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Well the good news is discussions and meetings are being held for the purposes of delaying the effective date for the new Building Code FBC 2010 until March 15, 2012 giving more time to learn and be able to prepare for the implementation date. In my opinion, the bad news is that it is still coming. This is kind of like the evening news beginning with "Good evening" and then they proceed to tell you why it isn't.

Renewal reminders have been sent to County Authorized Contractors. This is an effort on our part to notice all contractors affected, however the failure to receive notice will not be an excuse for not renewing within the proper time frame. Renewals received after the close of business day on September 30, 2011 will be assessed penalties in accordance to the local licensing ordinance. This is also a good time to check on your insurance policies to ensure they do not expire soon. In order to work legally in Flagler County it is essential to be current and up to date with all licenses and insurances.

The interlocal agreement between Flagler County and the Town of Beverly Beach has been completed. Permit applications will be submitted to the Town Hall as usual. The county will only be responsible for processing the building code portion of the application (Plan review and inspections). Planning and Zoning and Engineering were not included as part of the interlocal agreement. Permits within the jurisdiction of Beverly Beach will be picked up at the Town of Beverly Beach.

The Building Official's Association of Florida will be holding their annual site seminar training hosted by the Volusia/Flagler Chapter on August 18-19 In South Daytona. This is an opportunity for contractors to obtain required continuing education and be in the room with inspectors, architects, and engineers from various local and out of the area jurisdictions. A catered lunch is provided with the registration fee and I can assure you it will not be a sandwich and chips. If you want additional information you can go to the BOAF website and look under education-site seminars or contact me and I will forward some of the information to you.

Please let me know if there is something you would like to see in these monthly offerings. I would also like to know how we are doing in the performance of our duties. If you are not comfortable sending comments directly to me perhaps the Flagler HBA would be available to take in the comments and send them to me.

Thanks for your input-until next month

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