

Countryside Living...

December 2017

**Palm Beach
Country Estates**

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

President's Message

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. What a wonderful year it was. Thank you to all the wonderful neighbors who helped pick up and keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful. Looking forward to another great year in the best community in the Palm Beaches. I have met many neighbors at the park this year and welcome the new young families. Wishing you all a healthy and wealthy new year! Thank you.

Kenneth Trapasso



Land Owners Meetings

Tuesday, Jan 9th

Guest Speaker: SIRWCD Manager

Mike Dillon

and March 13th at 7:30 PM

Officers and Committees

Officers:

President -	Ken Trapasso	578-9323
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1st Vice President -	Tim Brown	676-5527
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	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
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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	
Official Facebook Group to Join:		

Palm Beach Country Estates LANDOWNERS

Park/Playground -	www.twistypinesplayground.org	
Neighborhood Watch -	pbceiw@aol.com	
COP Patrol -	Bob Berman	627-1118
SIRWCD -	www.sirwcd.org	747-0550
Webmaster -	Bob Berman	627-1118

To be added to the PBCELA website Who's Who list, email Bob Berman your PBCE resident owned business contact information.

2017 Association Accomplishments

Emphasis for 2017: "A cleaner more beautiful community."

1. Additional street lighting for major intersections on 69th Drive & 75th Ave
2. Completion of a traffic calming study for 69th Drive
3. New lease for the east-side entrance sign at Donald Ross Road & 69th Drive
4. Irrigation system UNDER 69th Drive to be able to landscape the sign on the west side
5. Remodeled entry signs and converted to stucco in place of wood boarders
6. Repainted entry signs
7. Seasonal landscaping for the entry including holiday decorations (Easter, Halloween, Christmas)
8. American flag displays on 69th Drive for national holidays
9. Took over maintenance of the median on Donald Ross Road between I-95 & Turnpike
10. Edged and cleared sidewalks along 69th Drive
11. Major improvements to the park including an adult exercise station, additional picnic tables, replenishment of the engineered mulch for the play area, installation of a video surveillance system, installation of potable water and electric service to the main pavilion
12. Began publishing a newsletter mailed to all landowners every other month
13. Held community meetings every other month
14. Sponsored and supported the 4th of July parade and picnic, Halloween Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat, as well as the annual Sandhill Crane 5k/10k run-walk event
15. Had several meetings with the District County commissioner Hal Valeche
16. Supported participation with community PBSO COP (Community Observer Patrol) security
17. Published methods for converting golf cars to be "Street Legal" to comply with current laws
18. Performed a 5-month review/overhaul process and made major necessary amendments to the bylaws
18. Increased membership to approximately 700 landowners, the highest in association history
19. Revised and updated the association website www.pbce.org
20. Initiated the exclusive Facebook Group for PBCE "Palm Beach Country Estates LANDOWNERS"



2018 MAJOR PROJECT GOALS

- Video Surveillance system for entry & exit from PBCE
- Ways to reduce speeding on main roads especially 69th Drive N.
- Change insurance rates coverage from 5 mile distance to response time
- Permanent fix to entrance flooding issue at 69th Dr. & Donald Ross Rd
- Making PBCE a “Golf Cart Friendly” community
- Increased sidewalk maintenance
- Better markings for pedestrian crosswalks
- New permanent park sign to replace temporary one
- Fit Trail stations at park
- Additional street lighting at intersections
- Addition of a “Fall Festival” event in conjunction with Living Oaks Church
- Finish beautification on 69th, 150th and 155th
- Set up a Holiday tree lighting at the park



2017 SANDHILL CRANE

5K/10K RUN/WALK

Thank you to organizers Chris Reinhardt, Lucia Benites Kamaras, & Bill Meyers and all the volunteers for another successful event to benefit the park!



2018 DUES \$40

If you have not yet paid
your 2018 dues,
please do so now.

Mail checks payable to:
PBCE 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/>.



Official Facebook Group for Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners

The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association is pleased to announce that our official Facebook group is:

"Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners"

Group members will be limited to Palm Beach Country Estates landowners only.
Please join this group to keep in touch with your real neighbors.

**Search "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners"
on Facebook and request to join the group.**

NEW COP VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Due to recent resignations, the COP (Citizen Observer Patrol) program in Palm Beach Country Estates is desperately in need of addi-



tional volunteers. The COP program is part of the Palm Beach County Sheriff Department. PBSO provides the training, uniforms, vehicles, fuel and maintenance for the vehicles. In return, PBSO asks that we provide enough volunteers to patrol at least 100 hours a month for each of the vehicles. Palm Beach Country Estates previously had three (3) vehicles assigned to this area. However, there are now only two (2) because of the lack of use. There is one Ford Focus and one Ford Escape. Volunteers are asked to provide at least 12 hours of volunteer time each month and attend a monthly meeting. This is a "see and be seen" program. Just the presence of the COP vehicle patrols with in the Palm Beach Country Estates community over the past 9 years has very significantly reduced the incidents of crime and mischief in the community. Volunteers can choose anytime at all to patrol. The cars are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for patrol use. To volunteer for the program or to obtain additional information, please contact PBSO volunteer services division at 561-433-2003 and tell them that you are interested in volunteering for the Palm Beach Country Estates area program. You can volunteer as a driver or as just an observer. Please help with this very important community program.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 11/1/2017

Bank Balances:

General Acct	\$7,452
Legal Fund	\$12,000

2017 Year-To-Date

Income:

Newsletter Ads	\$5,200
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,102

Approximately 700+ membership dues

Expenses:

Newsletter	\$10,300
Park exercise station & Tables Water Hook-up	\$9,200
Front Entrance	\$6,500
4th of July	\$2,250
Christmas & Halloween	\$2,150
Lawn maintenance	\$2,970
Bookkeeping	\$700
Electric	\$1,050
Storage	\$200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,300

Note: All figures rounded



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

Bob Berman 561-627-1118 pbcegroup@gmail.com

Please consider joining the COP.

PBCE Landowners Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017 7:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Jason McFarland, & Secretary Bob Berman. Treasurer Bob Schneider was visiting grandchildren in N.C.



10 landowners were also present and cookies were served. Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Berman stated that the meeting is recorded only to ensure accuracy of the minutes and landowners needed to sign in to be considered present at the meeting.

PBSO REPORT: PBSO Deputy Russell reported that they are looking for a silver Buick that was involved with local thefts. There were a couple of vehicle burglaries due to unlocked vehicles. He warned about the seasonal increase in thefts and burglaries. He warned that the Sheriff has directed zero tolerance for the operation of golf carts, ATV's and motorbikes. He also recommended more street lighting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurers report was given. General Fund balance is \$7,452.00 and \$12,000.00 in the legal fund. As suggested by Bob Schneider a detailed list of income and expenses is published in the newsletter.

BY-LAWS REVISION: Stephanie Duncan gave a

detailed report on the results of the 5 month effort to revise the bylaws including input from as many past officers and landowners as possible. The revised bylaws were unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors and are published on the association's web site.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Bob Berman presented the minutes from the October 3, 2017 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: The Association has received a response from the request for a traffic calming study on 69th Drive from Commissioner Hal Valeche's office. 69th Drive qualified for speed limiting devices but the PBC Engineering Dept is not recommending that they be installed at this time. Additional meetings with the County Commissioner and PBC staff are being scheduled. The Board expressed appreciation to Mauriello Kilby for organizing the Halloween Trick or Treat with approximately 60 participants. It was considered a huge success.

NEW BUSINESS: President Trapasso announced that the entrance signs on the corner of Donald Ross Rd and 69th Drive will be replanted and decorated for Christmas.

MEMBERSHIP: There are approx. 700 members for 2017.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned approximately 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary

Get your business noticed!

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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

New! --> Full page ad @ \$365

Disclaimer: Ads do NOT imply endorsement by Donald Ross Landowners' Assn or its board. The word "we" in political ads does not refer to the Landowners' Association or its board.



Living Oaks Church

Sunday Worship Service
10:30AM

We welcome you to join us!
Ministries available for the
whole family.

Please check us out on the web!

www.LivingOaks.org

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

2018 CALENDAR

PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date	Time	Activity	Location
January-March		2018 Association Dues due	Mail in or on-line www.pbce.org
January 9th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
March 1st		Enrollment opens for officer candidates	
March 13th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
March 31st		Enrollment closes for officer candidates	
April 1 st -10th		Candidates named and ballots mailed	
May 5th		Voting for candidates ends	
May 15th	7:30 pm	Annual Meeting and announcement of election results	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
July 4th	11:00 am-3:00 pm	Community Parade and picnic	Margaret Berman Memorial Park
July 10th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
September 11th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
October 28th	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Halloween Truck or Treat	160 th Lane N. Canal bank
October 31st	6:00-8:00 pm	Door-Door Halloween Trick or treat	PBCE Neighborhood
November	To Be Announced	Fall Festival and Family Day	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
November 13th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
November 24th	7:00 am	Sandhill Crane Run/Walk 5k/10k	Benefits Twisty Pines Playground
December	To Be Announced	Holidays Party and celebration	Margaret Berman Memorial Park
Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec. Ads due by 10 th Of the month	MID-MONTH U.S MAIL to all Landowners & Email to all members	NEWSLETTERS MAILED & Emailed & Posted on website	ALL LANDOWNERS OF RECORD and www.pbce.org

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ALL MLS LISTINGS IN PBCE - UP-TO-DATE NEIGHBORHOOD SALES REPORTS - DETAILED MAPS, INFORMATION, AND MORE!

RECENT HOME SALES IN PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES:

	14370 68th Dr N Sold on 12/14/2017 for \$430,000 4 Beds/2.5 Baths/4-car Garage 1,993sf Living/2,470sf Total Area Built in 1985, Frame Construction 1.15 acre lot, Pool		14370 67th Trl N Sold on 11/20/2017 for \$473,000 3 Beds/2 Baths/2-car Garage 2,013sf Living/3,342sf Total Area Built in 1986, Frame/Stucco Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool
	8123 154th Ct N Sold on 12/12/2017 for \$673,000 4 Beds/3.5 Baths/3-car Garage 3,190sf Living/4,283sf Total Area Built in 2016, CBS Construction 1.35-acre Lot, Pool		15684 87th Trl N Sold on 11/16/2017 for \$715,000 5 Beds/4 Baths/5-car Garage 4,019sf Living/8,827sf Total Area Built in 1989, Frame/Stucco Construction 1.17-acre Lot
	15740 78th Dr N Sold on 12/5/2017 for \$660,000 4 Beds/3.5 Baths/2.5-car Garage 3,236sf Living/4,547sf Total Area Built in 2003, CBS Construction 1.15-acre Lot		6800 146th Rd N Sold on 11/10/2017 for \$450,000 4 Beds/2 Baths/4-car Garage 2,009sf Living/4,456sf Total Area Built in 1982, CBS Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool
	16509 75th Ave N Sold on 11/30/2017 for \$607,500 5 Beds/4 Baths/3-car Garage 4,147sf Living/5,538sf Total Area Built in 2001, CBS Construction 1.28-acre Lot, Pool, In-Law Suite		8394 154th Ct N Sold on 11/08/2017 for \$548,000 5 Beds/3 Baths/3-car Garage 2,430sf Living/3,360sf Total Area Built in 1999, CBS Construction 1.35-acre Lot, Pool
	15526 69th Dr N Sold on 11/29/2017 for \$319,900 3 Beds/2.5 Bath/2-car Garage 1,869sf Living/2,740sf Total Area Built in 1984, Frame/Stucco Construction Pool, 1.72-acre Lot, BANK-OWNED		16790 75th Ave N Sold on 11/07/2017 for \$515,000 4 Beds/2 Baths/2-car Garage 2,147sf Living/2,687sf Total Area Built in 2000, CBS Construction 3-acre Lot, Pool

Source: MLS

***LIST WITH THE COMPANY THAT HAS SOLD MORE PROPERTIES IN
 PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES THAN ALL OTHERS COMBINED!***

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