

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.*

District Receives Landowner-Initiated Roadway Improvement Petitions

At the January 16, 2014 South Indian River Water Control District Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, District Engineer Amy Eason reported that she had received and verified the following new petitions in 2013 for construction of asphalt roadways in Palm Beach Country Estates totalling approximately 1.4 miles:

- 67th Trail N between 146th Road N and 149th Place N
- 74th Avenue N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N
- 77th Trail N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N
- 88th Trail N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N

The following roadway in Jupiter Farms has petitioned for the application of OGEM and totals approximately .5 miles:

- 164th Court N between Mellen Lane and Alexander Run

Mrs. Eason said that several more petitions are being circulated by landowners, but had yet to be returned. She added that the first petition had been received in June of 2013 and current Board policy is to act on petitions within a year. The Board questioned whether there would be enough road mileage to move forward with the referenda in 2014 at a reasonable cost to landowners. The Board discussed sending out a letter to everyone on the petitioned roadways to advise them that the Board may wait to issue the referenda to see if additional petitions that are in circulation will be submitted and potentially increase the size of the overall project to take advantage of better volume pricing and financing. Please check the website for updates.

SOUTH INDIAN RIVER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF SAFETY MEETINGS

The District's Manager of Operations conducts quarterly safety meetings for their equipment operators and office staff to help ensure their safety, as well as that of the landowners.

The District's fleet of vehicles consists of large equipment such as graders, boom mowers and dump trucks, all of which require specialized training to operate.

Discussions include wearing the proper clothing, work boots and ear protection, as well as issues they encounter during their work day. Any problems out in the field that may present safety hazards are reported back to the District office.

Landowners are reminded to stay a safe distance from the District's equipment when in operation as it may be difficult to see someone, and in particular a child, who may be fascinated with the large vehicles and run towards them.



Arie Raz Celebrates 15 Years with the District



Arie Raz with the District's John Deere 670G motor grader



Manager of Operations Michael Dillon (l) and Supervisor Michael Ryan (r) present Arie Raz with a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of service to the District

Arie Raz, a level two equipment operator with the District was awarded a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of service to the District by Manager of Operations Michael Dillon and Supervisor Michael Ryan on Thursday, February 13 at the District offices after their safety meeting. Arie, known as “the pie maker” among his colleagues, was also presented with a coconut cream pie, much to everyone’s amusement.

“Arie is one of our most valued employees,” said Ryan. “He possesses a high level of expertise and is dedicated to doing his best every day on the job.”

Many landowners who attend the District’s Annual Family Day every year have seen Arie helping to serve soda and water to attendees. “Arie is always one of the first to volunteer to help out at the Family Day each year,” said Dillon. “From setting up tables and cleaning up, to making sure everyone gets their favorite soda, he is always glad to lend a hand.”

Arie, a resident of Jupiter Farms, said he enjoys working for the District and providing a valued service to its landowners.



*District staff (back row left to right): Dustin Brown, Greg Gell, Maxx Tweedale, Matt Wood, Michael Dillon, Joe Carroll & CJ Wilbur
Front row: Holly Rigsby, Joe Simon, Arie Raz, George McGarry & Carol Wise
Kneeling: Andy Billy*

Florida Stormwater Education Corner Protecting Florida's Water

Stormwater is a huge national problem and threat to streams, rivers, lakes, and our oceans. Stormwater is the excess rainfall that does not infiltrate into the ground, and instead runs off, ending up in these bodies of water.

As it runs off of impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, sidewalks, patios and driveways, it picks up dirt, chemicals, debris and pollutants such as oils, paints, bacteria, nitrates and phosphorus, which are detrimental to surface waters.

Much of this stormwater receives little to no treatment and these containments end up in the water we use for swimming, boating and fishing.

Nutrients from items such as leaves, grass, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides can lead to fish kills and excessive amounts of algae in the water.

Sediment can reduce the stormwater system’s ability to handle potential flooding and also adversely affect aquatic organisms.

Intentional dumping and discharging into stormwater systems, as well as accidental spills that could potentially enter the system should be reported immediately so that remedial action can be taken by the proper response team.

Do not put the following items into a storm drain, swale, or canal, which are all part of the District’s stormwater system:

- Leaves or grass clippings
- Paints, oils, or solvents
- Car wash water with detergent
- Sediment or debris
- Fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides

If you suspect a spill or discharge is hazardous, call 911, otherwise call the District. You can also call the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 1-877-272-8335 or #DEP from your cell phone.

For more information you can visit www.StormwaterAndMe.org.

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.

23rd Annual Landowners Family Day



Saturday, March 15

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!

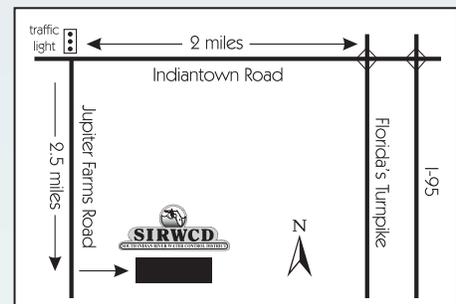
Delicious Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q Lunch

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!

- Jupiter Farms-PBCE Citizens On Patrol Unit 103
- Florida Forest Service • OneBlood
- Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
- Jupiter Farmer • Jupiter Farms Residents
- Northeast Everglades Trail Association
- Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
- Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.
- Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County



RSVP to Holly or Carol
at 747-0550 by March 12



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Join us on Saturday, March 15 for our
23rd 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!

