

MORE FUN EVENTS: CLASSIC CARS & JULY 4TH!



NEW PBC FILL & GRADING PERMITS

On July 8th the revised Palm Beach County regulation of Lot Fill and Grading went into effect. This regulation governs both new development and changes to existing lots. The intent is to prevent adverse impacts and the loss of storage capacity caused by unregulated fill activities. These revised regulations apply to everything except "minor fill", which is defined as a maximum of 20 cubic yards placed during any 24-month period. For everything else, a permit from Palm Beach County and an approved drainage plan are required. For Palm Beach Country Estates properties with an existing residential building, this means an application to the County that meets certain grading and water retention requirements.

In general, the allowed fill will be the minimum needed for the proposed intended use. Grading must include a dry retention area to store the runoff from that additional fill for a 10-year 24-hour storm event. For undeveloped lots, the drainage plan must be a part of the overall building permit. All property owners who are bringing in fill are responsible for obtaining a permit. This is not a permit that fill providers are responsible for. It is an obligation of the property owner. Violations are subject to Code Enforcement citation and would involve applying for a permit and making any changes to grading necessary to comply with the regulation, as well as possible fines. If you need a Fill Permit or have questions about obtaining one, please call Palm Beach County Building Department at (561) 233-5130. If you want to know if a property has a valid permit for fill, feel free to call the SIRWCD office at (561) 747-0550. Submitted by SIRWCD Supervisor John Jones

2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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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 8/9/2022

PBCE

Operating Account \$32,268,48 General Fund

Save Our Sidewalks \$ 1,661.54 Balance

Community Legal Fund \$2,256.22

(Detailed reports available at regular meetings and

year-end financial statements at www.pbce.org)

MEETING MINUTES 7/14/2022

Officers present: President Ken Trapasso, 1st Vice-President Tim Brown, 2nd Vice-President Suzanne Colton, Secretary Bob Berman, and Treasurer April Lundgren. Cupcakes were served and Berman Realty flashlights were gifted to attendees.

<u>Guest Speakers:</u> Sheriff Deputy Keith Russell reported one act of vandalism in the last 4 months as a treehouse window was broken.



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He advised to keep car doors locked as other neighborhoods have recently been experiencing cars being taken as well as vehicle contents, such as guns, being stolen.



SWA Inspector for District 1, Mike Maeweathers, gave a detailed talk on the topic of rubbish collection.

<u>Old Business:</u> Need for additional COP volunteers still a concern as down to one patrol vehicle.

CLF issue has been resolved with most limited to five kids and the CLF on 69th limited to 11 kids. In excess of \$100,000 was raised and spent on the CLF issue. Where there was little to no prior regulation of CLF's, they are now subject to at least three layers of regulations.

New Business: Debbie Trapasso was thanked for doing all the hard work for Ken's events. Cameras for entrances at 64th and 67th have been installed with the two cameras for 69th coming soon. The Flock systems are solar



powered and leased so all operating costs and maintenance are at the expense of Flock. Any stolen tags seen will automatically be notified to Flock. The system purges data every 30 days as a long-term privacy feature. A board member will have access to the system but must state a purpose to enter the system. The Sheriff and Homeland Security will also be able to review vehicle data (makes, models, years, tag numbers) if related to an incident.

There will be a link distributed where residents can register their vehicles with Flock so that these vehicles are opted out of suspicious vehicle search results. This pilot program is a two year lease that represents about 20% of the budget at \$2400 per camera per year before any discounts. Deterrent signs warning criminals about the camera system will be posted. The Bluffs Flock system caught a criminal casing their neighborhood in their own vehicle and helped catch an arsonist.

A shade over the playground was discussed. Past PBCELA President, Kevin Baker, announced his candidacy for the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District, Area 4. Mr. Baker was unanimously endorsed by the board as this election will show up on the November General Election ballots.

SIRWCD update: Copies of a written update from SIRWCD Supervisor John Jones were distributed. Work will be done on Canal C so that it can be more easily serviced from both sides. See full update on Page 4.

Treasurer's Report by April Lundgren: Up to date financials are posted monthly to the website including monthly budgets and actual spending and revenue. One big recent expense has been the good work done by a PBCE resident to trim sidewalks from encroaching grass.

Submitted by Secretary Bob Berman

SIRWCD UPDATE



SIRWCD is moving ahead with Water Control District*
the new PC-10 structure at the west end of Canal E which will allow water to drain west to the C-18 Canal during periods of heavy rainfall. The invasive plants in the area have been removed and SIRWCD has begun bringing in fill to shore up the north side of the retention area.

The Florida Legislature's appropriation of \$312,500 to fund the restoration and expansion of the banks of the C Canal survived the governor's line item veto. When completed, this project will allow for maintenance on both sides of the canal. The funding is expected in the upcoming fiscal year pending a response from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to confirm that there are no wetland impacts from the project.

SIRWCD completed the installation of a concrete extension of the pickle ballcourts in Margaret Berman Park. This should help eliminate the drainage problem in that area. SIRWCD staff is in the process of preparing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. A public information meeting on the budget is tentatively scheduled for 11 AM on August 4th at the District office and the statutory public hearing will be held on August 18th at 6 PM at the District office prior to the regular Board of Supervisors meeting. SIRWCD continues to reclaim and clear the maintenance easements for the outfall swales. Following the last heavy rainfall, some road flooding problems were determined to be the result of clogged or collapsed driveway culverts. Please contact Mike Dillon or Holly Rigsby at (561) 747-0550 if you would like to have your driveway culvert inspected. Submitted by SIRWCD Supervisor John Jones.

PICKLEBALL COURT FIXED

Instead of a sheer dropoff, there is now gently sloping concrete at the edge of the pickleball court.



ALL DISC GOLF BRICKS INSTALLED

Disc golf tee-off area sponsored bricks have been installed along with a map (see page 6) and directional arrows from baskets to the next hole. Come play a round.



Pickle Ball Group In Full Swing

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



July 4th Fun!



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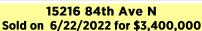


15292 87th Trl N Sold on 7/28/2022 for \$887,500

3 Beds/2 Baths/2-Car Garage 1,949sf Living/3,040sf Total Area Built in 2002, CBS Construction 1.17-acre lot, Pool



3 Beds/2.5 Baths/2-car Garage 3,237sf Living/4,668sf Total Area Built in 1996, CBS Construction 1.33-acre Lot, Detached Office



5 Beds/6.5 Baths/7-Car Garage 4,733sf Living/9,169sf Total Area Built in 2020, CBS Construction 1.17 acre lot, Pool, Guest House



5 Beds/4 Baths/3-Car Garage 4,147sf Living/5,538sf Total Area Built in 2001, Concrete Construction 1.28 acre lot, Pool, In-Law/Guest Apt

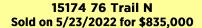
15290 72nd Dr N Sold on 6/7/2022 for \$1,200,000

4 Beds/3 Baths/2-Car Garage 3,288sf Living/4,552sf Total Area Built in 1988, Frame/Stucco Construction 1.15-acre Lot, Pool



15686 84th Ave N Sold on 6/2/2022 for \$935,000

4 Beds/2.5 Baths/6-Car Garage 2,288sf Living/2,928sf Total Built in 1982, CBS Construction 1.17-acre Lot, Pool



3 Beds/2 Full+2 Half Baths/2-Car Garage 2,668sf Living/3,687sf Total Area Built in 1990, CBS Construction 1.15-acre lot, Pool



5 Beds/3.5 Baths/6-car Garage 4,201sf Living/6,320sf Total Area Built in 1998, CBS Construction 1.16-acre Lot, Pool, Guest House & Garage



VACANT LAND SALES:

SOLD

Parcel P-388, 160th Ln N Parcel P-29, 169th Pl N 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 Sold on 5/18/2022 for \$635,000 Sold on 5/18/2022 for \$400,000 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

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SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE ENTRANCES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. has partnered with Flock Safety, a national neighborhood security provider that specializes in community safety through the use of license plate reading cameras. License plates are the #1 piece of evidence that police request in the case of criminal activity such as home and car break-ins. Flock Safety's cameras are entirely self-sufficient; they are solar powered and send footage via mobile technology to a secure cloud-based network unique to Palm Beach Country Estates. The cameras record footage but also have both day and night-time capability to read and record license plates that pass through our community. The camera systems can also identify vehicles by year, color, make and model.

Privacy is a top concern for Flock and the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. The footage and data that is available in real-time is collected and automatically deleted after 30 days. In the event of a crime, access can be shared and footage can be downloaded and stored by local authorities. One or more members of the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. will have access to the cameras but it is unlikely that access will be necessary at any time other than an investigation of a crime by policing authorities. Once accessed, the date, time and reason (CASE NUMBER) must be registered in addition to the name of the person accessing. The cameras will not be monitored by anyone at any time other than by law enforcement seeking real-time information.

Despite this technology, it is just a camera. The #1 way to deter crime is a responsibility we each own individually: Lock your doors and keep your valuables out of sight. We are fortunate to live in such a safe neighborhood, but we believe that this service will both further deter mischief crimes and provide a valuable resource to our landowners and to law enforcement.

WHAT IS RECOMMENDED:

- 1.) Landowners who are also paid members of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc. are encouraged to register on the community SafeList. By registering your license plate, we will know that your vehicle belongs to a resident when sorting through footage in the event of a crime. You can add or delete any vehicle that you own. The SafeList will be available to all 2023 members of the Association beginning approximately October 2022.
- 2.) If you are a victim of a crime, please report it immediately to the Sheriff of Palm Beach County. The detective assigned to the case can access the camera footage.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The existence of Flock Safety cameras should NOT be relied upon by any landowner for safety or security. Landowners are encouraged to take additional precautions to ensure the safety of their home and property.

The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Inc and Flock Safety are NOT law enforcement agencies and are not in a position to undertake law enforcement activities. The cameras are in place to assist and support law enforcement. Any illegal activity should first be immediately reported to law enforcement for investigation.

Vegetation Collection Rules, Limits, and Penalties

While the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association does not set or enforce vegetation collection rules, the Solid Waste Authority does. Solid Waste Authority is the county governmental agency that awards collection contracts to haulers. Waste Pro is our hauler and at times they may use sub-contractors. SWA Inspector for District 1, Mike Maeweathers, detailed the rubbish collection topic at our July 2022 meeting. He explained that all the trucks (including the subs) have trackers on them so that SWA is able to see where they stopped and for how long they were at each stop. Six cubic vards is the vegetation waste limit. This includes canned and loose waste. However, after a hurricane, FEMA will arrange for everyone's larger piles of yard waste debris to be collected. When not associated with a large storm, a pile larger than six cubic yards will get tagged. If the landowner does not arrange and pay for the pile to be removed, Mr. Maeweathers mails a 10-day warning letter. If the yard waste remains, he then sends a 20-day notice of violation by certified mail that commences \$250 per-day fines.

It was advised that if you are putting out a pile larger than six cubic yards to call 561-697-2700 to arrange an immediate pickup thus avoiding the excess yard waste tagging process. Branches are limited to six inches in diameter and six feet in length with a 50 pound limit Page 8



per piece. Call to pay extra for stump and root ball collection. If your lawn is damaged by the clam shell scooping too deeply, report this immediately to (561) 697-2700 as older damage may be considered partially the owners problem. He explained the limit of three bulk items each Friday. If you put out six items, they may take the lightest three pieces so don't put out more than three. There are new 25 gallon wheeled metal and plastic container bins available to be picked up as part of a pilot program with a cost of \$15 and a completed survey. Trash bins have a 330 pound limit and must not contain sand, manure, or concrete.



PALM BEACH COUNTY YARD WASTE GUIDELINES

Maximum 6 cubic yards per week - 18' Long x 3' Wide x 3' High (the limit includes canned and loose waste) or 6 large steps long x 1 large step wide x about waist height cubic yard formula - (L x W X H)/27 (measured in feet)

In Garbage Cans or Bags



Grass Clippings



Pine Cones



Can/Bags must weigh less than 50lbs each when filled

Pine Needles

Small Twigs & Branches



50 Gallon Can = approx. 1/4 cubic yard

Place Debris Along the Roadway



Neatly stacked Tree Branches

(max 6' long - 50lbs. each) Palm Fronds (any size)



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Place in Garbage Cart



Coconuts/Fruits





Piles over 6 cubic yards



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Next Association Meeting is scheduled for Sept 8th. Yes, a Thursday! Yes, the meetings have returned to Living Oaks!

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

Summer Rains Are Here

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