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## BOARDROOM REPORT

### News from recent REIS board meetings

#### Luncheon Programs:

There is no luncheon meeting in November.

The December 9th luncheon meeting will feature "Lee County Goals for 2009" by the new chair of the Lee County Board of County Commissioners.

#### Annual Social Event:

Social Committee Chairs Kim Donnelly and Janie Hooker have planned a gala social event at "The Edison," at Fort Myers Country Club, on November 13.

#### Reception for Commissioners:

REIS reception to honor the new Lee County Board of Commissioners will be December 10, at Edison National Bank, hosted by Edison National Bank and Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., Land Use Division.

#### Charitable Donations:

REIS board is developing formal policy and criteria for charitable giving by the organization.

#### Legislative Issues:

Lee County Eagle Ordinance: Final public hearing on proposed changes to the Eagle Protection Ordinance is scheduled for October 28, at 5:05 p.m. in Lee Commission Chambers.

Lee County Concurrency: Annual Concurrency Report to be considered by Lee Commissioners October 28, in Lee Commission Chambers. Primary issues are with roads. Seven state road links fail to meet service levels and create concurrency issues, including 5 on SR 82, 1 on Metro Pkwy., and 1 on U.S. 41.

Projections indicate potential concurrency issues in the future regarding roads, park acreage, and water and sewage treatment capacity. Full report is available at [www.lee-county.com/dcd/](http://www.lee-county.com/dcd/).

Professional Baseball: Lee Commissioners to consider new facilities and funding options October 28.

## REIS ELECTS 2009 OFFICERS

REIS has elected the following officers and board members to lead the organization in 2009.

President: Sharon Jenkins-Owen, AICP, WilsonMiller, Inc.  
Vice President: Hal Tate, Reliance Bank FSB  
Treasurer: Kevin M. Fitzgerald, NAI Southwest Florida  
Secretary: Kim Donnelly, Reliance Bank FSB

#### Board of Governors:

Sean Ellis, Roetzel & Andress;  
Mary Gibbs, Lee County Community Development Dept.;  
Janie Hooker, Land Solutions, Inc.;  
Steve Hurley, David Douglas Associates, Inc.;  
Vikki Luft, Compass Construction, Inc.;  
Matt Rocco, Grandbridge Real Estate Capital, LLC;  
Shelton Weeks, Florida Gulf Coast University;  
Past President Steven C. Hartsell, Esq., Pavese Law Firm

## PARTY! PARTY!

The REIS Gala Annual Social Event will be 5:30—9 p.m. Nov. 13 at "The Edison," at Fort Myers Country Club. Members and their guests will be treated to appetizers, 3 southern-style buffets, plus a dessert room. Full bar, including one complimentary cocktail per person. Live band. Casual attire. Reservations required, via [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org).

#### Entertainment and other treats underwritten by:

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## ELECTION DAY—NOV. 4

Get out and vote! Local, state, and national officials plus state constitutional amendments are all on the ballot.



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## FGCU SCHOLARS REWARDED

REIS announces that its annual FGCU scholarship has been increased to \$1,000 for 2008 and the full amount awarded to both Lidia Hernandez and Charles A. Shiels. The endowed scholarship fund provided \$500 and REIS contributed \$1,500 to fund the awards for this year.

Lidia Hernandez, a resident of Immokalee, is a senior majoring in Marketing with a desire to achieve a master's degree and pursue a career in marketing in the banking industry. She also has a real estate license and is employed by Hernandez Brothers, LLC, while raising her two children.

Charles A. Shiels, a resident of Naples, is a sophomore majoring in Finance at FGCU with particular interest in the real estate business. Mr. Shiels also works at Maximo's.

In conjunction with the scholarship, Hernandez and Shiels receive honorary membership in REIS, where they may attend meetings on a complimentary basis. "We welcome these outstanding scholars to join us, to learn about the area's commercial real estate industry, and develop relationships with members of the business community," explained REIS President Steve Hartsell.

## REAL ESTATE MARKET SNAPSHOT

Collier Building Industry Association hosts the 20th annual Ross W. McIntosh Show on Nov. 20. Snapshot of residential and development markets focuses on Collier County. At St. John the Evangelist's Life Center in Naples. (239) 436-6100 or [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net).

## SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION

Lee Building Industry Association's Commercial Contractors Council presents a program on sustainable construction and LEED ratings by Ken Buschle, of Gora/McGahey Associates in Architecture. Nov. 5 at Royal Palm Yacht Club in Fort Myers. (239) 936-5525 or [www.bia.net](http://www.bia.net)

## WWW.REIS-SWFL.ORG RECEIVES EXTREME MAKEOVER

The REIS web site has undergone a major transformation, designed to provide members with a convenient source of current industry news, a platform for networking, a system for managing member information, an interactive calendar of industry events, and a user-friendly procedure for event registration. The site is intended to be a member resource, so your comments and suggestions are most important. Please share your thoughts with Bill Burdette, (239) 936-1404 or [bill@burdetteinc.com](mailto:bill@burdetteinc.com).

## LEE TRANSMITS PLAN AMENDMENTS

Lee Commissioners voted to transmit numerous amendments to Florida Dept. of Community Affairs for approval, with final adoption hearings likely in January. Included are changes to Land Use Map, use classifications, and amendments to Community Plans for Page Park, Caloosahatchee Shores, Alva, and Olga.

## EMERGING TRENDS IN REAL ESTATE

Urban Land Institute - Southwest Florida presents "Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2009," an annual forecast report on U.S. investment and development trends, real estate finance and capital markets. Report is underwritten by ULI and PricewaterhouseCoopers. November 11 in Estero. (239) 465-0266 or [www.swflorida.uli.org](http://www.swflorida.uli.org).

## AMENDMENTS AFFECT REAL ESTATE

Proposed Florida constitutional "Amendment 1," on the Nov. 4 ballot, would repeal a law that regulates property rights of 'ineligible aliens.' That 1926 law was intended to ban Japanese farmers from owning Florida property. "Amendment 4" would provide a complete property tax exemption for conservation easements. "Amendment 6" would allow assessment of working waterfront facilities according to current use, rather than "highest and best" use, thereby providing property tax relief.

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