

# District Notes & News



**South Indian River**  
*Water Control District™*

Established 1923

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## SUPERVISORS

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### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

*The Board of Supervisors  
meets the third Thursday  
of each month at  
Jupiter High School  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Contact the District Office  
for an agenda.*

## Changes to Solid Waste Authority Pick Up to Affect District Landowners

South Indian River Water Control District is not responsible for trash pickup, however, landowners following the rules from the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) help the District perform its maintenance and operational duties.

### NEW RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDELINES WILL GO INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2019.

Palm Beach County is going Automated. Every residential curbside customer will receive a new 95 gallon Cart that will be serviced by new specialized trucks. The cart will be delivered to your home by the hauler prior to the new contract start date, most likely in the month of September.

- All garbage must be placed inside the Cart and will be collected two (2) days per week.
- If a second Cart is needed, it may be purchased at a one-time cost of \$65. The resident will not incur any additional collection or disposal charges and the hauler will be fully responsible for the repair and/or replacement of the Cart.
- Please do not use your new Cart until October 1, 2019.
- Bulk Service will be provided one day per week and limited to no more than three (3) items. Bulk items include appliances, furniture and any other large household items that do not fit in your Cart. Some residents may have more than three (3) items. Contact SWA Customer Service at (561) 697-2700 for an estimate to have the additional items removed.
- Bulk Service will be provided on one (1) of your regular collection days.
- Debris from minor home repairs (Construction and Demolition Debris ("C&D")) will be limited to two (2) cubic yards per week.
- C&D will be collected on your scheduled Bulk Service day and must be containerized (in cans or plastic bags) weighing less than fifty (50) pounds.
- Containerized C&D material exceeding two (2) cubic yards will be tagged and not removed.

### NEW RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDELINES WILL GO INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2019.

Debris other than palm fronds and tree branches, such as leaves, tree and hedge trimmings, pine needles, etc. should be containerized, preferably in a garbage can, paper lawn and refuse bags, or plastic bags.

Tree branches and palm fronds should be neatly stacked in a pile that does not exceed six (6) cubic yards. The Yard Waste collection limit continues to be six (6) cubic yards per week (18' Long x 3' Wide x 3' High), but under the new collection contract the hauler will no longer be servicing piles that exceed this limit. Residents are encouraged to place no more than six (6) cubic yards per week at the curb. Tree branches placed at the curb must be cut into pieces that are no more than six (6) feet in length, six (6) inches in diameter and weigh no more than fifty (50) pounds each to facilitate manual loading. Palm fronds can be any length. Piles that exceed this size will be tagged and photographed and the information forwarded to the SWA Customer Service Department. It will be the customer's responsibility to arrange for the removal of the pile by either contacting the SWA Customer Service Department or making other arrangements to have the pile removed.

If you know you are going to have more, you can call SWA Customer Service at (561) 697-2700 to request an estimate to have the pile removed. We have included in our contract an established rate of \$8.00 per cubic yard for the service. Upon payment, the material will be removed within 72 hours. Alternatively, you can contract with anyone you want to remove the material, or if you have hired a commercial landscaper, make sure they include removal in their quote.

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Why is this change being made? Your SWA yard waste assessment and collection service is intended for routine landscape maintenance, not debris generated by land clearing and tree removal activities. Piles that contain these materials, or that are excessively large, cannot be efficiently collected manually or mechanically and impede the ability of the waste hauler to provide quality, affordable service to the hundreds of other residential customers on the route. In short, this is being done to ensure that every residential customer receives a base level of service that meets the needs of the overwhelming majority of residents at the lowest possible cost.

For additional information visit us on the web ([www.swa.org](http://www.swa.org)) or Contact Customer Service at (561) 697-2700.



Illegal dumping

## Roadway Improvement Project Referendum Fails

At the February Board Meeting, the District's Board of Supervisors accepted the certified results from Wendy Satory Link, Supervisor of Elections for the referendum of the landowner-initiated roadway improvement project for a segment of 74th Avenue N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N requesting the construction of a County Standard improvement (asphalt) to the road.

The final total was eight (8) for and six (6) against.

As policy dictates, at least 90% of the landowners of the parcels within the benefited area of the referendum must vote in favor, therefore this improvement project failed.

## ILLICIT DISCHARGE

It is illegal to dump trash or other materials into the District swales or canal system, or Palm Beach County catch basins.

Landowners should report any infractions regarding illicit discharges to the District Office at 747-0550.

## UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES

Unauthorized motor vehicles are prohibited on District canal right-of-ways per Florida Statutes.

Please contact the Sheriff's Office if you see any vehicles trespassing on canal right-of-ways.

## District Employees Celebrate 10 & 20 Years



Board of Supervisors president Stephen Hinkle presents service awards to long-time employees Holly Rigsby and Arie Raz

South Indian River Water Control Board of Supervisors president Stephen Hinkle presented Holly Rigsby with a 10-year Service Award and Arie Raz with a 20-year Service Award.

Holly Rigsby began working in the District office part time in 2008, and in 2011 began working full time, taking over the office administrator position in May of 2012. Manager of Operations Michael Dillon notes that Mrs. Rigsby has been a joy to work with and she receives numerous compliments from landowners on her professionalism and great job she has done as Office Administrator.

Mr. Raz has been one of the most consistent operators over the last 20 years. He is a level 3 boom operator with a CDL license to drive our dump trucks. In addition, he assists the head mechanic in the shop when needed.

Mr. Raz also receives a lot of compliments related to his mowing and in fact, landowners call requesting Mr. Raz to come and mow the drainage ditches in front of their properties.

"We are extremely fortunate as a Special District to have such dedicated, knowledgeable, and professional staff as Mrs. Rigsby and Mr. Raz," said Mr. Hinkle.

# 28th Annual Landowners Family Day



## Saturday, March 16

11:30 am to 2:30 pm 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!

McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q - Back due to Popular Demand!

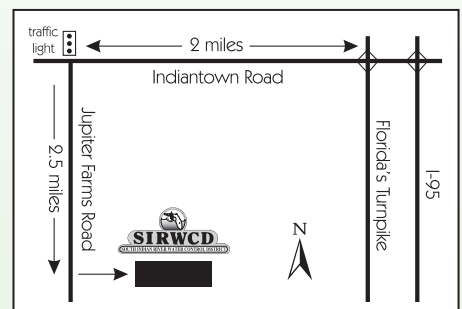
Tom Jackson Band - National Recording Artist

Cock-A-Doodle-Do Petting Zoo, Pony Rides & Face Painting • Jupiter Bounce

### Community Exhibits Free Information & Give-A-Ways!

Citizens Observer Patrol Unit 103 Jupiter Farms/PBCE  
Solid Waste Authority • Palm Beach County Fire Rescue • Friends of Jupiter Beach  
Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County • Jupiter Farmer  
Jupiter Farms Residents • Jupiter Lighthouse DAR Chapter  
Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team • Gaited Trail Riders  
Florida Health - Palm Beach County • Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationist  
Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. • Florida Forest Service

Note: Handicap parking available inside the gates.



Please RSVP to Holly or Carol at 747-0550



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## A Letter from Landowner Mike Clark to Manager of Operations Mike Dillon

*Read after the Jan. 17 Board Meeting. Due to the length of the letter, it has been edited to fit space allowed.*

Members of the board, distinguished guests and residents. My name is Mike Clark and I bought a home in the western farms about a year ago. I've waited my whole life to buy this house and it was totally worth it.

I have a pond, a pool and a canal behind my house and beyond is 5,000 bucolic acres of pine glades preserve. Being a new homeowner I had questions about removing trees on my property and the canal, so last February I attended a SIRWCD meeting. Now don't judge me, but early on I kind of fell in with a bad element. Nevertheless, they directed me to Mike Dillon.

I met Mike after the meeting and he told me to give him a call the following week. I explained that being a new homeowner, I didn't want to get crazy with my chainsaw and have someone fine me \$5,000 down the road. He laughed and said he'd come out and tell me what invasives I could cut, what to leave and how high to leave stumps.

True to his word, he made the time and pointed out all the Brazilian pepper and Australian pines I could remove. In an effort to make his life simple, and mighty

proud of my newly owned 1.6 acres, I showed him my property survey. He just grinned. I was immediately unsure how to take it for many reasons. Try to envision the visage of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." It was then he uttered the words that haunt my dreams: "You have an easement!" He struck off from the canal bank at a breakneck pace. He looked around at the overgrown mess that looked to me like thick amazon jungle and began to nod silently to himself. When he recovered from his reverie, he handed back my survey and bade me adieu, left with a feeling hovering somewhere betwixt curiosity and dread.

He called in March and said he'd like to come out and talk about the easement on my land. I was a soldier and a police officer so I'm generally a 'rules' kinda guy. But I do have a healthy respect for the general incompetence of government agencies, so I looked at the meeting with great consternation. It was then that I began to form a tremendous respect for our beloved Manager of Operations. Mike explained to me what an easement was, its purpose, and the right(s) of local government to utilize for the greater good. I learned the unique juncture of 169th Court and 134th Terrace was prone to flooding during heavy or

prolonged rain events. At every juncture he conducted himself with dignity, tirelessly addressing my concerns and silly questions, explaining in patient detail each step of the process and providing a highly accurate timeline. Mike is so adept at what he does, by the time the project was done...he'd all but convinced me it was my idea in the first place!!!

Over the course of 2018 he worked with me every step of the way through property line surveys, plats, elevation studies, land clearing, grading and excavation. The end result of which is a new drainage ditch and outfall which will "relieve" the flooding concerns of 6 homes to the east and 7 homes to the south of said curve.

Never in my life have I had such a positive experience with a government agency or public works department. I can't count the number of times I've said thank you to Mike over the phone, but it always felt like it wasn't enough. It is for these reasons, and too many more to list, that I present Mike this plaque.

