

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

*Elizabeth Andrew*



## CHANGES IN OUR COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Our Communication Committee is committed to sharing the news and activities in our Wiggins Community. Our recent election of our Board of Directors resulted in three of our committee members being elected to the Board. To avoid any conflict, we have made a few changes. The new Communication Committee includes:

**Debbie London, Chair**

**Art Dietze**

**Roger Jonas**

**Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison**

Because we always have new snowbirds arriving, we will rerun the pages of our Activities and Events at Wiggins, Local and Regional Events and Activities, and our Helpful Websites which we update every month.

## IN THIS EDITION:

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Please reach out to us if you have a question, if there is something you would like us to publicize, or even if you would like to write an article for the newsletter. We would love to hear from you. Email us at:

[communicationswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:communicationswiggins@gmail.com)

## MEET OUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gary Doyle  
President



Sue Szachowicz  
Vice President



Tom Wennogle  
Secretary



Dave Lyle  
Treasurer



Howard London  
Director



Mike Wolfe  
Director

Our Wiggins community welcomes a new Board of Directors, but first we must thank our previous Board for leading us out the devastation that Hurricane Ian brought. We all owe a debt of gratitude to President Jeff Bregar, Vice President Mark Muesing, Secretary Gary Doyle, Treasurer Dave Lyle, and Directors Juliana Boiniceanu, and Mike Wolfe.

To our new Board we welcome President Gary Doyle, Vice President Sue Szachowicz, Secretary Tom Wennogle, Treasurer Dave Lyle, and Directors Mike Wolfe and Howard London. The Communication Committee reached out to this new Board to get a sense of their priorities as they begin their work to move our community forward. Rather than share individual goals, this new Board asked that we present this as their common mission.

### **Q: What are the goals of the Board? What is the agenda; what should our community expect to see?**

A: We are in the process of setting both short term and long-term goals. Hurricane Ian made us reactive; we faced a true disaster. Now it's time to be proactive, to move forward, to continue to address those issues in the present that must be taken care of, while also planning for the long-term success of Wiggins. So, with that goal of caring for the present while moving toward the future, we have established these immediate priorities that folks should see happening right away.

- **The Document Project:** We recognize the concerns expressed by some of our owners about the new documents that were proposed. We know that more time and explanation is needed. So, we have assembled a small group of owners led by Director Howard London to review the documents, provide an explanation of the changes, and address the concerns that were raised. We must ensure that our documents adhere to all Florida laws and regulations, bring them up to date, and address the voting process that has hampered our ability to make change in our community. (More detail on page 5)
- **Landscaping:** We will continue to support the work already underway to return the beauty of Wiggins. Our Landscaping Committee, with Dave Lyle as the Board Liaison, will keep everyone informed as these next phases begin.
- **Hire a Property Manager:** Gary Doyle will work with Resort Management to hire a permanent part-time on-site Property Manager for our WLP community. Among his/her many responsibilities would be to help owners with any issue they may have (i.e. maintenance problem) and ensure that the issue is addressed and resolved in a timely manner. Stay tuned!

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## MEET OUR BOARD/THE BOARD PRIORITIES - Continued

- **Get our Committees back in action:** This area is still a work in progress, so more to come on this. Our Communication Committee is still working hard to keep everyone informed; Sue Szachowicz will be the Board Liaison. The Maintenance Committee will be headed up by Tom Wennogle. The Welcome Committee continues their work, and our Social Committee is now back in action. We are still assessing what other committees we need to help our community move forward. And we thank everyone who has been willing to step up.

We believe these priorities will create value for our community. We will continue to seek the input of our owners and keep you updated on our progress. And most importantly, we all thank you for your support. We are all neighbors here in Wiggins, and our community is most successful when we all work together.



## Do you have “Treasures” to Donate?

**The Board of Directors is very proud to announce that we are hosting the Avow Treasures Donation truck on Saturday, March 9, from 10am - 2pm in our Clubhouse parking lot.**

They will be accepting furniture in good sellable condition without stains or any damage, and clothing items which should be folded in bags without any hangers.

If you have furniture to donate, but don't have a way to get it to the clubhouse, please contact our Board President, Gary Doyle ahead of time, and he can arrange to help get your donations to the Clubhouse that day.

**Gary: Cell - 248-894-9410**

**Email: [gkdoyle37@gmail.com](mailto:gkdoyle37@gmail.com)**



Avow is a wonderful Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Naples. Gary Doyle and his wife Kathy volunteer with Avow and arranged for the donation truck to visit Wiggins. Avow has many volunteer opportunities available so if you are interested in volunteering, contact Gary and Kathy, or you can reach out to Avow directly at:

**[avowcares.org](http://avowcares.org)**



## Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

It's planting time! Board of Directors members Dave Lyle, Sue Szachowicz, and Tom Wennogle, along with Landscape Committee members Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner met with representatives from Blue Landscape Contracting Group design and management teams on February 21. A walk throughout the community was conducted to match design suggestions, bid specifications and "on the ground views." Contracts were signed. We anticipate that planting will start within the month for the first three phases which include:

- Coverage in front of air conditioners in front of long buildings
- Plantings around most mechanicals
- Replacement of dead hedge around the east pool
- Removal of dead bushes and replacement along the fence line along Gulf Harbor and Pan Am
- Trees: Approximately 30 new trees will be planted throughout the community.

Other encouraging news is that the salinity in the lakes continues to decrease with all the recent rains. We are sure we will not be alone in cheering when the crews, equipment, and trucks with green plants roll into Wiggins Lakes and Preserves!



Our fire hydrants have received a face lift! They have now been checked out, cleaned and freshly painted! Thanks to our Board Secretary Tom Wennogle for getting this done!



## Wiggins Memories: Do you remember?



Our beautiful entrance!



Quite an entrance sign!



Lovely, but where was it?

# The Document Project

In the Message from the Board on page two, the first priority stated is **The Document Project**. In order to bring owners' voices into the process, address concerns our owners had about some aspects of the documents, and provide more explanation on these new proposed documents to our entire community, a small group of owners has come together in our Document Project which will be chaired by Director Howard London. Joining Howard, who is from the Lakes, this committed group of volunteers includes Karen Grossbier, and Terry Weiner also from the Lakes, and Dave Hunter and Susan Jonas from the Preserves.

This group had their initial meeting on February 26, and will work with each other, our Board, and our attorney, to move our community forward. As we all know, these documents are complicated and filled with legalese, so our Documents team has their work cut out for them. They are committed to representing all our owners and ensure that these documents are up to date, align with Florida's condo laws and regulations, and fairly represent our Wiggins community. Periodically throughout the process we will update the community on the work. We are grateful to have such a committed group of volunteers!

## Welcome our Social Committee!!!



Greetings fellow Wigginites!!

We are Jodi and Rich Dilley, new members of the Social Committee. We look forward to assisting you in providing a variety of activities and events for the Wiggins community.



How about some Wiggins Line Dancing???

Realizing that it is getting late in the 2023-2024 season, we are looking for people or groups willing to organize and host an event, activity, or simple social gathering either yet this year or certainly for next year. If you have an idea to share or are willing to host, please contact [jodi.dilley@gmail.com](mailto:jodi.dilley@gmail.com) and/or [rich.dilley@gmail.com](mailto:rich.dilley@gmail.com).

For the 2024 season we are hoping to have an event in March and April. If you are looking to make a positive difference here at Wiggins please give some thought to hosting. Thank you!



## Wiggins Team Trivia!

Geography, history, science, current events, and music were just some of the categories challenging our Trivia Teams on Saturday evening. This wonderful event organized and run by Dave and Linda Hunter and Terry and Vicky Weiner began with a Chinese dinner. Then, after everyone was well fed, the Trivia Games began. Terry emceed the first two rounds of questions, and then Dave played his guitar and sang the tunes that the teams had to identify and name the artist. Although the competition was intense, it was in great fun with many laughs throughout the evening. Thanks to Dave, Linda, Terry and Vicky for all their hard work arranging for such a fun evening.



## CALLING ALL MAHJONG PLAYERS



The Mahjong group is looking for players! If you are interested in playing Mahjong, come to the Clubhouse on Fridays at 1 p.m. Beginners, newcomers - everyone is welcome.

## Our February Ladies Luncheon

The February Wiggins Ladies Luncheon at the Quail Run Golf Club was a great success. The luncheon was coordinated by Maria Rino and Sue Jonas, and nearly forty ladies of Wiggins enjoyed a wonderful meal and each other's company!



**Menu: Choice of**  
**\*Spinach Salad with Fresh Berries**  
**\*Chicken Bruschetta**  
**\*Pasta Primavera with Shrimp**  
**DESSERT - Key Lime Pie**



**Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Luncheon on Monday, March 18!**

**Time:** Noon **Location:** Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racket Club, 471 Bay Club Drive, Naples, 34110 (It's in our neighboring Wiggins Bay). This is a short 0.9 mile walk from our neighborhood. Or, if you drive, please tell the gate attendant that you are here for the luncheon.

**Contact:** TERESA LAMANTIA 513-680-2682 **RSVP by March 15, 2024**

**COST:** \$29 Payment via cash, check, Venmo or Zelle.

Venmo is @Teresa-Lamantia. Zelle is 513-680-2682

**MENU:** Choose one:

1. Harvest Salad with Chicken, Shrimp, or Salmon, mixed greens, honey crisp apples, sundried cranberries, red onions, toasted walnuts (a vegetarian dish without the protein)
2. Grouper sandwich, grilled or blackened, lettuce, tomato, cajun aioli on brioche, choice of fries, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, or fresh fruit
3. Tuna salad wrap, romaine lettuce, chopped tomato, spinach wrap, choice of fries, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, or fresh fruit
4. Baja style tacos, slaw, pico de gallo, lime crema, blackened fish, shrimp, or chicken, choice of fries, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, or fresh fruit

**DESSERT:** Mixed berry shortcake parfait



Our February BINGO was a huge success! We had 44 BINGO players hoping to call out BINGO! Bill Szachowicz was the Bingo caller, with thanks also to Mitzi and George Fazzola, Maria Rino, and Louise Bellefeuille for helping with selling tickets and running the 50/50 Raffle. Seven games were played, and because of the number of players, the winning pots were \$25, \$25, \$50, \$50, \$50, \$75, and the final Coverall game was a \$125 prize! Lots of happy winners!



Bill Szachowicz calling BINGO

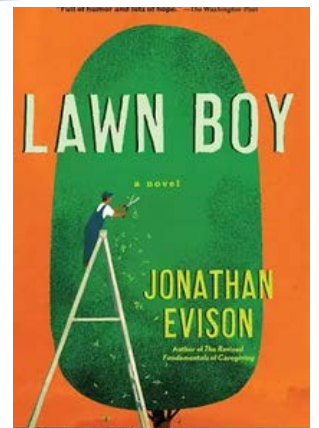
## Next BINGO - Monday, March 11

BINGO will be held the SECOND MONDAY of the month at 7 p.m. We hope to see a big crowd in the Clubhouse for our next BINGO on **March 11**. Doors will open at 6:30 so players can purchase BINGO cards - one card for \$5; three cards for \$10. Players use the same cards all night for the variety of BINGO games that will be played. The more people that play the bigger the jackpots!



## Our Wiggins Book Club

If you love escaping into a good book, you would enjoy our Wiggins Book Club. Anyone is welcome! Although we call ourselves the Literary Ladies of Wiggins, we would love to welcome some of our Wiggins gentlemen too – our Book Club is open to ALL. Our February selection, **Demon Copperhead** by **Barbara Kingsolver**, inspired an intense discussion. For our March meeting we are tackling one of the books most often banned in schools and libraries, **Lawn Boy**. Please join us!



**March 21:** **Lawn Boy** by Jonathan Evison

**April 18:** **The Maid** by Nita Prose

**May 16:** **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napolitano (Virtual Meeting)

If you would like to be on our Book Club email list, send an email to Sue Szachowicz at [sueszach@aol.com](mailto:sueszach@aol.com).



## Being a GOOD NEIGHBOR in Wiggins

Our Wiggins community is at its best when everyone looks out for each other, and observes the rules and regulations. Owners renting their units should ensure that new renters have our community rules. For their convenience, it is a good idea to print them and make them available in your unit. The current rules can be found on our website at:

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

**PLEASE be sure to put everything into the dumpsters or recycling containers.** This was a recent scene at the front dumpster. Not only is it unsanitary and foul smelling, but it also invites rodents.



We can be better than this - please help keep our community beautiful

**A reminder about enjoying our beautiful pools:** Unfortunately we do not have pool attendants cleaning up after us, so please be sure to close your umbrellas and return your pool furniture to where you found it. It gets very windy here, and open umbrellas become dangerous as they fly around, and they could be damaged. And please, no food or drink, and absolutely no smoking. THANK YOU!

**Making changes to your unit?** No changes to the exterior appearance of the unit are permitted without Board approval. This includes hurricane shutters, hurricane windows, or lanai enclosures. Recently some owners have had to run AC lines up the side of the building. These changes also require owners to get Board approval by completing the ARC form found on our website. Second floor owners must receive approval for changing flooring to ensure sound mitigation underlayment is installed. Here is the link to the required ARC form:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/12SPO7Ai42>

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**Are you receiving the email blasts from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, go to the website [wlpnaples.com](http://wlpnaples.com) Then go to the Owners Section , scroll down and click on “Sign Up for Email Blasts.”**

## Activities and Events at Wiggins

We are posting this again so that everyone knows about all the activities scheduled during the season. If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, just go to the appropriate location at the time of the activity, meet the participants, and join in!



**Pickleball:** Scheduled daily from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Location: The tennis/pickleball courts. The courts are open on a first come first served basis at all other times of the day. The courts and our community pickleball are for Wiggins residents only.



**Book Club:** The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Books for discussion are selected by the members of the Club; discussions are always engaging. (The October and May meetings are held virtually; all other months meetings are in person.)



**Water Aerobics:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time: Approximately 8:30-9:30. Location: the east pool (near the tennis/pickleball court).



**Mexican Train:** Every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Mexican Train is a game played with dominoes; bring nickels and dimes to ante up and participate.



**Sit and Sew:** Every Thursday from 10 a.m. – noon. Location: Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



**Mahjong:** Every Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



**Euchre:** Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (except for the third Thursday of the month when it shifts to Friday). Location: Clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play with a chance to win the pot at the end of the night.



**Poker:** Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



**Bingo:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. \$5.00 per card, or 3 cards for \$10. Multiple games played per night; use the same cards all night.

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### The Updated Owners Directory

[https://wlpnaples.com/secure/directory/wlp\\_directory.pdf](https://wlpnaples.com/secure/directory/wlp_directory.pdf)

The Owners Directory on our website has now been updated. Be sure to check it out. If any of your information is incomplete or incorrect, take these steps:

- Go to the website and sign into the Owners section.
- In the Owners Section, Open Documents and Forms.
- Under Forms-Online open the Owner Contact Information Change, make the change, and SUBMIT.



## A regional activity you may enjoy:

# A Visit to the Everglades by Joane Van Bergen

At Big Cypress National Park, there are FREE ranger-led activities provided by very knowledgeable guides. These must be booked in advance by telephone at 239-695-2000. The following link describes these Big Cypress ranger led activities:

<https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/ranger-led-activities.htm>

Activities include: Wet Walk in Big Cypress Swamp (safe walking with a very knowledgeable guide); Boardwalk guided tour; Canoe guided tour; Kayak guided tour; Bike guided tour.

The Wet Walk was wonderful. We walked for two hours in the swamp, knee deep sometimes close to our waist. We learned so much about Florida's Everglades and cypress domes. There were two guides, one walked at the front of the group and one walked at the back. We felt very safe. We were all given one or two walking sticks to help with our stability. We wore our own clothes and it was recommended that we wear long pants. Our group consisted of teenagers, parents and seniors. Everyone had a great time. I highly recommend this tour. You will see the real Florida!

Wet Walk: <https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/ranger-led-activities.htm>

We then headed to Shark Valley, about another 30 minutes east, and cycled (you can book a tram ahead of time) 8 miles to a remarkable lookout tower, where you have an incredible view of the everglades. It is 16 miles round trip. We saw alligators and many birds. There is an entrance fee to this nature area. I highly recommend this visit. You will see more of the real Florida.



SHARK VALLEY:

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/svdirections.htm>

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

Naples and the surrounding area offers so many activities and those listed below may not include all. If you know of others that we should include, please contact us at [communicationswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:communicationswiggins@gmail.com). A great resource for these and other offerings is <https://www.paradisecoast.com>.

### FARMERS MARKETS

#### Coconut Point Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM - 1 PM

Coconut Point Mall

#### Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon

Promenade Shopping Center

#### Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM

2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

#### Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM

3rd Street South Shopping District

#### Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM



## THEATER, ARTS, FAIRS and MORE!

*Get Ready to Shamrock!*

#### Naples Artcrafters Fine Arts and Craft Show

Sat., March 9

Cambier Park

<https://naplesartcrafters.com>

#### Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sat., March 16

[www.naplesparade.com](http://www.naplesparade.com)



**At Mercato**

<https://experiencemercato.com>

Paint the town green March 15-17 with a weekend filled with Irish Cheer, including live music, festive drinks, car displays and more!

#### Naples Seafood & Music Festival

March 15-17

Airport-Pulling Road

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)



#### The Naples Players

Laugh, Cry, Pee, REPEAT

thru Mar 10

<https://naplesplayers.org>

#### Florida Repertory Theatre

The Gin Game, thru Mar 10

A Comedy of Tenors, thru Mar 3

Stand Up Comedy, Mar 1

Hank Williams Lost Highway,

Mar 19-Apr 1

Oleana, Apr 16-May19

<https://www.floridarep.org>

#### The Theatre Zone

13275 Livingston Rd, Naples

Little Me, Mar 7-17

<https://www.theatre.zone>

*Rainy Day Fun!*

#### Flamingo Island Flea Market

11902 Bonita Beach Rd SE

Bonita Springs, FL

[www.flamingoisland.com](http://www.flamingoisland.com)

*Fun with the Girls!*

#### Thrifting Tour, March 14

(boarding only in Naples)

Party bus to the Florida Keys!

Ticket sales end Mar 6!

<https://thriftingbustours.com>

*Mark your calendars!*

#### Naples Botanical Garden

#### Annual Flower Show &

#### Garden Market

Sat & Sun, Apr 5 & 6

[www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)

#### Gulf Shore Playhouse

Into the Breeches, thru Mar 10

She Loves Me, Mar 21-Apr 21

[www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org)

#### Artis-Naples

<https://artisnaples.org>

Free admission to the Baker

Museum 6-9 PM the last

Wed of the month. Visit

galleries, listen to music

and more.

#### Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

<https://www.bbmannpah.com>



## PARKS and PRESERVES

*We thank several of our Wiggins' residents for their suggestions! Please feel free to send a description of your visit and/or picture as you visit these places!*



### J.N. "DING" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

1 Wildlife Dr, Sanibel, FL

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

#### Baker Park

<https://www.naplesgov.com/parksrec/page/baker-park>

#### Cambier Park

<https://www.naplesgov.com/parksrec/page/cambier-park>

#### Freedom Park

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-services/divisions/conservation-collier/preserve-information/freedom-park>

#### The Gordon River Greenway

<https://www.gordonrivergreenway.org>

#### Garden of Hope and Courage

<https://gardenofhopeandcourage.org>

#### Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

[www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org)

Guided tours include boardwalk Early Birding, Night Tour, Sunset Stroll, Ancient Forest Tours.

#### Big Cypress National Preserve [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Ranger-guided activities: Wet Walk, Cypress Swamp, Boardwalk tour, ranger-led bicycle kayak/canoe programs, astronomy programs.

#### CREW (Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed)

<https://crewtrust.org>

Guided walks, hikes, biking, birding.

See [www.crewchallenge.org](http://www.crewchallenge.org) for a great description of the trails and information on the first annual CREW Trails Challenge!

- **CREW Bird Rookery Swamp Trail.** 12 miles of hiking and biking trails, including a 1400-ft boardwalk with wheelchair accessibility.
- **Marsh Trail.** 5.5 miles of well-marked loop trails, 800 feet of boardwalk, a 20 foot observation tower.
- **Cypress Dome Trail.** 6 miles of well-marked loop trails for hiking and biking.
- **Flint Pen Strand.** Over 10 miles of mixed-use trails.

#### CREW Specialty Programs

[www.eventbrite.com/cc/specialty-programs-2684899](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/specialty-programs-2684899)



Mar 2 - Herpetology for Kids  
Mar 17 - Spring Blooms at Sunset  
Mar 23 - A to Z Biodiversity

Guided Birding Walks -

Mar 1, Apr 5

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/guided-birding-walks-2681329>



**Everglades National Park** - [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

#### Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)



## WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

### Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

### Association Rules

<https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2021/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs%20Final%20V3%2002222021.pdf>

### WLP Events

<https://wlpnaples.com/events.htm>

### Submit an Association Service Request

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



### Our Communication Committee:

Debbie London, Chair

Art Dietze

Roger Jonas

Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison



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](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>

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