

Countryside Living...

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Park Development Continues

Volunteers have recently had several meetings as they prepare for extensive fund raising to help cover the costs of the Twisty Pines Playground. During this time the property is continuing to be cleared, debris removed, and

shortly the palms will be planted along the southern side to buffer the park from adjoining neighbors.

Park committee members are also meeting with staff from the Palm Beach County Park department to assist us with the design of the areas around the Playground.

Estimates are currently also being obtained to have the trees in the front entrance moved to the park, before the road construction starts.

Currently the plans are to have the build day for Twisty Pines Playground in the beginning of the year in 2009.

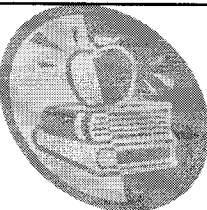


Elections Coming Up

Elections are scheduled for openings on both the Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association and the South Indian River Water Control Boards. The Landowners Association will be filling 3 positions in its annual meeting on May 20. The openings are for President, 1st Vice President and Secretary. Current candidates that have announced they will be running are Chris Reinhardt, current secretary has announced she will run for President. Kevin Baker, currently 1st Vice President, will be running for 1st Vice President. No one has announced to date the will be running for the open Secretary position.

South Indian River Water Control Board will have one opening that will be filled at its annual meeting in September. Currently Tom Powell who is on the SIRWCD Board has announced his intention to run for re-election on the Board.

Anyone interested in running for these positions can contact the respective associations for more information.



Mirasol Elementary

The following information is provided as a result of an email we received from Maureen Werner, the new Principal of the new Marsh Pointe Elementary School. The School Board officially accepted the name Marsh Pointe Elementary School this evening at the meeting.

I am just relieved that I can move forward with setting up our bank accounts, school logo, marquee, official stationery, etc. We've been stuck in a holding pattern without the official adoption. We are the Marsh Pointe Elementary Panthers and our school colors are sky blue and yellow. I want to thank everyone for their ideas and suggestions and I liked every combination that you came up with. It's now going to be exciting to get everyone registered. Hopefully, you've seen the dates and times for our extended hours in the near future. These should also be posted at the front desk at each of the feeder schools. Please continue to spread the word to those not on this e-mail distribution list yet. You've all been a big help thus far and the community participation rate is outstanding! Registration dates are: April 28th, April 30th, May 5th and May 8th from 2:30-6:30 pm. You do not have to fill out the lengthy packet on the afternoon that you attend. Pick it up, take a brief tour

Officers and Committee Members

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President - Michael Danchuk	626-2530
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2nd Vice President - Stephanie Duncan	575-7956
Treasure - Lynn Horne	972-4029
Secretary - Chris Reinhardt	743-8725

Committees:

COP Patrol & Disaster Assistance- Bill Bolds	626-7638
Entrance - Kirk Humphreys	748-4595
Beautification - Valerie Rozzo	743-3290
Car Shows - Scott Rice	723-5552
Helping Hands - Pam Malone	743-9912
Newsletter Editor/Advert. - Nicole Campbell	626-2530
Welcoming - Arie Strobel	748-6784
Sidewalks - Mike Danchuk	626-2530
Mom's Club - Sara Nakashian	748-7744
Disaster Response Team - Bill Bolds	626-7638
Parks - Bill Meyers	745-6632
Bob Berman	627-1118
Kirk Humphreys	748-4595
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Tim Brown	748-0709

Information:

Equestrian - Beverly Bean	575-4411
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RV/Camping Club - Connie McCormick	744-2938
SIRWCD - www.sirwcd.org	747-0550
Landowners Association - www.myPBCE.org	
Park - www.twistypinesplayground.org	

Mirasol Cont.

of the school, take the packet home to fill out and then return it when you are able to do so. I must say, though, that the sooner I get the information, the sooner I can make some serious budgetary decisions. Also, to answer some of the immediate questions, We will have a school band and chorus, Safety Patrol for 5th graders, After Care and a Student Council. Once I meet with my entire faculty I will have a better grip on some of the other activities that the teachers will sponsor. Some mentions have been Chess, Environmental, Fitness, Academic Games, Math and Science Exploration, etc. These teachers bring a plethora of experiences and ideas from their current schools! Can't wait to make it happen. Once again, thank you for your continued support, cooperation and enthusiasm for the future of our Marsh Pointe Elementary Panthers! I feel the "Panther Pride" already! Congratulations! The school number is 366-6800!



Message from the President

Well this will be my last message as president. After about 20 years on the Board, that I totally enjoyed, I feel it is time to move on and get more new people involved. That is why I have been making it clear that I would not be running in the upcoming election. I hate imposed term limits or anything else that forces people to do things. That has always been my philosophy on how things should be, and were done, in Palm Beach Country Estates. I wish more politicians would consider term limiting themselves voluntarily, to get new ideas into the system. New leaders will make some learning mistakes, but one great new idea could justify all the small stumbles.

We have many new people moving into the Estates. A lot of them have no idea of the things that have been accomplished by volunteers and donations. Our association dues have always been low for a reason. We only raise money when residents want to contribute to a cause. I have never seen a problem in raising funds when residents felt they wanted something done and we needed money.

In the coming years I hope to contribute to our community by being a historian of sorts, and make scrapbooks of the things that we have done, showing how far we have come in Palm Beach Country Estates. I believe by remembering the past we can duplicate what has worked, and avoid making the same mistakes twice. Sometimes I wish our elected officials spent more time studying history for this reason. Therefore if you have any unusual pictures of events in Palm Beach Country Estates, that you feel others may be interested in, please bring them to my attention.

I also hope to work on a project that I feel Palm Beach Country Estates may be ready for, and I have been setting up the preliminary ground work for. As a result of the expansion of Donald Ross Road a lot of our front entrance will be eliminated. The eastern sign, will still remain, however it is on private property, and therefore could also someday be removed. I have for years thought of getting residents involved in purchasing this property and building a club house for the Estates on the property. This way we could incorporate an upscale entrance design, while having a facility that we could use for meetings and other activities by residents. In recent discussions I have had, the current owner has told me he would consider selling the property for this use, so now I am looking into the feasibility such a project. But again this is a venture that should only be done by those that want to invest in it. My plan is to set it up so all in PBCE can benefit, but only those that really feel strongly about it will make a financial commitment. I will provide more information and whether it is feasible as we get farther along.

I truly feel we live in the best place in northern Palm Beach County. You have some very dedicated individuals that have already stepped up to the plate and offered to run for the Board. Please stay active and support your Landowners Association and your community, and lets work together to preserve what Palm Beach Country Estates is.

Thank you for your years of support,

Michael Danchuk-President

Donald Ross/ Jog Road Connection

The Donald Ross Road/Jog Road construction has been delayed while the County has been getting Army Corp of Engineers approvals. The project will take over a year to complete once started, and will incorporate the sidewalks that are planned on Donald Ross Road. It will be up to the contractor to decide where to start, either at Hood Road going north, or Donald Ross heading south, so it is currently unknown when we will actually see construction. Currently it is anticipated that construction project will start towards the end of the year, and take about one year.

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Road Stabilization Test Approved

The Board of the South Indian River Water Control at their March meeting approved the test of a dust reducing and stabilization product on a section of road next to the district office in Jupiter Farms. It is hoped that the product known as Soiltac will be effective in reducing dust, and limit the washboards and ruts that occur on roads that have not been paved. If it works this could be an alternative to residents that do not want their roads paved, and the cost would much less than having pavement. Michael Danchuk has been working with the manufacturer on getting the test set up, and the company has agreed to provide the material for the test at a reduced cost. The product is currently used in many rural and park areas by the government, as well as overseas in high impact areas such as airport runways.

Car Show Postponed

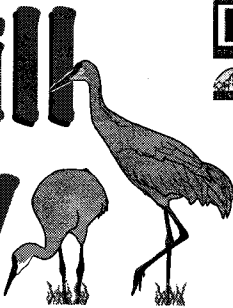
The Palm Beach Country Estates car show originally scheduled for May 18, 2008 has been postponed. It will be shortly rescheduled for a new date. Anyone interested in participating should contact Scott Rice 723-5552 or Michael Danchuk 339-3485.

Plumbers for Water Available

Several local plumbers have come forth with special pricing to help those that want water lines hooked up. As a service to our residents we are providing their contact information. This information is also on our website under important information.

Enterprise Plumbing Services; Jen 744-7540; Gillespie Plumbing Services-339-6135 or 339-9269; Zicaro's Plumbing 515-0535

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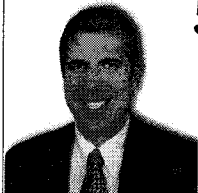
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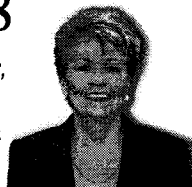
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