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PARADISE PALMS

NEWSLETTER



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2021 N. Conference Drive



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To our neighbors and friends in Paradise Palms:

We hope everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. In keeping with good health and sanitary guidelines, this virtual Newsletter is coming to you by email only, in order to maintain proper social distancing and avoid spreading the virus by handling. We do not have everyone's email, so if you know of any Paradise Palms residents that have not provided their email address, please feel free to forward this virtual Newsletter to them and have them register their emails with us.

The restrictions we are all living with at this time may be difficult and hard to deal with, and we must all work together to help each other. While this temporary disruption in our lives is severe, it is not all bad. The silver lining to the entire social distancing protocol and "stay at home" orders is that we are actually interacting with each other more and on a new personal level. It is wonderful to see families and others outside talking with one another face to face, walking, biking and meeting up in the neighborhood (at safe social distances), greeting neighbors and friends. This is a direct result of the pandemic and hopefully, will be a learning lesson to all of us. And one that will hopefully continue, long after the pandemic passes. This is a good time to take stock of our lives, appreciate what we have and assess our values.

On a related note, there is a current trend capturing the attention and participation of many residents, especially our children. Paradise Palms Rocks. These beautiful painted rocks being placed throughout the neighborhood are exciting to find and admire. **HOWEVER A WORD OF CAUTION:** While this activity brings our community together putting smiles in our children faces when they pick them up and relocate them for others to find, **PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL IN MAINTAINING GOOD HYGIENE WHEN HANDLING THESE ROCKS**, for your sake and the sake of the entire community.

Finally, to all those individuals who continue to serve our community, as first responders and medical personnel, or just as importantly, drivers, food preparers, delivery people, postal, UPS and Federal Express workers, and the many others, we thank you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to the jobs that are needed to be done

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy and we hope to see you in the neighborhood.

Stay Strong

- Your Executive Board

TREASURER REPORT

THANK YOU! to all the generous and caring residents of Paradise Palms who have paid their 2020 annual membership dues. So far, 158 property owners representing 47% of our community have financially supported our beautiful neighborhood. Our goal is to have 100% support from our fellow neighbors.

Paradise Palms Property Owners Association (PPPOA) is a voluntary association run by volunteers from our neighborhood. The Association is responsible for and maintains the land along Military Trail. By paying only **\$125 a year (less than \$ 11.00 a month)** per residence, it is a way for us to come together and take care of our own community. WE CANNOT MAINTAIN AND/OR MAKE IMPROVEMENTS WITHOUT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM ALL OUR RESIDENTS.

Payment options:

Check: Please make a check payable to PPPOA and mail or hand deliver to:

PPPOA
2070 Bethel Blvd
Boca Raton, FL 33486

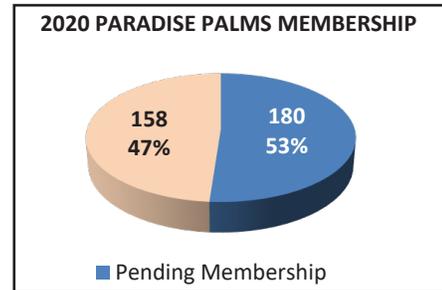
Zelle option: If you are a Zelle user, this option is available. Please use the PPPOA email address: info@paradisepalmsboca.com. Also, add your property address in the memo.

PayPal option: Go to www.paradisepalmsboca.com, click on "PPPOA DUES."

DONATIONS for our "Entry Sign Project" are highly appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your support in preserving our grounds and enhancing the face of our community we call home.

- Kristen Chaney



ENTRY SIGN PROJECT UPDATE

The Executive Board is excited to announce that we are proceeding with the North Conference Drive entryway signage project and have entered into a contract with a sign contractor for the installation. We are currently at pre-permitting approval stage with the City of Boca Raton. Once all necessary approvals are obtained, the installation of the signage should only take a couple of days. We are looking forward to this new feature being added to our community and to sharing the progress with you as the project proceeds.

Donations are being accepted for the Entryway signage project!

Thanks to all who have donated and to those who have not yet done so!



NEWS AND INFORMATION

"SPEEDING HAS GOT TO STOP!"

The PP Executive Board is committed to continue working with residents to create awareness about speeding in our community. We have installed several slow down signs throughout PP. Special thanks to those neighbors currently supporting this campaign by displaying the signs.



The Board is distributing at no cost these yellow "Please Slow Down" and "Children at Play" signs to any resident interested in joining our cause of making a safer community for all by placing them on their property. If you are interested please email us at info@paradisepalmsboca.com

PARADISE PALMS TRIVIA, ANYONE?

By Frank & Lisa Boros

The Cypress Knee Slough Preserve is located on the South side of Paradise Palms, with a small tract on the East side. These are environmentally sensitive lands that the City of Boca Raton designated as conservation areas in 1996. The Paradise Palms Property Owner's Association worked closely with the City to achieve this goal. The total land area is approximately 29 acres, including 18 acres of wetlands and 10 acres of scrubland.

The wetlands are natural storage areas for floodwaters and also reduce the possibility of local flooding. The Preserve serves to recharge the groundwater aquifer as well. The entire area hosts endangered flora and fauna not typically seen elsewhere in Boca Raton, due to development.

Interestingly, the remnants of the former Hillsboro Slough, flowing east from the Everglades, flowed through this area before being rerouted early in the last century. Over 40,000 years ago (during the Pleistocene epoch), the Eastern portion of the Preserve, as well as Sugar Sand Park, was likely a coastal sand dune. Looking east, you would likely have seen the ocean!

The name "Cypress Knee" comes from the fact that cypress trees, which grow in forested wetlands and along streams and rivers, were fairly common locally during the time the Hillsboro Slough originally flowed through our area. This river system, including the last cypress swamp in Boca Raton, once connected to the current Intracoastal Waterway. We locals simply call it "The Preserve." Next time you drive past this undeveloped conservation area while on Palmetto Park Road, consider the history of The Cypress Knee Slough Preserve!

COVID-19 NEWS AND SAFETY TIPS

Today more than ever is crucial to get the latest and most accurate information from the right sources. We encourage all residents to be informed and follow the recommendations given by the proper authorities.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention
State of Florida
City of Boca Raton

<https://www.cdc.gov/>
<https://www.myflorida.com/>
<https://www.myboca.us/>

PALM BEACH COUNTY TESTING LOCATIONS - PRE-APPROVAL AND APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches
5444 Haverhill Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
(561) 642-1000

South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road
Delray Beach, FL 33446
(561) 804-0250

QUESTIONS?

Please call the Florida Department of Health's Coronavirus Call Center at 1-866-779-6121 available 24/7 or send email at COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

You can also visit <http://pbchd.org> for the latest health information.

HOW DO I PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR COVID-19?

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus (and avoid exposing other people).

-  Keep a Safe Distance
-  Wash Hands Often
-  Avoid Touching Eyes, Nose and Mouth
-  Clean and Disinfect "High Touch" Surfaces
-  Cover Coughs and Sneezes
-  Wear a mask or cover your face in public spaces

COMMUNITY "STAY HOME" ACTIVITIES



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FOR COMING BY



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Margaret Sarcia Stewart ~~ Renee Sarcia Domingos

As you know, I have called Paradise Palms home since 1992. Now my children and their families do. We share a **VESTED INTEREST** in our property values. If you are thinking of selling, trust the sale of your home to Real Estate Professionals with a proven track record. I have personally sold over **230** homes in Paradise Palms since 1992. My daughter, Renee Domingos, 2187 North Conference Drive has joined me as a Partner with RE/MAX ADVANTAGE PLUS Together, with our experience – over 30 years – strong work principles, knowledge and love of Paradise Palms and Boca Raton, we will continue to work for you as your Neighborhood Specialists.



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