

What's Happening at Wiggins

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



**OWNERS: Please attend our
ANNUAL MEETING:**

**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7, 2024
12:30 p.m. Wiggins Clubhouse**

- Vote for our Board of Directors for the Preserves
- Vote on our new documents
- Check out our Special Election Edition and our Updated Guide to the Annual Meeting

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A Note About our Newsletter from our Communication Committee:

Our goal is to keep our community informed about important information, and also highlight our wonderful activities. Because we always have new snowbirds arriving, we will always rerun the pages of our Activities and Events at Wiggins, our Local and Regional Events and Activities, and our Helpful Websites which we update every month. 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

Q & A on the Election and Annual Meeting

In all the Townhalls and in emails and conversations with the Board or Communication Committee, a number of questions have been raised. We have developed this Q&A to provide answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. This is not a comprehensive list of all questions. Please remember that you can submit your specific questions through the link on the website, or directly to a Board member.

Q: Why the rush to vote on these documents now? How did we get here?

A: To recap the process - This was initiated by the previous Board in 2021 at the advice of our attorneys who stated that our documents were out of date and did not reflect current legislation. The previous Board budgeted for this in 2022 (\$15,000). A first draft was completed in August of 2023 and outgoing President George Wooten and incoming President Jeff Bregar reviewed them together. At this point the new Board was in place, feedback was provided to the lawyers, and the current draft was received in late 2023. The Board then posted and sent the documents to the owners for a vote.

Q: What if these new documents do not pass? What happens then?

A: If they don't pass, the new Board would need to start the process again using the updated documents as the starting point. At the recommendation of the lawyers, our documents must be updated to reflect new laws and regulations. Wiggins would still be governed under our existing documents.

Q: What if these new documents do pass?

A: Our community would be run under these new, legally current documents with an updated voting process.

Q: If these documents are passed, can they be changed in the future?

A: Yes. Amendments to the documents can be proposed by the Board or owners and the process for amending documents is then followed. Our documents have been amended many times over the years.

Q: I've heard that the new documents impact the Lakes, that the Lakes would "cease to exist" ?

A: There is no merger language, financially or otherwise in these documents. The new documents maintain the existing practice of each association (Lakes, P1, P2) voting on issues that impact them. And there will still be 3 Board members from the Lakes and 3 from the Preserves. The change is that when amending documents, there are no more separate votes required; we vote as one community.

Q: What about the expiration date of the old documents?

A: Although these documents do not expire, the lawyers stated to the previous Board that they are outdated and not legally current, which is why the previous Board initiated the process to update these documents.

Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

While you may not be seeing new plantings lately, lots has been going on behind the scenes. Designs and bids have been submitted by Blue Landscaping Group for the first three priority areas:

1. Mechanicals including dumpster shed, back pool fencing, front of AC units for the Lakes (long buildings)
2. Privacy fencing along Gulf Harbor and Pan Am
3. Trees

Designs follow our criteria to be salt and drought tolerant, native as much as possible, lower maintenance, use of grasses, and complement existing plantings.

Additionally, you may have noticed the white flags throughout the community. These flags indicate where trees are planned to be planted!

It is anticipated that funding to implement all or some of the designs for the top priority areas will be covered by existing funds. Once the Board of Directors approves moving forward, planting will commence in these three priority areas. Please be patient as the small plants are planted (they will mature!) It is anticipated that the next round of planting will be in 4-6 weeks.

Here are some sample designs shared by Blue:



The Ladies Luncheon Returns!

For the first time since Covid, our Wiggins Ladies Luncheon has returned! On Monday, January 29, forty Wiggins ladies attended a wonderful luncheon coordinated by Linda Hunter with an assist from Mitzi Fazzola and Louise Bellefeuille at the Quail Run Golf Club VIP Room.

Menu: Choice of

*Chicken salad on croissant with fruit

*Apple pecan salad with blue cheese crumbles and seared tuna

*Cheeseburger on brioche bun with fries

DESSERT - Cookies



Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Luncheon on Monday, February 19!

Our Wiggins Social Committee - we need your help:

If you would like to help our Wiggins community, please consider stepping up and joining our Wiggins Social Committee. If you are interested, contact Jeff Bregar at jeff.bregar@outlook.com



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: The 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.

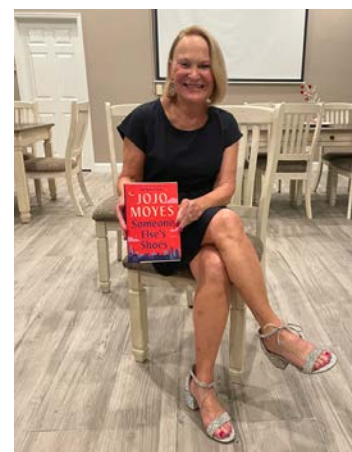
The discussions are spirited, engaging, and fun. At the beginning of the season, the group makes a long list of book recommendations, and then everyone votes on the selections. For every meeting, a different member of the Book Club develops the questions and facilitates the discussion. And we always have goodies, of course.

Our January meeting was fabulous. Our book for discussion was Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes. Sue Jonas facilitated and asked us to bring a pair of shoes that were important to us. As we shared our shoe stories, we laughed at the crazy stories of the shoes we loved, or even the ones that killed our feet. We shared stories of stunning “killer shoes” that sparkled and others with eye-catching colors and gorgeous spikey heels. We went back in time to wearing our Minnetonka Moccasins and Frye boots. Fun stories of our wedding shoes or just our favorite shoes that looked great, felt great, and have taken us all over the world made us smile. And we even heard a crazy story about wearing two different color shoes to work! And yes, we did finally get to the discussion of the book!

On Feb. 15 we will be discussing Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. If you would like to be on our Book Club email list, send an email to Sue Szachowicz at sueszach@aol.com.

Here is the schedule for the remainder of our Wiggins Book Club season:

- Feb. 15:** Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
- March 21:** Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison
- April 18:** The Maid by Nita Prose
- May 16:** Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
(Virtual Meeting)



Cries of BINGO could be heard in the Wiggins Clubhouse! The BINGO series for the season kicked off in January thanks to Delia and Ed Stull and Sandy MacDonald, and an assist from Larry Weary and Mark Allen who ran the 50/50 raffle. It's a great time to gather with friends, have a wonderful time, and possibly win some bucks! We hope to see you at the next BINGO on February 12.



BINGO will be held the **SECOND MONDAY** of the month at 7 p.m. We hope to see a big crowd in the Clubhouse on February 12, March 11, and April 8. Doors will open at 6:45 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!

TRIVIA NIGHT - Sat., FEB. 24, 5pm

Hosted by Dave and Linda Hunter and Terry and Vicky Weiner, Trivia Night begins with dinner. Then teams battle each other in a trivia battle. Come on out and share in the fun and competition - it is a great time for all!



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.



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>

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!

Reflections on 2023

2022 was the year of Hurricane Ian, but 2023 was the year our community began to bounce back. Our new Communication, Social, Welcoming and Holiday Decor committees began their work. Many of our activities and clubs such as Sit and Sew, Book Club, various card groups and pickleball resumed. Hurricane debris was removed and building and utility repairs were completed. Damaged and dead landscaping was removed and the process of replacement with drought and salt tolerant plants has begun. We completed the changeover to potable water for irrigation. Our clubhouse has been remodeled. Community signage was replaced and our pickleball/tennis court has been resurfaced. We launched a more user-friendly website. And we executed a financial review which identified a reserve shortfall that we have addressed. Despite our challenges, our Wiggins community is coming back!

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.”

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.

The Updated Owners Directory

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.



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

Among the many attractions Naples and the surrounding area have to offer are farmers markets, arts festivals, theater and cultural events. Listed below is a sampling of some of these. We will keep updating this list. If you know of an activity that we should include, please contact us at communicationswiggins@gmail.com. Also, a great resource for these and other offerings is <https://www.paradisecoast.com>.

FARMERS MARKETS:

Coconut Point Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM -1 PM
23106 Fashion Drive,
Coconut Point Mall

Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon
Promenade Shopping Center

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM
3370 Pine Ridge Road

Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM
3rd Street South Shopping District



Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM
2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road



THINGS TO DO: ARTS and CULTURE

Naples Art In The Park

Sat, 10 - 4, Feb 3
Fleishman Park
<https://www.naplesart.org>

Naples Botanical Gardens Orchid Society Show

Feb 16-18, 10 AM-5 PM
www.naplesgarden.org

Naples House & Garden Tour

Sat, Feb 3 8 AM-4 PM
Tour Naples historic homes
Tickets start at \$200
www.naplesgarden.org

Artis-Naples:

Performances and more

Visit galleries and listen to
music at the Baker Museum
Last Wed of month, 6-9 pm
<https://www.artisnaples.org>

The Naples Players

The Fantasticks thru Feb 11
Laugh, Cry, Pee, REPEAT
Feb 14-Mar 10
<https://naplesplayers.org>

Naples Fine Arts & Craft Shows

Sat, 10 - 4 Feb 10
Cambier Park
<https://naplesartcrafters.com>

Coconut Point Arts Festival

Sat & Sun, Feb 17-18, 10 - 5
<https://artfestival.com>

Naples National Art Fair

Fri, Feb 23, 5 - 9 PM
Sat & Sun, Feb 24-25, 10 - 5
Cambier Park and Park Street
www.naplesartinstitute.org

ArtFest Fort Myers

Fri, Feb 2, opening 6 PM
Sat & Sun, Feb 2-4, 10- 5
<https://artfestfortmyers.com>

Florida Repertory Theatre

The Gin Game, thru Mar 10
A Comedy of Tenors, Feb 13-Mar 3
Stand Up Comedy, Feb 23, Mar 1
Hank Williams Lost Highway,
Mar 19-Apr 1
Oleana, Apr 16-May19
<https://www.floridarep.org>

Cars on 5th

Sat Feb 3, 10 AM-4 PM
www.fifthavenuesouth.com

Upcoming Events at Mercato

<https://experiencemercato.com>

Music Under the Banyan

Weekly each Sat, 6-9 PM

Movies on the Lawn at Mercato

Third Tuesday of every month



Barbara B Mann

Performing Arts Hall
<https://www.bbmannaiah.com>

Art Center Bonita

<https://www.artcenterbonita.org>

The Theatre Zone

13275 Livingston Rd, Naples
Million Dollar Quartet, Feb 8-10
Little Me, Mar 7-17
<https://www.theatre.zone>

Gulf Shore Playhouse

Into the Breeches, Feb 15-Mar 10
She Loves Me, Mar 21-Apr 21
www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

DAY OUTINGS AND PARKS AND PRESERVES

Thrifting Tours with pickups in Naples, Bonita and Fort Myers

Thurs, Feb 8-Ft Lauderdale,
Pompano Beach and Boca Raton
Thurs, Feb 22-Sarasota
Fri, Mar 8-Sarasota and Bradenton
<https://thriftingbustours.com>



Manatee Park for Manatee watching
Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers
Open every day 8 AM-sunset
Optimum viewing months Dec-Feb
when gulf temp is below 68F
<https://www.leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark>

Naples perfect location provides exceptional opportunities to get out into nature!
There are lush tropical gardens, nature preserves, and wildlife galore.

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

Big Cypress National Preserve

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 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 missed-use trails.



Everglades National Park www.nps.gov

Airboat tours, kayaking, wildlife viewing, hikes. At Shark Valley (Approx 1.5 hr drive), take a guided Everglades tram tour to the viewing platform of the Shark Valley Observation Tower! Or head out on your own on a self-guided Everglades bike tour over the 15-mile paved road. Rent or bring your own bike.

Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge www.fws.gov

Specialty Programs:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/specialty-programs-2684899>
Feb 7 - Survival of the Fittest
Mar 2 - Herpetology for Kids
Mar 17 - Spring Blooms at Sunset
Mar 23 - A to Z Biodiversity

Guided Birding Walks -

Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/guided-birding-walks-2681329>

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:

Sue Szachowicz, Chair

Art Dietze

Debbie London

Howard London

Gary Doyle, 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

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>

If you have questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact us at:

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