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February 2024



Community Yard Sale

Saturday March 9th

8 AM to Noon

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Saturday, March 16, 2024

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. • District Work Center • 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter

Enjoy Barbeque and meet the Supervisors & Staff

Live Entertainment by the Tom Jackson Band

Community Exhibits & Displays • Face Painting, Petting Zoo & more for kids!

To help ensure we have enough food to serve our guests,
please RSVP to Holly or Carol at 561-747-0550 or sirwcd@sirwcd.org.

2024 MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTION

Huge THANK YOU to residents that made 2024 maintenance contributions! If you have not already done so, please see the enclosed 2024 maintenance contribution form. This voluntary contribution will be 100% used for maintenance and security. Our goal is 100% of landowner participation.

Homepage: www.pbce.org
to pay by credit card. Or, to pay by mail, make check payable to:
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Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33420
[Zelle: PBCEgroup@gmail.com](mailto: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 2/11/2024

Operating Account

\$48,535.84 General Fund

Save Our Sidewalks

\$2,541.54 Balance

Community Legal Fund

\$2,256.22



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

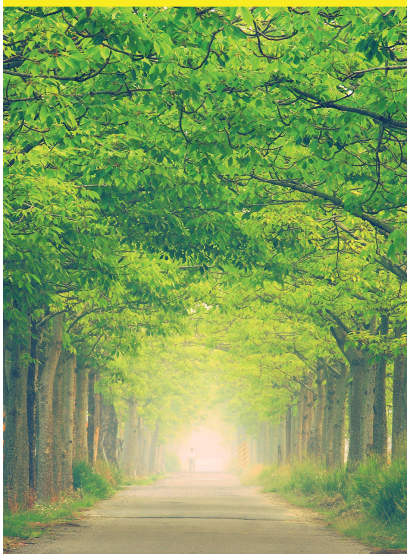
Thank You Tim Brown!

The neighborhood would like to thank Tim Brown for serving as 1st VP since May 2016. After eight years of great work on the board, he will not seek re-election. So, there will be an open board position. In May of even numbered years, the positions of 1st Vice-President and Secretary are up for election. All terms are for two years. See the candidate qualifications and timeline in the bylaws at pbce.org that include having paid contributions in 2023 & 2024. Please reach out to a current board member by March 31st to declare your interest in serving.



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RECENT HOME SALES IN PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES:

Source: MLS



16107 79th Ter N
Sold on 1/24/2024 for \$1,110,000

3 Beds/2 Bath/2-Car Garage
2,562sf Living/3,804sf Total Area
Built in 2002, CBS Construction
1.4-acre Lot



15680 85th Ave N
Sold on 11/9/2023 for \$850,000

4 Beds/2.5 Bath/2-Car Garage
2,807sf Living/3,383sf Total Area
Built in 1985, Frame Construction
1.23-acre Lot, Pool



6944 150th Pl N
Sold on 1/17/2024 for \$770,000

3 Beds/2 Bath/2-Car Garage
2,336sf Living/3,336sf Total Area
Built in 1986, Frame Construction
1.15-acre Lot



15359 77th Trl N
Sold on 11/3/2023 for \$900,000

4 Beds/2.5 Baths/2-Car Garage
2,530sf Living/3,444sf Total Area
Built in 2008, CBS Construction
1.15-acre lot



7718 150th Ct N
Sold on 12/28/2023 for \$925,000

4 Beds/3.5 Baths/No Garage
2,260sf Living/2,420sf Total Area
Built in 1987, Frame Construction
1.32-acre lot



15655 77th Trl N
Sold on 10/30/2023 for \$1,650,000

4 Beds/3.5 Baths/4-Car Garage
4,082sf Living/5,836sf Total Area
Built in 2004, CBS Construction
1.15-acre lot, Pool



15652 79th Ter N
Sold on 12/28/2023 for \$1,055,000

4 Beds/3 Baths/3-Car Garage
3,091sf Living/3,772sf Total Area
Built in 1987, CBS Construction
1.15-acre lot, Pool



15729 81st Ter N
Sold on 10/27/2023 for \$1,170,000

4 Beds/2.5 Baths/2-car Garage
2,516sf Living/3,585sf Total Area
Built in 2002, Concrete Construction
1.17-acre Lot, Pool, Pool



15396 73rd Ter N
Sold on 11/27/2023 for \$835,000

4 Beds/3 Bath/2-Car Garage
2,614sf Living/3,806sf Total Area
Built in 1995, CBS Construction
1.15-acre Lot

VACANT LAND SALES:

Parcel P-11, 169th Pl N
Parcel P-234, 77th Trl N
Parcel P-30, 169th Pl N
Parcel P-340, 73rd Ter N

Sold on 2/1/2024 for **\$425,000**
Sold on 1/3/2024 for **\$475,000**
Sold on 12/21/2023 for **\$395,000**
Sold on 11/7/2023 for **\$400,000**

Meeting Minutes January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. All board members were present and 64 people were in attendance including 40 PBCE residents and about two dozen Acreage residents. Refreshments were served.



Sheriff's report: Deputy Russell reported one theft and one act of vandalism since our last meeting. He requested we not leave guns in our vehicles and noted that PBCE was patrolled 455 times in 2023.

Guest Speakers: Our PBC Commissioner Maria Marino, flanked by PZB Director Whitney Carroll and PBC Zoning Principal Site Planner Jerome Ottey, spoke about turnpike sound walls, potential zoning changes for trunks, our future fire station, and tax rates. Just prior to the PGA to Indiantown Road section of the Florida Turnpike being expanded from 4 to 8 lanes there will be a new sound study conducted and public information meetings held. Best case scenario the expansion would be included in the 2025 to 2029 fiscal planning period with the potential for a sound wall to be built in 2029. She noted that the Millage rate for the "County" line on our property tax bills was lowered by the County Commission to 4.5 from 4.73 in the prior tax year. For our coverage by PBC Fire Rescue, Commissioner Marino pledged that, "we will never lose service at all" as resolving the reversion of Fire Station #16 back to ownership by the Town of Jupiter is a #1 priority. Locations for a new station are being considered but there won't be any roads built through to Jupiter Farms and the new station will not be built in protected natural area wetlands. Kevin Baker passed along a "Thank you for being a partner" to the Commissioner from PBC Fire Rescue Assistant Fire Chief David Woodside and noted that 75 new homes are being planned by GT Homes for the SE corner of Donald Ross & Jog Roads as this would make an excellent place to site a new fire station. On the potential zoning changes, two dozen Acreage residents questioned Commissioner Marino on the portion of the changes that only apply to the Acreage neighborhoods. As PBCE is also zoned Agriculture Residential (AR) the proposal would change to two from one the number of heavy, commercial vehicles allowed and up the weight limit to 16,000 pounds from 12,500 pounds. Both vehicles would still need to be parked on improved surfaces not in the right-of-way. Tractor Trailers would remain forbidden from overnight parking and the proposal would not impact rules about RV's.

Greta Foriere gave an update on the 153rd Ct N paving project. The job will be advertised on 2/4/24 and will be open for bids on 3/7/24.

SIRWCD Board Member John Jones spoke about the latest South Indian River Water Control District activity including culvert repairs, and upcoming retirements of Holly Rigsby and Mike Dillon. He let residents know that if a street sign is in need of repair, that it should be reported to SIRWCD at 561-747-0550. (See SIRWCD Update on page 7)

Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District Governing Board Member Kevin Baker gave a update including the well attended birding partnership he established between the district and Audubon Everglades, other environmental education opportunities at the River Center, and the potential to create a natural area similar to Delray's Wakodahatchee or Green Cay on the River District property. (See LRECD Update on page 6)

Treasurer's report: April Lundgren reported that the 2023 financial statements are available on the website at pbce.org/important-info/. The goal is to increase voluntary annual contributions to 50% of residents from about 30%.

Save The Dates: Our Keep PBCE Beautiful Annual Cleanup will be held on April 20th starting at 9 AM in our park. There will be an archaeologist visiting Riverbend Park on January 27th.

New Floridians: Rainy Season Will Be Back Soon

El Nino Forecasts Call for Very Wet Winter

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Jan 2024 – Well summer was certainly our typical stormfest, but thanks to El Nino it's looking like winter will be almost as rainy!

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Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District Update

By Kevin L. Baker, Governing Board Member

The partnership I put together between Audubon Everglades and the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District will have a second bird watching walk through the River District's reclaimed water storage lakes on Tuesday, February 27: 8 - 11 a.m. Check with LRDrivercenter.org to join the Wait List or RSVP for other upcoming events including kids story-time, environmental lectures, Tots-On-Trails at Blowing Rocks Preserve, a Sunset Nature Hike at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, and after school Science with Sam. Events like these continue the mission of giving young kids, teens, and adults positive experiences in nature so we will all be stewards of our environment. Most River Center educational events are free or relatively inexpensive. Check out the event list at lrdrivercenter.org/events-list. Now that Busch Wildlife has completed its move from the River District property to Jupiter Farms and the River District site is going to be restructured. One of my long-term goals is to open up the retention ponds and wetland areas for public use similar to Wakodahatchee & Peaceful Waters. Lastly, the River District Wastewater Surveillance website is currently showing elevated levels of COVID, Norovirus, and Influenza in our area. RSV, Adenovirus, and Rotavirus are on the decline and MPXV, formerly MonkeyPox, is fortunately absent. The LRD River Center seeks three college-enrolled or post-grad summer interns for May 13 thru August 9th, 2024. Must have fun around children and celebrate their uniqueness. Deadline to apply: Mar 1, 2024. Education interns lead visiting school, homeschool, and camp group tours as well care for aquatic life, assist in species collection, and work flexible hours for special events. Submit resume and cover letter to: HR@LRECD.ORG. Please visit: <https://lrdrivercenter.org/about/internships/> to read all the qualifications and complete the on-line application.



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Next Association Meeting:
Thursday March 14th
7:30 PM
at Living Oaks.

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

SIRWCD UPDATE



By SIRWCD Board Member John Jones: At Berman Park, we did some major trimming of the trees and shrubbery. We removed three pine trees that were infested with pine bark beetles. We repaired the irrigation system and upgraded the surveillance cameras. We contracted with RR Whitman Property Services for the maintenance of the park landscaping for the coming year.

We replaced twenty-one driveway culverts. Most of the localized flooding that we see following heavy rain events is the result of clogged or collapsed driveway culverts. If you believe that your driveway culvert is clogged or collapsed, please contact the SIRWCD office at 561.747.0550 and we will send someone to inspect it.

We completed the survey in connection with the proposed improvements to Canal C and put out requests for bids from qualified contractors. The initial bids that we received were substantially higher than anticipated and we are discussing ways to reduce costs with the lowest bidder.

We completed the survey for the paving of 153rd. Our engineer is completing the design specifications and we expect to request bids on the project by the end of January.

The survey work for the comprehensive drainage study of Palm Beach Country Estates is underway. We expect the work to be completed by the middle of February.

Our operations director, Mike Dillon, and his administrative assistant, Holly Rigsby, are retiring at the end of May. Mike and Holly have done great work over the years and we're really going to miss them. We have hired Holly's replacement and we are currently working on the hiring criteria for Mike's eventual replacement.

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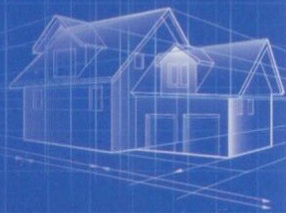
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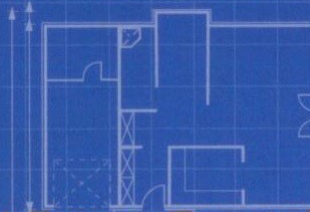
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COP (Community Observer Patrol) Unit Needs You!

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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