

Countryside Living...

A PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF THE DONALD ROSS LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. AKA, DBA
PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONSM

This newsletter is a Special Edition for the community of Palm Beach Country EstatesSM for updates and the welcome announcement of Commissioner Marcus. Ads and other announcements will follow in the next newsletter.

LETTER RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT OF OUR LANDOWNERS' BOARD:

<p>Board of County Commissioners Tony Mazzilli, Chairman Adelle L. Grooms, Vice Chairperson Karen T. Marcus Jeff Roach Warren H. Howell Mary McCarty Dan Harrison</p>	<p>County Administrator Robert Whisman</p>
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Angela Powell-Craney, President
 Palm Beach Country Estates
 Donald Ross Landowners Association, Inc.
 15688 83rd Way North
 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

March 25, 2005

Dear Ms. Powell-Craney:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for rescheduling my appearance at your April 12 Landowners meeting. I'm so sorry I couldn't make the March Landowners meeting but I was waging battle with the flu.

Over the past 20 years I've enjoyed working with the Association and have turned to your group many times for input on issues affecting your community. The Association has done a terrific job over the years and your community should be proud of the volunteers who have given their time to support the community. The Association has always been a clear united voice that I have relied on and I look forward to our continued relationship.

Once again, I am sorry for the inconvenience I may have caused and I look forward to speaking to your group on April 12.

Sincerely,

Karen T. Marcus
 County Commissioner

ADDENDUM TO BY-LAWS

Donald Ross Landowners' Association a.k.a./d.b.a.
Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' AssociationSM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

"Any resident wishing to run for a position on the Board of Directors shall be a current voluntary dues paying member in good standing with the Board. He/She shall notify the Board of his/her candidacy in

writing. This written notification must state the position for which the resident intends to run. This written notification must be received by the President of the current Board no later than 30 calendar days prior to the Annual Meeting in May when elections for the Board of Directors take place."

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(previously palmbeachcountryestates.org)

OFFICERS

President	Angela Powell-Craney	575-3756
Vice-President 1	Jose Diaz-Arvesu	630-3944
Vice-President 2	Dan Elefante	624-4201
Secretary	Arie Strobel	748-6784
Treasurer	Wynn Davis	743-3622

COMMITTEES

Community Festival	Lisa Janero	743-3747
Community Festival	Scott Rice	723-5552
Welcoming Committee	Arie Strobel	748-6784

ASSISTANTS

Jennifer Corcoran	research
Beth Brunman	research
Mary Blasko	general
Jose Diaz-Arvesu	web

EQUESTRIAN

C.O.P. Mounted Patrols	Jeannie Millette	747-1913
Equestrian Information	Beverly Bean	575-4411

**PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES
LANDOWNERS' MEETING
WELCOMES
COMMISSIONER KAREN MARCUS
APRIL 12, 2005**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear neighbor,

It is with great respect and appreciation that we welcome our own Commissioner Karen Marcus to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Living Oaks Ministries formerly, Palm Beach Country Estates Church of God.

Commissioner Marcus has held her position as our Commissioner in District 3 since 1984. During that time, the Commissioner has helped facilitate the acquisition of more than 25,000 acres of public land to protect it from development. Thanks to her efforts, Northern Palm Beach County has 22 parks and more public beachfront property than any other region of the county. Our neighbors, Riverbend Park and the Loxahatchee Slough are two fine examples of the Commissioner's preservation efforts.

Commissioner Marcus has consistently worked with the Donald Ross Landowners' Association (aka/dba Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' AssociationSM) on many issues directly affecting our community. Some of which are the proposed cell tower

project, the relocation of Abacoa and FAU, the relocation of wells along the C-18 at landowners' request, preservation of land bordering our community now known as the Loxahatchee Slough, and countless other projects.

In a recent meeting with the Commissioner, she confirmed for me, her pleasure in working along side our former Board members with Mike Danchuk as President, and many dedicated volunteers from our community on these and many other past projects on behalf of PBCE.

Palm Beach Country EstatesSM and the Donald Ross Landowners' Association are indeed very fortunate to have such a dedicated representative as Commissioner Marcus. Her willingness and dedication to serving our community is something we can always count on. Thanks to her open-door policy with the Board, our residents and our community will always have a strong advocate in the county government.

The Donald Ross Landowners' Association looks forward to a continued relationship with Commissioner Marcus through the unified voice we represent

for our members and for the community. You, the residents of Palm Beach Country Estates, can rest assured that you will be well represented through your Board and your Association with Commissioner Marcus.

As we approach the time for annual Board of Directors elections in May, I encourage you to join the Donald Ross Landowners' Association aka/dba Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' Association. Doing so gives you the opportunity to vote in the elections and to be a part of the ever-strong unified voice that we represent on behalf of our members and by association, the residents of our great community.

Change and development is inevitable and can be for the greater good if done with integrity and with the inclusion of those most affected. With that in mind, I appeal to you to join and get involved in our Association at your own level, whatever it may be. Doing so gives you access to all that is taking place regarding our community.

It is the responsibility by law of those elected to represent our community to provide full and

complete disclosure to Landowners regarding any proposed changes for PBCE. These officials are also to act through Landowner initiative and approval. There is a process by which any project must be announced and developed. Any deviation from this process of disclosure and Landowner input is a violation of "government in the sunshine" under Florida law. While we instill our trust in those we elect at all levels of government, it is in our own best interest to be diligent in keeping ourselves informed of all actions involving our community and the actions of those elected to represent us.

Thank you for your support and for your positive feedback you so generously provide. You make our efforts worthwhile. As always, your input is valued and encouraged.

See you on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. for the Special Meeting with Commissioner Marcus at Living Oaks Ministries Church on 64th Drive N., PBCE.

Respectfully,

Angela Powell-Craney,
President

575-3756

OTHER NEWS

Board retains an attorney

There is misinformation being circulated regarding our community and our residents. The Board was forced to retain an attorney to address these and other matters.

If you have been the recipient of any misinformation, misrepresentation or harassment regarding you, your property, the purchase of your property, or your community, please compile your comments and information in writing. Make sure you include your name and telephone number in case the attorney needs to contact you.

Send everything directly to:

Mr. John Bryan, Esq.
4400 PGA Blvd., Suite 800
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
Ref: Palm Beach Country Estates

The reason we want you to send the information directly to the attorney is to preserve the confidentiality of your communication. Your identity will also be protected by attorney-client privilege.

Let Your Voice be Heard

We encourage all voluntary dues paying members of our Association to contribute articles of general interest to the community. Your input is important. For obvious reasons the Board reserves the right to refuse publication of any article deemed inflammatory, insulting, or not in the best interest of the PBCE Landowners' Association or any of its members. Be aware we may have to condense your article to accommodate for the available space. Whenever possible, we will try to contact

you after making the adjustments to seek your final approval.

www.pbce.org is Open for Business

After being unavailable for some time, the official WEB site for Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' AssociationSM is back up. At this very moment, we are working on improvements and adding new sections to it. We have a goal of making this WEB site the central focal point for information on our community.

We added a new section under "Important Information" and we called it "Neighborhood Gossip." We will try to investigate and debunk any rumors floating around the neighborhood. The goal behind this section is to try

to unite the community by eliminating misunderstandings based on unfounded rumors. All residents are encouraged to contact any of your Board members with any rumors that come to your attention. We will try to track them down to their source.

We found the Who's Who Section to have a lot of obsolete information. We are asking all of you to visit this section, and send any corrections, additions, or deletions to:

PBCEWhosWho@Hotmail.com
so we can update it.

*This should be a great
source of references for
all, once again.*

Donald Ross Landowners' Association...Dues notification

March 15,2005

Dear Neighbor,

There are a handful of residents in our community that are consistently demonstrating "divide and conquer" tactics including written threats, negative mailers and dramatically fabricated mis-statements regarding the Donald Ross Landowners' Association and the current Board. This has become an increasingly obvious attempt to discredit your Board and to dissolve your Association. Despite these blatant attacks, we the Board have shown by example and have continued to conduct business on behalf of the Association, our community and our residents. We your Board remain consistent in our open-door policy extended to every resident of our community, including those choosing divisive tactics.

Personal opinions and agendas of a chosen few with personal gain to be made have no place in the management and control of this Board, this Association or this community. YOU, the members are in control of this Association and this Board and it is YOU who have the power to support our Association and our community. Help us remain united with the strength of our 25 year history. Please send in your \$25 dues and any other donations today to:

Donald Ross Landowners' Association, Inc., P.O. Box 30638, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420

Below is just a portion of the financial obligations this Board has on behalf of its' members and the community:

- monthly utility bills for street lighting on 75th, 150th and 155th
- monthly maintenance fees for front entrance maintenance (lighting, irrigation, landscape)
- quarterly insurance costs (annual premium in 2004 of \$1,842.85)
- paper, printing, correspondence and miscellaneous fees necessary to communicate with others regarding our community
- monthly website fees (www.pbce.org)
- printing, publishing and distribution of "Countryside Living" newsletter to all residents
- postal permits and other necessary postal services
- most recently: repair of damages to front entrance sign from vandalism and hurricanes

We are a one-of-a-kind community due to the fact that we do not have or want mandatory fees or assessments. However, the Association can only continue to operate if we have your support. In this time of growth and change in Palm Beach County and the many important issues facing our area, there is no time like the present to stand united with a strong membership and present a united voice through the Donald Ross Landowners' Association aka/dba Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' AssociationSM.

Thank you in advance for your support and as always, we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,


Angela Powell-Craney

president, Donald Ross Landowners' Association, Inc.

MINUTES COMMUNITY MEETING MARCH 15, 2005

Draft Minutes for review and approval at next regularly scheduled meeting May 17, 2005 at the Annual Meeting

Angela Powell-Craney, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Other Board members present were 1st Vice President Jose Diaz-Arvesu and 2nd Vice President Pixie Blasko. Lisa Janero asked to be excused from the meeting due to a long-standing previous engagement. Wynn Davis requested to be excused due to unusually heavy workload surrounding tax season.

Treasury Report:

The treasury reported \$7,441.25 in our operating budget and \$1,659.25 in our legal fund.

Minutes Reviewed:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Beverly Bean made a correction regarding the Riverbend Park presentation. The Loxahatchee River is one of two nationally designated Wild and Scenic rivers in Florida. Mike Danchuk had an objection to the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. He stated that the minutes were not approved at the last meeting. Angela stated that this issue was previously brought to the Board's attention, was researched and approval was confirmed by those residents making and seconding the motion for approval. Angela offered to consult with Mr. Danchuk after meeting adjournment regarding his concerns. Mr. Danchuk stated that the minutes still were not approved by him. Mr. Danchuk also made reference to the sidewalks on 69th and agreed that funding was available for them regardless of a delay in construction.

Commissioner Marcus:

The President read a letter from Commissioner Marcus's Administrative Assistant excusing the Commissioner from attending our meeting because of the flu and requesting to re-schedule her visit.

Pathways:

The construction of the pathways on 69th is on hold. The water mains will follow the same routes as the pathways once construction begins for potable water for PBCE. It is more economically efficient for the pathways construction to wait until the water lines go in. Funds allocated for the pathways will not be affected by the delay.

The pathways on Donald Ross Road will follow a meandering route and will eventually extend all the way to the ocean on Donald Ross Road.

Angela as President extended special recognition to Mike Danchuk for his effectiveness and dedication toward securing funds for the pathways. She noted this has been a long awaited project that we can soon see come to fruition thanks to Mike's hard work.

Water:

A resident raised a question regarding the total cost of the water project, taking into consideration higher interest rates on the financing, much higher fuel costs, and general increases in the costs of materials and labor. The Board recognizes this to be a valid point and is committed to addressing this concern and reporting to the residents as soon as possible.

Road Extensions:

Angela attended a meeting at Commissioner Marcus's office regarding the Jog Road Extension to Donald Ross Road. We had the opportunity to see for the first time a preliminary engineering drawing of the proposed extension and how it may affect the Donald Ross/69th intersection, Donald Ross Road, Unity Church, and other neighboring areas of PBCE. Several residents expressed their concerns about the amount of traffic and excessive speed traveling East and West on Donald Ross Road. There were also

questions regarding the proposed turn lane that will extend into our community on 69th. The Board will make the County engineering department aware of resident concerns and will arrange the opportunity for further community education and feedback regarding this project.

Entrance Signs:

We suffered a graffiti attack on the signs at the corner of Donald Ross Road and 69th. The sign on the N W corner was restored and painted by Jose Diaz-Arvesu. Jose was commended for his time and efforts.

Unfortunately, repairs could not be made on the NE corner sign. The Board received a letter from Mr. Berman stating he would take over the maintenance of the sign and related areas.

Financials:

Treasurer Wynn Davis will post the financial statements on the official website of the Donald Ross Landowners' Association aka/dba Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' AssociationSM at www.pbce.org

Landowner Web site:

www.pbce.org is the one and only official WEB site for our community.

Community Spotlight:

Angela asked for nominations for the "Community Spotlight" section of our "[Countryside Living](#)" newsletter.

New Greenway:

Beverly Bean of Community Connection, Inc. made a presentation of the successful Ocean to Lake Equestrian Event, which took place on February 19 and 20th. The event was a celebration of the newly state designated Ocean to Lake Greenway which borders our community. This event originated in Palm Beach Country Estates and involved seven other equestrian communities and riders from three counties, connecting cultures, communities, parks, and preserves from Palm Beach

Country Estates to Lake Okeechobee. Beverly expressed the community effort involving governmental agencies, residents and many volunteers. State Senator Jeff Atwater spoke at their ceremony thanking them for their dedicated efforts for the future of our communities.

Annual Dues:

A resident requested clarification as to the dates of our annual voluntary dues of \$25. Angela explained that the dues run January to December of each calendar year.

Angela made a request as president for residents to join the Donald Ross Landowners' Association as we face many issues affecting our community such as the Jog Road Extension.

New Residents:

Welcome to new residents, Diane and Steve Kimbrell.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m..

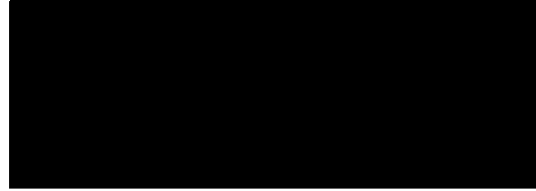
*Respectfully submitted,
Jose Diaz-Arvesu*

EQUESTRIAN NEWS:

A special thank you to Community Connection, Inc. and the individuals, organizations and agencies that supported the Ocean to Lake Equestrian Greenway Equestrian Event including attending dignitaries of Senator Atwater, a representative from Senator Pruitt's office, Commissioner Sarah Heard of Martin County as well as DEP Office of Greenways and Trails, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Riverbend Park, Palm Beach County, J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area, Martin County, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Wildlife Commission, Swamp Owl representing Seminoles of Riverbend Park, John Street, and Riverbend Park personnel, many community organizations and resident volunteers, Event Staff, policed escort for crossing the Beeline, trail and GPS mapping volunteers, PG Girl Scout Council Troop 517, Jupiter, Boy Scout Troop 109, K Bar K Catering, and our sponsors.

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Special Meeting:
**Welcome Commissioner
Karen Marcus
to Palm Beach Country Estates!**

**Tuesday, April 12th, 2005
7:30 pm
Living Oaks Ministries
on 64th Dr.**

(previously PBCE Church of God)

*Please attend our Special Meeting to welcome Commissioner Marcus to our community.
This Special Meeting has been arranged for the community by the official voluntary Landowners'
Association for Palm Beach Country EstatesSM, established in 1980.
Help us keep the 25 year old "unified voice" for our community and its' future.
All residents are Welcome!*