

Property Owners of  
The Reserve, Inc.

An Organization  
Representing  
Member Residents of  
PGA Village

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# PORI NEWS

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear PORI Members,

Another year has quickly passed by, leaving some of us breathless with the experiences of the past twelve months. As many of you know, my husband, Bill and I have had quite a challenge this past year with his health. Throughout that experience we had the time to think about our many blessings.

Included in those blessings is the privilege to live in a beautiful community such as this, and the right to protect it. Counted in those blessings are the many, many volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

Some of those volunteers are the PORI Board members who meet at least once a month, preparing and planning for the benefit of all the residents. Committee chairpersons are volunteers who have contributed countless numbers of hours to educate the community members and prepare us for the future. Among those is Dr. Mark Edwards, the Chairperson of the Environmental Preservation Committee of PORI. Mark and his wife Sheila have sacri-

ficed financial gain, vacations, and family time in order to investigate the numerous conditions of the Reserve Development Order. Without these countless efforts, we would not be able to hold Kolter accountable for meeting the standards that were set in the late 1980's.

Early last year Deno Marino led the charge to investigate the financial stability of our community. His discoveries will be very useful when the community is finally turned over to the residents.

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We really appreciate the outpouring of support from all of you. Your diligence at attending the County Commission meetings, and calling and e-mailing the Commissioners has been effective in getting the Commissioners to listen.

We saw that impact on December 11 when the Commissioners refused to support a proposed settlement agreement written by Kolter.

We want to thank all of you for your help and wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pamela Hammer, President, Property Owners of the Reserve, PORI

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## PORI SPONSORED CANDIDATE FORUM

The Legacy Golf and Tennis Club hosted PORI's "Meet the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Forum" on Tuesday, October 10. Over 60 residents of PGA Village/Reserve filled the Club's dining room to hear the four St. Lucie County commission candidates share their views on topics of interest to voters in November's election. District 2 candidates Doug Coward and John Bruhn and District 4 candidates Charles Grande and Ken Waters faced questions on key topics developed by Forum Committee members Bill Cannell, Bob Simons and Jane Bachelor. Also, in preparation for the Forum, PORI sought questions from residents to ensure candidates focused on issues of importance to all property owners of the Reserve/PGA Village. Residents' questions were grouped and consolidated to cover as large a spectrum of information as time allowed during the evening.

Moderated by Jane Bachelor, the Forum began with opening comments from each candidate. Prior to the Forum, candidates were asked to include 3 key points in their respective introductory remarks:

*What is your education, training and business background that qualifies you to run for this position?*

*What are your three or four primary campaign issues?*

*What sets you apart to be the 'candidate of choice' by area voters?*

Thereafter, for the next 60-plus minutes, each candidate answered questions on topics such as land use and planning; new business attraction and development; taxation, millage rates and homesteading; the county budget; campaign contribution sources and the influence of special interests on a can-

didate's independence pertaining to his decision-making capabilities; the BOCC's relationship and communications with the City Of Port Saint Lucie council members; each candidate's BOCC job dedication and geographic residence location; and community leadership.

The evening concluded with candidates' closing comments, summarizing key points and stances in their respective commissioner campaigns. Thanks to our excellent time keeper, Bob Simons, the Forum, scheduled from 6:30pm to 8pm, ran right on time throughout the evening.

Those who attended the "Meet the Candidates' Forum" gained a greater understanding of each candidate and what he stands for, thus fulfilling PORI's purpose in presenting this Forum to residents.

PORI extends its appreciation and gratitude to the Legacy's Board of Governors' John Mott, Legacy's General Manager Bob LaFleur and to Teresa and her staff for their support and assistance with the Candidates' Forum.



# SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

*Warren J. Sonne*

During the past few months there have been three arrests made by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department, on or around PGA Village property. These arrests provided some interesting insight.

- 1) All of the arrests involved vehicle offenses;
- 2) Two of the three arrests included charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, and alcoholic beverage bottles were found;
- 3) Two of the three persons arrested were residents of PGA Village.

With the winter population of PGA

Village quickly on the rise, it is time for all of us to remember that we are one big family and as such we have responsibility for each others safety.

Please be considerate of pedestrians, bike riders, and children and obey our speed limits and Stop Signs.

***Please, don't drink and drive***

While our security program is still developing, your assistance is requested in reporting any suspicious activity to 911, followed by a call to Wackenhut at 489-2583. For your personal safety it is always a good idea to lock your doors and

windows when you leave the house and activate your alarm if you have one.

Leaving your garage door open, even when you are at home is an open invitation for any dishonest person to steal your tools, golf clubs, or even enter your home; so please keep your garage doors closed.

Please keep your eyes open for our informative seminars that will be taking place between now and the Spring.

Have a great and safe season.

Warren J. Sonne

## MASTER ASSOCIATION MEETING

December 21, 2006

The PGA Village Property Owners Association Master Board of Directors approved a budget that will keep the maintenance fees the same (\$444 a quarter for most).

At that same meeting there was an opportunity for questions from the audience. The continued delay of street lights approved for several neighborhoods was discussed. Pamela Hammer, President of PORI suggested that Kolter give the residents the contact names at FPL along with the phone numbers and they would begin to place calls.

The issue regarding installation of the equipment to provide a community channel was again raised. Action and results were promised, again.

Questions were raised about the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that the City of Port St. Lucie planned to make on the land in the industrial, northern

area of our community. It was explained that Kolter did not make the request for a zoning change and it was a proposal being made by the City Staff. The New Commercial/Service zoning would allow an office component along with the retail component.

Horace Webb, president of Sabal Creek asked for assistance in installing neighborhood identification pillars at the entrances to Sabal Creek.

The status of the Island Club was explained as follows:  
Underground work is done  
They applied for the foundation permit  
The Architect should deliver the prints to the County on December 21  
Projected date for completion is November 2007

Several residents asked for additional landscaping along the Northern end of the Island Club site.

Joe Valentino, president of Island Point raised security issues regarding the PGA Learning center boundary. Kolter representative, John Csapo indicated that a green vinyl fence was planned to be installed between the Learning Center and Village Parkway. Joe also asked that the PGA dumpster near their neighborhood be removed. He questioned pedestrians and bicyclists having free access to the gated areas.

Bill Cannell from Kingsmill asked for an update on the expanded bridge over I-95. Mr. Csapo indicated that there was "no real schedule" and gave indications that the dollars may be spent at the West Virginia connection to Village Parkway (near Verano) instead of the St. Lucie West exit.

Residents were asked to direct all other questions to Lang, the Management Company.

# COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

12/11/2006

The meeting began with the County attorney making a brief presentation on the Kolter proposed Settlement Agreement.

Kolter representatives then addressed the Commissioners. When they concluded Commission Chairperson Chris Craft asked the representatives of PORI if they would like to comment. Horace Webb, President of the Sabal Creek Homeowners Association addressed the Commissioners first. Then Dr. Edwards corrected a number of Kolter's misstatements. Wynn Jones addressed a number of incorrect statements in the Settlement Agreement and Bob Simons showed brochures of Kolter's advertisements indicating how they would protect the environment, and preserve at least half of the 3000 acre community.

The Commissioners seemed to be very interested in the commitments that Kolter had made in their advertising materials. Pamela Hammer concluded, explaining the requirement for 4 2-acre recreation areas (referred to as pocket parks in the original documents). Two of the proposed sites were acceptable but the other two were not. One of the unacceptable sites designated by Kolter is the

Vistana Sheraton Time Share facility near the South Gate. No one from PGA Village is permitted to use that facility. The second site rejected by PORI is located north of Commerce Drive, above the industrial area, and so far back into the woods, that parents would not be able to see their children from the road. This Kolter proposed site is located adjacent to a pond. The area is beautiful, but in our opinion it does not meet the requirement of a park for young children who live in the community and it could become a major liability.

The Commissioners discussed their concerns and unanimously rejected the proposed Kolter settlement.

Many of you asked why you did not have a chance to speak during the "public hearing." The reason is, the previous action was not a public hearing. If the commissioners had agreed to the settlement proposal, then the hearing would have been cancelled. The public hearing began next, when Bob Nix gave the staff report on whether or not the Commissioners should amend or rescind resolution 04-081. After Mr. Nix gave his report, the Kolter attorney began to cross examine him. That continued until

midnight. At that time the commissioners adjourned the meeting until 9:00AM Tuesday. On Tuesday morning the commissioners all checked their schedules and agreed to continue the hearing until Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 PM.

At that time, Kolter attorneys may continue their questions, or finally allow the public to speak. That is when the residents of PGA Village will have an opportunity to speak. Once all of the testimony and all of the cross examination is concluded, the Commissioners will close the public hearing, and discuss what action they will take. If they rescind Resolution 04-081 then the Community and Kolter will be under the conditions of resolution 98-100. We think that is a good thing. If the Commissioners do not rescind 04-081 then the PORI Board of Directions will have to decide their next action.

Please mark, Wednesday, January 17 on your calendar. We will need your support once again at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers on Virginia Avenue.

## PORI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

On January 3, 2007, the Board of Directors met to open and count the ballots for the open board seats. Dr. Bobbie Conti, Warren Sonne, and Horace Webb opened the hundreds of ballots and tal-

lied the votes. Carol Anderson, Pamela Hammer and Bob Simons were elected to three year terms on the board and Richard Cota was elected to a one year term. We would like to thank everyone

who helped and participated, and especially Stan Silver and Judy Stoll for organizing the slate and preparing the ballot.

## NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Doug Coward was re-elected to another four year term on the County Commission and newcomer

Charles Grande was elected to a four year term. Reserve/PGA Village had an excellent voter turnout. It is very easy to

register to vote in Florida. One can register on line or at the local county offices in St. Lucie West on California Blvd.

# PORI E-MAIL BLASTS

We are attempting to use the PORI email blasts to keep you informed regarding issues impacting our community. It is easy to sign up. Simply go to [www.pori.info](http://www.pori.info) on your computer. Scroll to the bottom left corner of the home page and click on "sign up for e-mails." Once you complete the form, click "submit". **IMPORTANT SECOND STEP.** A confirmation email will be sent to you. You **MUST** click on the

wording "yes, I want to join" in order to be added to the list. This process is required in order to allow PORI emails to reach you without the system being shut down for spamming. You must provide your first and last name when registering.

PORI has been asked on numerous occasions to alert the residents about situations in our community. The latest was the closing of the resident entrance at the East Gate. If the Cable TV equipment is ever connected, community information will be available on a designated channel. Sue Furman has done her best to get this process completed, but once again it has stalled at the Kolter end.

**We're on the Web!**  
**www.pori.info**

## *E-MAIL BLASTS AT WORK:*

**December 17, 2006:** On Monday, tomorrow, the Resident entrance at the East gate will be closed to allow Dickerson to install curbs. Please have your ID ready to enter the visitor gate or use the North entrance at Commerce Park, or the West gate off Glades Cut Off Road. Please spread the word. I am also sending this to your president and asking them to forward it to each community.

### **December 26, 2007:**

There have been some problems with the telephone lines at the South Gate. The number at that location 595-0554 works, doesn't work, works, doesn't work.

If you do not receive an answer, then please use the following number for the Main Gate: 489-2583 and they will get your message delivered to the South Gate.

### **December 26, 2007:**

In case of an Emergency, call 911 first, followed by a call to PGA Village Security at (772) 489-5798 or (772) 489-2583. To Pre-Authorize your guests, everyone should call PGA Village Security at (772) 489-5798 or (772) 489-2583. Please do not call the South Gate.

## ST. LUCIE COUNTY ONLINE

<http://co.st-lucie.fl.us/>

Want more information about the December 11 County Commission meeting regarding the future of the Reserve/PGA Village? Go to the County web site (above) click on SLCTV, then video on demand, and then the December 11 meeting. We think you will find the contents of the meeting very informative.

## BE INFORMED & INVOLVED

*What: PORI Town Meeting*

*Who: PORI Members*

*When: February 6, 2007  
10:00 A.M. to 11:30A.M.*

*Where: Wanamaker Room*

*Why: Receive input and suggestions from members*

*What: Safety & Security Seminar*

*When: Thursday, January 25  
6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.*

*Where: Wanamaker Room  
Golf Club, Perfect Drive*

*Speakers: St. Lucie County Fire  
District & Wackenhut*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

*What: PORI ANNUAL MEETING*

*When: Saturday, March 10*

*Where: PGA Education Center*

*Who: All PORI Members*

*Time: 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon*