

*The Palm Valley Community Center Association – Beautification Action Committee met at 6:30 PM Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Palm Valley Community Center.*

- Mike Wicks updated the committee on the proposed planting of Crepe Myrtles along the west side of Palm Valley road between Odom's Mill and Plantation Oaks. We have a couple of commitments to help with the funding of this project which is estimated to cost between \$4 and \$5 thousand. We are waiting for an approval from the county. Mike is in contact with Greg Caldwell at the St. Johns County Public Works.
- We are also awaiting county approval for the planting of oak trees along Mickler Road. The goal of planting these oaks is to eventually restore the look of Mickler Road to what it was in the past.
- Mike Wicks pointed out that there are a couple of dead palm trees in the roundabout. There is also some dead grass. The county maintains the outer perimeter grass, but does not do much to maintain the inner part of the roundabout. The Palm Valley Community Center has made a proposal to St. Johns County to take over the maintenance of the roundabout. We would want to insert a sign indicating the PVCA is responsible for the maintenance. The plan is to plant weeping willows around the retention pond near the roundabout. Mike has discussed this with Greg Caldwell.
- Mike next updated the committee on the proposed formation of a Palm Valley Bridge task force. Garry Phillips recommended involving Nocatee, Marsh Harbor, and the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition in this project. The task force would develop a plan for the area underneath the bridge on both the East and West sides. The cost will depend of the final design. While understanding that this area includes a parking lot for the boat ramp, suggestions included adding restrooms, lighting, asphalt, landscaping, and an elevated stage for bands.

### **New Business:**

Greg passed out a newspaper article on the new law to protect Atlantic Beach trees. Mike Wicks suggested the committee research St. Johns County tree codes and specifically the Palm Valley tree ordinances. Also a suggestion was to talk with Ryan Mauch from the St. Johns County. He is responsible for the tree ordinance in SJC and maybe we could ask him to give a presentation at a PVCC meeting. The Atlantic Beach article indicated that there would be a public hearing in Atlantic Beach for a final reading of the tree ordinance on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The committee will find out what was the outcome of that meeting. Garry said we could research Article 4 of the St. Johns County Land Development Code regarding Trees, etc..

Mike reminded the committee of the upcoming Food Truck Friday night on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Palm Valley bridge. Mike White, Director of St. Johns County Recreation had told the PVCA that we needed a permit for the Food Truck night. Mike Wicks has applied for the permit.

The next Beautification Action Committee meeting will be Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Palm Valley Community Center.

**Action Items:**

- Someone to research the current tree ordinance for Palm Valley
- Work with the Leader and Recorder to publish articles about the Beautification Committee objectives

Please note that since our last meeting, there are a number of exciting initiatives beginning to move forward within the Beautification Action Committee. They include:

- > Our participation in trees being planted at Ponte Vedra High School
- > The Planting of Trees along portions of Palm Valley Road
- > Working with the County to take responsibility for maintenance of the roundabout on Palm Valley Road (with the intentions of creating some redesign of the area in the future)
- > The creation of a Task Force composed of representation from the Beautification Action Committee, Nocatee, Marsh Harbor and St John's County to develop a Plan for the design of the area underneath the East and West sections of the Palm Valley ICW Bridge.

**PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THE NEXT BEAUTIFICATION ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING:  
THURSDAY MAY 21ST, 630 PM @ THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL AND LET ME KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS TO ATTEND OR IF YOU CANNOT SO WE CAN PLAN APPROPRIATELY.**