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for our spectacular **July 4th** gathering.

★ Pack up your family and come fly on over for a day packed with food, music, and massive fun! ★

WHEN: **SATURDAY, JULY 4TH** **11:00AM - 2:00PM**
CAR PARADE: LINE UP 10:00AM ★ START 10:15AM

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KIDS ZONE & FAMILY FUN:
PETTING ZOO, CORNHOLE, BOUNCE HOUSE WITH SLIDE,
CARNIVAL SPORT GAMES (BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL)

ENTERTAINMENT: | MUSIC DJ ★ COMMUNITY CAR SHOW

★ **QUESTIONS?** ★
REACH OUT TO ME AT
SANDY@PBCE.ORG

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250TH
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS
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★ *See you there neighbors!* ★

★ ★ ★ ★ DON'T MISS THE FUN! IT'S FREE! ★ ★ ★ ★



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 6/11/2026

Operating Account \$34,149.18
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(Detailed reports available at regular meetings and year-end financial statements at www.pbce.org)



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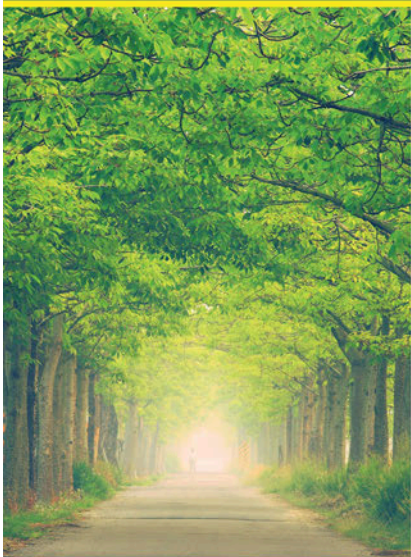
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May 14, 2026 Annual & Regular Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by President Eric Freeman at 7:30 PM with 1st VP Greta Foriere, 2nd VP Howard Rensin, and Secretary Bob Berman present. Treasurer April Lundgren dropped off the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements but was called away prior to the start of the meeting. 18 residents were present.

Sheriff's Report: After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Sheriff disclosed an animal cruelty investigation triggered by the slaughter of a pet pig along with 2 accidents at 75th & 155th. Warnings were given to look out for kids at play and for kids on eBikes to follow the rules as infractions now can lead to an initial record with an eventual first driver's license.

Guest Speaker: Matthew Lane, Vice Chairman of the Palm Beach County School Board talked about how our school district has an A rating with teachers trained in threat assessment with direct authority and ability to contact Police and Fire Departments. The School District is second only to the Sheriff's office in the number of officers as employees. Florida ranks 46th out of 50 states in dollars of funding per student and in last place at 50th in teacher pay. The School Board is asking for the half cent of sales tax, that would otherwise expire, be renewed by voters this November.

Annual Meeting Election Results: Eric Freeman, Greta Foriere, and Bob Berman were congratulated for being re-elected and thanked for serving.

SIRWCD Report: Supervisor Bob Berman announced SIRWCD's mission to react more positively to Landowners that come before the board. Based on a drainage model project and 30% higher rainfall estimates, the SIRWCD engineers are working to address the lack of adequate drainage. Expenses will be incurred due to FL Turnpike widening requiring wider canals with updated outfalls and culverts. The agreement between the FL Turnpike and SIRWCD for roadway maintenance originally struck in 1984 will need amending. SIRWCD does not have permit review authority to set limits on PBCE property elevations allowed under PBC regulations. Information was obtained about the spraying of the canals and is being reviewed.

Fire Station Report: Excellent progress is being made on our new fire station on Donald Ross Road which will be open for service on October 1, 2026 with a fire truck, ambulance, and brush truck.

Sound Wall Report: Greta Foriere is in regular contact with Florida State Representative Meg Weinberger's office. The Wall project has been budgeted with an estimated July 2028 project start date.

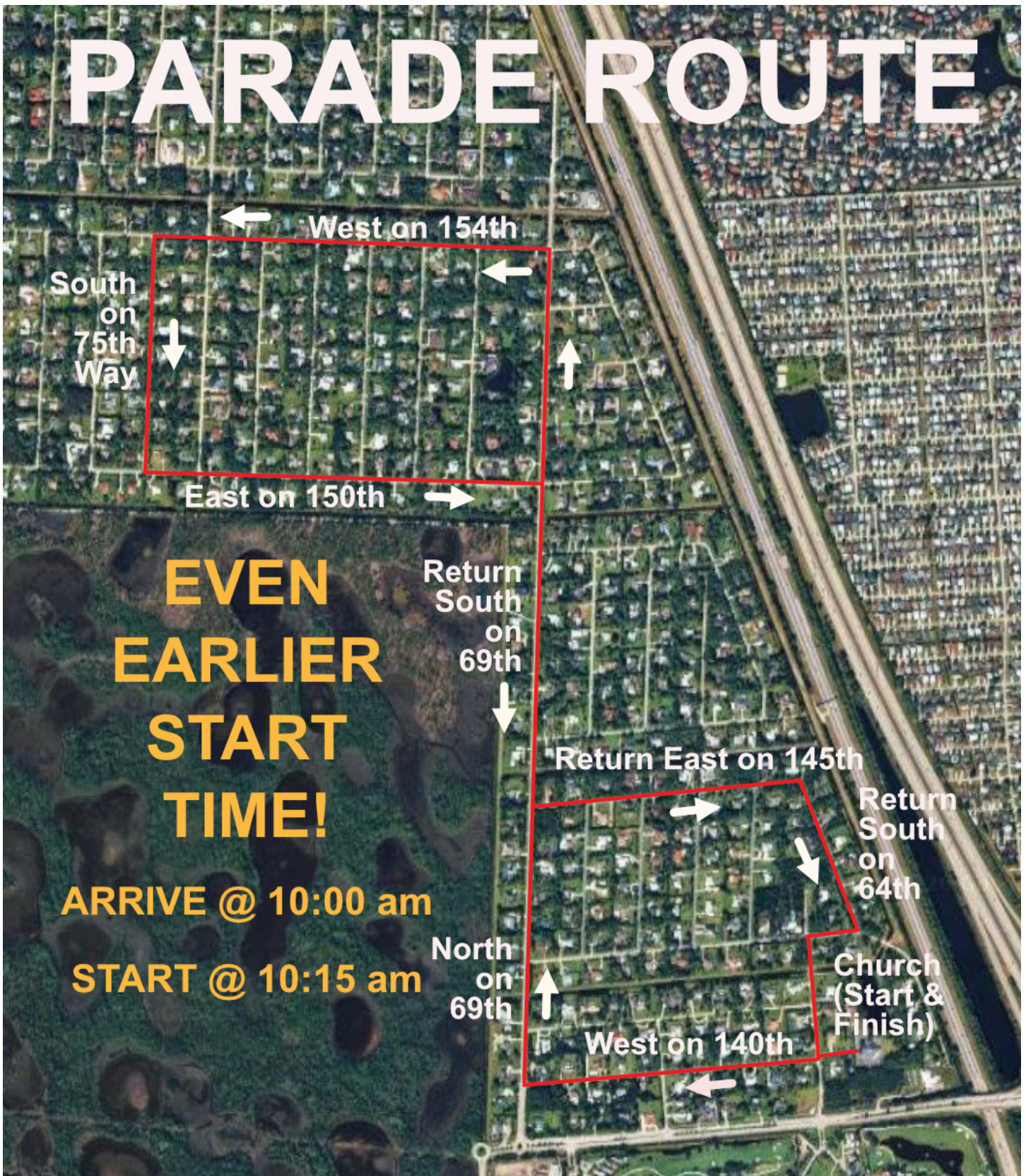
Loxahatchee River District Report: Governing Board Member Kevin Baker attended the Friday May 8th annual meeting of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area where he reviewed the progress of the shoreline stabilization project. Construction is on schedule to be completed this September. The site is one of just seven selected by the White House to be part of our 250th year celebration with an event on December 3rd. Kevin reported good news from the River District's wastewater surveillance. The amount of Influenza measured in the local wastewater dropped to zero in April. Take advantage of River Center upcoming events including kayaking, boat safety, fishing, & kid's story time.

CLF Report: A 14 bed congregate living facility to be located on 78th Drive had its application denied as the current limit is six residents and staff. The association is following and monitoring any and all re-application attempts.

Treasurer's Report: 530 families have contributed to PBCE Landowners with an average contribution of \$68, an increase over last year. Latest financial statements are available on the website at www.pbce.org under the Important Info tab.

Volunteers are being sought for our COP, 4th of July, Trunk or Treat, & Decorating efforts. Pastor Larry of Living Oaks Church was thanked for hosting our Landowners meetings and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

PARADE ROUTE



IMPORTANT NOTE

The 2026 Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners' 4th of July Party is being held at Living Oaks Church NOT our park.

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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"Hi neighbors! My name is Sandy, and I'm a proud Sandhill Crane who calls Palm Beach Country Estates home. Whether I'm bugling a morning greeting or strolling through your beautiful yards, I'm always keeping a bird's-eye view on what makes our community special. I love our lush gardens, our clean swales, and most of all, the wonderful people who live here.

I'm so excited to share all the latest news, events, and activities with you—so keep an eye out for my updates! If you have general community questions, want to check upcoming event dates, have a great new event idea, or want to volunteer, drop me a line at Sandy@pbce.org. Just remember, this crane's inbox is strictly dedicated to neighborhood-wide social activities, volunteering, and general community topics, not for sourcing private contractors, businesses, or specialized local services. I ❤️ PBCE!"

Thank you's from Sandy: April was loaded with events and it wouldn't be possible without our neighbors! Let's give a shout out to the following:

The **Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society** featured **Duncan's Native Plant Display Garden** in their annual tour.

A huge shout-out to our neighbor **Mike Battistoni**—it was his first time organizing the Garage Sale and he truly knocked it out of the park. We also want to extend a big thank you to the **Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association** and the **Berman family** for their support.

The Community Clean-up saw our 33 volunteers cover 20 miles to collect 3500 pieces of trash weighing 150 lbs. A round of applause for our volunteer neighbors **The Walther, Snedeker, Pavlik, Doering, Leavitt, Klos, Lay, Sesler, Maher, Kelly, Berman, Foriere, Baker, Meyer, Rozzo, Davis, Duncan families and the Dhammakaya Meditation Center of Palm Beach.**



On that same day, we also cleared the clutter with a free shredding event, securely processing 1,215 lbs of paper! A huge thank you to the **Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association, Berman Realty,** and the **Duncan family** for sponsoring this and making our community a bit lighter.





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LRECD Update

By Kevin L. Baker, Governing Board Member, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District. Dear PBCE, Thank you for the honor of letting me serve on the board of the Loxahatchee River District for the past three & a half years. During that time, I preserved a Cypress wetland, organized & led LRD retention pond birding tours, got construction going on a new natural area NW of Riverbend Park, kept the sewer cost to rate-payers among the lowest in Florida, and kept the PBCE tax rate to the River District at ZERO. To continue my public service, I have qualified for the November 2026 ballot. As no other person qualified to run for Area 4, I get to serve our community for another four years. Do take advantage of the River Center environmental education opportunities coming up in June & July such as Estuary Exploration: Seine & Dip Netting at Blowing Rocks Preserve, a Swamp Tromp in Cypress Creek North, Intracoastal Kayak Tour, Boating Safely Class, Jr. Angler Fishing Tournament, and Science with Sam (Fantastic Fungi & Likable Lichen). Find Upcoming events at <https://lrdrivercenter.org/events-list/>. Sincerely, Kevin



Next Association Meeting:

Thursday

July 9th

7:30 PM

at Living Oaks

14156 64th Dr N.



Official Facebook Group for Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners

The Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association is pleased to announce that our official Facebook group is:

"Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners"

Group members will be limited to Palm Beach Country Estates landowners only. Please join this group to keep in touch with your real neighbors.

Search "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners" on Facebook and request to join the group.

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