



**ECCL REPORT**  
**July 8, 2016 Meeting**

**Fire District Report:** Estero Fire Chief Scott Vanderbrook reported that the annual budget process is under way. He'll be recommending a lower tax rate due to the greater valuation of property in the district. The department has replaced several vehicles and other equipment as needed with cash as the economy has improved. The department is in good shape financially and property values are back up to at least a point where a millage rate decrease looks possible.

Estero Fire Rescue will help Village residential communities write emergency plans upon request.

Finally, the Department met with the Village Council and Chief Vanderbrook was designated as Estero's representative to Lee County Emergency Management.

**ECCL Finance Report:** In June:

- about \$400 was spent in defense of the DR/GR
- \$2,200 was spent on normal operating expenses
- \$2,600 loss for the month ... this is normal as ECCL's revenue is largely received early in the year when dues are collected with "losses" later in the year as those funds are expended.

Cash on Hand: about \$25,000.

Dues status: Four communities still have outstanding balances.

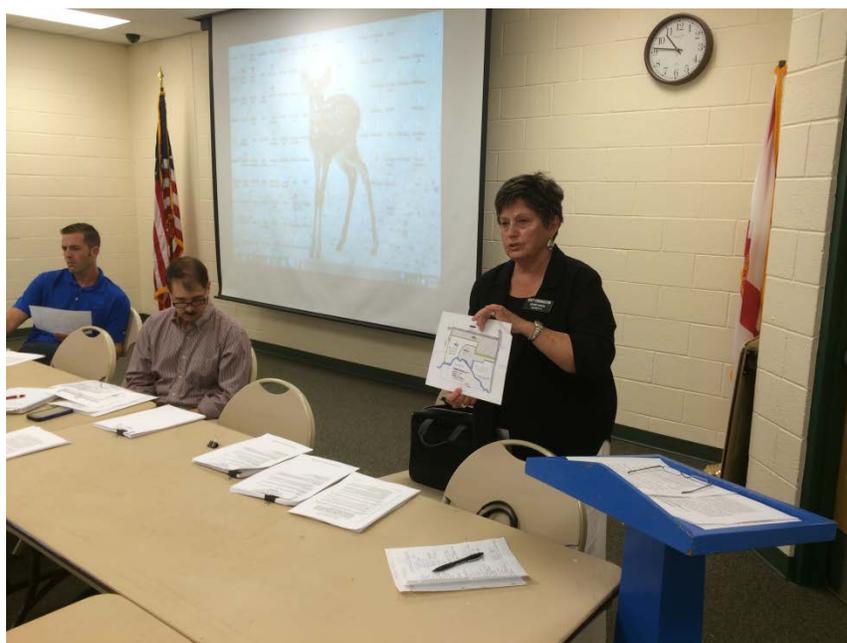
**Estero Heart Walk:** Doug Saxton reported that he and his wife, Barbara, have volunteered to co-chair this first community-wide Heart Walk scheduled for February 8, 2017. They are seeking community captains to assist with organizing and running the event. An organizational meeting will be held **July 28 at 8 AM** for breakfast at Lee Memorial's Healthy Life Center in Coconut Point. All Estero residents are invited to attend.

**Estero Historical Society Tea:** Beverly MacNellis announced that the theme of the Association's annual tea is The Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland. Save the date: April 3, 2017.

**The Village Council Report:** Councilor Jim Wilson reported the following:

- The Council will meet **July 13** and then not again until **Aug. 17**.
- After nine drafts, the Village Center Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code changes have been adopted by the Village Council and the Comp Plan changes are ready for approval in Tallahassee.
- The annual budget has been drafted. It includes \$11.9 million in revenue; \$7.8 million in operating expenses; \$2.6 million in reserves, and \$1.5 million for capital improvement projects. It has been decided to hold the rest of the reserves for emergency use due to Estero being located in a hurricane and tornado area.
- It's uncertain how much will be needed for road maintenance because road control issues are still being negotiated with the county. The Village requested three things from the county in regard to transportation: funding for sidewalks on Estero Parkway, money to repave Estero Parkway, and a traffic light at Bella Terra on Corkscrew Road. The Village's Municipal Services Interlocal Agreement with the County, including roadway maintenance, expires October 1st. Details about extending this Agreement should be finalized by the Council by Sept. 1st.
- A new Assistant Village Manager, Kyle Coleman, is now onboard.
- The Genova development will be reviewed and voted on at the council meeting on July 13th.
- The "Springs Two" apartment complex is now in the Design Review Board.

Councilor Wilson also spoke about the continuing need for the ECCL since the village incorporated. Since the village has only two committees and proceedings are hobbled by the Sunshine Law, the ECCL is very important as a forum for the communities to come together, and to bring ideas to the Village Council.



**Council member Katy Errington**, speaking as an individual and not a council member, discussed the Koreshan State Historic Site's name and plans. She proposed that the

name “Estero River” be added to the park’s name at a recent Village Council meeting, but some confusion ensued. She did not want to remove the Koreshan name, simply add a reference to the river.

The State of Florida is updating its Management Plans for the Koreshan State Historic Site and the Estero Bay Preserve State Park and a Hearing was held in the community in late June. This long-term plan had not been updated for 14 years. Citizen input was gathered at the meeting and public input was accepted by the parks service until **July 14**.

The ECCL members present voted to support the Village Council [resolution](#) adopted earlier this week outlining its wishes for expanding recreational facilities at the parks and pledging to be a partner in the parks’ future, possibly including financial support. A letter was sent to the State’s park planners stating that the ECCL, on behalf of its member communities, supports the council’s resolution.

**Community Development Report: Jim Tatoes**, ECCL’s Community Planning Director, gave a report on two pending developments, Genova and Via Coconut. The village staff report on this project can be read [here](#). [Genova Staff Report](#)

The Genova project at Corkscrew Road and Via Coconut Point, proposes more than 200 residential units, gated, with various small parks located around the property and at its entrance. This gated community with public access will include a clubhouse, fitness center, resort pool, indoor lap pool and bocce courts. The buildings would feature Italian architecture and the height would be 45 feet, or three residential floors over a parking level. There also will be one-story attached villas with random rooflines facing Via Coconut Point. Project developer, James Wallace, has indicated that these one-story buildings could be converted to commercial use in accordance with Village Center plans if warranted at a later time.

Chairman Don Eslick stressed the importance of citizen input at the second reading and public hearing on this rezoning request at the Village Council meeting Wednesday, July 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the council chambers.

Mr. Tatoes also reported on the Via Coconut project. The developer wishes to rezone approximately 18.5 acres of land at the southwest corner of Via Coconut Point and Corkscrew Road from Agriculture to a Mixed-Use Planned Development for 297 multi-family units and 30,000 square feet of commercial use with a maximum building height of 45 feet. This development is currently still under review by Village staff and Planning and Zoning Board. The latest version of the staff report can be read [here](#). [Via Coconut Staff Report](#)

Mr. Tatoes stressed the work that goes into reviewing these projects by the council and its planning and design boards and the village staff. The staff reports alone are 163 and 213 pages for Genova and Via Coconut, respectively.

Transportation Report: Bob King, ECCL Transportation Director, presented the following status report on each of the five transportation sub-committees.

- The village's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) contains many provisions dealing with transportation. Attendance at the next meeting (Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.) is encouraged in order for citizens to learn more about it and its development process. Still under negotiation between the Village and the County is which roads will ultimately be transferred to Village of Estero ownership, control and responsibility. To read a story in the Naples Daily News about that, click [here](#).
- The transportation committee believes it is important to reduce the speed limit on Estero Parkway from 45 to 35 until construction on that road is complete and is asking for this change.
- Signage around Coconut Point is not appropriate for the village plan and will be reported to Village code enforcement.
- Traffic flow around the north end of the Coconut Point Town Center exiting onto Route 41 near Best Buy is causing problems for residents of Fountain Lakes. Efforts are under way to direct that traffic to the Center's main entrance to the south.
- Traffic light at Bella Terra and Corkscrew is now something Cameratta Companies is paying for and working on with the County.

**Environmental Report:** Peter Cangialosi, ECCL's Environmental Director, gave a report on the status of two new mining applications and one new high density residential development proposal. His presentation can be seen [here](#). In summary, there are 3 significant projects proposed east of Estero in the DR/GR requiring action by Lee County Community Development. These include two lime rock mining operations (Troyer Brothers Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Old Corkscrew Plantation Industrial Planning Development) and a 700-unit residential development, Pepperland Ranch. In addition, Corkscrew Crossing, a proposed residential development of 565 units on 396 acres immediately east of Wildcat Run on Corkscrew Road in the Village is proceeding through the permitting process with the South Florida Water Management District.

***The next meeting of the ECCL will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at the Estero Recreation Center.***