



March 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

All 5 board members present, including new 2nd VP Howard Rensin. 30 residents present. **Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Robinson described PBCE as a "very safe community." **Fire Station Report:** Assistant Fire Chief David Woodside stated that the renovations, set to begin in May, are to be done by mid September and will include work on Saturdays. Once completed, the ISO Rating of the station will get reviewed. In answer to a question, the station may have the designation of "temporary" until a larger full-featured fire station is built potentially on the property next door. This property to the East started at a \$620,000 listing price which was offered by PBC before rising to \$1.2 then \$1.5 million. An appraisal is pending. The traffic changes to Donald Ross Road will require curb cuts for egress under flashing beacons. With the drought index high, there is a burn ban in PBC. So, no burning please. Call 911 to report illegal burning. **HB4099 "The Fairness Bill" Report:** Supervisor Bob Berman met with Rep. Meg Weinberger about this bill which, after several rounds of edits, stalled in committee. After getting more input from Egret Landing, Jupiter Farms, & us, she intends to re-introduce the bill next session. **SIRWCD Report:** The drainage study showed an alarmingly less water storage due to more homes. This will worsen after the FL Turnpike expansion. The assessment showed that PBCE can't meet a ten year storm event. Additional water may need to be sent West into the C-18 canal. **Sound wall update:** Greta Forierie reported that the plan is still to get the sound wall first before the Turnpike expansion and she is making sure the wall shows up on the engineering plans of the project managers and consultants. **Loxahatchee River District Report:** Governor Kevin Baker reported that work is proceeding on the new 20 acre park next to Cypress Creek South. An onsite archaeologist will monitor for arrowheads or bones found during construction. Kevin explained that none of the park costs are being paid by PBCE residents as we are not connected to the LRD sewer system. **Great American Clean-up organized by Stephanie Duncan:** Sponsors are needed for this April 25th event to be staged on 89th Drive that will send residents to designated areas to collect non-yard waste trash. Community service hours available. There will be a document shredding truck onsite from 9 to 11 am. No binders or cardboard boxes please. **CLF Update:** A CLF application late last year was denied for a 14 resident group home. This exceeded the six resident limit that includes any caretaker. A letter in opposition was sent. There are currently three CLFs under the six resident limit and one pre-approved for 11 residents. **Potable Water Update:** Town of Jupiter Utilities Compliance and Operations Manager Matthew Smith spoke about flushing activities required to maintain safe and reliable drinking water. VP Howard Rensin noted that flushing at Donald Ross Road & 64th Drive blocks vision for drivers. An alternate location can be used and a diffuser can be used to direct the spray. **Treasurer's Report:** April Lundgren reported that about 500 residents donate, which is around 30% participation. The website is updated with the latest financial statements. When asked why the security cameras are not listed as an asset, April responded that we pay for the service as a rental of cameras not owned by PBCE. **Road Paving Survey:** To update the survey last done about 20 years ago, a new survey was mailed. Last time 30 of 800 residents preferred dirt to paved roads. Preliminary results showed 22 of 324 surveys received prefer dirt. Last year seven road paving petitions failed. **Special Projects Report:** 2nd VP Howard Rensin put out a call for residents wanting help to organize special projects. **Volunteering:** President Eric Freeman put out a call for volunteers for our COP & upcoming events. **New business:** Resident John Rosser warned against using poison to kill rats as an owl died and another rushed to Busch Wildlife after poisoned rat consumption. Plus he requested manual canal vegetation removal to avoid killing his bees. **Annual Meeting:** President, 1st VP, and Secretary are up for election. Residents need to declare interest to run by March 31st. Pastor Larry was thanked for the use of the meeting room and the meeting was adjourned.



2026 MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Huge THANK YOU to residents that have already made 2026 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.

Homepage: www.pbce.org to pay by credit card. Or, to pay by mail, make check payable to: 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 4/12/2026

Operating Account \$35,270.84
Save Our Sidewalks \$2,126.54
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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March 17, 2026 Meeting Pictures



Meet Our New 2nd VP Howard Rensin

Howard has lived in Palm Beach Country Estates for over 11 years with his spouse Kathy. They have successfully launched three kids plus three granddaughters and two grandsons out into the world. In his free time, his favorite hobby is Ham radio, a passion that has spanned the last 62 years.



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PBCE Earth Month Events



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Join in the Activities - Make a Difference

April is Earth Month and PBCE will be celebrating by hosting four events:

- **April 12:** Florida Native Plant Society is having a Garden Tour and one of the Gardens will be in PBCE
- **April 18:** PBCE Community Yard Sale
- **April 25:** Community Clean-up Day
- **April 25:** Shred-It Event



**April 18, 2026:
Community Yard Sale**



Saturday, April 18, 2026
8:00am-12:00noon
at the Margaret Berman Memorial Park

Bring your own table & shade and join your neighbors for a spring yard sale at the Park. Everyone is welcome. Come meet your neighbors!

PLEASE CONTACT:
Mike Battistoni
MBattistoni910@gmail.com
(subject line: "Yard sale")
or **561-693-8738**

**April 12, 2026:
Native Garden Tour**

NATIVE GARDEN TOUR
Explore. Discover. Get Inspired!
SUN, APRIL 12, 2026 ♦ 11AM — 3PM

3 North PBC Locations

- ♦ Self guided
- ♦ Docents on site
- ♦ Garden inspiration
- ♦ Plants for birds, butterflies & pollinators
- ♦ Landscaping questions answered
- ♦ Plant giveaway

\$10 Admission
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SUPPORT NATIVE PLANT EDUCATION!

PHOTO BY WALLY JONES

Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

One of the Yards is located in PBCE!

For more details, visit:

<https://palmbeach.fnpschapters.org/2026-native-garden-tour/>

With 90+ native species planted over the last three years, congratulations to PBCE Super Resident Stephanie Duncan for showing off just how beautiful our yards can be! Visit for free (89th Ave North of 155th) after April 12th.

**April 25, 2026:
Community Clean-up Day**



Saturday, April 25, 2026
8:00am-12:00noon

PBCE is a participant in the 2026 Palm Beach County Greatest American Cleanup for America's 250th.

- Registration Required (can be day of event or save time by contacting **Stephanie Duncan** at **561-972-1359** or surlure@gmail.com)
- Clean-up areas in the community will be assigned so the earlier you register the better opportunity to pick your favorite location
- Limited number of T-Shirts will be available – register early they will go quickly.
- Participating in the clean-up qualifies for Community Service Volunteer Hours

Staging Location:

Duncan's Native Plant Display Garden
89th Ave north of 155th

Social Media Manager Urgently Needed

Are you not yet afraid of Facebook?
Can you nicely format an email? If
so, please consider becoming the
Social Media Manager for Palm
Beach Country Estates Landowners.
Call Bob Berman to learn more about
what this volunteer position entails.
If you are still in school or on parole
and want community service hours
that don't involve sweating outside
in the hot sun, become our new
Social Media Manager. Thanks!

April 25, 2026:
PBCE Shred-It Event



- **Date:** Saturday, April 25th, 9:00am-11:00am
- **Location:** 89th Ave North of 155th (enter from 155th)
- **Cost:** Free if we get sponsors. If not, will advise cost later.

Preparation

- No non-paper items like metal, plastic and three-ring binders
- Cardboard Boxes will be given back to you - as they can't be mixed with paper for recycling
- Staples & paperclips do not need to be removed
- Remember we are shredding paper: no batteries or other potentially flammable items.

Questions or want to be a sponsor contact:

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Annual Meeting**

**Thursday
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**7:30 PM
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