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Official Groundbreaking for the PBCE Community Park

On May 30th residents from PBCE came together to celebrate the recent Palm Beach County Commission approval of our site plan for the PBCE community park, which will be officially named the Margaret Berman Memorial Park. At this event residents came to view the approved site plan for the park, have food and get excited about all the possibilities that lay before us for this park. Kids had fun playing games, eating snow cones and cotton candy and painting ceramic tiles that will be placed at the park. Our next big hurdle is to obtain and plant over 65 Florida native canopy trees for the required perimeter buffer and park site. Residents who attended the event were given the opportunity to purchase large paper leaves to signify the adoption of a tree for the park. The leaves were then placed on a large wooden tree made by the Webster family. The tree looked awesome and will be at all future fundraisers. Residents that purchased these leaves will be honored with a plaque that will be placed for years to come in front of a tree at the park site that they made possible. We would like to thank our first tree donors, Kirk Napoletano, Janey & Peter Henriksen, Julie Timm, Nancy Donaldson, Kimberly Kasper, David & Rachel Demay, Kevin Baker and George & Mary. Also at this event was the official groundbreaking with shovels. This ceremony included many of the people whom have been responsible for getting the park to this point. The fundraising committee, the park committee, the Berman family and the children that were present, all raised shovels to signify the beginning of the next journey in making this park a reality.



The Berman Family



Neighborhood Children



Kevin Baker, Chris Reinhardt, Sheri Murray, Bob Berman



Kevin Baker, Debbie Gavin, Bill Meyers,
Sarah Applegate

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Park - www.twistypinesplayground.org	

Neighborhood Watch Information

As you may have read in the minutes from the last Landowner's meeting, we have had an increase in auto and residential burglaries in the last few months. PBSO informed us at the last landowners meeting that they are stepping up their presence and patrols in the neighborhood and especially at night with undercover officers in unmarked vehicles and on bikes to watch out for any suspicious activity. We have asked that the PBSO crime prevention officer attend our next meeting in July to help residents set up a neighborhood crime watch program. We need residents to come to the July 21st meeting to volunteer to be a part of this new program. This program will not require much time on your part, but will make a huge impact on the crime level in our neighborhood. We need a certain number of participants to make this work. So please if you or your neighbors are interested please attend this meeting.



Message from the President

There are two very important issues that were brought up at the last Donald Ross Landowners Meeting. One was the issue of loose dogs in the neighborhood and the other is the increase in home and vehicle break-ins.

A few weeks ago one resident was bitten by a loose dog. Animal Control was called. Residents have said this issue has been getting worse. I have been charged numerous times while walking my own dog on a leash. Dogs close to the house have come charging down into the road to confront us. One dog seemed friendly at first and then attacked my dog. Luckily, I had an umbrella with me and I managed to get them apart quickly without getting bit myself. It's your responsibility as a pet owner to keep your dogs on your property. Even if your dog is hit by a car and killed, you are responsible for the damages to the car or driver. What if the car swerves to miss the dog and gets into an accident? You would be liable for any damage or injuries your dog causes. Liability should be a main concern in these hard economic times.

At the last Landowners meeting Lieutenant David Kronsperger from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office spoke about the break-ins. He said the best defense against vehicle break-ins is simply locking your cars. In the last four months there have been 12 car burglaries. Out of those 12, 11 were unlocked. The car where they actually did break the window to get in, it's presumed there was something so enticing left in plain sight, that they went the extra step to break the window to get in. Most of the residential burglaries have been unlocked sheds or garages, although there have been a few home burglaries.

A resident spoke up at the last meeting and told how his home had been burglarized. They broke in through the back door and went straight to the master bedroom. During the robbery the crooks managed to lock the homeowner's dog in the garage. The dog was not physically harmed but the homeowner said the dog has been severely traumatized and is just not the same. The homeowners said his entire family has been shaken. Lt. Kronsperger said the master bedroom is the number one place robbers go to. They know to look under the bed and mattress. They look through undergarment draws. They look through closets. They know this is where most people hide their jewelry, cameras and video cameras, guns and other weapons.

Twelve years ago our home in Jupiter Farms was robbed. They did the exact same thing. They came in through a kitchen pass through window on the back porch. They went straight for the bedrooms. Not only did they take my jewelry box, computer, my husband's dive knife and many other things, they also flipped the mattress over to see what was underneath and they took the comforter. I couldn't understand why they would take the comforter, but the sheriff who was investigating said they used it to wrap everything up and haul it out.

Lt. Kronsperger said the PBSO has increased their patrols. They are using unmarked cars, bicycles and the other day I saw a Mounted Unit. He said if you are out late at night, no matter what age, you will be stopped and questioned. In the past few weeks they have made one arrest. There is currently an ongoing investigation.

But the Sheriff's office can't be here all the time or everywhere in the neighborhood. It's up to us to take charge and get involved in our own security.

At the July 21st Landowners meeting Lt. Kronsperger will be back and he is bringing representatives from the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. We have tried in the past to get a Neighborhood Watch Program going in the community but not enough people have taken an interest. We are hoping more people are now realizing that it's time to take a stand and keep our neighborhood safe.

PBSO Mounted Unit also has the "Mounted COP" program, which is a crime watch group of volunteer citizens utilizing their own horses to patrol their communities. This could also be a way for our equestrian community to get involved and help maintain our neighborhoods security.

If you are interested in how the Neighborhood Watch program or the Mounted COP programs work come to the July 21st meeting to get more information.

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Park Info

At the April 23rd 2009 PBC Board of County Commissioners' meeting we were approved to change the zoning of the park site from AR (Agricultural-Residential) to PO (Public Ownership) and the site plan was approved. October 20th is the deadline for the land to be deeded over to SIRWCD. The land is now zoned PO which will not allow any permits to be pulled until the land is officially deeded over to SIRWCD. We still have an active permit to clear, so we can clear the footprints of the parking area, courts and pavilion. During the next few months we need to continue raising money for the clearing, debris removal, some extra fill and plants for the required perimeter buffer and the parking area. We hope to have the land deeded over to SIRWCD in September and at that time SIRWCD can begin pulling permits for the parking lot and fence. SIRWCD has agreed to maintain the park, but they do not have any money to put into making the park, so the funding will come from donations made to Twisty Pines Playground Foundation to complete the improvements on the land. The official Park Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 30th was a fun event, with lots of games for the kids, food and drinks. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the event and Hardy's Parties for the loan of the snow cone and cotton candy machines. Things are really starting to roll now, but, to make this park happen we still need more support from the neighbors of PBCE. We need volunteers to help on the park and playground committees. Please check the website www.twistypinesplayground.org to see what volunteer positions are available or call Sheri for information on how to help. We also need materials donated, such as plants and material for the playground as well the other park components. We have been receiving money from the neighbors and would like to thank everyone for their support and request that more people show their support through monetary donations so we can make this park happen soon. The next fundraiser will be an Around the World Celebration which will be a charter bus tour that takes you to 4 homes in PBCE. Each home will have themed food and drinks and the bus will have games and fun activities as we go from home to home. The bus will pick residents up and drop them off at designated bus stops. We have a very limited amount of tickets for this event so please call Sheri Murray at 601-1647 for tickets.

"Nicole's Law"

mandates helmets for young equestrian riders



Beginning on October 1, 2009, all equestrians younger than 16 must wear helmets on public roads and trails. The law is named after Nicole Hornstein, a 12-year-old Acreage resident who lost her life in the summer of 2006 when her horse stumbled and she hit her head.

Not long after losing his daughter, Gary Hornstein made a mission of traveling to Tallahassee and pushing for the law in order to prevent other young riders from meeting a similar fate. He said he wants to see

similar legislation passed on a federal level.

Gov. Charlie Crist signed "Nicole's Law" June 9th as he sat several dozen yards from an equestrian ring at Hamlin Park in The Acreage. The governor said he had been a rider himself and that his sister had once fallen from a horse and been hurt.

The state legislators who sponsored the law flanked Crist, while the Hornstein family and elected officials from the equestrian communities of Loxahatchee Groves and Wellington looked on.

"My hope is that this gives parents the tools to educate their children on safety," said state Rep. Joseph Abruzzo. "Then the children can take that knowledge with them their entire lives."

The law calls for children under the age of 16 to wear helmets on public roads and trails. It takes effect on Oct. 1

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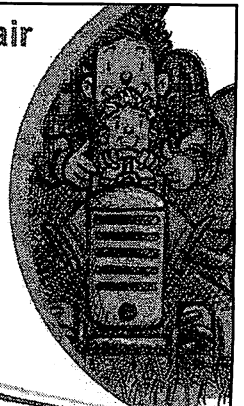
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Min. Cont. activity as well as late night enforcement. He stated that people of all ages will be stopped for suspicious activity and please make sure your teenagers are home and accounted for at night. If they are out in the middle of the night they will be stopped by PBSO officers. He stated if your teenager is coming home with items that you have not purchased for them please investigate this, often kids are trading stolen items with their friends, so please report anything that you find suspicious. A resident asked the lieutenant if an email blast could be sent out to residents after a report of a burglary has been made. He said the PBSO is not set up to send out mass emails but they do send out mass phone messages if there is a problem. He said he would look into that. When the association finds out about a problem we can send out a mass email. Please provide the association with an email address so that you can be informed when burglaries are occurring so that you can look out for your neighbors. Residents requested information about the neighborhood crime watch program and he stated that they are a great deterrent against crime and stated he will bring the crime prevention officer to our next meeting in July to help residents set up a neighborhood crime watch. A resident was present at the meeting and shared the story of his recent home burglary and wanted to inform residents that the thieves entered through the back of his home and used a tool to break through his dead-bolt to enter his home and took many items including his computer and his wife's purse. He also stated that his dog showed no physical signs of abuse but was severely emotionally traumatized by the burglary and the whole family is very shaken by this break in. He would like residents to start to really watch out for one another and their properties. **Meeting Attendance** - Attendance of landowner's meetings has been low recently and we would like to see more people attend and this was discussed with our faithful attendees at this meeting. If you have suggestions regarding how to increase attendance please let us know through our website under the contact us heading and you can email the board members. **Old Business: Water Hookup Financing** - the deadline for financing of your water hookup charges to the town of Jupiter through SIRWCD is June 1st 2009. **Yahoo email group** - this is a way for the association to get important information out to residents in-between newsletters. Please join the Palm Beach Country Estates Yahoo Group to receive important email notices: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PBCE>. You will need to establish a Yahoo user name and password, but Yahoo allows you to route the few emails we send directly to any email address you choose. **Park/playground update**- Chris reported that at the April 23rd 2009 PBC Board of County Commissioners' meeting we were approved to change the zoning of the park site from AR (Agricultural-Residential) to PO (Public Ownership) and the site plan was approved. October 20th is the deadline for the land to be deeded over to SIRWCD. The land is now zoned PO which will not allow any permits to be pulled until the land is officially deeded over to SIRWCD, we still have an active permit to clear, so we can clear the footprints of the parking area, courts and pavilion. During the next few months we will continue to need to raise money for the clearing, debris removal, some extra fill and plants for the required perimeter buffer and the parking area. 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that sidewalk is unknown at this time. **Garbage**-Chris stated that at the last meeting there were quite a few questions regarding yard vegetation removal. Per SWA residential yard waste (vegetation) is 1 time per week (Tuesday) and it is to only include debris from routine residential yard maintenance. It should not include debris generated from land clearing or tree removal. Yard waste is collected manually by a different truck than the garbage trucks and is limited to 6 cubic yards per week, which is the equivalent of 3 standard refrigerators; this information has been confirmed with the SWA. Yard waste is picked up by the employee by hand, not a clam truck. He is only required to pick up branches and palm fronds. Anything smaller like coconuts, pine cones, pine bark and small branches must be containerized or bagged and no more than 50 pounds. If you feel that they are not adequately removing your yard waste please call the SWA to inform them. Chris also asked residents not to put their trash in front of the canals, which are SIRWCD easements or vacant lots. SWA is not responsible for picking up trash unless it is in front of your home. **New business**: No new members were present. New business was addressed by residents regarding stray dogs as well as **nuisance dogs** who have been charging residents who are out running or walking in the neighborhood. Please keep your dogs either on a leash or confined to your yard as residents are beginning to call animal control to have this issue addressed. One resident has already been bitten by a stray dog. **Alternate Road Surface**- a resident stated that he has received information regarding an environmentally friendly alternative to asphalt paving and provided the board as well as present members of SIRWCD with the information to learn more about this product and its feasibility for our neighborhood. Kevin Baker announced that he will be a candidate for the SIRWCD Board of Directors. No additional new business was addressed. Chris requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting so we could continue with the annual meeting. Motion was seconded. Meeting ended at 8:49 p.m. *Sheri R. Murray, Secretary*

Annual Meeting **May 19th**

Annual meeting was called to order at 8:49 p.m., Chris Reinhardt, President, called the meeting to order. Board officers Chris Reinhardt, President Kevin Baker, 1st Vice-President, Lynn Horne, Treasurer and, Sheri Murray, Secretary were present. This meeting was to elect new officers to the Donald Ross Landowner's Association. Chris reported that at this time the Following positions were up for election: President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer as these positions have completed their term. Chris Reinhardt was nominated for president, this was opened to residents for other nominations, with no other candidates nominated, and a resident seconded the nomination. With that the elections for President were closed and residents gave a show of support for Chris Reinhardt and she was re-elected President. Sheri Murray was nominated for 2nd Vice President and a resident seconded the nomination. Chris opened up the floor for any other nominations, with no other candidates nominated. Elections for 2nd Vice President were closed and residents gave a show of support for Sheri and she was elected 2nd Vice President. Which opened up the spot for Secretary? The Secretary position was opened to residents for nominations, with no candidates nominated, Sheri Murray agreed to continue as Secretary and maintain both the 2nd Vice President and Secretary positions until a candidate is appointed for Secretary and then she will step down as Secretary and maintain just the 2nd Vice President position. The Treasurer position was opened to residents for nominations, with no candidates nominated, Lynn Horne agreed to stay on as Treasurer until a candidate is appointed to take her place. Chris requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded. Meeting ended at 8:59 p.m. *Sheri R. Murray, Secretary*

**Future and current fundraising activities for the
Twisty Pines Playground Foundation and your
Community Park**

We will have many opportunities to meet and mingle with neighbors to support this community park and playground. Here are a few fundraisers we have planned over the next few months.

Shopping Bags: We are selling large reusable shopping bags with the Twisty Pines Playground logo on the front. These bags are great for taking to the grocery store as well as the beach. You can purchase these bags from Sheri Murray for \$10 at 561-601-1647 to show your support for the playground.

July 18: Around the World Celebration, see ad in newsletter for information

5k Run: We are working on a plan to have a race through the neighborhood, keep checking your newsletter and emails for more information.

Online shoppers: Link to www.giveness.com/twistypines or www.shoptoearn.net/twistypines before you make purchases at your favorite stores. A portion of each sale will go to the playground!

Business Owners: Remember to check the playground website to find out how to sponsor a playground component or a section of the park so your name can be seen at our community park for many years to come.

Personalized Fence Pickets: Routed with your name or message, these pickets will surround the playground. Individual or family pickets \$30 each. Business or corporate pickets \$50 each. Check the website for order form.

Personalized Bricks: Laser engraved with your name, message, stock clip art, or company logo. These bricks will pave the entryway to the playground. Check the website for prices and available sizes and order form.

Aluminum Can Drive: Barry Benjamin has kindly agreed to take our aluminum to a recycling center. This aluminum will be sold, and all of the money will be donated to the park & playground. To make this project work, we need the help of the community. Drop off locations are:

Debbie's: 16432 77th Trail N. PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE BESIDE GARAGE fgavin0829@bellsouth.net

Chris: 15610 73rd Terr. N PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE ON THE SOUTH CORNER OUTSIDE OF THE FENCE reinharm@bellsouth.net

Barry's: 14731 67th Trail North PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND LEAVE IN THE BLUE RECYCLE CONTAINER BESIDE THE GARAGE DOOR barryjbenjamin@yahoo.com

Duane's: 15087 80th Dr. N. house is on the Corner of 150th and 80th. PLACE CANS IN BAGS AND DROP OVER THE FENCE ON RIGHT SIDE OF DRIVEWAY dlongphoto@aol.com

Adopt a Tree: This is a **NEW Fundraiser** we will have the beautiful tree that Emily Webster made at each fundraiser and residents can purchase leaves to show their donation of a new tree for the park. Your donation of \$150 will help plant one tree in the park and a plaque will be placed in front of your tree for many years to come. We are required by the County to plant numerous Native Canopy trees on the property and your donation will help us do that.

Recycle can drive: please check the list of drop off sites to help recycle your aluminum cans and make money for the park

For info on any of the fundraisers or if you have ideas to share, please contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647

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Garbage Collection information

Residential Garbage Collection (2 times per week, Tue. & Fri.) -

Your garbage is collected manually, by hand, they do not use a clam truck and you must follow the 50/50 rule. Garbage must be containerized in standard 32-50 gallon cans or sealed plastic bags.

Containers and contents can weigh no more than 50 pounds. Any container exceeding the 50 gallon capacity limit will not be serviced. All garbage must be placed in front of your home, not on canal easements or vacant lots, and within 6 feet of the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway. Garbage must not be stacked over water or gas meters, under low hanging branches or utility wires or within 4 feet of mail boxes or fire hydrants.

Residential Yard Waste (Vegetation) (1 time per week, Tuesday)

- Yard waste includes debris from routine residential yard maintenance only. It does not include debris generated from land clearing or tree removal. All vegetation must be kept separate from other debris and be dirt and sand free. Yard waste is collected manually by a different truck than the garbage and is limited to 6 cubic yards (cy) per week (the equivalent of 3 standard refrigerators). All yard waste, with the exception of tree branches and palm fronds, must be containerized in standard 32-50 gallon cans or sealed plastic bags. Containers and contents can not weigh more than 50 pounds. Branches must be 6 feet or less in length and 50 pounds or less in weight.

Trash/Bulk Items (2 times per week) Bulk Items- Discarded furniture and appliances as well as other household items including toilets, bathtubs, water softeners, and similar household goods that will not fit into a standard garbage can is collected twice per week and may be placed curbside with the regular household garbage.

For safety reasons: Please remove or seal doors on refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers before placing outside for collection so that children can not crawl inside and become trapped. All mirrors, glass doors, glass table tops, pane glass windows, etc. must be broken up and containerized in solid containers (no plastic bags). Container and contents must weigh less than 50 pounds. Up to 2 tires, off the rim, are collected curbside per year. Place them at the curb with your regular household garbage on either garbage collection day. **Do not mix bulk items or tires with vegetation.**

Construction Debris - Debris from minor home repairs such as replacing a rotted piece of trim or a broken tile. Construction debris is limited to 2 cubic yards per collection day (equal to a standard size refrigerator) and must follow the 50/50 rule. Debris must be containerized in standard 32-50 gallon cans or sealed plastic bags. Containers and contents can weigh no more than 50 pounds. Carpeting must be cut to 4 foot lengths, rolled up and weigh less than 50 pounds.

With the exception of carpeting, any construction debris from minor home repairs that is placed upon the ground and not containerized will not be collected.

Never Collected Curbside - Major construction, demolition and remodeling debris - are never collected curbside. Debris includes but is not limited to roofing shingles, fencing, sheds, concrete blocks, bricks, asphalt, etc.

Automotive debris of any kind - is never collected curbside. Debris includes but is not limited to car parts, boat parts, watercraft, golf carts, motorcycles, lawn equipment, etc. as well as combustion engines.

Land clearing - is never collected curbside and includes but is not limited to stumps, dirt, root balls, whole trees, etc.

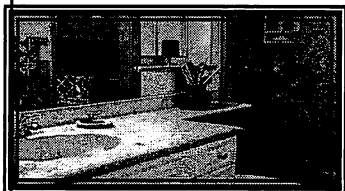
Household hazardous wastes - are never collected curbside. This includes but is not limited to used motor oil, rechargeable or auto batteries, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, oil based paint and pesticides.

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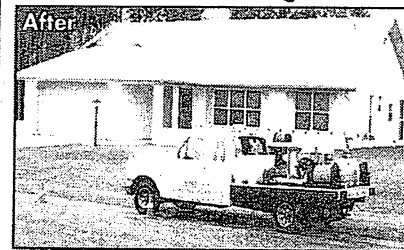
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Announcement of Candidacy for SIRWCD Board

Kevin Baker

Dear Neighbors,

For the past decade, it has been my pleasure to serve on the board of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, first as your Treasurer and currently as your 1st Vice President. While that service will continue, I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Board of Directors of the South Indian River Water Control District. If elected, my plan is to scrutinize district expenses to keep your tax assessments as low as possible.

In my professional career, I work as a senior financial analyst for TheStreet.com Ratings, formerly Weiss Ratings, covering the topics of stocks, mutual funds, and banking. The lessons learned from earning a B.S. degree in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1992 and an M.B.A. with a finance specialization from Nova Southeastern University in 1997 will come in handy when constraining how your hard-earned tax dollars are spent.

On Saturday May 30th, we broke ground on our community park. Our generous donations of time, sweat, and money have made dramatic progress in clearing land and planting trees. My pledge to the kids of Palm Beach Country Estates is that our fundraising drive will continue until they are flying high on the swing sets. Please join me at one of our upcoming fundraisers and adopt a tree. If elected, I will be in a position to make sure the park is properly maintained by SIRWCD.

Please help me continue my goal of public service as a Supervisor of the South Indian River Water Control District. When you receive your ballot in the mail, please vote, Kevin Baker for SIRWCD Board.

Thank You,

Kevin

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Please Help!

We are getting closer everyday to making this park a reality

We just received final approval from the county to change our zoning and the land will be deeded to SIRWCD by October of 2009

What can you do?

DONATE MONEY: If each of the 1500 families in this community gave \$50, we would earn \$75,000 towards our goal. Every small donation helps us reach our goal.

DONATE MATERIALS: For every nut & bolt for the playground, or tree or shrub for the park that is donated, that is one less item we will have to purchase.

ADOPT A TREE: We need to have a large number of native canopy trees planted at the park site per County requirements. To help us do this you can donate \$150 or more towards a tree. For that donation your name will be placed on a plaque in front of a tree that you made possible for others to see for many years to come.

VOLUNTEER TIME: We need people to help out with fundraisers and writing grant proposals. Please contact Sheri Murray if you are interested in helping with any future fundraisers

This park and playground will benefit all residents of Palm Beach Country Estates. For parents with children, this playground and park will be invaluable. It will be a meeting place for parents as well as children. It will be a special place for birthday parties and play dates. For residents without children, the park will be a place to gather with neighbors and spend quality time. The park and playground will instill pride in our community and make PBCE more than just a place you drive out of each morning and into each evening. Building this playground is our opportunity to create and complete the first step in our community park that will be beneficial to all residents. With your help, we will have one of the best playgrounds in Northern Palm Beach County. But, we need your help now!

Remember that Twisty Pines Playground is a non-profit 501(C)3, which means that donations to the playground are tax-deductible.

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Contact Sheri Murray for more information at 561-601-1647.

Attendance is low at Landowner's meetings

The board of the Donald Ross Landowners' Association would like to remind residents that although the association is voluntary we still need resident support to make it work. Over the past few years we have had some residents who come out faithfully to learn about things happening in the neighborhood, yet attendance is still low.

This association over the years has been successful in making the voices of our neighbors heard on many important issues such as cell towers, roads and the turnpike sound wall just to name a few.

We would also like for these meetings to be a chance to meet new neighbors and learn more about how we can all help each other as a community.

We understand that residents are busy and often are unable to attend the meetings due to time constraints and other commitments. We would like to ask residents to submit their suggestions and ideas of how to increase attendance of meetings. We have been continually working on bringing in guest speakers to address concerns of the neighborhood.

If you would like to see a specific issue be addressed at meetings please submit all requests to our website www.mypbce.org or contact Sheri Murray at 561-601-1647.

Elections for Board Officers

At the annual meeting of the Donald Ross Landowner's Association the following positions for the board were up for election: President, 2nd Vice President, and Treasurer.

At this meeting Chris Reinhardt was re-elected as President. Sheri Murray was elected 2nd Vice President and there were no nominations for Treasurer at the time of the meeting. At this time we are currently looking for someone to fill the position of Secretary, due to Sheri Murray moving into the position of 2nd Vice President. Sheri will remain Secretary as well as 2nd VP until some steps forward to take that position. We are also looking for someone to take the position of Treasurer and until that point Lynn Horne has agreed to stay on in the interim. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Chris Reinhardt at 561-762-1281.

Road Paving Questions Answered

Here are the Frequently Asked Questions: Regarding District Road Improvements as posted on the SIRWCD website as of June 24, 2009. If you have any further questions on how to have your road paved please contact the South Indian River Water Control District at 561-747-0550

(Q): What are the District plans for additional road paving?

(A): There is no District initiative for additional paving. Roadway improvements are limited to those initiated by landowners.

(Q): How do landowners initiate road improvements?

(A): The first step is a petition. If 25% of the affected landowners request that their road(s) be considered for upgrade, the District may initiate an Engineering Road Improvement Study.

(Q): What does the Engineering Study consider?

(A): Many things are evaluated in an Engineering Road Improvement Study. The conditions of the current dirt road, the traffic situation, structural considerations of the roadway base, drainage considerations, cost, impact on the community, and many other issues may be considered in the study.

(Q): How is the Engineering Road Improvement Study used?

(A): The study creates an Engineering Plan that defines the project. It will define the specific road (or roads) recommended for paving and it will define the benefited area (those landowners that will benefit from the improvements). The plan also defines the technical details of the proposed project such as base and sub-base requirements, road surface material specification, roadway elevation, and so forth. And, most importantly, the plan will define the cost.

(Q): Then what happens with the Engineering Plan?

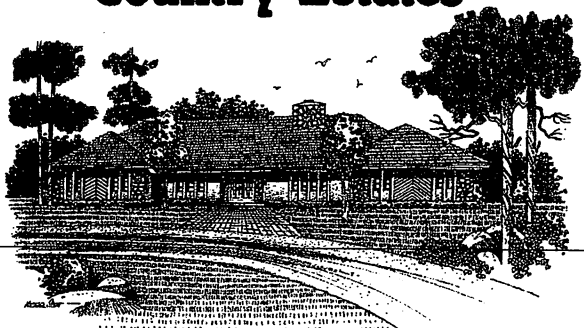
(A): If the Board of Supervisors accepts the Engineer's Plan, it can be put to the landowners for a vote in the form of a referendum. If the referendum passes, then the District may construct the improvements as defined in the plan and levy a special assessment against the benefited landowners.

(Q): Can the cost of these improvements be financed?

(A): Yes, and the cost per parcel per year would be presented in the referendum.

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