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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

### SPEAKER FOR THE NOVEMBER 12 BCA MEETING WILL BE WAYNE DALTRY, DIRECTOR OF SMART GROWTH FOR LEE COUNTY

– The meeting will be held at the Tropic Isle Resort, 15175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia (just past mile marker #14) at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Daltry was the former executive director of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and was appointed as Director of Smart Growth in 2002. Their goal is to achieve a good balance between community livability, economic viability and environmental sensitivity. One of its keys is proactive, inclusive, community-supported growth management. Elements include, but are not limited to Environmental Quality, Land Use, Transportation, Water Supply and community Character. We think you will enjoy this very fascinating speaker. Please bring a friend.

**PARAMEDIC FOR STATION THREE** - I met with Commissioner Bob Janes to discuss a paramedic for Station Three. Since there are more medical calls to Bokeelia than fires I had a solution. Lee County currently provides a paramedic to ride on the fire truck in St. James City. Would it be possible to do the same in Bokeelia? Janes had John Wilson, Director of Lee County Public Safety, contact me. John is very encouraging about a partnership (MPIFCD supplies the vehicle and EMS supplies the paramedic and equipment). However, a need has to be established (based on response times).

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](mailto:Wilson@leegov.com) or call him at 533-3911 or his cell 229-1117. You could make a difference and we need your support.

**“MEET THE CANDIDATES”** at the October meeting was a great success. We invited 13 speakers and all attended. Present were District 1 County Commissioner candidates Bob Janes, A. J. Boyd and Carla Johnson; District 3 County Commissioner candidates Ray Judah and Les Cochran; and District 5 County Commissioner candidates Frank Mann, Steve (Sonny) Haas and Dick Kuhn; Lee County Property Appraiser candidates Ken Wilkinson, John Glaser and Larry St. Amand; Lee County Sheriff Candidates Mike Scott and Christian Meister. Approximately 40 people attended and the meeting lasted

until 10:20. Feedback was very positive and many stated they had changed their proposed vote after meeting the candidates.

### **UPDATES**

**STATION THREE** –A grand opening is planned for January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**STATION FOUR** –MPIFCD now owns all the properties needed to build Station Four in Matlacha.

**SHELL CUT MARINA** – USACOE said the marina is still under review until more information is received from Florida Fish & Wildlife and the applicant.

**BOKEELIA BOAT RAMP** – Watch for updates at our February meeting on ramp improvements.

**PALMS AT PINE ISLAND – MAGISTRATE HEARING** – Russell Weintraub has petitioned an appeal. A special magistrate hearing was held on October 31 in Lee County. No decision has been forthcoming.

**DECEMBER MEETING** - No meeting is planned for December.

**JANUARY MEETING** - Date will be January 12<sup>th</sup> at Tropic Isle. It has been suggested that we have the developer of the proposed Publix (?) property or John Wilson, Director of Lee County Public Safety to discuss a joint partnership with EMS paramedics for Station Three.

**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](mailto:bokeeliacivicassn@comcast.net). We really need your assistance and value your input.

**Greater Pine Island Water Association** needs candidates for their Board of Directors. Bokeelia residents could apply for three positions: Bokeelia for a 3 year term; At Large for a 2 year term; At Large for a 3 year term. Submit resume by November 30<sup>th</sup> to 5281 Pine Island Road.

**LCEC (Lee County Electric Cooperative)** has a vacant seat in District 3 – Sanibel/Captiva/Pine Island for their Board of Trustees. To apply for an application call Public Relations (656-2202 or 1-800-282-1643, ext. 202) and submit by January 2.

### **BCA WEBSITE**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

November 12 – BCA Meeting, Speaker will be Lee County Director of Smart Growth,  
Wayne Daltry.

November 19 – MPIFCD Commissioners Meeting – Selection of New Commissioner

January 10 – Grand Opening of Station Three

Submitted by:

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