

What's Happening at Wiggins

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



WINTER AT WIGGINS!

After some record breaking cold weather in late January, our tropical paradise has finally returned. The weather is gorgeous, the pools are busy, pickleball and tennis are underway, and our social events are lively. Winter life at Wiggins is WONDERFUL!!!

Our Communications Committee, Art Dietze, Roger Jonas, Maria Strazzante, and Sue Szachowicz (Board Liaison), want to keep our community engaged. We are always looking for additional members of our committee, so please consider joining us - you do NOT need to be a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. We could use help on this. Also, we welcome your suggestions about what to include in our newsletter, so please reach out to us with your thoughts and ideas at:

communicationswiggins@gmail.com

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Upcoming Social Event in FEBRUARY ITALIAN DINNER AND TRIVIA NIGHT

**FEB 21:
5:30 PM**

Back by popular demand - our Italian Night catered by NY Pizza and Pasta. \$15 pp. After dinner we will break into teams, randomly, and play some Olympic and Italian themed trivia.

We are looking for ideas for our March social events. If you would be willing to take the lead on a social activity in March, please contact Jodi Dilley at jodi.dilley@gmail.com or at 612-296-5364. THANKS!

Our website: wlpnaples.com

A Message from the Board of Directors



Tom Wennogle
President

THANK YOU GARY DOYLE! It is with deep gratitude—and more than a little appreciation—that we thank Gary Doyle for his extraordinary service to the Wiggins community.



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President

Gary stepped up to serve on the Board in the wake of Hurricane Ian, when our community was facing one of the most challenging periods in its history. His steady leadership, positive outlook, and commitment to moving us forward helped guide Wiggins through a very difficult time.

As Board president, Gary recognized that our growing needs required a full-time property manager and worked diligently to make that happen. He supported the important work of all our committees—Landscaping, Communications, Rules, and Social—understanding that a strong community depends on engaged volunteers working together. After his tenure as President he continued to serve our community as the Secretary of the Board. Throughout his service, Gary has been supportive, respectful, and a true believer in teamwork. His motto says it all: “Let’s have some fun and get stuff done!” And that’s exactly what he helped us do.

Board service requires countless hours of meetings, emails, decisions, and follow-through. We are also grateful to his wife Kathy for her unwavering support during his time on the Board. Behind every dedicated volunteer is often a very patient and supportive partner!

Gary is now stepping off the Board, and while we will certainly miss his leadership, we are profoundly thankful for all he has done to make Wiggins a better place for us for all. **THANK YOU GARY!**



Geoff Moore
Secretary



Dave Lyle
Treasurer

WELCOME MAGGIE HERRMANN!!!

We are equally pleased to welcome Maggie Herrmann to the Wiggins Board of Directors. Maggie and her husband Jeff have owned in Wiggins for ten years. As snowbirds from Wisconsin, they spend as much time here as possible. As Maggie puts it, “The sun, beach, and warmth are my happy place!” We can certainly relate!

Maggie recently retired after more than twenty-seven years in law enforcement—a career that speaks to her dedication, integrity, and commitment to service. We are grateful that she is now stepping up to serve our community.



Terry Weiner
Director



Photo to come

Maggie Herrmann
Director

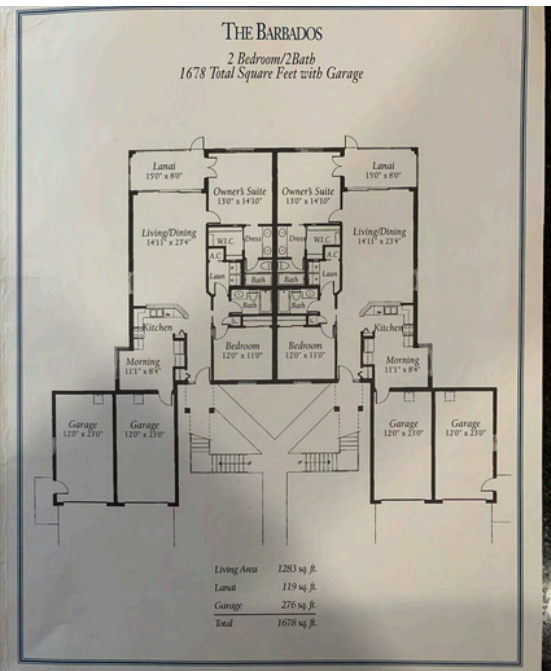
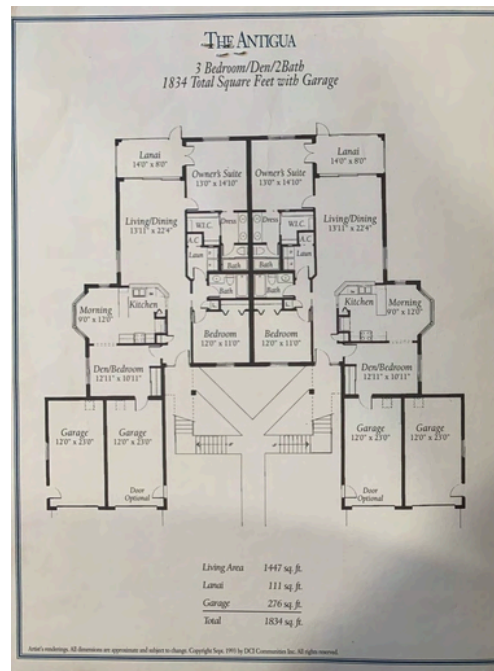
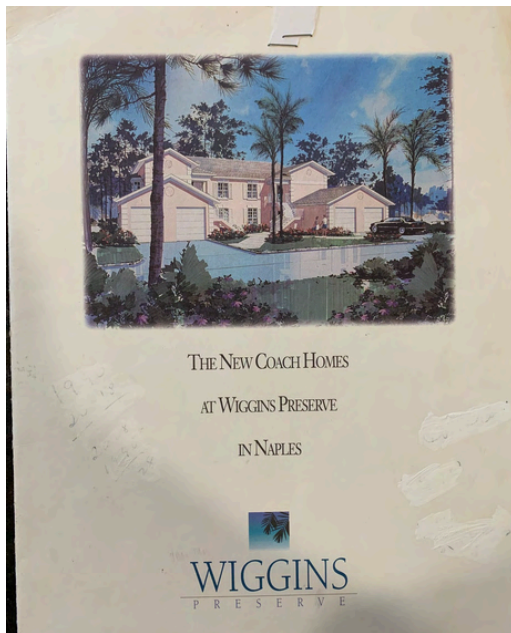
In her words, “I am ready to get involved in our community to keep it the incredible place it already is.” That spirit of appreciation and engagement is exactly what makes Wiggins strong.

Please join us in welcoming Maggie. We know she will be a wonderful addition to our Board, and we look forward to working together as we continue building a vibrant, positive, and thriving community. Here’s to teamwork, gratitude, and a bright future at Wiggins!



Memories of Wiggins - Back in the Day

Communications Committee member Art Dietze has some of the original material from when his family first bought at Wiggins. Here are some images of the Preserves in their beginnings:



In Case You Were Wondering... Which Lake is which?

There are five lakes in Wiggins. Here is how to identify the location of each lake:

Lake 1: Closest to Wiggins Pass Road, and behind 781 Wiggins Lake Drive



Lake 2: Behind 790 Wiggins Lake Drive and the buildings on the west side of Wiggins Lake Court



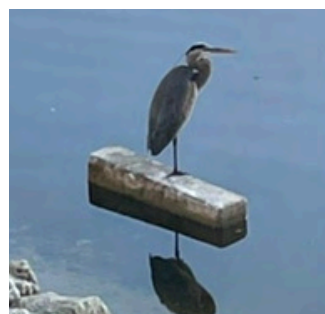
Lake 3: Behind 760 Wiggins Lake Drive and the buildings on the east side of Wiggins Lake Court



Lake 4: On the south side of Wiggins Lake Drive near the bridge, and between 691 and 729 Wiggins Lake Drive



Lake 5: Behind 661 Wiggins Lake Drive and near the corner of Gulf Harbor Drive and Pan Am



Bird lovers: Keep your eyes open. We've had a Great Blue Heron hanging out at Lake 3. There may be a nest in the area!

The **THREE** condo associations in our community

Owners new to our Wiggins Community might hear people talking about whether they live in “The Lakes” or “The Preserves.” To help you understand the make up of Wiggins, we are including which buildings are in which association. The condos (long buildings) are called The Lakes. Then, in the next stage of development, the coach homes were built in two phases, P1 and P2. This resulted in three different associations within our one community. These three associations merged into our one Wiggins Lakes & Preserve.

Lakes: All Lakes buildings (the long buildings) have twelve units under one roof:

757 Wiggins Lake Drive
 760 Wiggins Lake Drive
 765 Wiggins Lake Drive
 773 Wiggins Lake Drive
 774 Wiggins Lake Drive
 781 Wiggins Lake Drive
 790 Wiggins Lake Drive
TOTAL: 84 units



Preserve 1: (P1) All Preserve buildings (the coach homes) have four units under one roof:

651 Wiggins Lake Drive
 654 Wiggins Lake Drive
 657 Wiggins Lake Drive
 660 Wiggins Lake Drive
 743 Wiggins Lake Drive
 744 Wiggins Lake Drive
 747 Wiggins Lake Drive
 752 Wiggins Lake Drive
TOTAL: 32 units



So the total number of units in our WLP community is 212.

Preserve 2: (P2) All Preserve buildings (the coach homes) have four units under one roof:

431 Wiggins Lake Court
 434 Wiggins Lake Court
 437 Wiggins Lake Court
 440 Wiggins Lake Court
 443 Wiggins Lake Court
 449 Wiggins Lake Court
 661 Wiggins Lake Drive
 665 Wiggins Lake Drive
 668 Wiggins Lake Drive
 671 Wiggins Lake Drive
 675 Wiggins Lake Drive
 679 Wiggins Lake Drive
 680 Wiggins Lake Drive
 683 Wiggins Lake Drive
 684 Wiggins Lake Drive
 687 Wiggins Lake Drive
 688 Wiggins Lake Drive
 691 Wiggins Lake Drive
 729 Wiggins Lake Drive
 733 Wiggins Lake Drive
 736 Wiggins Lake Drive
 737 Wiggins Lake Drive
 741 Wiggins Lake Drive
 768 Wiggins Lake Drive
TOTAL: 96 units

Our MEXICAN DINNER AND GAME NIGHT!

Nobody left our Clubhouse hungry after our Mexican Taco Dinner catered by Iguana Mia. And a thank you to all who brought some appetizers and desserts to complement our Make Your Own Taco menu. It was DELICIOUS! Then after dinner, we broke into randomly assigned teams. Then Jodi and Rich Dilley led the group in a series of fun games that got everyone engaged and laughing. Great food, great friends, and great fun - it doesn't get better than that!





Our Valentine's Coffee Social

Our morning coffee socials have proven to be one of the most popular gatherings at Wiggins! Thirty five neighbors came together to enjoy each other's company AND the delicious pastries that our Social Committee provided.

It's relaxed, casual, and FREE!!! A wonderful way to meet your neighbors, share stories, and enjoy the food! If you haven't attended one yet, definitely try to make our next one in March!



FEBRUARY IS FLAMINGO BINGO!



for running the 50-50 drawing. We hope you come to our March Bingo and join the fun!



FLAMINGO BINGO! (Cont)



The winners!



Every Tuesday night at 7 PM in the Clubhouse, a group plays Mexican Train, a popular, friendly domino game. You do NOT need to be an expert player, or even know how to play at all. Just come to the Clubhouse and join in. Bring some coins to join in - \$1.50 is all it takes.



OUR WIGGINS BOOK CLUB: The Literary Ladies and Gentlemen of Wiggins



Do you love to read? Discuss books? Enjoy great company with wonderful friends? And enjoy tasty goodies?? If the answer is yes to those questions, please join us for our Wiggins Book Club. We meet on the third Thursday of every month at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. It is open to everyone! If you would like to get on the email list, send an email to: sueszach@aol.com.

Our 2025-26 schedule:

- Oct 16: **Brooklyn** by Colm Toibin
- Nov 20: **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon
- Dec 18: BY ZOOM **Late Bloomers** by Deepa Varadarajan
- Jan 15: **The Daughters of Shandong** by Eve J. Chung
- Feb 19: **James** by Percival Everett
- March 19: **The Briar Club** by Kate Quinn
- April 16: **The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post** by Allison Pataki
- May 21: ZOOM MEETING: **Long Island** by Colm Toibin



Benjamin Franklin wanted the official symbol and official bird of the United States to be the wild turkey. Fortunately, the Bald Eagle won out.

The official symbols of Canada are the beaver and the Maple Leaf. The official bird is the Gray Jay.

Bald Eagles are not bald: the name derives from an older meaning of the word, “white headed”.



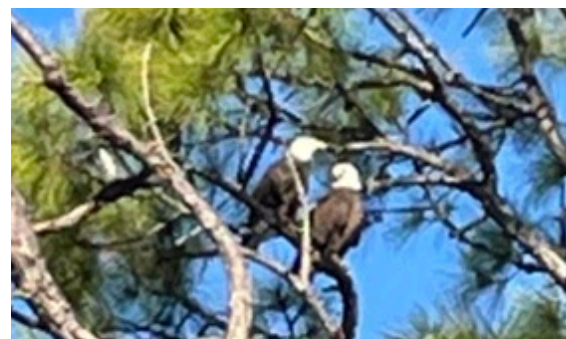
Bald eagle range
Breeding resident
Breeding summer visitor
Winter visitor
On Migration Only

Bald eagles are exclusive to North America and very common in Florida as Florida ranks third in density behind Alaska and Minnesota. Bald eagles are found near bodies of water where they can search for fish. Major flyways (migration routes) include the Mississippi River, the panhandle of Alaska and the Strait of Georgia between Vancouver Island and the mainland of British Columbia.

We have our own bald eagles in Wiggins as a pair likes to perch above the pickleball courts and we see others fly over us and swoop over the pool.

Fun facts about eagles:

- The Bald Eagle has been our national emblem since 1782.
- Eaglets grow faster than any other bird in America. Eagles weigh 4 ounces when they hatch and grow up to 12 pounds in three months!
- An eagle's wingspan is 7 to 8 feet.
- The distinctive white head and tail feathers appear when the eagles mature at 4 or 5 years old.
- The adults will often return to the same nest year after year, making additions to the nest each year.
- Some nests can reach up to 10 feet across, 13 feet deep, and weigh up to 2000 pounds!
- Females are about 25% larger than males and the plumage is identical.



Eagle couple by the pickleball court



Flying over Lake 3



Looking for lunch by Lake 3

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 intermediate level 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.



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.



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 in Jan, Feb, and March 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.

Ping-Pong:



We have a ping-pong table in the Clubhouse that is available for owners and their guests. It is open play on a first come-first served basis. Come on over and give it a try - even if you are a newcomer!





WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVE

February 2026



February brings cool mornings, warm hearts, and the occasional falling iguana — a uniquely Florida reminder to slow down and enjoy the season at Wiggins Lake & Preserve.

Top 5 This Month

1. Cars on 5th
2. Naples National Art Fair
3. Cocktail Scavenger Hunt at Naples Botanical Garden
4. Friday After 5 at Naples Botanical Garden
5. Cambier Park Bandshell Jazz Concert



CHECK OUT FARMERS MARKETS IN THE AREA! SHOP LOCAL!!!

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH FARMERS MARKET

TUESDAYS: 8:30-1:30

625 111th Ave. N, Naples (near Vanderbilt Dr.)

MARCO ISLAND FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS: 7:00-2:00

Veterans Community Park, 901 Park Ave, Marco Island

COCONUT POINT FARMERS MARKET

THURSDAYS: 9:00-1:00

Coconut Point, 23106 Fashion Drive, Estero

WIGGINS BAY FARMERS MARKET

FRIDAYS: 9:30-1:00

In the Wiggins Bay Community near the tennis courts

BONITA SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS: 9:00-12:00

The Promenade at Bonita Bay
26795 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs

VANDERBILT FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS: 8:00-1:00

The Shoppes at Vanderbilt
2315 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples

THIRD STREET SOUTH FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS: 7:30-11:30

Third St. South from Broad Ave South to
13th Ave. South

PINE RIDGE ROAD FARMERS MARKET

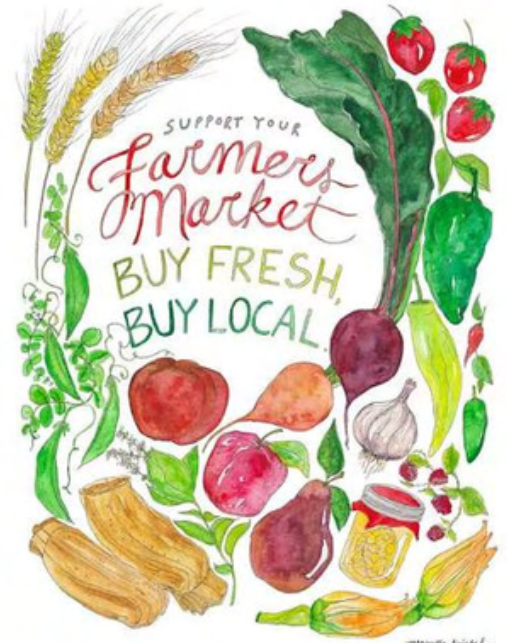
SUNDAYS: 9:00-1:00

In shopping center lot SE corner of Pine
Ridge and Livingston, Naples

GOLDEN GATE FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAYS: 9:00-2:00

Northwest corner of Collier Boulevard,
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples



A Note from Your Neighbors

What we love the most ❤️

February brings cooler mornings, sunny afternoons, and a little extra appreciation for the place we call home. Whether you're celebrating Valentine's Day, enjoying winter walks, or simply soaking up the season, we hope this month's newsletter brings a smile and a few new ideas to enjoy Wiggins Lake & Preserve.



Cars on 5th

5th Avenue South, Naples

A favorite Naples tradition featuring classic, luxury, and exotic cars lining Fifth Avenue. Enjoy a morning stroll, admire the cars, and take in the lively downtown atmosphere.



Naples National Art Fair

Cambier Park, 755 8th Avenue South, Naples

One of the country's premier outdoor art fairs, featuring juried artists from around the nation. A great event for browsing, inspiration, and enjoying downtown Naples.



Cocktail Scavenger Hunt

Naples Botanical Garden

4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

A fun, adults-only evening exploring the Garden after hours. Follow clues, learn about plant ingredients, and enjoy a themed cocktail along the way. Participants must be 21+.



Friday After 5

Naples Botanical Garden

4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples

An easy and enjoyable way to spend a Friday evening with live music, food, and after-hours access to the Garden. A relaxed social outing for friends and family.



Cambier Park Bandshell Jazz Concert

755 8th Avenue South, Naples

Enjoy live jazz music outdoors at the Cambier Park Bandshell. Bring a lawn chair, relax under the evening sky, and make a night of it with dinner downtown afterward.

😂 A Quick Laugh Before You Scroll On...

- I used to envy people who could do a cartwheel... but now I'm jealous of anyone who can get up off the floor without making grunting noises and holding onto furniture.
- I just found out the neighborhood had a meeting about the crazy person on the block. It's weird that they didn't invite me.
- I asked myself if I'm okay and we both started laughing.
- I got myself a seniors GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination... it tells me why I wanted to go there.
- Finally old enough to do anything I want. Too tired to actually do it.
- At my age the closest I get to pole dancing is gripping the shower bar for dear life.

🧠 Did You Know?

A few surprising facts to spark curiosity and conversation.

🍌 Everyday Things

- Bananas glow blue under black light — and they're berries.
- Potato chips were invented out of spite by a frustrated chef.
- Milk is naturally slightly blue; it looks white because of how light scatters.
- Worcestershire sauce contains fermented anchovies.

👤 The Human Body

- You're slightly taller in the morning than at night.
- Your skin replaces itself about every month.
- Most household dust is made of dead skin.
- About 90% of people text things they'd never say in person.

🐾 Nature Is Amazing

- Dolphins give each other names.
- Sea otters hold hands while sleeping so they don't drift apart.
- A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance.
- Sharks existed before trees.

🌴 Florida February Fun Facts

A few surprising facts to spark curiosity and conversation.

🦎 Falling Iguanas

Cool winter mornings can cause iguanas to become temporarily stiff and fall from trees. They aren't injured — once it warms up, they're back on the move.

🐬 Manatees Seek Warm Water

During cooler months, manatees gather near warm-water sources like springs and power plant outflows to stay comfortable.

☀️ Perfect "Open-Window" Weather

February is one of the best months in Florida for fresh air — cool mornings, low humidity, and sunny afternoons.

🐦 Winter Visitors

Many bird species spend the winter in Florida, making February one of the best months for birdwatching before spring migration begins.

🐢 Sea Turtles Are Nesting Soon

While peak nesting starts later in spring, February is when preparations begin — dunes and beaches are protected to support upcoming nesting season.

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.

Our Communications Committee:

Art Dietze

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

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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/>

Waste Management

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/location/fl/naples>



Our Property Manager
Derek Tatum

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239-484-5695

When you have any questions or issues with your property, first reach out to Derek using the **Message to the Property Manager** link on our website. Here's how to message Derek:

1. Go to our website, wlpnaples.com, and on the Homepage you will see Message to the Property Manager.
2. Click on that link and it will take you to a form that is emailed directly to Derek. He checks that daily and will get back to you within 24 hours. Using that Message to the Property Manager link provides a written record of your request and a response.

Be sure to check out the Wiggins Weekly, our Board publication, every weekend.

Our next edition will be published in March