

**Palm Beach
Country Estates**

A PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

JOIN US FOR THE 6th ANNUAL
PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES

★ Fourth of July ★ Community Parade & Celebration

July 4th, 2017 11:00am-3:00pm

JOIN US FOR **FREE** FOOD, FUN, AND GAMES!

- **FREE FOOD** - Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Apple Pie served
- **PARADE** - Please Join the Parade! - Feel free to walk in the parade OR if you have an interesting vehicle (car, tractor, lawn mower, bike, etc) and would like to include it in the parade, please do!
FLOATS: If you have or want to make a float, let us know!
- **BIKE PARADE (for Kids of all ages)** - Kids and adults are invited to decorate their bikes for a small parade around the park walking path.
- **WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE, & BLUE!** - If you live along the parade route, please put out your American flags, come out, invite your friends and cheer for the parade participants!

PARADE ROUTE:

Gather at the Living Oaks Church on 64th Dr at 10:30am.

At 11:00am, West on 140th Ln to 69th, and North on 69th ending at Margaret Berman Memorial Park

◆Volunteers Needed◆

QUESTIONS?

Call Ken Trapasso at 578-9323 or Debbie 254-4664

Officers and Committees**Officers:**

President -	Ken Trapasso	578-9323
	President@pbce.org	
1st Vice President -	Tim Brown	676-5527
	VP1@pbce.org	
2nd Vice President -	Jason McFarland	951-9977
	VP2@pbce.org	
Treasurer -	Bob Schneider	622-6556
	Treasurer@pbce.org	
Secretary -	Bob Berman	627-1118
	Secretary@pbce.org	

Committees & Information:

By-Laws -	Stephanie Duncan	575-7956
Newsletter -	Kevin Baker - Editor/Ads	748-3376
Neighborhood Watch -	Cindy Divine	744-8122
	Divinelabs@aol.com	
Park/Playground -	Chris Reinhardt	762-1281
	Sarah Applegate	741-1140
	Bob Berman	627-1118
Mom's Club -	Rose Moon	
	rdlouca@yahoo.com	
July 4th & Beautification -	Ken Trapasso	578-9323
Website -	www.mypbce.org	
Facebook Page & Group name -	Please Like & Join:	
	Palm Beach Country Estates Neighbors	
Park/Playground -	www.twistypinesplayground.org	
Neighborhood Watch -	pbcew@aol.com	
COP Patrol -	Martin Spiro	371-4485
	LineDancer50@bellsouth.net	
	Bob Berman	627-1118
SIRWCD -	www.sirwcd.org	747-0550
Webmaster -	Bob Berman	627-1118

ENTRANCE LANDSCAPING COMPLETED

The board of directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association is excited to announce the completion of the re-landscaping of our front entrance signs. See above. An agreement was reached with the new property owner for continued usage of the signage area as well as for electric and irrigation. The efforts to improve the attractiveness of the entry area to Palm Beach Country Estates will continue with seasonal updates to the landscaping.

PBCE Annual Landowners Minutes

MAY 16, 2017 7:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, Treasurer John Jones, & Secretary Bob Berman

Approximately 32 landowners were also present and cookies were served.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken Trapasso stated that the meeting is recorded

PBSO REPORT: Deputy Russell reported that there has been very little crime.

President Trapasso stated that this was the Annual Meeting for the election of officers. The three positions up for election are President for a one year term, 2nd Vice-President and Treasurer each for two year terms. There was a call for nominations. The following were nominated:

For President: Martin Spiro and Ken Trapasso,

For 2nd VP: Jason McFarland and Kim Pierce, For

Treasurer: John Jones and Bob Schneider. Each

candidate was given the opportunity to speak to the audience after which ballots were distributed for a written secret ballot. Stephanie Duncan volunteered to assist the Secretary with counting the ballots. While the ballots were being counted, Steve Hinkle from South Indian River Water Control District spoke about activities of the District and took questions from landowners.

ELECTION RESULTS: Stephanie Duncan announced the results of the election and the winners were Ken Trapasso, Jason McFarland and Bob Schneider. Stephanie explained that only landowners whose name appeared on the official membership roster as of May 9, 2017 (7 days prior to the meeting) were eligible to vote according to the bylaws and that some votes were disqualified for that reason. Since there were a significant number of proxies, Stephanie and the Secretary agreed to meet again on Wednesday to recount the ballots to double-check and determine the final votes for each candidate. The Secretary agreed to post the official membership roster on the association web site in the morning.

MEMBERSHIP: Approx. 560 members had joined for 2017 so far.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS the meeting was adjourned approximately 9:30 PM.

Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary



FOR SALE



John Deere D130 Riding Mower For Sale

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Mike 561-315-2158

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

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

Please consider joining the COP.



Living Oaks Church

Sunday Worship Service
10:30AM

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whole family.

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14156 64th Drive N. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers for Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. was held at the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

OFFICIAL results of the election are as follows:

PRESIDENT

Ken Trapasso 55

Martin Spiro 25

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Jason McFarland 49

Kim Pierce 28

TREASURER

Bob Schneider 51

John Jones 28

The ballots were recounted on Wednesday to make sure the results as announced at the end of voting on Tuesday were correct and all eligible members' votes were counted.

- The Property Appraiser's website was used to identify the names of the property owners and resolve any discrepancies in names on ballots versus names on the membership list.

- Duplicate ballots were identified and removed.

- Issues regarding membership were resolved.

There were no changes of the winners announced at the meeting after the recount.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephanie Duncan



CULVERT SELF-INSPECTION TIME

As the 2017 Hurricane Season approaches, now is a good time to take a few minutes to inspect your driveway culvert for any potential problems. This is important because the culvert plays an important role in storm-water runoff, not only for you, but for your neighbors as well. If you are not sure about the condition of your culvert, here is a list of things you should look for:

- 1) A depression along the length of the culvert
- 2) Sink holes in the driveway over the top of the culvert
- 3) Separation between your concrete or asphalt driveways and the culvert
- 4) Sediment buildup in the culvert

If you notice any of these issues with your driveway culvert, please contact our office at 561-747-0550 or sirwcd@sirwcd.org with your questions or to schedule a District in-

spection. If it is determined that your culvert needs to be replaced, our Office Staff will explain the process to you. Don't wait until it is too late. What only takes a few minutes now, can save you a lot trouble down the road.

Submitted by SIRWCD Manager, Mike Dillon

BEAUTIFICICATION & CLEAN UP

The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. has been working closely with Mike Dillon from South Indian River Water Control District to provide enhanced maintenance for 69th Drive. The association has invested in some additional landscaping along some of the canal crossing areas. The South Indian River Water Control District has provided additional detail in the form of "weed whacking" for both canal crossing area and driveway culvert crossings. The Board of Directors welcomes any and all suggestions from landowners regarding potentially additional improvements particularly along 69th Drive. Other plans and ideas include regular community "clean-up" days to assist in keeping the roadways clear of trash and debris.



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MARGARET BERMAN MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE

Through the cooperative efforts of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation and the South Indian River Water Control District, the development plan for the Margaret Berman Memorial Park has been completed. The final element required to finish the approved improvements was the installation of an adult fitness area. The fitness area now contains a multi-function exercise station adjacent to the playground area. The idea is to take a lap around the perimeter path (walk or jog), then complete an exercise. Then take another lap and do another exercise and repeat until all exercises are completed for the station. The exercise station is conveniently located so that parents can exercise while watching their children play. Coincidental with the addition of the exercise station, the

entire playground area was replenished with new mulch. The park now has activity areas for every age group in Palm Beach Country Estates.

Additionally, security cameras have been installed that provide the ability to monitor and record activities in all areas of the park and the parking areas.

Plans for the park from the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association include the additional of additional benches for the two separate smaller pavilions, providing a drinking fountain and additional electrical outlets at the main pavilion and the addition of a small monument dedicated to Veterans. Please join your fellow landowners in using and appreciating our beautiful community park.



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MEDIAN MAINTENANCE

Neither Palm Beach County nor the Florida Department of Transportation want to take responsibility for the maintenance of the small median landscape island that is located on Donald Ross Road between the Turnpike overpass and the I-95 underpass. Numerous attempts were made to get some government agency to take care of this area. So, the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. has assumed the responsibility and is now providing regular maintenance of the center island area as well as the area on the north side of Donald Ross Road between the roadway and the sidewalk at that location. The association will continue to make sure that this main entry area is kept cut and clean.



Message from the President

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me. We accomplished a lot of things in the past twelve months, including redoing the front entrance, installing park exercise equipment, and planting along 69th Dr. Many more things are in the works for the 2017-2018 term. The fourth of July event is approaching fast. We will be adding a petting zoo this year! We need volunteers to help. We also need more bikes, cars, trucks, floats etc. for the parade. Anyone who has a marching band please contact me. We have the most beautiful neighborhood in Palm Beach County. Please help me keep it clean. God Bless America. Kenneth Trapasso



BY-LAWS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association has identified the possible need to review the By-Laws to ensure their clarity and purpose of the Association. The Board has established a By-Laws Committee with Stephanie Duncan as the Chair. We encourage the Landowners to contact her with any input. She can be reached at surlure@gmail.com.

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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.

COP VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Due to recent resignations, the COP program for Palm Beach Country Estates is in desperate need of additional volunteers. The Citizen Observer Patrol program is a part of the Palm Beach County Sheriff Department. PBSO provides the training, uniforms, vehicles for our use and the fuel and maintenance for the vehicles. In return, PBSO asks that we patrol at least 100 hours per month for each of the vehicles. Palm Beach Country Estates has three (3) assigned vehicles. There are two Ford



Focus' and one Ford Escape. Volunteers are asked to provide at least 12 hours of volunteer time each month and attend one monthly meeting. This is a "see and be seen" program. Just the presence of the COP vehicle patrols within the PBCE community over the past 7 years has very significantly reduced the incidents of crime and mischief in the community. Volunteers can choose anytime at all to patrol 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. To volunteer for the program or to obtain additional information, please contact the PBSO volunteer services division at 433-2003 and tell them that you are interested in volunteering for the Palm Beach Country Estates COP program.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EMAIL INFORMATION

We are attempting to ensure that we have complete and accurate contact information for all members. If you have not been receiving the email notifications from the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc., please go to the NEW AND IMPROVED association web site www.pbce.org. There you can sign up for email notifications. You can also unsubscribe at any time. Because of the number of members, we will need the cooperation of all landowners to help maintain a current database of owners. THANK YOU.

WATER TRUCK AVAILABLE FOR DIRT ROADS

SIRWCD (South Indian River Water Control District) has acquired a watering truck/trailer that can be used to wet down dirt roads to help prevent the clouds of dirt and dust that occurs each time a vehicle passes. If landowners feel they are being subjected to too much dirt and dust in the air because of the extremely dry conditions, please feel free to contact the water control district office at 561-747-0550 and request that the roadway be watered.

CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS ON FACEBOOK

There are several Facebook Groups formed for Palm Beach Country Estates.

Landowners may want to join one or more of the groups.

The ONLY group that accepts ONLY PBCE LANDOWNERS is:

Palm Beach Country Estates LANDOWNERS (Must be a PBCE landowner to join this group)

Other groups include:

Palm Beach Country Estates Neighbors (Accepts landowners and people from other areas)

Palm Beach Country Estates Barter & Sales

Palm Beach Country Estates Business

Palm Beach Country Estates LOST and FOUND PETS

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Twisty Pines Playground - Palm Beach Country Estates



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