

Bristol Lakes Bulletin

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REMINDER: NEW TRASH CANS

Garbage, bulk waste and yard waste collection in unincorporated PBC is changing on October 1 2019

Have you received your new gray 95 gallon garbage cart yet? If not they will arrive soon so, don't use it until Oct. 1. **If you use your new gray 95-gallon garbage cart (cans) before Oct 1, it will not get collected.** The reason for this is that the current trucks cannot pick up the carts. For this new contract, the haulers are buying new collection trucks that can pick up this cart with a specialized arm or flipper mechanism. No worker will lift the new gray 95-gallon cart manually and dump it into the truck. All the information about new garbage, bulk waste, yard waste and recycling collection is online at: <https://swa.org/contract>.

But here is a reminder: • This is only for residents living in unincorporated Palm Beach County • All garbage must fit inside the cart (you can also put bulk items in, if they fit, and you can still put three bulk items out separately) • Bulk waste collection will happen one day a week, with only three items being picked up (that aren't in the garbage cart) • Yard waste will happen one day a week, with only 6-cubic yards allowed at the curb • Recycling collection will not change. All garbage must be put in cart (cans). Individual bags will NOT be picked up.



GET RID OF OLD GAS

PBC residents looking to dispose of their old gasoline can drop it off in the container at one of seven SWA Home Chemical and Recycling Centers.

If you would like your gas container returned to you, you must take it to 6161 N. Jog Road in West Palm Beach, or 13400 S. State Road 7 in Delray Beach. Hours are M-F: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Otherwise, both the container and gas must be dropped off together and the container cannot be emptied there and returned.

For a list of all the SWA's Home Chemical and Recycling Centers, go to www.SWA.org/HCRC.

UPDATE ON CANAL PROJECT

With Board approval we are going to replace the overgrown shaggy ficus (arboricola) with Schefflera arboricola hedge and repair the chain link fence were needed. We are also going to remove some trees that have gotten out of hand and are growing roots into adjoining properties. The perimeter along the canal has never been improved since the opening of Bristol Lakes.

It will take a while for the Schefflera arboricola to grow to the same height as the existing ficus, but it is resistant to white fly and requires less maintenance. It also maintains a vibrant green color and does not develop a root system that invades properties.

Once we get a final count from the homeowners along the canal who want trees removed, we will award the project. The landscape committee is hoping to get the project started this fall.

FRONT ENTRANCE

The front entrance has been restriped and is looking clean and sharp. This has been done in conjunction with the traffic study that has been submitted to the County. When approved it will allow the PBSO to patrol our streets, and keep our neighborhood safe. More details as this progresses.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

The September Board meeting will be held at the PBC West Boynton Recreation Center, 6000 Northtree Drive. This is behind the Park Vista High School. Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM

ARC Review Board

It is necessary to obtain approval for any change to the outside of your home. Please review the projects that an ARC or ARB request is needed on our web site. It is under The request for Approval ARB/ARC tab on the left hand column. For some modifications, approval can be given by our ARC Committee, others require Aberdeen's ARB approval.

WHAT IS A WEIR

A question was asked regarding our last E-mail blast. What is a weir? A weir is a low dam, it is a type device that controls the level of water in our lakes. It is regulated by Lake Worth Drainage District, who controls the canals and lakes in Palm Beach County.

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FLORIDA TURNPIKE WIDENING PROJECT

From North of Boynton Beach Boulevard To North of Lake Worth Road Begins the Week of September 2 Palm Beach County, Fla. – Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is scheduled to begin a widening project along Florida's Turnpike/SR 91, from Boynton Beach Boulevard to Lake Worth Road, the week of September 2 following the Labor Day holiday. This project includes the following improvements:

- Widening Florida's Turnpike from two to three lanes in each direction between the Lantana Toll Plaza and the West Palm Beach Service Plaza
- Reconstructing the Hypoluxo Road bridge over Florida's Turnpike to allow for the new road configuration
- Improving signage, pavement markings, signalization, lighting and drainage
- Constructing sound walls along qualifying residential areas adjacent to Florida's Turnpike

It is anticipated that these improvements will cost \$168 million and construction is expected to be completed in 2024. Please note, this schedule may change due to inclement weather or unforeseen conditions.

Efforts will be made to minimize traffic and noise disruptions, but lane closures, ramp closures and detours will be necessary. Closures will generally take place during off-peak hours and will be announced in advance in the Florida's Turnpike weekly traffic advisory.

For more information about this project, call 1-800-749-PIKE or go to www.floridasturnpike.com. Drivers may dial 5-1-1 for real-time traffic information or visit www.fl511.com before traveling.

UPDATE ON TELEPHONE SCAMS & ROBOCALLS

So, what's our government done lately about the tens of billions of them each year?

In February 2019, the FCC said by the end of 2019 it will require the previously optional use of the SHAKEN/STIR caller ID authentication framework. This is an acronym for Signature-Based Handling of Asserted Information using ToKENs (SHAKEN) and Secure Telephone Identity Revisited (STIR). It is a new system to combat illegal caller ID spoofing.

A "spoof" is a fake CID, a trick used by scammers to trick people into answering their phones when they shouldn't. An originating carrier can legitimize a CID, and other carriers can validate it through a complex web of networks. SHAKEN/STIR digitally validates the handoff of phone calls passing through the networks. It allows the phone company of the person receiving the call, to verify that the call is from a person making it (i.e., it is not a "spoofed" call).

On May 23, 2019 the US Senate passed the Telephone Robocallers Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) ACT. It allows the FCC to increase fines, lengthens statutes of limitations, and lifts restrictions on warning Robocallers before imposing penalties.

On June 6th, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved a Declaratory Ruling that allows phone companies to block certain unwanted calls before they reach the customer, provided the customer opts-in to tools that block calls from any number that does not appear on their contact list. This option allows consumers to decide directly whose calls they are willing to receive. Contacts on smartphones can be added or removed, and their lists would update automatically.

On June 25th, the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection and the Justice Dept. launched Operation Call it Quits! a federal and state joint crack-down on illegal robocalls. There were 94 enforcement actions taken in this new concerted effort, by Attorneys General in 15 states, including Florida. The FTC has civil jurisdiction. State and Federal prosecutors pursue the criminal cases.

On July 11th, the FCC hosted a summit focused on the industry's implementation of SHAKEN/STIR. Robocalls from telemarketers and scammers won't go away, but here are a few tips on how to "beat them"

1. Hang-up. If you do listen to a pitch, don't buy anything.
 2. Don't press "!" to speak to an operator, that will only trigger more calls to your "working phone number."
 3. Use a call-blocking service.
 4. Report unwanted calls to the FTC or FCC
- For more information visit www.FCC.gov and www.ftc.gov.

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