

DECEMBER 2021

# PARADISE PALMS

## NEWSLETTER



## Home of the Month



### SEPTEMBER

Stephanie & John McDonough  
2031 South Conference Drive



### OCTOBER

Diana & Branden Hensley  
2056 Park Place



### NOVEMBER

Carol Walker  
1980 Sharon Street



### DECEMBER

JoAnn and Michael Bamdas  
2021 South Conference Drive

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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## Season's Greeting Paradise Palms!

2021 is coming to an end and the entire Executive Board extends our best wishes to all Paradise Palms residents, families and friends for a Holiday Season filled with Laughter, Joy, Peace & Good Health. Also, congratulations and welcome to all our new neighbors who chose Paradise Palms as their new home. You are all now a part of the best hidden secret for residential living in Boca Raton.

As we get ready for the season's activities, we would like to share some important community information.

On January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., the Annual Meeting of Paradise Palms Property Owner's Association, Inc, will be held at Sugar Sand Park. We invite and welcome all residents to attend and get involved with our community. Election of officers for the 2022 Executive Board will be held at the annual meeting. If you would like to run for any board position, or get involved in any of the committees, please let the elections committee know or email us at [info@paradisepalmsboca.com](mailto:info@paradisepalmsboca.com)

As we close out the year, we would like to reflect on some of the accomplishments that occurred in our neighborhood during 2021. It was a challenging year! The Executive Board and committees were very active working on several fronts: wrapping up the long awaited entry sign project for North Conference Drive; adding 2 more pet waste disposal bag dispenser stations on N. Conference Dr., for a total of 7 in the neighborhood; continuing the Home of the Month program; maintaining and improving our landscaping; creating and distributing 3 Newsletters to residents, and much more! And, just as we were processing final payment for the new N. Conference Drive signs, on March 20, 2021, BAM! the entryway wall and signage on the south corner of Bethel Blvd. was demolished due to a car accident. While we have already been able to rebuild, refinish and paint the wall, thanks to the generous donations of some residents, we are still raising funds to complete the lettering and repair the electrical supply for that area. Donations are still being accepted. Speaking of the damage to the electric hook-up, although the Holiday decorations have been installed and are lit on Bethel Blvd., we are unable to install lights on the hedges on the corners, due to the damage to the electrical outlet.

In keeping with our tradition throughout the years, and something Paradise Palms residents have always enjoyed, is the placement of luminaries in front of our homes on Christmas Eve at sundown. As in years past, we are distributing the luminaries' bags along with instructions in this Newsletter. You won't want to miss joining your neighbors in this tradition of the lighting of luminaries, and we hope everyone will keep this quaint holiday tradition going, with lights up and down every street this Christmas Eve.

For all new residents please join us, and for all others, please renew your voluntary membership in Paradise Palms Property Owners Association, Inc. We are Non-Profit association, created for the benefit of our community. A small \$125.00 annual membership fee helps keep our community strong!

On behalf of the entire Executive Board, we would like to thank everyone who have contributed their time, energy and donations to Paradise Palms Property Owner's Association



# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

### Membership and Election of Officers

The Executive Board invites all residents to attend the Annual Meeting of Paradise Palms Property Owner's Association, Inc. on Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Sugar Sand Park.

The Executive Board is elected by the members of the PPPOA at the Annual Meeting. The President appoints standing committees to serve for a period of one year. The committees report to the Executive Board. The current standing committees are as follow:

- Landscaping
- Communications (Website/Newsletter)
- Street & Safety
- Home of the month
- Welcoming

We invite you to **VOLUNTEER** and be an active member of our community.

The current Executive Board has appointed a nominating committee for the election of officers at the Annual Meeting. Election of Executive Board Members will take place at our next Annual Meeting on Thursday January 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm

If you are interested in running for the Executive Board or have any questions, please contact any of the nominating committee members listed below, or send an e-mail to [info@paradisepalmsboca.com](mailto:info@paradisepalmsboca.com)

- Kristen Chaney: 954-292-1159

- Adriana Moreno: 954-818-5032

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## PARADISE PALMS TREASURER'S REPORT

By Kristen Chaney

Thank you to the Paradise Palms property owners who have paid their 2021 annual membership dues. As of the printing of this newsletter, **189** property owners representing 56% of our community have financially supported our beautiful neighborhood. This is a 4% increase over last year. Your Board will continue to work hard and strive for full participation!

Your voluntary contribution of only \$125 per year is instrumental in maintaining and beautifying the front of our community. Any improvements have always come from volunteers and donations.

Please look out for your 2022 Membership Invoice which will be mailed to you mid-January. It is not too late to pay your 2021 membership dues if you have not done so already. Your check can be made payable to PPPOA and mail or hand deliver to:

PPPOA  
2070 Bethel Blvd  
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Zelle option: If you are a Zelle user, this option is available. Please use the PPPOA email address: [info@paradisepalmsboca.com](mailto:info@paradisepalmsboca.com). Also, add your property address in the memo.

PayPal option: Go to [www.paradisepalmsboca.com](http://www.paradisepalmsboca.com), click on **"PPPOA DUES."** To make an additional donation click **"MAKE A DONATION"**

My best wishes for a healthy and joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

# NEWS AND INFORMATION

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



There have been many new residents moving into Paradise Palms in the past few months, so to all our new neighbors and residents, we would like to officially welcome you to our beautiful community!



We hope you'll find Paradise Palms a pleasant and wonderful place to live and raise your family.



To receive Paradise Palms Newsletters, which are distributed by email only except for the December issue, and to get timely updates and other important announcements from the Association, please join our email distribution list by sending your contact information to: [info@paradisepalmsboca.com](mailto:info@paradisepalmsboca.com)



Also please check out our website at [www.paradisepalmsboca.com](http://www.paradisepalmsboca.com)  
The Password for the Residents blog is: MYPPPOA



We invite you to get involved – we want your input and support! All residents are always encouraged to get involved!!



Looking forward to seeing you around!

## FLORIDA TRIVIA

By Frank & Lisa Boros

Florida's longest river, the St. Johns River, has a long and unique history. As most folks know, rivers in the northern hemisphere flow from north to south. There is one exception, however, and that is the St. Johns River in Florida. It is the longest river in the state at 310 miles and is also known as the "laziest river" due to its slow meandering tendencies in some areas. The headwaters are in Western Brevard County where the elevation is only slightly higher than the river itself in some areas.

The reason the St. Johns flows north (compared to say all other rivers like the Mississippi which headwaters are north and the water flows south) is because the course of the river follows the path of what used to be barrier islands, coastal dunes and other such structures created by the changes of the coastline over geologic periods of time. The differences in the coastal land at various times caused the river to become isolated inland and as the underlying strata would become eroded, the natural course of the river continued northward. The St. Johns River terminates at the Atlantic Ocean in Jacksonville. It is the only river in the northern hemisphere which flows south to north.

The St. Johns is host to many excellent fresh water springs such as Alexander Springs and Silver Glen Springs. William Bartram, an early explorer of the St. Johns River (c. mid-1700's), wrote in detail about the river in his travel and naturalist articles. Much of the river today is as pristine as it was in his day. We hope you enjoy a visit to the St. Johns River in person or via literature!



Silver Glen Springs



Blue Heron Flies Over St Johns River



St Johns River

# NEWS AND INFORMATION



Would you like to make a difference in your community? Volunteering is the best way to make a real change. Paradise Palms needs YOU. The following positions are available to be filled.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

**LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE**

**DISTRIBUTION & RECRUITING**

Please contact us at [info@paradisepalmsboca.com](mailto:info@paradisepalmsboca.com) to sign up as volunteer and make the difference.

It is because of you that we are able to continue keeping Paradise Palms the wonderful community we all live in. We depend on our volunteers.

**NOTE:** Are you a High School student looking for community service hours? Join us, there are many activities you can support and Paradise Palms Property Owners Association Inc., will sign off your volunteer hours.

Saying "thank you" is the ONLY way we have of insuring that our volunteers know how much we appreciate them. We also hope you will remain supportive of our mission and continue to volunteer.

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## Wave - And Slow Down - When You See Your Neighbor

My family and I moved to Paradise Palms in 2015. After six years here we're still newbies compared to so many families in the neighborhood. But we love it just the same. There's a tradition in the neighborhood that we picked up on quickly and have now adopted in full. It's really simple: when people here see a neighbor, they always greet them with a friendly wave.

I can see why so many residents of Paradise Palms do this. Waving at your neighbor - whether you know them closely or not - develops a sense of community and shared experience. A wave is an acknowledgement of common ground - after all, we literally share the same space together! It also just feels good to do it.

As one of the newest members of the Streets and Safety Committee, I think waving at your neighbor also does something more. When you wave at someone - especially when one of you is driving - it forces you to slow down and acknowledge each other. Life is so fast - believe me, we have two children, we know! But in these slower moments our brains work differently. We become more thoughtful and begin to consider each other's mutual well-being. In a fairly large neighborhood with a looping Conference Drive, long landscaped medians of Bethel Boulevard, and only one light out to Military, slowing down to wave is one of the best things we can do for each other both emotionally and *physically*.

So I propose this: let's all adopt this great tradition of waving when we see our neighbor and slowing down. And let's take that moment as an opportunity to consider the space we share together and how we can make it a better place for each other.

Stay safe and happy holidays.

John Linn | Paradise Palms Streets and Safety



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