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Boat Ramp Update

The boat ramp idea is still not dead, but no new solutions have come up for a semiprivate boat ramp. The next consideration would be a public ramp. A possible location would be the C-18 Triangle. This is the area directly across from Riverbend Park.



This area also has it's problems, the biggest is access. It really doesn't border any existing roads. It's currently only accessible by the SIRWCD canal right-of-way. A public ramp, especially in such a nice location, would generate outside traffic through our community. It may well start out as a well kept secret, but for how long? And as a public ramp it may be difficult to limit water craft size.

Anyone with ideas about how to have a boat ramp that wouldn't have a negative impact on our community, or on residents who border the canal, please fell free to share them.

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Election results for South Indian River Water Control District supervisors

Jupiter, FL- Michael Danchuk has been re-elected to a three-year term. Michael J. Ryan won his first term on the South Indian River Water Control District's Board of Supervisors. Danchuk has served on the board since 2001. Certified totals from the Supervisor of Elections office show that Ryan received 1,374 votes, while Danchuk received 1,318 votes. Bob Berman, who was also running for re-election, received 1,045 votes. The PBCE board would like to thank Bob for his 11 years of service.

In addition, there were 168 write-ins, 9 undeterminable, 23 unsigned and 2 over-vote ballots. There were 250 under-votes where only one vote was cast.

SIRWCD serves Palm Beach Country Estates, Jupiter Farms, Egret Landing and the Jupiter Park of Commerce. For more information contact the District office at 747-0550.

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Neighborhood Watch info

Sheriff's Department officials briefed Jupiter Farms residents at the Jupiter Farms Residents meeting Thursday about the home invasions that occurred two months ago. The officials were still a little vague about some of the details because the case was still open. But, they told residents the suspects were all caught.

They also assured us they would not be a threat to us again. "Not in five years, not in ten, not in fifty, not in one hundred years!!" The State Attorney's Office is confident these people will never see daylight outside of prison again.

The odd fact revealed Thursday evening was the bad Continued on Page 2, Watch

Message from the President

My family moved to Palm Beach Country Estates because we liked the quiet, country setting. One major problem the "big cities" have is graffiti. Not only is it

unsightly and destructive to private and public property it is also used to mark gang territories. Until just recently I thought this was just a big city problem, but it seems the problem has moved to the country.

In case you didn't notice, someone has "tagged" both sandhill crane crossing signs

and the Neighborhood Crime Watch sign. They also tagged almost every blinking Bob's Barricade lining the construction of the new sidewalk on 69th. All this happened between Monday the 13th and Thursday the 16th. I really don't think our current problem is gang related. I think it's the work of just one or two kids in the neighborhood. Most likely High School age kids. There are at least two distinct tags or signatures.

While researching the problem I found one police

report that cited "We're finding quite a lot of graffiti cans and we've also been finding a lot of the same tags that they use to graffiti, written on school books and other locations in their bedrooms so we can use that as evidence to connect them with the graffiti tags that they

do in public," Police have also found tags "scribbled on desks, on school books, on posters on the bedroom wall".

Parents please know where your kids are at night. It's ok to be nosey, ask questions and check their schoolbooks and notebooks for doodles or drawings that may look like

graffiti art. It's better that you catch them than a Sheriffs officer. These recent acts of vandalism have been reported to the Sheriffs office and an unmarked sheriffs car has been requested to patrol the neighborhood.

It's our job as parents to know what our kids are doing. Whether you have kids or not, we all moved here to enjoy the natural beauty around us and I think we all would like to keep it that way.

Chris Reinhardt - President DRLA

Citizen On Patrol Update

The COP volunteers in our communities had another good month with 579 total vehicle hours and a total of 6838 miles.

August is also the end of our "year". Our Unit had a total of 7,552 volunteer hours with 5,581 patrol hours.

The Palm Beach Sheriff's Department has a total of 3,400 volunteers of which we now have 50 in our Unit which includes Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estate residents. Seven new members were introduced at this month's meeting.

To accommodate our growing membership a second Lieutenant position was created with Paul La Montagne appointed to that position. The Lieutenant position is for keeping track of schedules, hours, miles, incident reports, house checks, and reports to the Sheriff's Department.

A second Sergeant position was also created with Bob Berman appointed to that position. The Sergeant's job is to keep up with the car, taking it in for maintenance, making sure the radio and scanner work, keeping it clean, and forwarding the accumulated paperwork to the Lieutenant.

As our car is kept at Bob's house, he has been doing all of this all along, so this makes his job official.

Another big announcement at our meeting was about our Captain, Gabe Spina. Gabe will be receiving the Volunteer of the Month Award from the Sheriff. To be selected out of 3,400 volunteers is an honor.

Neighborhood Watch info

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guys had profiled their victims. They were actually looking for people believed to have guns. Guns were

their primary focus for the crimes. Go figure.

The Sheriff's D e p a r t m e n t spared no resource resolving this situ-



ation and is to be commended for their work. They said there will be a big announcement when they're ready and we will all know about it.

Again, from these serious home invasions to our minor shed and car burglaries, the places are almost always unlocked. The first, biggest deterrent to crime is to lock your stuff up. Think Safe

See Suspicious Activity Call

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COP Program

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Donald Ross Landowners Associations

Minutes - September 14, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 by President Chris Reinhardt. In attendance: President Chris Reinhardt, 1st Vice President Kevin Baker, 2nd Vice President Sheri Murray, Secretary Ellen Meehan, and Treasurer Kevin Parkes.

Treasury Report - The association has \$9500 in the operating account and \$8000 in the legal account so we're in good shape to finish out the year.

Secretary Report - The minutes of the July meeting are online and will be in the September Newsletter.

Old Business - Park and Playground: Bids are still being accepted from general contractors to oversee the entire park construction. Our next park fund raiser will be the Trunk-or-Treat for Halloween which was a great success last year. We would like to do another bus tour but need additional houses for the tour which will probably be in February. Road Ballots: The detailed information on paving the approved roads was included in the SIRWCD September Newsletter and will be published in our Newsletter. There will be two more Public Hearings and then bids will be processed. Paving should start around February. Construction on the sidewalk on 69th is in progress. The sidewalks for 150th, 143rd, and 64th will follow. Front Signs: We are looking into the cost of replacing our entrance signs and will have more information on that at the next meeting. Neighborhood volunteer, Ryan Meehan, will continue to maintain the entrance for community service hours. The Canal: The Blue Gill Trail construction is in progress on the C-18 canal. These areas are still closed to the public during construction. Neighborhood Watch: Mike Ryan reported that the Sheriffs Department met with the Neighborhood Watch Committee regarding the recent series of home invasions in Jupiter Farms. There was an organized group of individuals invading homes that have been apprehended so we will have no more problems with this group. Be aware that every incident of thefts (In August: 9 incidents in Jupiter Farms and 4 in PBCE) in a home, car, or shed WAS NOT LOCKED. Locking your houses, sheds, and vehicles can prevent burglaries and thefts on your property. We currently have about 50 volunteers for our COP program which continues to be successful. Membership has been growing and we hope to get an additional COP car in the future. You can receive updates and alerts on our neighborhood through pbcenw@aol.com. Remember, the COP program does house checks if you are out of town - you can download the form for this on the mypbce.org website. Hurricane Tags: Front door tags will be included in the next newsletter which can be hung on your front door if there is a hurricane. One side indicates that your home is fine, the opposite side indicates that you need help. Flood Control:

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Palm Beach Country Estates FEMA Flood Zone Revision Opportunity

Notices were sent out to those landowners in Palm Beach Country Estates that own property located in Flood Zone A0 as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD) is considering applying for a Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) with FEMA for the effective property structure(s) that are located within this flood zone.

- If SIRWCD is successful with this application, the structures on the effective property could be removed from the flood zone designation, making the purchase of flood insurance optional instead of a requirement
- This could save affected landowners hundreds of dollars annually in future insurance costs

By requesting SIRWCD to apply for this application, the affected residents of Palm Beach Country Estates could save money by submitting one application for multiple parcels rather than each landowner processing one individually. The cost to process this application is dependent on the number of landowners who participate and the number of required elevation surveys and is estimated to range from \$200-\$500 per landowner (a one-time cost), which would be offset by your flood insurance savings.

SIRWCD had previously investigated trying to get the FEMA maps changed based on the drainage work done in the District in 1989, however, the cost of re-certifying the improvements that were done would have exceeded the costs for this proposed approach.

This is a voluntary project. If you wish to keep your FEMA flood insurance, you may do so. Only those who elect to participate would receive any potential insurance savings.

If you are interested in participating in this process, either return your notice or contact SIRWCD at 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, FL 33478. If you are in this Flood Zone and did not receive a mailing, please contact the District office at 747-0550.

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SIRWCD is still organizing the group application for flood insurance exemptions. Residents who are listed in a flood zone and are being required to purchase flood insurance by their mortgage company could apply for the exemption. It costs \$500 for one property to apply for an exemption but only \$850 to apply as a group. Of the 400+ homes in PBCE that require flood insurance about 50 home owners have already submitted requests to be part of this application. The price per household will decrease as additional homes participate. The group rate would then be divided equally among those who submitted the applications. Be aware that this will require an elevation certificate for each property at an additional cost. But, that cost would be mitigated when you no longer have to pay for flood insurance and only those who submitted the applications will be exempt. The price of Flood Insurance has increased significantly this year, so please contact SIRWCD if you would like your home exempted from flood insurance. Solid Waste: If you are having any trouble with Solid Waste pick up, please call customer service at 697-2700. Please remember to be considerate of the workers and follow the guidelines - all debris must be less that 6 cubic yards and under 50lbs, cut into reasonable sizes, and small debris must be in a container. The waste must be put in front of your property and not on the canal bank.

New Business - Road Maintenance: A homeowner questioned the process of maintenance on our dirt roads. The recent heavy rains have had an impact on the roads but be aware that the process of road maintenance is intentional and continues on schedule. The dirt, grass, and debris gets removed from the swales and spread on the road as scheduled which can temporarily make the roads muddier, but this better maintains the roads for the long run. Please call Gale English at SIRWCD at 747-0550 if your road has a significant problem so he can provide any additional attention as needed.

Meeting was adjourned 8:12pm

Submitted by: Ellen Meehan, Secretary

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Bluegill Trail Comes to Palm Beach Country Estates

The Northeast Everglades Natural Area (NENA) is getting connected in Palm Beach County. The first phase of NENA's Bluegill Trail is taking shape along the east levee of the C-18 Canal Trail construction started at Sandhill Crane Access Park in Palm Beach Gardens in March and is currently active adjacent to Palm Beach Country Estates. The chickee shade shelter has been constructed and a new bridge was set in place on September 15, 2010 to allow trail users to cross the C-18 to access Riverbend Park. At this time, the bridge and the east side of the C-18 levee running south are closed to all users until construction is completed. Within 1-2 weeks, the west side of the C-18 levee adjacent to Riverbend Park will be closed to complete the trail's tie into the Park.

It is important to note that trespassing onto property that is a posted construction site is a third degree felony and law enforcement does patrol this area. The trail is estimated to open to users in early December. Monthly updates can be found on PBC's Environmental Resources Management's (ERM) website at http://www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/erm/lakes/estuarine/lake-worth-lagoon/statusreports.htm

NENA is a collection of 165,000 acres of conservation lands stretching from Southern Boulevard in Palm Beach County northward to Bridge Road in Martin County and from the Atlantic Ocean to Lake Okeechobee. natural areas and over a dozen activity and education centers will be connected by unique trail and information systems to create a world class destination. The four of the six main NENA connector trails will meet at a centralized hub, Riverbend Park in Jupiter. The conservation lands that encompass NENA are owned and maintained different government and by non-profit organizations. PBC's ERM is the lead agency for providing planning, permitting, and construction of the connecting trails in Palm Beach County, as well as outreach and support to the various partners within the NENA footprint and to the public. For more information regarding NENA, contact ERM at (561) 233-2400 or visit NENA's website at www.pbcgov.org/erm/nena/.

Results of Road Paving Ballots

A total of 28 referenda were sent out to affected South Indian River Water Control District landowners on June 9 and were to be returned to the Supervisor of Elections on or before July 14. The following road referenda have passed in favor of constructing asphalt roadways in Palm Beach Country Estates:

- 67th Avenue N between 141st Lane N and Donald Ross Rd
- 71st Drive N between 150th Place N and 154th Road N
- 72nd Drive N between 150th Place N and 154th Road N
- 72nd Drive N between 155th Drive N and 159th Court N
- 75th Way N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N
- 84th Avenue N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 140th Lane N between 64th Drive N and 69th Drive N
- 151st Court N between 69th Drive N and 69th Trail N
- 165th Street N between 75th Avenue N and 79th Terr N
- 167th Court N between 75th Avenue N and 78th Drive N
 In addition, the following road referenda have passed in favor of applying open-graded emulsified mix (OGEM) in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates:

- 80th Drive N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 92nd Way N between 150th Court N and 154th Road N
- 98th Trail N between 150th Court N and 154th Road N
- 151st Lane N between 133rd Terrace N and Canal 13
- 187th Place N between 126th Terrace N and 129th Terrace N and 129th Terrace N between 186th Court N and 187th Place N

The Board accepted the referenda results certified by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections and instructed the District Engineer and Staff to proceed with the Plan of Improvements for the project. The first public hearing on the plan is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 7, prior to a Board meeting rescheduled from Oct. 21. The second hearing is slated for Dec. 2, prior to a Board meeting that will be held in lieu of the Nov.18 and Dec. 16 meetings. Please check the SIRWCD website for possible schedule changes.

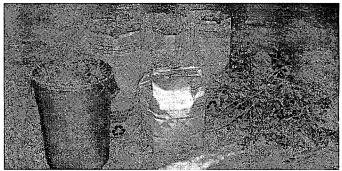
In addition, the Board approved a request from landowners at the meeting to issue a new referendum for 154th Road N between 69th Drive N and 75th Avenue N. Please consult the SIRWCD website for information on this upcoming referendum.

Residential Yard Waste Vegetation, 1 time per week

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. Please remember to not put any debris in front of canal embankments as they will not be picked up and this is considered Illegal dumping.



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