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# Compass Points



*We are very proud to provide you with this inaugural issue of "Compass Points", a quarterly news letter that we will be providing to clients, architects, and other professionals in our area. We hope you find it informative and interesting, and that you will share it with your staff and associates.*

*-Enjoy-*



## The Future is **GREEN**

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**W**e read about it in the paper, we hear about it on the evening news -

the world's natural resources are being compromised at an alarming rate. In the U.S. alone, 340 billion gallons of water are used each day, 65% of which is then discharged into our rivers, lakes and oceans. Forty species and twenty acres of rain forest are destroyed every minute around the world. 40% of solid waste in the U.S. is created by construction and demolition. The statistics are staggering, but a trend in the construction industry is starting to take hold; a trend that can truly make a difference. A group of innovative thinking people have formed an organization called the U.S. Green Building Council. This group is comprised of Architects, Engineers, Builders, and Designers, who communicate on a national level. They have developed a set of guidelines and innovative ideas for new construction and remodeling that involve everything from site selection, water and energy conservation ideas, and use of recyclable products. Construction, architectural, and engineering firms from coast to coast are stepping up, educating their staff, promoting training and certification as "Green Certified", and overall taking a true and valid interest in doing the right thing for our environment and our world. Currently many municipalities and universities across the country are embracing this movement toward "green building". It will be a standard accepted method of construction in the not so distant future. One thing we can all relate to and we all need to keep in mind: We do not own this planet, we are only the care takers for the next generation. If we all do our part, the outcome can be nothing but green".

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## Attitude is Everything

Visualizing your desire as already accomplished and enjoying the feelings of accomplishment, awoken in you energies that drive you to do whatever it takes to make your desire come true.





# Featured Project

## Eagles Preserve at Shell Point

Located off Shell Point Boulevard in the Shell Point Retirement Community, this \$43,000,000 project, comprised of 10 buildings, 120 resident units, private garages, a community center, large pool, brick paver roads and walks, and lush landscaping, adds another facet to the already vast development that makes up Shell Point.

The units at Shell Point's newest neighborhood offer resident's ample space and freedom, while also providing the privacy and security of a secluded golf course neighborhood. Each building consists of 6 to 16 residences, ranging from 1-bedroom/den units to 3-bedroom executive suite units. Most residences come with a private garage, which is a feature that is unique to this neighborhood of the Shell Point Retirement Community.



## Compass Headlines

- ⇒ Construction Recycling has been mandatory for residential and commercial unincorporated areas of Lee County since January 1, 2008. Projects that started after January 1, 08 but will be completed before June 1, 08 will not be subject to the Mandatory Business recycling ordinance that was passed. (Ord. 07-25).
- ⇒ Compass received 4 Summit Awards at the annual Lee Building Industry Association's annual awards banquet. Held last fall at Sanibel Harbor Resort and Spa, Compass received awards for Best Retail Project (Florida Gulf Bank – Colonial Branch), Best Public Works Project (Lee Co. VES/Fiber Optics for Midpoint Bridge), Best Healthcare Project (Eagles Preserve at Shell Point Village), and Best Renovation Project (Villages at Country Creek Clubhouse).

## Community Involvement:

- ⇒ Just in time for Super Bowl Sunday, Compass donated a 50" Plasma TV to VFW Post 8463. The post found itself in need of a new television, and with only limited funds available, did not know how they were going to replace the old television, which is a main source of entertainment at their Canteen. Larry Oliver, President of Compass Construction, heard of this matter and stepped in, donating the TV and delivering it just in time for installation and hook-up prior to the big game.
- ⇒ Compass employees help make Easter happier for the children of the T.L.C. Children's Home. Members of our staff attended the T.L.C. Children's Home dinner and auction on February 2, helping to raise over \$25,000 for this worthy cause. At this function, we committed to providing Easter baskets for the 16 children currently under the care of TLC, ranging in age from 2 to 17. Our employees donated \$750.00, resulting in a large overflowing Easter basket for each child, along with a \$30.00 gift card to Target. (picture at right)

## Announcements

- ⇒ We are proud to announce that Project Superintendent Kevin Cook has received certification as a LEED Accredited Professional. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Kevin attended certification courses and took testing as administered by the Green Building Certification Institute. The Green Building Certification Institute is backed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).
- ⇒ Vice President Teri Burleigh is currently serving as the Cape Coral Construction Industry Association's representative on the 2008 Horizon Council. She has over 22 years of experience in the construction industry, 18 years with Compass Construction, Inc. The Horizon Council is the advisory board to the county commission on economic development issues. This unique public-private partnership is made up of 62 members from Government, Education, Business, and Community organizations. Established in 1991, the mission of the Horizon Council is to work toward improving the business environment in Lee County, retain and encourage the expansion of existing businesses, and attract new and diversified employment to the area.

