



14th ANNUAL PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES

★ **Fourth of July** ★

**Community Parade
& Celebration**

July 4th, 2025 11am-2:00pm

- **FREE** - Bounce House, Petting Zoo, Hot Dogs, Drinks, and Ice Cream!
- **PARADE** - **10:30 am. Please Join the Parade!** - Feel free to ride in the parade if you have any vehicle (floats, classic car, tractor, lawn mower, bike, or decorated car). If you would like to include it in the parade, please do! **Staging location: Living Oaks Church at 10:15 am for 10:30 am start.**
- **WEAR YOUR RED, WHITE, & BLUE!** - Even if you don't live directly along the parade route, please put out your American flags, come on out, invite your friends and cheer for the parade participants!

PARADE ROUTE:

10:15 am. Gather at Living Oaks Church. 10:30 am. Go West on 140th Ln. North on 69th Dr. West on 150th Ct. North on 75th Way. East on 154th Rd. North on 69th Dr to the Park.

2025 MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Huge THANK YOU to residents that have already made 2025 maintenance contributions! If you have not already done so, please do. This voluntary contribution will be 100% used for maintenance and security. Our goal is 100% of landowner participation.

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 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
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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 6/19/2025

Operating Account
 \$55,134.26 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)



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Annual Meeting Minutes 5/8/2025



40 residents in attendance. All board members present.

Sheriff's report: Deputy R. Woods declared that our neighborhood is amazing with only 1 case of minor vandalism in the last two months. There were also 409 patrol related encounters such as speeding or missed stop signs. He warned to be vigilant of "phishing" fraud and to question free stuff. Please lock your cars. Keep garage doors shut. And, don't leave valuables in your car.

Farewell: Outgoing President Ken Trapasso, thanked the members for letting him do the job and helping him achieve his original reason for taking the position, which was to keep the neighborhood clean and to throw fun, friendly events.

Election: Bob Berman announced that Eric Freeman was elected unanimously to the office of President and that the office of 2nd Vice President is currently open. Unopposed, April Lundgren was re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Bob thanked Ken & Debbie Trapasso, awarding each with a plaque of appreciation.

Guest Speaker: Executive Director of SIRWCD Chad Kennedy gave a presentation about Canal C, a DEP grant funded project to keep trees back from canals, which is now 85% complete. Office Administrator Jennifer Hammond ran the slide show. We have a gravity flow system where canals store and convey water. Lots of trees were tossed into canals obstructing the flow following the tornado event. A grant of \$700,000 to clear this vegetation was cancelled by President Trump. Mr. Kennedy explained that the West & East Turnpike canal had been covered in trees and that, back in 1984, SIRWCD had agreed to do all the Turnpike West Borrow Canal maintenance to keep clear the choke points of water flowing out of PBCE. If SIRWCD didn't do this, the Turnpike could do it and charge SIRWCD to clear the obstructions. Flow resistance, described as "water lettuce" slows down the storm water from draining to the river. The FL DOT reminded SIRWCD that it was SIRWCD's responsibility to clear these canals. In Phase 1, SIRWCD hired a contractor to grind the vegetation. Phase 2 includes new culverts for the East side of the Turnpike. Bob Berman provided the historical context that prior to the 1989 drainage plan, the only PBCE storm drainage was a pump at the end of 89th Ave shifting water to the C-18 canal. On October 17, 1995 a so-called 5-year storm flooded other local areas with 3 to 4 feet of water. But, PBCE didn't flood due to the 1989 plan. Residents with homes backing onto the Turnpike complained that the tree clearing hurt their quality of life with traffic shaking their home and compromising the privacy of their swimming pool. Chad Kennedy declared the drainage clearing to be an emergency that needed to be fixed now during the dry season to protect life and property prior to wet season storms. This clearing with ease construction of a future sound wall. Greta suggested photographs would help make our case for the wall. She gave an update on the Sound Wall project explaining that the \$23 million funding to expedite our walls sponsored by Representative Meg Weinberger did not pass in the latest FL Legislature session in Tallahassee. This means our sound walls are still projected to be completed with the Turnpike expansion planned for 2029. PBCE President Eric Freeman assured residents that "we are on your side" and "we are with you" to continue fighting for sound walls.

PBCE History: Newsletter Editor Kevin Baker explained that the newsletters saved on the pbce.org website provide an excellent way to learn the history of the neighborhood. Also, Stephanie Duncan contributed that real estate agents have a duty to communicate relevant history to prospective buyers before they purchase homes backing onto the Turnpike.

Treasurer's report: FL Licensed CPA, April Lundgren, let residents know that the group's financial reports are posted to pbce.org to maintain transparency on where money is spent, that we are grateful for the contributions & volunteers, and to call her if there are questions.

Security: The Sheriff has access to our license plate reading cameras and it is possible to give them access to your doorbell cameras.

Events: The July 4th event at the park, preceded by a parade organized by Kevin Baker, will be from 11 am to 2 pm. It will be free to members with others asked for a voluntary contribution of \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

COP: Bob solicited the audience for new volunteers for the Citizen Observer Patrol, a 12 hour per month commitment to see and be seen. Please reach out to current COP leader, Eric Freeman to join up and be a presence in our COP vehicle. We will try to get the 4x4 F150 COP truck for our July 4th Parade.

New residents welcomed at the meeting: Heather & Darren DeFord, Leah Paluga & Mark Rosen, Sarita & Jose Acosta.

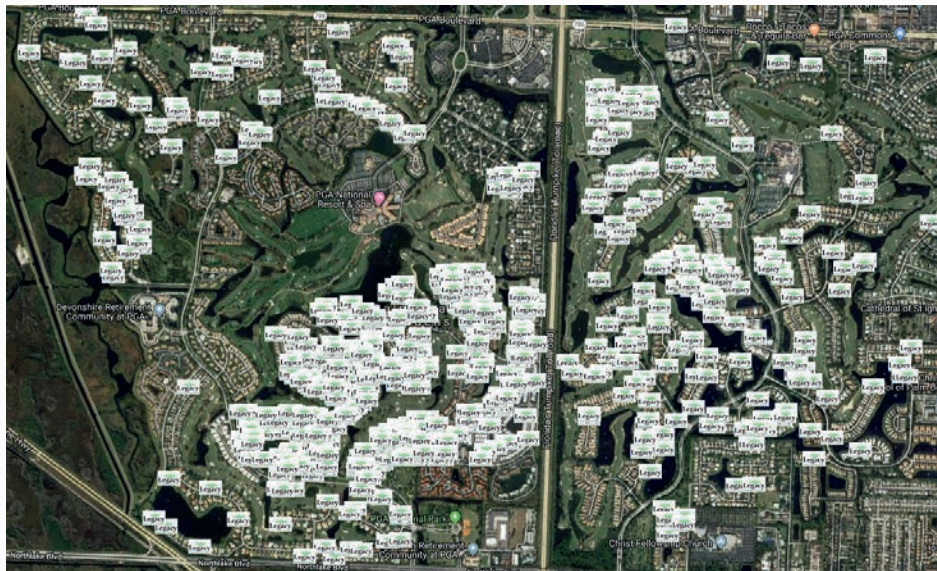
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Entrance Wall Makeover

By Bob Berman

The board of directors of the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners agreed that the two entrance walls at the corner of Donald Ross Rd. & 69th Drive N. needed a makeover. It had been over 8 years since the walls were painted. After careful consideration, the decision

was made to paint the walls white (Benjamin Moore Concrete White) and the trim banding was painted black. These colors were taken into consideration after a review of many of the surrounding communities. The stone background facing was kept intact with a new pressure cleaning. The metal Sandhill Crane logo and lettering were cleaned, sanded, and painted a gloss black. The directors wish to express special thanks to Paul Roorda, a very long-time resident of Palm Beach Country Estates operating under the business name of MASTER PAINTERS. For any painting needs, please feel free to contact Paul at (561) 747-0111.



**** Land Owners Meetings ****

Thursday, July 10th & Sept. 11th - 7:30PM at Living Oaks Church.

We Need a Sound Wall - Your Voice Matters!

As submitted by Heather DeFord: The recent removal of vegetation along the Turnpike has drastically increased noise levels in our community. We're working together to request a sound barrier for our neighborhood - but we need your support. Sign the Petition Today! Help us get the attention of the Florida Turnpike Authority and the DOT. It only takes a minute!



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7:30 PM at Living Oaks
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