

# What's Happening at Wiggins

*"Volunteers do not get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." Sherry Anderson*

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR WIGGINS!!!



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**OWNERS - Please attend our  
ANNUAL MEETING:  
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 7, 2024  
12:30 p.m. Wiggins Clubhouse**

Wiggins Lakes and Preserve Website  
<http://wlpnaples.com>

Do you have any questions  
about the community or  
suggestions for our  
newsletter? Contact us at  
our Communication  
Committee email at:

[communicationswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:communicationswiggins@gmail.com)

## A message from the President



Happy New Year! The changing of the calendar to 2024 brings new excitement to Wiggins. We welcome back those who traveled for the Holidays and those who will now be here for the next several months.

The Board continues to work on day-to-day projects, but our big push in January will be to ensure all owners have reviewed and are comfortable with the new documents. Most of our current documents are 25 years old and no longer are an accurate reflection of the current legislative environment in Florida. The Master Declaration, Declaration of Condominium, Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations have all been updated and posted to the Wiggins website.

This update is not intended to make major changes to our governing documents. It is intended to bring us up to date and the majority of the changes are legalese. One change that has been incorporated is changes to voting. In the past, anyone that did not vote was automatically counted as a "no" vote. This has made it extremely difficult to make updates or changes even if they were necessary. The new documents will not count the lack of a vote as a "no" and instead will require changes be approved by a 2/3 majority of all that vote in person or by proxy.

The Board will be hosting town halls in January in the clubhouse to answer any questions anyone has prior to the vote in February at the Annual Meeting.

### Landscaping Update from Lynn Radicello and Don Rodner

We look forward to the continuing replanting and beautification of Wiggins. Blue designers are working on plans and are starting to share initial designs. Once we have the priority designs and costs all will be shared with the community.





## Our Committees Help Our Wiggins Community!

Many of our community members have volunteered to work on a number of committees to help our community. Here is an update on the work of some of these committees:

**Christmas Decor:** Wiggins looks festive and happy thanks to the work of the Decor committee. Thanks to Richard and Louise Bellefeuille and April Smith and all the volunteers who helped them decorate!



**The Welcome Committee:** Its goal is to familiarize new owners and renters with important aspects of our community. New owners or renters receive a welcome letter from the



Management Company that was crafted by the Welcome Committee. It provides an overview of the website and instructions on how to access important information. Looking ahead, the team of Donna McKenna, Mitzi Fazzola, and Linda Kleinhenz plans to organize in-person gatherings for new residents to meet with members of our community, the Board, and club representatives.

**The Social Committee:** At its meeting in early December, the Social Committee brainstormed ideas for future events, including the Pig Roast in mid-March. A new regular event will be BINGO (with surprises), which will be every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. BINGO will begin on January 8 and go through March 11. Most importantly, the Social Committee would love to get ideas from the community. Please reach out to any of the committee members, Delia and Ed Stull and Sandy MacDonald.

**The Communication Committee:** The goal of this committee is to inform, engage and update the community on important issues and events. The team of Sue Szachowicz, Art Dietze, Debbie and Howard London, and Gary Doyle, publishes this monthly newsletter. All previous issues are available on the website. The team is also getting a texting plan in place to provide immediate and emergency information to owners. And the team will publish a **SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION** of the newsletter in mid January to introduce all owners to the candidates running for the Wiggins Board of Directors.



## The Season is Underway!

On December 1, the Social Committee organized the first social event of the season - The UGLY SWEATER CONTEST. Our community came together to reconnect with old friends and kick off the season with a chicken dinner and an Ugly Sweater Contest. It was a wonderful evening for everyone. And congratulations to Ann Johnston for winning the Ugly Sweater Contest!



The Owners Directory on our website has now been updated. Be sure to check it out. If any of your information is incomplete or incorrect, take these steps:

- Go to the website and sign into the Owners section.
- In the Owners Section, Open Documents and Forms.
- Under Forms-Online open the Owner Contact Information Change, make the change, and SUBMIT.

[https://wlpnaples.com/secure/directory/wlp\\_directory.pdf](https://wlpnaples.com/secure/directory/wlp_directory.pdf)

**HAPPY**  
*New Year!*



## Being a GOOD NEIGHBOR in Wiggins



Our Wiggins community is at its best when everyone looks out for each other, and observes the rules and regulations. Owners renting their units should ensure that new renters have our community rules. For their convenience, it is a good idea to print them and make them available in your unit. The current rules can be found on our website at:

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

Please be sure to read and review the proposed Rules and Regulations prior to our Annual Meeting on February 7, 2024. The proposed rules can be found at:

<https://wlpnaples.com/documents/2024/Rules%20and%20regulations%202024%20Clean.pdf>

**A reminder about our trash collection and recycling:** Our condos (long buildings) use the dumpsters. Please put trash or recycling into the containers; do not leave things beside the dumpsters or recycling containers. The coach homes have curbside pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. After the trash and recycling has been picked up by Waste Management, please put barrels back in your garage. Residents of coach homes are not permitted to use the dumpsters.

**What can be recycled?** These items can go in the recycling bin as long as they are clean and dry: Plastic bottles and containers, food and beverage cans, paper, newspapers, magazines, and flattened cardboard. Do NOT put bagged recyclables into the dumpsters. If you collect them in a bag, empty the bag directly into the recycling container.

The Waste Management website provides detailed guidelines:

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

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**Are you receiving the email blasts from Wiggins Lakes & Preserve? If not, go to the website [wlpnaples.com](https://wlpnaples.com) Then go to the Owners Section , scroll down and click on “Sign Up for Email Blasts.”**

## Our Regular 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:** Scheduled daily from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. 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.



**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.



Prior to Covid, Wiggins had yoga and bridge groups, but these became inactive. If you are interested in reviving these, or any other activities, please contact any member of the Social Committee - Delia and Ed Stull or Sandy MacDonald, or email the Communication Committee at



[communicationswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:communicationswiggins@gmail.com)

**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 an activity.



## 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 cultural 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](mailto: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

#### Vanderbilt Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8 AM - 1 PM  
2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road

#### Pine Ridge Road Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 AM - 1 PM  
3370 Pine Ridge Road

#### South Collier Market at FSW

7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples  
Jan 7 thru April 15, 2024  
Sundays, 9 AM-1 PM  
<https://www.facebook.com/p/South-Collier-Market-at-FSW-Naples-100088322470524/>



#### Third Street South Farmers Market

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

## ARTS and CULTURE

#### Naples Fine Arts & Craft Shows

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

#### Naples Art In The Park

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

#### 27th Annual Art Fest Naples

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

#### Naples New Year's Art Show

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

#### Coconut Point Arts Festival

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

#### Naples Jazzmasters

Jan 9 2-4 PM  
River Park Community Center  
301 11th St North, Naples  
<https://naplesjazzsociety.com>

#### Naples Dixieland Jazz Band

Sunday, Jan 7 2 PM  
Cambier Park, Naples

#### NASH to NAPLES Concert

Sat, Jan 6, 6 PM  
Cambier Park, Naples  
Nashville's best songwriters are coming to Naples!  
<https://nashtonaples.com>

#### ArtFest Fort Myers

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

#### Naples National Art Show

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



#### Naples House & Garden Tour

Sat, Feb 3 8 AM-4 PM  
Tour Naples historic homes in Port Royal, Olde Naples, etc.  
Tickets start at \$200  
[www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)

### Upcoming Events at Mercato

<https://experiencemercato.com>

#### Music Under the Banyan

Weekly each Sat, 6-9 PM now through Apr 27

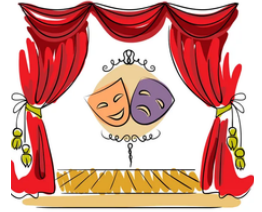
#### Mercato Nights Music Series

Thurs, Jan 4, 6 PM  
Rolling Stones Tribute Band

#### Movies on the Lawn at Mercato

Third Tuesday of every month  
Tues, Jan 16, 6:00 - 8:25 PM  
Elvis

## ARTS and CULTURE - CONTINUED



### Artis-Naples

<https://www.artisnaples.org>

### Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Hall

<https://www.bbmannaiah.com>

### Art Center Bonita

<https://www.artcenterbonita.org>

### Florida Repertory Theatre

<https://www.floridarep.org>

### The Naples Players

Jan 10 - 28, Harvey

Jan 18 - Feb 11, The Fantasticks

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

<https://naplesplayers.org>

### Gulf Shore Playhouse

Jan 11-Feb 4 The Refugees

Feb 15-Mar 10, Into the Breeches

Mar 21-Apr 21, She Loves Me

[www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org)

### The Theatre Zone

13275 Livingston Rd, Naples

Jan 11-21, Bonnie & Clyde

Feb 8-10, Million Dollar Quartet

<https://www.theatre.zone>



### Grand Piano Series - St. Leo

Auditorium, Bonita Springs

Classical music artists perform

<https://grandpianoseries.org>

### After Hours at the Baker Museum Artis Naples

Free admission last Wed of each month, 6-9 PM now thru Jun 26th

A local band offers musical entertainment. View galleries, learn from the docents.

<https://artisnaples.org/events/visual-arts-events/art-after-hours>

### Center for the Arts Bonita History of Ragtime Music

Jan 31, 12-1:30 PM

Lunch and Music \$49 Tickets required.

[https://artcenterbonita.org/inspire\\_events/the-history-of-ragtime-music/](https://artcenterbonita.org/inspire_events/the-history-of-ragtime-music/)

## DAY OUTINGS AND MORE

### Manatee Park for Manatee watching

Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers

Open every day 8 AM-sunset

Optimum viewing months Dec-Feb when gulf temp is below 68F

<https://www.leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark>



### Venezia Renaissance Faire - Bonita Springs

Jan 20-21 and 27-2

<https://vенеziarenaissancefaire.com>

### Acadia All Championship Rodeo -

"Granddaddy of 'Em All"

Mar 10, Acadia, FL

<https://www.arcadiarodeo.com>

### Thrifting Tours with pickups in Naples, Bonita and Fort Myers

Jan 18 to Sarasota and Bradenton

Tickets: \$70 pp plus taxes and fees, includes lunch at Der Dutchman, Sarasota

Jan 27 to Arcadia Treasure Alley & Street Fair (no stops at thrift stores)

Tickets: \$69 plus taxes and fees, includes breakfast snacks and afternoon treats

<https://thriftingbustours.com>

### Trendy Tours

Single and Multi-Day Tour Offerings with round trip transportation from Naples

Thurs., Jan 18 Gulfstream Race Park and Casino

Mon., Jan 22, Eco swamp buggy tour and Babcock Ranch

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



**CARS CARS CARS!!!****Annual West Coast Muscle Car Club  
Car and Truck Show**

Sat, Jan 27, 9 AM-4 PM

North Collier Regional Park, 12000

Livingston Road

<https://westcoastmusclecarclub.com>**Cars on Fifth - 20th Annual**

Sat, Feb 3, 10 - 4

<https://www.carsonfifth.com>**Cars & Coffee 239 at The Mercato**

3rd Sun of each month, 9-11 AM

<https://flacarshows.com/events/venues/mercato-20210209014553/>**PARKS AND PRESERVES****Baker Park**<https://www.naplesgov.com/parksrec/page/baker-park>

A 1.3 mile trail with a beautiful view of the Gordon River. Dogs welcome but must be on leash.

**Garden of Hope and Courage -**<https://gardenofhopeandcourage.org>

Approx 2.5 acres of beauty that provides a place for peaceful reflection.

**Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary -**<https://corkscrew.audubon.org>

A 2.25-mile adventure through an enchanting wilderness.

**Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed (CREW) -**<https://crewtrust.org/visit-crew/>

Guided Walks, Hikes, Biking, Birding

**Recreational Guided Programs-**

Jan 2, 6, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23

Walking, hiking, biking and more!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/recreational-guided-programs-2697219>**Guided Birding Walks -**

Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 1, Apr 5

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/guided-birding-walks-2681329>**Cambier Park**<https://www.naplesgov.com/parksrec/page/cambier-park>

Located in the heart of downtown Naples, it has scheduled concerts, open air markets and arts festivals.

**The Gordon River Greenway**<https://www.gordonrivergreenway.org>

2.5 miles of asphalt, mulch and boardwalk trails for walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading, skateboarding.

**CREW Trails include:**Rookery Swamp Trail - <https://crewtrust.org/bird-rookery-swamp-trail/>Marsh Trails - <https://crewtrust.org/crew-marsh-trails/>Flint Pen Strand Trail - <https://floridahikes.com/crew-flint-pen-strand>

Cypress Dome Trail -

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/florida/crew-cypress-dome-trail>

Caracara Prairie Preserve Trail -

<https://www.paradisecoast.com/profile/caracara-prairie-preserve-trail/328>**Specialty Programs:**<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/specialty-programs-2684899>

Jan 6- In the Footsteps of Cypress Loggers

Jan 27-Then and Now: Bonita Springs and Imperial River

Feb 7 - Survival of the Fittest

Mar 2 - Herpetology for Kids

Mar 17 - Spring Blooms at Sunset

Mar 23 - A to Z Biodiversity

**Freedom Park**<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-services/divisions/conservation-collier/preserve-information/freedom-park>  
Public restrooms, exhibition hall, 3,500 foot boardwalk with six lookout pavilions. Accessible by wheelchair.**Collier County Preserves and Trail Maps:**<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/government/public-services/divisions/conservation-collier/preserve-information>

## 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.emailmeform.com/build/form/P88rcgmycOhCfJfX3Z>



### Our Communication Committee:

Sue Szachowicz, Chair

Art Dietze

Debbie London

Howard London

Gary Doyle, Board Liaison



If you were unable to attend a Board Meeting, or would like to review the minutes or the recordings, you can find the Board meeting minutes/recordings available here:

[https://wlpnaples.com/secure/meeting\\_minutes.htm](https://wlpnaples.com/secure/meeting_minutes.htm)

### City of Naples

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

### Collier County

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

### FEMA (Florida)

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

### Waste Management

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

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**Our SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION will be published in mid January!**