

# Real Estate Investment Society names new officers and board members

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The Real Estate Investment Society has announced the election of officers and the Board of Governors to lead the organization during 2008.

This year's officers are: President Steven C. Hartsell, Esquire, of Pavese Law Firm, Vice-President Sharon Jenkins-Owen, AICP, of WilsonMiller, Inc., Treasurer Hal Tate, of Reliance Bank, and Secretary Kevin M. Fitzgerald, of NAI Southwest Florida, Inc.

The Board of Governors includes Kim Donnelly, of Reliance Bank, Mary Gibbs, AICP, of Lee County Department of Community Development, Janie Hooker, of Land Solutions, Inc., Russ Ringland, of Ringland Construction, Inc., Matt Rocco, of Grandbridge Real Estate Capital, LLC, Paul Sands, of VIP Commercial - TCN Worldwide, and Tom Woodyard, of Gates, D'Alessandro & Woodyard.

The immediate past president, Gerald A. Hendry, MAI, CCIM, of Maxwell & Hendry Valuation Services, Inc., also joins the board.

The Real Estate Investment Society is an independent organization, dedicated to assisting members in the effective utilization of real estate through networking, education, public service, and a common voice on pertinent issues. The membership represents a broad spectrum of real estate, environmental, financial, legal, design, construction, marketing and management companies.

REIS luncheon meetings convene at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers. Guests are welcome and may make reservations by contacting Sharon Heston at (239) 410-1253. Information on membership and meeting programs is also available at [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org). ■



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Front row, from left: President Steve Hartsell, Esq., Vice-President Sharon Jenkins-Owen, AICP, and Treasurer Hal Tate. Back row, from left: Governors Tom Woodyard, Matt Rocco, Paul Sands, Kim Donnelly, past president Gerald Hendry, MAI, CCIM, Mary Gibbs, AICP, Janie Hooker, and Secretary Kevin M. Fitzgerald. Governor Russ Ringland is not pictured.

## Housing permits in Lee still near bottom

During January, Lee County Community Development issued 54 permits for single-family homes to be built in unincorporated Lee County, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach.

Residential permits were valued at \$16.9 million in January. There were 35 permits issued the previous month and 305 in January 2007.

About 30 percent of the single-family home permits were for construction in Lehigh Acres.

There were 18 single-family home permits issued in Cape Coral compared to just nine last month and 122 in January 2007.

There were 20 multi-family units permitted in January, compared to 10 the previous month and 224 in January 2007.

Permits were issued for 15 new commercial buildings valued at \$18.3 million, compared to \$12.4 million the previous month and \$12 million in January 2007.

Lee County Community Development oversees planning, zoning, development, and building services, environmental review, building inspection and code enforcement for the unincorporated areas of the county, and permitting services for Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach. ■

## Unique ID Web Design now Atilus

Atilus, formerly Unique ID Web Design, is an Estero-based, full service web development company expanding into a national market by increasing its work force, moving into a new building and diversifying its portfolio. It pledges to remain true to its original mission of offering Southwest Florida businesses premier web site designs and development.

Unique ID was founded in late 2005 by Harry Casimir and Zach Katkin, two local FGCU students. After a little more than a year, they couldn't contain the work and both left their jobs to take the business full-time.

It now has clients established throughout the United States, from California to New York. Because of this growth, a name change was in order.

"Atilus tested well among our clientele and was a welcomed change for existing business partners," said Casimir, the company's director of operations. "And, most importantly Atilus is also my grandfather's name. It is a win-win situation: make the name smaller and easier to remember and pay homage to someone that made this dream possible." ■

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