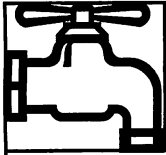


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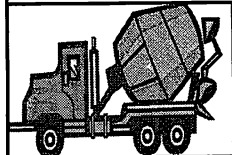


Water Contract Approved by SIRWCD

The long awaited contract for providing "city water" to PBCE was unanimously approved by the SIRWCD Board members on May 26, 2005. The contract specifically stated that PBCE would not have to be annexed to the Town of Jupiter to have the service.

All PBCE homeowners will be assessed an average annual bill of about \$685 for 25 years for the projected construction costs. This will provide the water lines for the community, as well as the long awaited fire hydrants. However residents will not be required to hook up, if they do not choose to do so.

If a resident decides to hook up they will be assessed an impact or hook up fee of about \$3,877. The base minimum water charge would be about \$13 per month. There will be a provision through SIRWCD to allow this hook up fee to be a part of a bond if the household chooses not to pay it all up front. The agreement also freezes the hook up fee for seven years at current prices. After the seven years residents could pay an annual fee to extend the fixed price into the future if they have not yet hooked up, but feel they may want to in the future.



Road Paving in Estates

Many individuals have recently been requesting information about paving their streets in PBCE. Currently if a street in PBCE wants to be paved, at least 25% of the property owners on the street need to sign a petition requesting that a cost estimate be

done to be considered. This petition is submitted to SIRWCD, and the engineers evaluate the project and provide the prices. A ballot will then be sent out to all property owners in the areas being considered, and if 51% or more of the property owners voting respond in favor of the having the paving done the project will proceed on that street.

There have been some concerns that a recent mailing done by a resident was being done to have the vote count for the entire community. At a recent SIRWCD meeting it was again confirmed that the decision to pave or not will still be on a street by street basis.

However if a street has not submitted a petition or does not have more that 25% of the property owners on that street submit a petition requesting paving, it will not be considered. Some property owners were under the misconception that they will automatically be considered, which is not true. The petition must first be done. That is why we are including a list at the end of this article of the streets that have requested smooth asphalt paving in PBCE at this time. If your street is not in the list and you would like to be considered you need to get a petition completed by the deadline, or you will not be considered for paving in this bundle. The bundling idea was decided on by the SIRWCD Board so there would not be individual streets asking to be paved at different times which would be more expensive and time consuming. **The deadline for the current bundle was set as June 16, 2005 by the SIRWCD. There is a possibility that petitions received by the end of June will be considered, but this has not been confirmed.** Any petitions received after the deadlines will be included in future road paving bundles, whose dates have not yet been determined, and will not be governed by the cost estimates of the June project. **Therefore you do not have to make a decision about paving your roads at this time, however it is anticipated that future paving costs will be higher.** Also it should be clear that **the petition is just to get an estimate.**

Property owners will then get the opportunity to vote on a street by street basis as to whether they want to get paved at the price that will be stated on the ballots that will be sent out. **However, if your street did not do a petition you will not get a ballot.**

Cont.

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President - Michael Danchuk	626-2530
1st Vice President - Kevin Baker	748-3376
2nd Vice President - Bob Berman	627-1118
Treasure - Daniela Russell	575-5189
Secretary - Stephanie Duncan	575-7956

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COP Patrol - Bill Bolds	626-7638
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Information:

Equestrian - Beverly Bean	575-4411
RV/Camping Club - Connie McCormick	744-2938
SIRWCD - www.sirwcd.org	747-0550

The streets currently showing a petition for smooth asphalt paving are as follows, if you are not on the list, then you have not yet qualified, and will not be getting a ballot on paving. If you think you should have been on the list, then immediately call Michael Danchuk or Bob Berman.

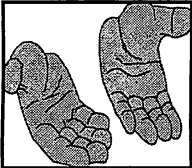
140 Lane, 141 Lane, 149 Place, 150 Place, 151 Court, 152 Drive, 154 Court, 159 Court, 67 Avenue (between Donald Ross and 141 Lane), 66 Drive (between 146 Road and 149 Place), 67 Trail (between 146 Road and 149 Place), 66 Trail (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 71 Drive, 72 Drive (between 150 Place and 159 Court), 73 Terrace (between 155 Place and 159 Court), 74 Ave (between 150 Place and 159 Court), 76 Trail (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 78 Drive (between 155 Place and 159 Court), 79 Terrace, 80 Drive (between 155 Place and 159 Court), 81 Terrace (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 82 Terrace (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 83 Way, 85 Way, 86 Way (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 88 Trail (between 150 Place and 154 Court), 162 Court (West of 75 Ave), 163 Court, 165 Street (West of 75 Ave), 169 Street, 73 Terrace between 160 Street and 165 Street), 75 Avenue (north of 165 Street), 77 Trail (between 163 Court and 167 Court), 78 Drive (between 163 Court and 167 Court)



Message from the President

Thank you for your support in the recent election. Some of the items we hope to work on and address in the upcoming year will include sidewalks, implementation of water lines, sound barriers along the Turnpike, improving our roads, the community park, the Fall Festival, and sponsoring other special events. As you can see it can be a very busy year. We hope to accomplish many of these tasks by relying on our network of volunteers. So I am asking anyone who may want to be involved to contact the officers. Please remember that we are all volunteers, and if you do not hear back right away, please follow up again as messages may get lost and we do need your help. One of the items that has raised a lot of interest recently is the paving of roads. Please take the time to read the road article in this newsletter, as I was surprised to hear that there was still a lot of incorrect information and misconceptions floating around. I personally feel that if a street decides to have hard surface paving done, then the residents of that street should choose smooth asphalt paving not OGEM. Both surfaces are approved, but there are many advantages to smooth paving over OGEM. The smooth paving uses a base that is first built up, while the OGEM is just put over the current road. This should make up for part of the additional initial expense, as the life expectancy of the smooth paving will be longer than OGEM. Also as seen in the streets that have recently had the smooth paving done, it is much more user friendly. Bicyclists, roller bladers, and many others will appreciate the smooth surface over the OGEM. If you have any questions just call me for more information. However, as I have stated many times, I feel that the choice should always be yours. Your street should have the choice to decide if it wants an improvement or wishes to remain dirt. Looking forward to a great year in the best community in northern Palm Beach County.

Michael Danchuk



Helping Hands

Palm Beach Country Estates is planning to bring back its Helping Hands Program. The contact person will be Pam Malone, phone number 743-9912. As you may remember the purpose of the program is to offer help to PBCE families who are experiencing sudden or unexpected difficulties or crisis. In the past the program has made meals for sick family members, provided rides to the hospital for treatment, helped with yard work and home repairs. If you would like to provide your help or services for this worthwhile project please call Pam Malone. Also if you need help, don't hesitate to contact Pam, as your neighbors may be able to give you the temporary lift you need.



Election Results

At the May Annual meeting the following residents were elected to the Donald Ross Landowners Association Board. President- Michael Danchuk, 1st Vice President- Kevin Baker, 2nd Vice President- Bob Berman, Treasurer- Daniela Russell, Secretary- Nicole Campbell. At 1st meeting of the newly elected Board, Nicole Campbell made a decision to resign. Even though she looked forward to working with the new Board and won the election, because of some concerns that she was married to Michael Danchuk, that were expressed during the campaign, she felt it may be better to allow one of the other community volunteers an opportunity to be on the Board. She agreed to stay active by working on the Newsletter, which falls in line with her career as an English teacher for the PB County School system. Stephanie Duncan, was appointed by the Board as a replacement for Nicole, and accepted the position.

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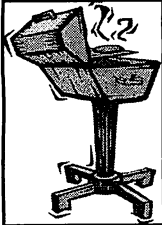
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Community Park

There will be an organizational meeting of volunteers that had worked on the front entrance, and those that want to volunteer to work on the community park. The BarBQ meeting will be held at the location of the proposed park on 69th Drive, just north of 155th Place. The tentative date for the BarBQ is July 23 at 11AM. Please call Kirk Humphreys 748-4595 for more information, and bring your appetites if you want to volunteer.

Special Meeting of Landowners Association June 28, 2005

As promised there will be a special meeting of all property owners that have any concerns about the recently elected PBCE Board members. This special meeting will be only for those that have a problem, and we are requesting that those that supported the elected Board hold off coming till the next scheduled Association meeting in July. At this meeting we hope to have an open discussion to answer any questions that may exist, and hopefully alleviate most concerns if any exist. The meeting will be held on June 28, 2005 at 7PM at the Living Oaks Ministry Church of God located at 64th Drive. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served so bring your appetites and questions.

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They usually have 2 juveniles that are a gray-brown in color. WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE QUITE A FEW SANDHILL CRANE FAMILIES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND GIVE THEM SPACE AND LET THEM CROSS THE ROAD SAFELY WHEN YOU SEE THEM. We have requested 4 SANDHILL CRANE CROSSING SIGNS to be placed in our neighborhood. We are planning on placing one at the entrance on 69th Drive going North and one going South to increase awareness. We have a family that regularly crosses 69th Drive near the entrance to our community. Let's give them a brake. If you see other areas that could use signs let a board member know. Palm Beach Country Estates enjoys numerous species of wildlife that make our community unique and a great place to live.

Submitted by resident – Julie Saunders

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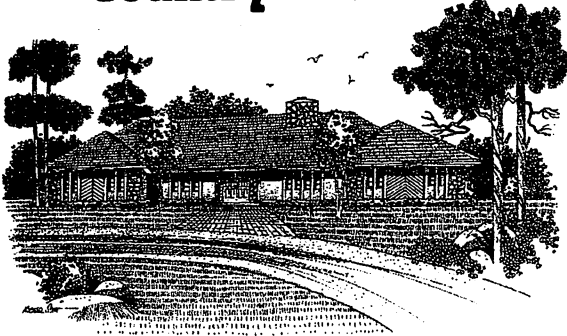
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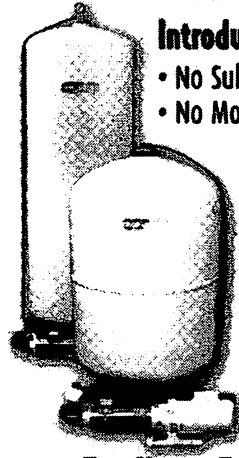


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