



ESTERO COUNCIL OF
COMMUNITY LEADERS

ECCL Report: November 9, 2018

Executive Summary: 177th meeting of the Estero Council of Community Leaders



Lee Health Coconut Point: Lee Health Coconut Point opens on Monday, December 3. The public is invited to attend a Community Open House on Saturday, November 17 that will begin at 7:30am with a 5K walk/run. The festivities and tours will begin at 9:00am. LHCP is still recruiting volunteers for anyone interested in volunteering.

Estero on the River Property Purchase: The Village Council will have workshops on November 28 and December 5 to discuss outstanding land use and real estate issues and to review the financing alternatives for the purchase of the “Estero on the River” property. The anticipated closing on the property is January 14, 2019.

Estero Educational Outreach Council (EOC): The EOC has begun organizing the classroom assignments for the Junior Achievement Spring semester classes and the spots are filling up fast. The Naples Daily News, NBC2, and ABC7 are all doing stories about the outstanding Estero JA program. Any Estero residents that would like to be mentors for the Fall program at FGCU’s Institute for Entrepreneurs should reach out soon.

Proposed Development of Weeks Fish Camp by London Bay Homes: London Bay Homes is proposing a 300 unit continuing care retirement community and reactivation of a small marina on the former Weeks Fish Camp property. The recently filed application will be reviewed by the Bonita Springs Planning & Zoning Board and approved by the Bonita City Council.

Village Report: The Village of Estero is now a “Purple Heart Village.” The Village Council has also approved the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Estero. The ordinance to place skimmers as gas stations in Estero was also approved. The Village has authorized the purchase of a 62-acre parcel of the “Estero on the River” property. All Estero and surrounding area residents are invited to Estero’s “Salute to Veterans” event on Saturday, November 17.

County Traffic Study: ECCL Transportation Director Bob King requested information on Tasks 6, 7, & 8 of the AIM/Corkscrew Road Report through the Freedom of Information Act. Bob King and Pete Cangialosi presented information on the cost of the needed roadway improvements, the required environmental improvements, and the proportionate share analysis.

Estero Heart Fair: The inaugural Estero Heart Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2019. Community members are encouraged to reach out with input and help plan this event. The fair is looking for volunteers from each community to attend planning meetings.

Finance Committee: The ECCL is creating a Finance Committee of experienced financial professionals. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Finance Director Bob Lienesch.

Environmental Committee: The date has not been set for the Planning & Zoning Board Meeting for Argo Development's plans for the development of Corkscrew Crossing on Corkscrew Road. The Burnett Oil Company that was given permission to explore for oil in the Big Cypress Preserve has not been cleaning up properly. Please consider sending an email expressing your concerns about its activities.

Announcements: Communities that have not responded to the contact information request for ECCL's 2019 Dues Invoicing needs, please send your information to Linda Tecco-Roach as soon as possible. Nominations for the 2019 ECCL Board need to be presented no later than the ECCL's December meeting. The Village website is displaying information on when residential communities and commercial properties need permits. The 3rd annual "An Evening Under the Shadow Wood" fundraiser will be on Monday, December 17. Individual tickets are only \$75 and benefit Estero High's outstanding Culinary Program. Please consider attending.

The next ECCL meeting will be Friday, Dec 14, 2018 at 10:00am at Estero Community Park.

ESTERO FIRE RESCUE (EFR)

- Fire Chief *Scott Vanderbrook*

- **Staffing Update**

- EFR has hired two new employees. They are replacements for a promotion and a retiree.
- Over the next 3-4 years, EFR will be hiring 9-12 people for the new station on east Corkscrew Rd.

- **Growth & Land Acquisition**

- Fire Chief Vanderbrook met with Village Manager Steve Sarkozy to discuss village growth and started negotiating with 4-5 people to obtain land for EFR to build new facilities during the next 5, 10, and 15 years.

- **Storm Update & Prep**

- There is still an engine crew in the Florida Panhandle to help with Hurricane Michael wreckage and search and rescue.
- EFR fire stations have good funding to prepare for storms and have survived hurricanes before. Estero Fire Rescue is building the new Station 45 to withstand 175 mile per hour winds.



VILLAGE REPORT

- Council Member *Katy Errington*

- **“Paving Paradise” by Craig Pittman & Matthew Waite**

- “Paving Paradise” (written in 2009) is about the vanishing Florida wetlands and the different federal and state regulations that have failed to protect them.
- The book is required reading at FGCU for every freshman.
- Highly recommended reading for any Florida resident.



- **Veteran’s Day**

- Please take a moment to appreciate and remember all of our veterans.
- Estero was honored earlier this month and is now a Purple Heart Village.

- **Village Council Approved Development of a Proposed Master Plan for Estero Parks**

- Barth Associates will be developing the proposal.
- It will include an evaluation and inventory of parks and needs.
- They will involve the public through mail, telephone, online surveys, focus groups, and open houses.
- The plan will include recommendations, cost predictions, priorities, funding strategies and implementation techniques.
- The plan is approximately 10 months.

- **Village Council Approved Zoning Ordinance for a New Hotel**

- Hotel will be located at Miromar Outlets, near the Hertz Arena near the lake
- The hotel will have 135 rooms and 5 floors

- **Water Quality**

- There has been a request that the Village of Estero be tested for water quality of drinking water

- **Gas Station Skimmer Protection Ordinance**

- The ordinance to place skimmer protection on all gas pumps at 10 gas stations in Estero has been approved
- Will hopefully be in effect by January 1

- **The Veteran’s Recognition at The Village: Estero’s Salute to Veterans**

- Saturday, November 17 at 12:30pm
- Free lunch & a 21-gun salute
- Lindsey Graham will be performing a classical music concert

- **Parcel Purchase**

- The village is considering buying a parcel of the “Estero on the River” area.
- They offer a resolution and authorized a 62-area purchase on the Estero River.
- They wish to protect the Estero River from any additional farther pollution.
- They are considering adding parks to the Village.

- Learn more about what's happening with the Village Council on the Village's website: <https://estero-fl.gov>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FEEDBACK

- **Membership Report**

- Each year, the ECCL asks its member communities to update their leadership contact information.
- Process started in the Summer.
- 50% of the member communities have responded so far.
- ECCL members from communities that have not yet responded, please ask your manager or Board President to forward that information.



- **ECCL Board Nominations for 2019 Elections**

- At the December meeting, any ECCL member can be nominated for the ECCL Board for 2019.
- If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Linda Tecco-Roach to be included in the nominations for the Board Election at the January meeting.

- **Village Permit Information Advisory**

- The Village compiled information for community organizations and commercial properties on actions that do and do not require a permit from the Village.
- The information is available on their website: <https://estero-fl.gov>

- **“An Evening Under Shadow Wood” Fundraiser in Support of Estero High School**

- Estero High Culinary Presents...
- Monday, December 17, 2018 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
The Shadow Wood Golf and Country Club
22801 Oakwilde Blvd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135
- 6:00pm to 7:00pm will be cocktail hour with passed appetizers and student chef demonstrations.
- Dinner starts at 7:00pm: Signature salad, filet mignon, & trio dessert
- There will be complimentary valet services, a professional photographer, a silent and live auction, live music, and a culinary competition team demonstration
- Tickets are \$75 a person, you can purchase tickets here: squareup.com/store/estero-high-culinary
- To contribute, contact Nick Batos at batos@estero-fl.gov
- Sponsorships are available
- For more information, please contact Jeremy Jasper at (239) 848-2872 or email him at jeremymjasper@yahoo.com

- **Member Feedback**

- Recently, one of the Estero communities was experiencing some safety threats and wasn't sure how to handle the situation. They strongly recommend other

communities to get in touch with Heather Turco at Lee County Sheriff. She gave a great presentation on personal and emergency safety.

- Another Estero resident asked – How do we get commercial structures to clean up their roofs and buildings?
 - ECCL’s response: contact the Village’s Code Enforcement Officer by calling the Village at (239) 221-5036.

LEE HEALTH COCONUT POINT UPDATE

- *Molly Grubbs*, Community & Business Relations for Lee Health

- **Lee Health Coconut Point Opening**
 - Opening December 3rd with 220 employees
- **Open House: Saturday, November 17 from 9:00am – 1:00pm**
 - 5k Run/Walk from 7:30am – 8:30am
 - Register online: <http://www.leehealth.org/events/healthy-living-inspiring-health-5k.asp>
 - Free yoga classes
 - Cooking demos on nutrition in their innovative kitchens
 - Emergency 24/7 department tours
 - “Find a Doctor” where staff helps people find the right physician
 - Kids’ activities that will inspire healthier habits
 - “Get to Know You” panel with physicians and Lee Health leadership
 - Technology demonstrations to learn about kiosks, tablets, and wayfinding
 - Hoping for 500-600 people in attendance
 - Last week, Lee Health did 90 presentations to show how they handle situations
 - 90 volunteers were part of this through the ECCL
- **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Lee Health is currently recruiting volunteers
 - To volunteer, go to: http://www.leehealth.org/volunteer/vol-program_new.asp
 - All Lee Health Coconut Point volunteers must register through Gulf Coast Medical Center
 - All volunteers must:
 - Complete a two-step TB (Tuberculosis) Test
 - Attend a 2.5 hour orientation session
 - Have a flu shot during flu season (at Lee Health’s expense)
 - Submit an application
- November edition of “Healthy News” will be entirely dedicated to Coconut Point.
- *Learn more about the Lee Health Coconut Point facility at Lee Health’s website:* <https://www.leehealth.org/coconut-point>



ESTERO HEART FAIR

- Nicole Menendez, American Heart Association

- **Estero's Inaugural Heart Fair:**
- Saturday March 2, 2019 at Lee Health Coconut Point
- Theme: Being Heart-Healthy
- Activities: Cooking demos, yoga classes, kids' activities, heart walk/run, & more
- Benefits will go to the American Heart Association
- The website will launch in December
- The association is looking for representation from each community to be a part of the meetings to create the fair

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- Bob King & Pete Cangialosi

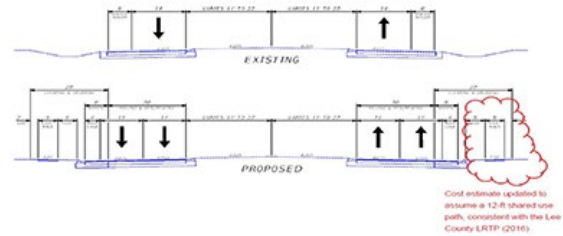
- **Proposed Development of Weeks Fish Camp / London Bay Property**
 - The Developer: London Bay Homes Estero Bay Investments, LLC
 - Link to Proposed Development: <https://lbhbayview.com>
 - What is being proposed?
 - A Continuing Care Retirement Community with 300 units
 - Reactivation of a marina
 - Jurisdiction: City of Bonita Springs
- **Public Information Meeting: October 18**
 - Held at 6:00pm at Estero High School
 - Approximately 100 attended, including 3 members of the ECCL Village Council
 - The majority of the public comments concerned:
 - Small number of boat trailer parking spots (10)
 - The increase in Coconut Road traffic, especially during construction
 - Who will maintain the road?
- **Why Is This Project Important to Estero?**
 - The soon-to-be-adopted Village Comprehensive Plan
 - Get involved in upcoming votes:
 - Policy 1.2.1 Discourage new public access to the Estero River for motorized watercraft.
 - Policy 1.2.2 The Village will cooperate to the extent practicable with the City of Bonita Springs and Lee County to provide public access to the Estero Bay
 - This is our last opportunity to get access to the Estero Bay for power boats!
- **What's Next?**
 - Zoning application was submitted to Bonita Springs on 11/8
 - Bonita Staff to work with applicant to obtain sufficiency



- Review and recommendation by Planning & Zoning and Design Review
- Bonita Council decision to approve or reject
- Obtain Comp. Plan Amendment
- Interlocal Cooperation:
 - Project in Bonita, impacts traffic in Estero
 - Councilman Bill Ribble Liaison for Estero Village Council
- **County Traffic Study (AIM/Corkscrew Road Report)**
 - <https://www.leegov.com/corkscrew>
 - *Task 6:* Transportation Improvement Cost Estimates (see below)
 - *Task 7:* Environmental Support Tasks (see below)
 - *Task 8:* Proportionate Share Analysis/Identification of Potential (see below)
 - *Financing Options:* Lee County is working to establish the proportionate share of infrastructure-improvement costs that new development within the overlay will pay. This will be an important funding source – one of many – for the infrastructure improvements for this area.
- **DISCLAIMER:** The following material for Task 6, 7, and 8 was obtained through a Freedom of Information request. The information has not yet been recommended for approval by County Staff to the Lee County Board of County Commissioners.

- **Task 6: Proposed Road Cross Section**

- On a typical cross-section of Corkscrew Road from Ben Hill Griffin Parkway to Alico Rd, there currently are two 14ft lanes with no median and 4ft shoulders.
- The new proposal is four 11ft lanes, a 4ft buffered bike path, and a 12ft shared use path.



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- **Task 7: Major Environmental Components**

- Habitat Impact Summary
- Wetland Analysis
- Wildlife & Habitat Analysis
- Environmental Enhancement Opportunities
 1. Hydrologic Restoration & Enhancement
 2. Wildlife Crossings
- Cost of Mitigation & Environmental Enhancements

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[[CLICK HERE TO VIEW TASK 7 REPORT](#)]
- **Task 8: Proportionate Share**
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[[CLICK HERE TO VIEW TASK 8 REPORT](#)]
- **Status of the Developments on Corkscrew Road**
 - The schedule for these developments will be provided as they come.
 - *Verdana: 1,425 units*
 - Comp plan amendment in process
 - Zoning is still in process, goes in front of a judge in December
 - *Pepperland Ranch: 700 units*
 - Comp plan amendment approved
 - Zoning is approved
 - Does not have a developer
- *The next Transportation Committee Meeting is Thursday, November 15, at 9:30am at Fine Mark Bank.*

ESTERO EDUCATION OUTREACH COUNCIL (EOC), CONNECTING WITH THE ESTERO EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

- Jim Shields & Jim Gilmartin

- **Junior Achievement (JA) Estero Schools Recruitment Progress Report**
 - 80 Ambassadors were recruited by the ECCL Education Outreach Council leadership team and will be recognized soon.
 - By the end of the school term, there will be 150 individual class sessions in the schools.
- **JA Career Success**
 - This upcoming week (week of November 11) at Estero High School, Naples Daily News will come and prepare a story about JA career success and air a TV special.
 - November 14, NBC2 and ABC7 will visit Three Oaks Middle School to prepare stories and visit the classrooms.
 - Registration for JA classes are opening for Spring and Fall soon.
 - Pinewood and Three Oaks Elementary Schools registration for 2nd and 5th grade is open.



- Many classes for Estero High School for Spring and Fall are already booked up.
- November 15 from 4:30pm – 5:30pm in the chamber room on the first floor of the Village of Estero Hall, there will be a special session where experienced volunteers will share their experiences.
- **Fall Program for the FGCU Institute for Entrepreneurship (IFE)**
 - The institute has mailed letters to interested mentors for the program.
 - The mentoring program will begin again next semester and there is still a need for mentors.
- Volunteer online: <https://esterotoday.com/education-outreach-council/eoc-school-volunteer-application>
- Or contact Kevin Tolliver, EOC Liaison to Lee County Schools kptolliver1@gmail.com | (317) 752-3486
- Learn more about the EOC on the ECCL website: <https://esterotoday.com/education-outreach-council>

“ESTERO ON THE RIVER” PROPERTY, PURCHASE, & PLANNING

-Jim Tatoes

- **Process for Closing**
 - *Village Council Workshop: Wednesday, November 28*
 - The items will be discussed with more detail during these meetings
 - Preliminary review of “Land-Use issues” – Reports due from Mary Gibbs and Land-Use Attorney Nancy Stroud
 - Preliminary review of “Real-Estate issues” -- Reports due from Village Attorney Burt Saunders and Real Estate Attorney John Paulich
 - Preliminary review of “Review of Financing Alternatives” -- reports due from our financial advisors and Lisa Roberson
 - *Village Council Workshop: Wednesday, December 5*
 - Response to any questions or concerns raised at the Nov 28 meeting
 - Final review of Land-Use, Real Estate, and Financial issues
 - *Village Council Special Meeting: Wednesday, December 12*
 - Proposed Council action to waive all Contingencies and Final Approval of the Purchase
 - *Anticipated Closing on the Property: Monday, January 14, 2019*



HEATH COMMITTEE REPORT

- Lowell Gerson

- Plan for the Healthy Community Designation will use data from 2016-2018 through the application process. The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to be a part of the process.
- Lee Health Coconut Point opens for patients on December 3.
- *The next Steering Committee Meeting is Friday, November 30, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the Healthy Life Center Classroom at Lee Health Coconut Point.*
- *Learn more about the ECCL's Health Committee at the ECCL's website:*
<http://esterotoday.com/about-eccl/eccl-hospital-committee>

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- Pete Cangialosi

- **Argo, Corkscrew Crossing**
 - 625 Units
 - 396 Acres Total
 - 178 Acres Developed
 - 178 Acres of Wetlands Filled
 - 218 Acres Preserved
 - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting for this project: Still to be determined
- **The Burnett Oil Company & Big Cypress Preserve**
 - Burnett was given permission to explore for oil on the Big Cypress Preserve.
 - They were restricted on the damage they could do, but are not cleaning up like they're supposed to.
 - Please consider sending a letter to both parties about this non-compliance.
- *Learn more about Estero-area environmental issues at the ECCL website:*
<http://esterotoday.com/estero-news/environment>



FINANCIAL REPORT

- Bob Lienesch

- **Financial Report Summary**
 - Expenses for the month of October came totaled approximately \$1,700. This included internet communications, media, PR, and printing.
 - Excess of expenses over income for 2018 is about \$9,500.
 - The ECCL's cash balance as of September 30, 2018 is \$8,745.
- **Dues for 2019**
 - The ECCL has agreed that it needs a modest increase in dues (\$50-100)
 - Amount will be based on community size:
 - 0 – 350 residential units = \$400
 - 351 – 700 = \$450

- 701 – 1,100 = \$650
- 1,101 – 1,500 = \$700
- > 1,500 = \$800
- Invoices will be sent by November 30; Due by January 31
- Representatives help is needed to verify “billing contact”
- **Formation of Finance Committee**
 - Goal: Benefit from experienced financial professionals
 - Activities: Financial planning, invoicing, budgeting, and report preparation
 - Experience: Prior financial experience, computer-literate (QuickBooks experience is a plus)
 - Limited committee size (e.g. 4-5 people)
 - If anyone would like to help with budgeting, financial planning, or report preparation and has financial experience, please contact Bob Lienesch by phone or email at (239) 947-6756 or rpl10000@gmail.com.
- *For more details, you can view the full financial statements at the ECCL website: <http://esterotoday.com/reports/meetings-minutes>*

[[Watch the whole November 9th meeting here.](#)]