

District Notes & News



**South Indian River
Water Control District™**

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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.*



Michael Dillon

Services the District Provides

I have heard that South Indian River Water Control District (SIRWCD) has been discussed quite a bit on Facebook® recently by a number of our landowners. I have to admit, I'm not a "Facebook guy," but recently spoke to a few people who follow it daily. I was quite surprised to hear how often the District is referenced for services that we actually don't even provide! I hope this article will help clarify what services the District does and doesn't offer its residents.

ROADWAYS

The District grades over one hundred miles of dirt roads on a weekly basis in Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach Country Estates. We also monitor and repair roads that have been surfaced with either open-graded emulsified mix (OGEM) and asphalt by the District through landowner-initiated improvement projects. *We do not repair paved roads that belong to Palm Beach County.* These roads feature striping and reflectors, whereas the District-constructed roadways do not.

Many of our calls for road repair are for potholes on these County roads. While we do notify the Palm Beach County Road and Bridge Department regarding the issue, we cannot dictate when they will make the repair. We also do not repair sidewalks, as these are the responsibility of the County as well. Like the roads, if we do receive a call, we notify the County immediately about the problem.

The District does not provide traffic enforcement for speeding, running stop signs, or illegal ATV use on the District's canal banks. These services are provided by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

MOWING

Our mowing operations include roadside swales, drainage outfalls, and canals throughout the District. Our most challenging months are August through October, when the grass is high and the swales are wet due to seasonal rains.

On average, the mowing schedule takes six to eight weeks to complete. The District does not provide landscaping services, and unfortunately, we cannot mow the swales every time a yard is mowed. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. There are residents who choose to mow their own swale and are put on our operators' "Do Not Mow" list. If you are interested in being added to this list, please call our office.

GARBAGE

SIRWCD does not provide garbage collection services - this is provided by the Solid Waste Authority. We do not pick up common trash, construction debris, or yard debris that is set out at the side of the road. We do not pick up cans, bottles, or broken glass. We do monitor the swales and canals for any illicit discharge or illegal dumping. If you see or suspect someone is engaged in these activities, please notify the District immediately.

While I'm sure Facebook is a great resource for many people, don't assume the information you see posted about the District is always accurate or up to date. If you have any questions regarding our services, please call our offices, send us an e-mail, or visit our website at www.sirwcd.org.

Landowner-Initiated Roadway Improvements Go to Referendum

The Board of Supervisors of the District has received petitions from more than 35% of the landowners along the roadways listed below requesting the construction of a County Standard improvement for the application of asphalt to the road. As a result of landowners' verified petitions, the District Engineer's recommendation that the improvements to the roadways are appropriate and the benefited parcels are those landowners adjacent to the roadways, and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2001-313, Laws of Florida, which is the Special Act of the Legislature that serves as the charter of the District, the Board of Supervisors has authorized referenda for the following roadways:

- 64th Way N between 146th Road N and 149th Place N
- 67th Trail N between 146th Road N and 149th Place N
- 68th Drive N between 146th Road N and 149th Place N
- 71st Drive N between 155th Place N and 160th Street N
- 74th Avenue N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 75th Way N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 77th Trail N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 78th Drive N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 78th Drive N between 155th Place N and 159th Court North
- 81st Terrace N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 149th Place between 69th Drive N and 64th Way N
- 159th Court N between 75th Avenue N to East End
- 163rd Court N between 75th Avenue N and 79th Terrace N
- 163rd Court N between 75th Avenue N and East End

Due to the large number of roads being petitioned for the asphalt application, this project is likely to be combined into a single *Plan of Improvement*. The total estimated annual payment per parcel is approximately \$1200 per year based upon current interest rates over a term of up to twelve years. An option for paying the assessment up front will also be available should the referenda pass.

Ballots for these referenda were sent out to landowners on these roadways on February 6, 2015, with a return date of March 12. **You must vote in order to have your ballot count - either as a "for" or "against"**. If you are on these roadways and have not received a ballot, please contact the District office at 561-747-0550. Do **NOT** call the Supervisor of Elections.

The following roadways that also had petitioned for improvement were removed from the referenda by the Board of Supervisors after receiving requests from a majority of landowners on those roadways who wanted to keep their dirt roads and rural lifestyle and would not vote for the proposed improvements.

- 76th Trail N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 76th Trail N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 85th Avenue N between Canal C and Canal D
- 85th Way N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 154th Court N between 75th Avenue N to C-18 Canal
- 88th Trail N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N

DISTRICT POLL ON POTENTIAL POLICY CHANGE

The Board of Supervisors would like to thank all the landowners who sent in their responses to our recent poll regarding a potential policy change on capital improvement voting. Results are being tabulated and will be reviewed by the Board at their March 26 meeting.

Construction on Palm Beach Country Estates Park Improvements Underway

At the May 8, 2014 South Indian River Water Control District Board meeting, staff was directed to estimate construction costs to complete the planned improvements at the Margaret Berman Park in Palm Beach Country Estates.

These improvements include the construction of three pavilions, a half basketball court and a racquetball court. District staff met with the contractor on the specifics of the contract on July 25, and after contracts and drawings were finalized, the building permit was submitted to Palm Beach County on October 22, 2014.

The permit was approved and the contractor began construction of the improvements on January 5, 2015.



The largest pavilion is being constructed near the playground equipment



The racquetball court is quickly approaching completion

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

If landowners witness anyone dumping any materials into the District swales or canal system, or Palm Beach County drains and catch basins, please report this immediately to the District Office at 747-0550.

24th Annual Landowners Family Day



Saturday, March 14

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the District Work Center

Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Country Estates, Egret Landing and Jupiter Commerce Park

Meet the Supervisors & Staff • Get to know your neighbors

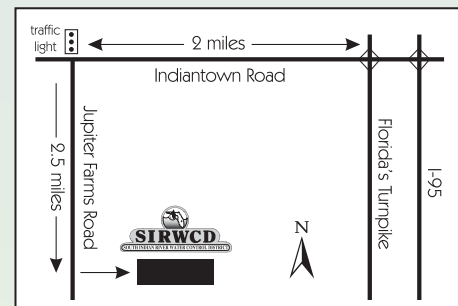
Fun for the Whole Family!

Delicious Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q Lunch
Tom Jackson Band - National Recording Artist
Cock-A-Doodle-Do Petting Zoo, Pony Rides,
Bounce House & Face Painting



Community Exhibits Free Information & Give-A-Ways!

Florida Health Palm Beach County • Florida Fish and Wildlife
Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
Jupiter Farmer • Jupiter Farms Residents
Florida Trail Association, Loxahatchee Chapter
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue • OneBlood
Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
Furry Friends Adoption and Clinic • Florida Forest Service



Please RSVP to Holly or Carol
at 747-0550



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for news updates!

24th Annual Landowners Family Day



Fun for the Family! 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Join us on Saturday, March 14 for our 24th Annual Landowners Family Day. Enjoy Sonny's Bar-B-Q, activities for the kids, listen to live music by the Tom Jackson Band, and see exhibits by community organizations!