

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters."*

Barack Obama

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## SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
12:30 P.M. WIGGINS CLUBHOUSE

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**YOUR PARTICIPATION MATTERS!** At our Annual Meeting, owners will be voting on the election of Directors to our Board, and on the new documents for our community. You should have received in hard copy and electronically all of the information you need to prepare for this Annual Meeting. If you have not yet received this packet, you should contact **Dianna Musse at Resort Management** at 239-649-5526, or email her at [dmusse@resortgroupinc.com](mailto:dmusse@resortgroupinc.com).

Because of the length and complexity of the documents, the Communication Committee created a Guide for you which was sent out to all owners in an email blast. Now that we have seen the actual packet, we have updated that Guide and will send it out in an email blast to help you navigate through it .

In addition to that Guide, the Communication Committee has put together this Special Election Edition of the newsletter. Included in this edition is a **MEET THE CANDIDATES** section so owners have the opportunity to read about each of the candidates for the Director positions in their own words. Also included is information on the new documents that require our approval. We hope you find the Special Election Edition helpful and informative.

Be sure to watch for the Revised Guide to the Annual Meeting we will be sending this week in an email blast. We recommend you put this Guide side by side with the packet to help you work your way through all of the information.

**Our website:** [wlpnaples.com](http://wlpnaples.com)

## Meet the Candidates for the Board of Directors in their own words:

The Communication Committee asked the candidates for the Board of Directors to answer four questions to help the community get to know the candidates. There are FOUR candidates for the three open Director positions for the Preserves: Jeff Bregar, Gary Doyle, Sue Szachowicz, and Tom Wennogle. Their responses follow on pages two, three, four and five.

### Jeff Bregar



#### 1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?

I have owned in WLP for 12 years, and have been a full-time resident for 4 years. I would like to continue to build on the tremendous progress we have made in the last year fiscally and in the physical state of the property.

#### 2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?

I will continue to support the responsiveness, accountability, and organization that the Board has emphasized in the last year.

#### 3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?

I believe involvement is so important. For me this started 12 years ago by getting to know other owners, in particular those that had been here for decades. The history and evolution of the community was something I was interested in. This grew into helping with little things like attending and setting up for events, meeting participation and learning our documents and financials. Once I moved in full time, I started to complete tasks for the Board like managing the calendar, scheduling the clubhouse, or turning the heating/cooling on and off at the pools seasonally. Involvement in committees like the Paint Committee allowed me to have a deeper dive in processes, financials, and led to the creation of an electronic maintenance schedule. Keeping our heritage alive while making change to grow and thrive in a modern world is how I would like to continue to contribute.

#### 4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?

My first priority in the next 2 years would be to complete the landscape project to return the community to an even better place than it was before Ian. The second priority would be to continue to build on our legacy as a true “community.”

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**Gary Doyle****1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?**

My wife Kathy and I (and dog Daisy) just bought in July 2022. We have friends in the community, visited them a couple of times, and were so impressed with the beauty of WLP. Those same friends texted us that 688 #201 was available. We put in an offer that was thankfully accepted that same day. We are very excited to be a part of the WLP family! I would like to be re-elected to the Board so we can continue to move forward with the many things that can be done to improve our community.

**2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?**

We are from the Detroit Michigan metro area originally and now own a home in northern Michigan on a small lake. I've had many different professional experiences - I started in the food service industry, worked most of my career as an IT Project Manager, owned my own window cleaning business for 7 years, and retired as a real estate agent. I hope I can draw on those experiences to help us move forward as a community.

**3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?**

So I was here moving my belongings in two days after Hurricane Ian. We had no power for that entire week except in the clubhouse. It was a very unique experience in that the small group of people who were still here were all forced to meet, talk, and help each other through our difficulties. It was through meeting the nice folks that were here that I decided I'd like to give time back by serving WL&P in some way. I was fortunate to be nominated to the board early last year and would like to serve the owners here. As far as our community-at-large, Kathy and I just started volunteering at the Avow Hospice and are super excited to help whomever and however we can in that very important program.

**4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?**

#1. Continued focus on communication within our community. The Communication Committee (on which I serve as the board liaison) has done an outstanding job getting news and important information out on a timely basis to our fellow owners! Let's keep it going. We will also be unveiling a texting program soon that will automatically send important updates directly to your mobile phones - stay tuned.

#2. Keep updating our website. While we've completed the major overhaul and made it much more user-friendly, there is still work to be done. We are due for Wi-Fi shortly in the clubhouse. Once that happens, I plan to have ongoing informal meetings in the clubhouse to demonstrate new website features.

#3. Work with the Board to stay on top of our finances and reserves (saving and spending) to insure that, outside of the already-known landscape assessment, we should never have another unforeseen assessment in the future.

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**Sue  
Szachowicz**



**1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?**

My husband Bill and I first bought in Wiggins in 2011, and moved here full time in 2015; we love it here. The real beauty of Wiggins is in the people; everyone cares about each other and our community. We have made wonderful life-long friends. Now that I have retired (FINALLY), I felt it was time to step up. I hope to join the Board to help. I really care about our Wiggins neighborhood, and want to do everything I can to help move our community forward.

**2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?**

Born and raised in Brockton Massachusetts, I became a social studies teacher in Brockton and eventually the principal of Brockton High, one of the largest high schools in the country with 4,500 students and over 250 faculty. And I loved it! I believe this work developed my ability to bring people together even when not everyone agrees. After I retired (the first time), Brockton asked me to return as Deputy Superintendent. In both of these positions I had to set clear priorities, make difficult decisions, manage large complex budgets, and most importantly, work with diverse groups to accomplish our goals. I always believed it takes a team! I will bring those experiences, a strong work ethic, and a positive attitude to the Board.

**3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?**

To me, community involvement is the power to bring positive change to the community in whatever way you can, and that is something I have tried to do at Wiggins. Most importantly, I chair the Communication Committee, and we have an awesome team. We put together the newsletter and try to keep everyone informed. I also coordinate our fabulous Book Club, sending out all the information, doing meeting summaries, and whenever we are virtual, setting up the zoom meetings. During my career, I also served on numerous Boards and Advisory Committees. Whether it's playing pickleball, walking, or riding my bike, I always enjoy connecting with everyone here in Wiggins!

**4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?**

**Communication** - We have made some great strides this year with the work of the Communication Committee developing the newsletter and providing information through email blasts, and soon a new texting program. Everyone needs to be informed on what is happening in the community.

**Owner involvement** - It's critical for everyone to be involved and provide input on policies and decisions that affect us all. We are all owners and all voices matter. I would like to create more opportunities to hear from everyone, particularly regarding suggestions to improve our community. As a Board, we represent you, all owners, so we need to hear from everyone.

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**Tom****Wennogle****1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?**

My wife April and I bought our first condo here in Wiggins Lakes and Preserve four years ago. We love the location and have made many friendships since we have been here.

**2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?**

I grew up in New Jersey and have lived in a number of places throughout the midwest and southeast. We moved here permanently after spending fifteen years in Johnson City, Tennessee. There I was the President and CEO of a manufacturing company producing various metal products employing over three hundred people. During that time the business experienced record setting growth and profitability, all accomplished through great teamwork, enhanced trust, communications, and transparency. My goal would be to do the same as a Board member here at WLP.

**3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?**

I have served on numerous Boards in various businesses in my fifty year career. I was also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Tusculum University. Additionally, I served one term as president of our HOA in Jonesborough TN.

**4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?**

My priorities are to enhance the value and enjoyment of our community with sound fiscal management and more engagement with our owners.

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**There are two candidates for the two open Director positions for the Lakes, so no election is necessary for the Lakes. Dave Lyle has another year on his term as Director. The new Lakes Directors will be Howard London and Mike Wolfe. Both Howard and Mike shared their responses to the questions of the Communication Committee so that the community can get to know them. Their responses follow on pages six and seven.**



A new member of the Board representing the Lakes is Howard London:

**Howard London    1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?**



After renting for two years, Debbie and I believed that Wiggins’ size, beauty, and location in North Naples were perfect for us. Every Sunday Debbie reviewed the Wiggins listings until in 2021 she spotted our condo’s availability. We bought that very afternoon and despite hurricane Ian, we still celebrate that day.

**2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?**

I was born about 500 yards from Fenway Park during the third inning of a game against the Yankees. Can’t get more Boston than that. I am a sociologist with a specialty in the study of organizations, strategic planning, innovation, and conflict resolution. I am also a trained clinical therapist. I have taught at several universities in the Boston area (as well as Tulane) and served as the Dean of Arts and Sciences and then Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at a university of approximately 11,000 students and several hundred faculty members.

**3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?**

As we all know, there are many ways of being a good citizen, of contributing in meaningful ways to the communities in which we live. I have always enjoyed doing so. It is who I am. That is why it has been such a great pleasure serving on Wiggins’ Communication Committee since its inception last spring. The prospect of working with the Board and other community members as we transition from the storm and plan our future is too good an opportunity to pass up.

**4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?**

My top priority is to listen carefully to community members and develop and manage resources accordingly. I would like to join with you in sustaining our considerable post-storm momentum and in thoughtfully and wisely shaping Wiggins’ future.

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Current Board member, and now re-elected to the Board is Mike Wolfe:

**Mike Wolfe** **1. Tell us how long you have lived at Wiggins and what makes you want to join or continue on the Board?**



I have owned here since 2016. My wife Beth and I have been splitting our time between Xenia (Dayton) Ohio, and Naples for the past couple of years. Currently we come to Wiggins for two weeks, then back to Ohio for three weeks. We do a lot of flying, but we just can't stay away from Wiggins for too long.

**2. Share a bit about your background. Where are you from, what do/did you do for work, what are the greatest strengths you bring to the Board?**

I spent the first half of my career as an insurance agent owning my own Allstate Insurance Agency in Lebanon, Ohio. The last 12 years of my career I spent in the banking industry and finally retired in 2016 from US Bank. I believe that my years of experience in the finance industry allow me to add valuable contributions to the Board and the community.

**3. Community involvement is an important part of the work of the Board. How have you been involved in our Wiggins community; how would you like to contribute?**

I am a current Board member, and running for re-election because I love this community and I want to see it prosper and grow. I'm interested in the people at Wiggins, their concerns, their questions, their likes, and dislikes. I believe that anyone who wants to be a Board member must be willing to commit to this community, which means showing up, it means answering questions and concerns promptly with as much explanation as possible. It means being dedicated to serving the community.

**4. What would be your top one or two priorities for our Wiggins community that you would like to focus on during your Board tenure?**

My top priority would be to continue to enhance the communication between the Board and the community as well as address current concerns the community may have with such things as common areas, the clubhouse, and the pools.

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**We hope you enjoyed meeting the candidates for the Board!  
Thank you to ALL the candidates for your willingness to step up and  
help our Wiggins community!**

## Reminder - Voting for the Directors:

You may vote for up to THREE candidates. There is no proxy for voting for the Board. You must either vote in person or mail in your ballot.

## ALSO AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING - VOTING ON THE DOCUMENTS:

As well as voting for the Directors for the Preserves, owners will also be voting on the new documents for our community. The ballot for these votes is included in the packet, labeled LIMITED PROXY/MEETING BALLOT. To review a few important points:

### WHY DO WE NEED TO VOTE ON NEW DOCUMENTS?

As reviewed in the December Board meeting and in all the Townhalls, there are two important reasons for this:

1. Under Florida law, documents governing condominiums expire, and the expiration date is approaching.
2. For many years, the rules regarding voting in our community have been problematic. In our current voting rules, if someone does not vote at all, that counts as a NO vote. This has made passing resolutions difficult, as many owners simply do not vote. These new documents change that rule so “not voting” does not count as a NO; it is simply not counted at all. Voting either YES or NO requires active voting. In these new documents, it takes 2/3rds of those present or voting by proxy to pass a resolution.

### A couple of questions that were asked of the Communication Committee:

- **Do we have to follow the previous rules of voting to pass these new documents? (In other words, will the owners who do not vote at all be counted as NO votes?)**

No, voting on the documents falls under different regulations. To pass the new documents, 2/3rds of the Preserves must approve, and 75% of the Lakes must approve. If people do not vote, it does not count at all. Voting YES or NO for these documents requires an active vote, either in-person or by proxy.

- **There are four people who live in our unit - does everyone get a vote?**

No, it is **ONE VOTE PER UNIT**.

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**PLEASE VOTE - whether in-person, by mail, or by proxy. Your vote matters!**

