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**Lee County Department of Community Development to open remote office on Pine Island**

Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 29, 2022 – The Lee County Department of Community Development will open a weekly remote permit office at the Pine Island Public Library, 10701 Russell Road, Bokeelia, to allow residents to obtain permits for repairs to existing buildings damaged by Hurricane Ian.

The remote permit office will be open weekly from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Wednesday starting Jan. 4 through Jan. 18. Residents acting as their own contractor can submit permit applications, have them reviewed and issued from the remote office. The applicants need only a description of the work and their address and staff will walk them through the process.

The remote permit office is in response to Pine Island citizens requesting to have staff readily accessible to help them navigate the permit process as many residences are without internet service. Hired contractors are asked to continue to use the existing electronic permitting process. Residents seeking a full demolition or complete replacement of a structure will need to visit the Department of Community Development permitting office at 1500 Monroe St., Fort Myers.

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