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BOARDROOM REPORT

News from recent REIS board meetings

Luncheon Programs:

The September 10th luncheon will look at changing demographics and design innovation in real estate development, with Lesley Deutch, principal with John Burns Real Estate Consulting. Sponsored by [GHD](#).

The latest trends in property values will be discussed by Lee County Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson at the October 8th luncheon, sponsored by [GFA International](#). He will also explain the latest innovations and real estate resources on the Property Appraisers website.

REIS welcomes your program suggestions. Please share your ideas with [Mary Gentile](#), 239.275.4922, ext. 235. If you would like to lead the invocation and pledge at a luncheon, please contact [Tim Hancock](#), 239.649.4040.

Sponsorships:

Contact [Kent Poli](#), 239.689.7174, for information and availability of opportunities to sponsor REIS events.

Scholarship Program:

The REIS Board of Governors has selected 3 outstanding students at Florida Gulf Coast University to receive \$2,500 scholarships for the fall term. We encourage you to contribute to the scholarship program. Information and a donation form are on the [REIS webpage](#).

Real Estate Symposium:

The popular annual event by REIS and the Lutgert College of Business at FGCU will be September 19th.

Social Events and Member Relations:

The Committee - [Jason Brewer](#), [Travis Merrick](#), and [Gordon Glover](#), is scouting locations and planning the November 14th annual party and welcomes your ideas.

Membership:

A limited number of memberships are currently available. Information and [membership application](#) are on the website. Contact [Bill Burdette](#) if you have questions.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES HIGHLIGHT 2019 SYMPOSIUM

The annual REIS Real Estate Symposium will focus on the dynamics of coastal development and redevelopment in Southwest Florida. The popular event takes place at The Club at Grandezza on September 19th. Details and registration are on the [REIS website](#).

Featured presentations include:

Construction and Building in Coastal Areas by Chris Kennedy, Vice President of Suffolk.

Permitting and Regulatory Issues by Chester Young, Senior Project Manager with Hans Wilson & Associates.

Floodplain Management and Flood Zone Mapping by Elizabeth A. Fountain, Vice President of J.R. Evans Engineering, P.A.

Sea Level Rise and Local Community Engagement by Dr. Michael Saverese, FGCU Professor of Marine Science

A panel discussion moderated by former REIS President Sean Ellis will offer first hand insight from Anthony Solomon of the Ronto Group, John Gucciardo of TPI Hospitality / Margaritaville, Shawn McNulty of Lee County government, and other real estate experts.

The half-day program is presented in partnership with Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Florida Planning & Zoning Association (FPZA) and American Planning Association (APA) Florida. AICP credits are pending.

The title sponsor is **Roetzel & Andress. Morris-Depew Associates, Busey Bank, and Stantec** are gold sponsors and **LandQwest Commercial Property Management** and **Grandbridge Real Estate Capital** are silver sponsors.

LEHNERT NAMED TO REIS BOARD

The Board of Governors of the Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) has elected attorney Michael Lehnert to serve on the board through December 2020, filling the vacancy created by the departure of former board member and fellow attorney Austin Turner.

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LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO MEET

Lee County Legislative Delegation meets October 30th to consider local bills, funding requests, and public commentary for the 2020 State Legislative Session. The meeting is from 9 to 5 in Florida Southwestern State College Nursing Building, Room AA-177. Bills must be submitted and presentations registered by October 21st with [Delegation Chair Dane Eagle](#). The agenda and meeting materials will be on www.leedelegation.com. The Delegation includes Senators Lizbeth Benacquisto, Kathleen Passidomo, and Ben Albritton, and Representatives Dane Eagle, Heather Fitzenhagen, Spencer Roach, and Raymond Rodriguez. The County's six municipalities are also represented on the Delegation.

INDUSTRY APPRECIATION AWARDS

The Horizon Council and Lee County Economic Development will host their annual Industry Appreciation Banquet on October 25th. Award finalists include REIS members **Chris-Tel Construction**, **Edison National Bank**, and **Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co.**

NEW FEMA FLOOD MAPS RELEASED

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed the Coastal Risk Map Project for unincorporated Lee County and released preliminary revisions to the flood maps, officially known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). FEMA representatives and local floodplain managers will be available for one-on-one discussions at a FEMA Open House on September 11th. The Open House will be at Florida Southwestern State College. Details are on [Lee County flood map web page](#).

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM

Bills to reform the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and reauthorize it for five years are pending action in both houses of Congress. The National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019 (HR 3167) is in the House of Representatives and the Senate is considering "NFIP Re of 2019." The NFIP will expire September 30th.

REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our newest member:

Jeffrey Fusco is Senior Vice President and Market Leader with Bank OZK in Fort Myers.

CAPE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Opportunities for mixed-use and multi-family infill development in South Cape Coral will be explained in a workshop September 12th, presented by Cape Coral Economic Development Office and South Cape Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The program will include the Multi-Family Demand Study, new zoning and density benefits, CRA benefits, infrastructure improvements, and potential development sites. Details are at bizcapecoral.com

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE EVENT

Naples Area Board of Realtors presents a symposium September 25th. Speakers include former REIS President Gerald Hendry, Mike Timmerman, John Talmage and Mark Strain. Details at www.nabor.com

MURDOCK VILLAGE UNDERWAY

Charlotte County has completed the sale of 453 acres in the Murdock Village Community Redevelopment District to Private Equity Group (PEG). PEG will construct infrastructure to support planned development of a mixed-use community to include 200,000 sq. ft. of commercial space, 2,400 residential units and a hotel with up to 150 rooms. The development will connect US 41 to State Road 776 with a loop around North Charlotte Regional Park.

AIRPORT LOOKS TO EXPAND SCOPE

Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA) has been having discussions with Space Florida officials about providing Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services to the aerospace industry. CCAA has also been working with Intrepid Aerospace, an FAA-approved repair station to establish the MRO facility. Space Florida is the state agency charged with promoting aerospace business and is a conduit to financing, infrastructure funding, and workforce recruiting and training support.

At the same time, Charlotte County School Board is starting an Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics certification course and Charlotte Technical College has received a \$1.7 million grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to establish this program at the airport. The program will occupy the facilities that housed the Western Michigan University flight training school.



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