

February 2026

Neighbors,

As printed in my mid-December letter, notice was provided of two openings on the Board of Directors. Only two residents submitted their notice of intent to run by the deadline date. We have two candidates for two seats, a vote is not required.

Included are both the Notices of Intent to Run and a written statement by each candidate, Linda Belanger and Tom Kelly.

To conduct business at the Annual Meeting, on March 17th, our documents require a quorum. Attached is a Proxy to Establish a Quorum Only form. Please provide the owner's name, address, appointment of Proxyholder, check the scope of Proxy box then sign and date. Place your Proxy in the addressed envelope enclosed and you may either mail the proxy or bring the proxy with you to the meeting. If you mail, please remember we need the envelopes before March 17th.

Also, as mentioned in my previous letter, we are amid a letter writing campaign to secure passage of a \$925,000 Legislative Appropriation Request, which may be voted upon either in March or April. It is very important that both Rep. JJ Grow and Sen. Ralph Massullo are aware of our need for the Appropriation Request to be passed.

******UPDATE**** Funding of the \$925,000 has been reduced to the State Senate proposal of \$350,000. Low participation in letter writing by residents was a major factor.**

The following information comes from Ken Cheek of the County's Department of Water Resources.

In August 2025, the County applied for the 2025 FDEP Springs Restoration Grant Program for a funding increase in the amount of \$4,144,000.

IF approved, the request of \$4,144,000, less the pay back of current SWFWMD grant of \$1,450,500, thus the resulting balance \$2,693,500 would be put forward to eliminate the need for the owner's project construction assessment, approximated at \$5,700. The \$4,000 grant would reimburse for the plumber and septic abandonment, **IF approved**, the \$925,000 Legislative Appropriations Request would help to reduce the county wastewater connection fee of \$2,897 by approximately \$1,900.

The Department of Water Resources has spoken with their contacts in the granting agency about the circumstances of the Cambridge Greens Project. They listened, finally understood the cost concerns and have been working to increase the funding. This increase request of \$4,144,000 has **not yet been approved** but the FDEP Springs Restoration Grant Program is still working to fund the increase and there is now renewed optimism for a positive outcome.

*****URGENT*** Please see the email below regarding the status of the FDEP Springs Restoration Grant Funding Program.**

From: Ken K. Cheek <ken.cheek@citrusbocc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 4:54 PM
To: Suzanne Novita <suzanne.novita9921@outlook.com>
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Cambridge Greens Sewer Assessment

Good afternoon, Suzanne.

We are still finalizing the funding contract with FDEP, but all signs are good. At this point, I don't think we need a letter writing campaign, just a little patience while we get the details ironed out with FDEP. I know everyone is anxious for confirmation of the funding, so please be assured that an announcement will be made as soon as we receive a draft funding contract (which I expect any day).

If anything changes and I see that citizen input might help, I will let you know.

Best Regards,



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Both the Cambridge Greens Sewer Committee/Group have represented the interests of both communities, 472 parcels, since 2019 and are still strong. Your participation, when requested, was so important and appreciated.

Thank You All,
Suzanne Novita
President
(2019 – 2026)