

Deadline for LDC survey response is two weeks away

Captivans, your input is sought on the proposed language for the Captiva Land Development Code, which will become part of the county's Land Development Code if approved by county officials, to implement the Captiva Plan for land use and zoning on the island. The online survey closes at the end of the day Thursday, Sept. 30, and results will be presented at the Captiva Community Panel meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Tween Waters Inn (note that the meeting is one week later than normal).

You're being asked whether you support proposed language covering four major concerns for the island: water quality/mangroves, height restrictions, zoning in the estate-zoned area of the island and signage. The proposed code language is included online (in a hyperlink that will open in a separate page), and the potential impact is explained. Also, the current status of rules covering these issues is included in the "RIGHT NOW" segment for each question, which will be the regulations affecting these issues if no new language is presented to the county for approval.

Captivans can access the survey online through the panel website (www.captivacommunitypanel.com) or at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CaptivaLDCsurvey. They'll need either their voter ID number or property STRAP number to access, and they can provide input both as a voter and for as many properties for which they are listed as owner; both numbers are on the labels of the postcards, or available online or through your voter's registration card (see below). Questions can be sent to panel administrator Ken Gooderham at kengooderham@comcast.net, by phone (239) 489-2616 or fax (239) 362-9771.

The Captiva Community Panel provides a public forum whereby Captiva property owners and residents can discuss issues affecting land use, zoning and the community in general, to share opinions and reach consensus on ways to best protect and preserve the island. It serves as an advisory committee to the county on land use and zoning issues, and as a mechanism to express the wishes of island residents to county and other officials.

You can find out more about the panel online at www.captivacommunitypanel.com.

Where to find your STRAP number:

- 1) Online at www.leepa.org... go to "Database search," then "Property data search." Accept the terms of use, then click on "Real property search" and type in your name or address.
- 2) Look at the Notice of Proposed Property Taxes" (Also known as the TRIM or Truth in Millage report) you received in August. The parcel ID number is your STRAP number.
- 3) If you have a survey of your property, it often includes the STRAP number as an ID.

Where to find your voter's registration number:

- 1) You'll need to look at your voter registration identification card, which you need to be able to vote.

2) Currently, the ID number is not available online.

CEPD's meeting schedule

September and October are busy months for the Captiva Erosion Prevention District, with budget and apportionment hearings on top of the regular monthly meeting. The schedule for the month:

- Sept. 21 -- Final budget hearing at 5:01 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn.
- Oct. 19 -- Town hall meeting to review the proposed 2013 beach renourishment project, at 1 p.m. in the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn.
- Oct. 20 -- Apportionment hearing and regular board meeting, at noon in the Auger Room at South Seas Island Resort.

Also, in advance of the upcoming Nov. 2 referendum on the 2013 beach project, the district wants to remind Captivans that the last day you can register to vote in November is Oct. 2. Contact the county Elections Office at (239) 533-8683 for details.

Sanibel-Captiva Road resurfacing begins... expect delays!

As part of the city of Sanibel's annual street resurfacing project, the paving of Sanibel-Captiva Road from Gulf Pines Drive to Blind Pass has started as of Sept. 14. Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to the public. Access to residences and businesses will be maintained at all times. Users of Sanibel-Captiva Road should plan on additional travel time when accessing or leaving the west end of Sanibel and/or Captiva. The public is reminded to please DRIVE SLOWLY and CAUTIOUSLY through the area when workers are present.

The repaving project is scheduled to be completed within three weeks (i.e. by early October). Sanibel scheduled this work to occur during the off-peak season. Please do not hesitate to contact the city's Public Works Department at (239) 472-6397, if you have any questions regarding the project.