

Dear Island Contributors:

The Road Commission members thank each of you for supporting our efforts.

We also thank Fuzzy Jeffers. Without his help and the help of several of his employees, the road improvements would not have been possible.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

In July of 2004 we brought in a road grading company from Bonita and had the roads in good shape just in time for hurricane Charley. We did our best over the next 18 months to keep the roads passable. The construction and vegetative debris removal took a heavy toll on the road surfaces.

2006 was very successful. We gained access to fill material on the state lands, surveyed the access, built a gate around the area, obtained permission from the adjoining property owners for ingress and egress, obtained the use of a loaner dump truck from Lee County, overhauled the tractor, purchased two new pieces of equipment for road grading and finally started spreading the fill material.

When finished removing all available material from the State lands, we must plant trees and shrubs as directed by the State Parks service. We do not yet have a cost estimate for this project.

Over the last several years, besides maintenance of the road surfaces, we have on several occasions trimmed obstructing vegetation. Currently we are in the final stages of trimming back obstructing growth, as requested and paid for by the Upper Captiva Fire Department. We are currently finishing on Panama Shell and will then go back through the roads we previously trimmed to insure we have picked up all the material "we are responsible for." This should be completed by the end of April 2007. When completed the Road Commission has decided that we are no longer going to contract to clear or cut trees for other organizations. We will continue to trim back branches that interfere with our tractor.

There are currently many vegetative trash piles on the sides of the roads throughout the island. This debris is the responsibility of the individual property owner, not of the Road Commission. As noted above, when finished with our current Fire Department project, all the material trimmed by the Road Commission will have been removed.

As Safety Harbor chips their vegetative debris, we transport and distribute this material to help stabilize some of the roadbeds.

Over the years several property owners have complained and requested the Road Commission not maintain their road. We have tried to comply. Currently the Anders, on Schooner Drive, have asked us not to do any grading. If other Schooner residents feel differently, please contact the Anders and see if you can reach some accommodation and then contact one of the Road Commission members.

FINANCES

The funds balance in April 2003 when the current volunteers took office was \$10,800.00. We have sent out two requests for donations. One in April of 2004, and the most recent in February of 2007. The first raised just over \$29,000.00. From April of 2003 until February of 2007 we paid out \$37,391.00. The bulk of which has been spent in the last 18 months.

We are very happy with the results of the 2007 fund raiser. To date we have collected \$32,800.00 from approximately 170 donations. Our current bank balance stands at \$28,000.00.

Fuzzy's donations of barging have saved the Road Commission over \$4000.00. Please ask your individual contractors how much they have contributed, since they use and abuse our roads more than anyone?

Our future big budget items will be, to build a fence around the North Captiva Dunes property entrance, the plant mitigation project in the State Park and the replacement of our tractor. Currently we use the tractor that belongs to Fuzzy and needs to be replaced. Anyone interested in contributing to the tractor fund, please contact one of the Road Commission members or Gene Murphy, who has agreed to help us raise the money. Several of our loyal supporters have already pledged \$6000.00. We need to raise \$26,000.00 over the next year.

With over 500 properties and currently more than 315 homes we would like each of you to ask you friends and neighbors if they have donated. More than 350 have not. If everyone on the island would send in a contribution the cost of maintaining the roads could be shared equally.

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Thanks for you support
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