

## March Perspective

Greetings residents of District Two,

We have some ongoing news to report this month.

### District Two News

\*\*The Board of Commissioners has plugged the second deficit we were facing this year to bring our budget into balance for FY 209. This was achieved through a two-step process that involved all departments, but the lion share came from the Sheriff's Office at \$400,000.00. I am glad to report that this will not affect emergency response time or personnel.

\*\*Our next budget cycle will be for FY 2010 budget which is stated for July 1, 2009. We were expecting revenues of \$59 to \$61 million dollars, but we are at a reverse cycle and it is estimated that we will be 8%-10% less on our growth patterns. If this trend continues we will be faced with few alternatives but to furlough and cut manpower.

\*\*The Recreation Commission last month voted on an alternate plan regarding the construction of the Denny Dobbs Park. The plan will consist of hiring Randy Vinson as the project manager. After the final five developers were chosen to give their last bid, all bids came up higher than the \$1.7 million that was budgeted for this phase of the park. This left little option but to explore hiring a project manager. Randy Vinson has a great background that includes the Clark's Grove neighborhood and the Turner Lake Park Recreation Complex. Both of these projects are recognized as outstanding projects. Randy has assured us he can include all the original equipment and bring the park in budget and on time. There are incentives built in to allow both sides to benefit. He has also assured us of regular updates regarding the park.

\*\*There is a joint meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at the Turner Lake Park Complex. The meeting will be held in the ballroom. The commissioners will vote on the alternate plan the next night, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Historic Courthouse located on the Square. Please attend these meetings. The park funding is in grave jeopardy if these two boards cannot come to an agreement.

\*\*Lastly, Livingston lane/Veal Road residents will see a survey team out in their neighborhood around March 9-14<sup>th</sup>. This team will be planting stakes and flagging areas as part of the design phase of the road improvements the Board of Commissioners approved last month.

\*\*Next months' Perspective will bring more news regarding district two, but please attend the meetings on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> and final meeting on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. They are very important.

Wishing you beautiful weather...

Commissioner Simmons