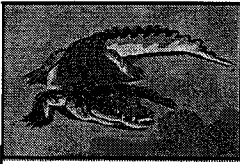


# Countryside Living...

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## Don't Feed The Alligators

There have been recent reports of people feeding alligators recently in our area reported to SIRWCD. Maybe it is only a coincidence but there have also been reports of missing pets. With the low water level some of the gators may be moving so we are printing comments recently made by Gale English in one of his reports to the district.

*We live in a beautiful, largely natural area with lots of trees and greenery that make it a very nice place to live. However, just like any other area, there are "rules of engagement" that if honored, make for harmonious and safe living. The earliest residents of our area were wildlife, and many species still make their home here. While we enjoy this, they are wild creatures and must be respected. Alligators can be particularly bothersome during drought conditions as they migrate from pond to pond and canal to canal searching for deeper water. Caution is urged around any body of water, such as backyard ponds, canals and drainage ditches. Whatever you do, please don't feed the 'gators!*



## Road Alternatives Discussed at SIRWCD

As a result of pricing information obtained by Michael Danchuk, the engineers and SIRWCD Board members have had extensive conversations on the costs of paving. The engineers explained that as a result of needing to comply with County Standards and bidding requirements, costs are higher than just having paving.

Since most of the roads in PBCE are owned by residents, and since the county no longer is subsidizing road construction, there may be an alternative of not needing to meet County Standards, but instead having County like roads. By not complying with County standards any streets that do decide to pave would not be able to turn over the roads to the County once completed. However since there are presently no longer any cash incentives to doing it may not be something residents would even consider.

The engineers will look into such alternatives and report to the Board in follow up meetings. It was also confirmed by the engineers and attorney that any street that wants to be paved could do so on their own if all residents wanted to pay for it. The street paving construction quality would still have to be approved by SIRWCD, in order to be maintained. However this process would greatly speed up the process and may also save money to the residents. Any one interested in exploring this process can call Michael Danchuk for additional information.

Also it was confirmed to the Board, by Mr. Danchuk, that at the last landowners association meeting, it was overwhelmingly clear that residents wanted the option to choose if their street is paved or not, and that only streets being paved should be responsible for the cost of the paving.

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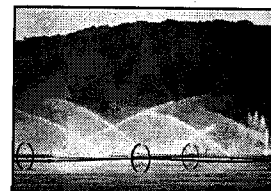
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## Water Restrictions

Strict water restrictions and resulting fines are now in place because of the drought. Residents caught

violating restrictions in the unincorporated areas, even if they use wells, will be paying fines.

As of April 27<sup>th</sup> county code enforcement officials started writing \$125 fines. If caught the second time the fine becomes \$250. Odd numbered houses can water from 4AM to 8AM Wednesday and Saturday. Even numbered houses and those with no house numbers can water at the same time on Thursdays and Sundays. No watering is allowed Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Hand watering is allowed on the same days. Car washing is allowed 4AM to 8AM and 5PM to 7PM on the same days. When car washing, water must run off into unpaved areas. Rinsing of sidewalks is not allowed (some exceptions for low volume pressure cleaning). These rules apply to wells as well as those who draw water from lakes or canals.



### Message from the President

A lot is happening in PBCE as you can see in this newsletter. As your Association, one of our functions is to try and keep you advised as best we can. When you hear of something you are not happy about or have suggestions on how to make it better, please do not hesitate to contact your Board members or make it known at one of the meetings. I personally read any comment that is sent in with your dues payment, so I can be aware of what residents are concerned about.

Being on the Board is a non paid position, and at times it is difficult to keep abreast of everything. Each resident must be the eyes and ears of PBCE. If you hear something that does not sound right or you feel others may not now about, please call.

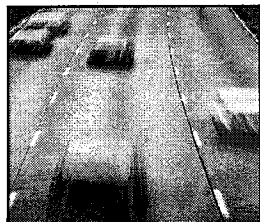
Currently, as noted from the feedback of residents, the number one issue addressing our community is making a decision on the road paving projects. It is also clear that the majority of residents want to be able to have a choice on what they do. This Board is committed to and will work to make sure that residents have a choice. Some people want roads paved yesterday, and as a result of that we are looking into alternatives on how to get the projects done. But there are also others who want to keep their dirt roads, either for aesthetic reasons or because of costs. We must respect both sides, and that is why it is critical on this issue, since it is feasible, that decisions be made on a street by street basis. We are a community, and I would hate to have someone ever decide to leave because they were forced to do something that they and their close neighbors did not want to do, or could not afford to do. For those who have been asking for paving for a very long time, we finally feel we are getting closer to finally having solutions worked out and you should be able to get the opportunity to make a decision on this issue on a street by street basis in the near future.

*Michael Danchuk-President*



### Security Concerns

Because of recent security concerns expressed by residents, the Landowners Association Board is exploring the possibility of private security protection for PBCE. The recent problems involved breaking and entry, destruction of property and vandalism. This topic will be discussed for resident input at the next landowners meeting.



### New Turnpike Exit

A new Turnpike exit is being considered by the State at Hood Road. The County staff has recommended this location at a meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be considered in conjunction with the possible expansion of the turnpike from four to eight lanes. The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization is planning to include this change in their long range transportation plan for 2030.

As indicated in the last issue of this newsletter the exit was being considered south of Donald Ross Road. The new location will now be closer to Hood Road.

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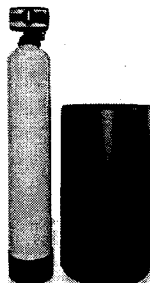


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