

LAKE ASBURY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2010, CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New Special Assessment: as everyone knows the new assessment passed by referendum, but there are some questions concerning its impact on the individual district member. Just think in terms we originally had a \$100 special assessment since 1986 which was pledged 100% in 2006 for a dredging loan and the one mil Ad Valorem Tax per \$1,000 taxable property value which has now been reduced to zero mileage for 2010/2011.

\$600 new special assessment (Non Ad Valorem) per lake lot **minus** the original \$100 special assessment and **minus** the previous one mil Ad Valorem Tax per \$1,000 per taxable property value is your **actual increase**.

If you feel your property description is wrong. Please contact the Clay County Property Appraiser's Office. Also please remember changes or challenges to a property description is not to be heard by the LAMSBD Board and must be directed to the Clay County Property Appraiser's Office for consideration and resolution.

Seminole Village Impact: Clay County has applied for \$1.42 million in federal grants for infrastructure improvements (to include retention ponds, etc) between Seminole Village and Lake Asbury to correct water and sediment issues. Hopefully the county will be awarded the funds.

Capital Improvements: We are committed to the South Lake Asbury Spillway as the number one project. Please review the Capital Improvement List on www.lakeasbury.us. The Board is reviewing potential loans and grants. We have even reviewed the potential cost of the issuance of bonds and commercial paper. The effort is to find the best combination of project(s) with emphasis on the preservation of tax dollars. Can we build the both the South Lake Asbury and Lake Ryan spillways and maybe slip in the cost of Lake Ryan dredging (but this assumption is based on the county solving the Seminole Village water and sediment issue)? Can we combine the spillways for South Lake Asbury and Lake Ryan successfully due to the fact there should be shared cost savings? The Board has a great challenge but is committed to the best job possible.

Board members: the LAMSBD still needs board members. If interested, please go to the county website: www.claycounty.gov and click on Advisory Boards and application.

Henley Road Expansion: The expansion project may be changing. The county is considering five lanes instead of four lanes. They are considering eliminating the raised median to improve turning. This issue now changes the impact on drainage into Lake Asbury at the Bush Court/Circuit Rider Dr finger. R S & H Engineering has agreed to a discussion with LAMSBD and the County.

Hurricane Season: We are at the height of the season. **Are you prepared:** food supplies, cash on hand, full gas cans and vehicle tanks (ATMs and Gas Pumps run on electricity) personal evacuation plan, etc?

We also need volunteers for opening and closing valves during storm emergencies. Everyone will be trained in lake dynamics such as the South Lake Asbury dam valve is not opened before the Lake Asbury dam valve (if it is opened first, the result is flooding on Lake Asbury because the SLA dam valve is very large). Please attend the September 13th Board Meeting or contact Carl Kocher at 904-864-7709 or boardseat1@lakeasbury.us.

This is the time to sign up for e-mail alerts on www.lakeasbury.us. Do you want to be aware of evacuations and the lowering of the lakes due to pending storms?

Alligators: There are some small alligators on the lakes at times. Per FL Fish & Wildlife: small alligators eat water moccasins, etc. If the gator is a true nuisance, please contact LALLOA because they are responsible for water safety. **REGARDLESS DO NOT FEED THE GATORS. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT A RESIDENT MAY BE FEEDING A GATOR IN LAKE ASBURY. THE LACK OF FEAR FOR HUMANS CREATES A GREATER PROBLEM.**

Next Board Meeting is September 13th at 6:30 p. m. at the Lake Asbury Community Center.