



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Welcome to SW Florida!

You have made the right decision to move to Paradise. We realize there is much to think about when making a move.....new city, new friends, new places...the list can sometimes be endless. To help make your experience less stressful, we have compiled a list of resources to help you get started in your new home. This booklet includes everything from registering your car to setting up utilities, to city office locations and police information.

This is our way of saying, " Welcome to the neighborhood!"

We thank you for choosing us as your real estate partner. Did you know our business is based on referrals? Your personal referral is the greatest compliment we can receive. We are here to help you, your friends, and family members as each chapter of life unfolds. When you know of a friend, co-worker, or family member who has a real estate need, be sure to contact us. We will work in their best interest and help them find their piece of paradise.

We appreciate feedback! Please feel free to tell us about your experience with our company. Contact us via email, info@teamaubuchon.com. And be sure to visit our web site, www.TeamAubuchon.com for eBooks filled with valuable information to help you learn more about SW Florida. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship!

Welcome to the family!



The Team Aubuchon family



New Resident Guide Courtesy of Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group

- **ANIMAL LICENSE**

Lee County Animal Control

5600 Banner Drive, Ft. Myers, FL

(239) 432-2083 <http://www.leelostpets.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 8 a.m.-5p.m. Tues 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

What: Lee County pet license Pickup stray animals, Animal cruelty complaints, Nuisance domestic animals.

Who: If you and your pet (dog, cat, ferret) live in Lee County for 3 consecutive months, you must have your pet(s) licensed in Lee County. If not, you may face a fine.

How Much: License cost is \$25 if animal is unsterilized, \$10 if sterilized, \$8 if sterilized and micro chipped.

- **AUTO REGISTRATION**

Lee County Tax Collector Main Office - <http://www.leetc.com/>

2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL

1039 SE 9th Place, Cape Coral, FL

All Offices: (239) 339-6000

When: Within 10 days of making Florida your permanent residency (i.e.; registering your children in school, beginning employment, filing homestead status). If Florida is not to be your permanent residency, autos don't have to be registered in FL. (Migrant workers are exempt). Tax record information, registration of cars & boats, titles to vehicles & vessels, Fishing licenses, Handicap parking stickers.

- **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Lee County LeeTran - <http://rideleetrans.com/>

(239) 533-TRAN (8726)

email: rideleetrans@leegov.com

6035 Landing View Road, Ft. Myers, FL

ADA Passport (239) 533-0300

- **BUYERS GUIDE TO CAPE CORAL**

Visit www.teamaubuchon.com for a Buyer's Guide to Cape Coral and several other ebooks offering valuable information about Southwest Florida!



- **CABLE & SATELLITE**

Bundled Services Available: Cable TV, Phone, High Speed Internet.

Century Link - www.centurylink.com/ (800) 366.8201

Comcast Cable - <http://www.comcast.com/default.csp/> (239) 432-9277 / 1-800-COMCAST

Direct TV - www.directv.com/ (866) 352-2106

DISH Network - www.dish.com/ (888) 926-5457

- **CAPE CORAL LIBRARY**

921 SW 39th Terrace

(239) 542-3953

www.lee-county.com/library

- **CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1100 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL

(239) 574-0401, non-emergencies, (239) 574-3223

<http://www.capecops.com/>

- **CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE**

Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce

2051 Cape Coral Pkwy. E.

Cape Coral, FL 33904

(239) 549-6900

<http://capecoralchamber.com/>

Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce

17200 San Carlos Blvd.

Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

(239) 454-7500

<http://www.fortmyersbeachchamber.org/>

Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce

2310 Edwards Drive

Fort Myers, FL 33902

(239) 332-3624

<http://www.fortmyers.org/>



Lee County Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.leecountychamber.com/>

(239) 931-0931

Sanibel-Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce

1159 Causeway Road

Sanibel, FL 33957

(239) 472-1080

<http://www.sanibel-captiva.org/>

Chamber of Southwest Florida

5237 Summerlin Commons Blvd., Suite 114

Fort Myers, FL 33907, (239) 275-2102

<http://www.chamberswfl.com/>

- **CITIZENS ACTION CENTER**

(239) 574-0425

Why: Offers citizens a way to obtain information about city services, ask questions of city staff, report problems within the city, and submit requests for service as well as providing the status of their questions and requests.

Provides an online service that can be accessed from the comfort of your home or office, 24/7.

www.capecoral.net

- **CITIES**

City of Cape Coral/Clerk's Office - <http://www.capecoral.net/>

City Hall, 1015 Cultural Park Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990

(239) 574-0436, (239) 574-0411

Why: Various maps for sale, future land use, zoning, site plans, house plans, permits, city ordinances & resolutions, auto recordings of meetings, etc.

City of Fort Myers - <http://cityftmyers.com/>

City Hall, 2200 Second Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33902

(239) 332-6700

Town of Ft. Myers Beach - <http://www.fortmyersbeachfl.gov/>

2523 Estero Blvd., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931

(239) 765-0202



City of Sanibel - <http://mysanibel.com/>

800 Dunlop Rd., Sanibel, FL 33957
(239) 472-4135

City of Lehigh Acres - <http://www.lehighacreschamber.org/>

Chamber of Commerce: (239)369-3322
25 Homestead Rd. N. #41
Lehigh Acres, FL 33970

- **DECLARATION OF DOMICILE**

Lee County Clerk of Courts - <http://www.leeclerk.org/>

County Administration Building - 2nd Floor
2115 Second St., Ft. Myers, FL
(239) 533-5000

Cape Coral Branch:

1039 SE 9th Place, 2nd Floor, Cape Coral, FL

Why: This is an affidavit attesting to Florida residency. It is useful when three legal forms of Florida residency are required (such as filing for Florida homestead exemption taxes), or for providing residency in determining what State(s) can access State income and death taxes, and which States' courts supervise the settlement of your estate, or for proving residency for colleges and schools.

- **DRIVERS LICENSES & DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Florida Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles - <http://flhsmv.gov/offices/lee.html>

North Ft. Myers - 1830 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Ft. Myers, FL (Located in the Weaver's Corner shopping center).
(239)656-7978 Hours: Tues - Fri 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cape Coral - 413 Van Loon Lane, Suite 110, Cape Coral, FL (239) 458-4428. Hours Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information recording (239) 772-1300.

When: If you own a vehicle, you must register it within 10 working days of becoming a Florida resident. You then have 10 days to acquire your Florida driver's license. If you don't own a vehicle, you must first sign an affidavit attesting to that before getting your Florida driver's license.

How Much: The fee for a new driver license is \$48 (Class E). There are two Lee County Tax Collector locations that provide limited driver license services. The tax collector does charge a \$6.25 service fee. Further fee information is available at this website: <http://flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>

Note: Florida law requires you to keep your driver license address current within 10 days after moving. You may visit the following website to change your address: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/forms/71117.pdf>



- **ELECTRIC**

Florida Power and Light - <http://fpl.com/>

Customer Service - (239) 334-7754

Report an outage - (800) 468-8243

24 hour notice required (no weekend service) for turn-ons.

Deposit: The amount is based on a credit scoring system. A deposit can be equal to approximately 2 months average bill at the service address or waived. Deposits are refunded in full after 23 months of prompt payment or when the account is closed. There is a cash alternative to a deposit - an Unconditional Guarantee/Guarantor Contract, which is a legal document involving two parties. In order to be eligible for this non-cash deposit option, the Guarantor must meet certain criteria.

Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. - <http://lcec.net/>

Customer Service - (239) 656-2300 (pay by phone)

Toll Free - (800) 599-2356

2301 Del Prado Blvd

Deposit: Minimum deposit of \$200 or 2 months bill, whatever is greater. Can be waived with credit check. Refundable after one year of on-time payment. Deposit may be waived if customer has a credit check.

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

Lee County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - <http://www.leeecoc.com/pages/default.aspx>

2665 Ortiz Ave., Ft. Myers, FL 33905, (239) 477-3600

What: The EOC is the official County Warning Point. The EOC receives emergency information through the Emergency Dispatch Center and reports serious emergencies to the State Warning Point located in the State EOC in Tallahassee. They in-turn coordinate the State and/or Federal involvement or assistance within the County.

All Hazards Guide - <http://www.leeecoc.com/PREPAREDNESS/Pages/AllHazardsGuides.aspx>

People with Special Needs: During an emergency special shelters provide a higher level of medical support than regular public shelters, but they are not for everyone. **You must pre-register and have a caregiver to accompany you to use a Special Needs Shelter.**

Special Needs Program - <http://www.leeecoc.com/> Click on Special Needs Program on the left

- **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Lee County Solid Waste

(239) 338-3302

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. (239) 337-0800

Waste Management, Inc. (239) 334-4115

Veolia Environmental Svcs. (239) 334-1224



Electronics Disposal: Same day as regular garbage pick-up, place at curb separately from household garbage. Recycle: Residents are encouraged to minimize waste, reuse items and look for products that aren't over-packaged. Keeping recyclables off of the regular garbage benefits the residents because less material is burned. Remember: more recycling + less garbage = cheaper garbage bills. Some cities supply garbage and/or recycling bins.

- **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Lee County Health Department

<http://www.leechd.com/>

(239) 332-9501

- **INTERIOR DESIGN & REMODELING**

Interior design, window treatments, furniture, accessories, space planning and more/

Evaluations by Aubuchon, (239) 542.1075

4707 SE 9th Place

Cape Coral, FL 33904

- **LEE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS**

1039 SE 9th Place, Cape Coral, 33990

(239) 533-5000

1700 Monroe St, Fort Myers, 339901

Why: traffic tickets, small claims, marriage license, court dates,/cases, passports, etc.

- **LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

14750 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy., Ft. Myers, FL

(239) 477-1200

<http://www.sheriffleefl.org/>

- **LEEWAY**

Transponders for auto pay through toll booths.

(239) 931-0100

www.leewayinfo.com

- **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

(239) 694-2174

www.lcmcd.org

Lee County Mosquito Control District is committed to improving the quality of life, facilitating outdoor activities and protecting the public health in our community by implementing environmentally sound practices that control mosquitoes throughout Lee County.



- **NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION**

Aubuchon Homes & The Sterling Collection www.teamaubuchon.com

Custom Dream Homes

1811 Cape Coral Parkway E

Cape Coral, FL 33904

(239) 542-1075

- **NEWSPAPERS**

Cape Coral Breeze

2510 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33904

(239) 574-1110

<http://www.cape-coral-daily-breeze.com>

Florida Weekly

4300 Ford Street Ext, Suite 105, Ft. Myers, FL 33916

(239) 333.2135

<http://fortmyers.floridaweekly.com/>

The News-Press <http://www.news-press.com/>

2442 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL

(239) 335-0233

- **POST OFFICE**

Fort Myers Main Office

1350 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL

(800) 275-8777 For all branch offices

Cape Coral Main Office

1030 SE 9th Avenue, Cape Coral FL

(239) 772-7501

Cape Coral Branch Office

4722 SE 17th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL

(239) 541-0232

<http://www.usps.com/> Address changes, stop mail, purchase stamps, etc.

- **PROPERTY APPRAISER (Real Estate)**

Lee County Property Appraiser's Office - <http://leepa.org/>

(239) 339-6100

Homestead Exemption (239) 339-6120



- **REAL ESTATE INFORMATION CENTER**

General Real Estate, Foreclosures, Short Sales, Vacant land, New Home Construction, Rentals, Remodeling

Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group, Inc. - <http://www.miloffaubuchonrealty.com/>

1811 Cape Coral Parkway E

Cape Coral, FL 33904

(239) 542-1075

- **RENTAL INFORMATION**

Annual and Seasonal/Vacation Rentals

Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group, Inc. - <http://rent.miloffaubuchonrealty.com/>

1314 Cape Coral Parkway, East

Suite 102

Cape Coral, FL 33904

(239) 541-3735

Renters Rights and Citizens Disputes: (239) 458-7084

- **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY**

2055 Central Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33901

(239) 334-1102

Student Assignment: (239) 337-8247 Parent Information Center: (2 Locations) Fort Myers & Cape Coral

<http://studentassignment.leeschools.net/welcome.htm>

What: School registration for Lee County occurs through the Student Assignment Department.

When: Parents of students "NEW TO THE DISTRICT" or reenrolling should visit one of the Parent Information Centers to complete the student registration and school assignment process. Parents or guardians must show photo ID.

Where: Visit the website above to see what zone and sub-zone you reside in or parents can call (239) 334-1102 to find out which school their children will be attending.

Documents Needed: At the time of registration you must have all of the following documents to complete the registration process. Original birth certificate, Health examination (physical), Social Security card (if available), Florida Certificate of Immunization (original blue card), Proof of residence, Proof of custody is required if child is not living with both natural parents, Name and address of last school attended and a Copy of the I.E.P. - *This is just the basic information, more details may be found on the Student Assignment website.*

***if returning to the Lee County School District,** you only need to provide immunization record, proof of residence, proof of custody (if applicable) and an I.E.P. if your child has one.

****if entering the Lee County School District from another public or private school located in Florida** you do not need a physical exam. All other documentation listed above is required.



- **SELECTIVE SERVICE OFFICE**
<http://www.sss.gov/>. Forms available at any U.S. Post Office
- **SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE**
10100 Deer Run Farm Rd.
(239) 931-0066 or (800) 772-1213
<http://ssa.gov/>
- **STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT WEBSITE**
<http://www.myflorida.com/>
- **TELEPHONE SERVICE**
CenturyLink - <http://www.centurylink.com/>, (800) 366-8201
Areas Served: Fort Myers/Cape Coral/Lee County
Bundled services available, High speed internet, Voice, Television.
- **VOTER REGISTRATION**
Supervisor of Elections Office
2480 Thompson Street, Fort Myers, FL, (239) 339-6300
Cape Coral – 1039 SE 9th Place, (239)458-7020
<http://www.leeelections.com/>
When: As soon as you can prove your residency (i.e.; Drivers License, Declaration of Domicile)
Who: To Register You Must: Be a U.S. Citizen, Florida Resident, 18 years old (you may pre-register if you are 17), not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in FL or any other State, not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored pursuant to law, not claim the right to vote in another county or State, submit your valid FL driver's license number or FL identification card number. If you do not have either of these, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
To Vote: You must be registered at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. If this is a "new registration," the date a signed application is postmarked or hand delivered to your County Supervisor of Elections Office will be your registration date. If your signed application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a registration identification card will be mailed to you.
- **WATER UTILITY SERVICES:**
City of Cape Coral
Customer Service: 239-574-7722

City of Fort Myers
Lee County Utilities
Customer Service: 239- 936-0247