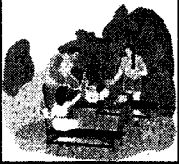


# Countryside Living...

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## Park Cleanup Day September 8th

Clearing of the future Palm Beach Country Estates Community Park has started. Initial work involved clearing the north end where parking is anticipated. The south end is also being cleared to remove non native vegetation. The clearing work has been done by PBCE resident

Mark owner of AAA Plus at a discounted rate and being paid for by the PBCE Landowners Association and the Twisty Pines Playground Foundation. On September 8<sup>th</sup> between 8AM and 1PM volunteers are asked to come to the park location at the north end of 69<sup>th</sup> to help out. Students and scouts will get community service hours for assisting with the clearing process. Sturdy shoes and protective clothing should be worn as the area is very much in its natural state. The clearing will involve removing by hand the interior spaces of non-native vegetation. It is recommended that gloves be worn. If you can not help with the clean up financial donations for the park are always appreciated. Anyone with a Bobcat or front-end loader that wants to assist would be a big help. Any hand tools that you feel may assist should be brought. Also anyone under 18 will require a parent to show up, as liability waivers will need to be signed.



## Dust Inhibitor Tested

A new dust inhibitor has been tested by the PBCE Landowners Association. PBCE Board member Chris Reinhardt had heard of the dust control substance that was being used in local parks. President Michael Danchuk then undertook finding more about the product and was pleased to find that the material known as Soiltac was EPA approved to be used near streams and water sources. The substance is designed not to leech into the ground, and does not leave residue on the road, as some other stabilization surfaces may. It is currently being used by the US government in Iraq and other countries where paving is not economically feasible but an improved surface is necessary. Uses include roads, airplane runways, and large construction sites. Since it uses water to dilute it for application it is being used in countries such as Africa, where it can even be applied by hand with watering cans if larger equipment is not available.

Because of the potential benefit to PBCE as an interim solution for dust and rut control, as well as a way to keep some dirt roads in their natural state, it was decided to do an initial test sample. Michael Danchuk and Robert Berman on August 11<sup>th</sup> mixed about 30 gallons of the solution, that was purchased by the PBCE Landowners Association, and tried it on a small 30 foot section of dirt road. The results were quite positive. The dust was eliminated, and the surface held up under traffic from large trucks. Unfortunately after several days a road grader, that was grading the rest of the road, tore up the surface before a more lengthy test was completed.

The process was presented to the SIRWCD district engineers for evaluation at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. According to the manufacturer the cost is about \$13,000/mile and life expectancy is anywhere from 6 months to 2 years. A second application would cost only about \$3,500. SIRWCD is now evaluating the process to see if it would be viable answer to improve roads that are not yet paved.

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## Watch Your Pets

Concern has been expressed about missing pets in Palm Beach Country Estates. In prior newsletters we have brought to our readers attention the possibility of alligators grabbing a pet that wanders too close to a canal where the gator may be passing by. However several residents have now expressed a new concern and have asked us to mention it in the newsletter.

It has been determined that there are dog fighting rings in the area. These rings have been known to grab unsuspecting pets that are roaming free, or even in their own yard. These stolen animals are later used in the rings to fight or to be bait for other animals. We do not have positive confirmation of this, but with the many outsiders that service our community, it is a possibility, so we warn pet owners to be careful. We are therefore reminding you to make sure your pets are leashed and kept in your yards for their safety and the safety of others.



### Message from the President

Things are moving along in Palm Beach Country Estates, while we continue to be the best place to live. However there is one item I keep hearing on from the residents. That they still have not gotten their street paved, or they hate the ruts and dust.

As you know some roads have been paved while others have been waiting for years. There are two problems causing the delay. The first is not a problem, it is just that not everyone wants to pave their roads. As a community we need to respect the wishes of these individual streets. The second issue is the rising cost.

Every street in PBCE has asked for an estimate for paving and a chance to vote on it. Unfortunately the prices obtained through SIRWCD, have been deemed cost prohibitive. I have always felt that no matter what the price, landowners should get a chance to vote on it, however the majority of the SIRWCD board feels we need to first get a better price. Because of this, the engineers have been working on alternatives to allow us to present a better price for the community.

However this does not preclude any street to have the paving done on their own, as long as all residents of the street want to pave and are willing to pay for it. Remember that on most of the unpaved roads the property owner still owns to the middle of the street.

We now also have a potential alternative for dust control and reducing ruts that offers a temporary solution, at much lower price. You can read more about this process in this newsletter.

Therefore if you and all your neighbors want to pave or consider dust control on your street just contact one of the board members and we will provide you information on how to proceed. It is something you can do on your own, if you really want to and do not want to wait.

*Michael Danchuk-President*



### Turnpike Sound Wall will be Recommended

As a result of continuous efforts by the Landowners Association and letters from individual residents, we have now been informed that the State Department of Transportation staff will recommend a sound wall for the west side of the Turnpike.

Initially there was concern that because we have large lots, PBCE would not qualify for having the sound walls put up when the Turnpike expansion proceeds. President Michael Danchuk, and 1st VP, Kevin Baker on behalf of the Landowners Association, have been in contact with the Governor, our state and federal legislators as well County officials, and we have now gotten the good news.

However according to his conversations with DOT staff they feel the design stage for the walls will not start until 2022, and the wall will not be constructed till 2025 when the roads are scheduled to expand. There will be a public meeting on September 20 starting at 5:30PM, with a formal presentation starting at 6:30PM, at the PGA Resort at 400 Avenue of the Champions on the turnpike expansion.

A special thanks for the following political leaders who have contacted and supported the position of the PBCE Landowners Association and the residents who wrote letters. Thank you to Governor Charlie Crist, U.S. Congressman Tim Mahoney, U.S. Congressman Ron Klein, State Representative Carl Domino, State Senator Ken Pruitt, County Commissioner Karen Marcus, and the staff of the DOT for assisting us.

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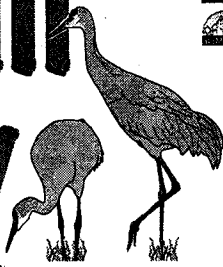
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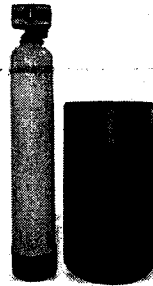
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