

What's Happening at Wiggins

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



Meet Our New Property Manager- Derek Tatum

Derek is a native of Ft. Myers, where he met his wife, so he is a true Southwest Floridian. He comes to us with five years of experience in both commercial and residential property management. He was attracted to Wiggins because of the people and our sense of community.

While Derek is familiar with both large and small communities, he finds Wiggins to be unique in that we have so many social activities for the residents to be part of. He describes Wiggins as a 'living organism' with so many challenges for a big property which includes lakes and a preserve,

He looks forward to meeting each of us in the near future. Stop in to see him, email him, or give him a call if you have a question.

Derek's contact information: **239-484-5695**

Email: dtatum@resortgroupinc.com

For an after-hours EMERGENCY, call Resort Management at: **239-649-5526**

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The **Annual Meeting** for Wiggins Lakes & Preserve will be on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 at NOON**. We will be in the Clubhouse, but owners will be able to zoom in as well. The agenda, election information, and zoom link have been sent out to you. For anyone currently at Wiggins, Derek has the election packet, including the ballot, in the Clubhouse.



Our website: wlpnaples.com

A Message from our BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gary Doyle
President

Our Wiggins community is busy these days as the season is well underway. There is much to feel good about here in Wiggins, but the most important factor in our success has been the many Wiggins residents who have stepped up to help. A Board of Directors is far more successful when we have strong involvement from our owners. Our community is much better thanks to those who volunteer.



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President

Our **Landscape Committee** has been working tirelessly to bring our community back from the devastation of Hurricane Ian. We are excited about the landscaping progress – check out the report from the Landscape Committee in this issue. Those here in Wiggins are seeing the progress taking shape with all the new plantings. For those away, take a look at the pictures included. Thank you, Landscape Committee!



Tom Wennogle
Secretary

Our **Communication Committee** made a commitment to keep our community informed about all the events, activities, questions, and issues. They publish this wonderful monthly newsletter filled with community info. They also just organized and ran the Meet the Candidates Evening, which was a huge success – check out the article in this newsletter. We also publish the Wiggins Weekly that provides a brief weekly update on important information, as well as using a community texting program which really kept everyone informed during the hurricane season. It's important for our residents to read the information sent out. Thank you, Communication Committee!



Dave Lyle
Treasurer

Our **Social Committee** and our **Welcome Committee** have organized and supported a variety of social activities to engage and connect our Wiggins residents. Just this past weekend the Social Committee paired up with the Welcome Committee to host a Welcome New Owners and Renters Breakfast (with homemade scones!). Over forty people attended. Check the Newsletter, the Wiggins Weekly, and the sandwich board at the entrance to keep up with the offerings. Thank you, Social Committee and Welcome Committee!



Howard London
Director

Our **Documents Committee** has reviewed and revised hundreds of pages of “legalese” to update our documents and get them in line with new Florida statutes. This dedicated group of owners have worked with our attorney and each other so that we can move our community forward. Thank you, Documents Committee!



Mike Wolfe
Director

And we are about to begin our shed project to repair and improve our sheds. Yet again we had a few of our owners with expertise step up to help get this project underway. We will keep the community apprised of the progress on this project. Thank you, **Shed Committee**!

As a Board we have been working positively and collaboratively on behalf of our entire community. Our work is made easier and more effective because of the involvement of our owners. We are grateful to your commitment to Wiggins!



The Communication Committee organized and hosted a “Meet the Candidates” Evening on January 22 to provide an opportunity for our owners to meet and talk with the candidates for our Board of Directors. Nearly sixty of our owners took advantage of this opportunity. Communication Committee member Roger Jonas moderated the evening. He began by sharing the ground rules, and then gave every candidate an opportunity to make an opening statement. Roger then asked the same questions to each of the candidates, and then opened up questions to the audience. The evening was very well run, informational, and positive. One thing we could all agree on is that our Wiggins community is fortunate to have so many dedicated, committed people willing to step up run for the Board. It is important to remember that service on the Board is totally voluntary. Board members are not paid for serving on the Board. Many communities struggle to find people who will run for their Boards. Not so at Wiggins! Thanks to our current Board and to those running!



Left to right: Moderator Roger Jonas, Candidate Geoff Moore (speaking); Karen Grossbier, and Dave Lyle

The election for the Board will be held at our Annual Meeting on Feb. 5 at noon.

Ballots were mailed to all owners. However, to make it easier for everyone, the entire election packet, including the directions the ballot, and the inner and outer envelopes, are available in the Clubhouse from our Property Manager, Derek. You can pick up a ballot, complete it, seal it appropriately, and submit it to Derek at the Clubhouse daily from 9-4.

There are three candidates running for TWO positions on the Board of Directors. It is ONE vote per unit.



The Clubhouse was filled with interested owners.

Meet our Candidates in their own words, and what they shared would be the greatest strength they would bring to the Board:

Dave Lyle, our current Treasurer:

Business background, retired President/CEO of a company in Michigan. Served on several Boards, both non-profit and for-profit. Strength - Ability to find common ground, and build consensus in decisions.

Karen Grossbier:

Owned and operated a court reporting agency, Grossbier & Associates, and created two LLC's. Strength- Knowledge of governing documents, thorough, attentive to details, self-motivated, articulate, enthusiastic, team player.

Geoff Moore:

Worked in the sports industry, professional golfer, now a realtor with John R. Wood Properties. Full time, year round resident of Wiggins. Strength - Real estate background, keeping financials at comparable levels, being cost effective, and improving the quality of life.

BINGO!

Cries of BINGO! filled the Clubhouse and the winners collected some nice jackpots. The BINGO series returned and will take place the second Monday of the month during the season. Thanks to Bill Szachowicz who is the BINGO caller, assisted by Maria Rino and Mitzi Fazzola who sold the BINGO cards, and George Fazzola and Donna McKenna who ran the 50-50. And Jodi and Rich Dilley from our Social Committee helped set up the Clubhouse for the event!



**Next BINGO is Feb 10,
7 pm. Come play - the
more people, the
bigger the jackpots!**

**BINGO!!!**

Our new owners and renters were warmly welcomed by our community at our first **Wiggins Welcome Breakfast**. Our Welcome Committee, Mitzi Fazzola and Donna McKenna, with an assist from Jodi Dilley, put together a wonderful breakfast, including their home made scones, for all our new folks and our Wiggins veterans alike! We all enjoyed the great conversation, friendship, and great food!



WELCOME TO WIGGINS!



CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!! These Wiggins events are wonderful. And we are always looking for new opportunities to bring our Wiggins community together. Do you possess a talent, skill, or passion that you would like to share with the community? If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jodi and/or Rich Dilley at jodi.dilley@gmail.com. They can assist in coordinating and organizing your activity. By the way, there has been a request for line dancing... anyone know how? Can you teach us?

Watch for future breakfasts organized by the Social Committee. They are planning to make these monthly events! Check the Wiggins Weekly and the board at the entrance for information on these future breakfast activities.

EUCHRE

If you enjoy playing cards, give Euchre a try! Euchre plays on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the Clubhouse (except on the third Thursday when it shifts to Friday) Give it a try!



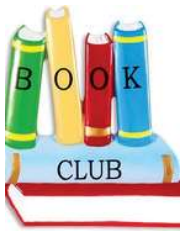
Pickleball has become the fastest growing sport in the country, and it is no exception at Wiggins! There are opportunities here for both the experienced pickleball player and newcomers. Our courts are for Wiggins residents only.

FOR EXPERIENCED PLAYERS: The community plays from 9 - 10:30 daily for experienced pickleball players. If you are a skilled player looking for a rigorous game, come to the courts from 9-10:30 daily.

FOR NEWCOMERS: If you would like to learn to play pickleball, we have that opportunity too! One of our seasonal residents, Jim Hagerman, is offering pickleball lessons for those who would love to learn the game. If you are interested in learning, please text or call Jim at 217-494-5275 and he will coordinate some "Beginners Sessions" with you at the courts here in Wiggins. They are already underway!



Book Club Update:



Our Wiggins community has a wonderful book club that has been meeting for many years. And we actually discuss the books!

Our January meeting about **The Woman by Kristin Hannah** was one of the best discussions we have ever had. Mitzi Fazzola led the discussion and began by sharing what she had learned about Hannah's research for the book, and she shared a video interview with nurse Diane Carlson Evans, who was the inspiration for the book. And we learned about the efforts of Ms. Evans to get the Vietnam Women's Memorial built.

We had a powerful discussion about the challenges that Frankie and all the returning veterans faced upon their return from their

The remaining Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

- 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

tours of Vietnam. Because so many of us had vivid memories of the Vietnam era, our discussion included many personal connections and recollections, including our favorite music. It was a spirited discussion!

If you would like to get on the Book Club email list, send an email to Sue Szachowicz at sueszach@aol.com

FEBRUARY 15 - POST VALENTINE'S DAY PIZZA PARTY:

Menu - Jet's Pizza and Salad plus Magnum Ice Cream Bars and Coffee/Tea for dessert. Bring your own beverage; ice will be provided.

Following dinner "Majority Rules" will be played. Doors open at 5:30.

Feel free to bring an appetizer to share. RSVP by Feb 8 to

Sue Jonas 616-402-1871 or

Mitzi Fazzola 616-402-2923

\$12.00 per person

**FEBRUARY 20 at NOON - LADIES LUNCHEON**

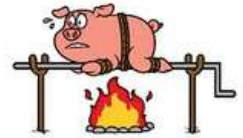
Location - Tarpon Cove Raquet Club

Four menu options and price will be coming soon

**MARCH 8 (tentative) at 5:30 PM - ANNUAL PIG ROAST**

Location - Wiggins Clubhouse

Details and cost to come.

**Being a Good Neighbor in Wiggins: let's work together!**

Our Wiggins Rules and Regulations are in place to keep our community beautiful, friendly, and safe. Recently a group of our owners were part of a Rules and Regulations Committee to review all of our current rules, update any that needed revision, and recommend new rules to the Board. In the Board meeting on December 11, the new Rules and Regulations were voted in and the new Rules and Regulations are posted on the website.

We have many owners who rent their units. Being a Good Neighbor in Wiggins means sharing those Rules and Regulations with your renters or guests. And also, our renters and guests should know about all the events and activities we offer. Owners, please forward our email blasts that include the Wiggins Weekly and this newsletter with your tenants and guests. They deserve to know what is happening at Wiggins!

**Frustrated with fishing!!!**

We continue to struggle with trespassers coming into our community to fish in our lakes. While it might not seem like a huge safety concern, unfortunately in a few instances the trespassers have been belligerent and confrontational. We have now partnered with the Collier County Sheriff's to help us deal with this.

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. Thank you for your help with this very frustrating issue.



LANDSCAPING UPDATE from our Landscape Committee

At long last, we are able to see significant progress from the impact of Ian in the fall of 2022 on our landscaping. With the adoption of the landscape Special Assessment January 3, 2025, our landscape company, Leo Jr. Landscaping has committed to 1-2 days each week to address replenishment of vegetation around buildings. These days are in addition to the regular maintenance schedule. As a reminder, the intention is to address fronts and sides of buildings. In the coming weeks, you can expect to see new plantings and mulching around the entire community. Given that the needs of buildings vary, the amount of time spent on each building also varies. Additionally, this month our irrigation source switched back to the lakes.

The following pictures provide highlights from the past three weeks:

790 Some front work



Center view 651

Building 651: Plantings in front put in to coordinate with the side which was completed under drainage work last month



Left side views 651



Building 657: Sides and the front augmented with plants to coordinate with remaining, healthy plants



Right side with existing Scheffleras, 657



Front center and street view- Building 657



Building 661-Sides and center completed



Street view and center view 661



Building 665- Front and sides completed



Front views 665



654 Right and left sides (some mulching to be completed yet)

654 front (some mulching to be completed yet)



By January 24, 2025, the following were planted:

12 Cocoplum bushes
 • 67 Podocarpus
 • 238 Panama Roses
 139 Mammey Croton

• 200 Flax Lily
 • 3 Triple Christmas Palms
 • 6 Jatropha
 • 2 Hibiscus

• 70 Arboricola Dazzle
 • 4 Silver Bromeliad
 • 20 Liriope
 • 10 Arboricola Goldfinger
 • 12 Sun Bromeliad
 And 220 bags of mulch spread so far!

Right side of 660



Building 668



Building 668



Come take a walk and admire the plantings!



DOCUMENTS PROJECT UPDATE:

The Documents Committee has completed its review of our governance documents and submitted its concerns and suggestions to the Association's attorney, Joseph Adams. Mr. Adams specializes in matters of condominium governance and is an acknowledged expert in the field. He has incorporated the Committee's suggestions into the latest draft of condominium documents, and in a small number of cases carefully explained why he advised against a suggested change. During the Committees' review of our documents, the Florida Legislature enacted changes to the statutes governing condominiums. The necessary changes have also been Incorporated into our updated documents.

The next phase of this project is to present the Committee's work to Wiggins' owners' and to seek feedback. To ensure transparency, which is the order of the day, the following steps will be taken. Two versions of the documents will be posted on the Wiggins' website. The first is the "red line" version that shows various additions, modifications and deletions. The second version, called here the "clean version," incorporates all of the above. The community will be notified when these documents are posted. Comments on the documents can be forwarded to Howard London at hlondon123@gmail.com. This will be followed by one or more town halls, with dates to be announced, that will provide owners with additional opportunities for feedback to Committee members and the Board. Attorney Adams will be present for at least one of these. A final vote will be taken at a future meeting of the Board of Directors.

Activities and Events at Wiggins

We post this in every issue 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. for experienced pickleball players. 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.



Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Location: the east pool (near the tennis/pickleball court). If the outside temperature is below 65 degrees, the activity does not take place.



Ping Pong: Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Open play for all residents. All skill levels welcome.



Book Club: The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Books for discussion are selected by the members of the Club; discussions are always engaging. (The October, December, and May meetings are held virtually; all other months meetings are in person.)



Mexican Train: Every Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 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 10:00 a.m. – noon. Location: Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



Rummikub: Every Friday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



Euchre: Every Thursday at 7:00 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.



Our new ping pong table is getting a lot of use - both during our Monday Night Open Play, and during the day for informal play. Come on over and give it a try - even if you are a newcomer!



Local Attractions

Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM
2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM
3370 Pine Ridge Road

Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM
Promenade at Bonita Bay



Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM

Coconut Point Farmers Market

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

Farmer Mike's U-Pick

7 days a Week, 9 AM - 5 PM
26031 Morton Ave, Bonita Springs
<https://farmermikesupick.com>

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM
3370 Pine Ridge Road



21st ANNUAL CARS ON 5th - Sat., Feb 8, 10 AM - 4 PM (www.fifthavenuesouth.com)

MUSIC UNDER THE BANYAN , Every Saturday Night, 6-8 PM, at The Mercato

Feb 1 - Roman Fortune / Feb 8 - Wendell Ray / Feb 15 - The Kelly & Mason Duo / Feb 22 - Wendell Ray

MERCATO NIGHTS MUSIC - Feb 6, JP Soars Gypsy Blue Revue

1st Thurs each month, on the lawn 6:30 - 8:30 PM - Bring your chairs and enjoy the music!

THE NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDENS (www.naplesgarden.org).

Daily tours and programs (see website for full schedule and info on programs offered, including:

- Feb 3 and 17, PICTURE PERFECT! SMARTPHONE NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
- Feb 8, MUSIC IN THE GARDEN, 2 - 4 PM
- Feb 10 and 24, MORNING MILE, 9:15 - 10 AM
- Feb 11, 18 and 25, BIRDING IN THE GARDEN, 8 - 10 AM
- Feb 12 and 19, SUNSET WEDNESDAYS, 5 - 8 PM
- Feb 14 - 15, ANNUAL IKEBANA EXHIBITION
- Feb 21 - 23, NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

THIS FEBRUARY, FALL IN LOVE WITH THE ARTS



ART FESTIVALS

ArtFest Fort Myers, Sat & Sun, Feb 1-2
(Opening Night Fri, Jan 31)



*Commerative poster from our
first ArtFest in 2022*



*Your Wiggins neighbor, Howard
London (right) enjoying ArtFest
2023 with friends*



*Debbie & Howard at
ArtFest 2024. Print by
2024 Poster Artist*

BONITA SPRINGS NATIONAL ART FESTIVALS - 25th ANNIVERSARY

Feb 8-9 and Mar 1-2, Riverside Park

www.artsbonita.org

COCONUT POINT ART FAIR - 19th ANNUAL

Feb 15-16, Coconut Point Mall, Estero

46th ANNUAL NATIONAL ART FAIR

Feb 22-23, Cambier Park

NAPLES DOWNTOWN ART SHOW

Mar 22-23, 5th Avenue South

www.naplesart.org/national-art-fairs



THEATER, PERFORMING ARTS & MUSIC

*These two large performance venues offer much in the way of theater, concerts, symphonies and more!
Visit and explore their websites for information on the many and varied offerings.
Advance planning is encouraged! Tickets often sell out early!*

ARTIS-NAPLES

<https://www.artisnaples.org>

The Baker Museum offers Free Admission the last Wednesday of each month.

BARBARA B MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL

<https://www.bbmannpah.com>

Gulf Shore Playhouse - www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

- *Dial "M" for Murder*, thru Feb 6
- *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grille*, Mar 16-Apr 19
- *The Lehman Trilogy*, thru Mar 2
- *Sweet Charity*, April 6-May 4
- *Noises Off*, Feb 23-Mar 16

Florida Repertory Theatre www.floridarep.org

- *The Play That Goes Wrong*, thru Feb 16
- *Bloomsday*, thru Mar 2
- *Death of a Salesman*, Feb 5-Mar 2
- *Boca*, Feb 11-Mar 2
- *Man of La Mancha*, Mar 12-Apr 13
- *Shout!*, Mar 18-Apr 13
- *Venus in Fur*, Apr 15-May 18

Player's Circle Theater

www.playerscircletheater.com

- *The Fantasticks*, Feb 4-Mar 2
- *Flatlanders*, Mar 11-Apr 6
- *The Business of MURDER*, Apr 15-May 11

The Theatre Zone www.theatre.zone

- *The Rink*, Feb 6-16
- *Jersey Boys*, March 6-16

In the mood for romance? Some Valentine's month highlights:

ARTSbonita - www.artsbonita.org, 10150 Bonita Beach Road

Feb 13 - Zach Bartholomew, *How My Heart Sings* (Jazz)

Feb 14 - Eddie Bruce, *Where Do I Begin: Love Songs and Music of Tony Bennett*

Feb 20 - Mark Sanders, *Celebrating Broadway* (Rodger's & Hammerstein)



Norris Community Center - www.naplesgov.com, 755 8th Avenue South

*"Immerse yourself in an enchanting evening of Italy's most romantic songs,
perfect for a Valentine's Day celebration."*

Feb 14 — AN EVENING IN NAPLES



Visit websites for performance and ticket information for all events.

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 Derek. 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, you can find the Board meeting minutes 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:

Debbie London, Chair

Art Dietze

Roger Jonas

Sue Szachowicz, Board Liaison

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

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Our next edition will be published on March 1