

**Palm Beach  
Country Estates**

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

**POTABLE WATER DEADLINE****IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING POTABLE WATER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HOOKED UP!!! LANDOWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HOOK-UP IMMEDIATELY BUT NO LATER THAN June 20, 2018.**

The SIRWCD entered into an Agreement with the Town of Jupiter to provide water service to Palm Beach Country Estates on June 21, 2005, and had negotiated a reduced hookup rate for landowners who wished to connect to the system.

**This reduced rate is set to expire at the end of June 2018.**

The Agreement between the Town and the District provides financing incentives to Palm Beach Country Estates residents to hook up to the system.

The current hookup fees are the original fees negotiated by the District in 2005. For 3/4 in. meter service, the fee is \$3,911.28, and for 1 in. meter service it is \$9,387.05. These are substantially less than Jupiter's current schedule of fees, which are \$5,290.08 for 3/4 in. service and \$12,735.20 for 1 in. service. These new rates go into effect later this year. And future rates will continue to increase.

Palm Beach Country Estates residents may pay this

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**Association Meetings**

Tuesday March 13th and Annual Meeting on May 15th at 7:30 PM at Living Oaks Church on 64th Drive

**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 -	<a href="http://www.mypbce.org">www.mypbce.org</a>	
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Park/Playground -	<a href="http://www.twistypinesplayground.org">www.twistypinesplayground.org</a>	
Neighborhood Watch -	<a href="mailto:pbceenw@aol.com">pbceenw@aol.com</a>	
COP Patrol -	Bob Berman	627-1118
SIRWCD -	<a href="http://www.sirwcd.org">www.sirwcd.org</a>	747-0550
Webmaster -	Bob Berman	627-1118
Safe Streets -	Bruce Hill	flagtd@aol.com

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reduced hookup fee up-front if they wish or may finance the hookup fee through the Town of Jupiter. The Town is offering a 20-year term at 5.5% resulting in an annual assessment, including collection costs, of approximately \$349.00 for a 3/4" meter service and \$837.00 for a 1" meter service. The only out-of-pocket expenses for a landowner to hook-up to the potable water are a deposit and application fee and the costs of running the water line to the house. In most cases that is less than \$1,000.

**LESS THAN 100 RESIDENTS HAVE NOT HOOKED UP TO THE POTABLE WATER SYSTEM BUT THERE ARE LESS THAN 80 CONNECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT**

**THE REDUCED RATE BEFORE JUNE 20, 2018. IT IS FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE. DO NOT DELAY. GET HOOKED UP TO POTABLE WATER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE AND THE RATE INCREASES DRAMATICALLY.**



### **2017 Association Accomplishments**

1. Street lighting on 69th Drive & 75th Ave
2. Traffic calming study for 69th Drive
3. New east-side entrance sign lease
4. Irrigation under 69th west side entrance
5. Remodeled entry signs
6. Repainted entry signs
7. Seasonal landscaping for the entryway
8. American flag displays on 69th Drive
9. Took over D.Ross median maintenance
10. Edged and cleared 69th Dr sidewalks
11. Park exercise station, picnic tables, play area mulch, video surveillance system, potable water, and main pavilion electric.
12. Began publishing a newsletter mailed to all landowners every other month
13. Regular community meetings
14. 4th of July parade and picnic, Halloween Trick or Treat, Trunk or Treat, and Sandhill Crane 5k/10k run-walk events
15. Cty. commissioner Hal Valeche meetings
16. Supported PBSO COP security patrol
17. Bylaws revision
18. Increased to record membership 700
19. Revised website [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org)
20. Initiated exclusive PBCE Facebook Group "Palm Beach Country Estates LANDOWNERS"



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## ***27th Annual Landowners Family Day***

***Jupiter Farms • Palm Beach Country Estates  
Egret Landing • Jupiter Commerce Park***

***~ Saturday, March 17, 2018 ~***

***11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
at the District Work Center  
15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter***

***Enjoy Barbeque & Live Entertainment  
Meet the Supervisors & Staff  
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***RSVP to Holly or Carol at 747-0550***





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# ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Offices of President, 1st Vice President and Secretary are open for election this year.

## Candidate Filing Period

March 1st till March 31st is the open period for candidates to file their written request to run.

Requests must be submitted to the Election Manager not later than March 31st.

Mail to: Carpenito Consulting, Inc., P.O. Box 30684, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

## Candidate Eligibility

- 2018 Association dues paid by March 1st.
- Has been a paid member of the Association for the past 2 years
- Has attended 6 regular meetings during the past 2 years

## Written Request

The written request to run for office must declare the Office the candidate is seeking. The request should also attest that the resident is current with their 2018 dues as well as having been paid members for the past two years. They must also indicate that they have attended 6 regular meetings in the past 2 years.

Note: The Board is following the By-Laws as adopted on November 14th, 2017. Since this is the first year of the changes to the Election of Officers procedure, after the 2018 election the Board will review the process and requirements and determine if any changes need to be made to the By-Laws.

## President's Message

As you can see we have a pretty aggressive agenda again this year. This means we are going to need a serious amount of volunteer time & energy to get this done. Everyone's help is welcome. Please help! Volunteerism is a great way to have fun while meeting your neighbors. For 2017 there were

700 members of the Association and the goal this year is to have 1,000 members. Beyond just maintaining the beauty of our front entrance and keeping the street lights on, the association would like to add more beautification, more flowers, and more exercise equipment in our park. We would also like to add some benches on some of our main roads where you would be able to sit and relax. We can accomplish all this if everyone joins the association so we build an outstanding community for ourselves and our children together. Let's step up. Let's do the work and continue to be proud of our neighborhood. God Bless.

Kenneth Trapasso



# 2018 GOALS ADOPTED

- 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

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



There are a lot of fun community activities scheduled for Palm Beach Country Estates this year.

We need volunteers to help those who are organizing the events. There are all kinds of opportunities to help before or during the event. We know everyone is busy but just a small amount of your time will make a world of difference.

The following activities are your opportunities to help.

Activity	Contact Name	Contact Email	Comments
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Picnic	Ken Trapasso	<a href="mailto:President@pbce.org">President@pbce.org</a>	In addition to volunteers for the event, Ken is currently looking for a co-chair for this year that would be willing to take over for the 2019 event. A lot of the ground work is already done since this is the 6 <sup>th</sup> year.
Halloween Truck or Treat	Chris Reinhardt	<a href="mailto:reinhardm@bellsouth.net">reinhardm@bellsouth.net</a>	
Fall Festival & Family Day - November	Pam Malone and Pastors Larry or Jared Richardson	<a href="mailto:Jay_Malone@bellsouth.net">Jay_Malone@bellsouth.net</a> 561 627-9288	This is a perfect opportunity for any Scouts to earn Community Service Hours
Holiday Celebration	Stephanie Duncan	<a href="mailto:surlure@gmail.com">surlure@gmail.com</a>	This activity is new and needs some creative minds to help design from the ground up.



# Slow Down!

The single biggest complaint from Landowners last year was speeding. This is occurring on both the dirt and paved roadways in our neighborhood. It is especially bad on the main feeder roads. The County conducted a study and has determined that there is a problem here and is looking into methods for traffic calming on our roadways including increased enforcement. But the answer is simply for neighbors to be considerate of neighbors and slow down. PLEASE OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LAWS.....SLOW DOWN!!!!!!



## 2018 DUES \$40

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

Mail checks payable to:  
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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

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## 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 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COP

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 within 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 2/9/2018

CASH ON HAND \$20,213

Dues Income \$12,120

### Expenses:

Lawn Maint	\$211.66 (entrance)
Service fees	\$136.00 (credit card pmt)
FPL	\$81.62 (street lights & entrance sign)
Storage	\$68.35 (Public Storage)
Cookies	\$16.02 (For meeting)



## NOTICE

The following has been posted on the Association's Website - <http://www.pbce.org/>

- Articles of Incorporation
- By-Laws - Original 1980, Amended 2004, 2006, 2017
- Synopsis - A brief description of what amendments were made each year.

### 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

January 9, 2018 7:30 PM

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Jason McFarland, Secretary Bob Berman & Treasurer Bob Schneider.



21 landowners were also present and cookies were served. Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Berman stated that the meeting is recorded only to insure accuracy of the minutes and landowners needed to sign in to be considered present at the meeting. A landowner presented to the Association a letter outlining his concerns with the changes made to newly amended bylaws. The Board accepted the letter and will review his concerns. 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.

**PBSO REPORT:** PBSO Deputy Russell reported there were a couple of vehicle burglaries due to unlocked vehicles. He warned about the seasonal increase in thefts and burglaries and that the Sheriff has directed zero tolerance for the operation of golf carts, ATVs, and motorbikes. He also

recommended more street lighting. Deputy Russell discussed the correct method to complain about actions by a Deputy.

**SIRWCD REPORT:** Mike Dillon from SIRWCD gave a detailed report about activities of the District and answered questions from landowners. The 19th plan for road paving should begin in May. The District will be cleaning outfall easements south from 150th and north from 159th. Mr. Dillon described the culvert replacement program.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Schneider reported approx. \$8,000 had been received so far for 2018 dues and no new expenses.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Secretary Bob Berman reported the minutes from the Nov 14, 2017 were posted in the newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of video cameras at the entrance. Many landowners expressed appreciation for the Christmas decorations and the general appearance of the community. Tim Brown reported that the new street lights should be installed within 2 months.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was a suggestion to use the newsletter to persuade landowners to slow down on the streets (Paved and dirt). The priority list of projects was adopted from comments from landowners. Tim Brown explained that FPL trims trees near power lines only every 5 years but landowners should call if there is sparking. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned approximately 9 PM.

Submitted by Bob Berman, Secretary

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10:30AM

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# 2018 CALENDAR

## PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Date	Time	Activity	Location
January-March		2018 Association Dues due	Mail in or on-line <a href="http://www.pbce.org">www.pbce.org</a>
January 9th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Drive N.
March 31st		Enrollment closes for officer candidates	
April 1 <sup>st</sup> -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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Drive N.
September 11th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 <sup>th</sup> Drive N.
October 28th	4:00 pm-6:00 pm	Halloween Truck or Treat	160 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Drive N.
November 13th	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Meeting Members Meeting	Living Oaks Church 64 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.pbce.org">www.pbce.org</a>

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	<b>8353 155th Pl N</b> <b>Sold on 1/26/2018 for \$566,000</b> 5 Beds/3.5 Baths/2-car Garage 2,332sf Living/4,202sf Total Area Built in 1987, CBS Construction 1.19-acre Lot, Pool		<b>8123 154th Ct N</b> <b>Sold on 12/12/2017 for \$673,000</b> 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
	<b>15439 79th Ter N</b> <b>Sold on 1/12/2018 for \$533,000</b> 3 Beds/2 Baths/2-car Garage 2,930sf Living/3,776sf Total Area Built in 1992, CBS Construction 2.1-acre Lot, Pool		<b>15740 78th Dr N</b> <b>Sold on 12/5/2017 for \$660,000</b> 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
	<b>7664 160th Ln N</b> <b>Sold on 12/21/2017 for \$560,000</b> 3 Beds/3 Baths/2-car Garage 2,274sf Living/2,274sf Total Area Built in 1986, Fiber Cement Siding 2.2-acre Lot, Detached Garage		<b>16509 75th Ave N</b> <b>Sold on 11/30/2017 for \$607,500</b> 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
	<b>8309 150th Ct N</b> <b>Sold on 12/14/2017 for \$425,000</b> 4 Beds/2.5 Bath/3-car Garage 2,516sf Living/3,524sf Total Area Built in 1987, Frame Construction 1.19-acre Lot, Pool		<b>15526 69th Dr N</b> <b>Sold on 11/29/2017 for \$319,900</b> 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
	<b>14370 68th Dr N</b> <b>Sold on 12/14/2017 for \$430,000</b> 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		<b>14370 67th Trl N</b> <b>Sold on 11/20/2017 for \$473,000</b> 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

Source: MLS

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