



Quality, integrity and community service are important at Lee Wetherington Companies, and founder/president Lee Wetherington sets the tone at the top. A leader with a strong social conscience, he stresses the concept of providing full value to customers and giving back to the community. Below is just a small sample of honors, awards, and contributions made both as a company and as an individual. For full details, please visit lwhomes.com.



America's Best Builder is a designation awarded by the National Association of Home Builders and Builder Magazine. Selection criteria were finance/operations; customer service/quality; community/industry service; design/construction; and marketing. Only 14 builders have been awarded this honor in the entire country.

ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY HONORS:

- **Over 300 Parade of Homes** awards, sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Sarasota County and the HBA of Manatee County. Lee Wetherington Homes has won the most awards of all participating builders for the last 6 years.
- **Readers' Choice Winner - Best Builder** to Lee Wetherington Homes, selected as first-place winner 7 consecutive years by the readers of *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*.
- **2006 Florida Friendly Landscaping Award** from the University of Florida's Builder/Developer Program of the Florida Yards and Neighborhood Programs.
- **2005 Honorable Mention National Housing Endowment Builder Achievement Award**, awarded by the National Housing Endowment, the philanthropic arm of the NAHB.
- **2003 Corporate Philanthropist of the Year**, awarded by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Southwest Florida for Lee Wetherington Companies' leadership and contributions in developing the Fruitville Public Library Reading Garden.
- **Four 2003 Pool Design** awards to LeeSure Water Pools from the Florida Pool & Spa Show.
- **Multiple Aurora and Excel** awards for exceptional home design, website design, TV commercial and other accomplishments.
- **Green Certification** of all homes by the Florida Green Building Coalition.
- **All homes earn the ENERGY STAR®**. A joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY HONORS:

- **Lee Wetherington Foundation** (2002-present) has given over \$3 million back to the community.
- **Lee Wetherington Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota County** (1991-present). Involvement culminated in the naming of the Fruitville Road location after Lee Wetherington. The Fruitville Club is the largest in the state.
- **2007 President's Volunteer Service Award**, from President Bush to Lee Wetherington in recognition of his demonstrated commitment and example as a volunteer.
- **2007 Induction into Corporate Video Archives Hall of Fame**
- **2007 Selection as one of 100 Most Powerful People in Town** chosen by *Sarasota Magazine*.
- **2007 Take Pride in America National Award** nominated by Oscar Scherer State Park.
- **2004 Special Award from Southwest Florida Water Management's Manasota Basin Board** for Wetherington's commitment to water resources.
- **2004 Alex Schoenbaum Humanitarian Award** presented by the Salvation Army of Sarasota.
- **2003 Builder of the Year** presented by the Home Builders Association of Sarasota County.
- **2003 Hearthstone Builder Lifetime Public Service Award**, a national distinction that recognizes Wetherington's extraordinary dedication to helping others.
- **2003 Entrepreneur of the Year** presented by *Gulf Coast Business Review*
- **2001 Builder of the Year** presented by the Home Builders Association of Manatee County.