

What's Happening at Wiggins

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves." Helen Keller



Jill Galloway: Our Property Manager



Do you need help with something? For questions, concerns, issues about your property at Wiggins, your first point of contact should be Jill - she can help you! Her hours on our

property include both morning and afternoon availability. With the painting project and roadwork going on, she is quite busy these days. However, she is available in the Clubhouse daily during the last two hours of her shift each day for walk-in concerns. Her hours are posted weekly in our Wiggins Weekly. You can reach her in the Clubhouse or always by email at:

Jgalloway@resortgroupinc.com

Or by phone at 239-351-2027.

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OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next meeting of the Wiggins Lakes & Preserve Board of Directors will be on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 at NOON**. We will be in the Clubhouse, but owners will be able to zoom in as well. The agenda and zoom details will be provided soon.

Our website: wlpnaples.com

Those of us on the ground in Wiggins thought that you might be interested in some follow up on the impact of Hurricane Helene. Fortunately this storm stayed well west of us, but that doesn't mean we didn't feel the effects. Because this storm was so huge in size, we had off and on heavy rain bands, and strong winds for two days. Amazingly we never lost power, cable, or internet. Our real worry was the possibility of flooding given what we had experienced with Ian. Many areas of Naples did face damaging flooding. North of us, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel, and Cape Coral had terrible flooding again; some just finished rebuilding after Ian. The further north you went, the worse the damage. Behind us in the Pan Am area, the streets were badly flooded, and Gulf Harbor was closed for a while. The water on Pan Am did come too close for comfort, but fortunately for us, it did not spread into Wiggins.

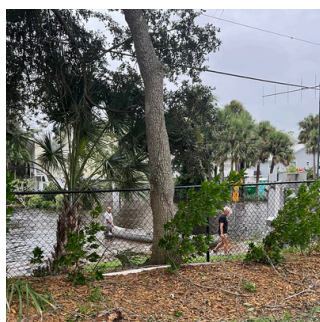
Thursday remained pretty dry, but the winds began picking up in the afternoon. By evening the winds were strong!



Thurs am. After a night of heavy rain bands, the flooding on PanAm was serious.

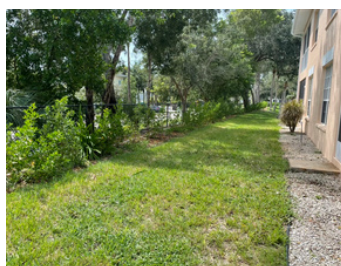


The Thurs winds battered some of our new plantings. We hope they made it!



Thurs evening flooding returns to PanAm

Folks who lost cars during Ian were not taking that chance again. Many of us took advantage of the calmer weather on Thursday and moved our cars up to Bealls parking lot. There were so many cars parked there, it looked like Christmas at Bealls!



The worst damage was a large tree branch that fortunately missed our fence and our building!

Fri am, the tree branch was already removed and cleaned up. No damage!

On Friday morning, there was minor cleanup to be done. By afternoon, Wiggins was back to normal! The ladies were even playing Rummy Cube! Here are pictures from around Wiggins on Friday, the day after the storm. We are looking good!



Fri am - Pool open!



Our entrance is welcoming



Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Mike Wolfe
Director

While our snowbirds have been enjoying their summer escape from Wiggins, the work here has been moving along nicely. We believe you will be pleased to see the progress!

So, what has been happening? This has been a summer of community improvements! The painting project is moving along ahead of schedule. Jill has worked with Northern Contracting to keep owners apprised of the schedule, and so far, there have not been any problems. When the painting of our buildings has been completed, our roads are next with the repair of the asphalt and sealcoating. Jill keeps the community informed of the schedules on these projects.

One project we wanted to tackle before everyone returned was the awful echo in the Clubhouse. GREAT NEWS!!! The ceiling has now been outfitted with acoustic panels, and it has made a big difference. Now when we have our wonderful social activities, we will not end up with a headache from the noise.

We are most excited about our new landscaping company, Leo Jr. who has been landscaping our neighbor Tarpon Cove for over fifteen years. To answer what many of you may be thinking, no, they are not more expensive than Blue. In fact, they were the lowest bid of all the companies from whom we received bids. However, our deciding factor in selecting Leo Jr. was not just the cost. We appreciated their work in Tarpon Cove; it is beautiful. With Leo, Jr we can get smaller projects done much more quickly. Leo Jr. officially takes the reins on October 1, although they have already been completing some smaller drainage projects for us.

Mother Nature has continued to help us out with regular rains. The plantings done in the spring have blossomed, our grass is green, and we addressed the dead spots with new sod. Our lakes are healthy again and we are no longer using county water. That, unfortunately, has caused a problem with trespassers coming into our property to fish, and that is still an ongoing struggle. We have worked with the Sheriff's Department and our Community Police officers to help us with this continuing issue, and our year-round residents have done a wonderful job watching out for this problem and contacting the Sheriff. Hopefully our persistence will pay off.

Most importantly, all of us on the Board are excited to start welcoming our snowbirds back to Wiggins – we have missed you!



LANDSCAPING UPDATE from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

Rain, glorious rain! There are several good news items this month. First, with the plentiful rain over the summer, the salinity of the lakes has been diluted to a level safe for irrigation. Our irrigation has been switched back to our lakes; we are no longer paying the county for irrigation. The plantings and trees put in during the spring are thriving. Several small projects with visual impact were undertaken. Sod has been replaced and the entrance completed.

While our focus has been on replenishment from Hurricane Ian damage, regular landscaping maintenance, prevention, and damage control due to disease does not stop. Selected palms were trimmed and look great. Unfortunately some palms were infected with ganoderma, a fungus that attacks palms. It is difficult to detect, and at this time there is not a proven treatment so impacted trees needed to be removed along with the surrounding soil. So now we have some “bare” spots in the community.



May 25 The hedge along PanAm



Sept 22



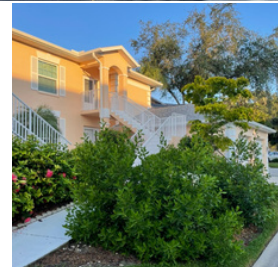
There are several things occurring as we move into the fall. On Oct 1 we have a new landscaping company, Leo, Jr. They have already addressed some areas within our community as they start to familiarize themselves with our assets and our needs. A detailed

document with priority areas has been shared with them and they are responding to our ideas and providing budget estimates. The next priority for attention is the fronts of buildings. Sides and backs will follow as the next level priority.

One project we had to initiate was addressing some drainage issues that had occurred because of the destruction of shrubs, hedges and sod by Ian. With every rain, we had serious run off of dirt and sand into the streets. Leo Jr. has improved some of these trouble spots with leveling out some areas and covering them with rocks.

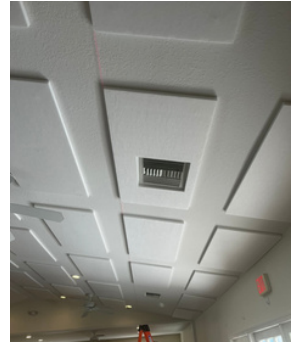


We have seen many positive changes, but have a long way to go. Thanks to Tom and Sue for their work as our “in person” presence this summer. The entire Board has been very supportive of our continuing landscaping progress. We are excited to begin our work with Leo, Jr.



A New Look... and SOUND in our Clubhouse!

After Hurricane Ian damaged our Clubhouse, we got a lovely Clubhouse makeover. The new furniture and tile floor look great, but without the carpet on the floor, the Clubhouse became an echo chamber. The Board investigated the effectiveness of acoustic panels, and they have now been installed. Not only do they look great, but they work! We should be able to enjoy our wonderful social activities without needing earplugs!



Partnering with our Sheriff's Department



We have been struggling with trespassers this year coming into our community to fish. Often they are fishing right beside the No Trespassing and No Fishing signs! Our year-round residents have been chasing them off, calling the Sheriff's office, only to have them return the next day. So we have now partnered with the Collier County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Unit. Our community has now filed a Property Agreement with the Sheriff's Office and met with Sgt. Dear and Corporal Amabile from the Community Policing unit. They have put a sign out on Gulf Harbor, and will be sending periodic patrols. If they catch someone on the property, they will issue them a No Trespass notice the first time. If they return, they can be arrested. So if you see anyone fishing, immediately call the non-emergency number at



230-252-9300. Please do NOT yell at them or threaten them that the police are on the way - **please call!** We want the police to catch them, and they can't catch them if they are gone before the police arrive. Because we now have a Property Agreement with the police they will respond and cite them for trespassing. We hope this finally makes a difference!

Also, the Community Policing unit enjoys working directly with communities to meet the residents, and offer their expertise to lessen the chance of any of us being victims of a crime. They will make a **Crime Prevention Presentation** for us during season in our Clubhouse. They provide handouts and resources during the hour-long presentation. We will publicize the event when it is scheduled.

Topics of Presentation:

- *Collier County General Statistics
- *CCSO's best practices, awards
- *CCSO's website and online offerings
- *Crime defined
- *Common crimes in community
- *Measure citizens can implement to protect themselves
- *Laced and Lethal - Fentanyl
- *Other topics and Q & A

Being a Good Neighbor in Wiggins: Grills and Trash

Our Wiggins Rules and Regulations are in place to keep our community beautiful, friendly, and safe. For those owners who rent out your unit, it is important to share our Rules and Regulations with your tenants. Please print them out and provide them to your renters, tenants, and guests. They are on our website at:

<https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2023/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs.pdf>

Two areas where there seems to be some misunderstandings are with grills and trash.

What are the rules about grills?

Our rules about grills are required by the Collier County Fire Dept. and are in place for the safety of all communities. Important regulations are:

- Gas fired grills, charcoal grills, hibachis and all similar cooking devices are prohibited by Collier County fire regulations for use on lanais, balconies, under carports, on building stairs and sidewalks.
- Propane tanks cannot be more than ONE pound in size and you may only have TWO of them in your garage or carport storage units.
- Grills used in driveways must be 10 feet away from all overhangs.
- Grills and propane tanks MUST be stored in a garage or carport storage units. You CANNOT store them on the lanai or outdoor areas.



There are adapters you can buy to attach the small propane cannisters to the large grills.



Now, let's talk trash...

Recently, the association has had some complaints from residents about garbage. It's important to follow some basic rules around disposal as it keeps our neighborhood looking tidy and helps reduce the potential for pests. If you have renters or tenants please ensure that they understand our rules. You are responsible for the behavior of your renters, tenants, and guests.

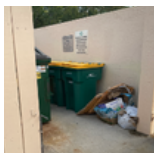
In our Coach Homes (4 unit buildings with garages):

- Coach homes have curbside pickup. Trash pickup on Tues and Fri; Recycling on Fri. only. Bulk items pickup on Fri.
- Coach homes should not use the dumpsters for refuse of any kind.
- On pickup days, use the appropriate bins and bring them to the curb. Do NOT leave bags or boxes curbside.
- Return the empty bins to the garage by the end of the day.
- If you are in need of a waste container, contact Waste Management at www.wm.com

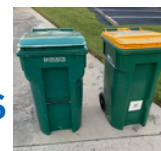
YES



NO



YES



NO



In our Lakes' Condos (long buildings)

- Never leave garbage curbside. Household garbage should be bagged and placed in the dumpster.
- Recyclables should be broken down and put into the designated yellow/green recycle bins. Break down boxes to maximize space.
- Do not leave recyclables in plastic bags; drop them loosely into the bins. Plastic bags are not recyclable.
- Bulk/large items such as furniture should not be disposed in, or left near, the dumpsters. For bulk items, pickup can be arranged with the waste management company.

Do you love to read? Visit our Library and pick up a good book!



How wonderful is it to sit poolside and escape into a good book? Such a great way to relax. The Wiggins Library can help. This is another example of our Wiggins community members stepping up to make this community better. Thanks to Sandy MacDonald for keeping the library operating, and a BIG shout out and THANK YOU to Carla and Mark Muesing for helping with our Library facelift. With Carla's organizational skills, Mark's carpentry skills, and Sandy's dedication, the Library has been transformed. It is located near the restrooms at the Clubhouse pool - just walk in, find the book of your choice, and enjoy. No library cards or overdue charges! And if you enjoy doing jigsaw puzzles, our Library has them too!

We do have a request. We are looking to fill the shelves with some new reading material. So we are calling on all of our snowbirds to remember us when you are packing your car for your seasonal visit. If you have books or puzzles to donate, just drop them off in the crate. The Library team will take care of getting them on the shelves for others to enjoy!



And speaking of reading, it's Book Club time!!!



Our Wiggins community has a wonderful book club that has been meeting for many years. And we actually discuss the books! All new owners and renters are WELCOME to join in. While we often call ourselves The Literary Ladies of Wiggins, we would be happy to also have some of our Wiggins gentlemen join us - you are most certainly welcome! Everyone votes on the selections, and the choices are

Our Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

- Oct 17: **The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store** by James McBride - ZOOM meeting
- Nov 21: **The Lion Women of Tehran** by Marjan Kamala
- Dec 19: **The Roaring Days of Zora Lily** by Noelle Salazar - ZOOM meeting
- Jan 16: **The Women** by Kristin Hannah
- Feb 20: **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano
- Mar 20: **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters
- Apr 17: **One Hundred Years of Lenin and Margot** by Marianne Cronin
- May 15: **The Paris Daughter** by Kristin Harmel - ZOOM meeting

made. We have included the dates and book selections. On the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm, we meet in the Clubhouse. One of our group always takes the lead on facilitating the discussion. Discussions are lively, enlightening, and we always enjoy each other's company. We always have laughs, and there are usually treats to enjoy. Send an email to sueszach@aol.com to get all the Book Club info. Join us!

Welcome back Snowbirds! Some helpful hints:

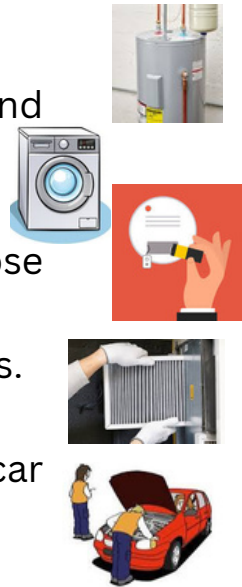
As you prepare to return to Wiggins:

- Make arrangements to forward your mail, suspend cable service, cancel newspaper delivery, transfer prescriptions, and contact your Florida doctors.
- Consider letting a close neighbor or your local police department know your property will be vacant when you leave for the winter.
- Notify your credit card companies that you will be returning to Florida.
- Did you stop cable, phone, or newspaper service while you were gone? Time to schedule getting those started again.
- If you have a WiFi thermostat use the remote system to adjust your thermostat to a lower temperature just before you arrive so you can walk into a perfectly cooled home.
- Reach out to your Florida church, clubs, and other social groups to let them know when you plan to be back.



Get Everything Back Up and Running:

- Turn your water heater back to regular mode from vacation mode and test to ensure water pipes are functioning correctly.
- Run hot water to ensure your water heater is working at full capacity.
- To avoid and detect any potential leakage problems, inspect pipes, hose bibs, and washing machines.
- Make sure that all smoke detectors are working and have fresh batteries.
- Replace the filter in your air conditioning unit.
- Check your car if it sat idle. Batteries may need to be replaced if the car won't start. Then sit back and enjoy your winter home at Wiggins!



Christmas Tree Ornaments for Wiggins - from Jodi Dilley, Social Committee

Summer has flown by and my thoughts are returning to our beautiful Wiggins community. Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. I know, I'm getting a little ahead of myself! But I wanted to give you some time before your return to do a little shopping. Our plan is to replace some of the worn and dated Christmas decorations in the clubhouse with personalized tree ornaments. We thought it would be fun to fill the tree with ornaments that represent the state or community that you came from. If you would like to donate an ornament, please add a little note with your name and any other information you want to include and bring it to Jill in the clubhouse during her walk-in hours. Thank you.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

FARMERS MARKETS

Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM

2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM

beginning 10/10

3370 Pine Ridge Road

Farmer Mike's U-Pick

7 days a Week, 9 AM - 5 PM

26031 Morton Ave, Bonita Springs

<https://farmermikesupick.com>


Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM

Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon

beginning 10/5

Promenade Shopping Center

Coconut Point Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM - 1 PM

23106 Fashion Drive, Coconut Point Mall

ARTS FESTIVALS

Bonita Springs Fall Art Festival

Promenade at Bonita Bay

Sat & Sun, Oct 26- 27, 10 - 4

Naples Fine Arts & Craft Show

Sat, Nov 9, 10 - 4 / Cambier Park

<https://naplesartcrafters.com>


Naples Woman's Club

Artisan Marketplace

Sat & Sun, Nov 2-3, 10 - 4

570 Park Street

<https://.napleswomansclub.org> or

on Facebook: Naples Woman's Club

THEATER | MUSIC

Artis-Naples

www.artisnaples.org

The Naples Players at Snugden

Community Theater

www.naplesplayers.org


Gulfshore Playhouse

www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

TheatreZone

<https://theatre.zone>

AND MORE!

Naples Botanical Garden

<https://naplesgarden.org>

Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

<https://corkscrew.audubon.org>

Bailey-Matthew's National Shell Museum & Aquarium

3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel

<https://shellmuseum.org>

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

1 Wildlife Dr., Sanibel

<https://www.fws.gov>

Everglades National Park

<https://www.nps.gov>

Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

<https://www.sloughpreserve.org>

WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

Association Rules

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

WLP Events

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

Submit an Association Service Request

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>



Are you receiving the **EMAIL BLASTS** from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, go to the website wlpnaples.com Then go to the Owners Section , scroll down and click on “Sign Up for Email Blasts.”

Are you receiving the **TEXT MESSAGES** from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, provide your cell phone number to Jill. Text messages are only used for emergency or essential information.



If you were unable to attend a Board Meeting, or would like to review the minutes or the recordings, you can find the Board meeting minutes/recordings available here:

https://wlpnaples.com/secure/meeting_minutes.htm

City of Naples

<https://www.naplesgov.com/>

Collier County

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/>

FEMA (Florida)

<https://www.fema.gov/locations/florida>

Waste Management

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/location/fl/naples>

Our Communication Committee:

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Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison

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