

What's Happening at Wiggins

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about most." Margaret J. Wheatley



A double rainbow over Wiggins!

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OUR COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Wiggins Communication Committee wants to keep our community informed. We would love to hear from you about what articles, stories, and information you would like us to publish. Now that our snowbirds are returning, we will be publishing the **What's Happening at Wiggins** newsletter on the first of every month. Send us any questions or requests for information to our Communication Committee email at:

communicationswiggins@gmail.com

We also need your help to keep us informed about all the social activities at Wiggins. We will publicize upcoming activities, and report on the events. Our committee will be happy to write any of the stories if you provide us with the information you would like us to share. Please send us information and any photos to communicationswiggins@gmail.com, or reach out to any of us on the Communication Committee. THANK YOU!

A message from the President



As we move back in to "season," life at Wiggins begins to change. We welcome back friends and neighbors. Events start up again in our clubhouse, pools and on the tennis/pickleball court. Our pools become busy gathering places as everyone rekindles old friendships and develops new ones. We welcome everyone back and look forward to the activity in the community over the next several months.

From a business perspective, we wrap up summer activities and move on to fall duties. We are now irrigating our property with potable water and the finishing touches are being completed on some updates to the irrigation system. New plants will begin to go in toward the middle of November and we will outline future landscape updates. The salinity readings of the lakes will cease for the next several months as the majority remain over 1800ppm. The budget meeting will be held within the next 30 days. The draft of our updated documents will be ready in the next two weeks and will be posted on the website as soon as complete. The special assessment was approved and a survey will be out shortly for all to select payment options. The Board remains busy and before we know it, the year will be over and we will move on to elections and 2024 projects.

Christmas Decor Committee Report

The committee spoke with several companies regarding holiday lights for our complex, and the Board approved the Decor Committee's selection. Paradise Lights have now installed lights and wreaths at the entrance. The Clubhouse has lights on three sides with a holiday wreath. Keep an eye out for an invitation from the committee to help decorate our newly renovated Clubhouse!



Committee Members:

April Smith
Richard Bellefeuille
Louise Bellefeuille
Margaret Derr

Being a GOOD NEIGHBOR in Wiggins

WELCOME BACK SNOWBIRDS!

Although much of our landscaping was decimated by Hurricane Ian, the real beauty of Wiggins is in our community spirit and our residents who care for and always help each other.



It is important to remember that we are a residential community, not a resort. So observance of the rules and regulations will help our community remain the friendly, pleasant community it has always been. We ask everyone to review all the rules and regulations on our website. We have highlighted a few reminders here to help keep our good neighborly atmosphere.

For our owners who rent their units, please make sure your renters have our community rules. For their convenience, it is a good idea to print them and leave them in your unit. **All the Wiggins rules and regulations can be found on our website at:**

<https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2023/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs.pdf>

Owners are reminded that units can only be rented for a **30 day minimum, and only three times per year**. Thanks go to the originators of the Wiggins By-Laws for their foresight on this. Lately the local news has covered many stories from other areas, particularly in Cape Coral, that do not have this regulation. In many residential areas, homes and condos have been rented by the evening as party houses. People there have been describing large groups gathering for loud parties disturbing entire neighborhoods and leaving huge messes. Fortunately our Wiggins community has this important rental restriction. If any Wiggins resident becomes aware of a neighbor renting illegally, you should immediately contact the Management Company.

Being a good neighbor means showing courtesy in the community. Here are a few areas to keep in mind to be a good neighbor. Remember, we are not a resort...

At the pool: Unfortunately we do not have pool attendants cleaning up after us, so return pool furniture to where you found it, close umbrellas, and be sure to lock the gates. Also, no food and drink, and no smoking please!

In the neighborhood: We have many walkers and bike riders so drive carefully. There is no street parking, so tell visitors or contractors to park in the lots. Please don't leave your chairs and beach toys, or games outside. And keep trash barrels in the garage, not outside.

Around your unit: Noise carries, especially on your lanai, so keep noise levels low in the evenings or early morning hours. Also, when returning from the beach or pool, don't hang towels or bathings suits on the railings - your neighbors really don't want to view your laundry.

Coming Soon: Elections for our Board of Directors:

Elections for our Board of Directors comes up in February; elections are held as part of the Annual Meeting which typically occurs in February. By serving on our Board of Directors, you are helping our entire Wiggins community. Everyone who steps up to serve on our Board has made a commitment to move our community forward and represent all owners in Wiggins Lakes and Preserve. While it may often seem to be a thankless job, we owe our thanks to everyone willing to step up.



Our Communication Committee wants to ensure that everyone understands the upcoming election process, so we will be providing election information in the November, December, and January issues of the newsletter. If there are more candidates than there are open positions, our Communication Committee will host a Candidates Night. Hopefully you will find this helpful and informative. Anyone interested in running for the Board should talk with our current Board to get a sense of the job and the time commitment involved.

Are there requirements for running for the Board of Directors?

You must be an owner.

How many Directors are there?

There are six. 3 must be from the Lakes (the long buildings); 3 must be from the Preserves (P1 and P2)

How long is a term?

The standard term is two years. The terms are staggered so that three Board positions are up for election each year with at least one from the Lakes and one from the Preserves.

How many openings are there for the Board for this election?

From the Lakes: 2 openings. One is for a full two year term; the other is for a one year term (because of a resignation).

From the Preserves: 2 openings. Both are for two year terms.

When is the election?

The election will be at the Annual Meeting in early February, date to be determined. The FIRST NOTICE of the Annual Meeting and Board Election is sent to all owners approximately sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Election Information (Continued):

How do I vote?

You can vote by mail or in-person at the Annual Meeting. According to our documents, the votes must be counted during our Annual Meeting. Detailed information on the voting process will be included in the SECOND Notice of the Annual Meeting and Board Election, which will be received at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Meeting.

If I'm interested in running, what do I do, how do I submit my name to be a candidate?

The FIRST NOTICE of the Annual Meeting and Board Election is sent to all owners approximately sixty days prior to the meeting date. Included in that FIRST NOTICE will be the information on the open seats, an explanation of qualifying for the Board, a NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, a CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION FORM, and a CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET. The specific date for submission of these candidate forms will be stated in that FIRST NOTICE of the Annual Meeting and Board Election.

Can I run for one of the Officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)?

No. You run for a position on the Board. Once the Board has been elected, the Board selects their officers.

BOOK CLUB UPDATE:

Our Book Club kicked off the season with a spirited discussion of **Horse** by **Geraldine Brooks**.



We are excited that our next meeting will be in-person! If you love to read, please consider joining us on November 16 in the Clubhouse at 7 pm. **Mad Honey** is a gripping novel of suspense with lots to discuss, so please join us!

10/19: **Horse** by Geraldine Brooks - DONE!

11/16: **Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult

12/21: **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus
(Virtual meeting)

1/18: **Someone Else's Shoes** by Jojo Moyes

2/15: **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver

3/21: **Lawn Boy** by Jonathan Evison

4/18: **The Maid** by Nita Prose

5/16: **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napolitano
(Virtual meeting)

You don't need to bring anything - just come to the Clubhouse promptly at 7 p.m. on November 16.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS TO KEEP YOU BUSY!

Among the many attractions Naples and the surrounding area have to offer are farmers markets, arts festivals, theater and holiday events. Listed below is a sampling of some of these. We will keep updating this list. If you know of an activity that we should include, please contact us at communicationswiggins@gmail.com. Also, a great resource for these and other offerings is <https://www.paradisecoast.com>.

FARMERS MARKETS:

Coconut Point Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM - 1 PM
23106 Fashion Drive,
Coconut Point Mall

Bonita Springs Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - Noon
Promenade Shopping Center

Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM
3370 Pine Ridge Road

Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM
2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

Third Street South Farmers Market

Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 AM
3rd Street South Shopping District



ARTS FESTIVALS & OTHER EVENTS:

Naples Women's Club Artisan Marketplace

Sat & Sun, 10-5, Nov 3-4,
570 Park Street
<https://napleswomensclub.org>

Naples Art In The Park

Sat, 10 - 4, Nov 4, Dec 2, Feb 3
Fleishman Park
<https://www.naplesart.org>



Naples Fine Arts & Craft Shows

Sat, 10 - 4
Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13 & 20, Feb 10
Cambier Park
<https://naplesartcrafters.com>

Naples New Year's Art Show

Sat & Sun, 10-5
Jan 6-7
5th Avenue South
<https://www.naplesart.org>

Bonita Springs Arts Festivals

Sat & Sun, 10- 5
Jan 13-14, Feb 10-11, Mar 2-3
Riverside Park
<https://www.artcenterbonita.org>

27th Annual Art Fest Naples

Sat & Sun, Jan 20-21
Fleischmann Park
<https://artfestnaples.com>

ArtFest Fort Myers

Fri, Feb 2, opening 6 PM
Sat & Sun, Feb 2-4, 10- 5
<https://artfestfortmyers.com>

Cars on Fifth

Sat, Feb 3, 10 - 4
<https://www.carsonfifth.com>

Coconut Point Arts Festival

Sat & Sun, Feb 17-18, 10 - 5
<https://artfestival.com>

Naples National Art Show

Fri, Feb 23, 5 - 9 PM
Sat & Sun, Feb 24-25, 10 - 5
Cambier Park and Park Street



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS - CONTINUED

PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITIONS & THEATER

Artis-Naples

<https://www.artisnaples.org>

Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

<https://www.bbmannpah.com>

Art Center Bonita

<https://www.artcenterbonita.org>

The Naples Players

Nov 9 - 26, The Marvelous Wonderettes

Jan 10 - 28, Harvey

Jan 18 - Feb 11, The Fantasticks

Feb 14 - Mar 10, Laugh, Cry, Pee, REPEAT

<https://naplesplayers.org>



HOLIDAY EVENTS



Christmas on Third - Tree Lighting & Snow Celebration

Monday, Nov 20, 6 PM

(Continues every Thurs, 6 - 8 PM during month of Dec)

<https://thirdstreetsouth.com>

Naples Botanical Gardens - Night Lights in the Garden

Nov 24 - Jan 7

Presale tickets for Members available on Oct 23

Tickets for the public go on sale Nov 6

<https://www.naplesgarden.org>

5th Ave South - Annual Christmas Walk and Tree Lighting

Friday, Dec 8, 5 - 10 PM

Saturday, Dec 9, 10 AM - 10 PM

<https://www.fifthavenuesouth.com>

Christmas Boat Parade

Saturday, Dec 9, 6:15-8:30 PM

Parade may be viewed from: Naples City Dock (ticketed), Pinchers Tin City, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples Landing, Kelly's Fish House, The Boathouse on Naples Bay, Bayview Park

<https://www.miacc.org/event/christmas-boat-parade-on-naples-bay/>



5th Ave South Christmas Farmers Market

Sat, Dec 10, 10 AM - 10 PM

<https://www.fifthavenuesouth.com>



Community Chanukah Celebration

Mon, Dec 11.

5 PM Music and Entertainment

5:45 PM Menorah Lighting

Mercato on the lawn

<https://www.jewishnaples.org/major-events/chanukah-celebration>

Tuba Christmas Holiday Music & Sing-a-Long

Sat, Dec 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Snugden Plaza, 701 5th Ave South

<https://naples.gov.com>

It's a Wonderful Life (Live Radio Play)

Fri, Dec 8, 8 PM

Cambier Park

Tickets required: <https://naplesplayers.org>

Our Activities at Wiggins

We are posting this again 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: Daily from 9–10:30 a.m. the Wiggins Community plays pickleball. Location: The tennis/pickleball courts. The courts are open on a first come first served basis at all other times of the day. This community pickleball is for Wiggins residents only.



Book Club: The third Thursday of every month from October to May. Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m. Location: 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.)



Water Aerobics: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Time: Approximately 8:30-9:30. Location: the east pool (near the tennis/pickleball court).



Mexican Train: Every Tuesday from 7 - 9 p.m. Location: Clubhouse. Mexican Train is a game played with dominoes; bring nickels and dimes to ante up and participate.



Sit and Sew: Every Thursday from 10 a.m. – noon. Location: Clubhouse. Bring your own sewing, knitting, or other handiwork.



Mahjong: Every Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



Euchre: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (except for the third Thursday of the month when it shifts to Friday). Location: Clubhouse. Bring \$5.00 to play with a chance to win the pot at the end of the night.



Poker: Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Location: Clubhouse.



In past years Wiggins also had Yoga and Bridge, but these have been inactive since covid. If you are interested in getting these groups, or any other activities going, please contact any member of the Social Committee - Delia and Ed Stull or Sandy MacDonald.



DID WE MISS ANY ACTIVITIES? We tried to create this listing by contacting our long time Wiggins residents, but we may have missed something. Please let us know if we need to add something. Send an email to:

communicationswiggins@gmail.com

WHERE DO I FIND THIS? Helpful websites:

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website

<http://wlpnaples.com>

Association Rules

<https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2021/WLP%20Rules%20and%20Regs%20Final%20V3%2002222021.pdf>

WLP Events

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

Submit an Association Service Request

<https://www.emailform.com/build/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>



Our Communication Committee:

- Sue Szachowicz, Chair
- Art Dietze
- Debbie London
- Howard London
- Gary Doyle, Board Liaison



City of Naples

<https://www.naplesgov.com/>

Collier County

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/>

FEMA (Florida)

<https://www.fema.gov/locations/florida>

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

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Our next newsletter will be published in early December!