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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

The future of Collier County will be presented at the December 10th luncheon by Mark Strain, Collier County Hearing Examiner and chair of the Planning Commission. This is an information-rich program and the luncheon will extend to 1:15. Sponsored by [Henderson Franklin](#).

The January 14th luncheon program will focus on cyber security issues and will be sponsored by [LSI Companies](#).

Lee County's challenges and goals will be addressed by Brian Hamman, chair of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners at the February 11th luncheon. Sponsored by [Lutgert College of Business](#) at FGCU.

John Jung, senior managing director of BB&T Capital Markets, brings insight on national economic factors to the March luncheon, sponsored by Stevens Construction.

REIS welcomes your program suggestions. Please share your ideas with [Bill Morris](#), 239.337.3993.

Sponsorships:

Contact [Michael Lehnert](#), 239.344.1184 for information and availability of opportunities to sponsor REIS events.

Membership: All REIS memberships will expire December 31st and any memberships not renewed by January 8th will be offered to applicants on the waiting list. Dues remain \$135 per person for the 2020 calendar year. If you have any questions with your renewal, please contact [Bill Burdette](#).

Accounting:

The REIS officers and Board of Governors are pleased to announce that Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company has been named to provide accounting and tax services for the organization.

Website:

The [Calendar of Events](#) on the REIS website is your go-to source for industry and related government activities.

SLAW DOG TOURNAMENT TEES UP

The 23rd annual Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Invitational golf tournament takes place December 11th. REIS member Lisa Sands has ignited interest in the fun event, which is the largest source of funding for the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship program at Florida Gulf Coast University. While the tournament is sold out, you may still contribute to the REIS scholarship program by visiting the [REIS webpage](#) or contacting [Kent Poli](#).

The REIS Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that enables individuals and businesses to make tax-deductible donations in support of scholarships. The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) manages the Foundation, allowing 100% of donations to be used for scholarships in real estate related programs at Florida Gulf Coast University.

REIS 2020 BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the REIS 2020 officers and board of governors have been announced. The election will be conducted at the December 10th luncheon meeting. Any at-large nominations must be submitted to [Bev Larson](#) prior to the election.

President: Mary Gentile, CRX, CSM, LandQwest Property Management, LLC

Vice President: Bill Morris, PE, Morris-Depew Associates

Treasurer: Kent Poli, Busey Bank

Secretary: Lori Moore; Roetzel & Andress

Board of Governors: BJ Brundage, DeAngelis Diamond Construction; Donald Miller, RWA Engineering; Josh Philpott, Stantec; and Molly Scott, Chris-Tel Construction; nominated to 2-year terms.

Returning board members are: Gordon Glover, Suffolk; Justin Thibaut, LSI Companies; and Michael Lehnert, Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law. 2019 President Alexis Crespo, AICP, Waldrop Engineering will also remain on the board. Current board members Jason Brewer, BB&T; Tim Hancock, AICP, Stantec; and Travis Merrick, GFA International; will be retiring from the board.

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WATER RESOURCES CONFERENCE

The annual Florida Water Resources Conference, co-sponsored by the Real Estate Investment Society, will be January 24th at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). The theme is FGCU's Water School and Emerging Priorities for Our Region. Details at [AWRA Florida](#).

COASTAL FLOOD RISK MAPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the Coastal Risk Map Project and the preliminary flood maps are on the [Lee County website](#). Flood Zones and Base Flood Elevations (BFE) are likely to change in many areas of unincorporated Lee County, which may affect construction regulations as well as insurance rates. The final maps are scheduled to be released in the spring, pending resolution of different approaches to determination of the BFEs. According to the County website, the target date for appeals to FEMA is December 2019. The target date for the maps to become effective is late 2020 or early 2021.

BONITA SPRINGS COMP PLAN

City Council adopted the EAR-Based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan prepared by FGCU and their consultant team per the statutory requirements. Adoption of this amendment will allow privately-initiated amendments to proceed to public hearings. The City also adopted an annual storm water assessment fee. Further information is available at <http://www.bonitastormwater.com/>

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our newest members:

Anthony Sears, CoMET services manager and ICC certified inspector with Forge Engineering.

Bonnie Bolton, business banking area manager with Chase Business Banking for Lee and Collier.

Jocelyn Frank, commercial and construction lending specialist with First Citizens Bank.

Miranda Sharkey, financial banking manager with First Citizens Bank, based in Naples.

WETLANDS DEVELOPMENT

Lee County Board of County Commissioners will vote on adopting the proposed Lee Plan amendment (CPA2019-00001) relating to commercial uses in impacted wetlands at the Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on December 18th in Commission Chambers in downtown Fort Myers.

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

CCIM Commercial Real Estate Outlook Conference takes place January 21st at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero. Speakers Elliot F. Eisenberg, PhD; Lesley Deutch, and Danny Rice will be followed by a panel discussion with Southwest Florida economic development agency leaders. [Click here for details](#).

FLOOD INSURANCE EXTENDED

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is now scheduled to expire December 20th, following last minute action by Congress and the President to approve a short-term funding plan for the government, including NFIP.

REIS BRINGS THE PARTY!

The annual REIS Holiday Social brought members and their guests together for live music, cocktails, hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts on the rooftop terrace at Society in The Bell Tower. The party was sponsored by:

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[Suncoast Credit Union](#)
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