

# **Sugarmill Woods Bulletin**

## **December 5, 2011**

**Dear Residents,**

The **Sugarmill Woods Civic Association Annual Meeting** is scheduled to be held on **Monday, January 16, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church**, 8831 West Bradshaw Blvd, Homosassa, FL. We will hold a brief business meeting covering 2011 and then have a guest main speaker.

For the Annual Meeting next month, we have chosen a subject that is probably not familiar to many of us but will be a topic of discussion throughout 2012 as "Port Citrus" proceeds with a Feasibility Study. The Civic Association Annual Meeting topic is -- **Florida Seaports**. The guest speaker will give a brief presentation on Florida's Seaports, how many, their size, where they are located, public or private ownership, how they are funded, and other background information.

The presentation **WILL NOT** include a discussion of the pros and cons of the Port Citrus proposal because the Feasibility Study has not been completed yet. However as residents of Sugarmill Woods and Citrus County, all of us need to make our own individual assessment on the positives and negatives of a Port Citrus proposal. Hopefully after the Annual Meeting presentation, you will be more knowledgeable of the subject material and be better informed to ask the right questions when the Port Citrus proposal is discussed during the Feasibility Study Phase in various meetings in the County throughout 2012.

We are honored to have **Debbie Hunt, Director of Transportation Development, District 7, Florida Department of Transportation** as our guest speaker. The meeting details are:

## **Sugarmill Woods Civic Association**

### **2012 Annual Meeting**

**Monday, January 16, 2012**  
**7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**First United Methodist Church**  
**8831 West Bradshaw Blvd.**  
**Homosassa, FL 34446**

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Debbie Hunt, Director of Transportation Development**  
**District 7, Florida Department of Transportation**

There are fourteen (14) public deepwater seaports that line Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

Port Canaveral  
Port Everglades  
Port of Fernandina  
Port of Fort Pierce  
Port of Jacksonville

Port of Key West  
Port Manatee  
Port of Miami  
Port Panama City  
Port of Pensacola

Port of Port St. Joe  
Port of St. Petersburg  
Port of Tampa  
Port of Palm Beach

Florida's Seaports are all different. Some are just a few acres in size while others are more than 2,000 acres. Some are urban ports, locked in the middle of busy downtowns; others are in tourist-based communities; still others are rural.

Goods shipped through Florida's Seaports include Aggregates, Asphalt, Automobiles, Automotive Parts, Aviation Fuels, Building Materials, Clothing, Coffee, Concrete, Copper, Dairy Products, Feeds, Fertilizers, Fruits, Furniture, Gasoline, Grain, Household Appliances, Leather Goods, Lumber, Newsprint, Orange Juice, Paper Products, Steel, Power Plant Fuel, Refrigerated Products, Salt, etc.

Waterborne international trade moving through these 14 seaports was valued at approximately \$69 Billion in 2010. This amount was 22% increase over 2009. The \$69 Billion represented 55% of Florida's \$126 Billion in International Trade.

The maritime cargo activities at Florida ports are responsible for generating more than 550,000 direct and indirect jobs. In 2008, these maritime activities contributed \$1.7 Billion in state and local tax revenues.

***Source: Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Ports Council.***

After the speaker's prepared remarks, we will open the meeting for questions and have an open dialogue on a variety of topics that are of interest to the residents.

We hope you will reserve Monday evening January 16, 2012 to attend the Civic Association Annual Meeting and we look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker  
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

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