

DECEMBER 2022

PARADISE PALMS

NEWSLETTER



Home of the Month



SEPTEMBER
Rosemary Ward
1939 Sharon Street



OCTOBER
Fernanda Gomes &
Daniel De Oliveira
1978 Bethel Boulevard



NOVEMBER
Kathleen Goodrich &
Joe Colace
2054 S. Conference Drive



DECEMBER
Alina & Juan Altamirano
2031 Bethel Boulevard

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

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Distribution/Recruiting

Greetings Paradise Palms Residents:

As we approach the holidays, we wish everyone a happy holiday season.



Paradise Palms residents need to be aware of a criminal check washing scheme that has targeted several of our neighbors. This involves the theft of outgoing US Mail from resident's mailboxes with checks being stolen and rewritten to unknown payees and in different amounts. If you did not receive our prior email alert or have not seen the post in our PPPOA Facebook group, you can find more information from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service on check washing at:

<https://www.uspis.gov/news/scam-article/check-washing>

The same goes for delivered packages. Do not leave them unattended in plain sight on the front entry. For Amazon deliveries, there are available options for receipt of packages such as Amazon locker, amazon key, etc.

Welcome to all our new neighbors who chose Paradise Palms as your new neighborhood. We are a voluntary, not-for-profit property owner's association that is run by volunteers. We are here to do good for our neighborhood! We invite you to **VOLUNTEER** and be an active member of our community.

Below we are sharing some of our collective accomplishments of 2022:

- Repair of damaged entryway wall, signage and electrical work on the south corner of Bethel Blvd., was completed.
- New Paradise Palms residents registration link was added to our website, [https:// paradisepalmsboca.com/residents-only/](https://paradisepalmsboca.com/residents-only/)
- Paradise Palms Property Owners Association, Inc. Officially launched our [Facebook group](#).
- Membership mail campaign: Our membership has significantly increased since 2020. We are ending the year with 199 members.
- Streets and Safety Awareness program: Slow Down Signs, Traffic Survey and the continuous research of effective speeding control measures.
- Landscaping, irrigation, electric, water; Newsletters; Dog waste bags stations, etc.

This year we are happy to have new holiday lighting installed on the Bethel Blvd. entryway, thanks to the help of some resident volunteers. We hope everyone enjoys seeing the decorated homes in our neighborhood, and we look forward to the lighting of the luminaries on Christmas Eve, a tradition that Paradise Palms residents have continued for over 40 years. This involves placing luminaries in front of each home on Christmas Eve and making the neighborhood shine. Let's all join in this year! Luminary bags and candles, as well as instructions are included with the Newsletter.

Look for updated information in the Newsletter on the radar speed signs being planned for the neighborhood. Further discussions and voting on this proposal will take place at the Annual Meeting. Thanks to all who have volunteered in the past, present and future, donating their time, energy, efforts and more. All volunteers are welcome to apply for a position on the Board. Elections of 2023 Board Members will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2023. Anyone may nominate themselves or anyone else for a position on the Board. Come join us!! We look forward to seeing you there!



NEWS & 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 19, 2023 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:

- 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 19, 2023 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

- Nhora Jaramillo: 786-804-3065

- Adriana Moreno: 954-818-5032

PARADISE PALMS TREASURER'S REPORT

By Kristen Chaney

Thank you to the Paradise Palms Property Owners who have paid their 2022 annual membership dues. To date, **199** property owners representing **57%** of our community have financially supported our beautiful neighborhood. This is a 5% increase over last year. Your Board will continue to work hard and strive in 2023 to have close to 100% support from our fellow neighbors.

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

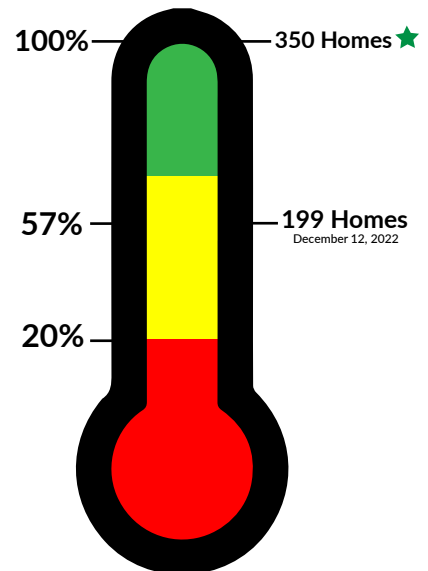
Please look out for your 2023 Membership Statement which will be mailed to you mid-January. It is not too late to pay your 2022 membership dues if you have not done so already.

Your check can be made payable to PPPOA and mail or hand deliver to:
PPPOA - 2070 Bethel Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33486

Zelle option: Use the PPPOA email address: info@paradisepalmsboca.com.
Please add your property address in the memo.

PayPal option: Go to www.paradisepalmsboca.com, click on "PPPOA DUES."
Note: There is a \$5 PayPal processing fee already included

PPPOA 2022 MEMBERSHIP



*My warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season
and a very happy new year.*



YOU SPOKE, WE LISTENED. NOW IT'S TIME TO ACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD SPEEDING

By John Linn, Streets and Safety Committee

Speeding in Paradise Palms is an important issue we must all address: that is the sentiment of **over 80% of homeowners** who responded to our online Traffic Survey shared in the last issue. A nearly as large a majority - seventy percent of responding homeowners - report seeing vehicles speeding with regularity. Thanks to the many of you who took the time to respond.

The board is developing a traffic calming plan consisting of calming measures like increased police presence and working in partnership with the City of Boca Raton and the Boca Raton Police Department, will include the purchase and installation of several speed radar signs.

These signs will give live speed feedback to vehicles traveling in and out of Paradise Palms and are great options for Paradise Palms given our roads are public. Radar signs have proved to be effective at reducing average speeds by as much as 25%, and are even more effective at reducing 85th percentile speeds, or the rate at which the highest speed offenders are traveling. They will also tell us a lot about traffic in the neighborhood and further calming measures required thanks to robust data collection. The board will target the highest traffic areas to begin with for placement of these signs and we - plan to evaluate additional signs from there.

This project is just starting, and now we need your help. There are three things you can do to assist in eliminating speeding in Paradise Palms:

- We will be holding a fundraiser to help generate support and donations for the funds to purchase and install radar signs. Stay tuned!
- Please come to the annual PPPOA Board Meeting in January to support this plan. We will speak in more detail and hold a vote for use of funds.
- Remember to advocate for traveling at safe speeds in the neighborhood. Speak with your neighbors about speeding and practice safety precautions whether traveling as a motorist or pedestrian within Paradise Palms.
- The Yellow "Please Slow Down" signs you see placed throughout the neighborhood are available to any resident who would like a sign for their yard. Just let any board member know. Supplies are limited.



NOTICE

Please take notice that there will be a vote of the Members for expenditures in excess of \$ 2,500 for the Speed Radar Program at the annual meeting. A detailed budget for the purchase and installation of the radar speed signs will be presented at that time.

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Solve the Sudoku puzzle above by filling in the blank spaces with numbers between 1 and 9. Make sure no numbers appear twice in the same row, column or 3x3 square.

PARADISE PALMS TRIVIA, ANYONE?

By Frank & Lisa Boros

Boca Raton Resort & Club

The resort first opened on February 6, 1926, as the 100-room Ritz-Carlton Cloister Inn. Originally designed and built by Boca Raton's city planner, architect Addison Mizner, who intended Camino Real to be the main street of his new city, it was to have been one of two hotels, with the other being an oceanfront hotel. However, the Ritz-Carlton Investment Corporation became involved in the project and wanted the oceanfront hotel redesigned, so construction began on the smaller and financially more viable 100-room inn on the west side of Lake Boca Raton.

Mizner's development company, hurt by the end of the Florida land boom of the 1920s and the 1926 Miami hurricane, declared bankruptcy in 1926. Philadelphia utility millionaire Clarence H. Geist bought its assets in 1927, and he expanded the Cloister Inn into the Boca Raton Club. The architectural firm Schultze and Weaver doubled the inn's size, and a cabana club was constructed where the "Addison on the Ocean" condominium building now stands.

Subsequently, the U.S. Army used the club as barracks during World War II. Touted by officials as "the most elegant barracks in history," it housed soldiers during the Boca Raton Army Air Field's operation.

After the war, the Boca Raton Club's ownership and ultimately name were changed. The Schine family purchased the club in 1944, renaming it the Boca Hotel and Club. While it was affectionately known on brochures as The Boca Raton, the resort was part of the identical Schine portfolio which included the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and the McAllister Hotel in Miami.


Arthur Vining Davis, whose brainchild was the Arvida Corporation, was responsible for modernizing the hotel. Opening the Boca Raton Club Tower in 1969, the building is still considerably taller than any other building in southern Palm Beach County. In addition, its famous "Boca pink" color has made it more famous than its stature of 300 feet and twenty-seven floors, and it is commonly referred to as the "pink hotel". Arvida also constructed the resort's beach club in 1980, on the site that Mizner had intended the main hotel to stand on.



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