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Sunday, October 30th from 4:30--6pm

We had so much fun the last two years that we are doing Trunk-or-Treat again! If you're new to the neighborhood or you've forgotten what Trunk-or-Treat is, here's your recap. Neighbors from around PBCE decorate the trunks of their cars (or back ends of your pick up or your trailer, etc) and show up between 3:45—4:15 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! Last year we had 40 trunks and 168 treaters sign in!! There is a prize for the best trunk, so be sure to pull out your best decorations.

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.

If you're having a trunk, show up between 3:45—4:15. We want to keep our children as safe as possible, so we need trunks parked by then. You will NOT be eligible for the prize if you show up late. Parking will be along the canal bank on 160th. From 155th, turn north on 75th Avenue. You will be parking along 160th between 75th Ave. and 70th. When you register your trunk you will get a number placed on your car. Remember, trunks can be decorated as MUCH or as LITTLE as you like! The more trunks the better!

Treaters arrive between 4:30—6:00. Please sign in so we can keep track of how many treaters we have. There will be a welcome table as you start walking. Don't forget to vote for your favorite trunk. Take 75th Ave. North to 160th and head east to 73rd, 72nd or 71st and 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.

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We still need some volunteers to make this as much fun as last year. Please let us know if you can help out. Contact Sarah at scapple@comcast.net or 741-1140. Thanks to all of the volunteers who have stepped up over the last couple of weeks. This year's event is going to be great!

Last year we had 168 treaters sign in, so bring lots of candy!!



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Message from the President

In September Commissioner Marcus had a meeting with representatives from Northern Palm Beach County communities. Representatives from Frenchman's Creek, Abacoa, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Jupiter Island, Singer Island, Lost Tree Village, PGA National, Jonathan's

Landing, Square Lake, Caloosa, Jupiter Farms and PBCE were present. Other POA, HOA and North County community representatives were invited but could not attend. I represented PBCE.

The Commissioner wanted to discuss what we felt was important to our communities and what we felt was important to Northern Palm Beach County. Since this will be her final term she wants to pass this information on to her successor. She suggested we organize a North County coalition similar to the ones they have in Southern Palm Beach County so our voices will be heard. She would like us to come up with a list of questions that we would submit to her, and she would add a few of her own, to ask the candidates who will be seeking her position. We all want to make sure whoever is running for her position has the North County's best interest at heart.

One of the issues Commissioner Marcus would like to address and change in the upcoming Charter Review is the fact that the county has to ask voters whether or not we want the county to purchase sensitive parcels of land for protection but if new board members come in and don't know the history of why these parcels were purchased in the first place they could vote to sell the land for possible development without voter approval. She feels if the voters approved the land purchase in the first place, the voters should have a say as to whether or not the county should sell it.

> Another concern is when Southern Commissioners push for things that wouldn't really affect them but would have an effect on the northern area. For example, one commissioner is pushing for parking meters for all Palm Beach County beaches

and beach parks. Since most of the beaches down south already have parking meters, this wouldn't really affect them, but it would have a huge effect on us. I don't know about you, but going to the beach is one of the few free things we can do around here, and I'd like to keep it that way.

I'd like to hear from our residents, what is important to you? Environmental issues, social issues, anything you feel strongly about that affects Northern Palm Beach County or our community. Please email me with your concerns or questions you would like to ask a candidate running for Commissioner Marcus's Palm Beach County Commission seat.

Thank you, Chris Reinhardt reinharm@bellsouth.net

SIRWCD Annual Landowners Meeting

The Sept. 15, 2011 SIRWCD meeting was opened with a sad reminder that our General Manager for thirty years, Gale English, was no longer with us. Gale had been a popular presence in the District and will be missed. The new General Manager, Mike Dillon, has done a good job filling Gale's shoes. Mike has been with the District for fifteen years and has learned a lot working with Gale for all that time. With Gale's sudden passing, we were lucky to have someone with Mike's ability and working knowledge of the District. Mike was able to hit the ground running. He has replaced some old equipment and kept the District performing its tasks very well. Anyone with concerns about road, swale or canal maintenance can call the District office at 747-0550.

Repair work to the levee south of 150th in Palm Beach Country Estates and west of 69th is almost complete. The levee is being restored to the original design specs. This work is being done to compensate for increased water levels in the natural areas by South Florida Water Management District. SIRWCD staff will be meeting with SFWMD personnel to discuss the next steps to be taken as the

water levels are raised.

Road paving is well under way and proceeding nicely. The paving contractor has also been hired to do the parking lot, grading, and fencing for the Palm Beach Country Estates Community Park.

The District engineer, Len Lindahl, gave a very informative presentation regarding the District's activities over the last year. Submitted by: Mike Ryan



Donald Ross Landowners Minutes

Minutes - Sept. 13, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by President Chris Reinhardt. In attendance: President Chris Reinhardt, Treasurer Kevin Parkes, and Secretary Ellen Meehan. 1st Vice President Kevin Baker and 2nd Vice President Sheri Murray were unable to attend.



Treasury Report The associa-

tion has \$23,000 with \$15,000 in the operating account and \$8000 in the legal account. We collected approximately \$20,000 in dues so far this year.

Secretary Report The minutes of the July meeting were in the July newsletter which was the summary of the PBC Charter Review Process in lieu of a regular meeting.

Old Business

Charter Review: At the July meeting Commissioner Karen Marcus and Assistant Administrator Brad Merriman gave a presentation on the upcoming Palm Beach County Charter Review and after the presentation there were a few questions for them from residents. The commissioner said she would have her office get back with us and these were their answers. We asked why no work was being done under the bridge on Donald Ross but they are now working on it again with night closings through the month of October. Also, all the permits are ready but they are still waiting on the utilities relocation to extend the turn lane at the entrance to PBCE from Donald Ross Rd. and they should complete that soon including completion of the sidewalk on 69th. There is also a work order to add more reflectors along the curved median at the entrance to improve visibility at night. Park and Playground: The contractor working on paving the roads will be paving the parking lot for the community park when he finishes the roads. After completion of the parking lot, he will complete the drainage, the fence, and the walking trail. The trail will either be made of engineered mulch or asphalt paving depending on the best price. The sidewalk on 155th will extend all the way to the parking lot. After these items are done the landscaping and irrigation will be installed. Road Maintenance: The roads scheduled for paving are being completed this month. Some work was delayed due to rain and some residents expressed concern for the paving of 167th and 165th which was started but not completed. The contractor will return and regrade as needed to complete those roads and pave to the aprons on those roads. Sidewalks: It is very important that homeowners maintain the sidewalks in front of and to the side of your houses; please MOW TO THE ROAD even if there is a sidewalk. The previous company that maintained the swales along the east side of the road on 69th has gone out of business and SIRWCD is hiring a new company to take care of the swales but they only mow once a month and residents are still responsible for mowing what they can on both sides of the sidewalks. We are meeting with a representative from the road and bridge department of the county this week to discuss the quality of the sidewalks completed this year to make sure they meet specifications. There have been complaints by residents that the sidewalks were not built to county standards because of the grass growing through the sidewalks. Sandhill Cranes: A resident witnessed a driver almost hitting two sandhill cranes while driving quickly. Please remember these birds cannot fly out of the way of cars and they are protected by law. Please be cautious and drive slowly near the cranes or stop to let them cross the road. Front Entrance: The new signs are up and we will be completing the lighting soon. A volunteer is needed to dig the trench for the lighting on the west sign. *Flood Zone:* SIRWCD is still in the process of completing the process for adjusting the flood insurance requirement for the houses that petitioned for the adjustment. The process should be complete within the next few months. *Trunk or Treat:* On October 30th we will be having the trunk or treat event again this year along the canal by 160th. Look for signs and bring your decorated cars and trucks so

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Ryan's C-18 Fishing Pier

Many of you are familiar with the fishing pier on the east side of the C-18 Canal north of 154th. When we built our current home on 89th we actually built the pier first and then our house (well, actually the garage came before the house), you can see our priorities. We love the fishing pier. Our two daughters caught their first fish there. We saw quite a few kids catch their first fish there.

It has always been our intention to have all our friends and neighbors enjoy the fishing pier, and many have. Since the creation and opening of the Bluegill Trail, we decided to donate our fishing pier to the County and make it officially open to everyone. We started the process over a year ago and it's finally happened. The pier is open! Come and enjoy!

We asked the County if we could name the pier and they agreed. Without trying to sound too vain, we wanted to include our family name in the pier name. This pier is a big thing to us. We built it ourselves with a little help from some friends. We bought everything out of our own pockets. We're not rich people and it represents a lot to us. With that in mind the County suggested Ryan's Bluegill Trail Fishing Pier. While I think Bluegill Trail is a very good name for the trail, we



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would like to come up with something with a little more imagination for the pier. I wish we could name it something cool like Trapper Nelson's, but that's already taken and it's not our name.

So...we're reaching out to the community for suggestions for a good name that would somehow hopefully contain our family name. Along with all of this I suggested to the County that they change the whole C-18 name. Each branch of the C-18 could get a new cool name that would make people want to come here and enjoy the Natural Areas. Possible names could be, for the north and northwest section of the C-18 could be called the Tarpon River, with the curve at the G-92 Structure called Tarpon Bend. The western section to the Beeline could be called Big Mouth Creek. And the southern section to Sandhill Crane Park could be The Gator Pass. The new Bike, Hike, and Horse Bridge proposed near the intersection of the canal could be the Three Rivers Crossing.

The names should reflect the wildlife and natural areas and/ or the Native Indian heritage of the area. So, put on your best Florida Thinking Caps and come up with some suggestions (pier first) and send them back to me and we'll pass the best suggestions on to the County for their consideration.

Again, enjoy the pier, the fishing's great! And send your suggestions to me at alaei@bellsouth.net.

Thanks,

Mike Ryan, 747-3233

SIRWCD Board of Supervisors Election Results

Thomas Powell has been re-elected to a three-year term on the South Indian River Water Control District's Board of Supervisors. Powell has served on the board since 1981.



Certified totals from the Supervisor of Elections office show that Powell received 1,665 votes, while Susan Kennedy of Jupiter Farms received 1,277 votes.

In addition, there were 48 unsigned, 3 under votes, 3 duplicate, 3 undeterminable, and 2 over vote ballots. Undeterminable, unsigned, duplicate, and over votes invalidate the ballots and are not counted in the totals, but under votes are included.

SIRWCD serves Palm Beach Country Estates, Jupiter Farms, Egret Landing and the Jupiter Park of Commerce. For more information contact the District office at 747-0550 or www.sirwcd.org

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the kids can trick or treat early for Halloween. *Neighborhood Watch:* Crime has been very low all summer with only one attempted burglary last month. Unfortunately, Jupiter Farms reported nine incidents of crime in the same month as they have had a decrease in the number of volunteers for their COP program. The COP program has expanded to including a bicycle patrol with full training. Please contact Mike Ryan if you can assist as a volunteer. *Facebook:* Keep in touch with your neighbors. Check out the PBCE facebook page and use it for getting updated information and posting for lost and found pets.

New Business

Environment: South Florida Water Management is raising the water level in the Loxahatchee Slough to the west of PBCE. SIRWCD is in the process of rebuilding the berms behind the houses on 69th to bring them back up to specifications. The county is also removing invasive trees and plants in the Slough. County Commission: Commissioner Marcus wants to inform the residents of this area to know that there is a current debate going on adjusting term limits but as of now her position will expire with this term. She wants input from North Palm Beach County residents as to their priorities for the county and what kind of information you want her to give to her successor. One of the candidates running for her position is Harry Gaboian who is a resident of PBCE. Mr. Gaboian introduced himself at the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 8:28pm

Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

Park Update

Great things are about to happen at the Park. Keep your eye out for work on the park to start by the end of October. Lynch paving, which is the contractor that completed the recent paving



of roads in PBCE will begin working on several items at the park. They will be extending the existing sidewalk on 69th down to the entrance to the park, the parking lot, walking path and fence around the perimeter of the park. The landscaping will begin within the next 2 months as well. Once these items are complete we will have a usable park. We will continue to raise funds for the amenities in the park, such as the playground, shelters, 1/2 basketball court and racquetball court. This is huge news for us and we are extremely excited to start using the park for community events.

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Citizen Observer Patrol

Palm Beach Country Estates had a very good month in August with only one burglary attempt last month. Jupiter Farms was not so good with 9 residential



burglaries, 3 vehicle burglaries, and 2 stolen vehicles. Summertime usually brings an increase in crime with school out. Increased COP patrols in the Estates reduced the impact; however, the Farms saw an increase in property crimes. Jupiter Farms had a number of volunteers retire recently and it shows with the above average incidents.

If you live in the Farms please consider joining your neighbors in protecting your community. If you don't live in the Farms but have friends or relatives there, encourage them to join the COP. It doesn't require much time. Some volunteers join with a friend or spouse and patrol together. Others enjoy the solitude of patrolling our beautiful community by themselves. Either way it's a big help to the neighborhood and definitely makes a difference as the numbers show. People always ask what they can do to reduce crime, well COP is a very good first step. And it helps a lot.

Citizen Observer Patrol is a top notch organization that provides a great service to our communities and there are still many time slots to fill to do a thorough job. Please consider joining your neighbors to help keep our neighborhood safe.

Sincerely,

Mike Ryan

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Update on Farms August crimes from Deputy Ira Peskowitz:

The perpetrators responsible for most of the August Jupiter Farms burglaries have been arrested!

PBSO has identified the Subway robber, and he is about to be picked up.

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Sidewalk Update

Since the sidewalks were built we have had residents complain that grass was growing up through the asphalt in some sections and speculation that they were not built to county standards. Some residents



asked that a core test be done. I had a meeting with representatives from Commissioner Marcus's office and Palm Beach County Engineering, Road & Bridge Division. We walked a portion of the sidewalk on 155th and I pointed out where the grass was growing up through the sidewalks. They did a core test on two sections of the sidewalk and determined that the contractor did use the proper amount of asphalt for the sidewalk. They also determined the grass is growing from the top down not up through the sidewalk as we had thought. They said the asphalt is porous and the small grass seeds are able to germinate in the crevices and take root. They said this year they were able to spray herbicide on the grass to kill it but next year that option may not be in the county budget. They said it's up to residents to edge and maintain the sidewalks. The county will come and repair sections broken or lifted by roots as this causes a safety hazard. They also will contact Jupiter Water to fix any water manholes that have lifted above the asphalt. They said if there are any other "trip hazards" to let them know and they will come and repair it but the bottom line is it's up to the residents to maintain and edge the sidewalks for the benefit of the entire community.

The Donald Ross Landowner's Association would like to invite you to our

Winter Festival

at the

Palm Beach Country Estates Community Park at the northeast corner of 69th & 155th

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