

# **Sugarmill Woods Bulletin**

## **May 23, 2010**

**Dear Residents,**

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association identified several areas of focus at the beginning of the year based on input we received from residents. One of the focus areas was the investigation and possible establishment of safe walking and bike paths in selected areas in and around Sugarmill Woods.

Mr. Tom Paslay, SMW CA Board member, is leading the effort to determine the process including funding options for and the reality of building safe bike and walking paths in Sugarmill Woods. However, we will need the help and support of the entire community to bring a project of this magnitude to fruition.

Judging from the high volume of bicycle and walking traffic seen in the morning and late afternoon, there are many SMW residents who would benefit from a safer place to exercise than the narrow roads in Sugarmill Woods. We need a safe path to exercise which would likely encourage even more of us out for a healthy morning or late afternoon stroll.

The Civic Association is in the process of forming a working committee of interested residents from each of the three primary Villages (Cypress Village, Oak Village, and Southern Woods) to help with the following activities:

- Identify and prioritize potential pathways.
- Quantify how many existing and potential pathway users are in SMW.
- Research successful pathway projects methodology used for gathering political and funding support in Inverness, Crystal River and the Withlacoochee Trail.
- Identify potential funding sources to construct the pathways such as Federal Grants, Special Taxing Districts, etc.
- Work with Citrus County Administration to conduct feasibility studies on construction on County maintained roads and Rights of Way within SMW and along County Road 480 and US 98 to the existing Suncoast Parkway Bike Trail.
- Help garner citizen support for the project via benefit analysis and communication with our neighbors.

If you would like to help, please contact CA Board Member Tom Paslay at 352-464-7746, or preferably via email at [tpaslay@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tpaslay@tampabay.rr.com). Tom would like to have a kick off meeting in early June.

Your participation and help will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA