

District Notes & News



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*The Board of Supervisors meets
the third Thursday of each
month at Jupiter High School
at 7:30 p.m.*

*Contact the District Office
for an agenda.*

Landowner-Initiated Roadway Improvement Referenda Results

A total of 28 referenda were sent out to affected South Indian River Water Control District landowners on June 9 and were to be returned to the Supervisor of Elections on or before July 14. The following road referenda have passed in favor of constructing asphalt roadways in Palm Beach Country Estates:

- 67th Avenue N between 141st Lane N and Donald Ross Road
- 71st Drive N between 150th Place N and 154th Road N
- 72nd Drive N between 150th Place N and 154th Road N
- 72nd Drive N between 155th Drive N and 159th Court N
- 75th Way N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N
- 84th Avenue N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 140th Lane N between 64th Drive N and 69th Drive N
- 151st Court N between 69th Drive N and 69th Trail N
- 165th Street N between 75th Avenue N and 79th Terrace N
- 167th Court N between 75th Avenue N and 78th Drive N

In addition, the following road referenda have passed in favor of applying open-graded emulsified mix (OGEM) in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates:

- 80th Drive N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 92nd Way N between 150th Court N and 154th Road N
- 98th Trail N between 150th Court N and 154th Road N
- 151st Lane N between 133rd Terrace N and Canal 13
- 187th Place N between 126th Terrace N and 129th Terrace N
and 129th Terrace N between 186th Court N and 187th Place N

At a rescheduled meeting on August 12, the Board of Supervisors accepted the referenda results certified by the Supervisor of Elections and instructed the District Engineer to proceed with the Plan of Improvements for the project. The first public hearing on the plan is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 7, prior to a Board meeting rescheduled from Oct. 21. The second hearing is slated for Dec. 2, prior to a Board meeting that will be held in lieu of the Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 meetings. Check the SIRWCD website for possible schedule changes.

In addition, the Board also approved a request from landowners at the meeting to issue a new referendum for 154th Road N between 69th Drive N and 75th Avenue N. Please consult the SIRWCD website for information on this upcoming referendum.

Board Approves 2010-2011 Budget

The Board of Directors of South Indian River Water Control District approved the 2010/2011 budget at a rescheduled meeting on August 12. The required public hearing on the budget was held prior to the board meeting. The board approved a resolution adopting the budget and the levying of special assessments for 2010 on all lands within the District, pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

District Treasurer Charles Haas reported that the annual budget will increase from \$5,327,000 in 2009/2010 to \$5,339,000 in the 2010/2011 budget year, resulting in a slight increase in assessments, primarily in the debt service funds. Continued historically low interest rates are causing reduced investment revenue. The proposed increases in Palm Beach Country Estates, Jupiter Farms and Egret Landing are expected to be 1-2% per parcel.

Debt service assessments for the 15th Plan of Improvements have been reduced \$94.00 per parcel for the non-Rocky Pines roads and \$69.00 per parcel for the Rocky Pines Road benefitted areas due to construction costs being below the original estimates.

PALM BEACH COUNTRY ESTATES FEMA FLOOD ZONE REVISION OPPORTUNITY

Notices were sent out to those landowners in Palm Beach Country Estates that own property located in Flood Zone A0 as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD) is considering applying for a Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) with FEMA for the effective property structure(s) that are located within this flood zone.

- If SIRWCD is successful with this application, the structures on the effective property could be removed from the flood zone designation, making the purchase of flood insurance *optional* instead of a *requirement*
- This could save affected landowners hundreds of dollars annually in future insurance costs

By requesting SIRWCD to apply for this application, the affected residents of Palm Beach Country Estates could save money by submitting one application for multiple parcels rather than each landowner processing one individually. The cost to process this application is dependent on the number of landowners who participate and the number of required elevation surveys and is estimated to range from \$200-\$500 per landowner (a one-time cost), which would be offset by your flood insurance savings.

SIRWCD had previously investigated trying to get the FEMA maps changed based on the drainage work done in the District in 1989, however, the cost of re-certifying the improvements that were done would have exceeded the costs for this proposed approach.

If you are interested in participating in this process, either return your notice or contact SIRWCD at 15600 Jupiter Farms Road, Jupiter, FL 33478. If you are in this Flood Zone and did not receive a mailing, please contact the District office at 747-0550.

NPDES TIP: Do not throw grass clippings into canals, lakes or wetlands - they are a source of phosphorous and nitrogen, which increase algae growth, and decrease water storage.



SIRWCD Board of Supervisors Election

Two seats are up for election on the Board of Supervisors.

Bob Berman and Michael Danchuk are running for reelection. Berman has served on the Board for 10 years and Danchuk has served for 9 years.

Mike Ryan is also running this year. All three are residents of Palm Beach Country Estates.

Ballots were sent out on August 6 and must be received at the Supervisors of Elections office by Sept. 16 or may be cast in person just prior to the start of the Annual Landowner's Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Jupiter High School on September 16. If you have questions, or have misplaced or did not receive a ballot, please call the District office at 561-747-0550.

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