

**Administrator's Update for 12/15/10**  
**By Raymond J. Sandrock, County Administrator**

**New Entrance Signs**

Earlier this month the South Gulf Cove entryways ribbon cutting and reception was held. In 2003, volunteers and residents developed a Community Plan that was accepted by the Board of County Commissioners. The plan included four new entrance signs in the medians along CR 771 at entrances to the South Gulf Cove Community. Construction began in Feb. 2010.

**New on CCTV-20**

The Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) was recorded live for the first time on Dec. 2 2010. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month and will be recorded and broadcast on CCTV-20 periodically through the month. The work performed by the CILB and county staff regulates construction in Charlotte County, protecting the public from unlicensed contractors and unpermitted work.

Viewers are now able to display closed captions for all the live and re-aired Charlotte County Board of County Commissioner meetings aired on CCTV-20. This is the first time CCTV-20 has had the closed captioning feature.

The Board of County Commissioner meetings and CILB meetings are always available on demand through the county website [www.CharlotteCountyFL.com](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.com). Contact CCTV-20 manager Matthew Philpit at 941.623.1090 for more information.

**Brush with Kindness**

Our human services staff met with staff from Habitat for Humanity to kick off the Brush With Kindness (BWK) program. This program is focused on revitalization of the newly created Medical Arts District and is funded in part through State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) grant funds. The "Paint Your Heart Out" committee, which oversees a similar program, will become an advisory committee to the BWK program.

**Generators Under Construction**

Construction has begun on the electrical generating facility of the Gas-to-Energy project at the Zemel Road landfill. The generator plant is phase two of the project and includes installation of power lines from the landfill to the Florida Power and Light substation on Burnt Store Road. Construction is scheduled to be complete in Aug. of 2011.

**The Spirit of Giving**

Over the year Charlotte County Fire/EMS has responded to 3,284 emergency calls at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. This holiday season Charlotte County Fire/EMS personnel requested permission from the local nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide a different type of service. Charlotte County paramedics and firefighters will spread some holiday cheer as they serve up a meal and visit with residents at local facilities.

Every year Charlotte County Fire/EMS staff welcomes the community into the stations at the annual Santa Firehouse Pancake Breakfasts for tours of the station and apparatus, fire safety education, and a great social time. Both pancake breakfasts begin with Santa arriving at the Fire/EMS station on the fire engine. The events are scheduled for Dec. 21 at Fire Station 12 and Dec. 22 at Fire Station 4 and are open to the public. Reservations are required; please contact Fire/EMS headquarters at 941.833.5600.

### **Journalists Visit**

Three Florida-based journalists representing regional and national publications visited Charlotte County earlier this month during a media trip organized and hosted by our Charlotte Harbor Visitor and Convention Bureau staff. The trip served as an introduction to the destination and highlighted the area's holiday festivities and natural amenities. The journalists were pleased with the destination's visitor offerings and commented about the passion and pride local residents have. Many tourism businesses and leaders in the community assisted in hosting and welcoming the group including staff from our community services department.