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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

There will not be a luncheon in November, in favor of the annual party on November 21.

The December 10th luncheon will be sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#).

The January 14th luncheon will be sponsored by [Velocity Engineering Services](#).

REIS welcomes your suggestions on programs and speakers you would like to see at the luncheons. Please share your ideas with [Sean Ellis](#), 239.337.3850.

Scholarship Programs:

The Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship Program is presenting \$2500 scholarships to 2 FGCU students at the REIS December meeting. The Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog invitational golf tournament will be Dec. 12 with a portion of the proceeds funding the Scholarship Program.

Applicants are sought for the REIS Scholarship Foundation scholarship to be awarded in January. The REIS Scholarship Foundation is a not-for-profit registered 501(c)3 corporation that provides opportunity to make charitable donations to fund scholarships. Contact Scholarship Committee Chairs [Lisa Sands](#) and [Matt Simmons](#) to plan your year-end contributions.

Membership:

Membership renewal notices will be issued in mid November and annual membership dues will remain \$125. Members are encouraged to review their contact information in the [online directory](#) to assure that they will receive timely renewal notification. Memberships must be renewed by January 8.

Luncheon Registration Policy:

Registration is required for monthly luncheons. Luncheon fees are not refundable but may be transferred to another member or colleague prior to the deadline.

PARTY! PARTY!

REIS members together November 21 for continuous live music, an incredible array of hors d'oeuvres, and a rousing good time at the Martini Bar in The Firestone in downtown Fort Myers. The popular annual party is exclusively for REIS members and special guests. Admission is \$30 for a REIS member and you may bring one guest for \$20. RSVP by November 15 on the [REIS website](#).

The party is generously sponsored by:

[Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, PA](#)
[Conestoga - Rovers & Associates](#)
[Pavese Law Firm](#)
[Wells Fargo Business Banking & SBA Lending](#)
[City of Palms Realty](#)
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and our event partners:

The Firestone
Daniel Melvin
Jennifer "Golden Note" Gilmore

Social Chair [Bev Larson](#) reports The Firestone is creating a special REIS martini for the occasion and Melvin and Gilmore are teaming up to provide continuous live music.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEETING

The Lee County Legislative Delegation meets Dec. 2 to consider local bills and receive public commentary in preparation for the 2014 State Legislative Session. Those wishing to make presentations must register by Nov. 15 and local bills must be submitted by Nov. 22 to Rep. Caldwell at 5191 Homestead Rd., Building A, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971. For forms or assistance, contact Charlotte Gammie, (239) 694-0161.

The meeting is from 9 to 5 in Edison State College Nursing Building, Room AA-177. The Delegation includes Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto, Senator Garrett Richter, Representative Matt Caldwell, Representative Dane Eagle, Representative Heather Fitzenhagen, and Representative Raymond Rodriguez.



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LEE MAY EXPAND TDR PROGRAM

Lee County Planning Staff and consultant Dr. James Nicholas welcome the public to participate in a workshop to consider expanding the Transfer Development Rights (TDR) Program at 6pm, Nov. 12, at the Public Works Building. Key issues include TDR values, a TDR bank, program effectiveness, and sending / receiving areas. View the [Nicholas report](#) at the Dept. of Community Development website.

GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY

The [Gambling Impact Study](#) was released October 28, to assist Florida legislators in understanding the issue when considering gaming legislation in the upcoming session. The study addresses all forms of gambling with regard to economic issues, regulation, and the social, criminal, and community aspects.

NEW WATER RULE NOW IN EFFECT

Florida's new statewide rule for Environmental Resource Permits (ERP), went into effect November 5. The ERP is required prior to construction or operations that affect surface waters and wetlands. The new rule standardizes processing procedures, definitions, and submittal forms. Florida's Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) has launched a [website](#) for submitting applications electronically and learning more about the rule.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT

Implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 began in October, while efforts are underway in Congress to delay it until potential consequences can be studied and reviewed. Lee County Dept. of Community Development has established a [website](#) for property owners and insurance agents to learn about the Act, its impacts, schedule, and latest news. It includes links to FEMA information and Lee County flood zones and property base elevations.

SWF HOUSING MARKET TRENDS

New housing market outlook for Southwest Florida will be explained by REIS member and real estate broker Randy Thibaut Nov. 12 at Miromar Design Center in Estero. Presented by Lee and Collier Building Industry Associations. Register at [www.bia.net](#) or [www.cbiamet.net](#).

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members, including some who have rejoined:

Sue Phelan, Lee County Port Authority
Christopher Dawson, Florida Investors
Gordon Glover, Gilbane Building Company
Matthew Caldwell, Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services
Mark Busalacchi, Lee County Port Authority
Maria Stopa, STOPA, Inc.
Russ Ringland, Ringland Construction
Janet Sullivan, Wells Fargo SBA Lending
Wendy Murray, Associa Gulf Coast
Ben Schott, Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt, PA
Jay Rasmussen, Gibraltar Private Bank
Terri Dawson, Florida Investors
Janis Vargas, Achieva Credit Union
Jan-Erik Hustrulid, Owen-Ames-Kimball Company
Cindy Sheahan, Security Abstract & Title
Don Tyree, City of Palms Realty
Brent Stokes, Stokes Marine

Membership is strictly limited, but a few remain available. The membership application is on the [REIS website](#).

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK

The annual CCIM Southwest Florida Real Estate Outlook Conference takes place January 29 at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. Event features presentations and panel discussions on area economy and real estate market sectors, with expectations for the future. Details at [Southwest Florida CCIM Chapter website](#).

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

Join the [REIS LinkedIn Group](#) to participate in discussions, network with other leaders in the local commercial real estate industry, and stay abreast of breaking news.

The **REIS REPORT** also welcomes contributions from members. Please submit story ideas to REIS Communications Chairman [Randy Krise](#) or [Bill Burdette](#).

STAYING INFORMED & INVOLVED

The [calendar of events](#) on the REIS website is constantly updated with industry and government events.

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