

## External Affairs Committee April 2010

The last summer email campaign undertaken at the request of the External Affairs Committee which resulted in many hundreds of emails being sent to the Bonita Springs Fire Commissioners from not only Hunters Ridge Residents, but also four other gated communities not only succeeded in get a modest reduction of the Fire Tax Rate but also significant concessions from the Fire Fighters Union.

Ed Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Bonita Springs Fire Commission, publicly gave our email campaign of last summer credit for what he believes was a very successful renegotiation of the Fire Fighters Union Contract. Hopefully, the Bonita Springs Fire District will hold the line or preferably make another cut to the Fire Tax Rate during this summer's budget hearings. Our External Affairs Committee will keep you posted and may ask for email support again.

During March our committee met with two newly elected City Councilmen McIntosh and Slachta discussing many important issues. We plan to build a relationship with as many of our City Council Members as possible to increase our readability. We also are letting them know what issues we support or oppose.