

What's Happening at Wiggins

We don't have to agree on anything. But we can be kind to one another."

Author Unknown



New flowers at our entrance

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING IN MARCH!

What's Happening at Wiggins in March? **LOTS GOING ON!**

MARCH 5: Town Hall on our Governing Documents with our Attorney Joe Adams at the Clubhouse. **New and redline documents are posted on the website:**

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

MARCH 8: **Annual Pig Roast.** Cost \$30 pp. RSVP to Teresa at 513-680-2682 or Maria at 705-254-8725 by Mar 3. BYOB and an appetizer or dessert to share.

MARCH 10: **BINGO!** One card for \$5, 3 for \$10. We will celebrate our wonderful Florida lifestyle with our **FLAMINGO BINGO NITE!** Wear your best tropical attire. Have fun and win big!

MARCH 17: **St. Patty's Day Coffee Social** at 9:30, Clubhouse. No cost. Get your green on and enjoy coffee, tea, pastries, and conversation with friends.

MARCH 22: **Trivia and Italian Night.** An Italian dinner followed by a trivia night, teams to be randomly assigned. BYOB. Cost \$15 pp. More info on page 8.

MARCH 26: Board Meeting and vote on the Documents
10 AM

Our Property Manager- Derek Tatum

For any issues with your Wiggins property, please first contact our Property Manager, Derek. His daily hours are 9-4. There is a link to contact him on our website homepage. Click on the link that says **Service/Change Request/Message to the Property Manager**. Fill in the form and Derek will get back to you.

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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Our website: wlpnaples.com



Tom Wennoglez
Secretary

As spring is coming soon, the Board is promoting a Wiggins Spring Cleaning. We have already taken several steps to improve the appearance of our community. Our new landscaping is progressing well around the community and things are looking better every day. Although these plantings are “young” now, they will grow and fill in fast with our beautiful Florida weather. And we are not finished yet.



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President

We have also replaced the decrepit mailboxes, and sealcoated the roads. And now we have our Shed Project underway to repair the sheds. Mike Wolfe is working with Derek and two other Lakes owners, Dale Grossbier and Dan Penberthy. They have received input from owners, reviewed designs, and met with contractors to determine next steps, hoping to complete the repair by Sept 1. Repair of the sheds will be an important step in our Wiggins Spring Cleaning.



Gary Doyle
President

We also need the help of all our owners for our Wiggins Spring Cleaning. Let's talk about the garage doors. Both the front and side doors of garages are the responsibility of the owners. Many of you have replaced your garage doors - THANK YOU. But some of the garage doors have not been touched since Jan. In some cases, they have rust lines on them, in other cases the bottoms of the doors have rotting wood. Please check your garage doors and take care of the damage or the painting. If you have questions about how to take care of this, please check with our Property Manager, Derek. The Board will be working with Derek to address this issue.



Dave Lyle
Treasurer

Another part of our Wiggins Spring Cleaning will be to take care of the garden hoses. They should be coiled on hose reels or coiled neatly beside the faucet after use. It brings a nice, neater look to our buildings. And if you have brought a chair or two outside to enjoy our beautiful weather, please remember to bring them back in.



Geoff Moore
Director



Mike Wolfe
Director

Thank you for your help with this Wiggins Spring Cleaning. Let's make sure our community looks great!



**Don't miss the DOCUMENT TOWN HALL with our Attorney Joe Adams!
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 at 3:30 in the Clubhouse.**



What a FABULOUS time we all had at our Minute to Win It Party! Based on the popular and fun TV show, we had our own version at Wiggins. Thanks to Jodi and Rich Dilley for all their work planning the activities - they had us laughing all night!

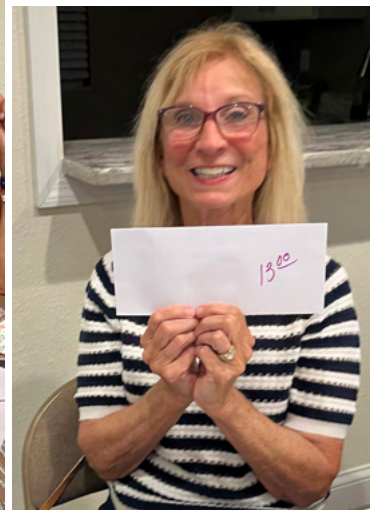
Following a delicious array of appetizers and desserts, teams were assigned randomly, and the games began. Games included:

- Getting a cookie into our mouth without using our hands
- Keeping balloons up in the air
- Piling up marshmallows using chopsticks
- Piling solo cups into a pyramid
- Pulling Kleenex out of a box as fast as possible
- Stacking dice onto a tongue depressor
- Picking up M&Ms with a straw
- Bouncing ping pong balls out of box around your waist

MINUTE TO WIN IT												
TEAM	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
RED	JOHN	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	1	0	1	9
	JANE	0	0	0	3	X	3	0	5	1	1	13
	BOB	0	0	0	0	X	0	4	1	4	3	12
	ALICE	0	3	3	0	X	0	4	3	0	1	14
	CHARLIE	0	0	5	5	X	5	0	0	4	5	24
BLUE	DAVE											
	EVE											
	FRANK											
	GRACE											
	HELEN											



The Clubhouse was jammed with 58 BINGO players for our February BINGO, so the jackpots were great! Seven games were played with jackpots of \$25, \$50, \$50, \$65, \$75, \$100, and the final Coverall worth \$150! What a great night for everyone.



**More
BINGO
pictures
on the
next
page!**

BINGO!

Come on out for our next BINGO on Mar 10. We'll celebrate our Florida tropical paradise with our special **FLAMINGO BINGO** theme. Come in your tropical attire, enjoy this fun evening, and hopefully win some big money! The more who play, the bigger the jackpots!



Our coverall **BINGO** winners! **COME TO FLAMINGO BINGO** **ON MONDAY, MARCH 10.**

Besides all the money won in our BINGO jackpots, we also had three 50/50 winners!

We are grateful to our BINGO team! Thanks to Bill and Sue Szachowicz for running the game, Mitzi Fazzola and Maria Rino for selling the cards, and George Fazzola and Donna McKenna for running the 50/50! It takes a team, and we have a great one for BINGO!



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. When you volunteer to be the point person for an activity, you do not need to do everything by yourself. We have a great Social Committee Team that will jump in to help. By the way, there has been a request for line dancing... anyone know how? Can you teach us?



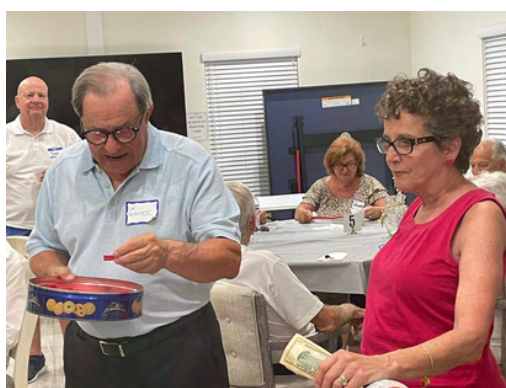
Rummikub

Do you enjoy Mahjong or Rummy? If so, you might fall in love with Rummikub! This engaging game was invented in Israel shortly after World War II. It started gaining popularity in the United States in the 1970s and became a best-seller by 1977. We spoke with Esther Riccomini, a local player, who shared that they meet every Friday at 1:00 PM until they finish playing. WLP has two Rummikub sets, each accommodating 3-6 players. Currently, they play open games and socialize. If you're interested in joining or learning to play, drop by the clubhouse at 1:00 PM on Fridays!



Come to the Clubhouse Fridays at 1:00

Who doesn't love PIZZA and ICE CREAM??? Thanks to the work of Mitzi Fazzola and Sue Jonas, with support from the Social Committee, the Clubhouse hosted over forty people for the Pizza and Ice Cream Social. It was a wonderful evening providing the opportunity for all of us to socialize and meet many of our new residents. Everyone brought an appetizer to share, and the food was absolutely DELICIOUS! One thing is certain - we sure do enjoy eating here in Wiggins!



Following our fabulous dinner, we drew numbers to be part of different teams at each table to play a game of "Majority Rules." That gave us a chance to mingle, get to know our neighbors, and have some fun discussing a set of questions. It was an evening filled with good food, good friends, and good fun!



Breakfast at Wiggins...



This turtle was moving quickly from house to house looking to join someone for breakfast!

This osprey decided to have breakfast while watching our morning pickleball games!



The Annual Ladies Luncheon was a great success thanks to the work of organizers Teresa Lamantia and Maria Rino. Twenty-eight Wiggins ladies headed to the Tarpon Cove Yacht and Racquet Club for a lovely luncheon and great conversation. Menu choices included a Harvest Salad with shrimp, chicken, or salmon; a grilled or blackened grouper sandwich; a French dip roast beef sandwich; or a half sandwich with soup or salad. Coffee and a key lime pie dessert were also included.



As we were enjoying our dessert, Teresa asked us to go around and share one word about what we were grateful for, and something we wanted to focus on for this year. The responses were thoughtful and caring, and demonstrated how much our families and

friends mean to us. Besides family and friends, which were most frequently mentioned, other responses to what we are grateful for included good health, laughter, Florida weather, and our Wiggins community. As for what we want to focus on this year, suggestions included demonstrating patience, helping others, checking on family and friends, exercising, staying positive especially amid all the bad news every day, and being more compassionate. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group at Wiggins. Thank you to Teresa and Maria for organizing this wonderful luncheon!

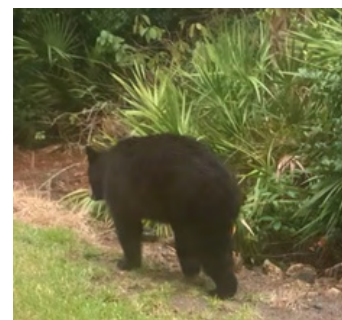


Bears at Wiggins? YES!

Recently there have been a few black bear sightings in the neighborhood, specifically the Florida Black Bears, the only black bear species in Florida. While their diet consists mainly of plants and insects, they will rummage through the garbage if it is unsecured. Amazingly they can smell food up to a mile away! If the bear doesn't find food, they will move away.

To keep the bears at bay, secure your garbage cans and avoid storing things like dog food or bird seed in your shed.

If you encounter a bear, remain calm (easier said than done), and slowly back away. Do not attempt to feed the bear (it's illegal) or approach the bear. Stay bear aware!!!





Our February meeting about was another lively discussion led by Lynn Radicello. We discussed **Dear Edward** by Ann Napolitano. This tells the story of Edward Adler who is the sole survivor of an airplane crash. Edward loses his parents and

his older brother, and now must face a difficult recovery, both physically and emotionally as he struggles to find his future without his family. How do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other when it seems you have lost everything? Our Literary Ladies of Wiggins had a wonderful discussion thanks to Lynn who had us discuss the key themes and questions about this moving story.

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



The remaining Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

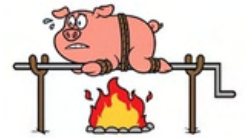
- Mar 20: **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters
 Apr 17: **One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** by Marianne Cronin
 May 15: **The Paris Daughter** by Kristin Harmel - ZOOM meeting



MORE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AT WIGGINS: SAVE THESE DATES!

MARCH 8 at 5:00 PM - WIGGINS ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Location - Wiggins Clubhouse. \$30 per person. RSVP to Teresa at 513-680-2682 or Maria at 705-254-8725 by Mar 3. BYOB and an appetizer or dessert to share.



MARCH 10 at 7:00 PM - BINGO! Doors open at 6:30 for card sales

Location - Clubhouse. One card for \$5, 3 of \$10. For our March BINGO we will celebrate our wonderful Florida lifestyle with our **FLAMINGO BINGO NITE!** Wear your best tropical attire. The more people who come, the bigger the jackpots! Come have fun and win big!



MARCH 17 at 9:30 AM - ST. PATTY'S DAY COFFEE SOCIAL - Get your green on!!!

We're shamrockin' our green on March 17 for a Wiggins St. Patrick's Day Coffee Social, no cost. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9:30 for coffee, tea, pastries, and conversation. May every petal on the shamrock bring you joy and good luck!



MARCH 22 TRIVIA NIGHT WITH ITALIAN DINNER-5:30 check-in, dinner at 6 PM

at the Clubhouse. Cost is \$15 per person. Choice of different pastas, chicken, salad, and dessert. BYOB. RSVP to Jodi at 612-296-5364 by March 12. Dine with friends at your own table. Then for trivia there will be a new format this year. Teams will be selected randomly by pulling a number out of a hat. This will hopefully make the evening a fun, rather than competitive, one. Come and enjoy some great food, fun trivia, and a nice evening with friends!



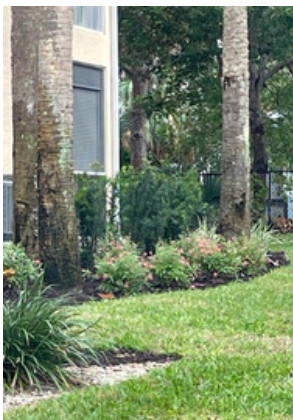
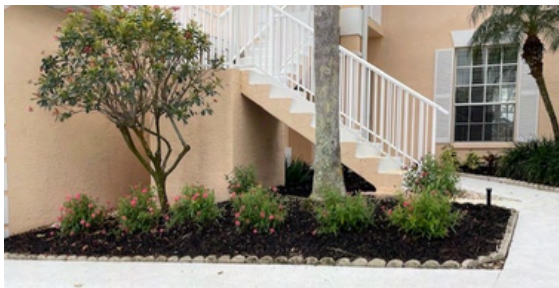
LANDSCAPING UPDATE from our Landscape Committee

The crews from Leo Jr have continued to work very hard to help our landscaping return by restoring plantings to the fronts and sides of buildings. Recently completed buildings include:

Building 671 front



Building 675



Building 679



Frequently Asked Questions to the Landscape Committee:

1. Will you EVER get to my building?

All buildings are mapped out and the needed plants are accounted for in the budget. Don't worry, the fronts and sides of all buildings will be attended to in this phase, with landscaping for fronts and sides all being completed in the coming weeks.

2. Can I add plants to augment what has been completed by Leo Jr. Landscaping?

Please do not plant or remove anything from the common area around your building. As a reminder, no individual owner is responsible for the maintenance or the planting of any landscaping - all outdoor areas are considered common areas. Remember, these plants will grow and fill-in!

3. What about the back of my building?

Our Board is charged with making decisions that balance the good of all with the needs and wants of the community. This means that the Board needs to consider what is fiscally possible with budgeting what and how to landscape. Our recent assessment currently covers only landscaping for the fronts and sides of buildings.

4. I think that there is an area that was missed or that needs attention, what do I do?

Please contact a Board member or a member of the Landscape committee (Lynn Radicello or Don Rodner) with your notice, and not the landscape crew directly. We also have noted some needs and are keeping a list of areas to attend to in the future.

Building 683:



Building 687:



Building 691:



Building 688:



Building 684:**Building 680:****Building 781 (Picture taken while landscape work in progress, before mulching around new plantings):****Building 765 (Picture taken while landscaping work in progress, before mulching around new plantings):**

At Building 757-(Picture taken while landscaping work in progress, before planting and mulching completed):



And flowers at entrance and at clubhouse to welcome us all!



Meet one of your new plants: The Panama Rose

This Panama Rose (*Rondeletia leucophylla*) and is an evergreen shrub with clusters of dark pink tubular flowers with yellow centers. Blooming commences in December and continues through May or later. Panama Rose is also known for having a beautiful aroma which tends to be more intense at night. It attracts butterflies and grows well in full sun to partial shade. It is moderately drought tolerant. It is fast growing and is usually maintained at about 3 feet tall. This is a low maintenance plant that only needs watering and trimming to keep to desired size. It is sometimes known as bush pentas.



Photo of new planting at our Wiggins Gardens



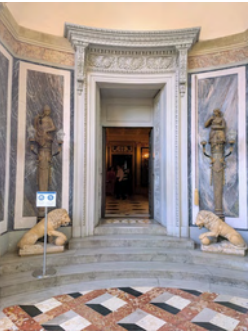
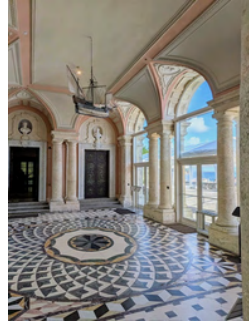
Photo of mature plant at Naples Botanical Gardens



A Visit to the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens by Pam Marra

Florida Side Trip - My husband and I decided to take a mini vaca and road tripped across the state to Florida's east coast.

One place on our visit list was Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, a European inspired Villa built in 1916 by James Deering, heir of International Harvester Corp.. Located in the Coconut Grove section of Miami, the Villa and its lush grounds are a treat to behold and include direct views of Key Biscayne Bay.



We started our tour inside the Villa. An audio description of each of the Villa's rooms is available via a free mobile app. You simply scan a QR code and it uploads to your phone. We learned that James Deering spent years collecting and warehousing his European antiques collection and then designed Vizcaya to incorporate his collection of 16th century metal gates, fireplace surrounds, sculpture, wall panels, tapestries and paintings.

Other stunning features of Vizcaya are the Italian Renaissance inspired outdoor gardens. Deering used renowned landscape designers to create one of America's most impressive outdoor gardens. Native coral stone was used throughout and, in fact, Caribbean masons (skilled in working with coral stone) were hired to construct the various garden walls, fountains and sculptures.

There's also a design focus on the water front location and bay views at Vizcaya. One feature is a boat dock designed in scale to replicate a ship! In fact when Deering first arrived at Vizcaya in December of 1916 to inaugurate his new home, he came in via a boat full of friends and docked out back.

Visiting Tips: Wear closed-toe walking footwear, as the outdoor garden paths can be dusty. Also, while mature trees offer plenty of shade, carrying a water bottle is a good idea. There's a cafe and gift shop on-site.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vizcaya_Museum_and_Garden



NOTE TO OUR WIGGINS READERS:

Our Communication Committee welcomes contributions from our community! If you would like to share your travel experiences with our community, please consider doing a brief article for us. We thank Pam Marra and Joane Van Bergen who wrote a travel piece last year for sharing their wonderful experiences in our newsletter!

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 PM 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 AM. 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 PM. Wiggins 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 PM. Wiggins 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: Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse. Mexican Train is a game played with dominoes; bring nickels and dimes to ante up and participate.



Sit and Sew: Thursdays from 10:00 AM–noon. Wiggins Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



Rummikub: Fridays from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse.



Euchre: Thursdays at 7:00 PM. (except for the third Thursday of the month when it shifts to Friday). Wiggins Clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play with a chance to win the pot at the end of the night.



Poker: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Wiggins Clubhouse.



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



Our 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!



Farmers' Markets

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

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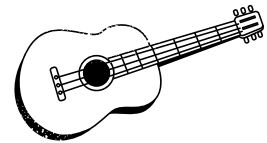
Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM

3370 Pine Ridge Road



Music at the Mercato



MUSIC UNDER THE BANYAN, Every Saturday Night, 6-8 PM. Sit back and relax! You can check out these performers on Facebook and YouTube!

- March 1, **West Wave Duo** (Soul, Funk & Dance)
- March 8, **Wendell Ray** (Pop and Soul)
- March 15, **Roman Fortune** (Soft Rock)
- March 22, **Wendell Ray**
- March 29, **The Kelly & Mason Duo** (Soft Rock/Easy Listening)

MERCATO NIGHTS MUSIC - 1st Thurs each month, on the lawn 6:30 - 8:30 PM - Bring your chairs and enjoy the music! (Outdoor drinks and coolers not permitted.)

March 5, **Phenomenal Animal** - A unique blend of soul, classic rock, funk, and blues!



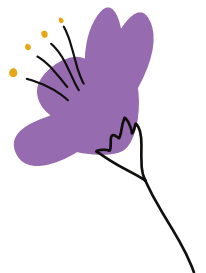
Annual Naples Flower Show & Garden Market

Naples Botanical Garden

March 14 & 15, 9 AM - 5 PM

(Daily tours, programs and member events:

www.naplesgarden.org)



49th Annual Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 15, starting at 11 AM

www.naplesparade.com



ART FESTIVALS

Bonita Springs National Art Festival (25th Anniversary) - Mar 1 & 2, Riverside Park
Naples Downtown Art Fair - March 22 & 23, 5th Ave South

THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS

Artis-Naples and Barbara B Mann *large performance venues that 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

- *The Lehman Trilogy*, thru March 2
- *Noises Off*, thru March 16
- *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grille*, March 16 - April 19
- *Sweet Charity*, April 6 - May 4

Florida Repertory Theatre www.floridarep.org

- *Death of a Salesman*, thru March 2
- *Man of La Mancha*, March 12 - April 13
- *Bloomsday*, thru March 2
- *Boca*, thru March 2
- *Shout!*, March 18 - April 13
- *Venus in Fur*, April 15 - May 18

Player's Circle Theater

www.playerscircletheater.com

- *The Fantasticks*, thru March 2
- *Flatlanders*, March 11 - April 6
- *The Business of MURDER*, April 15 - May 11

The Theatre Zone www.theatre.zone

- *Jersey Boys*, March 6 - 16

ARTSbonita www.artsbonita.org

- March 5, The Incurables (Classic Soul & Motown)
- March 6, Zach Bartholomew, *A Night in New York*
- March 7, Dervish (Celtic)
- March 8, John Jorgensen Quintet (Gypsy Jazz)
- March 9, A Night of Nelsons (Rock)
- March 13, Mark Sanders, *Celebrating Broadway*
- March 22, Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen (Bluegrass)
- March 23, Lauren Mitchell (Blues)
- March 25, Gulfshore Opera: *Rusalka*
- March 29, Chambers DesLauriers Band (Blues)



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 April 1