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JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

SPEAKERS FOR THE FEBRUARY 9th BCA MEETING WILL BE THE CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE BOKEELIA BOAT RAMP.

Among the presenters will be Mr. Jim Smith, Project Manager of Compass Construction; Robert Taylor, Project Manager, Construction & Design, Lee County; and Tim Denger, Engineer of Record with Aim Engineering who will discuss the plans for the renovations of the Boat Ramp on Barrancas Avenue. The facility will be closed starting April 1st and renovations will commence at that time. The BCA meeting will be held at the Tropic Isle Resort, 15175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia (just past mile marker #14) at 7:00 p.m.

STATION THREE - The grand opening of Station Three was a great success. The new fire station was dedicated to the late former MPIFCD Chief, Marty Slater. It was well attended and the excellent food was prepared by the Lazy Flamingo. Everyone had a good time.

STATION FOUR

The Commissioners are also seeking a decision from Lee County regarding Station Four to determine if the County will have the funds to clear the land and build a station on the site the district now owns.

UPDATES

PARAMEDIC FOR STATION THREE Our Fire Commissioners are still trying to get a commitment from the Lee County Commissioners regarding a paramedic for Station Three.

If you feel strongly that we need a paramedic in Bokeelia to ride on our fire trucks at Station Three please watch for details about John Wilson speaking at one of our meetings or contact him at Wilson@leegov.com or call him at 533-3911 or his cell 229-1117. You could make a difference and we need your support.

SHELL CUT MARINA – No additional updates available at this time.

PAVING OF MCNEFF FOR CALUSA COVE PROJECT – No updates at this time.

CALUSA CAY SHOPPING PLAZA – There was a lot of discussion on this project when the developer spoke at our January BCA meeting. Publix is no longer interested. It is in planning stage now. Project is not anticipated to start before 2010 or 2011.

PALMS AT PINE ISLAND – MAGISTRATE HEARING –A special magistrate hearing was held on October 31 in Lee County and was approved. The Lee County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the recommendation of Special Magistrate Simon Harrison regarding Request for Relief filed pursuant to the Florida Land Use and Environmental Dispute Resolution regarding Palms at Pine Island. The public hearing will be held in the Commissioners' meeting room at the Lee County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street, Fort Myers..

BCA NEEDS A SECRETARY, PROGRAM CHAIRMAN AND NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN - The Bokeelia Civic Association is in need of a Secretary as well as a Program Chairman and Newsletter Chairman. If you would like to be an active participant and can fill any of these positions please contact Marilyn at 283-1967 or bokeeliacivicassn@comcast.net. We really need your assistance and value your input.

BCA WEBSITE

Please visit our website at www.bokeeliaFL.com. If you have something to contribute send it to info@bokeeliaFL.com. This is your community and your Civic Association. Let's spread the word.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 9 – BCA Meeting, Speakers will be Jim Smith, Robert Taylor and Tim Denger
February 25 – MPIFCD Commissioners Meeting
March 9 – Bokeelia Civic Association Annual Meeting and Elections –John Wilson is being considered as a speaker to discuss the paramedic for Station Three

Submitted by:
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