

What's Happening at Wiggins

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING IN APRIL!

APRIL 8: SPECIAL MEETING ON OUR DOCUMENTS

3:30 PM

You do not need to wait for the meeting to vote! For anyone at Wiggins, Derek has the proxy forms in the Clubhouse - go over and fill it out. For those away, mail or email your proxy to Resort Management. With any questions, contact Derek.

APRIL 12: End of Season Block Party, Clubhouse. \$5 per

5:00 PM

person. Let's get together to bid our Wiggins snowbirds farewell with a picnic dinner of bbq beef & pork sandwiches and all the fixings. More info on page 7.

APRIL 19: Easter Coffee Social. Clubhouse. **No cost.** Get

9:30 AM

your Easter bonnets on and enjoy coffee, tea, pastries, and conversation with friends.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WIGGINS GOES ON SUMMER HIATUS!

Our newsletter will be going on summer vacation while our snowbirds have flown north. However, we will keep our Wiggins community informed through the Wiggins Weekly. And in the case of any emergency, we will also reach out using our texting program. We will get our **What's Happening in Wiggins** newsletter back on line on October 1! Watch your email for the Wiggins Weekly!

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.

For an after-hours EMERGENCY, call Resort Management at:

239-649-5526

Our website: wlpnaples.com



Our flowers are blooming!

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Derek's contact information:
239-484-5695

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Tom Wennogle
President

You should have already received the voting information to update our governing documents. If you have not yet received the information from Resort Management, contact Derek immediately. The Special Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 8 at 3:30 in the Clubhouse, but you do not need to wait to vote! The need to revise and update our documents has been recognized by the last four Board Presidents. It is time to get this done!



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President

Recall that our attorney Joe Adams recommended that these documents be passed and passed by a wide margin because it was important to all our owners.

Last year a subcommittee was formed to study these revised documents. The committee was comprised of esteemed and respected owners, three from the Lakes and two from the Preserves. They worked long and hard and recommend we adopt these revised documents. Both the Documents Committee and the current Board strongly endorse these documents.



Gary Doyle
Secretary

We have gone to great lengths to be as open to everybody's input and willing to answer any questions. After the Town Hall, we continued to seek recommendations from anyone and everyone who still had issues with the documents but received no specific suggestions.



Dave Lyle
Treasurer

However, despite all our efforts to inform everyone with honesty, transparency, and the expertise of our attorney, there is still a lot of misinformation and rumors floating around. Let me again dispel this false information.



Geoff Moore
Director

These revised documents do not increase your HOA fees nor does it change how they are calculated. HOA fees are done in the annual budget process – no different than in the past. Rumors that these documents will make HOA fees the same for all three condominiums is false.



Mike Wolfe
Director

These revised documents do not allow for reserve funds to be used for any use other than the specific use and Condominium they are intended for. This is state law.

These revised documents do not change the composition of the Board. It remains three members from the Lake and three from the reserves as elected by all the Wiggins community.

Future voting requires that all three condominiums pass future amendments by a 2/3rds majority of voters present or by proxy. If any one of the three condominiums does not pass an amendment, the vote fails.

In summary, these revised documents benefit the entire community. We encourage everyone to protect your property values by accepting these revised documents. THANK YOU!





The wonderful crowds continue at our Bingo nights! For March we celebrated our Florida tropical paradise with **FLAMINGO BINGO**! Folks were decked out in their best tropical garb, and one of the prizes included some Flamingo wine. Because of the large number of people in attendance, both the jackpots and the 50-50s were excellent! A great time for all!



More **FLAMINGO BINGO** pictures next page!



A fun night for all!

Our wonderful Social Activities: Mexican Train

A long time Tuesday night Wiggins tradition is Mexican Train. Approximately twelve to twenty or more ladies (men are most certainly welcome!) converge on the Clubhouse at 7 PM; Maria Rino is the coordinator. Mexican Train is played with dominoes. The object of the game is for a player to play all the tiles from his/her hand onto one or more chains, or trains, emanating from a central hub or station.



Question: "What does it take to win a Wiggins Trivia Night contest?"

Answer: Five women! Kathy Hinkley, Christine Sands, Sue Szachowicz, Patti Trost, and Vicky Weiner.

The winners prevailed by having the most correct answers to 48 questions spanning four categories: Sports and Entertainment, Science and Technology, History and Geography and General.



46 people enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner from New York Pizza and Pasta (only \$15 - a great deal!) with several choices of pastas and sauces. After dinner we broke up into seven teams picked randomly which added a new interactive social facet to the evening.

The Social Committee, chaired by Jodi and Rich Dilley, selected the menu, set up the room, and then everyone pitched in to help clean up afterwards - a real tribute to the support in our community.

The Trivia Night festivities had two capable and affable hosts/emcees, Terry Weiner and Roger Jonas, who wrote all the questions and kept the evening moving along well. They have assured us that they will be ready to do this again next year. It was a wonderful evening - great food and fun!



More Trivia Night pics on the next page



WIGGINS BOOK CLUB

Our March meeting discussed **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters. This award winning debut novel tells the story of a four year old Mi'kmaq girl who is abducted when her family is in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer - it is a touching story of love, trauma, grief, and the power of family. Abigale Jones facilitated our powerful discussion among our Literary Ladies of Wiggins. We have two more Book Club meeting this season, and always welcome new Literary Ladies (or gentlemen!) We always enjoy spirited discussions and delicious treats! Please join us!



The remaining Book Club Schedule for the 2024-25 Season

Apr 17: **One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** by Marianne Cronin

May 15: **The Paris Daughter** by Kristin Harmel - ZOOM meeting

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

Our Wiggins community celebrated St. Paddy's Day with a wonderful gathering - coffee, tea, pastries, homemade scones, and great conversation with good friends.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR TWO APRIL SOCIALS!

APRIL 12: END OF SEASON BLOCK PARTY

Let's get together on **Saturday, April 12, at 5 PM** to bid our snowbirds farewell! Picnic dinner of BBQ beef and pork sandwiches and all the fixings. Cost is \$5.00 per person - what a deal! Bring your own beverage, an appetizer or dessert, and a chair. Cornhole and dice games to play. RSVP to Jodi at 612-296-5364 by April 9 if you plan to attend! Hope to see you all there!

APRIL 19: EASTER COFFEE SOCIAL

9:30 AM, Saturday, April 19, Clubhouse

NO COST! Get your Easter bonnets on and enjoy coffee, tea, pastries, and conversation with friends.



Snowbirds - As you prepare to depart for the season...



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please remember that after you depart, life still goes on at Wiggins. The arrival of June also brings the arrival of the hurricane season, so it is imperative that you secure your unit to protect all of your neighbors. As you pack up, consider both the INSIDE and OUTSIDE of your unit.

“TO-DO” BEFORE YOU GO:

- Check your contact information on the website in the Owners’ Directory. We may need to reach you in case of an emergency, and unfortunately we have found a great deal of inaccurate contact information. Only you have the correct information. Please check and if it is incorrect, let Derek know immediately.
- Have a Homewatch person! You need to have someone who can access your unit in case of emergency.
- Let Derek know if you have someone staying in your unit. It is important we know who is here in case of an emergency.

OUTSIDE YOUR UNIT:

- Be sure to put away your hoses, doormats, lanai furniture, and pots. These can become missiles during hurricanes!
- Bring in your flag.
- Take a walk around the exterior of your unit to make sure you didn’t miss anything.
- Empty out your sheds if you are in a Lakes building.

INSIDE YOUR UNIT:

- Turn off the water inside your unit so you do not flood your neighbors!
- Empty your freezer and fridge. We often lose power during the summer storms. You don’t want to return to rotten food or thousands of ants!
- Turn off your fans and electricals.
- Don’t forget to set your AC down.

UPDATE ON THE SHEDS:

Thanks to our Shed Committee, including Mike Wolfe (Board Liaison), Dale Grossbier, and Dan Penberthy, for their continued work on this challenging project. The Shed Committee is still seeking bids for the repair of the sheds, but have been frustrated trying to find contractors to bid on the project. They continue to work diligently to get a bid that is reasonable, thorough and professional. Derek has also been meeting with contractors, and hopefully with the efforts of the Committee and Derek, we will have a contract soon.

For those in the Lakes, please be sure to empty your sheds before you leave for the season. We want to begin the work as soon as possible and hopefully have it completed before the peak of the hurricane season. If you have questions about the sheds, contact Mike Wolfe at mwolfe.wigginsboard@gmail.com or 937-620-4057.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE from our Landscape Committee

The crews from Leo Jr. have continued to work very hard restoring our landscaping to the fronts and sides of our buildings after Hurricane Ian's destruction - and they are almost done with that. It is possible that some spots were missed, or some of the new plantings appear to be struggling. Once the replanting has been completed, the Leo Jr. team will walk with our Landscape Committee to identify areas that need more attention.

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!

Building 781 Before the once-dead vegetation was cleared.



This is a great example of our recent landscaping efforts! Building 781 got hit hard by Ian, they lost a couple of large trees and, like everybody, a significant amount of their landscaping. It's worth pointing out all of the work that went into making this look so good!

781 Currently



The storm drain buried underground was completely blocked. Rain water was washing away the bed. The Leo Jr. Landscaping crew had to dig to replace drains in doing so they had to grind out old tree roots as well. Now the rainwater goes directly into our drains properly.

The next step was to grade the banks back into a smooth contour, plant the new landscaping and spread the mulch. Then to complete the project new sod was planted. The final result - functional and finished! It looks great!

Fronts and sides of recently completed buildings



**Building
437**



**Building
443**





**Building
449**



**Building
768**



**Building
440**



**Building
760**





**Building
752**



**Building
736**



Meet one of your new plants:

Flax lily (Dianella) is a grass-like plant. The ones in our community are a variegated variety with green and white leaves. They have small blossoms winter through spring and are fast growing reaching a height of 1-2 feet tall and spread 1-2 feet. They are a drought resistant plant and do well in full sun or partial shade. (Source: University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service)



What is next?

Leo Jr. Landscaping crews will finish the project of fronts and sides of buildings within the next month. We are aware that there are emerging areas to attend to and will continue to address concerns related to the current plan and proposal and within budgetary means. You may have noticed that additional irrigation is occurring as we give our new plants some additional love and care by more frequent watering, especially during windy days (wind dries out the soil). At times, it may appear that irrigation system components are not aligned correctly if it is windy outside. As a reminder, all outside spaces are common areas and individual landscaping revisions are not part of the master plan.

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 during season 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

<https://farmermikesupick.com>

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM

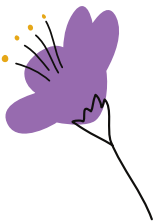
3370 Pine Ridge Road

MUSIC UNDER THE BANYAN , Every Saturday Night, 6-8 PM, at The Mercato through May 31

THE NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDENS (www.naplesgarden.org)

Daily tours and programs (see website for full schedule and info on programs offered throughout April)

<https://www.naplesgarden.org/events/month/2025-04/>



Celebration Park

At Celebration Park Naples, experience the ultimate waterfront dining destination.

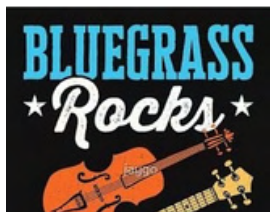
With an array of gourmet food trucks, refreshing handcrafted cocktails, and live music every day, there's always something to enjoy. Whether you're here for a casual meal or a lively night out, Celebration Park offers a vibrant atmosphere and unforgettable views.

Live music daily!

<https://celebrationparknaples.com/>



April Events



Southland Bluegrass Music Festival

April 6, 2025

Seiminole Casino Hotel Immokalee

<https://www.visitnaplesfl.com/event/southland-bluegrass-music-festival>



Conservancy of South West Florida Earth Day

April 12, 2025

<https://conservancy.org/events/earth-day/>

Hertz Arena

Multiple events!

<https://hertzarena.com/>



Drink Beer, Help Panthers!

April 19, 2025



You can help help raise awareness and funds for panther conservation while enjoying limited time panther-themed craft beer offerings at “Brew for the Zoo” hosted by Kaleidoscope Beer Company in Naples on Saturday, April 19th from noon to 10 PM.

Free Naples Zoo tickets will be given away every hour during the event. 100% of proceeds benefit efforts for panthers in the wild.

For More information:

<https://www.napleszoo.org/brew>

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.bbmannaah.com>

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>

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

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Our next edition will be published on October 1