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.

Four Candidates Seek Two Seats on Board of Supervisors

The South Indian River Water Control District is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors who serve three-year terms. Supervisors are elected by a vote of the landowners based on parcel acreage.

Ballots for this year's two Board of Supervisors positions will be mailed out to all landowners the second week of August. According to the District's Special Act, for this election candidates must own land in the District and must be residents of the District. At least one of the two supervisors to be elected must reside in the District in the area west of the C-18 Canal.

This year, four candidates will seek the two seats up for election. Steve Hinkle, who has been on the board since 2012, and Tom Rice, Sr., who has served since 1989, are running for reelection. Rick G. Lee and John A. Meyer, who both ran for the first time in last year's election are running again this year. Candidate biographies are posted on the District's website at www.sirwcd.org/elections.html.

Election ballots must be received at the District office no later than close of business on September 17, or you may cast your ballot in person at the start of the Annual Landowners Meeting that evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Jupiter High School Auditorium. Landowners should contact the District office at 561-747-0550 if they have questions regarding the election or if a ballot has not been received or has been lost or damaged.

First Public Hearing on 2015 Landowner-Initiated **Roadway Improvement Project**

The South Indian River Water Control District has filed in the office of the Secretary of the District a resolution to consider approval of an amendment to its current water control plan to provide for the 2015 Landowner-Initiated Roadway Improvement Project as requested by landowners within the benefitted areas. The first required public hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2015, in the Jupiter High School guidance office at 7:30 pm. The Board of Supervisors' monthly meeting will follow. The roadways in this project that were approved by referendum, certified by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, and accepted by the Board are listed below:

- 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
- 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 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 81st Terrace N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 149th Place between 69th Drive N and 64th Way N
- 163rd Court N between 75th Avenue N and 79th Terrace N
- 163rd Court N between 75th Avenue N and East End

Any written objections to the proposed plan may be filed at the District's office prior to the hearing. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may determine to proceed with the process for approval of the proposed plan amendment and direct the District Engineer to prepare an engineer's report for a final public hearing on October 15. Please check the website for updates on this proposed *Plan of Improvement*.





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Florida Stormwater
Education Corner
Protecting
Florida's Water

Stormwater and its impacts on the environment, residential and commercial property, and infrastructure has become a major area of concern at the local, state and federal levels.

The use of "green infrastructure" is increasing in popularity across the country due to its proven cost-effective benefits in reducing stormwater runoff and its associated problems, as well enhancing a community in terms of aesthetics and improved property values. Rain gardens, vegetated swales and bioretention areas, water harvesting technologies, planters and green roofs in urban areas, and permeable pavements are all being utilized to reduce stormwater runoff, which contains pollutants and sediments that are impacting our waterways.

To learn more about what you can do, visit our newly updated website, which now includes extensive information on stormwater.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

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

SIRWCD Annual Budget Hearing and Annual Landowners Meeting

The South Indian River Water Control District's (SIRWCD) Annual Budget Public Hearing will be held prior to the monthly board meeting on August 20 at the Jupiter High School guidance office at 7:30 pm.

Total assessments from ongoing programs are proposed to not increase from last year's level of \$5,187,000 for the 2015-2016 budget year. New assessments this year are the first year of special five-year assessments approved by the Board for funding of canal improvements in Jupiter Farms and for the Palm Beach Country Estates (PBCE) park improvements in the amounts of \$18,800 and \$70,000 respectively.

For most landowners in PBCE, the proposed assessment increase will be about 3.79% or \$46.00. For the Jupiter Farms neighborhood, the proposed increase in assessments will be about \$2.00 per parcel or .69%. Assessments for landowners in Egret Landing are proposed to remain the same as last year. Information on the budget is available on the District's website.

The Annual Landowners' Meeting will be held September 17 at 7:30 pm at the Jupiter High School Auditorium. Annual reports by the Manager of Operations and District Engineer will be presented. Ballots for the SIRWCD Board of Supervisors are also due by this date. If you have any questions about either of these meetings, please contact the District office at 561-747-0550.