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LEARN E- BIKE SAFETY

The number of e-bikes on our roads and sidewalks has been growing exponentially. Other communities enforce strict local ordinances, to limit the injuries to riders and pedestrians. On Palm Beach, e-bikes are prohibited on all sidewalks, multi-use paths, Lake Trail, and for anyone under 15 or without a government ID. The Town of Jupiter bans them from fields, sidewalks, and parks. While Palm Beach Country Estates is happy to remain outside of any municipality, voluntarily learning e-bike safety rules and best

practices, before something very bad happens, is worth your time. The Town of Jupiter Police Department offers a free, self-paced online course covering important safety practices, local rules, and tips for sharing the road and pathways with pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The Jupiter E-Bike Safe Rider Program has a tag line of “Learn the rules. Ride smart. Stay safe.” Get your Jupiter Safe Rider Certification by successfully completing the course. It is open to residents outside town boundaries and helps riders build the knowledge and confidence needed to ride safely and responsibly throughout our community. Check it out at <https://www.jupiter.fl.us/2624/Jupiter-E-Bike-Safe-Rider-Program>.

SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, October 31st
Halloween Day Trunk or
Treat**

**Saturday, December 5th
PBCE Holiday Party:
Santa Claus Returns!**

TREASURER'S REPORT as of 7/31/2026

Operating Account \$29,020.78

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)



Meeting Minutes

The July meeting of Palm
Beach Country Estates
Landowners was canceled.



Fire Station Update

On August 7, Assistant Fire Chief David Woodside let us know that our new station is on track for occupation on October 1st. As soon as possible after that the station will be evaluated for an ISO Fire Protection Class Rating and all homes within five miles of the new station should start looking for notification around November.





LRECD Update

By Kevin L. Baker, Governing Board Member, Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District. Along with the Site Manager & Regional Director of the Bureau of Land Management, I reviewed the progress of the Shoreline Stabilization Project at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. There will be an official opening celebration later this year. Learn more about the project at <https://www.blm.gov/shoreline-stabilization-project>. The Loxahatchee River District stages environmental education events from this BLM property.





SIRWCD

Update

By Bob Berman, Supervisor, South Indian River Water Control District. Here is a summary of the July 16, 2026 Road Paving Survey: Of the 735 surveys mailed to PBCE residents on dirt roads, a total of 468 (64%) were returned with 427 (92%) preferring paving and 41 (8%) preferring dirt roads. When asked the percentage of "Yes" votes a road paving project should need to proceed, around 11% of the responses prefer a winning threshold of at least 90% to pass, while around 80% prefer a 51% or lower winning threshold. The amount willing to be paid averaged to \$1884 per year with a median amount of \$2640 per year.

PBCE landowners will experience a one-time \$299 assessment for 2027 for the necessary improvements to Canal "C", which is the major drainage canal located north of 159th Court N. A large portion of the canal, on the south side of 160th Street N, has been the site of the annual "Truck or Treat" each year. Because of new construction over the years and

property owners filling in existing ponds, PBCE has lost a significant portion of storage for severe rain events. The neighborhood no longer meets the minimum requirements necessary to withstand a 25 year-3-day storm event. The benefits of this work have been outlined by the AECOM engineers for SIRWCD and itemized here.

Memorandum

Following is a list of the benefits of the Canal C Realignment – Phase 2 project, many of which were identified in the original LRPI Grant Application.

1. Realigning Canal C within the SIRWCD easement to allow access for maintenance from both the north and south sides of the canal both for mowing, removal of exotic vegetation growth and debris removal after storm events.
2. Increasing storage within the canal, by an estimated 16 acre-ft, for detention and water conservation.
3. Removal of sediment and silt from the canal bottom to improve conveyance.
4. Increasing storage and removal of sediments also serves to improve the quality of water discharged by removing nutrients.
5. Flood protection - Correcting any deficiencies in the canal berm elevations on the north and south sides to contain runoff during a 25-year 3-day storm.

The project affects over one mile of the canal located east and west of 75th Ave. N. and provides for the installation of additional culvert pipes that will funnel drainage from 159th Court northward into the canal. Those culverts do not exist now. The photos show the before and after configurations of the portion of the extreme western portion of the canal which was completed last year. The current project will complete the entire canal from the C-18 canal to the turnpike canal. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Bob Berman, Supervisor of the South Indian River Water Control District at (561) 627-1118.



July 4th, 2026 Parade & Party

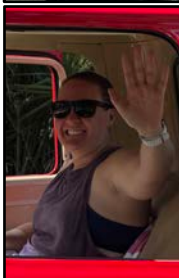
Thank you to Living Oaks Church &
all the other volunteers who made
the day special!













MAINTENANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Huge THANK YOU to residents that have already made your annual 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.

Next Association Meeting:

Thursday September 10th

7:30 PM at Living Oaks

14156 64th Dr N.



Living Oaks Church

Sunday Worship Service
10:30AM

We welcome you to join us!

Ministries available for the whole family.

Please watch our service on the web!

www.LivingOaks.org

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.

Get your business noticed!

To place an ad in the Countryside Living Newsletter, submit camera ready ads to Kevin Baker at Shanngrila@gmail.com. Ads are now in **Color!**
10% Discount on full year of 6 ads paid in advance.
Zelle: PBCEgroup@gmail.com

Business card size ad 3.625 x 2 @ \$50

1/4 page ad 3.625 x 5 @ \$95

1/2 page ad 7.5 x 5 @ \$185

Full page ad @ \$365

Disclaimer: Ads do NOT imply endorsement by PBCE Landowners Assn or its board.

Officers and Committees

Officers:

President: Vacant - Call a board member if interested in joining up

1st Vice President: Greta Foriere 561-667-7897
VP1@pbce.org

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Bob Berman 561-627-1118

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reinhardm@bellsouth.net www.twistypinesplayground.org

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Website: www.pbce.org

Official Facebook Grp: Palm Beach Country Estates
LANDOWNERS

COP Patrol: Bob Berman 561-627-1118

SIRWCD: www.sirwcd.org 561-747-0550

Webmaster: Bob Berman 561-627-1118

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Save Our Sidewalks: pbcegroup@gmail.com

Speeding: Lisa Sesler LisaSesler@gmail.com

Fire Station: Kevin Baker Shanngrila@gmail.com

Trunk or Treat: pbcegroup@gmail.com

Turnpike Soundwall: Greta Foriere & Gary Johnson

Food Bank: Caroline Brown carrijb05@gmail.com

July 4th Event Planning Sandy@pbce.org

WANTED:

Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners is seeking a new President. Our immediate past President Eric Freeman has moved out of PBCE to be closer to his kids & grandkids and is thanked for his service. Do you have a neighborhood project you want done? Take charge and make it happen. Call a current board member and express your interest today!



SANDY THE SANDHILL CRANE
Got a question?
Ask Sandy: Sandy@PBCE.org



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.

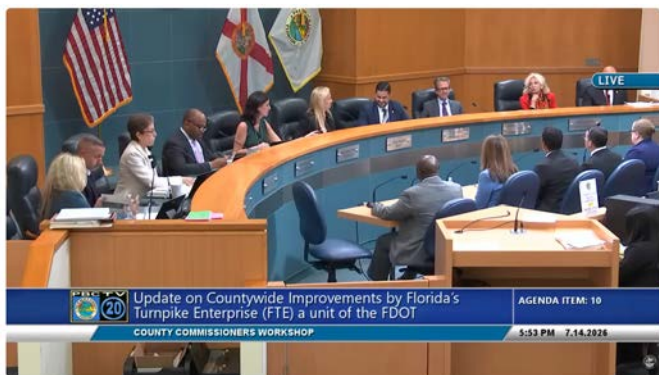
**Search "Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners"
on Facebook and request to join the group.**

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



Sound Wall Update

The Florida Turnpike Authority presented upcoming Palm Beach County roadway and soundwall plans to County Commissioners on July 14. Palm Beach Country Estates is confirmed as a location proposed to get a new soundwall and all the Commissioners were solidly in favor of getting walls for all neighborhoods. There are two types of proposed walls, “Shoulder Mounted” and “Right of Way”. Due to the location of drainage and limited space, PBCE is slated to get an eight foot tall Shoulder Mounted wall. While we would like our wall to be built before road construction begins, a substantial amount of filling and grading of the ground beneath where a Shoulder Mounted wall would sit as well as the grading of the future roadway itself would need to be completed prior to installing the wall. Funding is secured in the 2028–2029 budget. Final wall designs and construction start dates are still in progress.



Active Projects



Roadside Walls



PGA Blvd to Palm Beach Country Estates



Palm Beach Country Estates to Sonoma Isles



Community Buffer



Get Your Green Bag Today!



Sandy here, squawking loud and proud about the Palm Beach County Food Project! We are on a mission to fight local hunger, and our flock in Palm Beach Country Estates needs your help to grow. Since joining the fight in 2019 thanks to Caroline Fragiaco Brown, Amy Crease, and Lisa Spierito, our neighborhood has helped stock local pantries year-round with a simple, brilliant tool: **The Green Bag**.

How It Works (Only 15 Mins every other month!)

- **Get the Bag:** Grab your official, bright green reusable grocery bag.
- **Shop Extra:** Buy 1–2 extra nonperishable items during your regular grocery runs.
- **Fill It Up:** Store the items in your green bag at home.
- **Drop It Off:** Every second Saturday of even months, or call for pickup.

Our Flight Plan: Help Us Double Our Impact!

Right now, we average 25 to 30 bags per pickup, but we have the heart to do much more. One full bag equals roughly 10 meals for vulnerable families! Here is how we can fluff our feathers and double our impact:

- **Become a Donor:** Sign up to get your own green bag today.
- **The Buddy System:** Remind your left and right neighbors a week before pickup.
- **Be a Backup Coordinator:** Volunteer to help collect bags just six mornings a year.

 **Flock Thanks!** A massive, flapping thank you to all the incredible families who have committed their time, donations, and energy to this project over the years including: Abrishami, Crate, Houck, Rabinowitz, Adamowicz, Crease, Jamason, Rasor, Atkinson, Dale, Johnson, Restrepo, Avila, Deford, Jorge, Rogerson, Barbato, Dornbasch, Kalb, Rozzo, Berntsen, Duncan, Kennedy, Ryan, Beverly, Feyk, Lee, Sarelson, Blythe, Frederick, Lovejoy, Schemansie, Bolen, Gavin, Lundgren, Shaffner, Bourg, Grisham, Lupe, Sharma, Braga, Hardy, MacVeigh, Simon, Brandt, Harrison, Maier, Spierito, Brown, Hayden, Malone, Staggs, McAfee, Miller, Strauss, Burger, Mirich, Moore, Swindell, Collica, Pachilho, Pani, Tremblay, Corcoran, Perrine, Preble, Walker, West, & Wilson.

 **Ready to Join the Flock?** Our next collection date is **October 10th**. Reach out to Caroline to get your green bag or ask questions about Community Service Hours: Caroline Fragiaco Brown / 561-358-9348 / carrjb05@gmail.com / **Drop-off Address:** 15686 82nd Terrace N.