

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.

Landowners Petition for Roadway Improvement Projects

At the January 21, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting, District Engineer Lennart J. Lindahl reported that petitions had been received for the application of asphalt to Palm Beach County standards for the following roadways in Palm Beach Country Estates, which total approximately 2.2 miles:

- 73rd Terrace N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 79th Terrace N between 155th Place N and 162nd Court N
- 75th Way N between 163rd Court N and 165th Street N
- 78th Drive N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 67th Trail N between 146th Road N and 149th Place N
- 77th Trail N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N

In addition, four roadways totaling approximately 1.4 miles in Jupiter Farms have petitioned for the application of Open-Graded Emulsified Mix (OGEM):

- 126th Terrace N between 165th Road N and 169th Court N
- 127th Drive N between 187th Place N and Old Indiantown Grade
- 151st Lane N between 133rd Terrace N and Canal 12
- 90th Trail N between 165th Place N and 166th Way N

All roadways have met the 35% minimum requirement for petition. The Board authorized the engineer to move forward with identifying the benefitted area and to prepare an estimate of probable cost for the project.

SIRWCD in Jupiter Farms Christmas Parade



Supervisors Tom Rice and Dave Beane on the SIRWCD "float" at the Jupiter Farms Christmas Parade

Andrew Billy Celebrates 10 Years with the District



Tom Rice and Mike Dillon present Andrew Billy with an award for 10 years of service to South Indian River Water Control District



From left: Greg Gell, Maxx Tweedale, Arie Raz, Greta Rayman, Andrew Billy, David Murrell, Matthew Ames, David Duckett, Mike Dillon, Joe Simon, George McGarry, Holly Rigby and Thomas Puglisi

Andrew Billy was recently awarded a plaque acknowledging his ten years of service to South Indian River Water Control District. Andrew joined the District's field staff on December 1, 2001.

Supervisor Tom Rice, Manager of Operations Michael Dillon and SIRWCD staff were on hand to honor Andrew for his achievement.

"I have truly enjoyed working for the District and its residents over these last ten years," Andrew said.

Michael Dillon said "Andrew has been an asset to the District and is a dedicated employee who takes pride in his work."

"It takes a lot of hard, physical work to maintain the over 12,000 acres that encompass the District and we are fortunate to have Andrew and the other District employees who offer decades of expertise to our landowners," added Tom Rice. "From our field staff to our professional office personnel, we offer our residents the very best in service."



The Board of Supervisors and District staff have been carefully monitoring the implementation of water quality rules in Florida. Originally, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) had proposed quality standards for Florida waters, including man-made canals, which were to be implemented in August of 2012.

However, due to the concerns expressed by the state, municipalities, and special districts that the cost to implement the standards would be prohibitive, the EPA notified Florida on November 2, 2011 that the agency would let Florida develop its own anti-pollution rules for lakes, rivers, estuaries, streams, and springs.

On February 16, 2012, Governor Rick Scott signed Florida's HB7051 backing the proposed water quality rules that are intended to replace the EPA rules.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio announced he is filing a bill that would force the EPA to adopt Florida's nutrient limits, and U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson has sent a letter to the EPA in support of the proposed state rules.

The Florida Wildlife Federation, St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, the Sierra Club, and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida are challenging the state's proposed rules, however.

A hearing on this challenge is scheduled to start February 27 before the Division of Administrative Hearings.

District staff has continued to coordinate a water quality monitoring program with the Loxahatchee River District and as directed by the Board, has HBEL, Inc. under contract for water quality sampling services to meet SIRWCD needs.



NEW HORSE GATE INSTALLED IN JUPITER FARMS

SIRWCD crews continue to install "No Motorized Vehicles - Others Use at Your Own Risk" signs along drainage canals within the District.

Manager of Operations, Mike Dillon, reports that the District is working with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Wild Land Task Force, who monitors ATV traffic and other unauthorized motor vehicles that travel along the canal right-of-ways. Vehicles are prohibited as they damage the canal banks and increase maintenance costs.

Steve Hinkle, a Jupiter Farms resident, donated a horse gate at the Alexander Run extension road and Canal 7 so that pedestrians and horses could still access the area.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

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

*South Indian River Water Control District
cordially invites you to attend the*

21st Annual Landowners Family Day



Saturday, March 17

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

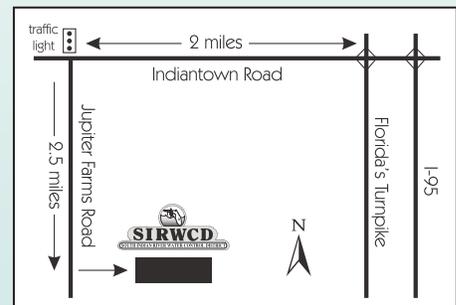
✧ Cock-A-Doodle-Do ✧

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Bounce House & Face Painting



Community Exhibits - Free Information & Give-a-ways!

Citizens On Patrol • Florida Forest Service • Florida's Blood Centers
Drowning Prevention Coalition
Jupiter Farmer • Jupiter Farms Residents
Loxahatchee River Coalition • Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationists
Northeast Everglades Trail Association
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation Department
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office - Mounted Unit
Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. • Solid Waste Authority
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