

What's Happening at Wiggins

"In daily life we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy."

David Steindl-Rast



The bougainvillea in front of the Clubhouse are in bloom-looking great!

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RETURNS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

WELCOME BACK TO ALL!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WIGGINS is the newsletter designed and written by our Communications Committee. The WLP Board of Directors is grateful to Art Dietze, Roger Jonas, Maria Strazzante and Sue Szachowicz (Board Liaison) for stepping up to volunteer their time to put this together. The goal of our newsletter is to keep our friends and neighbors informed about what's happening in our little slice of paradise. We provide important community information and updates from our committees, cover our fabulous social events, and share information about events in the Naples area.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

NOV 29: DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1:00 PM Let's get Wiggins ready for the holidays! We need folks to decorate the Clubhouse and put up the tree - let's get lots of hands on deck to help! If you can spare some time on Saturday, Nov 29 at 1:00, please come by the Clubhouse.

DEC 10: WLP Board Meeting

3:00 PM The budget and Board agenda will have been posted and mailed out or sent by email by Nov 26, which is 14 days prior to the meeting as required by law.

Our website: wlpnaples.com



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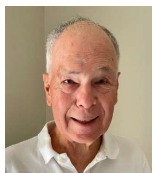
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A Message from the Board of Directors

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE - IT'S TIME TO COUNT OUR MANY BLESSINGS AND ENJOY OUR TIME TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN!

As we welcome back many of our snowbirds and begin a new season at Wiggins, it's the perfect time to pause, look around, and appreciate all we have. Our community is looking beautiful, vibrant, and refreshed — a reflection of both the work completed over the past months and the spirit of the people who live here.

So much has been accomplished: buildings have been painted, sheds have been refurbished, and the landscaping throughout the community looks better than ever. These improvements have truly transformed our surroundings, and we hope you take joy in noticing them each day.

The Board remains deeply grateful to the many Wiggins owners who volunteer their time and talents. Over thirty Wiggins owners have stepped up to serve on our volunteer committees – Landscaping, Social, Communication, Rules, Lighting - your efforts strengthen our community and help make Wiggins such an enjoyable place to live.

Whether Wiggins is your only residence, or your second home, we can all be grateful that we live in a paradise like this. Let's continue to work together, party together, laugh together, and help each other as we welcome in another season. Yes, let's enjoy ourselves and count our blessings! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



We need your help - please use our Unaccompanied Guest Form

Do you have family or friends coming to use your unit at some point **when you will not be here?** If yes, you must fill out our Unaccompanied Guest Form. We love to have our family and friends enjoy our beautiful Wiggins community, but it is also important that we know who is here to ensure our safety and security.

As discussed in the last couple of Board meetings, we have had outsiders come in to try to use our pools and pickleball/tennis courts.

Our Guest Form will certainly not solve all of these issues, but it will help us know who is here. Here's how to use this:

- Go to the website and click on Documents/Forms
- Then click on Forms
- Then click on Unaccompanied Guest Form Online

That takes you to the form. You can complete it and submit it online. When you hit SUBMIT you are done and you will receive a response.

Thank you for your help on this to support the safety and security of Wiggins!

WIGGINS LAKES & PRESERVE		Guest Registration Form for Unaccompanied Guests in your Unit	
Wiggins Lakes & Preserve welcomes the guests of our owners and wishes to remind you that this is not a hotel or resort but rather a residential community. Our community Rules and Regulations must be followed by your guests. Owners must share the Rules and Regulations with guests. THIS GUEST REGISTRATION FORM must be completed for any guest(s) you have staying in your unit when you are not there. Please complete this form and submit online one week prior to your guest(s) arrival. This form allows our management to be aware of who is on the property and respond effectively in case of emergency. Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and well managed! NOTE: GUESTS MAY NOT BRING PETS!			
UNIT INFORMATION:			
Unit Address: _____		Owner Name: _____	
Owner Email: _____		Owner Cell: _____	
GUEST INFORMATION: Please identify one adult guest as the PRIMARY GUEST to serve as the point of contact. Provide the following information for the primary guest staying in the unit.			
Primary Guest Name: _____		Primary Guest Cell: _____	
Relationship to Owner: _____		Guest vehicle info: _____	
Arrival Date: _____		Departure Date: _____	
Total number of guests, including Primary, staying in your Unit: _____			
COMMUNITY RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:			
I acknowledge that I have provided my guest(s) the Wiggins Lakes & Preserve Rules and Regulations. I understand that I am responsible for the actions of my guest(s) while they are on WLP property. NOTE: WLP Rules and Regulations are found on the website wlpnaples.com. ALL Rules and Regulations MUST be followed. Some important reminders for guests: • NO pets allowed for guests. • Parking regulations are in the rules. NO RVs, boats, trailers, or other recreational vehicles can be parked in the lots. Vehicles with signage not allowed. On-street parking is not permitted. • NO alcoholic beverages or coolers allowed at the pools. Pools are open from dawn to dusk. Pool rules are included in the rules and posted at the pools. • Grill usage is described in the rules. • Trash disposal is described in the rules.			
Owner Signature: _____			
Contact Property Manager Derek Tatum with any questions at dtatum@resortgroupinc.com or 239-986-9618			
SUBMIT			

OUR PROPERTY MANAGER - DEREK TATUM

Let's get to know Derek!

Derek works for Resort Management as a Community Association Manager (CAM) and came to Wiggins as our Property Manager in January. He brings three years of experience as a CAM and has worked with over twenty other properties in his previous position.

As our Property Manager, Derek works Monday through Friday from 9-4, and you can find him in the Clubhouse or walking around the property.

Derek's focus on his work at Wiggins is best shared in his own words:

"As the Property Manager of Wiggins Lakes & Preserve, I bring a strong focus on maintaining a well-run, welcoming community grounded in clear communication, proactive maintenance, and consistent follow through. I prioritize efficient operations, careful stewardship of community resources, and streamlined coordination with vendors to keep the property running smoothly. My approach is organized, responsive, and partnership-oriented, aimed at fostering trust, addressing issues before they escalate, and supporting the smooth, positive experience for both the Board and residents."



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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.

If something is an emergency, reach out to Derek by phone or see him in the Clubhouse.

Resort Management is our management company. If you ever have an emergency with your unit when Derek is not on duty weekends or evenings, you can reach out to Resort Managements' Emergency number: 239-649-5526.

OUR WIGGINS BOOK CLUB IS UNDERWAY!

Do you love to read? Discuss books? Enjoy great company with wonderful friends? And enjoy tasty goodies??

If 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 Shandon** 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

LANDSCAPE UPDATE FROM OUR LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:**Lynn Radicello, Don Rodner and Dave Lyle**

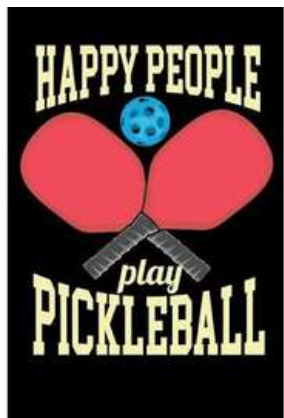
Thank you for all the wonderful feedback regarding the state of our landscaping. The summer season was a gift to our new plants. The overall impact of the differing textures and variegated greenery was impressive. Small plants filled in nicely. The structure of the design (finally) was evident!



Over the summer, our landscapers' focus was on replanting hedges as needed, filling in sod, and planting as needed for additional elements. The landscape committee (especially Don Rodner) and board liaison members participated in many calls and contact with Leo Jr Landscaping while we were gone. Once the landscape committee was able to reconvene earlier this month, a detailed walk-through of the community was undertaken to look for "holes" in design (plants that did not thrive will be replaced under warranty as a separate issue). The following priorities were identified:

1. Planting around remaining general utility mechanics (piping).
 2. Place small plantings along selected garage sides that are currently bare.
 3. Place Mammy Crotons at one building and a tree at a building that have "holes" in design.
 4. Address remaining identified drainage issues.
 5. The remaining large project as identified under initial priorities is the backs of buildings.
- This initiative will not be able to be addressed at this time but is not off the radar.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Communications Committee would like to offer our thanks to our Landscape Committee! You have walked the property again and again, and spent countless hours planning and working to beautify our community - all on a volunteer basis. Your work has made an incredible difference! THANK YOU!!!

**PICKLEBALL IS BACK!**

Every day from 9 - 10:30 AM we have community pickleball on both courts for Wiggins residents only. This ninety minute session is for experienced, intermediate level players (3 - 3.5 rating). For beginners new to pickleball, the courts are open on a first come first served basis at all other times.



The WELCOME BACK BLOCK PARTY KICKS OFF THE SOCIAL SCENE AT WIGGINS!

Our social season kicked off in style as forty people enjoyed the Welcome Back Block Party. The weather was perfect, the games were fun, and most importantly, old friendships renewed and new friendships began. Thanks to our Social Committee Chair, Jodi Dilley, the evening was well planned and organized. Special thanks go out to the set up team

of Jodi, Mitzi Fazzola, Donna McKenna, and Sue Szachowicz, and the expert grillers - George Fazzola and Rich Dilley. Thanks also to those who brought dishes to add to the brats and fixings. And to all who stepped up at the end of the evening to help with the clean up! The corn hole games were intense! And after dinner, a spirited game of Left Right Center kept everyone engaged. It ended when Ed Stull took the jackpot! Lots of laughs, and great fun!



More **BLOCK PARTY** pictures next page!



BLOCK PARTY (continued)



Our expert grillers - George Fazzola and Rich Dilley



ENJOY OUR UPCOMING WIGGINS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES!

Now that the season has begun, be sure to check the [What's Happening At Wiggins](#) Newsletter, the [Wiggins Weekly](#), and our announcement board at the entrance for all of the upcoming events. The newsletter and the [Wiggins Weekly](#) are sent out by email blast and are posted on the website. If you are not receiving the email blasts, be sure to give Derek your email address so he can ensure that you are on the list!





Our Gobble Wobble

Our Gobble Wobble on Saturday morning brought the community together one step - and one pastry - at a time! Twenty-five folks WOBBLED over to the Clubhouse GOBBLED some great pastries with coffee and tea, and enjoyed great conversation and good friends. Thanks to Jodi Dilley and the team of volunteers who put this together - it was such a nice way to begin the holiday season at Wiggins.



The Secret Life of Bees



Advice for Wiggins residents: Don't poke the bears and don't poke the bees. Yes, we have both here. We have talked about the bears that have visited us from time to time in previous issues so let's talk about bees. Honey bees.

It seems that a certain bee colony likes to attach itself to a particular location in our complex. The new hive is the result of a "swarm" that occurs when a hive gets too big and the queen and some of the bees abandon the beehive and create a new one elsewhere. Hence, our new colony. A new queen will hatch in the old colony.

The "BUZZ" about bees - some fun facts:

- The average honey bee colony can make 60 pounds of honey per year.
- A single honey bee worker produces about 1½ of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.
- Queen bees are female.
- Worker bees are female.
- Drones are male.
- Bees fly about 55,000 miles – about twice around the world – to make just one pound of honey.

A hive will typically make 2 ½ times more honey than it needs. A beekeeper only takes the excess honey, leaving the rest for the bees.

Our beekeeper will take the whole hive, thus, proving that a beekeeper keeps more than one bee.

Bees not only provide us with delicious and nutritious honey. But they are crucial to the existence of life on Earth.



These Wiggins bees set up their hive in between the window and the storm shutter!

Bees are needed to pollinate the flowers of many of the fruits, nuts, and vegetables humans rely on for food. Without bees, food would be in very short supply.

So the next time you hear a little extra buzzing around the community, remember that these tiny guests play an enormous role in keeping our world—and our community—thriving. Thanks to the care of our beekeeper and the cooperation of all our residents, we can safely admire these remarkable creatures while keeping Wiggins a welcoming place for everyone, bees included.



(Some sections of this piece were excerpted from an article by Catherine Giordano)

Let's Trash Talk...

With our busy season here, it's a good time for a quick reminder about trash and recycling! We've all seen what happens when garbage isn't handled the right way — messy dumpster areas and unwanted critters showing up. Let's all do our part to keep things clean and tidy.

For Coach Home owners and guests:

You have curbside pickup for trash. Please don't use the dumpsters in the two garbage compounds — those are only for Lakes Condo residents. Each Coach Home should have trash and recycling bins provided by Waste Management. If your green garbage or recycling bin needs to be repaired or replaced, call Waste Management at 239-252-2380.

For Lakes Condo owners and guests:

Bag your household trash and put it directly into one of the large dumpsters located in the two garbage compounds.

Put recyclables in the yellow/green recycling bins — make sure everything goes in loose (not in plastic bags). Plastic bags are not recyclable!

Break down all cardboard boxes before recycling.

Don't leave anything — garbage, recycling, or large items — outside of the bins or dumpsters.

If the bins or dumpsters are full in one compound, feel free to use the other one.

For large item pickup, call Waste Management at 239-252-2380. Please don't put large items in or around the dumpsters or compounds.

Thanks for helping keep our community looking great!



Rental Information

As we head into the busy season here at Wiggins, we're excited to welcome back all our returning owners and guests! It's always great to see familiar faces and new ones, too. Just a reminder about a few important guidelines when it comes to renting or leasing your unit:

- Units can't be rented or leased for less than 30 consecutive days (or one calendar month, whichever is shorter).
- Each unit is allowed up to three (3) rental or lease periods per calendar year.
- The owner or leasing agent must give the Property Management Company at least 30 days' notice before the start of any new lease.
- All rental or lease agreements must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- The Property Management Company charges an application fee for each rental or lease.
- No pets or animals are allowed to be brought or kept by tenants or guests — please remind your renters of this rule.

Please provide your renters with our Rules and Regulations - they are found on our website. If you have any questions about the rental process, reach out to Derek.

Rise & Shine in Naples: Three Breakfast Gems Worth Starting Your Day With

When the sun hits our Florida sky and the scent of fresh-coffee drifts across the neighborhood, it's a great time to explore the breakfast scene in Naples. Here are three local favorites you might enjoy checking out. We hope you enjoy them, and also encourage our readers to submit recommendations for your favorite dining places. We would like to offer recommendations in every newsletter, and we know that you have your favorites. Please send any recommendations to our Communications Committee at communicationswiggins@gmail.com

Blueberry's



Located on Tamiami Trail North, Blueberry's offers a large, award-winning breakfast menu and has been a longtime staple. Their message: "Whether you are coming in for breakfast, lunch or dinner ... we're here to serve you!"

What stands out:

- A huge variety of pancake, waffle, crepe and omelet offerings. Their blueberry-stuffed French toast and waffle selections are fan favorites.
- Friendly, straightforward service and a casual atmosphere.

Tip: Go early (especially on weekends)

House of Omelets



This breakfast-and-lunch spot on Piper Blvd prides itself on fresh ingredients and a menu that spans "heart-healthy options and classic home-style meals" cooked to order.

What stands out:

- Food comes out fast, great staff, they never leave your coffee cup empty.
- A friendly, relaxed vibe where you can linger over coffee.

Tip: Ask for substitutions (e.g., egg whites) if you're looking for a lighter start.

Patio Cafe



Found at 10711 Tamiami Trail N, Patio Cafe features generous portions, value pricing and a comfortable setting with indoor and patio seating.

What stands out:

- A broad menu including skillet, omelets, healthy breakfast options and traditional favorites.
- Spacious and comfortable: whether for a quick solo coffee or a casual breakfast with friends, it fits nicely.
- Tip: If you like sitting outdoors, request the patio side; they also sometimes run breakfast/lunch specials (such as "Buy 1 Breakfast & Get 2nd Half Off").



Let's Welcome Our Neighbors Back!

It's that time of year when we welcome back our 'snow birds' from all places north. A quick survey of our Owner's Directory reveals the geographic diversity of our seasonal travelers (and permanent residents, too!) As for the US, we come from every state east of the Mississippi and north of the Mason-Dixon Line, except for Delaware as well as Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee and South Carolina. Of course, we know that Minnesota provides the headwaters and straddles the Mighty Mississippi!

This year we would especially like to welcome our friends, renters and co-owners from Canada. You primarily come from Ontario. From Sault St. Marie to Windsor - Ottawa to Waterloo – over a dozen cities plus Montreal. It has been a rough year for our Canadian neighbors between some economic hardships and the falling exchange rate.

With Ontario alone we both share over 1700 miles of border.



For those of us in Michigan, we are particularly affected as we share over 420 miles of border including through a small lake, three Great Lakes and three rivers. We have three bridges and a tunnel for crossing points. Economic travel and visitors make for a nearly constant flow of traffic. Western New York and Southeastern Ontario have been equally affected.

The first of next year we will have a new and magnificent bridge in Detroit – Windsor. The new Gordie Howe Bridge, entirely paid for by Canada, will span the half mile over the Detroit River making it the longest cable- stayed bridge span in North America. The towers on either side of the river are over 72 stories tall! Total cost is \$6.4 billion. Just another example of our ties to Canada.

Welcome back to Wiggins Lakes and Preserve everyone!



Our Communications Committee

Our Wiggins Communications Committee works hard to keep our community informed. As volunteers, they work behind the scenes to keep everyone informed about social events, community news, and everything happening around our neighborhood. We'd love to have one or two more people to help us out. you. We'd love to have someone who can help us compile events around the area like Farmers Markets and holiday celebrations . No need to be a polished writer—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to help keep our community connected.



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.

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 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!



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.

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

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Our next edition will be published in January



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>

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