

# **NEWSLETTER#33**

**Well, Well, Well Chuck Svirk does make a difference. For almost a year he has tried to get the advisory board for PLUS (Port LaBelle Utility Systems) to seriously consider putting water lines to Banyan Village (Units 10, 11, 12 & 13) without success. He has now called a friend in the Florida Land Sales Division in Tallahassee to ask what he could do to get the water lines installed in Banyan Village. He was told they would send him a copy of the agreement Hendry County, General Development Utilities and the State signed in 1996. In this agreement, Hendry County agreed to install water lines to all lots in Port LaBelle without discrimination and expected this would be done by 1991. Hendry County further agreed to send the State Land Sales Division an annual report telling them the progress during the past year. The last of these required annual reports was received in 1999. To say the State is not happy with Hendry County would be an understatement.**

**This agreement was signed by Cecil Akin for the Hendry County Commissioners and by Dan Stevens as County Attorney. Cecil is no longer a county commissioner and Dan Stevens Law Office is now in Tallahassee. Unfortunately the County Administrator doesn't think its much to be concerned about because to him the County made no progress on the water lines since 1999 and the County didn't discriminate at any time because they didn't run water lines to the Jones lot and not to the Smith lot in the same Unit. The agreement to me means the County could not run water lines to Units 1-9 and 102 and not to Banyan Village without having discriminated against Banyan Village. It will be interesting but I think the State will win this one.**

**I started by using the name Chuck Svirk so this is how he got in the picture. Many of you have gotten an offer, to buy your lot, from CHL Holdings, Inc, or CFS Properties and Mr. Chuck Svirk owns both companies. The offer you got was low but gave you a chance to stop paying Property taxes. If you are considering the sale of your lot, I will not advise you what to do but if you are told a price on your lot and you agree you will be paid that amount. Chucks word is good and he demands the same from his employees at both companies. I have not had one person tell me that force or high pressure was used to entice them to sell their lot in Port LaBelle. Yes, he buys low and sells high but that is the American way and is as old as apple pie.**

**Chuck now owns about 1400 lots in 10-13 (Banyan Village) and he must get water lines installed to be able to build houses, which will be sold. More houses will be built and the cycle goes on and on and on while the price of all lots goes up and up. However, before any**

**of this can happen the County must agree to install the water lines to Banyan Village. As a member of the Advisory Board, I will guarantee those of you that have a lot in Banyan Village that when water lines are installed all lots will get water lines installed and be buildable.**

**The next Hendry County BOCC (Board of County Commission) meeting is next Tuesday evening at 6:30. Mr. Svirk is on the agenda and all Commissioners, County Administrator, County Attorney, County Clerk and others will have a copy of the Agreement signed by Hendry County Officials in 1996. I say again that I think the County is wrong on this one and the State is right.**

**Richard and Dottie bought the Hotel at the Auction and have since bought the 3 golf holes which included the cart storage shed, practice green with sand trap and the starter shack. The man that bought the 15 holes of golf is now out of the picture and is replaced by two investors that are talking to the other owners of tracts 1-5 which is all of the golf holes east of the Hotel and includes the entrance on Hwy 80 and the driving range. So some progress is now being made and an agreement can't come too soon because the tee area on #3 behind our home is waist high with weeds because it has not been mowed for several months.**

**There are several For Sale signs from the entrance to the HOTEL then going west to LaBelle on the tracts that were 10+ acres and have been split now selling 5 acres. One sign has 5 acres for \$350,000 from Hwy 80 to the river.**

**Please if you have questions write to me but answers to many questions don't seem to be worth 37 cents (the cost of a stamp) so if you have asked a question and the answer isn't worth a stamped envelope, you don't get an answer. I made a mistake by not answering a question when a stamped, addressed envelope was sent and I intend to correct that error as soon as I finish here. That happens when I put something down then something goes on top and a senior moment makes me forget. Linda tells me at my age that is expected yet I find it hard to accept.**

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