

# NORTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY

## Improvement District

June, 2006

### *Northern's First Popular Election - November 7, 2006*

Last summer, Northern's Enabling legislation was changed. In the past, all five Board of Supervisors have been elected at the Annual Landowners Meeting by the one acre, (or any portion thereof) one vote, method in June of each year. With the Chapter 2005-302, Laws of Florida legislative change, three of the Supervisors will continue to be elected by the landowners, and the other two Supervisors will be elected at the polls in the General Election. On November 7, 2006, Seat No. 2 will be the first position filled in the General Election. Seat No. 5 will be filled in General Election in 2008.

There are requirements to qualify for each Seat. Candidates for Seat No. 2 must qualify with the Supervisor of Elections and reside south of PGA Boulevard within Northern's boundaries. If you intend to run, you must register your intent with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office during the open candidacy filing period which begins at noon on July 17, 2006 and runs through noon on July 21, 2006. The Elections Office can provide you with the specific requirements pertaining to financial disclosures, filing deadlines, and other election laws. You may contact them by telephone at (561) 656-6200, on their website, [www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org); or click on the "elections" link from Northern's homepage, [www.npbcid.org](http://www.npbcid.org).



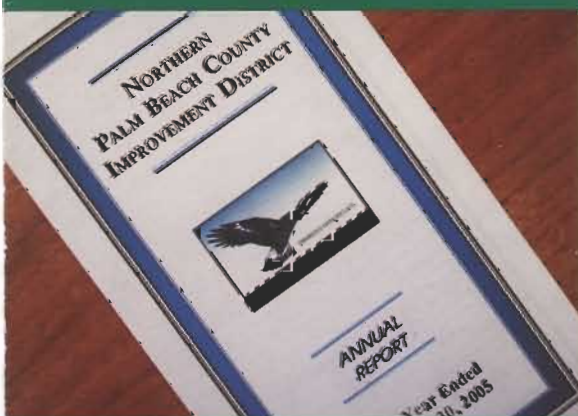
*Under construction: Northern's new Administration Building and Emergency Operations Center is scheduled to be completed in September 2006.*

### *Landowners Election - November 15, 2006*

On November 15, 2006, Seat No. 1 and Seat No. 3 will be filled in Northern's Annual Landowners Election, held at Northern's Administrative Offices. Candidates for these seats must file a Letter of Intent with Northern by October 16, 2006.

### *Financial Results are in*

Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District has concluded its audit for the year ended September 30, 2005, and has received an unqualified opinion, as well as a second year of no management letter comments! An unqualified, or clean, opinion indicates that the financial statements, in all material respects, fairly present the financial position and the respective changes in the financial position of Northern. Northern's auditing firm of Rachlin Cohen & Holtz performed the audit. Northern manages a successful grant reimbursement program which includes FEMA reimbursements, Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Society Grants, Alternative Water Supply Grants from the South Florida Water Management District and a Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management Grant.





*A Letter from the President - Ronald M. Ash*



*Ronald M. Ash, P.E.*

The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District "Northern" is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959 that provides water management and infrastructure development services to properties in Palm Beach County. Northern's jurisdiction covers approximately 128 square miles, from the northern Palm Beach County line south to Southern Boulevard.

**Ronald M. Ash, P.E.**  
President

**Pamela M. Rauch**  
Vice President

**Hugo P. Unruh**  
Supervisor

**Marilyn Lew-Jacobs**  
Supervisor

**Deborah A. Diaz**  
Supervisor

Our service area includes parts of Tequesta, Jupiter, Juno Beach, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, West Palm Beach, Riviera Beach, Royal Palm Beach, and portions of unincorporated Palm Beach County.

Dear Residents and Landowners,

As the summer approaches and the winter residents have gone back up north, there are many things to remember to do at Northern.

We are busy preparing for our first Popular Election in November. Candidates for Seat No. 2 must qualify with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office and reside south of PGA Boulevard within Northern's boundaries. Filing starts at noon on July 17, 2006 and ends at noon on July 21, 2006. This paperwork can be obtained directly from the Supervisor of Elections office. The General Election is November 7, 2006. You must be a registered voter in Florida to cast a ballot in the election

for Seat No. 2. Seat No. 1 and Seat No. 3 are also up for re-election at the Annual Landowners Election held on November 15, 2006 at Northern's new Administration Building and Emergency Operation Center at 359 Hiatt Drive, Palm Beach Gardens (across the parking lot from the current office location). Voting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will be tabulated on the premises by the Northern's Auditors.

Our new Administration Building and Emergency Operations Center is scheduled for completion in September 2006. This new facility is being built to withstand a Category 5 Hurricane, and it includes many redundant operating systems.

Aside from working on new election procedures, Northern has been training to improve emergency preparedness and response programs. Our Operations Department is finishing several extensive canal cleaning and restoration projects and has completed extensive debris and vegetation removal programs. We encourage our residents and landowners to do likewise. Now is the time to have your property thoroughly trimmed and remove excess vegetation.

We also remind you to locate the storm drains and be prepared to stake the locations prior to the storm event. The County as well as other government entities are stressing the responsibilities of the individual residents. Prepare ahead of time by stocking water, non-perishable supplies, prescriptions, and fuel in approved containers. Northern joins the Governor's Office and Palm Beach County Officials in urging all of us to plan and be prepared!

Sincerely,

Ronald M. Ash, P.E.  
President

Seat No. 5. is currently held by the President, Ronald Ash, serving since 2003. As the Florida Marketing Director for Brown & Caldwell, Ron has been a trusted consultant to public, private and federal agencies across Florida for more than 30 years. This seat will be elected by popular vote in the 2008 General Election.

*Mission Statement*

Northern's mission is to provide excellent customer service relating to facilitating financing, construction and operation of infrastructure improvements including storm water management systems, water and wastewater facilities, roads, environmental preserves and a continued commitment to education and outreach to our residents and landowners.

# Who is up for election?

Seat#	Board Member	Election Format	Candidacy Requirements	Next Election	Term Ends
1	Pamela Rauch	Landowner	Resident of Florida	2006	2010
2	Marilyn Lew-Jacobs	Popular	Resident South of PGA Blvd.	2006	2010
3	Deborah Diaz	Landowner	Reside or Own in Northern	2006	2010
4	Hugo Unruh	Landowner	Resident of Florida	2008	2012
5	Ronald Ash	Popular	Resident North of PGA Blvd.	2008	2012

## Important Dates to Remember:

### General Election:

Candidacy Qualifying dates:  
Noon July 17 –Noon July 21,  
2006

Deadline to register to vote in  
General Election:  
October 10, 2006

Election Day (At the polls):  
November 7, 2006

### Landowner Election:

Candidacy Qualifying date:  
October 16, 2006—Due date  
for filing Letter of Intent at  
Northern's Offices  
Landowner Election  
(At Northern's Office):  
November 15, 2006

**Pamela Rauch—Seat No. 1,** current Vice-President. Supervisor Rauch has served on the Board since 1999. She is a Managing Attorney with Florida Power & Light in Juno Beach. This seat will be filled by the Landowner election which will be held on November 15, 2006 at Northern's Offices.

Candidates must be residents of Florida. To vote in this election, you must own real property within Northern's boundaries.

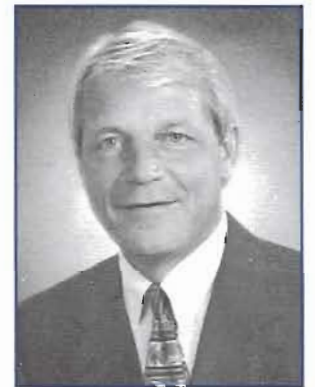


**Marilyn Lew-Jacobs—Seat No. 2.** Supervisor Jacobs has served on the Board since 2005 and resides in Palm Beach Gardens. Marilyn is a Certified Public Accountant serving as Director of Taxation with Goldberg, Jacobs & Company.

Candidates for this Seat must qualify with the Supervisor of Elections and reside or own property south of PGA Blvd. within Northern's boundaries. To vote in the General Election, you must be a registered voter in Palm Beach County and reside within Northern's boundaries.

**Deborah Diaz—Seat No. 3.** Supervisor Diaz is the newest Board Member, being sworn in on November 16, 2005, and she resides in Jupiter. She is a Certified Public Accountant with Rampell & Rampell, P.A.

This seat will be a landowner elected seat at the November 15, 2006 Landowner's Election at Northern's offices. Candidates must reside or own property within Northern's boundaries. To vote in this election, you must own real property within Northern's boundaries.



**Hugo Unruh -Seat No. 4.** Supervisor Unruh is a Past President of the Board serving since 2001. A resident of South Florida for over thirty-five years, he has spent the first twenty years of his professional career in the political and business community holding the positions of District Assistant to U.S. Congressman Dan Mica; Vice President of Marketing for one of Florida's largest civil engineering firms; and President of the Economic Council of Palm Beach County.

This seat is a landowner elected seat and will be up for re-election in November 2008.

**Landowners Election  
Seats #1 and # 3  
November 15, 2006 at  
Northern's Office**

- On November 15, 2006, Seats # 1 and # 3 will be filled by landowners.
- The Landowner elected Seats are chosen at the Annual Landowner's Meeting.
- Previously held in June, the Annual Landowner's Meeting has been changed to November.
- Votes are cast on a "one acre (or any portion thereof), one vote" basis at NPBCID offices on November 15, 2006.
- To cast a vote, you must own real property within Northern's boundaries.

If you would like to receive a complimentary DVD explaining the changes in our Enabling Legislation, and a history of Northern, please email Joanna Cunningham, Community Information Specialist at :

**[Joanna@npbcid.org](mailto:Joanna@npbcid.org)**

or call Northern's Administrative Offices at : (561)- 624-7830. Please include your Name, Address, City, State and Zip code.

**Popular Election—Seat # 2  
November 7, 2006**

- Seat # 2 will be first popularly elected Board Member because of changes in Enabling Legislation—Chapter 2005-302, Laws of Florida.
- The changes in the legislation require two Board Members to be elected by popular vote, while the remaining three Board Members will continue to be elected by landowner election.
- Candidates for the popularly elected Board Seats must qualify with the Supervisor of Elections. One must reside north of PGA Blvd., and the other south of PGA Blvd., both within Northern's boundaries.
- The term of office also changed from three to four years.
- To vote in the General Election on November 7, 2006 for Seat #2, you must be registered to vote in Palm Beach County and reside within Northern's boundaries!
- For more information on the General Election, contact the Supervisor of Elections at (561)656-6200 or **[www.pbcelections.org](http://www.pbcelections.org)**.



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