

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 7:00 p.m.
Contact the District Office
for an agenda.*

Driveway Culvert Installation Program Suspended June - August

In March 2016, the Board of Supervisors implemented a Driveway Culvert Replacement Program for South Indian River Water Control District. This program allows the District to install culverts on District roads for landowners at a cost of \$300.00 per culvert and on Palm Beach County roads at a cost of \$750.00 per culvert.

The program provides a low-cost solution for landowners to replace their failing and inoperable culverts that cause poor drainage of stormwater. With the District performing the installations, it is ensured that the culvert is set at the correct elevation for drainage and that it is installed to proper specifications. As of February 28, 160 replacement driveway culverts have been installed throughout the District.

With the large number of installations over the past few months, the District is instituting a **temporary** suspension of the program from June 1-August 31 in order to complete other District infrastructure maintenance. However, the District will still schedule and replace driveway culverts if there are any urgent or emergency issues with drainage.

If you have any questions regarding the Driveway Culvert Replacement Program, please call our office, send us an e-mail, or visit our website at www.sirwcd.org.



Driveway culvert installation on District roadway

Matt Wood Promoted to Superintendent

Matt Wood has been promoted to Superintendent. Matt was hired as a Level 2 Operator in May of 2012. He was the District's full-time Backhoe and Motor Grader Operator until he was promoted to Superintendent in December of 2016.

Before working with the District, Matt worked for the City of Atlantis in the Utilities Department. In 2015, Matt received his certificate as a Qualified Stormwater Management Inspector through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and has been taking management classes through the Florida Institute of Government Division of Continuing Education.

"Matt is very dedicated to his job and gets along extremely well with others. His knowledge and patience in working with new operators to properly construct the works of the District has been a tremendous asset that benefits us, as well as the landowners we serve," said Michael Dillon, Manager of Operations.



Proposed 19th Plan of Improvements

The District received petitions through February 2016 requesting roadway improvements that were verified as having met the minimum requirement of more than 50% of affected landowners in the project area. Pursuant to Board direction, District staff prepared referenda to apply asphalt on the following roadways in the District (approximately 3.6 miles), which were mailed on October 17, 2016 and were due back to the District office by December 9. The certified results were received from the Supervisor of Elections on December 14 and were as follows:

- 70th Trail N between 155th Place N and 159th Court N - Failed - 38.89%
- 76th Trail N between 160th Lane N and 162nd Court N - Failed - 50%
- 76th Trail N between 163rd Court N and 165th Street N - Passed - 75%
- 78th Drive N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N - Passed - 63.64%
- 93rd Lane N between 155th Road N and 159th Court N - Failed - 31.8%
- 154th Court N. between 75th Avenue N and 81st Terrace N - Passed - 57.14%
- 159th Court N between 78th Drive N and 84th Avenue N - Passed - 66.67%
- 160th Street N between 72nd Drive N and 75th Avenue N and 72nd Drive N from 160th Street N to 160th Lane N. - Passed - 66.67%
- 175th Road N between Jupiter Farms Road and West End - Passed - 71.43%
- 179th Court N between Mellen Lane N and Alexander Run - Failed - 45%

If approved by the Board of Supervisors, landowners within the benefitted area of the referenda that passed will be assessed the cost of the project on a per parcel basis. The total estimated annual payment per parcel for parcels that have not been previously assessed for a landowner-initiated roadway improvement is approximately \$1,575. This estimate is based upon current interest rates over a term of up to 10 years.

Pursuant to current District policy, parcels adjacent to two or more roadways are assessed the full amount for the first roadway to be improved and 50% of the amount if a second roadway is improved. The total estimated annual payment per parcel for a lot already assessed on a previous landowner-initiated roadway improvement is approximately \$787.50. This estimate is based upon current interest rates over a term of up to 10 years.

District Engineer Amy Eason presented the Supervisor of Elections' certified results of the referenda at the January 19, 2017 Board meeting. The Board further discussed this proposed *Plan of Improvements* at their February 16 meeting, where they instructed the District Engineer to proceed with the proposed *19th Plan of Improvements*. Information may be subject to change, so please check the District's website for updates on this proposed project.

Workshop on Proposed New Road Stabilization/Paving Policy

The Board of Supervisors had previously discussed a proposed new road stabilization/paving policy at their November 17, 2016 meeting. A Public Hearing was held on January 26, 2017 to provide landowner input, however, a new proposal was presented by Supervisor Michael Howard at the February 16 Board meeting, which was conceptually adopted by a vote of 3 to 2 and is to be further discussed at a workshop on March 9 at 6:00 pm at the District office. Due to meeting location and constraints, landowner comments would not be available during this workshop.

The new draft proposal is being reviewed by the District's Attorney and will be posted on the District's website at www.sirwcd.org when completed. As per the January 26 meeting, the Board is currently not accepting petitions for roadway improvements until the policy can be finalized.



Florida Stormwater Education Corner Protecting Florida's Water

With the new Federal administration, there is some uncertainty as to the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency and Clean Water rules. While current regulations are still in place for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, which the District and its co-permittees must abide by, there could be some changes in the future. As the process of rewriting environmental rules and laws would be extensive, many experts believe it could take years and there could be many legal challenges by a number of stakeholders and environmental organizations.

In Florida, many lawmakers are aware of the importance of environmentally-sensitive areas, such as the Loxahatchee River Basin, Indian River Lagoon and the Everglades, and have pledged to secure funding and continue to fight to protect these natural resources.

The Manager of Operations, District Engineer and District Attorney will continue to carefully monitor any legislative and regulatory changes at the state or federal levels that may impact the District in the future.

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.

26th Annual Landowners Family Day



Saturday, March 18

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!

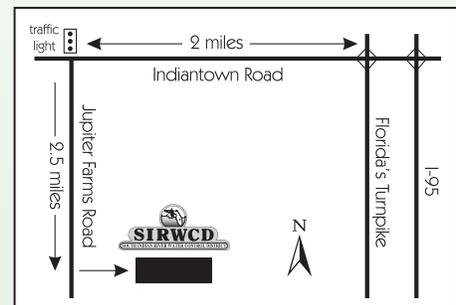
McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q - Back due to Popular Demand!

Tom Jackson Band - National Recording Artist

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

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

Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County
Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
Jupiter Farms/Palm Beach Country Estates C.O.P.
Jupiter Farms Residents Association • Solid Waste Authority
Palm Beach County Fire Department • Florida Forest Service
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group • Taras Oceanographic Foundation
Furry Friends Adoption, Clinic & Ranch



Please RSVP to Holly or Carol at 747-0550



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Fun for the Family! Saturday, March 18

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Enjoy McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q, activities
for the kids, live music by the Tom Jackson Band,
and exhibits by community organizations!

