



**Community Notification #2009 – 13 SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS  
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**Vehicle Identification Stickers**

The Board of Directors has reported an increased number of unknown persons utilizing the lakes and greenbelt areas in and around the lakes. They are observed to be netting or fishing or poaching turtles illegally, and feel that they have a right to do so. Often times when approached, these people behave in a belligerent and/or antagonistic manner. The situation is managed by contacting the local Sheriff or the Florida Wildlife Commission; however, when confronted, respect is not shown to these officials. Several confrontations have given the Board cause for concern for the safety of our residents.

Many of our residents enjoy fishing and kayaking in and around Burnt Store Lakes. The Neighborhood Watch and the Board of Directors appreciate seeing vehicles with the little yellow BSL sticker on their cars. Residents and property owners are easily identified as having the right to be here. Vehicles without stickers indicate non-residents or non-property owners when observed parked near a lake or kayak launch area.

The Board of Directors is considering adoption of a policy to remove those vehicles belonging to people fishing illegally, or parking on greenbelt as non-property owners. The purpose is to first protect the interest of all property owners, and second reduce the probability of return by having the vehicle towed. A sheriff would be involved to determine ownership through its registration, and then a towing company would be contacted. If a person must obtain a ride to the 'tow yard', then pay to have their vehicle removed, he is less likely to return here to fish or park in the greenbelt.

Yellow BSL Vehicle Identification stickers are available at the office. Please stop in at 100 Madrid Blvd, Unit #212 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. Sandy or Celeste are available to give you stickers for your vehicle.

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