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**COUNTY COMMISSIONER BRIAN BIGALOW TO ADDRESS THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES**

Lehigh Acres, Florida, June 4, 2009, – Members and guests of the Community Council of Lehigh Acres will hear from County Commissioner Brian Bigalow at their monthly Council meeting to be held on June 15th. Commissioner Bigalow will discuss the economic impact of the County’s budget issues on Lehigh Acres and other unincorporated communities in Lee County. Commissioner Bigalow will also provide an update to the community on the two road widening projects on Homestead and the \$18 Million in Neighborhood Stabilization Stimulus funding earmarked for Lehigh Acres. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. This monthly community gathering begins with informal greetings and meetings of fellow citizens at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at New Image Ministry located at 29 Homestead Road in Lehigh.

In addition to the guest speaker, the Council will conduct their monthly meeting which addresses concerns of Lehigh Acres citizens.

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*Community Council of Lehigh Acres, Florida Inc.
The Voice of Lehigh*

The Community Council of Lehigh Acres, Florida Inc. was formed in 1968 by 20 concerned citizens as the organization in our community to advance the welfare of unincorporated Lehigh Acres. The Council mission statement is "to partner with the citizens and governing agencies within Lee County Florida to make Lehigh Acres a great place to live and work.". Today, the Council has 42 member seats representing all areas of our community. Friends of the Council provide financial support. Council meetings are a forum for any resident to raise issues and get involved in activities that support the good of our community. Lehigh Acres is Lee County’s fastest growing community with over 80,000 residents but known for its hometown country friendliness.

For more information on this or other events please contact Damon Shelor, President at (239) 222-4621 or dshelor@comcast.net

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FACT SHEET

Providing Lehigh Acres Leadership Today

The Community Council is made up of 41 members, 21 elected members from Lehigh Acres and 20 appointed members from various civic, social, industry and government agencies servicing and operating in the Lehigh Acres area.

The Community Council meets monthly (3rd Monday @ 6:30 PM) at New image Ministries, 29 Homestead Road S, the public is welcome to attend and voice concerns regarding issues affecting Lehigh Acres.

Mission Statement

["To partner with the citizens and governing agencies within Lee County Florida to make Lehigh Acres a great place to live and work."](#)

About the Community Council:

- The Community Council is a group of individuals and representatives from various organizations, civic groups and government agencies that meet regularly to discuss and act on issues effecting Lehigh Acres.
- The Community Council was initially formed in 1968.
- Issues and events impacting Lehigh Acres today have stimulated the Community Council to be more proactive and visible than in the recent past.
- The Council strives to be representative of Lehigh Acres residents and address the rights and concerns of the residents and businesses to the appropriate governmental agencies.
- Our desire is to have a POSITIVE IMPACT on Lehigh Acres and the QUALITY OF LIFE for Lehigh Acres residents.
- Standing Committees are open to the public and include:
 - Roads and Transportation
 - Community Development
 - Code Enforcement
 - Beautification
 - Youth Council
 - Health, Education and Welfare

Parks and Recreation
 Election and Bylaws
 Publicity
 Website
 Council Sponsored Events
 Fund Raising and Membership

- **Participating Members and Organizations:**

Officers:

Damon Shelor (elected)	President
Rick Anglickis (elected)	1 st V. President
Gary Warchol (elected)	2 nd V President
Karen Makowski (Financial service Org)	Treasurer
Tami Baker (Chamber of Commerce)	Recording Secretary
Edd Weiner (elected)	Corresponding Secretary
Willard Baker (elected)	Chairman of the Board

- **Elected Members:**

Larry Ruebeling
 Henry Forschino
 Carlo C. Lane
 Oliver DeWeever
 Mohamed Yasin
 George Szymanski
 Carl Moore
 Stanley Stine
 Stacie Sherman
 Linda Carter
 William Nottling
 Mike Bonacolta

- **Appointed Membership Organizations:**

Michael Cook	East County Water Control District
Ralph Hemmingway	Lehigh Acres Fire and Rescue District
Rose Oliverio	Senior Friendship Center
Beth Love	Presidents Club
Michael Porzio	Ministerial Representative (EMA)
Jeff Spiro	Lee County School Board
Larry Gutridge	Lee County Sheriff Office
Dendle Miller	International Service Organization
Jere Carrick	Building, Real Estate
Jose Morillo	Medical Community
Debbie Derums	Lee County Parks and Recreation
Ron Gogoi	Lee County Metropolitan Planning Org.
Mike Anderson	Lee County Code Enforcement Dept.
Pamela Kaye	Social Services Group Rep.