

# Community Development e-Newsletter

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## Public invited to DR/GR sessions

In September 2007, Lee County Commissioners adopted an Action Plan to study land use in the Southeast Lee DR/GR. As part of that plan, Dover, Kohl & Partners has been hired to gather input from local citizens, to develop land use scenarios for the Southeast Lee DR/GR, and to recommend changes to Lee County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code.

The consultants will be in Lee County from April 16 to 24. The public is invited to attend these meetings:

April 16, Kick-off Presentation, 6 p.m., Commission Chambers, 2120 Main St., Fort Myers.

April 17, Hands-on Session, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Harborside Event Center, 1375 Monroe St., Fort Myers. This five-hour, interactive session is designed for discussion.

April 22, Open House, 5-7 p.m., Harborside Event Center.

April 24, Work-in-Progress Presentation, 6 p.m., Commission Chambers.

To learn more about the Southeast Lee DR/GR, go to <http://www.lee-county.com/dcd/ComprehensivePlanning/SeLeeCounty.htm>.

To learn more about Dover, Kohl & Partners, go to <http://www.doverkohl.com/>

## Residential permits may be reinstated

Lee Commissioners have extended a program to reinstate expired residential building permits through Dec. 31 of this year. Applicants may have an expired permit reinstated for six months for a \$100 fee. The ordinance applies to any permit to build a residential dwelling unit issued from Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2008.

The reinstatement allows the applicant to return to the status held when the permit was first issued without paying additional impact fee increases that occurred after issuance of the original permit.

To reinstate permits under this ordinance, submit a written request to Robert Stewart, Lee County Building Official, P.O. Box 398, Fort Myers, FL 33902-0398.

Read the full ordinance at <http://lee-county.com/dcd1/Downloads/OrdinanceReviews.htm>.

## State requires carbon monoxide detectors

The Florida Building Code now includes a requirement for carbon monoxide detectors in order to issue a permit for any dwelling that has an attached garage, a fireplace or a fossil-fuel-burning heater or appliance. Effective July 1, 2008, an operational carbon monoxide alarm must be installed within 10 feet of each room used for sleeping.

For details, read the new code at

[http://www.dca.state.fl.us/FBC/commission/FBC\\_0607/Notices/12-carbon\\_monoxide\\_1822.htm](http://www.dca.state.fl.us/FBC/commission/FBC_0607/Notices/12-carbon_monoxide_1822.htm).

## Upcoming meetings and public hearings

April 28, Local Planning Agency, 8:30 a.m., Commission Chambers.

## Lee Plan copies now available

The Lee Plan 2007 Codification (As Amended through August 2007) is now available in hard copy for \$35 at the Cashier Station in the Permitting Lobby of the Community Development/Public Works Center. Or, copies can be downloaded at <http://www.lee-county.com/dcd1/Leeplan/Leeplan.pdf>.

## Cashier requires ID for credit card use

To help ensure the protection of all cardholders, cashiers in the Permitting Lobby of the Community Development/Public Works Center will ask for a driver's license or other identification from anyone using a credit card. The name on the credit card must match the name on the identification. Cashiers will not accept a credit card payment without proper ID.

## February permit report

During February, Lee County Community Development issued permits for 63 single-family homes to be built in unincorporated Lee County, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach. Residential permits were valued at \$27.7 million in February. There were 54 permits issued in January and 300 in February 2007.

There were 36 multi-family units permitted in February, compared to 20 the previous month.

Permits were issued for 10 new commercial buildings valued at \$16 million.

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