

What's Happening at Wiggins

"Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be."

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Our final newsletter of this season!

We hope you have enjoyed our newsletter throughout this past season. We have shared with our Wiggins community important information about our community, and reported on our busy social scene through articles and photos.

Now that most of our snowbirds have headed north, we will put our newsletter on hold until you return on the fall.

We encourage everyone to read our **Wiggins Weekly**. The **Wiggins Weekly** is put out by the Board, and is sent out every Saturday. The **Weekly** provides the community with important information about the week's issues and events. It is only one page each week and is intended to keep everyone informed.

Our Communications Committee includes Art Dietze, Roger Jonas, Maria Strazzante, and Sue Szachowicz (Board Liaison). We have enjoyed putting the newsletter together for you. We are always looking for additional members of our committee, so please consider joining us - we could use additional support for putting the newsletter together next season. We would also welcome help with taking photos, or reporting on events in the area. We welcome any of your suggestions so please reach out to us with your thoughts and ideas at:

communicationswiggins@gmail.com

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SAVE THE DATE: NEXT

BOARD MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 1:00 PM

In the Clubhouse and by zoom

Our website: wlpnaples.com



Tom Wennogle
President

We are delighted to welcome our new Community Association Manager (CAM), Dana Schipper, who has already joined us and truly hit the ground running. In just a short time, Dana has followed up on several important projects and is quickly getting to know our community. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to working together in the months ahead.



Sue Szachowicz
Vice President

As another busy and enjoyable season comes to a close, the Board would like to pause to express our sincere appreciation to the many residents who generously volunteer their time and talents to make our community such a special place to live.

First, a heartfelt thank you to our Communications Committee, the team behind this fabulous newsletter. We are grateful to Art Dietze, Roger Jonas, Maria Strazzante, and our Vice President Sue Szachowicz serving as Board Liaison, for the care and creativity you bring to keeping our community informed and connected.



Geoff Moore
Secretary

Our community also enjoyed a wonderfully active social season, thanks to the dedication of the Social Committee, led by Jodi Dilley and her terrific team of volunteers including Donna McKenna, Mitzi Fazzola, and Maria Rino. And at every event so many of you pitched in to help clean up. You all brought neighbors together to share great food, good fun, and—most importantly—lasting friendships. Your energy and enthusiasm help make Wiggins feel like home.



Dave Lyle
Treasurer

Of course, maintaining the beauty of our grounds is an ongoing effort, and we extend our thanks to our hardworking Landscape Committee—Don Rodner, Lynn Radicello, and our Treasurer Dave Lyle as Board Liaison—for working closely with Leo Jr. to keep our community looking its very best. Your attention to detail is noticed and appreciated by everyone who calls Wiggins home.



Terry Weiner
Director

Wiggins is a stronger and better community because of those who step forward to help, and your Board is deeply grateful for your continued commitment and pride in our neighborhood.



Maggie Herrmann
Director

And speaking of commitment, this month we also pause to honor the life and legacy of one of our original Board members, Bill Wintucky, who passed away earlier this month at the age of 96. As one of the original owners at Wiggins, Bill played an important role in helping organize and guide our community during its early years. Even long after his formal service on the Board, he remained engaged, interested, and supportive of Wiggins.

We also extend our appreciation and condolences to Mary, Bill's wife, whose support made his years of service possible.

Bill, your dedication helped shape the community we enjoy today. You made a difference at Wiggins, and you will be remembered with gratitude.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER, DANA SCHIPPER!!!



Our Wiggins community extends a warm welcome to our new CAM, Dana Schipper, who brings valuable experience as a portfolio manager and an on-site manager to us.

Dana brings strong skills in customer service, managing vendor performance, conducting on-site inspections, working with multiple Boards, and organizing and leading meetings. Most importantly, Dana has significant experience in hurricane and emergency preparedness.

Originally from Minnesota, Dana grew up on a farm and carries with her the strong midwestern values of hard work, responsiveness, and dedication to service. She has already demonstrated those qualities as we have faced two weekend emergency situations which Dana handled quickly and efficiently.

Last week our community hosted a Meet and Greet for Dana and the turn out was wonderful. If you did not have a chance to attend, be sure to stop by the Clubhouse to meet her. She is getting to know all of us in the community.

Dana has been very busy trying to clear the **Message to the Manager** issues that were sent during the transition. And while doing that, she is also coordinating several community improvement projects that need to be taken care of.

If you have any issues with your property, please use the Message to the Manager link on the homepage of our website. Just click on the link that says **Message to the Property Manager**. That takes you to a simple form to complete. You can attach photos or files if necessary. When you have completed the form, hit SUBMIT. Dana will respond within 24 hours, however, please remember that she is learning all the operations at Wiggins so she may need a bit of time to find out the answer or plan the best course of action.



Also, it is important to use the Emergency number when something comes up after hours. Resort Management has a 24/7 emergency number: **239-649-5526**. If you see something that is truly an emergency that cannot wait until Dana is back on property, please use that emergency number.

Besides the Message to the Manager link, Dana's contact information is:
dschipper@resortgroupinc.com Her phone is 239-484-5695 X 5695.



Our COMMUNITY SAFETY SUMMIT

One of the priorities of our Board and our entire community has been safety and security. Toward that goal, we hosted a **Community Safety Summit** on March 25, and it was extremely well attended and well received. Nearly fifty residents filled the Clubhouse to hear from our Community Police partners from the Collier County Sheriff's Office. We are grateful to Cpl. Robert Reed, and Deputies Mitchell Kelley and Robbie Lewis for sharing their expertise and advice with us. They also answered many questions from our participants about keeping ourselves and our community safe. Following their presentation, two of our own medical professionals, Donna McKenna and Jane Sweeney, gave us a demonstration on the two AEDs in our community.



Here are some of the most important points from the Summit:

Although we are in a very safe area, we can do more to prevent “opportunity crime.” As Cpl. Reed stated, “We can’t stop someone’s desire to commit a crime, we can’t stop their ability to commit a crime, but we CAN control their opportunity.” So how do we do that?

- Lock your car - one of the greatest crime trends in our area is theft from vehicles.
- Lock your house - thieves are looking for open doors, they want the easiest entry.
- Be aware of your surroundings at ATMs; there has been a rise in thieves surveilling bank machines and following people after getting money out of the ATMs.
- Be cautious with contractors and repairmen - fraud is an issue.
- If someone claiming to be from FPL, or Xfinity, or a repair company shows up saying they need to check something in your unit, call the company to check - it could be a scam.
- Be aware of what you post on social media. If you post photos while you are on vacation, the criminals know you are away.



Jane and Donna did a great job!

He also talked about something we are guilty of here in Wiggins- “Dinner Set Crime.” That’s when a community advertises a social event (like our Italian Night, or Block Party) and the thieves know that most people will not be in their homes. As we all smiled and groaned he laughed and said “Well at least be sure to lock your doors when you go!”

He also discussed the dangers of fentanyl and recommended that everyone have Narcan in your home or car. Just touching fentanyl can cause an overdose. Narcan only works on opioids, so it won’t hurt you if that is not the problem. It is available



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without a prescription.

The CCSO portion of the Summit concluded with a Q&A session. Our residents had many questions for the deputies. Rules about Ebikes were discussed, and one good piece of advice came from a question about seeing a police car behind you signaling you to pull over. Cpl. Reed advised that if that happens, particularly if it is an unmarked car, you should call 911. The 911 dispatcher can confirm whether or not this is legitimate.

We are grateful to our community police partners and our own medical professionals for putting together such a wonderful, informative program. And of course we are grateful to so many of you who attended this valuable program.



Thinking of renting/leasing your unit?



Wiggins has clear guidelines for renting/leasing your unit. So that the process goes smoothly for you, here are some guidelines:

Minimum Lease Term

- Units may be leased for no fewer than 30 consecutive days or one full calendar month (whichever is shorter).
- Each unit may have a maximum of three (3) leases per calendar year.
- Subleasing is not permitted under any circumstances.

Lease Approval Requirements

- **30 day advanced notice:** Owners or leasing agents must notify the Property Management Company at least 30 days prior to the lease start date.
- **Board Approval:** All leases require Board of Directors approval before occupancy.

AN APPLICATION FEE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH LEASE SUBMISSION!

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Vehicle Registration:** All owners, renters, and lessees must register their vehicle(s) with the Property Manager.

PET POLICY:

- **No pets or animals are permitted for renters, tenants, or guests.**

LEASE APPLICATION:

- To apply for a lease, please complete the official application form or provide the link to your prospective tenant:
- **Wiggins Lakes Lease Application**

<https://wlpnaples.com/forms/Wiggins%20Lakes%20Lease%20Application.pdf>

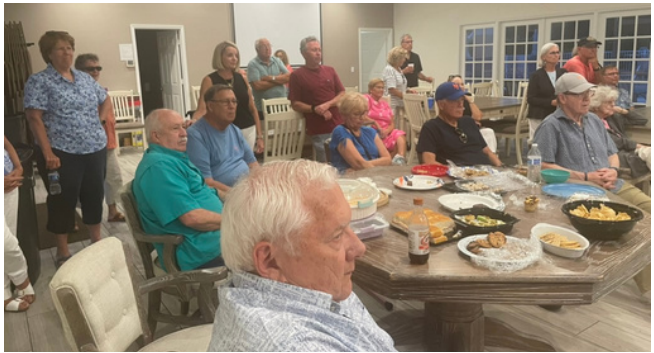


End of Season Block Party

Our End-of-Season Block Party was a perfect send-off to another wonderful season in Wiggins! With no admission fee—just “bring an appetizer or dessert, your favorite drink, and a chair”—about 50 neighbors gathered for an evening full of laughter, good conversation, and a little friendly competition. The corn hole boards stayed busy, the tables were overflowing with delicious bites (we definitely did not go hungry!), and the mingling lasted well into the evening.

One of the most memorable moments came when we all moved into the Clubhouse to watch the touchdown of Artemis II. The room grew silent as we waited nervously for splashdown—then erupted in cheers when the astronauts safely returned home.

We wrapped up the night with one final, spirited game of Left Right Center, proving once again that a little luck and a lot of laughter go a long way. All in all, it was a fantastic way to celebrate friendships, share great food, and send our snowbirds north with warm memories (and maybe a few extra calories!). Here’s to another great season together!



On Tuesday, April 7, our loyal pickleball players converged on our pickleball court for a Mixed Doubles Tournament that rivaled the US Open. Well, maybe not quite the US Open, but it was great fun for all. Partners Mike Sadler and Sue Szachowicz were the tournament champions, but everyone had a great time - great fun, lots of laughs!

The Teams:



From Our Landscaping Committee: Update

During the last month, efforts continued to replace plants under warranty and other plants placed where there are “holes” in the design. The Bougainvillea along the bridge was removed as it was slowly and steadily dying. Soil samples were taken to analyze the soil conditions prior to deciding what to replant. Management of the adjacent preserve falls under the responsibility of this community and there is a contract with a company to address any trimming on a quarterly basis.



Unfortunately, a palm tree has been diagnosed with Ganoderma outside of building 691. Ganoderma is not treatable and does spread, so this tree will be removed.

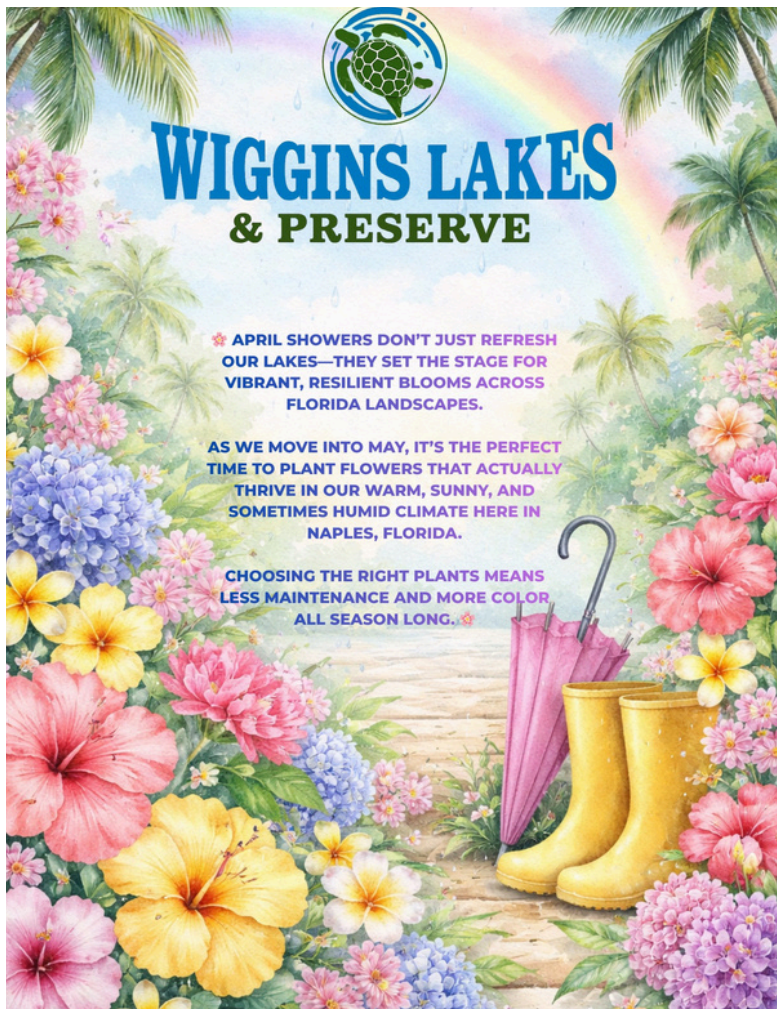
As a reminder, please do not touch the control panels for the irrigation system. They are set on timers for optimal watering conditions. For example, if the system goes on during peak sunlight hours, the plants can become “burned.” If the sprinkler system doesn’t go on, plants get thirsty and this impacts the health of the plant.

Leo Jr has provided sample designs and estimated costs to address the backs of buildings. Some buildings need very little, while others are bare. The sample designs incorporate current plant material with low maintenance plants that echo design material elsewhere in the community. The design addresses adding color (can be green) and textures to soften the appearance of the buildings. But addressing the backs of buildings will depend on funding. Also, no planting will occur at this time. Our area is in Extreme Drought conditions, and it is not the time to plant new plantings that require lots of water.

Systems have been put in place to keep the landscape committee informed over the summer. Year-round resident Board directors and Dana have been communicated with and provided with resources to monitor landscaping and irrigation. With any landscaping concerns please contact our CAM, Dana, through the Message to the Manager link on our Wiggins Lakes and Preserve website and she will follow-up with the appropriate vendor, board member, or landscaping committee member.

We need rain. So please deploy all your favorite precipitation encouragement techniques-rain dances, inside-out PJs, activating your inner weather wizard, or politely asking the sky to cooperate (but not to hurricane levels)! Looking forward to seeing the summer growth!

A NOTE OF THANKS! We are very grateful to our Landscape Committee for their tireless work to keep our community beautiful. It is important to remember that these folks are volunteers - they stepped up after Hurricane Ian destroyed our landscaping, and they continue to work on our community’s behalf. So whenever you see our Landscape Committee, **Don Rodner, Lynn Radicello, and Dave Lyle**, out and about in the community walking the grounds, often with our Leo Jr. crew, please take a moment to say **THANK YOU!** Wiggins would not be the same without them.



WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVE

✦ APRIL SHOWERS DON'T JUST REFRESH OUR LAKES—THEY SET THE STAGE FOR VIBRANT, RESILIENT BLOOMS ACROSS FLORIDA LANDSCAPES.

AS WE MOVE INTO MAY, IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO PLANT FLOWERS THAT ACTUALLY THRIVE IN OUR WARM, SUNNY, AND SOMETIMES HUMID CLIMATE HERE IN NAPLES, FLORIDA.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PLANTS MEANS LESS MAINTENANCE AND MORE COLOR ALL SEASON LONG. ✦



- MAY 2026**
- ## UPCOMING EVENTS
- May 1 – May Day: Celebrating springtime and, in many countries, workers and labor rights.
 - May 5 – Cinco de Mayo: Commemorating Mexico's victory at the Battle of Puebla and celebrating Mexican culture.
 - May 6 – National Nurses Day: Honoring the dedication and contributions of nurses.
 - May 10 – Mother's Day: Celebrating mothers and mother figures for their love and support.
 - May 16 – Armed Forces Day: Recognizing those currently serving in the U.S. military.
 - May 25 – Memorial Day: Honoring military personnel who died in service to the country.

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>

Submit an Association Service Request

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>

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

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

