

# Countryside Living...

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



#### **Countryside Living Newsletter Changes**

The Donald Ross Landowners Association (DRLOA) has been printing and mailing a bi-monthly newsletter for several years (although it has not been consistently bi-monthly). The DRLOA has been absorbing the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to all landowners regardless of whether they are dues-paying members of the Association or not. The newsletter is the single largest expense for the Association and the revenue from the advertisers does not come anywhere near paying for the cost.

This October 2016 newsletter will be the last newsletter printed and mailed to all landowners. Effective with the 2017 membership, members will have the option to continue to receive the newsletter via electronic transmission (email) or continue to have the printed delivery. The annual dues for those members opting for electronic delivery will remain at \$35.00 for the year. If a member opts for the printed paper delivery the annual dues will be \$50.00.

Additionally, the newsletter (whether electronic or paper delivery) will only be sent to dues-paying members.

In 2016 approximately 35% of the landowners in Palm Beach Country Estates supported the DRLOA with paid dues. Since delivery to all landowners represented a disincentive for landowners to join the

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Association, it was decided that the practice of free delivery to non-dues-paying landowners would be discontinued.

The goal will be to have as many landowners as possible support and participate in the voluntary Association. In addition to the receipt of the newsletter and information regarding community events, membership is the only way that landowners have the ability to have a say on matters affecting the community and the expenditures of the funds raised by the Association. So for \$35 or \$50 per year, landowners will get comprehensive information regarding PBCE and will have a voice in Association.

There will be an aggressive effort in 2017 to have as many landowners join and support the Association. Included in the membership drive will be a questionnaire for all landowners to express their interest or concerns about anything affecting the Palm Beach Country Estates Community.

# Donald Ross Landowners Minutes SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 7:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: Ken Trapasso - President, Tim Brown - 1st Vice-President, Jason McFarland - 2nd Vice-President, John Jones - Treasurer, Bob Berman - Secretary PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 10 MINUTES-MEET and GREET between landowners present

**PBSO REPORT:** There were two minor cases of vandalism and one theft reported in the past 2 months but no other crime reported SECRETARY REPORT: Motion made, seconded and approved to approve Minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting

TREASURERS REPORT: Operating Account \$16,974.87; Legal Account \$11,995.09
OLD BUSINESS: Ken Trapasso reported progress of the entry sign landscaping. There was some delay because the existing sprinkler pump was not working and will need to be



## Neighborhood Watch

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#### **COP Program**

Martin Spiro (561) 371-4485 LineDancer50@bellsouth.net & Bob Berman 627-1118

Please consider joining the COP.

replaced. The Buddhist temple is going to allow the DRLOA the ability to tap into their system for the west wall. Otherwise it is expected that the job will be completed in the next few weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ken Trapasso put forward the idea of organizing a Fall Festival event and asked if there was anyone present that would volunteer to head a committee to further explore the idea. There were no volunteers. **OPEN DISCUSSSION:** Several residents expressed their interest in discontinuing the printed bi-monthly newsletter and replacing it with electronic delivery. The general consensus was to allow landowners who join the association the option of paper or electronic delivery but delivery of either would be limited to dues-paying members. The October 2016 would be the last newsletter printed and distributed to all landowners in PBCE. The December mailing would be the annual Continued on Page 3

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membership drive and renewals.

There was discussion regarding whether it is prudent to have either the Donald Ross Landowners Association or the Board of Directors

of the DRLOA endorse candidates for public office. Currently there is no restriction or prohibition for the Board of Directors to vote to make endorsements. The consensus was to take a larger poll of

members to attempt to determine if a change in the bylaws would be attempted to restrict or prohibit candidate endorsements.

Ken Trapasso explained that his goal for the next year was to encourage all landowners to constantly participate in general clean-up of the neighborhood especially the main 69th Drive corridor.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSNESS the meeting was adjourned approximately 9:15 PM. Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary

#### **JULY 12, 2016 7:30 PM**

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

10 MINUTES-MEET and GREET between landowners present

**PBSO REPORT:** No significant activity in the past 2 months

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mike Dillon, Manager of the South Indian River Water Control District provided extensive details regarding the ongoing maintenance work of the District and an explanation of the new culvert replacement program.

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### **Donald Ross Landowners Minutes**

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**SECRETARY REPORT:** Motion made, seconded and approved to approve Minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Operating Account \$18,528.94; Legal Account \$ 11,995.09

OLD BUSINESS: Ken Trapasso reported on the success of the July 4th Picnic. The parade and event was the best attended since the annual July 4th event was organized several years ago. Grateful appreciation was extended to Pastor Larry Richardson and the members of the Livings Oaks Church who generously volunteered to assist with the food. The Trapasso family has organized the annual event since its inception.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The plan to re-landscape the front entry wall areas of Donald Ross Rd. and 69th Drive N. was presented. Motion made,

2016 DUES \$35

If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, please do so now.

### **2017 Dues**

\$35 with email delivery of Newsletter \$50 for email & printed newsletter

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seconded and approved to spend approximately \$2,700 for the front entrance.

**OPEN DISCUSSSION:** Residents expressed concerns regarding lack of maintenance of foreclosure properties and apparent signage violations on various lots. It was explained that the Association did not have any enforcement authority or jurisdiction regarding the issued.

Ken Trapasso explained that his goal for the next year was to encourage all landowners to constantly participate in general clean-up of the neighborhood especially the main 69th Drive corridor.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSNESS the meeting was adjourned approximately 8:45 PM. Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary

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# Have no fear, Trunk or Treat is almost here!

Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 30th, from 4:30—6:00 p.m. Same location: 75th Avenue & 160th along the canal bank.

If you're new to the neighborhood or just need a recap . . . neighbors from around PBCE decorate the trunks of their cars (or back ends of your pick-up, trailer, golf cart, tractor, mud buggy, pop-up-tent, blow-up decoration, etc) and arrive between 3:45—4:15 pm on October 30th to SET UP YOUR TRUNK. Then, children from PBCE show up between 4:30 and 6:00 pm to trick-or-treat from one trunk to the next. This way, children in our neighborhood get to trick-or-treat close to home. It's loads of fun, and you get to see neighbors! In the past we've had up to 40 trunks!! There is a prize for the best trunk, so be sure

to pull out your best decorations. You can decorate as much or as little as you want. Please Note: The location of Trunk or Treat will be slightly changed this year. It will take place further east on 160th, starting at 71st. This change was made to find a grassier and less dusty location and to avoid the dirt piles being stored there. We're keeping this location because the new park simply doesn't have enough room to park 40 cars.

TRUNKS: If you're having a trunk, show up between 3:45—4:15. Please don't be late. You will NOT be eligible for the prize if you show up late. We want to keep our children as safe as possible, so we need trunks parked by 4:15.

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TREATERS: Treaters arrive between 4:30—6:00. Please sign in so we can keep track of how many families participate and to get your ballot to vote on the best trunk. There will be a welcome table as you start walking. Don't forget to vote for your favorite trunk on your way out! From 155th, take 75th Ave North to 160th, and head east to 73rd, 72nd or 71st park along one of those roads. We need to

keep 160th clear for the fire truck that will be showing up to entertain the little ones. We need lots of volunteers to help park cars and help sign in trunks and treaters at the welcome table. High School students are welcome and will receive volunteer credit. Bring your forms.

Email Chris Reinhardt at reinharm@bell-

south.net to volunteer or register your trunk, so we know how many to expect.
Looking forward to seeing you there!
Even if you can't stay, please drop some non-chocolate candy at the welcome desk, or contact us ahead of time and we'll arrange to have it picked up from you. Thanks! On average we have 40 trunks and over 200 children!
This is a great neighborhood event for both kids and adults!

Come on out and have some spooky fun!!

#### **SIRWCD Election Results**

**Kevin Baker 847** 

**Tony Capute 663** 

Michael Howard 1998

Michael Ryan 1915

#### **President's Notes**

Front entrance project in process with sprinklers on both sides done with new lighting, plants, and mulch to come.

Please be sure to attend Trunk or Treat and the Sandhill Crane 5K/10K run.

I hope everyone did okay through the storm.

Thank you, Kenneth Trapasso

## Get your business noticed!

To place an ad in the Countryside Living Newsletter-Submit camera ready ads to Kevin Baker at Kevin.Baker@TheStreet.com

Ads are now in Color!

Business card size ad 3.625 x 2 @ \$50 1/4 page ad 3.625 x 5 @ \$95 1/2 page ad 7.5 x 5 @ \$185

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

# Palm Beach Country Estates Sandhill Crane Run/Walk Bobcat 5k & Panther 10k

Saturday, November 26

Start & Finish at the PBCE Park
69th Dr. & 155th Pl.

# Please join us for the PBCE 2016 Sandhill Crane 5k &10k Run! Saturday, November 26, 2016

7:00 a.m. 10k run start time, 7:20 a.m. 5k run start time, 8:15 a.m. Awards

The run will begin and end at the Margaret Berman Memorial Park on 69th Dr. & 155th Pl. Twisty Pines Playground Foundation will use proceeds to purchase a park fitness station.

We need racers, runners, walkers, T-shirt sponsors, and volunteers for the event!

Last day to register and be guaranteed a T-shirt is Thursday evening November 10th.

Register online or download the forms at: twistypinesplayground.org

Race registration - \$25 (Includes T-shirt).

Lead Sponsor: Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association

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**Note:** One race registration & T-shirt is included with your Sponsor contribution, a \$25 value. Email jpeg, eps, or pdf, file to: <a href="mailto:reinharm@bellsouth.net">reinharm@bellsouth.net</a>

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: Lucia Kamaras, <u>lubenites2@gmail.com</u>, <u>561-317-6283</u>

# Thank you for your support!!

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