

New PBCELA Board



From Left to Right: 2nd Vice-President Suzanne Colton, President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, Secretary Bob Berman, & Treasurer April Lundgren

Please Sign Our Sound Wall Petition At Change.Org

Stop the Traffic Noise....Tell Florida's Turnpike Enterprise to Build the Sound Walls for neighborhoods bordering the Turnpike from Palm City through Palm Beach Gardens!

In Northern Palm Beach County, Florida's Turnpike and adjacent I-95 combine for as many as fourteen lanes of traffic creating a currently unacceptable level of noise pollution at all hours of the day. As an increase in people moving to the State of Florida has reinstated the process of adding new lanes to the FL Turnpike, Martin County as well as Palm Beach County's Jupiter and Palm Beach Gardens neighborhoods that border Florida's Turnpike demand that sound walls be included in any new Turnpike expansion plans bordering our communities without which traffic noise will far exceeds levels which can have serious health and welfare impacts. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise approved sound walls for this area the last time an expansion was planned. As both the noise level and population density has increased, we require that any new expansion project for

Florida's Turnpike comply with FL Statute 335.17 and include sound walls. Florida statute 335.17 requires that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) must look at sound abatement as part of any highway project that will add capacity "to help protect the public health, welfare and livability" of the community. Please sign our Change.Org petition to let



Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE), a business unit of the FDOT, know that we need them to build Sound Walls to protect our residents' health, wellbeing, and property values.

Thank you for your support. https://chng.it/H4TfnQB8

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you forgot to pay your 2022 membership dues, it is not too late.



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www.pbce.org

to pay by credit card. Or, to pay by mail, make check payable to: **PBCE Landowners Association** PO Box 30638

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420 Zelle: PBCEgroup@gmail.com

The website is also where to go to sign up for email updates about events, and other important neighborhood announcements.

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 4/12/2022

Operating Account \$36.080.59 General Fund

Save Our Sidewalks \$3,761.54 Balance

Community Legal Fund \$2,256.22

PBCE

(Detailed reports available at regular meetings and year-end financial statements at www.pbce.org)

President's Message

I wish everyone a happy and beautiful Spring.

God Bless, Kenneth Trapasso



Pickle Ball Group Started

A Facebook group called the "Palm Beach Country Estates Pickle Ball Group" has been created for beginner and novice players. It meets regularly on weekday mornings for new players to gain court experience.





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COP (Community Observer Patrol) Unit Needs You!

Palm Beach County Sheriff's COP program is seeking new Palm Beach Country Estates volunteers for this program dedicated to keeping our neighborhood safe with enhanced visibility. Palm Beach Country Estates has a very nice FORD Fusion to use for patrolling. New additional volunteers are desperately needed to patrol to make sure we can keep this dedicated vehicle. If you know someone or if you have the time and interest in the program, please contact PBSO at 561-433-2003 or Bob Berman for more information.





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Surveillance Cameras

One of the most requested projects from landowners over the past few years has been surveillance cameras for the community. It was tried several years ago at the entrance at Donald Ross Road and 69th Drive but the quality of the equipment that was available at the time did very little to provide useful pictures. The system succumbed to harsh weather and was removed.

The quality of equipment that is available now is far superior to that previously purchased. New systems are weatherproof and some are even solar powered. Encrypted video evidence can be accessed remotely with resolution levels clear enough read and automatically store license plates. The license plate recognition camera systems store the plate numbers in a database available for manual searching or can automatically send out an alert if a blacklisted plate enters the community.

Having an automated license plate reader system can create privacy issues. So, before the decision is made to have one, association rules will need to be put in place to limit data access, decide if it will or won't be shared with any outside entity like a police department, and set regular intervals over which the data will be purged if no crime is reported.

The Association is prepared to assess the possibilities once again. Depending on the number of camera locations desired and the cost of the equipment and continuing maintenance support costs, this may involve a multi-year fundraising process. To cover three entrances with cameras recording vehicles both coming and going may cost upwards of \$26,100 for a top-quality system over the first two years of service. Any landowners who have experience with this type of equipment that would like to be part of a committee to evaluate potential vendors, please contact any of the members of the board of directors to express your interest.

PBCELA Meeting Minutes

The Regular bi-monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors and PBCE Landowners Association that was properly noticed was called to order at 7:30 PM on March 10, 2022 at Living Oaks Church 14156 64th Drive N. PBG, FL 33418. The



pledge of allegiance was recited and cookies were served.

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Suzanne Colton, Secretary Bob Berman, Treasurer April Lundgren, and approximately 25 landowners.

INTRODUCTIONS: President Trapasso introduced the new members of the Board of Directors: April Lundgren as Treasurer and Suzanne Colton as 2nd Vice President. They were appointed by the remaining members of the Board of Directors upon the resignations of Bob Schneider and Jason McFarland who had held the respective positions previously.

REPORTS: Suzanne Colton gave a detailed report on the efforts to lobby for sound walls along the west side of the FL Turnpike. Suzanne has volunteered to head a committee to contact all appropriate government officials to expedite the effort.

Tim Brown gave a detailed report on the improvements to the Margaret Berman Memorial Park with the installation of the Pickleball Court and the Disc Golf Course that were a result of a fund-raising effort last year.

April Lundgren gave the Treasurer's report and the status of membership for 2022. Copies of the full financial reports are available on the association web site www.pbce.org. Bob Berman gave a report on the recent change to the ByLaws that provided that the regular meetings and the Annual Meeting would now be held on Thursday instead of Tuesday. The regular meetings are the second Thursday of January, March, July, September, & November. The annual meeting is the third Thursday of May. Pastor Larry Richardson was thanked for allowing the meeting to con-

tinue at the church with only change of days to accommodate programs previously scheduled during the pandemic at the church.

ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUCEMENT: Tim Brown made the announcement that there are two positions on the Board of Directors that are up for election this year at the annual meeting in May. The position of first Vice-President and Secretary are available to any landowner that meets the qualifications and submits their intention to run prior to March 31, 2022.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Bob Berman commented on the COP (Community Observer Patrol) program and the need for new volunteers. Information on how to volunteer was available at the check-in desk. There was some general discussion among landowners regarding projects for 2022 including the possibility of cameras at the Donald Ross Rd/69th Drive N intersection. With no other business the meeting was adjourned approximately 8:45 PM.

Submitted by: Bob Berman, Secretary

Community Shared Discs

Please come out and try your hand at the new Disc Golf Course at the Margaret Berman Memorial Park. The nine-hole course was established through the cooperation of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, The Twisty Pines Playground Foundation,



the Berman Family, South Indian River Water Control District and numerous sponsors and neighbor donations. There are several discs for your use that were provided courtesy of the PBCE Landowners Association for your convenience. Please leave the discs in the basket once your golf round is completed. It is fun for the whole family.

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6752 146th Rd N Sold on 3/30/2022 for \$650,000

3 Beds/3 Baths/2-Car Garage 1,804sf Living/2,660sf Total Area Built in 1982, Log Construction 1.15 acre lot, Pool



8718 150th Ct N Sold on 3/28/2022 for \$900,000

5 Beds/3 Full,3 Half Baths/4-Car Garage 3,280sf Living/4,406sf Total Area Built in 1988, Frame Construction 1.54-acre Lot, Pool



14410 65th Way N Sold on 3/18/2022 for \$765,000

4 Beds/2 Baths/No Garage 2,584sf Living/2,652sf Total Built in 1985, Frame Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool



15526 69th Dr N Sold on 2/28/2022 for \$775,000

3 Beds/2.5 Bath/2-Car Garage 1,869sf Living/2,740sf Total Area Built in 1984, Frame Construction 1.72-acre Lot, Pool



15302 85th Ave N Sold on 2/28/2022 for \$721,125

4 Beds/3.5 Bath/2-Car Garage 3,382sf Living/4,320sf Total Area Built in 1993, Frame Stucco Construction 1.23-acre Lot, Pool



15864 76th Trl N Sold on 2/25/2022 for \$755,000

4 Beds/2 Baths/2-Car Garage 2,508sf Living/3,292sf Total Area Built in 1986, CBS Construction 1.15-acre lot



15779 78th Dr N Sold on 2/11/2022 for \$1,075,000

4 Beds/2 Baths/12-car Garage 2,348sf Living/5,188sf Total Area Built in 1991, CBS Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool, Detached Garage



15349 80th Dr N Sold on 2/7/2022 for \$951,000

4 Beds/3 Baths/2-Car Garage 2,512sf Living/3,519sf Total Area Built in 1978, CBS Construction 1.17 acre lot, Pool

VACANT LAND SALES:

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Parcel P-376, 72nd Dr N Parcel Z-233, 69th Dr N Parcel P-293, 73rd Ter N Parcel P-388, 160th Ln N Parcel P-312, 76th Trl N Parcel Q-325, 82nd Ter N Parcel P-346, 75th Way N Parcel Q-402, 85th Way N Sold on 3/25/2022 for \$425,000 Sold on 2/15/2022 for \$600,000 Sold on 2/4/2022 for \$265,000 Sold on 1/18/2022 for \$396,000 Sold on 1/10/2022 for \$425,000 Sold on 1/5/2022 for \$375,000 Sold on 12/17/2021 for \$390,000 Sold on 10/8/2021 for \$385,000

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PBCELA Back at Living Oaks for our meetings!



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Next Association Meeting is scheduled for May 19th. Yes, a Thursday! Yes, the meetings have returned to Living Oaks!

Suzanne Colton & Gary Johnson

Caroline Brown carrijb05@gmail.com

Turnpike Soundwall -

Food Bank -

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

Winter Weather RollerCoaster Remains a Wild Ride!

Are Your **Roof** and **Windows**Standing Up To This LONG Storm Season?



February 2022 – Is la Nina responsible for this warm rainy winter? What does that mean for spring and summer? We are going to find out!

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"Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners"

Group members will be limited to Palm Beach Country Estates landowners only. Please join this group to keep in touch with your real neighbors.

> Search "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners" on Facebook and request to join the group.