

Remember, a beautiful and well-maintained community reflects increased property values for all property owners, of both improved and unimproved lots.

**A WORD ABOUT GOLF CARTS**

Your Association has been in contact with County officials regarding the use of golf carts in our community. The County has agreed to allow golf cart travel on the recreational path along Cape Horn Blvd, with certain restrictions. The use of golf carts on the path may occur to travel to the golf course adjacent to Burnt Store Lakes only. Golf carts must remain on the recreational path—and not travel along Cape Horn. Golf carts may not be utilized for social visits throughout the neighborhood. A golf cart is a mechanized vehicle and is not to be operated by a non-licensed driver or anyone under-aged. When on the path, the cart operator must give-way and respect the rights of pedestrians, bikes, and any other method of non-mechanized transport. This means respecting your neighbors, folks. The County will paint line markings where the carts are permitted to cross Cape Horn at various intersections to access the path. (Remember that ALL rules of the road apply, and golf carts MUST yield to on-coming traffic and pedestrians, and may not travel down the center of any roadway). Cart operation on the path or on any road is at the driver's risk. If for any reason an accident occurs with the cart, the operator of the cart will be cited. The use of carts in this community is a privilege and not a right. Carelessness or abuse of this privilege will lose it for all concerned.

Wishing all of our Burnt Store Lakes Family a happy and prosperous 2008.

Jim Brown, President

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Burnt Store Lakes Property Owner's Association finances ended the 2006-2007 fiscal year on a healthy note. Our capital reserves will be adequately funded to provide for the coming year's anticipated needs. Operating funds are sufficient to cover current expenses until 2007-2008 dues are paid.

The current homeowners annual assessments, due now, remain at \$250.00 per lot. These monies will provide for planned maintenance and capital improvements. Prompt payment of those dues enables the Board of Directors to fulfill the community's needs and wishes. The '07-'08 budget was overwhelmingly approved with 92% of votes cast being in favor of the proposed budget.

Bill Fruit, Treasurer



**LAKES REPORT**

We are fortunate indeed to have such a large natural asset contributing to the life and vitality of our community. As property owners, we take our duty to manage the condition of the lakes acreage carefully and seriously.

During 2006, our primary concern was to control the under water weeds. Since then, we have been plagued by a non-disease bearing pest known as the Midge. Through chemical application in cooperation with the Charlotte County Cooperative Extension, we believe to be successful in eradicating the black midge. However, recent observances noted that the phantom midge remains in our area.

Midge abatement takes a three pronged approach: use of chemicals, littoral plantings, and improved aeration. The improved aeration and diffusers help move oxygen to lower levels thus encouraging fish life at these lower depths. The improvement of the shorelines with littoral plantings will, over time, improve the oxygen levels, help prevent erosion, and provide a habitat for small fish and wading birds that feed on the midge larvae. Desir-

**ANNUAL ASSESSMENT BILLING CHANGES\***

<b>DUE DATE:</b>	<b>NOV 15, 2007</b>
<b>INTEREST :</b>	<b>DEC 1, 2007</b>
<b>LIENS FILED</b>	<b>JAN 1, 2008</b>

\*Interest will be charged, and Liens filed on all unpaid balances per these dates.