



Green building

It was to our surprise to read that after over a **year** of Capital Home Builders encouraging others in our community to go green through our newspaper ADS, WALB's broadcast in 2007, Newspaper publication in 2007, mass e-mailing encouraging others to go green, distributing activity books to local schools, our library, pediatrics offices and to video stores aimed to bring awareness to our children and our community it has finally encouraged others to step up to the challenge. More and more citizens are realizing that this is an issue that our community needs to address and we saw the first change this year when the clean and green committee invited our company to their meeting because of our commitment to building green. We were pleased that they started reviving the recycling program and joined Capital Home Builders in the efforts in bringing environmental awareness to others.

Waste recycling is one of the many ways to reduce our human footprint on our planet whether it is by recycling or by reducing our CO2 emissions by incorporating energy efficient measures in our homes and in new constructions.

We applaud Mayor Pro Tem Camille Payne and Thomasville Utilities Solid Waste Division for stepping up to the plate in promoting awareness, we certainly need more leaders and public organizations to step up to the challenge. But Thomasville can do so much more than just recycle our waste so it does not end up in our landfills. There are other areas that Thomasville can promote better use of our resources and reduce our human footprint.

Our power company is another public organization that should provide rebate programs to homeowners to switch out old water heaters, washers & dryers, dishwashers, A/C units that are lower than 13 SEERs as well as providing rebate programs to homeowners and homebuilders who install a solar water-heating system. Thomasville can learn from our neighboring City of Tallahassee. The City has an array of rebate programs to help their community and their homebuilders to go green. Even their public buildings are being designed to use solar technologies and energy efficiency strategies when life-cycle costs indicate they are economically feasible why can't Thomasville mirror this city? Leaders are stepping up to the plate and setting an example for others to follow suit.

Thomasville can also set an example with their new public buildings by incorporating solar technologies and energy efficient designs when economically feasible. Our leaders have the responsibility, the obligation to set examples for others to follow. This is why we believe in leading by example.

Capital Home Builders is the first builder to go green in Thomasville leading the way in energy efficient and "green design" new homes. We minimize our construction material waste to our local landfills by implementing jobsite green guidelines as well as reducing the CO2 emissions on every home we build. Our custom luxury home at Sweetbriar Lakes Phase II is the first Green Built home in Thomasville saving 384 lbs of coal, saving homeowners \$447 on their utility bills, and planting .10 acres of trees. CHB Homes is leading the way in Green building in Thomasville. We encourage you to log on and learn more on recycling and energy efficiency for a greener future. Together we can make a big difference in our environment.

