

# Community Council of Lehigh Acres

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES WELCOMES NEW FRIEND OF THE COUNCIL

Lehigh Acres, Florida, *January 25, 2010*, – Members and guests of the Community Council of Lehigh Acres met on Monday January 11, 2010 for the monthly Council meeting. Florida Lung & Sleep Associates was recognized as the first Friend of the Council of 2010. Friends of the Council provide monetary support allowing the Council to advance the welfare of unincorporated Lehigh Acres. Friend levels are Gold \$150, Silver \$100, Friend \$50, Family \$30 and Individual \$20.

The Community Council of Lehigh Acres is made up of 41 members (21 elected members from Lehigh Acres and 20 appointed members from various civic, social, industry and government agencies in the Lehigh Acres area). The Community Council meets monthly (3rd Monday @ 6:30 PM) at Living Waters Christian Fellowship Church at 500 N. Sunshine Blvd. (next to Doc's Collision north of Lee Blvd.) The public is welcome to attend and voice any concerns regarding issues affecting our community.

Pictured here is Ahmed El-Gendy who works with his father, Dr. Alaa El-Gendy at Florida Lung and Sleep Associates (1420-22 Lee Blvd. Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 Telephone: (239) 369-3333 Email: [chestinstitute@aol.com](mailto:chestinstitute@aol.com) Website: [www.chestinstitute.net](http://www.chestinstitute.net)). Dr. Alaa El-Gendy MD, M.Sc., FCCP is a Board Certified Pulmonologist and Critical Care and Sleep Medicine Specialist. *Alaa El-Gendy*, MD was raised in Cairo, Egypt and attended Al-Azhar University. He received his doctor of medicine degree in 1982. He attended the graduate school at Ohio State University. Later, *Dr. El-Gendy* completed a three year Internal Medicine residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He began and completed a fellowship in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University. During his residency and fellowship, he rotated through East Orange and Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospitals. He is Board certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Diseases. Upon the completion of his fellowship, he served as an assistant professor of medicine at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University. Subsequently, he became the director of the Intensive Care Unit at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. El-Gendy is licensed to practice medicine in the states of Florida, Arizona, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Dr. El-Gendy has a special interest in Asthma, COPD, Lung Cancer and Sleep Disorders. He is the founder of Lehigh Pulmonary Associates in Lehigh Acres, Florida where he maintains a busy Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep practice.

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

Our mission is to partner with the citizens and governing agencies within Lee County Florida to make Lehigh Acres a great place to live and work.

**Standing Committees:**

Roads and Transportation	Code Enforcement	Community Development
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 2010:**

Damon Shelor (elected)	President
Edd Weiner (elected)	1 <sup>st</sup> V. President
Gary Warchol (Ministerial Representative: EMA)	2 <sup>nd</sup> V President
Karen Makowski (Financial service Org)	Treasurer
Linda Carter (elected)	Recording Secretary
Orville Hall (elected)	Corresponding Secretary
Rick Anglickis (elected)	Chairman of the Board

**Elected Members:**

Mike Bonacolta	Diane Champion	Patrick Dawson	Oliver DeWeever
Ahmed El-Gendy	Keith Freeman	Carlo C. Lane	Carl Moore
William Nottling	Larry Ruebeling	Robert Saul	Stanley Stine
Blair Stitt	George Szymanski	Mohamed Yasin	

**Appointed Membership Organizations:**

Building, Real Estate	Jere Carrick
East County Water Control District	Michael Cook
International Service Organization	Dendle Miller
Joint Veterans Association	Bill Martin
Lee County Code Enforcement Dept.	Mike Anderson
Lee County Metropolitan Planning Org.	Ron Gogoi
Lee County Parks and Recreation	Debbie Derums
Lee County School Board	Jeff Spiro
Lee County Sheriff Office	Larry Gutridge
Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce	Tami Baker
Lehigh Acres Fire and Rescue District	Ralph Hemmingway
Medical Community	Jose Morillo
Presidents Club	Beth Love
Senior Friendship Center	Rose Oliverio
Social Services Group Rep.	Pamela Kaye
Youth Services Organization	Don Poidevin