the Sheriff's Office addressed the residents on security in the neighborhood. In the last 60 days there have only been two reported incidents: a vehicle burglary on 169th and a garage burglary on 72nd. If you witness anything suspicious, call 911. You can call the Sheriff's Office at 561-688-3400 or email Deputy Russell: Russellk@pbso.org

Guest Speaker: Don Gustafson addressed the residents regarding his church's property on the corner of 64th and Donald Ross. His



# Neighborhood Watch

Think Safe! If you see Suspicious Activity Call: PBSO Non-Emergency Dispatch: 561-688-3400.
If you see a crime in progress call: 911.
COP Program

Mike Ryan: a1aei@bellsouth.net Bill Bolds Bbolds@bellsouth.net.

Please consider joining the COP.

church has been falsely accused of campaigning for candidates in the SIRWCD Board Election. The signs being placed near the property are not on the Church's property as the location is a perpetual easement reserved for a future PBCE sign.

**Secretary Report:** The July 2015 minutes were amended and approved and will be online and in the newsletter.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Kevin Parkes provided a brief financial report for the residents on PBCE DRLA annual spending. Revenues thus far in 2015 are: \$16,235 from dues, \$510 legal contributions, and \$540 from advertising. Expenditures in 2015 have included: \$1200 July 4 Celebration, \$2150 front entrance, \$4731 newsletters, \$369 Printing, \$356 Utilities, \$728 Fees and Miscellaneous. The current assets include approximately \$12,000 in legal and \$15,000 in operating account.

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Old Business - SIRWCD: The South Indian River Water Control District which is the governing district for PBCE will hold their Annual Landowners Meeting and Board of Supervisors Floation on Sont. 17 at

sors Election on Sept. 17 at
Jupiter High School. Mike
Ryan is currently on the Board
and encouraged residents to
attend the meeting to stay
informed on the issues that affect them. He also reminded

landowners to vote in the election where four candidates are running for the two open positions on the Board of Supervisors. All ballots must be submitted by 9/17. Discussion ensued among the residents on the issues surrounding the election and the candidates who are running.

Neighborhood Watch COPS: Bob Berman thanked the residents who continue to volunteer their time for the COPS program. There are fewer volunteers so they have been increasing their hours of patrol. The volunteers are committed and truly believe the program works, supported by the low number of incidents in PBCE. COPs is in urgent need of more volunteers; training is provided and you can get additional information from Mike Ryan at 561-747-3233.

Communication: We are updating the Who's Who section on the website www.mypbce. org. Send your updated information to Carol-Sue Ryan. Facebook: Joining the Facebook group of Palm Beach Country Estates Neighbors is a good way to stay informed on all events in our neighborhood. Provide your email to the Secretary, Ellen Meehan, if you are not receiving the email blasts for PBCE.

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**Trunk-or-Treat:** The 7th annual Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event will be held on Saturday, Oct 31, in the usual location along the canal on 160th. Children in PBCE love this event so bring your families and join the Halloween fun. Keep an eye out for signs and email updates.

Potential Legislation: There are three current proposals for changing the Elections for the Board of Supervisors for SIRWCD. Since any changes must be approved by the Florida State Legislature, it is difficult to make such changes. The three proposals include: 1. Requiring at least 2 East and at least 2 West Continued on Page 6

# 2015 DUES Still Just \$35

If you have not yet paid your 2015 dues, please do so now.

Your \$35 is payable to: Donald Ross Landowners' Association PO Box 30638 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please use the Pay Dues button on http://pbce.org/.



# **Twisty Pines Update:**

This is the last chance to order for bricks for the final section of the walkway to the playground. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of fitness equipment for the walking trail in the park. This will either be one combined multi-unit apparatus or separate fitness units.

Deadline for brick orders is November 23, 2015. Personally engraved bricks would make a great Christmas present! 4x8 bricks are \$75 and 8x8 are \$275.

Download the order form from the Twisty Pines website at http://www.twistypinesplayground.org under the "How You Can Help" tab. Since the neighbors have expressed they prefer the current open playground rather than a closed in playground with a picket fence, those who ordered pickets will have what they wanted on the picket listed on 8x8 bricks similar to the way the "Donor Board" names are listed on 8x8 bricks in phase 1 of the pathway. Tree donors will also get pathway bricks.

As it has been a while, if you can't remember if you ordered a picket or brick an updated list of picket and brick sponsors are listed on the Twisty Pines website under the "Donor Board" tab.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Reinhardt at reinharm@bellsouth.net or 561-762-1281.

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Residents on the Board. 2. East votes for East residents: West votes for West residents. 3. Up the Board to 7 Supervisors.

New Business - Facebook: A resident inguired whether the PBCE Facebook Page is or should be for PBCE residents only. Chris Reinhardt explained that the original page was open to the public and was only made a closed group after we had the problems with the Pillow Case Burglary gang. It does still include non-residents such as ex-residents and family members and friends. Originally there were only businesses (realtors) using the Palm Beach Country Estates name on Facebook and the page was created so residents and neighbors of local neighborhoods could keep it touch about local events, school functions or fundraisers, lost pets, yard sales, etc. It was also a way to keep informed about local issues that not only affected our neighborhood but those around us that also had similar issues or concerns. Other residents spoke up in favor of keeping the page the way it is.

Sandhill Crane Walk/Run: PBCE will host our Second Annual 5K and 10K Sandhill Crane Walk/Run on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Watch for further information and announcements.

Meeting was adjourned 8:24pm Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

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Disclaimer: Ads do NOT imply endorsement by Donald Ross Landowners' Assn or its board.

We are creating a new Who's Who list for our website. Email Carol-Sue your PBCE resident owned business contact information.

## 2015 SIRWCD Election **Vote Tally**

Stephen Hinkle 2812 Rick G. Lee 951 John A. Meyer 2719 Tom Rice, Sr. 985

Source: Susan Bucher, PBC Supervisor of Elections



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Please join us for the PBCE 2015 Sandhill Crane 5k &10k Run! Saturday, November 28, 2015

Start time for the 10k run will be at 7:00 a.m.
Start time for the 5k run will be at 7:20 a.m.
Awards will be at 8:15 a.m.
Presented by The Donald Ross Landowners Association

The run will begin and end at the Margaret Berman Memorial Park on 69th Dr. & 155th Pl. Proceeds for the run will benefit the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation and be used to purchase fitness equipment for the walking trail in the park.

We need racers, runners and walkers! Volunteers for the event!

Your business or family can be a Tee-Shirt Sponsor, with your business logo, business name or family name printed on the race shirts!

Race registration & map a	at http://www.	twistypines	playground.org/ - \$25.	
Note: Free event tech tee-shirt	s will be distrib	outed to par	ticipants while supplies la	st.
Registrations received before	November 12	th will be g	uaranteed event tee-shirts	<b>.</b>
If registering online shirt size must be emailed to: lubenites2@gmail.com				
Adult Sizes: Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large	

#### Sponsorship Levels

Tech t-shirts – Carolina Blue with Black printing for all graphics

- Logo- \$100 (email jpeg, eps, or pdf, file to reinharm@bellsouth.net)
- Business Name \$75 (email text to be used to reinharm@bellsouth.net)
- Family/Name \$50 (email text to be used to reinharm@bellsouth.net)

Note: One race registration is included with your Sponsor contribution, a \$25 value.

#### Race Day Volunteers

We will need volunteers positioned along the race route to guide racers in the right direction. We will need volunteers to man water stops along the way. We also need volunteers to help organize this event. For more info or to volunteer contact:

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Thank you for your support!!

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