

RANCH COLONY

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HELPFUL NUMBERS



Emergency-----911
Martin Cty Sheriff--772-220-7000
Guardhouse-----744-2673
Code Enforcement-----233-5500
Animal Control-----233-1200
Bell South-----1-866-620-6000
Waste Mgmt-----1-772-546-7700
Water (Seacoast)-----627-2900
Florida Power & Light---697-8000



DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME -
SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR
ON MARCH 8th!!

Safety Tips for Cars and Horses

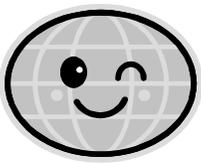
Tessa Weise

We all enjoy living in this piece of paradise called Ranch Colony. Walking, running, biking, playing with our kids and pets, or riding horses are activities our residents want to enjoy. While there are a number of horses in Ranch Colony, it is not often residents see riders out and it is easy to forget riders and horses could be around the next curve.

From a safety standpoint, there are precautions we can take while driving when we see someone on a horse. The first and most important thing to remember is a horse can appear calm but can become anxious in the blink of an eye. Sometimes a rider can feel a horse getting nervous and keep the horse from spooking, but this is not always the case. If you are driving, never take a horse for granted. For example, a bird could fly up and spook the horse causing the horse to jump in the path of your car. Some horses spook at the sound of trailers rattling behind cars or even the sound of a loud diesel engine can excite some horses. The best thing to do when a horse and rider are visible is to slow way down below the speed limit, and move to the opposite side of the road from the horse and rider if possible. Once the car is a good ways past the horse and rider, then the driver can resume the speed limit. It is the horse rider's responsibility to exercise caution while on the shoulders of the road ways as well, to know their horses idiosyncrasies, and not to put their horse or themselves in unnecessary danger. The horse rider should ALWAYS be riding on the grassy shoulders of the road unless crossing a roadway. In Ranch Colony, the road's shoulder easement may be used responsibly by horse and rider.

If a rider motions for you to stop or slow down, don't hesitate to do so. The rider may know something about the horse or the situation that is not visible to someone in a car. Also know to a rider on a horse, a car going 25 mph is fast and 45 mph looks like a freight train is coming at top speed! It doesn't feel fast in our cars, but it is to a rider on a horse, or to people walking for that matter. Keep in mind that we never know who or what is around the next curve, and it is easy to become distracted when we are late for work, anxious to get home, or using our cell phone. By being aware and slowing down below the speed limit when you see a horse, a person on foot, a bicyclist, children playing or someone walking their dog, we can all enjoy our neighborhood and reduce the risk of accidents!

More on horses.... As stated above, horses should always be on the grassy shoulders unless crossing the road. This has not been happening in Ranch Acres and Ranch Estates. Many complaints are being made on the numerous horse manure piles on our roads. Besides the eyesore and smell, it is a health hazard to anyone enjoying the outdoors - bike riders, joggers and especially our children and other pets. It has become a significant concern that needs attention. We are open to suggestions and welcome horse owners to attend the ARB meeting on February 23rd. Some suggestions have included that horses wear bags that would catch droppings; or riders could drive the road and clean up after their riding. It seems to be a larger concern this year, maybe due to more horses in the community. We hope to resolve this problem and we appreciate any input. Thank you.



2ND ANNUAL EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Once again, we request your help in cleaning up Ranch Colony. Last year, numerous residents (thank you to all who participated!) from all of the Ranch Colony communities, joined together to clean up the road ways. This year we are planning the date in conjunction with Earth Day. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 25th**. We will meet at the Park at 9:00 a.m. to be assigned areas before heading out to clean up. A pizza party will follow the clean up, at the Park. Please remember to bring trash bags, gloves, rakes, and shovels – and your children – this is a great way for them to become involved in helping the community and our planet!

Friendly Reminders and Updates

Bulletin Board Use ~ Please do not tape or fasten anything to the Bulletin Board, Mail Boxes or Mail Box Structure. It will be removed and discarded. Please fax or email text to the Property Manager, to post any information to the bulletin board. Posts will be reviewed for proper content prior to posting. “Proper Content” is left to the discretion of the management. We trust you are enjoying the new Mail Boxes, Structure and Bulletin Board. They belong to you. Let’s all preserve them so they service our community for many years to come.

PBC Fire Station ~ Palm Beach County anticipates the 2009 completion of a new Fire/Rescue Station located at the southwest entrance of Mack Dairy Road & Indiantown Road.

Trash Collection

Trash Pick-Up: Monday & Thursday

Vegetation Pick-Up: Wednesday

Recycle Pick-Up: Thursday

Special Pick-Up: (772-546-7700)

No Collection Service on the following holidays: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. When Collection Day is a Holiday, the Contractor shall collect on the next scheduled Collection Day.

YARD TRASH—REGULAR: Vegetative matter, including tree and shrub trimmings, grass clippings, pine needles, leaves, palm fronds or small tree branches. This is collected twice per week on the same days as regularly scheduled garbage pickup. This yard trash is to be placed alongside garbage cans and must be in garbage cans, paper bags, plastic bags, or tied in bundles which weigh 50 pounds or less.

YARD TRASH—BULKY: Large pieces or quantities of vegetative and wood matter, which exceed the weight or size of “yard trash-regular.” This is loose yard trash, clippings, etc., piled at the roadside. These piles of yard trash are reported to Waste Management by the garbage truck drivers on regular pickup days. Waste Management will then dispatch a truck to collect the trash. The trash is to be picked up within one week of being reported. A maximum of 20 cubic yards of bulky trash per week will be collected from each residence.

BULKY WASTE (OTHER THAN YARD TRASH): This waste consists of metal objects, scrap metal, washing machines, refrigerators, etc. This bulky waste is reported to Nichols management by the garbage truck drivers on regular pickup days. The resident may also notify Waste Management (772-546-7700) that such material has been placed at roadside for pickup. The waste material is to be picked up within 5 days of management notification by either their drivers or the resident, whichever occurs first. Scrap metal must not be mixed with other yard waste.

The following material will NOT be removed by Waste Management: Whole trees; tree sections larger than 6 inches in diameter or 5 feet in length or more than 50 pounds; vegetation from land clearing or land development; hay used for animal bedding; organic material, such as loose garbage; manure is classified as toxic waste and will not be removed, even if bagged; framing material; plastic bags that are mixed with vegetation trash; vegetation that is mixed with plastic bags; land clearing debris.