

## **External Affairs March 2009**

Currently we have been expending considerable efforts working as an active participant in our Association of Gated Communities East of I-75 along Bonita Beach Road. We had nearly 200 active participants and six gated communities represented at our meeting in Village Walk on January 29, 2009 with guest speakers Ray Judah, Chairman Lee County Commission and Gary Price, City Manager. Considerable time was spent discussing efforts to reduce serious flooding during rainy season, stopping ATV's from driving on state, county or privately owned vacant properties adjacent to Village Walk, and the shooting of guns on these properties. In addition, there was significant discussion and public input on the trailer park across from Worthington Country Club. We have asked Ray Judah and Gary Price to provide information on the county and city vision for the eventual development along Bonita Beach Road. A follow-up meeting with Ray Judah and Mike Scott, Lee County Sheriff, is planned to be held at Palmira Country Club in late March or very early April.

We plan to make a 10-15 minute presentation on the results of our sound wall investigation hopefully following the April 22, 2009 Board meeting. Watch channel 95 and the bulletin boards for the dates and time of our next External Affairs Committee meeting and the Gated Communities along Bonita Beach Road East of I-75 meeting at Palmira.