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## BOARDROOM REPORT

### News from recent REIS board meetings

#### Luncheon Programs:

Lee County Property Appraiser Ken Wilkinson will report on new mapping resources at the October 14th luncheon, sponsored by [AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.](#)

There will not be a luncheon meeting in November, in favor of the Annual Party on November 20th.

The December 9th luncheon meeting will be sponsored by [Krise Commercial Group](#).

REIS welcomes your suggestions on programs and speakers you would like to see at the luncheons. Please share your ideas with [Matt Simmons](#), 239.337.0555. See [Randy Krise](#), 239.690.4100, for sponsorship opportunities.

#### Scholarship Programs:

Scholarships will be awarded to 4 outstanding students at the October luncheon. Contributions to fund scholarships may still be submitted on the [REIS website](#) or by contacting [Mark Morris](#), (239.671.2266). The annual Paul Sands Memorial Slaw Dog Invitational Golf Tournament, which also raises money for the Paul Sands Memorial - REIS Scholarship takes place Dec. 11.

#### Membership:

Membership renewal notices will be emailed in November. Members are urged to review their contact information on the [REIS website](#) to assure that all is up to date.

#### Annual Social Event:

Festive party will rock Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante from 5:30 - 8:30 pm November 20th. Contact [Bev Larson](#), (239) 281-1290 to reserve a sponsorship position.

#### Reception for Lee Commissioners:

The popular bi-annual reception for the Lee County Board of Commissioners will take place from 5:30 - 7 pm at Edison National Bank on December 11th. The event is hosted by [Edison National Bank](#) and [Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law](#).

## GOOD TIMES AHEAD

Join fellow REIS members and their guests for continuous live music, an incredible array of hors d'oeuvres, and a rousing good time on November 20th, at Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante in Fort Myers. The party is \$30 for a REIS member and you may bring one guest for \$20.

The party is generously sponsored by:

[Conestoga - Rovers & Associates](#)  
[Pavese Law Firm](#)  
[Grandbridge Real Estate Capital](#)

and our event partners:

Bratta's Piano Bar & Ristorante  
Daniel Melvin, "most romantic voice in SW Florida"  
Jennifer "Golden Note" Gilmore

Additional sponsorships are available. Contact Social Chair [Bev Larson](#) for details.

## WELCOMING LEE COMMISSIONERS

The Real Estate Investment Society (REIS) will host the newly elected Lee County Board of Commissioners at a reception at Edison National Bank on December 11th. The festive holiday event provides a relaxed environment for REIS members and their guests to become acquainted with the Commissioners on an informal basis. The popular reception is sponsored by Edison National Bank and Henderson Franklin, Attorneys at Law. Invitations will be sent to REIS members after the November election.

## MARKET INTELLIGENCE

"Market Trends," the annual overview of the residential development market, will be presented by Lee and Collier Counties Building Industry Associations on November 11. REIS member Randy Thibeaut will analyze trends. Details at [Lee BIA](#) and [Collier BIA](#) websites.

"Catch The Vision," an annual market report offering trends, tips, and forecasts for Cape Coral residential real estate, will take place November 18. Details at [www.CatchTheVisionCapeCoral.com](http://www.CatchTheVisionCapeCoral.com)



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## BONITA SEEKING DEVELOPERS

The City of Bonita Springs is seeking proposals for development of a city-owned, 5.3 acre waterfront parcel in the downtown redevelopment area. Proposals are due by November 13. Information available at [City website](#) or by contacting [Connie DiBruno](#).

## LEE STUDYING IMPACT FEES

In September, Lee County Commissioners consolidated park impact fee districts from nine to five and approved use of fees in adjacent districts when both districts benefit. They also directed staff to hire a consultant to update the studies used to set road and school impact fees. The updated studies are to be completed by March.

## ESTERO COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The revised Estero Community Plan, approved by Lee County Commissioners in August, is pending approval by the State. If no one appeals, the [revised plan](#) will become law on October 6.

## EPA WETLANDS MAPS RELEASED

Under pressure from the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released maps on wetlands that were previously inaccessible to the public. The maps indicate that states could see close to 100,000 additional stream miles falling under federal regulation, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. The maps are associated with the EPA's proposed Waters of the U.S. rule. [Copies of the maps](#) are available online.

## REIS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Please join in welcoming our new members:

David Uman, Universal Engineering Sciences  
Matt Spielman, Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers & the Beach

This is the ideal time to get your clients and colleagues to join REIS and take advantage of member rates at luncheon meetings, and to join the fun at exclusive member events - the annual party in November and Lee Commissioners Reception in December. Membership is limited, but a few remain available. The membership application is on the [REIS website](#).

## REIS SYMPOSIUM APPLAUDED

Over 130 attended the 2014 Real Estate Symposium, prompting a quick move to a larger facility, where the blue ribbon panel of guest speakers generated rave reviews.



FGCU President Wilson Bradshaw



Mike Preston  
Enterprise Florida



I-HUB Developer  
Rich Galvano



Carl Schwing  
Bonita Springs  
City Manager



Lee County Manager  
Roger Desjarlais



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Collier County Growth  
Management Director



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Glen Salyer  
Lee County EDO Director

The Symposium was presented by REIS and its partners: Urban Land Institute (ULI), American Planning Association (APA-FL), and FGCU Lutgert College of Business. The title sponsor was [ROETZEL](#), with gold sponsor [Conestoga-Rovers & Associates](#), and silver sponsors [Waldrop Engineering](#), [Chris-Tel Construction](#), [Achieva Credit Union](#), and [Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons, LLC](#).



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