



## President's Farewell Message

It has been an honor and a lot of fun to serve as your President since May 2016. The time has come to pass the torch to the next runner in this marathon of community building. So, I will not be seeking re-election at the annual meeting on May 8th, 2025. I'm particularly proud that we have had some of our largest July 4th and Winter Holiday events in PBCE history. We made the front entrance beautiful with year-round fresh, well maintained landscaping as well as with holiday-specific decorations. We added to neighborhood safety with the addition of our license plate reading cameras that continue to deter crime. Thank you to everyone that said, "Yes!" when I asked for donations of volunteer time and money to sponsor our programs as well as everyone that chooses to join our community of Landowners each year. Thank you to all of the board members who served with me for their hard work. I want to thank my wife Debra for her support, Vince Izzo for always being there to help on the 4th of July, Kevin Baker for parades and pictures, Pastor Larry & his members for giving our meetings a home, Valerie & Todd Rozzo for their CLF work, Greta for pushing ahead sound walls funding, and all the other PBCE volunteers over the years that helped us complete neighborhood projects. We are not leaving the neighborhood and if you take my place as President, I promise not to heckle you from the meeting audience unless you really deserve it. My last words as your outgoing President, this is a special neighborhood, having no extra rules means we, as neighbors, should always respect each other and respect ourselves by continuing to keep our properties & common areas clean and neat. God bless, Ken Trapasso



## Licensed Contractor Wanted

PBCE Landowners is seeking a contractor to design & build two shade structures at the Margaret Berman Memorial Park. The structures would be similar to the existing pavilions: 4 posts and a metal roof. One structure would cover the swings area and one would provide shade for the smaller play gym. Donations from residents towards this project would be welcome. However, we are not asking the contractor to work for free. We're just looking for the best price possible. All permitting to proper building codes will be required. Please contact Bob Berman at (561) 627-1118 or email [pbcegroup@gmail.com](mailto:pbcegroup@gmail.com) for additional details.



## 2025 MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Huge THANK YOU to residents that have already made 2025 maintenance contributions! If you have not already done so, please see the enclosed 2025 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](http://www.pbce.org)

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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 4/17/2025

### Operating Account

\$57,351.72 General Fund

### Save Our Sidewalks

\$2,126.54 Balance

### Community Legal Fund

\$2,256.22

(Detailed reports available at regular meetings and year-end financial statements at [www.pbce.org](http://www.pbce.org))



## Meeting Minutes 3/13/2025

The March meeting  
was cancelled. Bob  
Berman, Secretary



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# Natural Area Update

By Kevin Baker

Near the end of February, I started a volunteer position with PBC Environmental Resources Management as a Site Steward for the Delaware Scrub Natural Area on the North side of Indiantown Road just East of Home Depot. In addition to weekly cleanings, Site Stewards monitor both flora & fauna. I also check the kiosk for missing or out-of-date literature. This position allowed me to meet the correct people and request the correction of a kiosk mistake right here at home. These two Bluegill Trail “YOU ARE HERE” maps on the border of PBCE had been reversed long enough to sag. But by April 16th, PBC ERM fixed this issue. For fun, here are some other signs around PBCE:



## SIRWCD UPDATE

By William “Chad” Kennedy, Executive Director & Supervisor Beth McElroy



SIRWCD contractor, Rio-Bak, is approximately 55% complete on the Canal C project. They anticipate being substantially complete by the end of May.



SIRWCD and the Florida DOT entered into an agreement in 1984 making the District responsible for the canal maintenance in the Turnpike canals downstream of Palm Beach Country Estates. The SIRWCD will be conducting vegetation clearing, including grinding of trees and brush in the Florida Turnpike west canal to ensure maximum eastward stormwater discharge can be achieved for Palm Beach Country Estates. The goal is to open the canal and

remove vegetation to increase flow by reducing resistance caused by vegetation. This prevents trees from falling into the canal during a storm event and allows maintenance access from both sides.

The contracted work was competitively bid and will begin within the next two weeks with completion expected before the end of May. After the area is cleared, the District will treat the vegetation as needed to keep the roughly 18.76-acre area clear. Work has begun to pave 153rd Court North under the 20th plan of improvement.



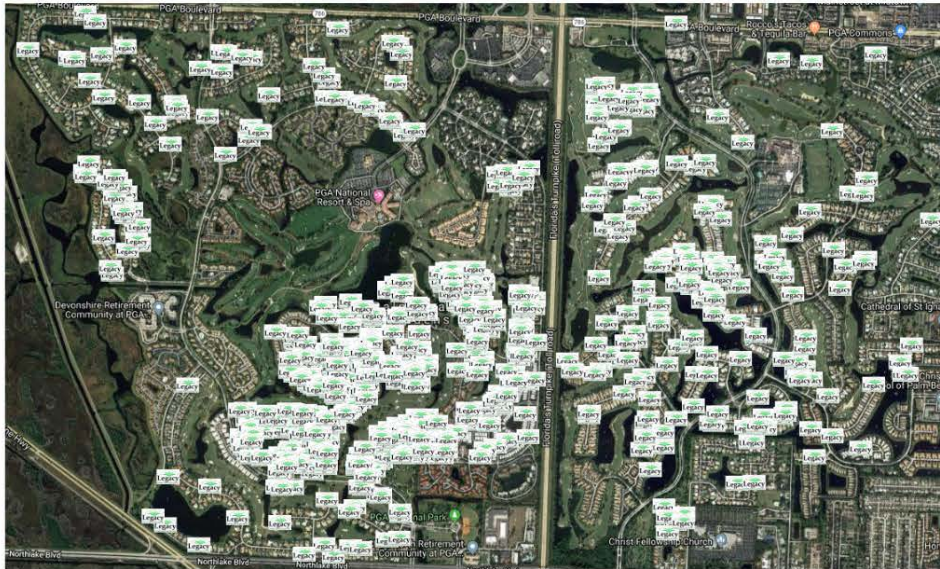




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## New Artists Group Formed in PBCE

Betty Jo Spell, Pam Walker, Matthew Moyer, Laurel Tyler, & Kevin Baker started a new artist's group in PBCE with the intent of organizing art shows in the neighborhood. If you are interested in showing your art in a PBCE-residents-only show coming soon, please join our Facebook group, Artists of Palm Beach Country Estates. Bob Berman along with Matt & Laurel visited Kevin's Solo Lake Park Library Show running thru April 29th.





## **\*\* Land Owners Meetings \*\***

Thursday, May 8th & July 10th - 7:30PM at Living Oaks Church.

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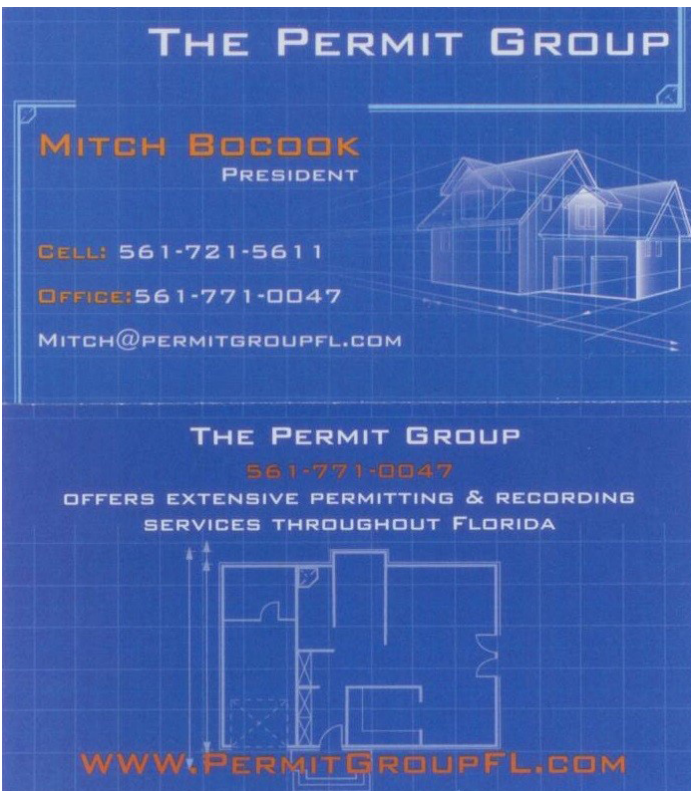


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**www.LivingOaks.org**

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# Cars and Coffee

On the morning of March 30th, Living Oaks Church Pastor Larry hosted Car Enthusiasts for their Cars & Coffee event.



Billie Gaherty with Screaming Eagle 2018 Harley Davidson Tri Glide



Jerry Bachner '69 Camaro (left) & Shelby Wolff 1959 Chevrolet Apache (right)



Ken Trapasso 2002 Chevrolet Corvette



Rich Jesteadt 1941 Packard Clipper



Kathy Baxter Marvel 2024 20th Anniversary Edition CT4 Blackwing



Chris Diaz 2022 Ford Mustang GT 5.0



Albert and Dawn Passavanti  
2005 G55 aka Garage Princess



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**Association Annual Meeting:**  
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