

# District Notes & News



**South Indian River**  
Water Control District™

Established 1923

June 2018

## SUPERVISORS

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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.*

## Jupiter Farms Resident William Dean Deeds Drainage Easement to South Indian River Water Control District



*From left to right: Manager of Operations Michael Dillon, Board President Stephen Hinkle, and William Dean*

South Indian River Water Control District Manager of Operations Michael Dillon and Board President Stephen Hinkle presented William Dean with a certificate of appreciation on May 1, 2018, to acknowledge his deeding of a drainage easement on his property on Sandy Run in Jupiter Farms to the District. Mr. Dean, who established William Dean Homes in 1986, is a longtime resident of Jupiter Farms and has seen the increase in home and business construction in the area over the years. "With ongoing development and reduction in water storage areas, I felt that providing the District with an easement for maintenance, storage, and enhanced drainage was extremely important for our community," Dean said.

"The deeding of this drainage easement to South Indian River Water Control District will provide immediate benefits to the surrounding area," said Hinkle. "The Board of Supervisors is very grateful to Mr. Dean for his cooperation and contribution to improving drainage and stormwater management for the well-being of his neighbors in Jupiter Farms."

Mr. Dean is continuing to work with Mr. Dillon on other properties to determine if deeded easements would provide additional benefits when it comes to stormwater runoff and retention.

If any property owners in Jupiter Farms or Palm Beach Country Estates are interested in deeding a drainage easement to the District to help improve drainage and water storage in their area, please contact Michael Dillon at the District Office at 561-747-0550.

# 27th Annual Landowners Family Day



It was a beautiful day at the 27th Annual Landowner's Family Day held on March 17, 2018. District residents enjoyed McCray's Backyard Bar-B-Q, the Tom Jackson Band, petting zoo, pony rides and face painting, as well as meeting Supervisors and District Staff. See you next year!

**Thank you to our local organizations, Palm Beach County and State of Florida exhibitors for participating this year!**

Citizens on Patrol - Jupiter Farms and Palm Beach County Estates - Unit 103  
Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County • Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County  
Jupiter Farmer • Jupiter Farms Residents • Palm Beach County Fire Rescue  
Jupiter Farms Community Emergency Response Team • Loxahatchee Battlefield Preservationists  
Florida Department of Health - Palm Beach County • Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.  
Palm Beach County Parks & Recreation - Riverbend Park • Nature Speaks • Florida Forestry Service  
United Way of Palm Beach County • Northeast Everglades Trails Association • Gaited Trail Riders  
Jupiter Lighthouse Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution • Jonathan Dickinson State Park



## Florida Stormwater Education Corner Protecting Florida's Water

After a very dry winter season, the District's canals and swales have been getting a workout with very high levels of rainfall over the last few months. The District has installed nearly 400 new driveway culverts under the Driveway Culvert Replacement Program, which replaces culverts that have collapsed, been damaged or are undersized at a cost of \$300 for a single basic driveway culvert on a District roadway and \$750.00 on a county roadway. Nearly another 100 culverts are scheduled for replacement through November. This will improve stormwater management for the District.

Just in time for the 2018 hurricane season, District staff received notification from the National Resource Conservation Service that there are funds available to cover Hurricane Irma's damage that the Federal Emergency Management Agency funds did not reimburse. A meeting was held on April, 12, 2018 to discuss projects sites and funding. Grant funding is 75% of the cost for the original requested funding amount of \$240,673.15.

At the May 17, 2018 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved an amount of \$240,673.15 for the project and authorized execution of the final agreement when it is received.

## Enhanced Stabilization Petition

The District has received a petition for an enhanced stabilization project for the application of asphalt. The following roadway petition was received and verified to meet the over 50% requirement to submit a petition and process for referendum.

- 74th Avenue N between 150th Court N and 154th Court N

As per the District's Enhanced Stabilization Policy, the deadline for accepting petitions was April 30, 2018.

At their May 17, 2018 the Board of Supervisors approved the petition and authorized the District Engineer to prepare cost estimates and a referendum on the project.

**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.

## 19th Plan of Improvements

Pursuant to Board direction, after petitioners met the minimum requirements, staff prepared referenda for a landowner proposed project that was mailed October 17, 2016, with responses due by December 9, 2016. On December 14, 2016 and on April 14, 2017, staff received the certification from the Supervisor of Elections on the results of the referenda. The majority of the landowners on the following roadways were "in favor" of the proposed project for asphalt in Palm Beach Country Estates and Jupiter Farms (approximately 2.3 miles):

- 76th Trail N between 160th Lane N and 162nd Court N
- 76th Trail N between 163rd Court N and 165th Street N
- 78th Drive N between 165th Street N and 167th Court N
- 154th Court N. between 75th Avenue N and 81st Terrace N
- 159th Court N between 78th Drive N and 83rd Way N
- 160th Street N between 72nd Drive N and 75th Avenue N and 72nd Drive N from 160th Street N to 160th Lane N
- 175th Road N between Jupiter Farms Road and West End

In preparation for the project, District staff has regraded the existing swales, checked existing pipes, and replace pipes. All surveying and engineering has been completed and the project went out to bid on April 15, 2018, with bids submitted by potential contractors on May 15, 2018.

The total estimated project costs are approximately \$1,081,000, including preparation, design and construction. Seven bids were received, ranging from \$858,000 to \$1.17 million. The low bidder was Rosso Site Development, Inc., at \$858,054.45, which is under the construction cost estimate of \$901,000.

At the May 17, 2018 monthly meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved accepting the low bid and authorized the District Engineer to proceed. It is expected that the contract will be executed in June and a Notice to Proceed in June or July.

The May 17, 2018 Board Meeting was recessed and was reconvened on May 31, 2018 at the District Work Center at 6:00 pm. The District Treasurer presented a loan agreement for the 19th Plan of Improvements, and the District Attorney presented the resolution authorizing the District to enter into the loan agreement and execute the necessary documents for Board approval.

## Palm Beach Country Estates Potable Water Update

After June 20, 2018, the District's negotiated rates for hooking up to the Palm Beach Country Estates potable water system will be at the Town of Jupiter's prevailing rates.

As of May 31, 2018, there have been 1,241 connections to the potable water system and there are 26 remaining connection reservations through June 20.

For more information, contact the District office or visit our website at [www.sirwcd.org/PBCEwater.html](http://www.sirwcd.org/PBCEwater.html) for the latest updates.



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## Highlights

**Landowner Deeds  
Drainage Easement  
to District**

**Update on 19th Plan  
of Improvements**

**Budget Public Hearing  
August 16, 2018**

**Annual Landowners  
Meeting  
September 20, 2018**

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for news updates!

## Palm Beach County Fill Permit

At the October 19, 2017 Board of Supervisors meeting, Board members expressed their concern with the filling of residential lots within the District and Palm Beach County's role in regulating the filling of lots. With the District nearly 90% built out, excessive fill reduces the amount of storage available within the District, which impacts the level of service of the works of the District and neighboring properties. As a result, staff was asked to research the issue to determine the County's existing role and determine the District's next steps in addressing the issue. On March 22, 2018, the County provided staff with a draft permit policy and procedure regarding fill.

District staff met with County staff and Indian Trails Improvement District on May 11, 2018 for detailed discussions. Highlights are as follows:

- Definition for Minor Fill, which would require a noticed permit
- Permits are required for all fill activities
- New construction activity shall not adversely impact legal historic surface water drainage flows serving adjacent properties, and may require special drainage design complying with engineering standards to preserve the positive drainage patterns of the affected sites
- The county will be asking SIRWCD for guidance on allowable fill

Currently the County will utilize its existing guidance for allowing fill and will notify SIRWCD of significant activities.

## Hurricane Season is Here!

With one tropical storm already impacting Florida before the start of hurricane season on June 1, the time is now to start your preparations. Especially important from a District standpoint, landowners should trim trees and other foliage at the start of the hurricane season so that the material does not end up in the canals or swales during a storm and impede drainage.

Should a storm impact our area, major canal systems would be prioritized for removal of trees or debris obstructing optimum stormwater outfall capabilities. Individual drainage emergencies would also be responded to as conditions permit. SIRWCD is part of a larger emergency management plan under the direction of the Palm Beach County Emergency Management Office. This plan effectively makes District equipment available for designated areas outside District boundaries, but would not be activated until such time as the primary obligations to the District residents' health, safety, and welfare were met. In the event of imminent hurricane and flooding danger, District operations personnel would secure the equipment and facilities against damage. They would then be allowed to return to their homes to protect their personal property and family during the event. Immediately following the storm's passage, District personnel would return to their duty posts and begin operations as described above.

If structures in the District sustain substantial damage resulting in building debris, Palm Beach County will designate specific areas for residents to haul their debris and then coordinate the removal of such debris with the proper authorities. For more information and tips on preparing for hurricane season and what to do following a storm, please visit our website at [www.sirwcd.org/emergency.html](http://www.sirwcd.org/emergency.html).