

# Community Development e-Newsletter

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## DR/GR consultants present Work-in-Progress report today

Dover, Kohl & Partners, the consultants hired by Lee County to propose land use scenarios for the southeast Lee Density Reduction/Groundwater Resource Area, will share their work in progress today – Thursday, April 24 – at 6 p.m. in Lee County Commission Chambers, 2120 Main St., Fort Myers.

The event concludes a 10-day local design marathon by Dover Kohl. The workshop included an opening presentation by the consultants on April 16 and on April 17, a five-hour, hands-on workshop for the public attended by close to 100 people. An open house at the Dover Kohl design studio in Harborside Event Center took place Tuesday evening.

The Work-in-Progress presentation will include observations made during the hands-on workshop with evaluations by the consulting team. The presentation will be televised on your local government access cable channel.

For more information about the southeast Lee DR/GR study, go to <http://lee-county.com/dcd/>

## Fort Myers Beach now processing all permits

The Town of Fort Myers Beach is now processing applications for all building permits, including buildings, sub-contractor permits, dock and shoreline applications, and residential driveway permits.

Permitting is handled by the Town of Fort Myers Beach on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at town offices at 2523 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach.

Contact Ken Miller (239) 765-0202, Ext. 113. Fax applications to (239) 765-0909.

## Bonita now processing driveway permits

Effective Thursday, May 1, 2008, all residential driveway and right-of-way applications will be processed and permits will be issued directly through the city of Bonita Springs. This is part of the city's move toward assuming its own permitting services.

Office hours at the City of Bonita Springs are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 9101 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs.

Call (239) 949-6246.

## Upcoming meetings and public hearings

**Board of County Commissioners**, second public hearing on updates to the eagle protection and flood hazard ordinances, June 10, 5:05 p.m., Commission Chambers.

See the full calendar at <http://dcd-calendar.leegov.com//calendar.php>.

## Document imaging process is updated

Lee County Community Development is adjusting its online document imaging process. If you access documents online through our zoning Web site, you will receive a message that you are being transferred to the new page. You will notice a change in the appearance of the search page, now at <http://www.lee-county.com/docimg/dcd/docsearch>.

Call (239) 533-8948 if you have questions.

## March permit report

During March, Lee County Community Development issued permits for 47 single-family homes to be built in unincorporated Lee County, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach. Residential permits were valued at \$19.5 million in March. There were 63 permits issued in February and 318 in March 2007.

There were 24 multi-family units permitted in March, down from 36 the previous month and 290 in March 2007.

Permits were issued for 18 new commercial buildings valued at \$6.4 million, down from \$16 million the previous month and \$23.9 million in March 2007.

For details, go to <http://lee-county.com/dcd/Reports/ReportsMain.htm>.

## Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating Department of Community Development employees who recently received length-of-service awards:

For 25 years – Sharon Reynolds, Plan Review.

For 20 years – Shirl Felton, Plan Review, Alan Mead, Environmental Science, and Mary Nye, Code Enforcement.

For 10 years – George Barber, Building Inspection, and Kara Stewart, Permitting.

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