

## ECCL Report: May 2018

**Executive Summary:** 171st meeting of the Estero Council of Community Leaders



### Community. Education. Action.



This year's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Village of Estero will be the first one that encourages the residents of Estero to participate in the development of a comprehensive list of all the capital improvements that the Village needs over the next 25 years. After several Public Hearings, the Village Council will approve the CIP on July 25.

Lee Health will be hiring 220 health care professionals to staff the Lee Health Coconut Point "everything but a hospital" by November, when it opens for business. Lee Health's hospital Certificate of Need 1,000 page application details the wide variety of specialized services that will be part of its Center for Healthy Living.

Learn about the four Lee County schools that serve the students of Estero as presented by Chris Patricca, one of Estero's School Board members who is working with the Village to further improve these schools.

David Willems, the Village's new Public Works Director, briefed ECCL members about the Village's Post-Irma Clean-up efforts and their success in improving the updated FEMA flood maps.

The ECCL's Economic Outreach Council (EOC) has recruited 40 of the 80 volunteers it needs to staff the 2-5-8 Graduate Junior Achievement program in all four Estero schools starting this fall. Jim Gilmartin and Lowell Gerson were nominated and elected as ECCL's Economic Outreach Director and Health Director.

The next ECCL meeting will be Friday, June 8, 2018 at 10:00 am at Estero Community Park.

### ESTERO FIRE RESCUE

- Fire Chief *Scott Vanderbrook*

- The **annual audit has been board-approved**. They received no management comments for the second year in a row and are 100% in compliance with local, state regulations.
- They are starting their **budget process** again. It goes from October 1 to September 30.

- For the last three years, they have **lowered their millage each year**. Their millage is directly affected by and tied to the Village's millage for some of their funding (even though they're not part of the Village).
- They recently **acquired 5 acres of property out East to develop Station 5**. They are in need of a maintenance facility so, in the next budget year, they will begin the design and possible start the construction process. We need approximately 2,000 homes or an increase in call volume to open a full working station.
- Hurricane season is here so please **make sure that your hurricane plans are up-to-date**. If you need any assistance, please contact Estero Fire Rescue.
- It's very dry out (there were four different brush fires that week) so please **no burning during this time of year**.

## VILLAGE REPORT

- Councilmember *Jim Wilson*

- Keeping a promise to improve communications, The Village now has a subscriber list of 2,400 people that are linked via the Village's email list and they use it for e-blasts and neighborhood updates.
- **Village's Current Cash Balance of Funds:**
  - Emergency/Hurricane Fund: \$5.5 million balance after planned 2018 addition
  - General Fund in Capital Projects: \$15.7 million
  - Gas Tax / Restricted Capital Projects: Almost \$1 million
  - Road Impact Fees: \$3.6 million
  - Community & Regional Park Impact Fees: \$1.3 million
  - Total Funds: \$25 million (\$21.5 million is in non-reserve & available for use)
- Village will be **approving Capital Improvement Plan** on July 25. Before that, they're holding **two public information meetings** on June 5 & June 7.
- **Project Possibilities Include:**
  - Estero Parkway Improvement Project
  - Purchasing vacant land to preserve open space (looking at 5 different sites)
  - Potential acquisition of the Seminole Gulf CSX Railroad for a bikeway
  - Williams Road intersection improvement
  - Investment collaboration with the Florida State Parks to enhance Koreshan State Park, the Boomer Property, and the county-owned lands north of the river
  - Village entry signs
  - Local road projects and maintenance



- **Recent Council Actions:**
  - On Wednesday, the Council approved the Arcos Executive Center, a 5-story, 66,000 sq ft office building at the northeast corner of Three Oaks & Corkscrew.
  - North of that project, the Council recently approved a new veterinary office.
  - At an interior location at that site, the Council approved a 140-unit assisted living facility.
- **Hotels Are Big News Recently:**
  - Further East of the new office building (next to Embassy Suites) is a new 5-story, 100-room Spring Hills Suites Marriott with county-zoned approvals in place awaiting construction.
  - Council recently approved a “no name” Hotel at US41 and Coconut Road with 128 rooms. Access is from Coconut Road west of US 41.
  - Council will be hearing a proposal soon for a Hilton Garden Inn with 120 rooms on a parcel in the northern part of Coconut Point MPD in front of Rapalo.
  - That’s 348 more hotel rooms coming to Estero.

## EXPANDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- *Bob Lienesch*

- **Nomination & Election of Officers to Open Director Positions**
- According to the ECCL Bylaws, there should be **nine officers of the Board**, in addition to the Chairman, and **eight functional directors**, with one selected by the board to serve as Vice Chairman.
- **Functional Positions:**
  1. Communications
  2. Community Planning
  3. Environmental
  4. *Economic Outreach* (Open)
  5. Finance (Treasurer)
  6. *Health* (Open)
  7. Membership
  8. Transportation
- **Nominations for Open Board Positions**
  - *Economic Outreach Director*: Jim Gilmartin
  - *Health Director*: Lowell Gerson
- Jim Gilmartin and Lowell Gerson were unanimously elected to the positions.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & FEEDBACK

- **Paul Mandelaro from Corkscrew Woodlands:** Corkscrew Woodlands wants a “No U-Turn” sign put up at the left-hand turning lane in front of their entrance.
  - The Village is planning on accelerating the installation of nearby a traffic signal to provide some gaps for people trying to leave the community.

- **Resident of the Residences at Coconut Point:** Simon Mall sent out a notice that, next year, trash pick-up will go from \$17,000/year to \$78,000/year, increasing dues for all of the current residents.
- **Gloria Beck, Vice President of The Vines:**  
The Vines has two concerns:
  1. They've experienced massive flooding inside of homes and have not been included in any post-Irma flooding and FEMA maps. An engineering report showed that Mullet Creek (where their flood waters go) has sediment that needs to be cleaned out.
  2. On 41, in front of their main entrance, they would like to see a "No U-Turn" sign.



## ESTERO'S POST-IRMA MAINTENANCE & UPDATED FEMA MAPS

- Public Works Director *David Willems*

- **Sub-Watershed Meetings**
  - Four Separate Meetings
  - Attendees: HOA Presidents & Property Managers
  - Meeting Intent: Put summer rains into perspective, exchange information, expectations of the Village, expectations of the HOAs, & follow-up meeting after the Stormwater Master Plan is complete
- **Sub-Watershed Groups**
  - Railroad Ditch: Belle Lago, Reserve, Cascades
  - Estero River North Branch: Villages at Country Creek, Rookery Pointe, Villagio
  - Estero River South Branch: Estates at Estero River, Villages at Country Creek, Estero Place, Villa Palmeras, Island Club, Corkscrew Woodlands
  - Halfway Creek: West Bay Club, Fountain Lakes, March Landing, Rapallo, Coconut Point, Brooks
- **Work Completed**
  - Estero River (Lee County)
  - Trailside Ditch
  - Charring Cross Ditch
  - Broadway Ave W. Ditch
- **Work to be Completed**
  - Broadway Ave W. Culvert
  - Three Oaks Parkway (Lee County)
  - Corkscrew Road (Lee County)
  - I-75 & Corkscrew (FDOT)
  - Communities



- **Updated FEMA Maps**

- Affected Area
- Effective Maps
  - Current Maps
  - Effective August 28, 2008
- Preliminary Maps
  - Changes by FEMA
  - Published 12/15/14
  - Higher Elevations/Larger Floodplain
  - Challenged by Lee County and others
  - Never become effective
- Updated Preliminary Maps
  - Changes per Lee County on behalf of Estero
  - Published February 14, 2018
  - Intent – more realistic flow and elevations
  - Appeal period ends March 16, 2018
  - FEMA will provide a letter of Final Determination
  - Maps will become effective approx. 6-months after Letter



- **Summary**

- New maps should become effective within 6-9 months
- Impacts will be location-specific
- Some will no longer be required to purchase flood insurance
- Those that still need flood insurance could see lower rates
- If you want a PDF copy of the map, please call the Village Office at (239) 221-5035 and provide an email address so that they can send the map to you.

## **ECONOMIC OUTREACH COUNCIL (EOC)**

*- Jim Gilmartin & Jim Shields*

- **EOC Mission:** The EOC's purpose is to advocate for and support selected Estero & South Lee County-based organizations by developing and executing efforts to engage and secure talented and experienced residents, professionals, & businesspersons as volunteers/ambassadors.
- **Primary Objectives for 2018/2019:**
  1. Junior Achievement
  2. Lee County Schools: Elementary & Secondary Student Support
  3. FGCU's Institute for Entrepreneurship Support
- **Junior Achievement**
  - JA is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating our youth in grades K-12 in work readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.
  - ECCL needs to recruit 80 dedicated and passionate volunteers.
    - We are currently halfway there.
    - You don't need to be a full-time resident to volunteer!

- If you know anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Shields at [jimshields@fl-office.com](mailto:jimshields@fl-office.com)
- **Lee County Schools**
  - Village of Estero & Lee County Schools signed a Memorandum of Understanding
    - A joint task force supported by Councilman Nick Batos
  - EOC point person is Kevin Tolliver
  - Planned summer meeting with key Estero-area school stakeholder
  - School leadership is very excited about determining fall activities
  - The EOC is ready to respond
- **Institute for Entrepreneurship**
  - The IFE program has been very successful
    - IFE students receiving awards & funding in highly competitive events
    - IFE's desire to assure quality outcomes for its students & veterans
  - Program will be a recipient-driven process
    - Student (or veteran) may select a mentor from the IFE newly-implemented database
  - IFE initiatives will connect with our outreach efforts for volunteer mentors
  - We will keep you informed of IFE progress
- Learn more about the EOC at the ECCL's website: <http://esterotoday.com/estero-economic-excellence-outreach-council>

## MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- *Jim Gilmartin & Jim Shields*

- **MAC's mission** is to oversee all ECCL marketing activities, assuring a consistent brand and message, and to recommend to the ECCL board short- and long-term marketing campaigns, strategies, and budgets that support the ECCL's mission, vision, and needs.
- Please help us spread the word about ECCL's story and hard work.
- **Start-Up Committee Membership:** Kim Dailey, Stephanie English, Don Eslick, Jim Gilmartin (Chairperson), Tom MacDonald (Evolution Brands), Jim Shields
- If you or someone you know has a marketing background and wants to join the ECCL's marketing efforts, please contact Jim Gilmartin ([jimgilm@gmail.com](mailto:jimgilm@gmail.com)) or Jim Shields ([jimshields@fl-office.com](mailto:jimshields@fl-office.com))



## LEE HEALTH

- Alex Greenwood, Vice President Lee Health Coconut Point

- **Physician Plan**

- Primary Care
  - 3 physicians currently seeing patients
  - 3 physicians starting by Fall 2018
  - Another 3 vacancies that will be added incrementally
- General Surgeon
- Cardiologist – Dr. Hughes started 4/15/18
- Orthopedists
  - 2 physicians working
  - 1 starts in October 2018
- OB/GYN
  - 2 physicians
  - 2 clinical nurse midwives



- **Promoting Healthy Aging**

- 18% growth rate in senior population over next 5 years
- 2023: 40% of residents will be 65 or over
- 86% of healthcare costs are attributable to chronic conditions
- 25% of Medicare patients have 4 or more chronic conditions
- 93% of Medicare spending is on chronic conditions

- **Lee Health Coconut Point Center for Aging Life**

- Specialize in primary care for older adults
- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment
- Medicine Reconciliation Services – prevent drug interactions
- Aging body education, services, and treatment
- Diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Obesity, Multiple Sclerosis, Heart Failure, High Cholesterol, Hypertension, Osteoporosis

- **Family Medicine – Coordinated Care**

- Working in teams of multi-specialists
- Geriatricians, Memory Care, Cardiology, Neurology, Pain Management, Rehabilitation, Medicine, Nutrition

- **Additional Value-Add Services**

- House Calls After Surgery: Geriatricians, Internal Medicine, Social Workers
- Memory Disorders Programs: All stages of Alzheimer's & Dementia

- **Senior Care Choices Program**

- Only aging life care management program in Lee County
- Nationally Certified Aging Life Care Professionals
- Comprehensive Assessment
- Develop Care Plan: Health, Wellness, Prevention

- Coordinate & Oversee the Care Plan
- Investigate Benefits of Other Services: Home Health, Assisted Living, etc.
- Arrange In-Home Services
- Coordinate delivery of medicines, meals, medical equipment, emergency response systems
- Facilitate communication to family
- **Holistic & Integrated Therapies**
  - The overall focus is on symptom management, enhancement of function, promotion of physical and psychological comfort, as well as psychosocial, spiritual, and emotional support for patients and their families.
- **Geriatric Emergency Department**
  - Emergency Services at LHCP provides a senior-friendly environment utilizing guidelines that effectively improve the care of the aging population and that are recommended by the American College of Emergency Physicians, Emergency Nurses Association, and the American Geriatrics Society. This is accomplished through specialized equipment, staffing, education, policies, and procedures, follow-up care and performance improvement measures centered on the emergency care of older adults.
- **Additional Benefits Tailored to Seniors**
  - Perioperative Optimization
  - Health Information Technology
  - Complex Care Center
  - Cognitive Health Center for Aging Adults
  - Value-Based Reimbursement Models



## HEALTH COMMITTEE

- The next Steering Committee Meeting is Friday, May 18 at 2:30 pm at the Commons Enrichment Center at The Brooks.
- Learn more about the ECCL's Health Committee at the ECCL's website: <http://esterotoday.com/about-eccl/eccl-hospital-committee>.

## GETTING TO KNOW ESTERO'S SCHOOLS

- *Chris Patricca*

- **Three Oaks Elementary School:** Principal Jody Moorhead is phenomenal and is supported by a staff of fantastic teachers. The school has a choir that gives at least two concerts per year and the choir teacher also puts on plays. They have an active Rotary club. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are currently being housed in portables in front of the school as there is not enough room inside the brick and mortar structures to house all of

the students. There are some problems with using portables to house students: they're not as safe, they need to be evacuated for tornado or thunderstorm warnings, and they're a poor investment.

- **Three Oaks Middle School (TOMS):** At their recent Presidential Awards Ceremony, more than 150 8<sup>th</sup> graders received a certificate for having between a 3.0 and 4.0 GPA. Principal Mike Carson knew the names of every student that came out on stage, illustrating a clear connection with each student. That is very impressive in a school as large as TOMS. The school has a full-time gifted program, learning the same curriculum but taking a deeper dive into it. They offer interesting electives like coding, robotics, and culinary. The physical facility is in decent shape but is overcrowded. Some of the teachers don't have classrooms and must teach out of carts, pushing the cart from one classroom to another.
- **Pinewoods Elementary:** Pinewoods is very focused on their kids and is a phenomenal school. Principal Leslie Gunderson is a great leader and the teachers are wonderful. They have one full-time gifted classroom at each of the grade levels as well as a part-time gifted program. The school has a "Village Concept" where, at each grade level, they combine two classrooms (special needs & general education) with three teachers and at least one paraprofessional, so the teacher-student ratio is very small. This has increased educational benefits, decreased behavioral issues, and developed a greater sense of empathy for all students. Pinewoods also has a chess club.
- **Estero High School:** There is nobody who loves this school more than Principal Clayton Simmons. The school has some fantastic educational programs, like their construction services program, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, general hospitality program, etc. You can get your phlebotomy and CNA certifications when graduating from Estero High School's CNA program (which is great for future pre-med and nursing students, as well). Estero also offers a highly rigorous, internationally recognized Cambridge program. This year, the highest number of students in the history of Estero will graduate with a Cambridge diploma. An Estero High student also had the highest Cambridge test score in the nation this year. Students can take courses at FGCU and FSW to earn college credits. Estero High's girls' soccer team recently made it to the state finals and their girls' softball team was in the District finals.
- Construction for an elementary and middle school inside Estero will happen by 2020.



## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- Bob King

- **Comprehensive Transportation Needs and Priorities: Village of Estero & Lee County**
  - The annual planning season has started for capital projects and budgets.

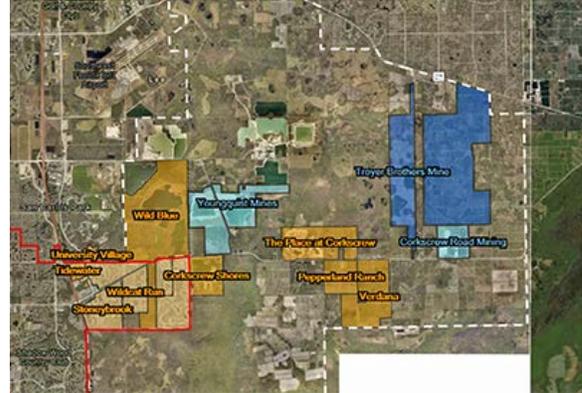
- To get what we want, we must be engaged.
- **Lee County BoCC May 1 Meeting**
  - Commissioner Kiker moved to have staff identify scope and cost of interim improvements to Corkscrew Road ahead of major improvements expected to be included in 2018/2019 CIP update. Motion Carried.
  - Improvements would address safety and egress from:
    - The Preserve at Corkscrew
    - Corkscrew Shores
    - Wild Cat Run
    - Bella Terra East Bound Turn Lane
- **Lee County CIP Workshop**
  - First workshop was held May 1, 2018
  - Tier I projects do not include Corkscrew Road
  - After discussion, Commissioner Kiker requested staff to prepare an analysis to determine extent that Corkscrew developments can pay for needed improvements. Debt financing will also be considered to get 4-laning started sooner rather than later.
  - Need based on safety and community egress – many trucks
  - Pendergrass pushed back saying Alico also has a lot of trucks.
- **Village CIP & Budget Planning**
  - The first drafts of the Village CIP and budget are expected to be released by mid-May.
  - We learned from Village Manager that all capitol projects will be included in initial release. Far more projects than funds.
  - Result: Public input will be important to development CIP priorities and funding.
  - Meeting schedules will be published when available.
- **County Traffic Study**
  - County Contact provided the following:
    - Task 6.0 – Transportation Improvement Cost Estimates – By May 30
    - Task 7.0 – Environmental Support – All by May 30
      - 7.1 Data Collection, 7.2 Permit inventory, 7.3 Environmental impacts of roadway improvements, 7.4 Mitigation cost, 7.5 Regional Environmental Enhancement, 7.6 Cost estimates, 7.7 Stakeholder input
    - Task 8.0 – Proportionate Share Analysis / Identification of Potential Financing Options – By May 30
  - *The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, May 17 at 9:30am at Fine Mark Bank.*
  - Learn more about Estero transportation issues at the ECCL website: <http://esterotoday.com/estero-news/transportation>



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

- *Pete Cangialosi*

- Old Corkscrew Plantation Mine Rezoning Application – **Zoning Examiner Hearings:** Held on March 27, March 28, April 4, April 24, May 8, & May 28
- Conservation 20/20 Budgeting BY Lee County Board of County Commissioners – May 15
- Troyer Brothers Mine – Rezoning Hearing – Tentatively June 28
- **Estero Stormwater Master Plan**
  - Project Goals:
    - Understand regional hydrology
    - Assess existing stormwater facilities
    - Identify deficiencies
    - Evaluate stormwater improvement projects and new developments
    - Identify flood mitigation projects
    - Develop regulatory standards
  - Completed tasks include regional and local scale hydrological modeling
  - Next Steps:
    - Finalize modeling performance evaluations
    - Identify problem areas
    - Evaluate improvement projects
    - Finalize recommendations, projects, and policy
    - Complete final report, target: July 2018
- *The next Environmental Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, May 17 at 2:00pm at Six Mile Cyprus Slough Preserve.*
- Learn more about Estero environmental issues at the ECCL website: <http://esterotoday.com/estero-news/environment>



## FINAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW AND ADOPTION & LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) START-UP

- *Jim Tatoes*

- Before Estero was a Village, all of the land use and planning was done by Lee County. As soon as the Village was incorporated, the village needed to develop its own comprehensive land plan and land development plan.
- A year ago, Estero's Planning & Zoning Board and the Village prepared a comprehensive land plan that was presented to the Council and Tallahassee. After the Comp Plan is finally accepted the PZB will begin holding hearings to develop and get approval for a LAND USE PLAN. That plan will give the details of usage for development in Estero.
- The plan should be approved by June 1.

- Once the plan is approved, its details need to be refined further (height limitations, parking ratios/spaces, bulk limitations, etc).

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- *Bob Lienesch*

- For the month of April, we incurred the usual \$1,000 of expense.
- Since all dues were paid earlier, the loss for the month was also about \$1,000.
- At the end of the month, cash on hand was approximated at \$17,000.
- For more details, you can view the full financial statements at the ECCL website:

<http://esterotoday.com/reports/meetings-minutes>

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL REPORT



Watch the whole May 11th meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbDRbNzidzE&t>