



THE COMMUNITY SPEAKS

"This Thanksgiving we will be celebrating our 42nd year in PBCE. The neighborhood has come a long way and we wouldn't live anywhere else."

- Keith D. & Lori D.

"Our family owns three homes in Country Estates since 1996. We love it!"

- David J.

"I may be the only one that says this, but I wouldn't change not one thing. Everyone works hard at what they do." - Phyl C.

"Love PBCE!" - Jim D.

"Proud to live in the neighborhood! Doing a great job!" - Buddy H.

"Thank You! Especially like the flowers at entrance & hardscape/décor efforts." - Paul D., Diane S., Joanna D., & Edward R.

"You all do Great – Love PBCE" - Susan P.

"You are doing an awesome job" - Annette S., Gilles D., & Stan G.

"Thank you for all you are doing for our community" - David C., David M., Michael S., Lisa C., & Christina M.

President's Message: "I love the progress our neighborhood is making!"

Our thanks to you for taking the time when paying dues to comment on your community, the Association, the things you love, and your concerns. We have to put into perspective that we all have a lot going on in our lives including family, work, church, and other activities. Meanwhile, we still find time to maintain our properties. Our homes are our sanctuaries. We are fortunate to have the freedom to do pretty much whatever we want on our properties while not being restricted by regulations from a nosey Homeowners Association. The Landowners Association is celebrating it's 40th anniversary this year as a Voluntary Association. The Association has been able to accomplish a lot through the efforts of the landowners who are volunteering their time to continue to make this a place we love.

THANK YOU TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Little did we know when we moved into Palm Beach Country Estates sixteen years ago that we found the best community in South Florida.

We came to realize that during the first of Jan when our beautiful little Chelsea went missing on Friday night, January 3rd. When word got out to the community through the Nextdoor neighbor site, posters, and word of mouth it seems as though half the community took our loss to heart and spent a whole week joining the search for Chelsea. The search was a success! After eight difficult days and nights one of our residents found Chelsea in their backyard. The beautiful thing about all of this is that not one of the neighbors knew us or had ever met us. Yet they took it on themselves to help us out. How can we ever express our appreciation? The flyers that went out said there would be a reward. Since there were so many residents involved, Freddi and I thought it best that the reward should be in the form of a donation to the Association.

Thank you all!

Freddi & Bob Margolin, 145th Place N



SPEEDING

You have commented on it when paying your dues. You have voiced your concerns on social media. And, you have experienced the issue first hand. Now, what can be done about speeding?

The Association Board has started to reach out to residents to establish a committee. In the past, the Board has brought this issue to the attention of the County and although there have been suggestions the issue remains.

We believe there may not be one solution to fix the entire issue. A more layered approach, implementing several solutions together, may have more success.

We are looking for residents who are willing to form a committee to work solely on this issue and to bring back to the residents their findings and recommendations. The Board would provide all historical information and would also be the link between the committee and County officials.

Now is the time to get involved. Lisa Sesler has agreed to head the committee. Please email her at lisasesler@gmail.com to join the committee or to provide any suggestions you may have.



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	7802 162nd Ct N Sold on 12/30/2019 for \$540,000 4 Beds/2 Baths/2-car Garage 2,161sf Living/2,941sf Total Area Built in 1988, CBS Construction 1.32-acre Lot, Pool		15268 78th Dr N Sold on 11/7/2019 for \$315,000 5 Beds/3 Baths/2-car Garage 2,502sf Living/3,616sf Total Built in 1983, Frame Construction 1.15-acre Lot, BANK-OWNED
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	7264 159th Court N Sold on 12/2/2019 for \$363,400 3 Beds/2 Bath/1.5Car Garage 2,000sf Living/2,666sf Total Area Built in 1980, Frame Construction 1.32-acre Lot		15214 83rd Way N Sold on 11/1/2019 for \$639,000 5 Beds/3.5 Baths/2-Car Garage 2,646sf Living/4,120sf Total Area Built in 2002, CBS Construction 1.17 acre lot, Pool
	7885 159th Ct N Sold on 11/20/2019 for \$316,060 4 Beds/2.5 Baths/2-car Garage 2,226sf Living/3,179sf Total Area Built in 1988, Frame Construction 1.7-acre lot, BANK-OWNED		14771 66th Trl N Sold on 10/15/2019 for \$260,000 4 Beds/2 Baths/2-car Garage 1,803sf Living/1,824sf Total Area Built in 1991, Modular Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool

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Neighborhood Concerns

Below we have listed the concerns most often mentioned on the due's forms. The list is long and many of the concerns linger from year to year. It is not that they are being ignored, it is we need more volunteers who can devote some of their time to an issue to determine what, if anything, can be done. Our committees bring the facts and recommendations back to the community for their potential buy-in. We are very lucky that we have a strong group of residents on the CLF and Turnpike Soundwall Committees. Our newest committee works on the Speeding issue (See page 2). Please look this list over and send an email to pbcegroup@gmail.com advising where you would like to get involved.

The concerns most on your mind are: CLF Zoning Request, Speeding, Turnpike Sound Wall, Paving or Not Paving, Golf Carts (Pro/Con), Homeowners Insurance Rates (Fire Station), Street Lighting, Safety, Security, Littering, Sidewalk Maintenance, Prevent Connection with Jupiter Farms, Road Maintenance on County Roads.

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Park/Playground -	Chris Reinhardt	762-1281
	Sarah Applegate	741-1140
	Bob Berman	627-1118
July 4th & Beautification -	Ken Trapasso	578-9323
Website -	www.pbce.org	

Official Facebook Group to Join:

Palm Beach Country Estates LANDOWNERS

Park/Playground -	www.twistypinesplayground.org	
Neighborhood Watch -	pbcenw@aol.com	
COP Patrol -	Bob Berman	627-1118
SIRWCD -	www.sirwcd.org	747-0550
Webmaster -	Bob Berman	627-1118
Safe Streets -	Bruce Hill	flagtd@aol.com
Holiday Lights, Trick or Treating -	Debbie Trapasso	254-4664
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Save Our Sidewalks -	pbcegroup@gmail.com	
Speeding -	Lisa Sesler	LisaSesler@gmail.com
CLF & GAC -	Val Rozzo	ValRozzo@gmail.com
Turnpike Soundwall -	Todd Rizzo	Todd.Rizzo@Live.com

Next Association Meeting
Mar 10th 7:30 PM
at Living Oaks Church

To be added to the PBCELA website
Who's Who list, email
pbcegroup@gmail.com
your PBCE resident owned
business contact information.

CLF Zoning Committee Update



Many neighbors have expressed concern over the activity taking place at the CLF's (Congregate Living Facilities), including the installation of a septic system at Banyan and construction at Preserve House on 69th Drive North. We've also received inquiries regarding Palm Beach County Zoning's determination on its February 4 deadline for administrative withdrawal of the CLF applications.

PBCE Landowners Association is actively engaged with our urban planner and attorney who are monitoring and positioning themselves to represent Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association throughout the process, including the public hearings when those dates are eventually set. Thank you to all of our concerned neighbors who remain engaged on this issue; your continued attention and financial support is imperative.

Feb 4 Deadline: The Zoning Director has granted a 90-day extension until May 4 in order for the applicant to meet with county staff and address code enforcement issues that may affect the resubmittal of plans. All signals are that the CLF 2 applications for Banyan and Hedge are continuing to move forward and meetings with county staff have been set.

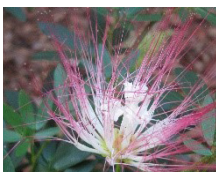
Banyan House: The Florida Department of Health issued a permit for the replacement of the septic system with a much larger one that would meet the capacity requirements of 14 residents. The Health Department is aware of several concerns, including the submission of a workshop structure that is not approved as living space as part of the application and concerns about the proximity of the drainfield to drainage swales. They will be looking at these issues during final inspection, which has not yet been scheduled.

Preserve House: 14327 69th Drive N has been the subject of multiple code violations that must be corrected by April 2, 2020. A building permit for interior work was issued and work appears to be underway as of last week.

Hedge House: The Florida Department of Health has issued a permit for the installation of a large capacity septic system, but a date of commencement has not been set.

Fire Station Distance: There have been no significant updates since the newsletter article reflecting that the PBC zoning department had received an ADA Reasonable Accommodation request on the 5 mile fire station distance, discussed it with their counsel, and was unable to come up with a reason to deny the request. Based on determining that the fire station distance is a key issue that affects a large portion of the neighborhood, the PBCELA Board engaged our urban planner and attorney on this specific issue, and the most recent feedback from our professionals is that there isn't any action that can be taken until the applicant resubmits plans, which they have been given until May 4th to do. If anything changes we will be notifying the residents.

As a reminder, PBCE Landowners Association is bound to an agreement with our attorney that forbids any posting of information about the CLF's on social media. For background information and updates, please refer to PBCE.org or email PBCEgroup@gmail.com with questions or concerns.



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KNOW YOUR NATIVES - Coontie *Zamia integrifolia*

What is neither a fern nor a small palm despite appearances and is as ancient as alligators? Coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*) is Florida's only native cycad and could be called a "living" fossil since it belongs to a class of cone bearing plants that once dominated the earth. Fortunately, coontie is popular for a wide variety of landscape settings.

There are two forms of Coontie available in cultivation. One variety is a wide-leaved plant that forms large dense clumps and the other is narrow-leaved, smaller and more open. It is listed also as *Z. floridana*. *Zamia integrifolia* branches from the ground with fronds that resemble leathery ferns with leaves that begin in a pale lime green which mature to a dark evergreen. Coontie is especially striking when crowns of new leaves emerge to contrast with the darker leaves. Both male and female plants produce woody cones from the base of the plant. Male cones are slender and long, varying in length. Female cones are shorter, thick and split open to reveal numerous fleshy, orange-red seeds.



Coontie makes a tough, attractive border, ground cover or under story shade plant that can be primarily left alone. It is the larval plant for the endangered atala hairstreak butterfly. This small black and iridescent blue butterfly with a red abdomen can defoliate coonties quickly but this ancient survivor will bounce back with brilliant new foliage in a short period of time.



Coontie grows naturally in open pine and coastal woodlands in sun to deep shade. It is highly adaptable to many soils as long as it is not continuously damp or wet. Mature size is variable from 1 to 4 feet depending on site conditions. Generally, coonties grow as wide as they are tall. They are cold tolerant and do well with benign neglect. They make excellent potted plants. Like other cycads, *Zamia integrifolia* can be attacked by scale and sooty mold. With heavy infestation instead of treating the plant with pesticides coontie can be pruned to the ground to encourage new foliage.

Where to buy it: This plant is available at native nurseries, including Native Choice (561-843-1192) in Boynton Beach. To find other nurseries that carry it, visit the association of Florida Native Nurseries at www.afnn.org, but don't stop there. The site provides only a snapshot of the offerings at local nurseries, so call around.

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2020 U.S. Census Impacts Our Sound Walls

The Florida Turnpike Community Liaison indicates that feasibility studies are currently underway and will not be completed until sometime in 2021. At that point, if it is determined that the current Turnpike expansion and sound wall plans are feasible, the process will be open to our community input. Todd Rizzo is the contact for this committee Todd.Rizzo@live.com.



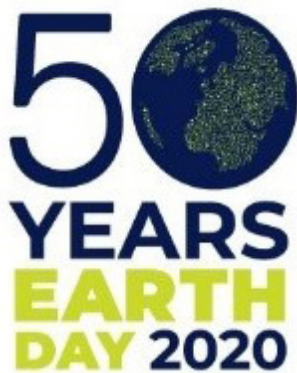
Beyond the number of decibels, the most important factor in determining whether or not we get sound walls is the number of people who will be hearing the highway noise. That is why it is vitally important that everyone in PBCE complete their 2020 U.S. Census. With an accurate count, we can prove the number of residents adversely impacted and get our sound walls. Also, an accurate count helps our area get a fair share of federal funding and elected representation. The



official census day is April 1st but keep an eye on your mail for a letter from the Census Bureau after March 12th with instructions for how to complete your census online, by mail, or over the phone.

If you have any concerns about privacy or security, these are addressed at 2020census.gov. To protect yourself from fraud, please know that the Census Bureau will never send you an unsolicited email, never ask for your Social Security number, your bank account or credit card num-

bers or ask you for money. Promptly completing the census avoids having a census worker knock on your door this May. If they do show up at your door, ask to see their valid ID badge, containing their photograph, that has a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark. And, remember, we're all counting on you.



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Saturday, April 18th

8:30am – noon



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Sights Around
the Neighborhood

PBCE Landowners Assn Minutes

Jan. 14, 2020 7:30 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Jason McFarland, Treasurer Robert Schneider, and Secretary Bob Berman. 18 landowners were also present and cookies were served. Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance.



PBSO REPORT: PBSO Deputy Russell reported a rash of vehicle burglaries and theft of items from landscaper trailers. PBSO recommends that you keep your cars locked at all times and remove any items of value especially weapons. PLEASE CALL for any suspicious activity. Thieves are using late model rental cars.

OLD BUSINESS: There was a short discussion regarding the proposal by a landowner to operate group homes in the community. The application is currently inactive and more information is available on the association web site and NOT on any social media sites at the request of the attorney that is representing the association on the matter.

NEW BUSINESS: President Trapasso asked for

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 1/31/2020

Operating Account

\$ 9,677.00 General Fund

Save Our Sidewalk Account

\$ 4,001.54 Balance

CLF Fund

\$ 6,377.08 Balance

Total Assets

\$ 20,055.62



(Detailed reports available at regular meeting and at www.pbce.org)

new residents to introduce themselves. Ken also gave a brief description of the amenities of the PBCE. The "Great American Clean Up" is scheduled for April 18 from 8 AM to noon. A landowner described the recent additional businesses opening in the Alton shopping area. A landowner thanked the community for the assistance in locating a lost dog.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a general discussion amongst landowners regarding their experiences living in PBCE.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30 PM.

Submitted by: Bob Berman, Secretary



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2020 CALENDAR

PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2020	Date	Time	Activity	Location
	January-March	NOW	2020 Association Dues due	Mail-in form or use www.pbce.org to pay online
	March 1 st		Enrollment opens for Officer candidates Positions – President, 1st VP & Secretary	Go to www.pbce.org By-Laws will contain qualifications to run
	March 10th	7:30 pm	Association Meeting Open to all residents	Living Oaks Church 64 th Drive N.
	March 14 th	11:30am – 2:30pm	SIRWCD Annual Landowners Family Day	District Work Center Jupiter Farms Rd.
	March 31 st		Enrollment closes for Board candidates	
	April 18 th Saturday	8:30 am - noon	GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP & BEAUTIFICATION DAY	Margaret Berman Community Park
	Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec., Ads due by 10 th 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 www.pbce.org



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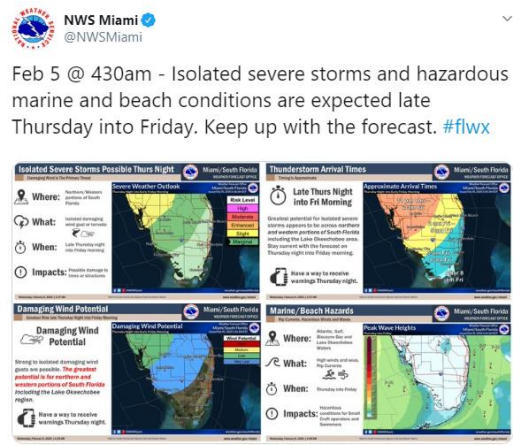
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Every year we are flooded with calls of people who waited until the absolute last minute to try and schedule a **Roofing** project or an **Impact Window and Door** installation. This year will be worse!

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