

**Administrator's Update for 12/12/12**  
**By Ray Sandrock, County Administrator**

In November the Board of County Commissioners approved the one-year lease between Charlotte County and Community Assisted & Supported Living, Inc. (CASL) for the Stillwater Home. CASL is an established agency that provides services to Charlotte County homeless veterans. Under the lease agreement, CASL will be responsible for all utility expenses and property maintenance. During this time CASL will seek funding from the Veterans Administration for transition housing for homeless veterans. CASL's future plans include negotiating for the purchase of the facility from the County.

**SWOT**

Human services management staff conducted the department's bi-annual Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis. Results of the 2012 SWOT activity will: be compared to the 2010 results; considered in developing future departmental goals and revising its strategic plan; used in preparing for the upcoming budget cycle; and in aligning county, department and community goals. SWOT analyses is being used in several departments and divisions to aid in accountability and self-assessments of county programs and services.

**Don Pedro/Knight Island**

Over 80 residents of Don Pedro/Knight Island attended a community meeting at the end of November at the island firehouse. The meeting was organized by Charlotte County public works department to provide information about their taxing district, its budget and its purpose. The purpose of the taxing district is to maintain County-accepted streets and drainage on the island. Staff from our fiscal services division explained the MSTU budget and answered questions. Public works staff reviewed roadway and drainage conditions and explained current plans. The Don Pedro/Knight Island Street and Drainage MSTU has no formal advisory committee to coordinate the maintenance needs of the residents with county staff. The maintenance needs vary greatly between the north and south ends of the island. Discussion at the community meeting resulted in formation of a steering committee to help public works staff determine the appropriate membership structure for an Advisory Committee that will represent all taxpayers on the island. When a fair and impartial structure is determined, county staff will begin work to amend the MSTU ordinance to create the formal Advisory Committee. Eleven residents have so far expressed interest in serving on the steering committee, for which the first meeting will be held later this month at the Palm Island Resort Club House.

**Road updates**

Construction began in early Oct. on the Cheney Brothers Access Roadway Improvements. The contractor has completed the clearing and digging and has removed the existing utilities. They have shaped the swales on both sides of the road and embankment work has begun.

For the Piper Road realignment project at the Jones Loop Intersection, traffic has been shifted to the eastern side of the new alignment to allow work to continue on the western portion of the project. All curbing, utility and drainage work has been completed. The conduit for roadway lighting was placed after FPL facilities were relocated. The contractor is finishing the road base installation and is in the final paving process. Traffic patterns will be shifted within the next week to reflect the permanent traffic alignment.

Paving has been completed in Burnt Store Village, Tropical Gulf Acres, four of the Midway areas, Peachland Area 1, Elmira Area 1, and Hillsborough Ave. as part of the 2012 North/South Paving Program. As of Dec. 1, the total asphalt placed for this contract to date is 70,523 tons. For the 2012 West County Paving Program, paving has been completed in Rotonda Sands with approximately 26,650 tons of asphalt placed. Asphalt removal in Rotonda Lakes is complete and the paving in Rotonda Lakes should be complete by the end of the month.