



NEW PBCE FIRE STATION PROPERTY SECURED!

Fire Station Update by Kevin Baker: Huge "Thank You!", to Palm Beach County's Board of County Commissioners. At their July 22, 2025 meeting, a 1.11 acre parcel with 2,580 sq. ft. single family residence located at 6519 Donald Ross Road was purchased. Being the second lot West of 64th Drive, this is a perfect location to protect Palm Beach Country Estates, Eastpointe, and Old Marsh. Emergency response times will be lower as all properties in PBCE will be within five driving miles of the new station, an important distance to the insurance companies setting fire protection classes. While the county is paying a purchase price of \$1,092,500 plus around \$15,000 in closing costs, by being closer to a fire station, those purchasing homeowners insurance ought to see significant savings as soon as the fire unit moves in on or before the September 30, 2026 termination date of the county's Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Jupiter. While the cost of the station won't be additionally assessed to us on our county tax bill, the price is reasonable as it is equivalent to just two years of 500 homes each saving \$1000 a year on insurance. Assistant Fire Chief David Woodside is scheduled to come to our Sept. 11th neighborhood meeting to answer any questions about the transition to our new station. Our neighborhood has been working on this fire station issue for decades with unworkable solutions proposed & explored such as buying our own fire truck for a volunteer station, a fire-truck-only bridge North into Jupiter Country Club, road connection off of the Southbound Turnpike onto the C-18 canal, and even incorporating PBCE as our own city. Back when an Eastpointe resident was resuscitated by his buddies before the Fire Department could arrive, I managed to get on local TV news to say that we needed our own fire station. We steadfastly lobbied for a new fire station and can all now claim a victory on behalf of our future public safety!



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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PBCE Landowners Association

15610 69th Drive N.

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

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 8/6/2025

Operating Account

\$43,196.38 General Fund

Save Our Sidewalks

\$2,126.54 Balance

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



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Regular Meeting Minutes 7/10/2025

13 residents were present including board members 1st Vice President Greta Foriere, Secretary Bob Berman, and Treasurer April Lundgren.

Sheriff's Report - "Fantastic!", proclaimed Deputy Woods. No significant crimes in PBCE in the last two months. There were 290 patrol initiated activities with 41 traffic stops with an emphasis on looking for "aggressive driving". You can call the non-emergency number if you see an erratic driver, even if that driver is a deputy. We were warned not to roll through the STOP sign at 69th and 155th.

On the other hand, you don't need to stop before entering an empty roundabout. You do yield to (stop and let pass) the vehicles already in the roundabout. Immediate Past President, Ken Trapasso asked about intersection lights no longer flashing. To a question from Stephanie Duncan, we were informed that eBike riders under the age of 16 are lawfully required to wear helmets and are strongly recommended for everyone else. Kevin Baker mentioned seeing a kid erratically ride his bicycle while looking at his phone and was informed that texting while biking is also against the law.

SIRWCD Report - Bob let us know that SIRWCD has started a major project to fix our drainage. SIRWCD is no longer accepting phone calls to report drainage problems. The new Public Comment online form is for service requests, illegal dumping reports, & general comments which then flow into their service queue system. See: <https://sirwcd.org/comment.html> Be sure to take pictures to include with your comment. Stephanie Duncan noted that SIRWCD may start the drainage correction with properties that volunteer to go first by self-reporting via Public Comment. SIRWCD fixed the puddles of water on Greta Foriere's newly paved road by fixing the surrounding grass. The SIRWCD election is coming up in September and the paperwork deadline to run is July 11th. Bob Berman will run again as he expressed that

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the current board members are unresponsive and don't come to PBCE meetings. Other campaign issues include overpaid attorneys, accountants, & engineers. There are 2 SIRWCD seats up for election, one of which must own property & live East of the C-18 canal. SIRWCD will have a 3 PM Budget meeting before their 6:30 PM regular meeting. The debt to build our water system will be paid off by 2030 and Stephanie Duncan asked for a timeline schedule of those payments. SIRWCD is buying \$250,000 in equipment used for clearing activities including Turnpike clearing.

COP - The Citizens On Patrol are looking for recruits as they are down to two people.

Front Entrance - Greta Foriere talked about the pressure cleaning and repainting of the walls.

Sound Wall - Greta Foriere requested documents from FDOT including engineering reports and sound studies from 2008. The prior FDOT target date for our sound wall was 2029 but has been updated to Sept 2028.

Fire Station: Bob Berman reported that PB County has enquired with the properties on Donald Ross

Road to see if they will sell.

Treasurer's Report - April Lundgren noted that the latest figures are always available at www.pbce.org/important-info/. Feel free to call her with any questions. A \$7000 bill was paid for our security cameras. The July 4th event garnered \$211 in cash donations with another \$20 online on top of the nearly \$3000 in sponsorships.

Old Business - None

New Business - Banners

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

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**** Land Owners Meetings ****

Thursday, Sept. 11th & Nov. 13th - 7:30PM at Living Oaks Church.

SIRWCD UPDATE

Work has shifted from the completed Canal-C to dump pipe replacements for Canal-E while culvert sculpting continues.



**South Indian River
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PBCE Canal E (south side of 150th) "dump pipe" maintenance replacements

The South Indian River Water Control District has begun the replacement of 18 discharge culverts into Canal E (on the south side of 150th) in Palm Beach Country Estates, as identified through inspections conducted by a District NPDES-certified stormwater management inspector. The inspection findings determined that at least eighteen (18) culvert pipes no longer meet required specifications. The bottom of most of these pipes have rust that has weakened them structurally. This replacement effort began the week of July 21 and will continue as weather and low water conditions allow for dry excavation within the north levee of Canal E. The existing culverts are approximately 30 years old, which corresponds with the expected service life of corrugated metal pipes (CMP). As part of this initiative, the District is also evaluating alternative materials for future culvert installations to ensure greater durability and extended service life. Easements along these discharge points will be cleared to facilitate access and installation. Vegetation located within District easements will be removed as necessary to perform this critical maintenance work.

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